

Sharp Inequalities and related problems

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For $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, n$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i y_i| \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

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$\lambda_1(\Omega)$ is the first eigen value of $-\Delta$

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More generally can we have

$$C \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(x)|^q dx \right]^{\frac{p}{q}} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u(x)|^p dx, \quad u \in C_c^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

Suppose we have such an inequality for some p, q then

$$q = \frac{np}{n-p} := p^*$$

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Morrey's Inequality : Let $p > n$, there exists an optimal constant $S_{p,n} > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{x \neq y} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|}{|x - y|^{1 - \frac{n}{p}}} \leq S_{n,p} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u(x)|^p dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

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$S_{1,n}$ is not achieved

Isoperimetric Inequality

Isoperimetric problem : Determine the shape of the closed plane curve having a given length and enclosing the maximum area

Isoperimetric Inequality

Let Ω be a bounded open set in \mathbb{R}^n with smooth boundary then

$$H^{n-1}(\partial\Omega) \geq n^{1-\frac{1}{n}} [\omega_{n-1}]^{\frac{1}{n}} |\text{Vol } \Omega|^{\frac{n}{n-1}}$$

Equality holds iff Ω is a ball

Federer-Fleming : Sobolev inequality with $p = 1$ is equivalent to the Isoperimetric Inequality

Conjecture : Let (M, g) be a Cartan-Hadamard manifold then the isoperimetric inequality :

$$H^{n-1}(\partial\Omega) \geq n^{1-\frac{1}{n}} [\omega_{n-1}]^{\frac{1}{n}} |\text{Vol } \Omega|^{\frac{n}{n-1}}$$

holds in (M, g) .

- $n=2$, Weil, 1926
- $n=3$, Kleiner, 1992
- $n=4$, Croke, 1984
- $n \geq 5$, Joel Spruck, et al...2019 (???)

The case $p = 2$

$$S_{2,n} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(x)|^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} dx \right]^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u(x)|^2 dx, \quad u \in C_c^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

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If u is an Extremal then u solves

$$-\Delta u = u^{\frac{n+2}{n-2}}, \quad u > 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u|^2 < \infty.$$

- Rotational Symmetry

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- Conformal invariance

Let $K : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a conformal map and u is a solution of the PDE, the

$$\tilde{u} := J(K)^{\frac{n-2}{2}} u(K(x))$$

is also a solution

- All solutions are of the form

$$U(x) = \left[\frac{\sqrt{N(N-2)}\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^2 + |x - x_0|^2} \right]^{\frac{N-2}{2}}$$

for some $\varepsilon > 0$ and $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$

Equivalent Geometric problem

Obata : Let g be a metric on the unit sphere \mathbb{S}^n conformal to the standard metric on S^n , then g is of constant scalar curvature 1 iff g is of constant sectional curvature 1.

Yamabe Problem

Let (M, g) be a compact Riemannian manifold of dimension N and scalar curvature K_g , can we find a metric \tilde{g} conformal to g such that \tilde{g} has constant scalar curvature.?

If $\tilde{g} = u^{\frac{4}{N-2}} g$, then this is equivalent to solving the PDE

$$-\frac{4(N-1)}{N-2} \Delta_g u + K_g u = k u^{\frac{N+2}{N-2}}$$

where k is a constant.

Hardy-Sobolev -Maz'ya Inequality.

Let $2 \leq k < N$, $\mathbb{R}^N = \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^h$. Denote a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ by $x = (y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^h$, then for $t \in [0, 2)$ there exists an optimal constant $S = S_{t,N,k} > 0$ such that

$$S \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{|u|^{2^*(t)}}{|y|^t} dx \right)^{\frac{2}{2^*(t)}} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\nabla u|^2 dx - \lambda \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{|u|^2}{|y|^2} dx$$

holds for all $u \in D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ where $2^*(t) = \frac{2(N-t)}{N-2}$ and $0 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{(k-2)^2}{4}$.

Euler Lagrange Equation.

$$-\Delta u - \lambda \frac{u}{|y|^2} = \frac{u^{p(t)-1}}{|y|^t}, \quad u > 0, \quad u \in D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^N)$$

where $x = (y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^h = \mathbb{R}^N$

Classification of Solution

Question : Uniqueness of Solution

Difficulty : Lack of rotational symmetry

Classification of Solution.

- **(G Mancini , Sandeep)** The problem has Hyperbolic symmetry and showed that the Solution space is of $N - k + 1$ dimensional

Classification of solutions when $t = 1$.

Theorem

(Fabri, Mancini, S) Let u_0 be the function given by

$$u_0(x) = u_0(y, z) = c_{N,k} \left((1 + |y|)^2 + |z|^2 \right)^{-\frac{N-2}{2}}$$

where $c_{N,k} = \{(N-2)(k-1)\}^{\frac{N-2}{2}}$. Then u is a solution of

$$-\Delta u = \frac{u^{\frac{N}{N-2}}}{|y|} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^N, u > 0, u \in D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^N)$$

if and only if $u(y, z) = \lambda^{\frac{N-2}{2}} u_0(\lambda y, \lambda z + z_0)$ for some $\lambda > 0$ and $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{N-k}$

Thank You