

LECTURE 10, March 30, 2023

$$(DP) \begin{cases} |Du| - 1 = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \text{ open \& bounded} \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

EIKONAL EQUATION in HOMOGENEOUS MEDIA

Candidate solution is

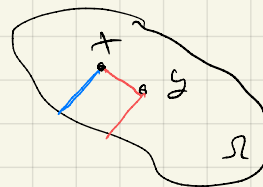
$$u(x) := \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) := \inf_{y \in \partial\Omega} |x-y| \\ \partial\Omega \text{ bdd.} \quad = \min_{y \in \partial\Omega} |x-y|.$$

Theorem.  $u(x) = \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega)$  is the UNIQUE VISCOSITY sol. of DP.

Proof. PART I (Existence):  $u$  is a solution.

Step 1.  $u \in \text{Lip}(\bar{\Omega})$

$$u(x) \leq u(y) + |x-y|$$



$$\Rightarrow |u(x) - u(y)| \leq |x-y| \quad \forall x, y \in \bar{\Omega}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Lip}(u) \leq 1.$$

Step 2  $u$  is subsol. of  $|Du| - 1 = 0$ .

$$\varphi \in C^1(\Omega), x \in \Omega: (u - \varphi)(x) \geq (u - \varphi)(y) \quad \forall y \approx x$$

$$\text{GOAL: } |D\varphi(x)| \leq 1$$

$$= \varphi(x) - \varphi(y) \leq u(x) - u(y) \leq |x-y|$$

$$D\varphi(x) \cdot (x-y) + o(|x-y|) \text{ as } y \rightarrow x \quad \varphi = \frac{x \cdot y}{|x-y|}$$

Divide by  $|x-y|$ :

$$D\varphi(x) \cdot q + o(1) \leq 1 \quad y \rightarrow x \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$D\varphi(x) \cdot q \leq 1 \quad \forall q : |q|=1 \quad \Rightarrow |D\varphi(x)| \leq 1.$$

$$\left( |p| = u \rightarrow x \quad p \cdot q \right) \\ |q|=1$$

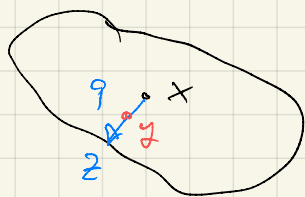
$\exists$  u SUPERSOL.

Step 3. u SUPERSOL. :  $\varphi \in C(\Omega)$ ,  $x \in \Omega$  min pt. of  $u - \varphi$

$$(u - \varphi)(x) \leq (u - \varphi)(y) \quad \forall y \approx x. \quad \underline{\text{GOAL}} : |D\varphi(x)| \geq 1,$$

$\Omega$ , find  $q \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $|q|=1$  :  $D\varphi(x) \cdot q \geq 1$

$$(1) \quad u(x) - u(y) \leq \varphi(x) - \varphi(y) \quad \forall y \approx x$$



$$\exists z \in \partial\Omega : |x - z| = u(x)$$

$$y \in [x, z] : u(x) = |x - y| + |y - z| \geq |x - y| + u(y) \quad (2)$$

$$(1) + (2) \Rightarrow \varphi(x) - \varphi(y) \geq |x - y| \quad (3) \quad q := \frac{x - z}{|x - z|}$$

$$y = x + tq \quad t \in (0, |x - z|)$$

$$\varphi(x) - \varphi(y) = D\varphi(x) \cdot (x - y) + o(|x - y|) \quad y \rightarrow x$$

Use it in (3) & divide by  $|x - y|$  :

$$D\varphi(x) \cdot q + o(1) \geq 1 \quad y \rightarrow x \\ \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D\varphi(x) \cdot q \geq 1 \quad \text{Hence GOAL.} \quad \exists \text{ SUPERSOL.}$$

PART II. UNIQUENESS. Need

Prop. (change of UNKNOWN).  $u \in C(\Omega)$  vis. sol. of

$$F(Du, u, x) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega. \quad \Phi \in C^1(\mathbb{R}), \quad \Phi'(t) > 0 \quad \forall t$$

$\psi = \Phi^{-1}$ . Then  $v = \Phi(u)$  is a vis. sol. of

$$F(\psi'(u)Du, \psi(u), x) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

Rule:  $u = \psi(v) \quad Du = \psi'(v)Dv \quad \text{if } u \in C^1.$

Proof: Only " $\leq$ "  $x \in \Omega, p \in D^+u(x)$ !

GOAL:  $F(\psi'(u(x))p, \psi(u(x)), x) \leq 0$

$$p \in D^+u(x) \iff u(y) \leq u(x) + p \cdot (y-x) + o(|x-y|) \quad y \rightarrow x$$

$\psi$  increasing,  $u(y) = \psi(v(y)) \leq \psi(\quad)$

$$= \psi(v(x) + \underbrace{p \cdot (y-x) + o(|x-y|)}_{\text{term}})$$

$$= u(x) + \underbrace{\psi'(v(x))p \cdot (y-x)}_q + o(|x-y|) \quad y \rightarrow x$$

$$\Rightarrow q \in D^+u(x). \quad u \text{ subsol.} \Rightarrow F(q, u(x), x) \leq 0$$

$$= F(\psi'(u(x))p, \psi(u(x)), x) \leq 0 \quad \square$$

HW: do the proof for SUPERSOLS.  $\square$

Back to UNIQUENESS for (DP).

Kužkov transform  $\Phi(r) = 1 - e^{-r} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$

$$\Phi'(r) = e^{-r} > 0 \quad 1 - e^{-r} = t \quad e^{-r} = 1 - t$$

$$-r = \log(1-t) \quad \psi(t) = -\log(1-t) \quad \psi: ]-\infty, 1[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\psi'(t) = \frac{1}{1-t} > 0.$$

Want COMP. PRINC. between  $u$  subsol. of  $|Du| - 1 = 0$ ,

$\psi$   $u$  supersol.,  $u \leq v$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . GOAL:  $u \leq v$  in  $\bar{\Omega}$

Let  $V = \Phi(v)$ ,  $U = \Phi(u)$ .  $U \leq V$  on  $\partial\Omega$ .

Equivalent cond.:  $U \leq V$  in  $\bar{\Omega}$ .

Prop.  $\Rightarrow U, V$  are sub- & supersol. of

$$\left| \frac{Dw}{1-w} \right| - 1 = 0 \quad \text{For } w < 1$$

$$\left| \frac{Dw}{1-w} \right| - 1 = 0$$

$$1 - w(x) > 0$$

HW

$$|Dw| - 1 + w = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$



Can use the Comparison Principle & (SE) with

$$H(p) = |p| - 1 \quad \text{it satisfies (RH)}$$

$\Rightarrow U \leq V$  in  $\bar{\Omega} \Rightarrow$  Comparison holds for  $u \leq v$

$\Rightarrow$  UNIQUENESS for (DP).  $\square$

Remark. Does comp. princ. hold for  $|Du| - u(x) = 0$  in  $\Omega$ ?

$u(x) \geq 0$ . Answer: YES if  $u(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in \Omega$

pf. HW.

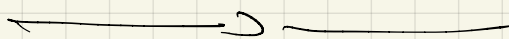
No if  $\exists x_0 \in \Omega : u(x_0) = 0$  even if  $u(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \neq x_0$ .

Example (DP)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |u'| - 2|x| = 0 \quad \text{in } ]-1, 1[ \\ u(-1) = 0 = u(1) \end{array} \right.$

$$u(x) = 2|x|$$

$u_1(x) = x^2 - 1$  &  $u^2(x) = -u_1(x)$  are  $C^1$  & solve (DP)

HW find as many visco sols. [BCD ch II].



# Comparison Principles for EVOLUTIVE EQUATIONS, H-J eqs. & Cauchy problems.

$$(E) \quad u_t + H(D_x u) + f(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega = \mathbb{R}^n \times ]0, T[.$$

Thm (Comp Princ. #1).  $u, v: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Lipschitz & bounded,  
resp. sub- & supersol. of (E),  $H \in C(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $f \in C(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  
 $u(x, 0) \leq v(x, 0) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \implies u \leq v$  in  $\bar{\Omega}$ .

Cor  $\exists$  at most ONE vis. sol. in  $L^\infty(\bar{\Omega}) \cap \text{Lip}(\bar{\Omega})$  of (E)  
s.t.  $u(x, 0) = g(x)$ .

- Rmk.
- $\Omega$  is UNBOUNDED.
  - $u_t$  <sup>in (E)</sup> instead of  $u$  in (E)
  - • NO CONDITIONS at  $t=T$
  - $u, v \in \text{Lip}$  but just continuous.

Lemma (behavior of  $u$  &  $v$  at  $t=T$ ).  $H \in C(\mathbb{R}^n \times \bar{\Omega})$

$u \in C(\bar{\Omega})$  sub-sol. (resp. super-sol.) of

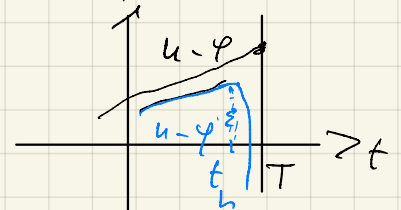
$$u_t + H(D_x u, x, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \varphi \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}):$$

$u - \varphi$  has a MAX p.t. (resp. a MIN) at  $(x_0, T) \implies$

$$\varphi_t + H(D_x \varphi, \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(x, t) = (x_0, T)} \leq 0 \quad (\text{resp. } \geq 0).$$

Pf. Can assume  $(x_0, T)$  is STRICT max of  $u - \varphi$

For  $\varepsilon > 0$   $\varphi^\varepsilon(x, t) := \varphi(x, t) + \frac{\varepsilon}{T-t} \geq \varphi(x, t)$



$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T^-} \varphi^\varepsilon(x, t) = +\infty \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow T^-} u - \varphi^\varepsilon = -\infty$$

CLAIM on a sequence  $\varepsilon_n \searrow 0$ ,  $u - \varphi^{\varepsilon_n}$  has MAX at  $(x_n, t_n)$ ,  $t_n < T$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ ,  $t_n \rightarrow T$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Pf.: postulated.

Then,  $u$  subsol. in  $\Omega \Rightarrow$

$$\varphi_t^{\varepsilon_n} + H(D_x \varphi^{\varepsilon_n}, \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(x_n, t_n)} \leq 0 \quad (*)$$

$$D_x \varphi^\varepsilon = D_x \varphi \quad \varphi_t^{\varepsilon_n} = \varphi_t + \frac{\varepsilon}{(T-t)^2} \geq \varphi_t$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow \frac{\varepsilon_n}{(T-t_n)^2} + \varphi_t(x_n, t_n) + H(D_x \varphi, \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(x_n, t_n)} \leq 0$$

$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_t(x_0, T) + H(D_x \varphi, \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(x_0, T)} \leq 0$$

which is the GOAL.

Pf. of the CLAIM  $v = u - \varphi \quad v^\varepsilon = v - \frac{\varepsilon}{T-t} \leq v$

Ass.:  $v$  has STRICT MAX at  $(x_0, T)$



$v^\varepsilon \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow T^-$ . Fix  $\eta > 0$

use Weierstrass in  $\bar{B}(x_0, \eta) \times [T-\eta, T[ \Rightarrow$

$v^\varepsilon$  has max at  $(x_\varepsilon, t_\varepsilon)$ .

Extract  $x_n \rightarrow \tilde{x}$ ,  $t_n \rightarrow \tilde{t} \in [T-\eta, T]$   $\tilde{x} \in \bar{B}(x_0, \eta)$

$v^{\varepsilon_n}(x_n, t_n) \rightarrow \ell \quad (\geq -\infty), \varepsilon_n \searrow 0+$

Goal.  $\tilde{x} = x_0 \quad \tilde{t} = T$ .

$$\psi^{\varepsilon_n}(x_n, t_n) \leq \psi(x_n, t_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(\tilde{x}, \tilde{T})$$

$$\Rightarrow l \leq \psi(\tilde{x}, \tilde{T})$$

$$\psi^{\varepsilon_n}(x_n, t_n) \geq \psi^{\varepsilon_n}(x_0, T - \sqrt{\varepsilon_n}) = \psi(x_0, T - \sqrt{\varepsilon_n}) - \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}} \rightarrow 0$$

$\psi(x_0, T)$

$$\Rightarrow l \geq \psi(x_0, T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(x_0, T) \leq \psi(\tilde{x}, \tilde{T}) \quad (x_0, T) \text{ strict max pt. of } \mathcal{T}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_0, T) = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{T}). \quad \text{THE GOAL.} \quad \square \text{ Done.}$$

Prnk. on Comp. PDE. #1 It works. for

$$(CP) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_t + |Du|^2 + V(x) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{MECHANICAL H-J eq.} \\ \text{if } V \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^n), g \in BC(\mathbb{R}^n) \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow (CP)$  has at most one vis. sol. in  $L^\infty(\bar{\Omega}) \cap Lip(\bar{\Omega})$ .

Proof of CP #1. Doubling the variables:  $\varepsilon > 0, \beta > 0, \gamma > 0$

$$\bar{\Phi}(x, y, t, s) := u(x, t) - v(y, s) - \frac{|x-y|^2}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{|t-s|^2}{2\varepsilon} - \beta(l(x) + l(y)) - \gamma(t+s)$$

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} l(x) = +\infty, l \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \Rightarrow \bar{\Phi} \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } |x| \text{ or } |s| \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi} \text{ has a MAX in } (\bar{\Omega})^2 = \mathbb{R}^{2n} \times [0, T]^2$$

$$\text{Choose } l(x) = \log(1 + |x|^2), \quad l_{x_i} = \frac{2x_i}{1 + |x|^2} \Rightarrow |Dl| \leq 2.$$

CONTINUES NEXT TIME!