

# DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS 2023

Lect. 1

2/28/23

PLAN. Introduction to 1st. order **NONLINEAR** P.D.E. with applications.

Part 1 Hamilton-Jacobi equations & appls.  
to **OPTIMAL CONTROL**.

- CLASSICAL SOLUTIONS: METHOD OF CHARACTERISTICS.  
SINGULARITIES.
- LINK H-J eqs.  $\leftrightarrow$  Analytical mechanics.  
& CALCULUS of VARIATIONS... will suggest  
a notion of "variational solutions"
- WEAK SOLUTIONS: VISCOSITY SOLUTIONS  
THEORY.
- Introd. to OPTIMAL CONTROL via "DYNAMIC  
PROGRAMMING":  
DYNAMICAL SYSTEM in CONTINUOUS TIME

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t)) & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \\ x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{control.} \end{matrix}$$

WANT TO MINIMIZE

$t > 0$

$$J = \int_0^T l(x(t), u(t)) dt$$

when  $u(\cdot)$  varies among **ADMISSIBLE CONTROLS**.

D.P. searches for FEEDBACK CONTROLS

$\rightsquigarrow$  a P.D.E. H-J-Bellman

REFS. : • L.C. EVANS. PDES AMS 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2010

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Birkhäuser 2<sup>nd</sup> ed 2008.

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## PART 2. TOPICS IN DYNAMIC GAMES. (DIFFERENTIAL)

- 2-person 0-SUM GAMES '30 Von Neumann.
- N-person Games '50 NASH
- DIFFERENTIAL GAMES (2-person).

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), \alpha(t), \beta(t))$$

$\uparrow$                            $\uparrow$   
control of 1<sup>st</sup> agent          control of 2<sup>nd</sup> agent.

1st agent  $\rightsquigarrow$  MIN  $J_A$  cost.

2nd agent  $\rightsquigarrow$  MAX  $J_B$  "

- NON-ZERO SUM D. Games. LINEAR-QUADRATIC PROBLEMS.  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  SYSTEMS of N PDES,  
 $N = \#$  of agents.

- 0-SUM DIFF GAMES. :  $J_A = -J_B$   
 $\rightarrow$  SINGLE PDE H-J-RISSACK (1960, 1990)

- MEAN-FIELD GAMES 2006-2007 J.H. Lasry  
P.-L. Lions.

$N$  agents,  $N$  large,  $N \rightarrow \infty$  SYSTEM of 2 PDES

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{HJB} \\ \text{div-form eq.} \end{array} \right.$

- REFS. 2nd part :
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  - A. Bressan ... Michel J. Math.
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PREREQUISITES. : • ORDINARY DIFF. EQS.

- $\exists \neq \forall$  of sols. of Cauchy probl.
- $C^k$  dependence of solutions on data.

Refs. : write them at the end of talk.

• FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS

- weak convergence in  $\mathcal{F}(A)$
  - Hahn-Banach  $\rightarrow$  convex functions.
  - Ascoli-Arzelà compactness for UNIF. CONVERG.
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• OFFICE HOURS (RICEVIMENTO)

- THURS. 10.30, or 14.30 Tell me.
- e-mail for appointment -- zook. --

• EXAMS, can choose : • classical oral exam.

OR

- oral exam on a "monographic part".
- OR
- focused on the exercises assigned as homeworks

## GENERALITIES on PDES.

ODE :  $\rightarrow F(u^{(k)}, u^{(k-1)}, \dots, u', u, x) = 0$  systems  
 given  $u = u_1 u_2 \dots u_n(x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

PDE : UNKNOWN scalar  $u(x) = u(x_1, \dots, x_N)$   
 $\uparrow \mathbb{R}^N$

$u: \mathbb{R}^N \supseteq \bar{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad V \text{ open.} \quad 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order.}$

given  $F(D^2u, Du, u, x) = 0$   
 $\uparrow$  Hessian  $\uparrow$  grad =  $\nabla u$

$F: \mathcal{D}_{N \times N}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R} \times \bar{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

## CLASSICAL 2<sup>nd</sup> order LINEAR EQUATIONS :

Laplace :  $\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} =: \Delta u = f(x)$   
 Poisson  $\uparrow$  datum.

Heat eq. :  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta_x u \quad u(x, t)$   
 $\uparrow$  EVOLUTIVE.

Wave eq. :  $u_{tt} = \Delta_x u$

1st order EQS. : (1)  $F(Du, u, x) = 0$  in  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$   
 $\uparrow$  open.

given  $F: \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R} \times \bar{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  unknown  $u: \bar{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

GOAL : solve (1) with "BOUNDARY CONDITIONS" on  $u$   
 GIVEN  $\Gamma \subseteq \partial V$ .

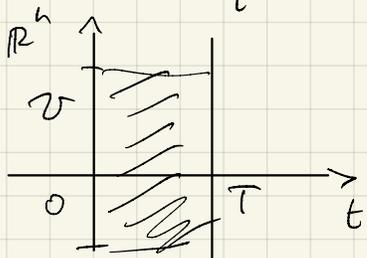
(BC)  $u = g$  on  $\Gamma$ ,  $g: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  GIVEN.

Ex 1. DIRICHLET PB.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1) \text{ in } \mathcal{V} \\ u(x) = g(x) \quad \forall x \in \partial \mathcal{V}. \end{array} \right.$

Ex 2. CAUCHY PB. for EVOLUTIVE EQS.:

$\mathbb{R}^N \ni x = (x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$   $N = n + 1$

$u_t + G(D_x u, u, x, t) = 0$  in a strip  $\mathcal{V}$



e.g.:  $\mathcal{V} = \mathbb{R}^n \times ]0, T[$   $T \leq +\infty$

$\Gamma = \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\} = \{t=0\} \subsetneq \partial \mathcal{V}$

$u(x, 0) = g(x)$  INITIAL CONDITION.

CLASSIFICATION of 1<sup>st</sup> order PDEs.

• LINEAR EQS.:  $\sum_{i=1}^N a_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} + b(x)u = f(x)$   $\uparrow$  forcing term

$a_i, b, f$  data coefficients.

• SEMILINEAR EQS.:  $\sum_i a_i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = f(x, u)$

• QUASILINEAR EQS.:  $\sum_i a_i(x, u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = f(x, u)$

• FULLY NON LINEAR. is (1)  $F(D_x u, u, x) = 0$  with  $F$  NOT reducible to the previous cases.

# Examples & Motivations.

1 Transport eq. : Particles moving with dynamics

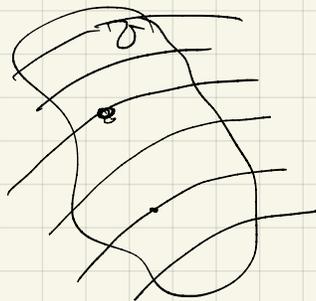
(ODE)  $\dot{x}(t) = b(x(t))$   $\dot{x} = x'$

given  $b: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  Lipschitz ( $|b(x) - b(y)| \leq L|x - y|$ )

Supp.  $u \in C^1(\mathcal{V})$ ,  $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  CONSTANT on TRAJECTORIES of (ODE).  $\therefore u(x(t), t) = \text{const.}$

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt} u(x(t), t) = D_x u(x(t), t) \cdot \dot{x}(t) + u_t(x(t), t)$$

"  $b(x(t))$  "



If trajectories of (ODE)  $(x(t), t)$  fill  $\mathcal{V} \Rightarrow$   
 $u$  satis. TRANSPORT EQ.

(TE)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + D_x u \cdot b(x) = 0$  in  $\mathcal{V}$

EVOLUTIVE, LINEAR.

Viceversa: if  $u \in C^1(\mathcal{V})$  satis. (TE)  $\Rightarrow$   
 $u(x(t), t) = \text{const}$   $\forall$  traject.

## Ex. 2: SCALAR CONSERVATION LAW

(CL)  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \text{div}_x f(u) = 0$ ,  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \in C^1$

EVOLUT.

"in div form"

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{df_i}{du}(u) u_{x_i}$$

QUASILINEAR.

$n=1$

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0$$

$$u_t + f'(u) u_x = 0$$

Ex 2 bis

$$f(u) = u^2$$

$$u_t + u u_x = 0$$

$\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

INVISCID BURGER EQ. in GAS DYNAMICS.

$u(x,t)$  = density of mass of the gas (electrical charge, gas in a street ...)

DERIVATION

$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  open set.

$\neq$  density of flux

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u(x,t) dx = - \int_{\partial\Omega} f(u) \cdot n_e da$$

$$\int_{\Omega} u_t(x,t) dx = - \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}_x f(u) dx \quad \forall \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

NOTE: HERE  $f = f(u)$

NOT  $f = f(\nabla u)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = - \operatorname{div}_x f(u) \quad (\in L)$$

in  $V = \operatorname{dom} u$

$$\int_{\Omega} (u_t + \operatorname{div}_x f(u)) dx = 0$$

if  $h(F, \bar{F}) > 0$

$\exists B_r : h > 0$  in  $B_r$ .

References for  $C^k$  dependence of the solution of (ODE) with respect to initial data:

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