

# A Symbolic Approach to Boundary Problems for Linear Partial Differential Equations

Applications to the Completely Reducible Case of the  
Cauchy Problem with Constant Coefficients

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(Singular boundary problems for ODEs  $\rightarrow$  [Korporal2012])



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Computation of Green's Operator decomposes into differential equation/boundary conditions.

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Let  $T = a + a_0\partial_t + a_1\partial_1 + \cdots + a_n\partial_n \in \mathbb{C}[D]$  be a first-order operator with all  $a_i \neq 0$ . Then the Cauchy problem  $Tu = 0$ ,  $u(0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  has state operator  $H(f) = e^{-at/a_0} Z^* \tilde{Z}_x^* f$  and signal operator  $G = a_0^{-1} e^{at/a_0} Z^* A_t e^{-at/a_0} \tilde{Z}^*$ , with  $Z = Z(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$  where  $Z$  has inverse  $\tilde{Z}$ .

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Rotations	$Q_\alpha^*$	$\alpha \in [0, 2\pi]$	$u(\gamma x - \sigma y, \sigma x + \gamma y)$
Multipliers	$e^{\lambda x} x^m, e^{\mu y} y^n$	$m, n \in \mathbb{N}^+, \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{C}$	$e^{\lambda x} x^m u(x, y), e^{\mu y} y^n u(x, y)$
Integrations	$A_x, A_y$	–	$\int_0^x u(\xi, y) d\xi, \int_0^y u(x, \eta) d\eta$
Derivations	$D_x, D_y$	–	$u_x(x, y), u_y(x, y)$

**Note:** Still lacking confluence proof for rewrite system!

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