

Integral Representation of C^∞ Solutions of Linear Partial Differential Equations with the Canonical Form

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1. Introduction

In this paper Ω will denote an open neighborhood $\{(x, t) \mid |x| < r, |t| < \delta\}$ of the origin of R^2 . We consider the general linear P.D.E with the canonical form

$$L = \partial/\partial t + ib(x, t)\partial/\partial x$$

where $b(x, t)$ is a real valued C^∞ function in Ω .

The linear P.D.E L is said to satisfy the condition (P) in if for any $x \in (-r, r)$, the function $t \rightarrow b(x, t)$ does not change sign and satisfy condition (P_1) if

- (i) $b(x, t) > 0$ for any $(x, t) \in \Omega$ with $x \neq 0$
- (ii) $b(0, t) = 0$ for any $t, |t| < \delta$ and satisfy (P_2)

if $b(x, t) \neq 0$ for any $(x, t) \in \Omega$.

We now assume that L satisfies (P_1) or (P_2) . It implies that L satisfies (P) . That $Lu = f$ is locally solvable follows immediately from the general criteria for the local solvability of a linear P.D.E due to Nirenberg-Treves [2].

We also assume L satisfies the followings;

$$\begin{aligned} Lz &= \partial z/\partial t + ib(x, t)\partial z/\partial x = 0, \\ \operatorname{Re} z_x &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

has a C^∞ solution in Ω .

We shall represent a C^∞ solution in an integral form in a neighborhood of the origin. When $b(x, t)$ is real analytic, the same result is established in Treves[3].

2. Integral Representation

Let $z = z(x, t)$ be a C^∞ solution of

$$\begin{aligned} Lz &= \partial z/\partial t + ib(x, t)\partial z/\partial x = 0, \\ \operatorname{Re} z_x &> 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

in Ω . This is the generalization of $x - it^2/2$ of the Mizohata operator.

We write $z(x, t) = \xi(x, t) + i\eta(x, t)$

where ξ and η are real valued. Thus $\partial \xi/\partial x \neq 0$ in Ω . Therefore we have the right to change variables

$$y = \xi(x, t), \quad s = t \tag{2}$$

in Ω .

Let $z = y + i\phi(y, s)$

where $\phi(y, s) = \eta(x, t)$ real valued, C^∞ and $\partial y/\partial x \neq 0$ in Ω .

In (y, s) coordinates we have

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \partial/\partial t + ib(x, t)\partial/\partial x \\ &= \partial/\partial s + \{\partial y/\partial t + ib(x, t)\partial y/\partial x\} \partial/\partial y \\ &= \partial/\partial s + \lambda(y, s) \partial/\partial y. \end{aligned}$$

But $Lz=0$, that is,

$$0 = L(y + i\phi) = i\phi_s + \lambda(1 + i\phi_y).$$

From this,

$$\lambda = \partial y/\partial t + ib\partial y/\partial x = -i\phi_s/(1 + i\phi_y).$$

Since y is a real valued function

$$b(x, t) = -(1 + \phi_y^2)^{-1} (\partial y/\partial x)^{-1} \phi_s(y, s). \quad (3)$$

Let the C^∞ map $\psi: (x, t) \rightarrow (y, s)$ be the local coordinate change as defined by (2) and r be the positive numbers such that

$$\{(y, s) \mid |y - k| < \bar{r}, |s| < \bar{\delta}\} \subset \psi(\Omega)$$

where k is a constant number as follows:

We first assume that L satisfies condition (P_1) . We claim ψ maps $\{(0, t) \mid |t| < \delta\}$ into $\{(k, s) \mid |s| < \bar{\delta}\}$ in (y, s) plane. In fact, from the condition (P_1) $b(0, t) = 0$ for any t , $|t| < \delta$. Therefore $\partial/\partial t(\xi + i\eta) = 0$ for any t , $|t| < \delta$. So $\xi(0, t) = k$ (a constant as above) for any t , $|t| < \delta$.

From (3), $\phi_s(k, s) = 0$ for any s , $|s| < \bar{\delta}$.

So $\phi(k, s) = \alpha$ (a constant).

Since ψ is a bijective map, the inverse image of $\{(y, s) \mid |y - k| < \bar{r}, |s| < \bar{\delta}\}$ for any fixed $y \neq k$ under ψ is entirely contained in $\{(x, t) \in \Omega \mid x > 0\}$ or $\{(x, t) \in \Omega \mid x < 0\}$.

Note that for any fixed $y \neq k$, $|y - k| < \bar{r}$, then the map $s \rightarrow \phi(y, s)$ is a strictly increasing function in the interval $|s| < \bar{\delta}$.

Note that (i) of condition (P_1) is a special case of four other kinds of signs in $\{(x, t) \in \Omega \mid x > 0\} \cup \{(x, t) \in \Omega \mid x < 0\}$.

For instance, if $b(x, t) < 0$ for any $(x, t) \in \Omega$, $x \neq 0$, then the map $s \rightarrow \phi(y, s)$ is a strictly decreasing function for any fixed $y \neq k$, $|y - k| < \bar{r}$.

Now we subdivide the open rectangles

$$|y - k| < \bar{r}, |s| < \bar{\delta} \quad (4)$$

as a union of $I = \{(k, s) \mid |s| < \bar{\delta}\}$

and a open rectangles $R^+ = \{(y, s) \mid k < y < k + \bar{r}, |s| < \bar{\delta}\}$

and $R^- = \{(y, s) \mid k - \bar{r} < y < k, |s| < \bar{\delta}\}$.

We note that the ranges of the map $z = y + i\phi(y, s)$ restricted to the rectangle (4) as follows:

(i) z maps I to the single point $k + i\alpha$

(ii) z maps the rectangles R^+ and R^- homeomorphically onto open sets θ_1 and θ_2 of the complex plane C which are entirely contained, respectively, in the strip $k < \text{Re } z < k + \bar{r}$ and in the strip $k - \bar{r} < \text{Re } z < k$.

We shall denote by A the image of the rectangle (4) under ψ .

Let now $f(x, t)$ be any C^∞ function in R^2 with support contained in

$$V = \psi^{-1}\{(y, s) \mid |y - k| < \bar{r}, |s| < \bar{\delta}\}.$$

We note the equation

$$\begin{aligned} Lu = \partial u / \partial t + i b(x, t) \partial u / \partial x = f \text{ is equivalent to} \\ (\partial / \partial s + \lambda(y, s) \partial / \partial y) (u(y, s) - \int_{-\bar{s}}^s f(y, \sigma) d\sigma) = \\ -\lambda(y, s) \int_{-\bar{s}}^s (\partial f / \partial y) (y, \sigma) d\sigma. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Here $f(y, s) = f(x(y, s), t)$ etc.

For the simplicity we shall set

$$\begin{aligned} v(y, s) &= u(y, s) - \int_{-\bar{s}}^s f(y, \sigma) d\sigma, \\ g(y, s) &= -\lambda(y, s) \int_{-\bar{s}}^s (\partial f / \partial y) (y, \sigma) d\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda = -i\phi_s / 1 + i\phi_y$ vanishes identically on the vertical line segment I (where $\phi_s = 0$).

Now we transform v and g to the set A under the map $z = y + i\phi(y, s)$.

Since $g = 0$ on I and z is a homeomorphism on R^+ and R^- , the transferred function $g(z)$ can be extended by 0 outside of A and is equal to compactly supported function of L^1 class, with a compact support contained in \bar{A} .

The equation (5) becomes

$$(\partial \bar{z} / \partial s + \lambda(y, s) \partial \bar{z} / \partial y) (\partial \bar{v} / \partial \bar{z}) = \bar{g}$$

where v denotes $v(y, s)$ as a function of z .

But since $\lambda(y, s) (\partial z / \partial y) = -\partial z / \partial s$, we have $\partial \bar{z} / \partial s = -\bar{\lambda} (\partial \bar{z} / \partial y)$.

Therefore (5) reads to

$$2i (\operatorname{Im} \lambda)^{-1} (\partial \bar{z} / \partial y) (\partial \bar{v} / \partial \bar{z}) = \bar{g}. \quad (6)$$

Moreover, since $\partial \bar{z} / \partial y = 1 - i\phi_y$, and $\operatorname{Im} \lambda = -\phi_s / 1 + i\phi_y^2$ (6) equivalent to

$$[(-2i / 1 + i\phi_y) \phi_s]^{-1} \partial \bar{v} / \partial \bar{z} = \bar{g} \quad (7)$$

or

$$\partial \bar{v} / \partial \bar{z} = i / 2 [(1 + i\phi_y) g / \phi_s]^{-1} = \left[-1 / 2 \int_{-\bar{s}}^s f(y, \sigma) d\sigma \right]^{-1}. \quad (8)$$

(8) is a inhomogeneous Cauchy-Riemann equation whose solution is given by

$$\bar{v} = 1 / 2\pi i \iint F(\varphi) / z - \varphi \, d\bar{\varphi} \wedge d\varphi$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= i / 2 [(1 + i\phi_y) g / \phi_s]^{-1} \\ &= \left[-1 / 2 \int_{-\bar{s}}^s f(y, \sigma) d\sigma \right]^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

To revert (9) to (y, s) coordinates, we set

$$\varphi = y' + i\phi(y', s').$$

Then we have

$$d\bar{\varphi} \wedge d\varphi = 2i\phi_{s'} dy' \wedge ds'$$

and hence

$$v(y, s) = 1 / 2\pi \iint_{R^2} \phi_{s'}(y', s') k(y', s') / [y - y' + i(\phi(y, s) - \phi(y', s'))] dy' \wedge ds' \quad (10)$$

where

$$k(y, s) = \int_{-\bar{s}}^s (\partial f / \partial y) (y, \sigma) d\sigma.$$

Since $v(y, s)$ is the pullback via $(y, s) \mapsto y + i\phi(y, s)$ of \bar{v} which is locally L^1 function, $v(y, s)$ is

well defined and in fact, a C^∞ solution.

Then for any $f \in C_0^\infty(V)$ a C^∞ solution of $Lu=f$ in V is given by the pullback via the map $\phi : (x, t) \rightarrow (y, s)$ defined in (2) of a C^∞ solution

$$u(y, s) = -1/2\pi \iint_{R_2} \phi_{s'}(y', s') k(y', s') / [y - y' + i(\phi(y, s) - \phi(y', s'))] dy' \wedge ds' \\ + \int_{-\bar{s}}^s f(y, \sigma) d\sigma$$

where

$$k(y, s) = \int_{-\bar{s}}^s (\partial f / \partial y)(y, \sigma) d\sigma.$$

So far we considered only the case when L satisfies (P_1) . When L satisfies (P_2) , the argument is much simpler, as z is a homeomorphism on the entire rectangle (4) in this case.

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