

141. On Goursat Problem. I

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1. We shall consider the problem of the unique existence of the solutions in some Gevrey class for the equation written in the following form on $\Omega = \prod_{i=1}^m [0, T_i] \times D$ where D is the closure of a bounded domain, in $m+n$ dimensional euclidean space $\prod_{i=1}^m R_{t_i}^1 \times R_x^n$, i.e. Goursat problem:

$$(1) \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^\alpha u(t, x) = \sum_{\beta, \gamma} a_{\beta\gamma}(t, x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^\beta \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\gamma u(t, x) + f(t, x)$$

with data

$$(2) \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}\right)^k u(t, x) \Big|_{t_i=0} = \phi_{ik}(t, x) \quad 0 \leq k \leq \alpha_i - 1 \quad 1 \leq i \leq m,$$

where $\phi_{ik}(t, x)$ are defined on $t_i=0$ satisfying

$$(3) \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}\right)^k \phi_{jl}(t, x) \Big|_{t_i=0} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_j}\right)^l \phi_{ik}(t, x) \Big|_{t_j=0} \quad i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j \leq m,$$

the notations contained in the above mean

$$(t, x) = (t_1, \dots, t_m, x_1, \dots, x_n),$$

$$\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \text{ multi-positive-integer,}$$

$$\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m), \gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) \text{ multi-nonnegative-integers,}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^\alpha = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1}\right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_m}\right)^{\alpha_m}, \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\gamma = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right)^{\gamma_1} \cdots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)^{\gamma_n},$$

and the summation $\sum_{\beta, \gamma}$ is done for all β, γ satisfying

$$(4) \quad |\alpha| \geq |\beta| + |\gamma|, \quad |\alpha| > |\beta| \text{ and } \alpha_i \geq \beta_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq m,$$

where $|\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i$ and $|\beta|, |\gamma|$ are similarly defined.

A. Friedman solved the equation with non-linear right hand side under the assumption of the analyticity with respect to t_i variables on $a_{\beta\gamma}(t, x)$ and $f(t, x)$ and a rather stronger condition than (4), [1]. It seems for me that this assumption on t_i variables is essential in his proofs even when we restrict the equation in the linear case. The purpose of this note is to give a remark that we can get a similar result for the linear case under the assumption of the continuity with respect to t_i variables. On this problem Darboux, Goursat, and Bendom treated the case for $m=2, \alpha_1=\alpha_2=1$ and a non-linear right hand side, [2]. L. Hörmander solved the case for analytic $a_{\beta\gamma}(t, x)$ and $f(t, x)$ under a weaker condition than

(4), [3]. As for the method we make an extended use of that of C. Pucci, de Giorgi, and G. Talenti who used for the Cauchy problem, [4]—[7]. We only give the sketch of proofs, and the details will be published with further results on non-linear equations.

2. A function $g(t, x)$ in $C_{(t,x)}^{(0,\infty)}(\Omega)^1$ is defined to be in the class $G(\delta)$ $\delta \geq 1$ if the estimate

$$\max_{\Omega} \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^s g(t, x) \right| \leq \rho^{|\alpha|+1} \Gamma(\delta |s| + 1)^2$$

holds for some constant ρ and any multi-integer s . Here we state

Theorem 1 (existence).

(I) $f(t, x)$, $a_{\beta\gamma}(t, x)$, and $\phi_{ik}(t, x)$ are in $G(\delta)$ for δ :

$$1 \leq \delta \leq \min_{\beta, \gamma} \frac{|\alpha| - |\beta|}{|\gamma|}$$

(II) For any $\varepsilon: 0 < \varepsilon < 1$ fixed, we choose $T = (T_1, \dots, T_m)^3$ such that

$$(5) \quad A(T) = \sum_{\beta, \gamma} \left\{ \frac{T}{\varepsilon^{m\delta}(1-\varepsilon)} \right\}^{\alpha-\beta^4} < 1$$

holds. Then there is a solution $u(t, x)$ of (1), (2) satisfying

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^\alpha u(t, x) \in G(\delta).$$

Theorem 2 (uniqueness). If $u_1(t, x)$, $u_2(t, x)$ are two solutions of (1), (2) satisfying $u_i(t, x) \in G(\delta)$ $i=1, 2$, and $a_{\beta\gamma}(t, x)$ are in $G(\delta)$, then $u_1(t, x) \equiv u_2(t, x)$ on Ω .

We can set without losing generality $\phi_{ik}(t, x) \equiv 0$ by replacing $u(t, x)$ in (1) for

$$v(t, x) = u(t, x) - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha_i-1} \frac{t_i^k}{k!} \phi_{ik}(t, x) + \sum_{i < j} \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha_i-1} \sum_{l=0}^{\alpha_j-1} \frac{t_i^k}{k!} \frac{t_j^l}{l!} \phi_{jl}(t, x) |_{t_j=0},$$

and the new $f(t, x)$ in the resulting form of (1) by this replacement is denoted by $g(t, x)$, also in $G(\delta)$ by (I) of theorem 1.

Setting

$$w(t, x) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^\alpha v(t, x)$$

we have

$$v(t, x) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-\tau)^{\alpha-1}}{(\alpha-1)!} w(\tau, x) d\tau$$

where $t \in \prod_{i=1}^m [0, T_i]$,

1) $C_{(t,x)}^{(0,\infty)}(\Omega)$ is the totality of the functions continuous with respect to t and infinitely differentiable with respect to x on Ω .

2) $\Gamma(\alpha)$ is the Gamma function.

3) Ω depends on $T = (T_1, \dots, T_m)$.

4) For $T = (T_1, \dots, T_m)$ and $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m)$, $T^\mu = T_1^{\mu_1} \dots T_m^{\mu_m}$.

$\int_0^t = \int_0^{t_1} \int_0^{t_2} \dots \int_0^{t_m}$, $(\alpha - 1)! = (\alpha_1 - 1)! (\alpha_2 - 1)! \dots (\alpha_m - 1)!$,⁵⁾
 $(t - \tau)^{\alpha - 1} = (t_1 - \tau_1)^{\alpha_1 - 1} (t_2 - \tau_2)^{\alpha_2 - 1} \dots (t_m - \tau_m)^{\alpha_m - 1}$ and $d\tau = d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \dots d\tau_m$.
 By this we can transform (1), (2) into the following integro-differential equation

$$(6) \quad w(t, x) = g(t, x) + Hw(t, x)$$

$$H = \sum_{\beta, \gamma} H_{\beta, \gamma}, \quad Hw(t, x) = \alpha_{\beta, \gamma}(t, x) \int_0^t \frac{(t - \tau)^{\alpha - \beta - 1}}{(\alpha - \beta - 1)!} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\gamma w(\tau, x) d\tau$$

By calculating of Gamma function we can obtain

Lemma 1. *If $\alpha_{\beta, \gamma}(t, x)$ is in $G(\delta)$ and $b(t, x)$ in $C_{(t, x)}^{(0, \infty)}(\Omega)$ satisfies*

$$\left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^s b(t, x) \right| \leq B \rho^{l+s} \Gamma(\delta |s| + l + 1)$$

then

$$\left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^s \{ \alpha_{\beta, \gamma}(t, x) b(t, x) \} \right| \leq \frac{B\rho}{l+1} \rho^{l+s} \Gamma(\delta |s| + l + 2)$$

holds.

Lemma 2. *For multi-integers (β^i, γ^i) $1 \leq i \leq p$ satisfying (4)*

$$(7) \quad \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^s H_{\beta^p, \gamma^p} H_{\beta^{p-1}, \gamma^{p-1}} \dots H_{\beta^1, \gamma^1} g(t, x) \right| \leq \frac{\rho^{\sum_{i=1}^p |\gamma^i| + |s| + p + 1}}{\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^p (\alpha - \beta^i) \right\}! p!} t^{\sum_{i=1}^p (\alpha - \beta^i)}$$

holds for $g(t, x)$ in (6).

This lemma is proved as the following. We set $h(t, x) = H_{\beta^{p-1}, \gamma^{p-1}} \dots H_{\beta^1, \gamma^1} g(t, x)$ satisfying (7) for $p - 1$. Then by lemma 1

$$\left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^s H_{\beta^p, \gamma^p} h(t, x) \right| = \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^s \alpha_{\beta^p, \gamma^p}(t, x) \int_0^t \frac{(t - \tau)^{\alpha - \beta^p - 1}}{(\alpha - \beta^p - 1)!} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^{\gamma^p} h(\tau, x) d\tau \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{\rho^{\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} |\gamma^i| + |s| + (p-1) + 1}}{\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (\alpha - \beta^i) \right\}! (p-1)!} \frac{\rho}{\delta \sum_{i=1}^p |\gamma^i| + \delta |s| + p + 1}$$

$$\times \Gamma\left(\delta \sum_{i=1}^p |\gamma^i| + \delta |s| + p + 1\right) \cdot \frac{1}{(\alpha - \beta^p - 1)!}$$

$$\times \int_0^t \tau^{\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (\alpha - \beta^i)} (t - \tau)^{\alpha - \beta^p - 1} d\tau$$

is obtained. And by

$$\int_0^t \tau^{\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (\alpha - \beta^i)} (t - \tau)^{\alpha - \beta^p - 1} d\tau = t^{\sum_{i=1}^p (\alpha - \beta^i)} \int_0^t \tau^{\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (\alpha - \beta^i)} (1 - \tau)^{\alpha - \beta^p - 1} d\tau$$

$$= t^{\sum_{i=1}^p (\alpha - \beta^i)} \frac{\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (\alpha - \beta^i) \right\}! (\alpha - \beta^p - 1)!}{\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^p (\alpha - \beta^i) \right\}!},$$

we get (7). The repeated use of the inequality

5) In what follows for $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m)$, $\mu! = \mu_1! \dots \mu_m!$

$$\Gamma(a+b+1) \leq \frac{\Gamma(a+1)\Gamma(b+1)}{\varepsilon^a(1-\varepsilon)^b}$$

for any $a \geq 0, b \geq 0$, and any $\varepsilon : 0 < \varepsilon < 1$ fixed, and (4) lead to

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma\left(\delta \sum_{i=1}^p |\gamma^i| + \delta |s| + p + 1\right) &\leq \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^p (|\alpha| - |\beta^j|) + \delta |s| + 1\right) \\ &\leq \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{i=1}^p (|\alpha| - |\beta^i|) + 1\right)\Gamma(\delta |s| + p + 1)}{\varepsilon^{m\delta \sum_{i=1}^p |\gamma^i|} (1-\varepsilon)^{\delta |s| + p}} \\ &\leq \frac{\left\{\sum_{i=1}^p (\alpha - \beta^i)\right\}! \Gamma(\delta |s| + p + 1)}{\varepsilon^{m\delta \sum_{i=1}^p |\gamma^i|} (1-\varepsilon)^{\delta |s| + p} \varepsilon^{m\delta \sum_{i=1}^p (|\alpha| - |\beta^i|)} (1-\varepsilon)^{\sum_{i=1}^p (|\alpha| - |\beta^i|)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^s H_{\beta^p r^p} \cdots H_{\beta^1 r^1} g(t, x) \right| &\leq (1-\varepsilon)^\delta \left\{ \frac{\rho}{(1-\varepsilon)^\delta} \right\}^{|s|+1} \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{\rho}{\varepsilon^{m\delta}}\right)^{\sum_{i=1}^p |\gamma^i|} \left(\frac{\rho}{1-\varepsilon}\right)^p \frac{1}{p!} \Gamma(\delta |s| + p + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Using this inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} (8) \quad \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^s H^p g(t, x) \right| &= \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^s \left(\sum_{\beta, r} H_{\beta r}\right)^p g(t, x) \right| \\ &\leq (1-\varepsilon)^\delta \left\{ \frac{\rho}{(1-\varepsilon)^\delta} \right\}^{|s|+1} \left[\sum_{\beta, r} \left\{ \frac{t}{\varepsilon^{m\delta}(1-\varepsilon)} \right\}^{\alpha-\beta} \left(\frac{\rho}{\varepsilon^{m\delta}}\right)^{|\delta|} \frac{\rho}{1-\varepsilon} \right]^p \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{p!} \Gamma(\delta |s| + p + 1). \end{aligned}$$

By (4) for any $\varepsilon : 0 < \varepsilon < 1$ fixed we can choose $T = (T_1, \dots, T_m)$ such that (5) holds, therefore using

$$\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(a+p+1)}{p!} Z^p = \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{(1-Z)^{\alpha+1}} \quad \text{for } a \geq 0, |Z| < 1,$$

the series $\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^s H^p g(t, x)$ converges uniformly on Ω , and

$$\left| \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^s H^p g(t, x) \right| \leq (1-\varepsilon)^\delta (1-A(T))^{\delta |s| + 1} \left\{ \frac{\rho}{(1-\varepsilon)^\delta} \right\}^{|s|+1} \Gamma(\delta |s| + 1)$$

holds. This shows the function $w(t, x) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} H^p g(t, x)$ is in $G(\delta)$.

Thus a solution of (6) is obtained.

For the uniqueness if $u_i(t, x) \ i=1, 2$ are two solution of (1), (2) stated in Theorem 2, we set $w(t, x) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^\alpha \{u_1(t, x) - u_2(t, x)\}$ belonging to $G(\delta)$. As the $w(t, x)$ satisfies $w(t, x) = Hw(t, x)$, $w(t, x) = H^p w(t, x)$ for any $p > 1$. Furthermore the inequality (8) shows $w(t, x) \leq (1-\varepsilon)^\delta \{A(T)\}^p$ where $A(T) < 1$. Thus, $w(t, x) \equiv 0$ on Ω .

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