

## Serie 13

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**What's needed:** Derivatives in polar coordinates, Laplacian in polar coordinates, Laplace equation on a disk with prescribed boundary conditions (Dirichlet problem).

1. Find the solution of the 2-dimensional Laplace equation (steady heat equation)

$$\nabla^2 u = 0$$

on the disk  $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\}$  with prescribed temperature on the external circumference given by

$$u(x, y) = x^3, \quad (x, y) \in \partial D \left( = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 4\} \right).$$

[ You can use the trigonometric formula

$$\cos^3(\theta) = \frac{3}{4} \cos(\theta) + \frac{1}{4} \cos(3\theta) ]$$

Do as follows:

- a) Write the boundary condition in polar coordinates.
- b) Solve the problem in polar coordinates, using the methods/formulas learnt in the Lecture notes.
- c) Express the solution in the standard cartesian coordinates:

$$u(x, y) = ?$$

2. Let  $R > 0$ .

- a) Find the solution  $u(r, \theta)$  of the Dirichlet problem on the disk of radius  $R$  in polar coordinates:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = 0, & 0 \leq r \leq R, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \\ u(R, \theta) = \sin^2(\theta), & 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi. \end{cases}$$

[ You can use the trigonometric formula

$$\sin^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\theta) ]$$

- b) Find the maximum of  $u(r, \theta)$ . In which point(s) is it reached?  
c) Express the solution in the standard cartesian coordinates.

3. Let  $u$  be the unique harmonic function ( $\nabla^2 u = 0$ ) on the unit disk which on the boundary is

$$u(x, y) = xy + 3.$$

*Without computing any integral or using any formula from the script, answer the following questions:*

- a) Find the solution in the standard coordinates  $u(x, y)$ .  
b) What's the value in the center of the disk  $u(0, 0) = ?$   
c) What's the maximum of  $u$  and in which point(s) is it reached?

4. Prove, without computing explicitly the integrals, that for each  $0 \leq r < 1$  and for each  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ :

a)

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r \cos(\theta - \phi) + r^2} d\phi = 1.$$

b)

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(1 - r^2)(\cos^3(\phi) \sin(\phi) - \sin^3(\phi) \cos(\phi))}{1 - 2r \cos(\theta - \phi) + r^2} d\phi = \frac{r^3}{4} \sin(4\theta).$$