

Nonhomogeneous Equations without Nontrivial C^1 Solutions

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In this paper, we give the two examples with which the Mizohata operator has no C^1 solution in any neighborhood of the origin and characterize the C^1 solutions of the perturbed Mizohata operators.

1. Preliminary

Theorem 1.1. *Let W be a connected open subset of R^2 invariant under the symmetry $(x, t) \mapsto (x, -t)$. Of u is a C^1 solution satisfies $Mu=0$ in W , we have $u(x, t)=u(x, -t)$ in W .*

Proof. See F. Trèves [1].

2. Main Theorems

Let D_n ($n=1, 2, \dots$) be an arbitrary sequence of closed nonoverlapping discs in the right half of the (x, t) plane, $t>0$, with centres $(0, t_n)$, $t_n>0$ and $t_n \rightarrow 0$.

Let $f(x, t)$ be an arbitrary chosen C^∞ function with compact support which is such that

$$\iint_{D_n} f \, dx \, dt \neq 0 \text{ for } n=1, 2, \dots$$

Theorem 2.1. *If f satisfies the conditions above, there is no C^1 solution of $Mu=f$ in any neighborhood of the origin. Here $M = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + it \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$.*

Proof. See L. Nirenberg [4].

Corollary 2.2. *Let f be a function in Theorem 2.1. If u is a C^1 solution satisfying $Mu=fu$ in an arbitrary neighborhood of the origin, then $u(0, 0)=0$.*

Proof. Suppose $u(0, 0) \neq 0$. $u \neq 0$ in some open subset D of the origin. Let $w = \log u$, $Mw = \frac{1}{u} Mu = \frac{1}{u} fu = f$ in D . W is a C^1 solution satisfying $MW=f$. It contradicts to the choice of f in D Theorem 2.1. (Q.E.D)

Let $K_{m,n,p}$ (m, n, p are positive numbers) be a triple sequence of compact sets in the upper half plane $t>0$, such that the following is true;

(2.1) the projections on the x -axis $t=0$ of the $K_{m,n,p}$ are pairwise disjoint;

(2.2) for m, n fixed, $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} K_{m,n,p} = (x_{m,n}, t_{m,n})$ with $t_{m,n} > 0$;

(2.3) for m fixed, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{m,n}, t_{m,n})$ with $t_m > 0$;

(2.4) $(x_m, t_m) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$

We take then $g \in C^\infty(R^2)$ with the following properties;

- (1) $g \geq 0$ everywhere
(2) $g \equiv 0$ outside $\bigcup_{m,n,p} K_{m,n,p}$
(3) $g > 0$ at some point of each $K_{m,n,p}$.

Theorem 2.3. *If g satisfies the conditions above, there is no C^1 solution satisfying $Mu = g$ in a neighborhood of the origin.*

If u is a C^1 solution satisfying $Mu = gu$ in any neighborhood W of the origin, $u \equiv 0$ in W .

Proof. There are numbers m_0, n_0, p_0 large enough such that, for $m > m_0, n > n_0, p > p_0$, the following is true; Let $R_{m,n,p}$ be the rectangle $a_{m,n,p} < x < b_{m,n,p}, |t| < T$. The numbers $a_{m,n,p}, b_{m,n,p}$ and $T > 0$ can be chosen so that $K_{m,n,p} \subset R_{m,n,p} \subset W, R_{m,n,p} \cap K_{m',n',p'} = \emptyset$ if $(m,n,p) \neq (m',n',p')$. Note that $K_{m,n,p} \cap K_{m',n',p'} = \emptyset$ if $(m,n,p) \neq (m',n',p')$.

Let then $K_{m,n,p}$ denote the image of $K_{m,n,p}$ under the map $(x,t) \mapsto (x,-t)$. Then $W_{m,n,p} = R_{m,n,p} - (K_{m,n,p} \cup K_{m,n,p})$ and let $W_{m,n,p}^0$ be the outer connected component of $W_{m,n,p}$. Note that $W_{m,n,p}^0$ is open, connected and symmetric in t .

Suppose then that $Mu = g$ in W . Since $g \equiv 0$ in $R_{m,n,p} - K_{m,n,p}$, we have $Mu = 0$ in $W_{m,n,p}^0$.

Let r be a smooth closed curve in $W_{m,n,p}^0 \cap \{(x,t) | t > 0\}$ whose interior contains $K_{m,n,p}$.

We claim that

$$(2.5) \quad \int_r u(x,t) (dx - it dt) = 0. \text{ Since } u(x,t) = u(x,-t) \text{ in } W_{m,n,p}^0 \text{ by Theorem 1.1.}$$

$\int_r u(x,t) (dx - it dt) = \int_{\check{r}} u(x,t) (dx - it dt) = \int_{\check{r}} \tilde{u}(z) dz$, where \check{r} is the image of r under the map $(x,t) \mapsto (x,-t)$, $\check{r} = z(r) = z(\check{r})$ and $\tilde{u}(z) = u(\operatorname{Re} z, \sqrt{-2} \operatorname{Im} z)$ via the map $(x,t) \mapsto z = x - i\frac{t^2}{2}$.

$Mu = Mx \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial z} + m\bar{z} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \bar{z}} = 2it \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \bar{z}}$. Since $Mx = 0$ and $Mu = 0$ in $W_{m,n,p} - K_{m,n,p}$, $\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0$ in a simply connected domain, the image W' of $W_{m,n,p} - K_{m,n,p}$ via the map z and r is a smooth closed curve in W' . By Cauchy theorem, $\int_{\check{r}} \tilde{u}(z) dz = 0$. Thus our claim is proved.

By Stoke's Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_r u(x,t) (dx - it dt) &= \iint_{\operatorname{Int} r} d[u(dx - it dt)] = - \iint_{\operatorname{Int} r} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + it \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) dx dt = - \iint_{\operatorname{Int} r} Mu dx dt = - \iint_{\operatorname{Int} r} g dx \\ &= - \iint_{K_{m,n,p}} g dx dt \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $g \equiv 0$ outside $K_{m,n,p}$ and $g > 0$ at some point of each $K_{m,n,p}$. It is a contradiction to (2.5). Thus we get the first part of the Theorem.

Now we shall give the second part of the Theorem.

$$\iint_{\operatorname{Int} r} Mu dx dt = \iint_{\operatorname{Int} r} g dx dt = \iint_{K_{m,n,p}} gu dx dt.$$

In conclusion,

$$(2.6) \quad \iint_{K_{m,n,p}} gu dx dt = 0.$$

Now suppose we had

$$(2.7) \quad u(x_{m,n}, t_{m,n}) \neq 0.$$

Then, for p large enough, in $K_{m,n,p}$ $\text{Arg } u$ would be very close to $\text{Arg } u(x_m, t_m)$ by the continuity of u . Since $g > 0$ in some subset of $K_{m,n,p}$, (2.6) would be impossible. Therefore (2.7) is not true.

Therefore u has a infinite sequence of zeros, converging to (x_m, t_m) . But in the neighborhood of (x_m, t_m) (Since $t_m > 0$), $L = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + it \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - g(x, t)$ is elliptic. We can choose a suitable local coordinates ξ, η such that $L = w(\xi, \eta) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right)$ with $w \neq 0$, according to the Newlander-Nirenberg Theorem. Therefore u is a holomorphic function of $\zeta = \xi + i\eta$, $u \equiv 0$ in a full neighborhood of (x_m, t_m) , and therefore in the entire set $W^+ = \{(x, t) \in W | t > 0\}$.

But then $u \equiv 0$ in the open set $W^0_{m,n,p} \cap \{(x, t) | t < 0\}$, hence in W^- by Theorem 1.1, hence in W by the continuity of u . (Q.E.D)

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