

Lecture 1 XEIHEPINO - 2020

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 PDE Seminar (via WebeX) Friday 3-4

2. Textbook: Evans PDE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition AYS

Related Textbooks

- W. Strauss (Advanced Undergraduate) → Symbolic Conservation Laws
- F. John (classic, not easy) ↓
- J. Smoller (Reaction-Diffusion + Shock waves)
- Gilbarg-Trudinger (Elliptic, Advanced)
- Evans (handwritten elliptic regularity) eclass
- Han-Lin (Elliptic - PDEs) Advanced

P. Germain (Courant Lecture Notes, NLS)

C. Dafermos (eclass) Conservation Laws Vols I, II

Protter-Weinberger (Maximum Principles)

Αγγελίδης-Αϊβαζοπούλου (Προπτυχιακό, Σύγχρονη Ειδιότητα)

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- 3. Structure of the course - Determination of Grade
  - (a) Assignments - HWK problems
  - (b) Oral Exam
  - (c) Take Home Written Exam

§ 1 Introduction

PDE Physics + Geometry

curvature  
Gravitation

2<sup>nd</sup> order Eqs Conservation laws (Evolution Equations)  
Importance derives from { Newton  $F=ma$   
Curvature  $K, H$

(1) Laplace's Equation

$$\Delta u := \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad u = u(x, y)$$

harmonic function

Complex Analysis:  $f(z) = u(x, y) + i v(x, y)$   
 $u, v$  harmonic conjugates

$$\begin{cases} u_x = v_y \\ v_y = -u_x \end{cases} \quad z = x + iy$$

Harmonic maps on the plane  $V: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, V = (u, v)$   
 $\Delta u = \Delta v = 0$

Newtonian Theory of Gravitation

$$\Delta u = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$$

$$\Delta u = f \quad (\text{Poisson's Equation})$$

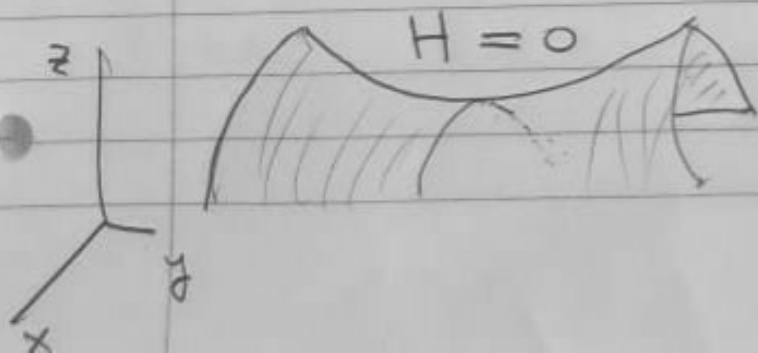
(2) Minimal Surface Equation

$$H = \frac{K_1 + K_2}{2} = \text{Mean Curvature}$$

$K_i$  = principal curvatures

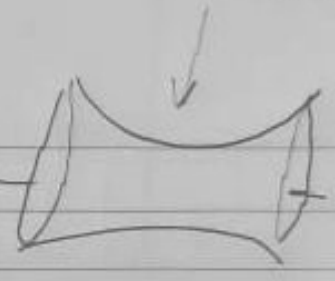
$$K_1 > 0, K_2 < 0$$

$$K_1 + K_2 = 0$$



$z = u(x,y)$  (graph)

$$H = \frac{(1+u_x^2)u_{yy} - 2u_x u_y u_{xy} + (1+u_y^2)u_{xx}}{2(1+u_x^2+u_y^2)^{3/2}}$$



Note: Linearization of HSE is Laplace's Eq

Phase Transitions - Allen-Cahn equation

(3)  $\Delta u - (u^3 - u) = 0$  ,  $-1 \leq u \leq 1$

$u = -1$  ,  $u = 1$  pure phases

Evolution Equations

(4) Diffusion Equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u \quad (u_t = u_{xx})$$

$u(x,t) = \text{density} = \frac{m}{V}$

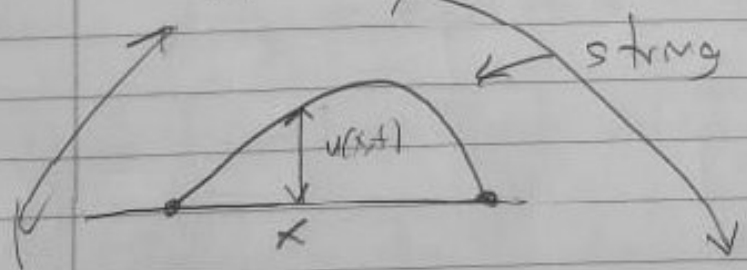
$$\int u(x,t) dx = \text{Mass}$$

Alternatively:  $u(x,t) = \text{Temperature}$

(5) Wave Equation

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$$

$$(u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0)$$



$$\kappa(x,t) = \frac{u_{xx}}{(1+u_x^2)^{3/2}}$$

curvature

(Linearization of curvature)

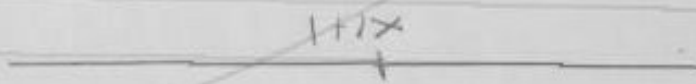
|| Difference between linear and nonlinear wave propagation:

If Velocity depends on the amplitude  $\Rightarrow$  Nonlinear

### Burgers' Equation

$$(5) \quad u_t + uu_x = 0$$

1d medium



(5) expresses the requirement that the velocity of a particle  $x(t)$  at position  $x$  at time  $t$  is CONSTANT:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = u(x(t), t) \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = u_x x' + u_t$$

$$\text{Constant velocity} \Leftrightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \Leftrightarrow u_t + u_x^2 = 0$$

### Schrödinger's Equation (Dispersion Equation)

$$(6) \quad i\psi_t - \psi_{xx} + V(x)\psi = 0 \quad (\text{one particle})$$

$$\psi(x,t) \rightarrow \psi(x,t+1) = \text{Re}[\psi] + i \text{Im}[\psi] \in \mathbb{C}$$

(System in  $\psi_1, \psi_2$ )  $x \rightarrow |\psi(x,t)|^2$  probability

density

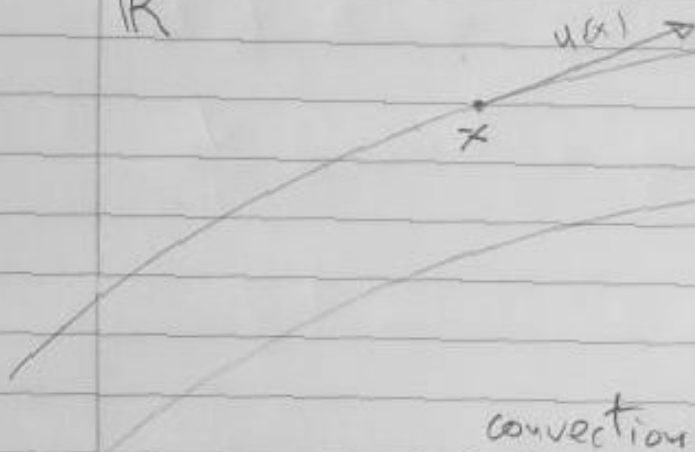
If the frequency depends the velocity  
then the equations becomes nonlinear  
(focusing / defocusing)

$$(7) \quad i\psi_t - \psi_{xx} = |\psi|^2 \psi \quad \text{(many particles) mean field theory}$$

(Real) Fluids (that is with viscosity)

(8) Navier-Stokes System - fluids  
Eulerian description

$\mathbb{R}^3$



$u(x)$  = velocity of fluid at the location  $x$

$$u(x) = (u_1(x), u_2(x), u_3(x))$$

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + (u \cdot \nabla) u_i = \underbrace{\nu \Delta u_i - \nabla p(x,t)}_{\text{Forces}}$$

acceleration

$$\text{div } u = 0 \quad \text{(incompressibility)}$$

Unknowns:  $(u_1, u_2, u_3), \rho$  (4 unknowns)  
in 4 equations.

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N-S : Existence/Uniqueness OPEN

Clay Institute Problem # (4)  
(20<sup>th</sup> Century 10<sup>6</sup> \$ prize)

Perelman (Hamilton) solved the  
Poincaré Conjecture Problem # (5)

(9) General Relativity (Einstein's Equations  
in vacuum)

Metric

$$\text{Ric}(g) = 0$$

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