

Cauchy non-integral formulas

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- Alternative title: “semigroup methods for elliptic systems” (Evolution parameter t = variable transversal to the boundary.)
- A survey of the understanding 2008 of these techniques and applications to equations with t -independent coefficients:
P. Auscher, A. Axelsson, A. McIntosh: [On a quadratic estimate related to the Kato conjecture and boundary value problems.](#)
Contemporary Mathematics.
- Our method for solving the PDEs uses operator theory for non-selfadjoint differential operators with non-smooth coefficients. The techniques from the solution of the Kato square root problem yield the crucial estimates for these operators.
- A strength of these techniques is that they apply to quite general **elliptic systems**.
In this talk: divergence form equations.

Problem formulation

Space \mathbf{R}^{1+n} , where $n \geq 1$

Upper half space: $\mathbf{R}_+^{1+n} := \{(t, x) ; t > 0, x \in \mathbf{R}^n\}$

Boundary: $\mathbf{R}^n := \{(0, x) ; x \in \mathbf{R}^n\}$

Question (Generalized Cauchy formulas)

For solutions to a given divergence form equation $\operatorname{div} A(t, x) \nabla u(t, x) = 0$ in \mathbf{R}_+^{1+n} , is there Cauchy type formula

$$\nabla u|_{\mathbf{R}^n} \mapsto \nabla u|_{\mathbf{R}_+^{1+n}}$$

for the gradient vector field? We ask this for the trace spaces

- ① $\nabla u|_{\mathbf{R}^n} \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n) \quad \Leftrightarrow \partial_{\nu_A} u \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n) \text{ and } \nabla_{\parallel} u \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)$
- ② $\nabla u|_{\mathbf{R}^n} \in H^{-1}(\mathbf{R}^n) \quad \Leftrightarrow u \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n) \text{ and conjugates } \tilde{u} \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n).$

Such Cauchy formulas will provide a way to **construct solutions** to $\operatorname{div} A(t, x) \nabla u(t, x) = 0$ in \mathbf{R}_+^{1+n} and to **prove estimates of such**.

A trivial example: $n = 1$, $A = I$

- For any harmonic function u , we have the Cauchy formula

$$\nabla u(z) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{\nabla u(y)}{y - \bar{z}} dy, \quad z \in \mathbf{R}_+^2,$$

since ∇u is an anti-analytic function in the half plane.

- Given $\phi : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{C}$, we can construct a vector field in \mathbf{R}_+^2

$$f(z) := \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{\phi(y)}{y - \bar{z}} dy, \quad z \in \mathbf{R}_+^2,$$

which is the gradient $f = \nabla u$ of a harmonic function u .

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- ① P. Auscher, A. Axelsson:
Weighted maximal regularity estimates and solvability of non-smooth elliptic systems I. *Inventiones Mathematicae*.
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- ② P. Auscher, A. Rosén:
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- ③ T. Hytönen, A. Rosén:
On the Carleson duality. *Arkiv för Matematik*.
(Duality results for a new scale of tent-type space.)
- ④ A. Rosén:
Layer potentials beyond singular integral operators. *Preprint*.
(Functional calculus vs. layer potentials.)

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