

# Lecture 2

## 1 Periodic problems and Fourier analysis

How should we define well-posedness?

Consider the IVP (or Cauchy problem) in 1D ( $2\pi$ -periodic)

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= P(\partial/\partial x)u + F, \\u(x, 0) &= f(x),\end{aligned}\tag{2.6}$$

$P(\alpha u + \beta v) = \alpha Pu + \beta Pv$ , Linear operator.

**Ex. 1:**

$$P = A\partial/\partial x; A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T^{-1}AT = \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, T^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rewrite  $\Rightarrow v = T^{-1}u, g = T^{-1}f \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}v_t &= \Lambda v_x \\v(x, 0) &= g(x)\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} v^{(1)} &= g^1(x + 2t) \\ v^{(2)} &= g^2(x - 2t) \quad \underline{\text{Exact solution.}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\| &\leq \|T^{-1}\| \|f\| \\ \|u\| &\leq \|T\| \|v\| \leq \underbrace{\|T\| \|T^{-1}\|}_{\kappa=\text{condition number}} \|f\| \end{aligned}$$

**Ex. 2:**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_t &= \alpha u \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \underline{u = e^{\alpha t} f} \text{ exact sol., } \underline{\|u\| \leq e^{\alpha t} \|f\|}$$

**Definition of well-posedness**

The problem (2.6) is well-posed if for  $F=0$ , there is a unique solution satisfying

$$\|u\| \leq K e^{\alpha t} \|f\| \tag{2.7}$$

$K$  and  $\alpha$  are constants, No zero order terms,  $\Rightarrow \alpha = 0$ .

If a forcing function is present?

$$\|u\|^2 \leq K e^{2\alpha t} (\|f\|^2 + \int_0^t \|F\|^2 dt)$$

Proof: Duhamel's principle, see GKO.

$\therefore$  Very important: Forcing functions do not influence well-posedness.

Existence is generally very difficult.

Uniqueness follows directly from the energy estimate.

Consider (2.6) with  $P = \sum_{r=0}^q A_r \frac{\partial^r}{\partial x^r}$ ,  $F=0$ ,  $A_r = \text{constant matrices}$ ,  $u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}_w e^{iwx}$ ,  $u = 2\pi$  periodic.

$$\Rightarrow \hat{u} = e^{\hat{P}(iw)t} \hat{f}(w); \quad \hat{P}(iw) = \sum_{r=0}^q A_r (iw)^r$$

$\hat{P}(iw)$  = symbol or Fourier transform of P.  
 $e^{\hat{P}(iw)t}$  = matrix exponential.

**Ex.:**

$$u_t + Au_x = Bu_{xx}; \quad A, B = m \times m, \quad P(iw) = -(iwA + w^2B)$$

**Theory** (2.6) is well-posed if and only if there are constants K and  $\alpha$  such that

$$|e^{\hat{P}(iw)t}| \leq Ke^{\alpha t} \tag{2-9}$$

**Proof:**  $\|u\|^2 = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{u}^2| = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{\hat{P}(iw)t} \hat{f}|^2 \leq |e^{\hat{P}(iw)t}|_{max}^2 \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}|^2 = K^2 e^{2\alpha t} \|f\|^2 \blacksquare$

Eigenvalus are easier to work with.

**Def.:** The Petrovski condition is satisfied if the eigenvalues  $\lambda(w)$  of  $\hat{P}(iw)$  satisfy

$$Re(\lambda(w)) \leq \alpha \quad (2.10)$$

$\alpha = \text{constant indep. of } w, \alpha = 0 \text{ if no zero order terms.}$

**Theorem** The Petrovski condition is a necessary condition and sufficient if there is a constant  $K$  and matrix  $T(w)$  such that  $T^{-1}(w)\hat{P}(iw)T(w)$  is diagonal and  $|T^{-1}(w)||T(w)| \leq K$  for all  $w$ .

Proof

$$\hat{u} = e^{\hat{P}t} \hat{f} = T[e^{-\Lambda t}]T^{-1} \hat{f};$$

$$\|u\|^2 \leq \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |T|^2 |e^{\Lambda t}|^2 |T^{-1}|^2 |\hat{f}|^2 \leq |T^{-1}|^2 |T|^2 \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{\Lambda t}|^2 |\hat{f}|^2 \leq K^2 |e^{\Lambda t}|^2 \|f\|^2 \leq K^2 e^{2\alpha t} \|f\|^2 \quad \blacksquare$$

$$(|e^{\Lambda t}|^2 = \text{diag}(e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}, \dots, e^{\lambda_m t}) \leq e^{2\alpha t})$$

Multiple dimensions, exactly similar.

define  $\underline{x} = (x_0^1, x_1^2, \dots, x^\alpha)^T$

$\underline{w} = (w^1, w^2, \dots, w^\alpha)^T$

$\hat{P}(i\underline{w})$  is obtained by  $\partial/\partial x^r \rightarrow iw^r$

**Ex:**

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \partial/\partial x + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \partial/\partial y \rightarrow \hat{p}(i\underline{w}) = i \begin{pmatrix} w^1 & w^2 \\ w^2 & w^1 \end{pmatrix}$$