

## Serie 14

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**You need to know:** Harmonic functions. Mean value property and maximum(/minimum) principle.

1. Let  $u$  the unique harmonic function on the disk of radius  $R$  which on the boundary is

$$u(x, y) = x^2 y^2, \quad (x, y) \in \partial D_R.$$

Answer, *without finding explicitly the function on the whole disk*, the following questions.

- a) Find the value in the center of the disk:

$$u(0, 0) = ?$$

- b) Find the maximum of  $u$  on the disk:

$$\max_{(x, y) \in D_R} u(x, y) = ?$$

- c) Same question for the minimum.

2. Answer the following questions.

- a) Let  $\alpha, b \in \mathbb{N}(= \{0, 1, 2, \dots\})$  and  $u$  the solution of the following Laplace equation:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = 0, & D_R \\ u = x^\alpha y^b, & \partial D_R \end{cases}$$

For which values of  $\alpha, b$  is it true that  $u(0, 0) = 0$ ?

*Hint:* You should find that the answer depends on their parity.

b) Let  $u$  be the solution of the following Laplace equation:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = 0, & D_R \\ u(R, \theta) = 3R e^{\frac{(\theta-\pi)^2}{\theta(\theta-2\pi)}}. & \partial D_R \end{cases}$$

Find the only radius  $R$  for which

$$\max_{(x,y) \in D_R} u(x,y) = \pi$$

c) Let  $u$  be the solution of:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = 0, & D_R \\ u(R, \theta) = \sin^9(\theta). & \partial D_R \end{cases}$$

Is it true or false that  $u + 1 \geq 0$  everywhere on the disk?.

### 3. Poisson's equation on a disk

Solve the following Poisson's equation on a disk of radius  $R$ :

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = x^2 + y^2, & D_R \\ u = 0, & \partial D_R \end{cases}$$

Proceed as follows.

- a) Find a function  $g$  such that  $\nabla^2 g = x^2 + y^2$ .
- b) Observe that the function  $v := u - g$  solves the Laplace equation on the disk with some nonzero boundary condition. Write down this Dirichlet problem for  $v$ .
- c) Solve this problem for  $v$  and then  $u$  will be  $u = v + g$ .