

PROBLEM SET 2

1.

- Using the half space Liouville theorem from Problem set 1, prove the following boundary Schauder estimate for Laplace operator (again by Simon's blow up argument): Denote by $B_R^+ = B_R \cap \{x_n > 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $S_R = B_R \cap \{x_n = 0\}$. Let $u \in C^2(B_{2R})$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u &= f \quad \text{in } B_{2R} \\ U &= \phi \quad \text{on } S_{2R},\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\|\text{Hess}_u\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(B_R)} \leq C(\|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(B_{2R})} + \|\phi\|_{C^{2,\alpha}(S_{2R})}).$$

- Using the boundary Schauder estimate above and fixed coefficient argument as in the lecture to prove a global Schauder estimate (up to the boundary).

2. Let (K, d) be a compact metric space.

- (Arzelà–Ascoli) Let $\mathcal{F} \subset C(K)$. The family \mathcal{F} is called *equicontinuous* if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in K$,

$$d(x, y) < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Prove that \mathcal{F} is relatively compact in $C(K)$ if and only if it is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous.

- (Compact Hölder embedding) Let $0 < \beta < \alpha \leq 1$. Prove that the embedding

$$C^{0,\alpha}(K) \hookrightarrow C^{0,\beta}(K)$$

is compact.

- If K is not assumed to be compact, is the embedding

$$C^{0,\alpha}(K) \hookrightarrow C^{0,\beta}(K)$$

still true?

3. (Interpolation inequality) For any $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ there exists C_ε so that the following holds:

$$\|u\|_{C^2(B_1)} \leq \varepsilon \|u\|_{C^{2,\alpha}(B_1)} + C_\varepsilon \|u\|_{L^\infty(B_1)}.$$

Hint: Use a blow up / contradiction argument and assume to the contrary

$$\|u_m\|_{C^2(B_1)} > \varepsilon \|u_m\|_{C^{2,\alpha}(B_1)} + m \|u_m\|_{L^\infty(B_1)}, \quad m \rightarrow \infty.$$