

## Serie 13

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**You need to know:** Derivatives and Laplace operator in polar coordinates, Laplace equation on a disk with prescribed boundary conditions (Dirichlet problem).

**Notation:** We use the following notation for the centered disk of radius  $R > 0$  and its boundary:

$$D_R := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq R^2\}$$
$$\partial D_R := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = R^2\}$$

1. Find the solution of the following Laplace equation on the disk of radius 2:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = 0, & (x, y) \in D_2 \\ u(x, y) = x^3. & (x, y) \in \partial D_2 \end{cases}$$

Do as follows:

- Write the boundary condition in polar coordinates.
- Solve the problem in polar coordinates, using the methods/formulas from the Lecture notes.

[ *Hint:* It might be useful at some point the trigonometric formula

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

- Express the solution in the standard cartesian coordinates:

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

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

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

[ *Hint*: Remember 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  $D_1$  which on the boundary is

$$u(x, y) = xy + 3, \quad (x, y) \in \partial D_1.$$

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

- a) Find  $u(x, y)$ .  
 b) Find the value in the center of the disk:  $u(0, 0) = ?$   
 c) Find the maximum of  $u(x, y)$  and in which point(s) it is reached. Can you notice a similarity with the maximum points in the previous exercise (2.b)? What do they have in common?
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)

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