

Don't Miss This!

THM  $\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{on a bounded domain } U \\ u|_{\partial U} = 0 \end{cases}$

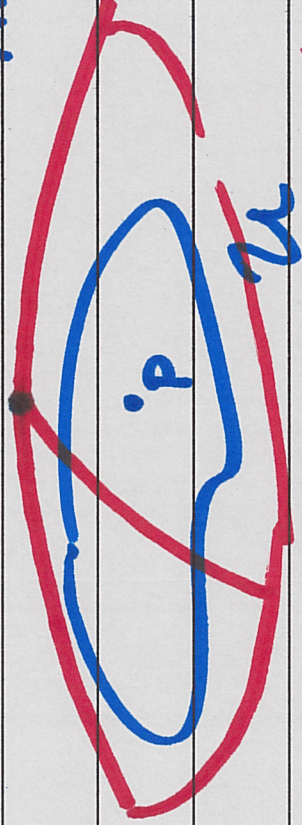
Then if  $u \in C^2(\bar{U})$ , then  $u \equiv 0$ .

Proof:

Let  $v$  be a non-zero solution.

Assume  $v(p) > 0$  for some

$p \in U$ .



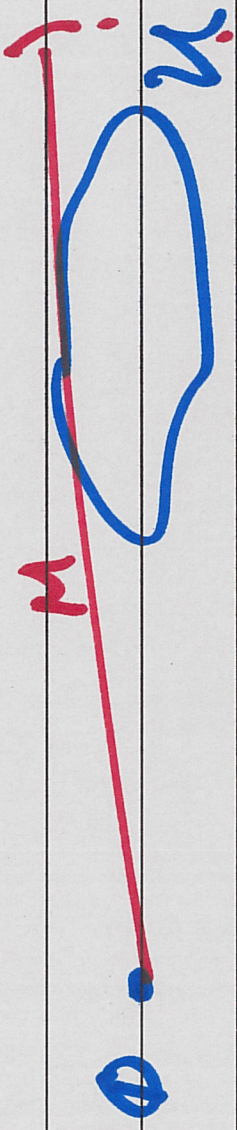
parabolic (down parabolic) umbrella

$$w(x) = v(p) - \varepsilon|x-p|^2$$

Claim: If  $\epsilon > 0$  is small enough, then

$$w(x) = v(p) - \epsilon |x-p|^2 > 0 \text{ for } x \in \bar{U}$$

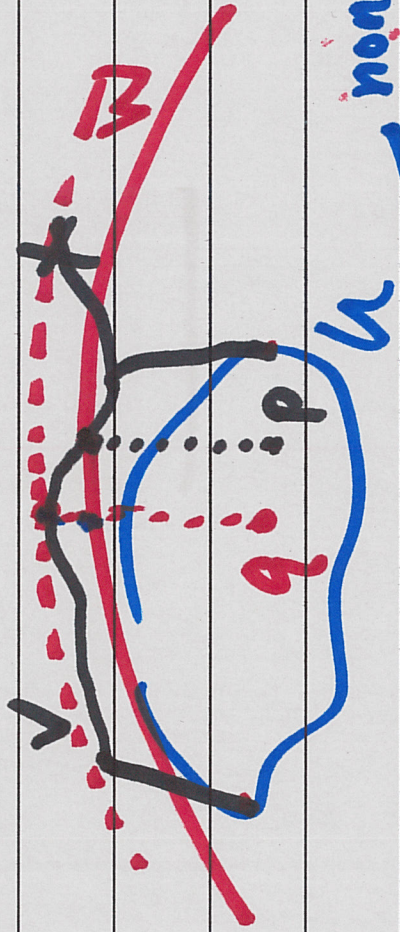
⊖  $U$  is bounded  $\Rightarrow |x| \leq M$  for  $x \in \bar{U}$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
 w(x) &= v(p) - \epsilon |x-p|^2 \geq v(p) - \epsilon (|x|+|p|)^2 \\
 &\geq v(p) - \epsilon \cdot 4M^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\epsilon < \frac{v(p)}{8M^2}$ , Then  $w(x) \geq \frac{v(p)}{2} > 0$ ,  
 for  $x \in \bar{U}$ . ✓

$$\begin{cases} \Delta v = 0 \text{ on } U \\ v|_{\partial U} = 0 \end{cases}$$



$U$  non-negative

IDEA: Find a positive constant  $c$  so that

$$v(x) \leq w(x) + c \text{ for all } x \in \bar{U} \text{ and}$$

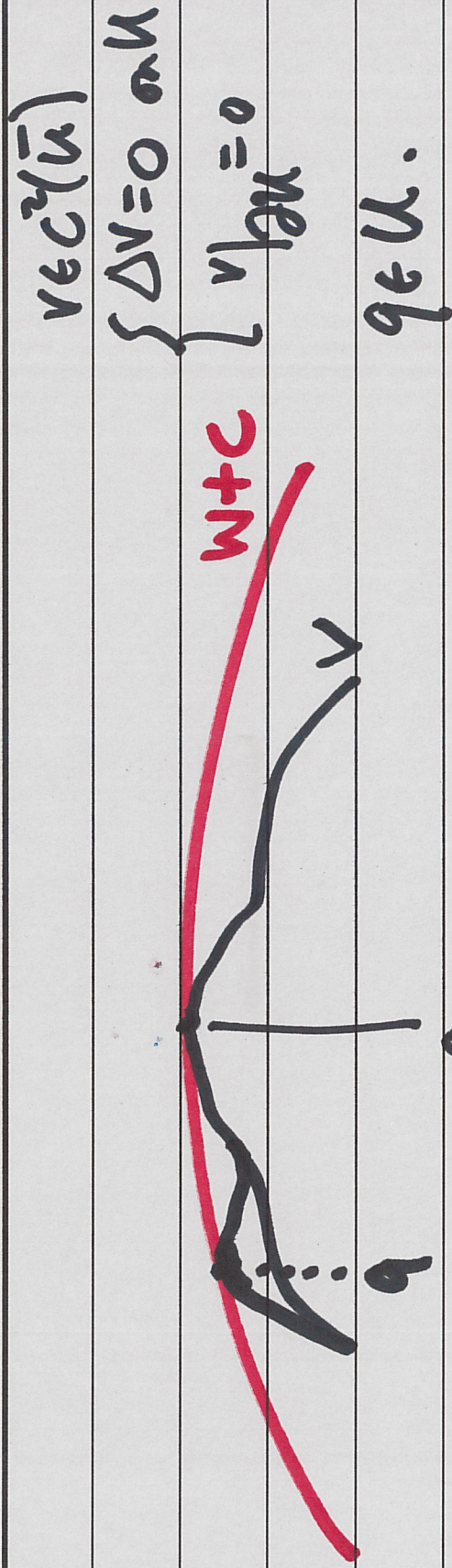
$$v(q) = w(q) + c \text{ for some point } q \in \bar{U}.$$

If so... Then  $q \in U$  why?

What is  $c$ ?  $\max_x [v(x) - w(x)] \geq 0$

$c$   $< 0$  on  $\partial U$

$= 0$  at  $P$ .



Contradiction:  $\Delta v(q) \leq -2n\varepsilon < 0.$

$$\Delta w = \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x_n^2} = -2n\varepsilon < 0.$$

$$w = v(p) - \varepsilon \sum_{j=1}^n (p_j - x_j)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x_j^2} = -2\varepsilon < 0.$$

$$W(x) = v(p) - \varepsilon \sum_{j=1}^n (p_j - x_j)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial x_j} = -2\varepsilon (p_j - x_j) (-1)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial x_j^2} = -2\varepsilon (-1) (-1) = -2\varepsilon. \quad \checkmark$$

Explanation: ①

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_j^2}(\eta) \leq \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_j^2}(\eta) = -2\epsilon.$$

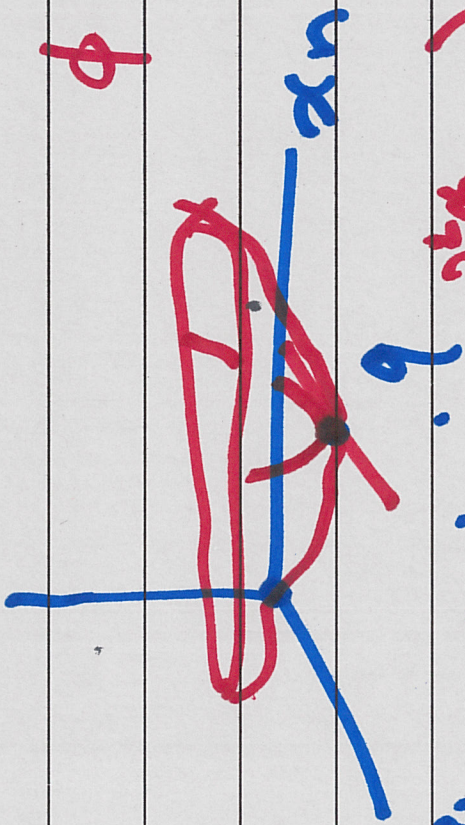
②

$$\Delta V(\eta) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_j^2}(\eta) \leq -2\epsilon n < 0.$$

$$\phi(x) = w(x) + c - v(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{AND} \quad \phi(\eta) = 0.$$

$\phi$  has a min at 0.

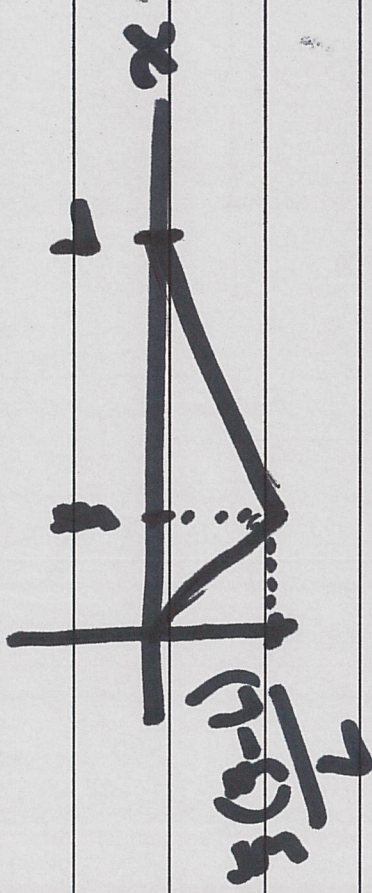
$$D\phi_\eta = 0. \quad \text{AND} \quad D^2\phi(\eta) \geq 0.$$



$$\text{Hessian } D^2\phi = \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right)$$

# Weak Derivatives:

$$G(x, y)$$



A weak derivative  $g$   
of  $f$  has

$$\int f \phi' = - \int g \phi$$

Think about this: If  $f'$   
is a classical derivative,  
then

$$\int f \phi' = f \phi \Big|_0^L - \int f' \phi$$

$$\int_0^L G(x, y) \phi'(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \frac{L-x}{L} \phi'(x) dx$$

$$+ \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L \frac{x-L}{L} \phi'(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{L-x}{L} (x \phi) \Big|_0^{\frac{L}{2}} - \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \phi(x) dx$$

$$+ \frac{x-L}{L} (x-L) \phi \Big|_{\frac{L}{2}}^L - \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L \phi(x) dx$$

$$\int_0^L G(x, \xi) \phi'(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{\xi-L}{L} \left( \xi \phi(\xi) - \int_0^{\xi} \phi(x) dx \right)$$

$$+ \frac{\xi}{L} \left( -(L-\xi) \phi(\xi) - \int_{\xi}^L \phi(x) dx \right)$$

$$= \frac{L-\xi}{L} \int_0^{\xi} \phi(x) dx - \frac{\xi}{L} \int_{\xi}^L \phi(x) dx$$

$$= - \int_0^L \left( \frac{\xi-L}{L} \chi_{[\xi, L]}(x) + \frac{\xi}{L} \chi_{[0, \xi]}(x) \right) \phi(x) dx$$

Weak Derivative  $G_x(x, \xi) = \begin{cases} \frac{\xi-L}{L}, & 0 \leq x < \xi \\ \frac{\xi}{L}, & \xi \leq x \leq L \end{cases}$



## Characteristic Function:

$$\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \notin A \end{cases}$$

$$\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in A. \end{cases}$$

$\chi_{\text{set}}$

$$\int_0^3 \phi(x) dx = \int_0^L \phi(x) \chi_{[0,3]}(x) dx.$$

## The Point of View of Weak Derivatives:

$$\int f \phi' = - \int f' \phi \leftarrow \text{integral functional}$$

↑ weak derivatives

$\phi$  input or "test function"

$$\mathcal{H}[\phi'] = \mathcal{H}[\phi]$$

$$\mathcal{H}: C_c^\infty(a,b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ by } \mathcal{H}[\phi] = \int f \phi$$

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$$\mathcal{H}[\phi] = - \int \underbrace{g \phi}_{\text{"f'}} = - \langle g, \phi \rangle_{L^2}$$

Remember Normed Spaces.

$$(V, \|\cdot\|) \quad (W, \|\cdot\|)$$

normed  $\uparrow$  vector space.

$$\mathcal{H}: V \rightarrow W$$

operator.

More Structure: Inner product

$$V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

- (i)  $\langle v, w \rangle = \langle w, v \rangle$  (symmetric)
- (ii) bilinear  $\langle av + bw, z \rangle = a\langle v, z \rangle + b\langle w, z \rangle$
- (iii) positive definite (for inner prod.)  
 $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$  with " $=0$ " only

for  $v = 0$ .

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}.$$

## Example(s)

$$x \cdot y = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j y_j$$

$$x \cdot x = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2 = |x|^2.$$

$L^2$  square integrable function  $\int |u|^2 < \infty$ .

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int u \cdot v$$

$L^1$  is named  $\|u\|_1 = \int |u|$ .

$L^2$  is named  $\|u\|_2 = \left( \int |u|^2 \right)^{1/2}$

Is  $L^4$  an inner product space?

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int u^2 v^2$$

symmetric? ✓

bilinear? ✗

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : L^4 \times L^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

NO

$$\{ \text{of } [\phi] = \int f\phi = \langle f, \phi \rangle_{L^2}$$

$$\{ \text{of } \mathcal{H} : C_c^\infty(a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$