

Info

This note, that [was found here](#), as a part of [a collection](#) is written (completely with human hands) by [Rupadarshi Ray](#), was created on February 19, 2026 2:31:25 PM, was last modified on September 7, 2026 1:11:04 PM, and was exported on September 7, 2026 3:09:56 PM.

Laplace operator on $\mathbb{R}^n$

Definition. We have the Laplace operator

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta : \mathcal{C}^2 &\rightarrow \mathcal{C} \\ \Delta &:= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \cdots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{r^{n-1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^{n-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-) \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \Delta_{S^{n-1}} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{n-1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \Delta_{S^{n-1}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^{n-1} v'(r)) &= 0 \\ \implies r^{n-1} v'(r) &= a \\ \implies v'(r) &= \frac{a}{r^{n-1}} \\ \implies v(r) &= \begin{cases} a \log r + b & n = 2 \\ \frac{a}{r^{n-2}} + b & n \geq 3 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

Definition. The function

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \Phi(x) &:= \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log |x| & n = 2 \\ \frac{1}{n(n-2)\alpha(n)} \frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} & n \geq 3 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

is the **fundamental solution of Laplace's equation** $\Delta u = 0$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Proposition: For

Definition. The function

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \Phi(x) &:= \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log |x| & n = 2 \\ \frac{1}{n(n-2)\alpha(n)} \frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} & n \geq 3 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

is the **fundamental solution of Laplace's equation** $\Delta u = 0$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$.

we have

$$\begin{aligned}|\mathfrak{D}_x \Phi| &\lesssim \frac{1}{|x|^{n-1}} \text{ for } x \neq 0 \\ |\mathfrak{D}_x^2 \Phi| &\lesssim \frac{1}{|x|^n} \text{ for } x \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

convolution with fundamental solution solves Poisson's equation

Let $f \in \mathcal{C}_c^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then the convolution with the fundamental solution

Definition. The function

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \Phi(x) &:= \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log |x| & n = 2 \\ \frac{1}{n(n-2)\alpha(n)} \frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} & n \geq 3 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

is the **fundamental solution of Laplace's equation** $\Delta u = 0$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi * f : \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto \int_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y) f(y) dy\end{aligned}$$

is $\Phi * f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and solves the Poisson's equation $-\Delta u = f$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Let $f \in \mathcal{C}_c^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and φ be a fundamental solution of Δ on $\mathbb{R}^n$. Then for

$$u := \varphi * f$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(y) \Delta f(x-y) dy \\ &= \underbrace{\int_{B_\epsilon(0)} \varphi(y) \Delta f(x-y) dy}_{\xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} 0} + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_\epsilon(0)} \varphi(y) \Delta f(x-y) dy \\ &\xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} 0 - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_\epsilon(0)} \text{grad}(\varphi) \cdot \text{grad}(f)(x-y) dy \\ &\quad + \int_{\partial B_\epsilon(0)} \varphi(y) \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{n}}(x-y)} dy\end{aligned}$$

• Now

$$\int_{\partial B_\epsilon(0)} |\varphi(y)| dy \leq \begin{cases} c |\log(\epsilon)| \epsilon & \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} 0 \\ c \epsilon & \end{cases}$$

- and

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_\epsilon(0)} \operatorname{grad}(\varphi) \cdot \operatorname{grad}(f)(x-y) \mathrm{d}y \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_\epsilon(0)} \overbrace{f(x-y) \operatorname{grad}(\varphi)(y)}^{ \rightarrow 0} \mathrm{d}y \quad - \int_{\partial} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \hat{n}} f(x-y) \mathrm{d}y \\ &= - \{ \\ & \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} -f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Mean-value

Let $u \in \mathcal{C}^2(U)$ and is harmonic, then

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{m(\partial B_r(x))} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u = \frac{1}{m(B_r(x))} \int_{B_r(x)} u$$

for each ball $B_r(x) \subseteq U$.

 Let

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r) &:= \frac{1}{m(\partial B_r(x))} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u \\ &= \frac{1}{m(\partial B_1(0))} \int_{y \in \partial B_1(0)} u(x + ry) \end{aligned}$$

- Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(r) &= \frac{1}{m(\partial B_1(0))} \int_{y \in \partial B_1(0)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \hat{n}}(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{m(\partial B_1(0))} \int_{y \in \partial B_1(0)} \overrightarrow{\Delta u}^0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Estimates on derivatives

Let u is harmonic on $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Then

$$|\mathfrak{D}_p^\alpha u| \leq \frac{c(k)}{r^{n+k}} \|u\|_{L^1(B_r(x_0))}$$

Green's function

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G(-,y) &= \delta_x \\ G|_{\partial U} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Current note has 1 direct children and 1 total descendants.

- [stem](#)
 - [subobjects of and functions on \$\mathbb{R}^n, S^n, \mathbb{C}^n\$ and its quotients \$\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{R}^n, \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{C}^n\$](#)
 - [Laplace operator on \$\mathbb{R}^n\$](#)
 - [Laplace operator on \(flat\) upper half space](#)

And it has 39 siblings.

- [stem](#)
 - [subobjects of and functions on \$\mathbb{R}^n, S^n, \mathbb{C}^n\$ and its quotients \$\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{R}^n, \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{C}^n\$](#)
 - [Holomorphic functions on spaces over \$\mathbb{C}\$ of dimension 1](#)
 - [Open subsets of \$\mathbb{R}^n\$ with \$\mathcal{C}^2\$ boundary](#)
 - [Complex ODEs in \$\mathbb{C}\$](#)
 - [Circle packing on \$\mathbb{R}^2\$](#)
 - [Circle packing converges to the Riemann biholomorphism](#)
 - [Bounded connected open subsets of \$\mathbb{C}^n\$](#)
 - [Connected circular open subsets of \$\mathbb{C}^n\$](#)
 - [Continuous functions on \$\mathbb{R}^d\$](#)
 - [Dyadic cubes](#)
 - [Curves](#)
 - [Differentiable functions](#)
 - [Differential forms on \$\mathbb{R}^n\$](#)
 - [Fourier-Wigner transform](#)
 - [Harmonic functions composed with conformal maps](#)
 - [Hilbert transform](#)
 - [Fourier-Cauchy-Poisson correspondence of holomorphic and harmonic functions on the unit disk and their boundary values](#)
 - [Holomorphic subsets of \$\mathbb{C}^n\$](#)
 - [Regular hypersurfaces in \$\mathbb{R}^{2n}\$](#)
 - [Orientable hypersurfaces in \$\mathbb{R}^n\$](#)
 - [Laplace operator on \$\mathbb{R}^n\$](#)
 - [\$l^\infty\(\mathbb{R}\)\$](#)
 - [Lebesgue measurable subsets of and functions on \$\mathbb{R}^n, T^n, S^n\$](#)
 - [Lebesgue measure of boundary of open sets in \$\mathbb{R}^n\$](#)
 - [Local \$\mathbb{R}\$ -algebras](#)
 - [\$l^p\(\mathbb{R}\)\$](#)
 - [Metric density of subsets of \$\mathbb{R}^n\$](#)
 - [Monotone functions on \$\mathbb{R}\$](#)
 - [Cauchy integral of periodic functions](#)
 - [Polygons with integer vertices](#)
 - [Open smooth maps \$U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\$](#)
 - [Discrete subgroups of \$\mathbb{R}^n\$](#)

- Discrete cocompact subgroups of $\mathbb{R}^n$, flat tori
- Ramified germs of smooth and holomorphic functions
- Open subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$
- Open subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$ equipped with the flat metric
- Closed subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$ equipped with smooth functions
- Quasi-analytic smooth functions on $\mathbb{R}$
- Star-shaped subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$
- ODEs in $\mathbb{R}^n \leftrightarrow$ Vector fields in $\mathbb{R}^n$