

A Note on a Result of Harell II - Kurata - Kröger

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Abstract: Let Ω be any non-empty open subset of \mathbb{R}^d , In this paper we generalise the following result of [1] for any divergence free smooth vector field V on \mathbb{R}^d .

Let $f \in C^1(\Omega)$ and v be any unit vector of \mathbb{R}^d , $B \subseteq \Omega$ open subset of \mathbb{R}^d such that $\bar{B} \subseteq \Omega$. Let

$B_\varepsilon = \{x + \varepsilon v | x \in B\}$ and n is the outward unit normal field of Ω on $\partial\Omega$. Then

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(\int_{B_\varepsilon} f^2 dx - \int_B f^2 dx \right) = \int_{\partial\Omega} f^2 \langle v, n \rangle ds$$

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1. Introduction

Let Ω be any open non empty subset of \mathbb{R}^d , $u \in H^2(D)$ and V be a divergence free vector field associated with a 1-parameter group of diffeomorphisms of \mathbb{R}^d . Now we would like to prove the result of [1] mentioned in the abstract for the vector field V .

2. Statement of the Main Result

Theorem 2.1 Let Ω be a domain in \mathbb{R}^d . Let $\{\psi_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ be 1-parameter group of diffeomorphisms of \mathbb{R}^d associated with a divergence free vector field V .

Let $\Omega_t = \psi_t(\Omega)$, ($t \in \mathbb{R}$). Then for any $u \in H^2(D)$,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left(\int_{\Omega_t} u^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \right) = \int_{\partial\Omega} u^2 \langle V, n \rangle dx,$$

where n denotes the outward unit normal field of the domain Ω on its boundary $\partial\Omega$.

3. Preliminaries

Let Ω be any open non empty subset of \mathbb{R}^d . $p \geq 1$ be any real number and $L^p(\Omega)$ class of all real valued measurable functions defined on Ω for which $\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^p dx < \infty$. Let $D(\Omega)$ denote the collection of all real valued smooth functions defined on Ω having their compact support in Ω .

Definition 3.1

For $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_d) \in (\mathbb{Z}^+)^d$, we put $|\beta| = \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \dots + \beta_d$ and set

$D^\beta = D_1^{\beta_1} D_2^{\beta_2} \dots D_d^{\beta_d}$. A function $v \in L^2(\Omega)$ is said to be an ' β -th weak partial derivative' of $u \in L^2(\Omega)$ if

$$\int_{\Omega} u D^\beta dx = (-1)^{|\beta|} \int_{\Omega} v \varphi dx \quad \forall \varphi \in D(\Omega).$$

The β -th weak partial derivative of u , when exists, is denoted by $\partial^\beta u$.

Definition 3.2

For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we define Sobolev space $H^{k,p}(\Omega)$ by

$$H^{k,p}(\Omega) = \{u \in L^p(\Omega) \mid \partial^\beta u \in L^p(\Omega) \text{ for } |\beta| \leq k\}$$

For $u \in H^{k,p}(\Omega)$, the Sobolev norm of u is given by

$$\|u\|_{H^{k,p}} = \left(\sum_{|\beta| \leq k} \|\partial^\beta u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

When $p = 2$, we denote $H^{k,p}(\Omega)$ by $H^k(\Omega)$. The closure of $D(\Omega)$ in $H^k(\Omega)$ is denoted by $H_0^k(\Omega)$.

Definition 3.3

Let $\mathbf{F}(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_d(x))$ be a smooth vector field defined on a bounded domain Ω in \mathbb{R}^d . Then the divergence $\text{div}\mathbf{F}$ of the vector field \mathbf{F} is the function defined on Ω by

$$(\text{div}\mathbf{F})(x) = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_j}(x), \quad (x \in \Omega).$$

\mathbf{F} is said to be a divergence free vector field on a domain Ω , if $\text{div}\mathbf{F}(x) = 0 \forall x \in \Omega$

4. Some Required Results

Lemma 4.1

Let Ω be a non-empty open subset of \mathbb{R}^d and let $u \in H^2(\Omega)$. Then $u^2 \in H^{1,1}(\Omega)$

Proof:

$$\int_{\Omega} u^2 dx = \|u^2\|_{L^1(\Omega)} < \infty, \quad u^2 \in L^1(\Omega) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x_i} \right| dx &= 2 \int_{\Omega} \left| u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right| dx \\ &\leq 2 \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ &\leq 2 \|u\|_{H^2(\Omega)}^2 < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x_i} \in L^1(\Omega) \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, d. \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2), $u^2 \in H^{1,1}(\Omega)$.

Lemma 4.2

Let $\{\psi_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ be the 1-parameter group of diffeomorphisms of \mathbb{R}^d associated with the vector field V . Let $j_t(x) = \det(D\psi_t(x))$. Then $j_t'(x)|_{t=0} = \text{div}V(x)$.

Proof:

$$j_t(x) = \det(D\psi_t(x))$$

$$V(x) = (v_1(x), v_2(x), \dots, v_d(x))$$

$$\psi_t(x) = x + tV(x) + O_2(t)$$

$$\therefore D\psi_t(x) = Id_{d \times d} + tDV(x) + \text{Higher order terms in } t$$

$$\therefore j_t(x) = \det(Id_{d \times d} + tDV(x) + \dots)$$

$$\therefore j_t(x) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_1} + \dots, & \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_2} + \dots, & \dots, & \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_d} + \dots \\ \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x_1} + \dots, & 1 + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x_2} + \dots, & \dots, & \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x_d} + \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial v_d}{\partial x_1} + \dots, & \frac{\partial v_d}{\partial x_2} + \dots, & \dots, & 1 + \frac{\partial v_d}{\partial x_d} + \dots \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j}$$

$$\therefore j_t(x) = \operatorname{div}V(x).$$

5. Proof Of Theorem 2.1

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(u^2V) &= \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial(u^2v_j)}{\partial x_j} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^d \left(u^2 \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j} + v_j \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x_j} \right) \\ &= u^2 \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j} + \sum_{j=1}^d v_j \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x_j} \\ &= u^2 \operatorname{div}V + \langle \nabla u^2, V \rangle \\ &= \langle \nabla u^2, V \rangle \quad (\because \operatorname{div}V = 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{div}(u^2V) = \langle \nabla u^2, V \rangle \quad (3)$$

Let $j_t(x) := \det(D\psi_t)(x)$, $(x \in R^d)$. Then $j_0(x) = 1 \quad \forall x \in R^d$ and by lemma 4.2

$$j_t'(x) := \frac{dj_t}{dt} \Big|_{t=0}(x) = \operatorname{div}(V(x)). \quad (4)$$

By lemma 4.1 $u^2 \in H^{1,1}(\Omega)$. By the change of variable formula for integration

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left(\int_{\Omega_t} u^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega} \frac{(u^2 \circ \psi_t) j_t - u^2}{t} dx. \quad (5)$$

By Dominated Convergence theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left(\int_{\Omega_t} u^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \right) \\
&= \int_{\Omega} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{(u^2 \circ \psi_t) j_t - u^2}{t} \right) dx \\
&= \int_{\Omega} (u^2 \circ \psi_t)' j_0 + j_t' u^2 \circ \psi_0 dx \tag{6}
\end{aligned}$$

Claim 5.1: $(u^2 \circ \psi_t)'|_{t=0} = \langle \nabla u^2, V \rangle$ almost everywhere on Ω .

Proof of claim 5.1:

$$\text{By lemma 4.1 } u^2 \in H^{1,1}(\Omega) \\ \frac{d}{dt} (u^2 \circ \psi_t)|_{t=0} = Du_x^2 \left(\frac{d}{dt} \psi_t \right) |_{t=0} \tag{7}$$

$$= Du_x^2(V(x)) \tag{8}$$

$$= \langle \nabla u^2, V \rangle(x) \tag{9}$$

Hence the claim.

Claim 5.2 $\frac{d}{dt} ((u^2 \circ \psi_t) j_t)|_{t=0} = \langle \nabla u^2, V \rangle(x) + u^2(x) \text{div}(V(x))$.

Proof of claim 5.2:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} ((u^2 \circ \psi_t) j_t)|_{t=0} \\
&= j_0(x) \frac{d}{dt} (u^2 \circ \psi_t)(x)|_{t=0} + (u^2 \circ \psi_0)(x) \frac{d}{dt} j_t(x)|_{t=0} \\
&= \frac{d}{dt} (u^2 \circ \psi_t)(x)|_{t=0} + u^2 j_t'(x)|_{t=0} \quad (\because j_0(x) = 1)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence by claim 5.1 and lemma 4.2,

$$\frac{d}{dt} ((u^2 \circ \psi_t) j_t)|_{t=0} = \langle \nabla u^2, V \rangle(x) + u^2(x) \text{div}(V(x)).$$

Thus from claim 5.1, claim 5.2 and (3)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left(\int_{\Omega_t} u^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \right) = \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u^2, V \rangle dx$$

Thus by Gauss Divergence Theorem,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left(\int_{\Omega_t} u^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \right) = \int_{\partial \Omega} u^2 \langle V, n \rangle ds.$$

Hence the theorem.

6. Conclusion

The theorem in [1] is true for the general vector field with the suitable assumptions (i.e. Divergence free vector field).

7. References

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