

In what follows,  $\Omega$  denotes a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ .

1.(20%) Let the vector-valued function space  $\mathcal{H} := \{u \in L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^n) : \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} < \infty\}$ . Show that the trace map  $T : \mathcal{H} \ni u \rightarrow u \cdot N|_{\partial\Omega}$  is a continuous map from  $\mathcal{H}$  onto  $H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega)$ , where  $N$  is the unit outer normal of  $\partial\Omega$ .

2.(20%) Assume that  $\Gamma$  is a  $C^1$  hypersurface inside  $\Omega$ . We write  $\Omega = \Omega^+ \cup \Gamma \cup \Omega^-$ , where  $\Omega^+ \cap \Omega^- = \emptyset$  and both are open. Let  $a^\pm(x) \in C^0(\overline{\Omega^\pm})$  be two positive scalar functions and  $u^\pm(x) \in H^1(\Omega^\pm)$  satisfy  $\nabla \cdot (a^\pm(x)\nabla u^\pm) = 0$  in  $\Omega^\pm$ . Find the conditions on  $u^\pm$  such that if we define

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} u^-(x), & x \in \Omega^-, \\ u^+(x), & x \in \Omega^+, \end{cases}$$

then  $u$  is a  $H^1(\Omega)$  solution of  $\nabla \cdot (a\nabla u) = 0$  in  $\Omega$ , where

$$a(x) = \begin{cases} a^-(x), & x \in \Omega^-, \\ a^+(x), & x \in \Omega^+. \end{cases}$$

3.

(1) (20%) Let  $f$  be a positive harmonic function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $f \equiv \text{constant}$ .  
(Hint: use the mean value property)

(2) (10%) The same result in (1) holds if  $f$  is a positive harmonic function in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ .

(3) (10%) Does (2) remain true if  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  is replaced by  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  with  $n \geq 3$ ?

4.(20%) Let  $u$  be the solution to

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - \Delta u &= 0 & \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial N} &= 0 & \text{on } (0, \infty) \times \partial\Omega, \\ u &= u_0 & \text{in } \{0\} \times \partial\Omega, \end{aligned}$$

where  $u_0$  is a smooth function. Show that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} |u(x, t) - \bar{u}_{0, \Omega}|^2 dx = 0$$

with

$$\bar{u}_{0, \Omega} = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} u_0(x) dx, \quad |\Omega| = \int_{\Omega} dx.$$

(Hint: the following Poincaré's inequality is useful:

$$\int_{\Omega} |f(x) - \bar{f}_{\Omega}|^2 dx \leq C \int_{\Omega} |\nabla f|^2 dx.$$

Set  $v(x, t) = u(x, t) - \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} u(x, t) dx$  and proceed.)