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$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad \Phi = \Phi(x, y)$$

**Two Dimensional in Cartesian**

## Question 1

The temperature distribution,  $T(x, y)$ , in a rectangular plate for which  $0 \leq x \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ , satisfies Laplace's Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$

The edges of the rectangular plate are maintained at the following temperatures

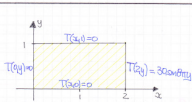
- $T(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in [0, 2]$
- $T(x, 1) = 0, \quad x \in [0, 2]$
- $T(0, y) = 0, \quad y \in [0, 1]$
- $T(2, y) = 30 \sin(8\pi y), \quad y \in [0, 1]$ .

Determine the temperature distribution of the plate

[You must derive the standard Cartesian solution of Laplace's equation in variable separate form]

$$T(x, y) = \frac{80 \sinh(8\pi x) \sin(8\pi y)}{\sinh 16\pi}$$

$\nabla^2 T = 0$   
i.e.  $\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0$   
 $T = T(x, y)$



- Assume a solution in variable separable form  
 $T(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$
- Differentiate and substitute into the P.D.E.  
 $\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = X''(x)Y(y)$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = X(x)Y''(y)$   
 $\Rightarrow X''(x)Y(y) + X(x)Y''(y) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} + \frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda$
- As this is a function of  $x$  only, and the RHS is a function of  $y$  only, both sides are at most a constant, say  $\lambda$ , which must be positive, negative or zero.  
Looking at the boundary conditions, we require periodic solutions in  $y$ , as  $T=0$  when  $y=0$  and  $y=1$ .
- Hence the constant  $\lambda$  must be positive looking at the above R.H.S., in order to produce trigonometric solutions in  $y$ .

- Thus let  $\lambda = p^2$   
 $X''(x) = p^2 X(x)$   
 $X(x) = p^2 X(x)$   
 $X(x) = Ae^{px} + Be^{-px}$   
(or hyperbolic)  
 $X(x) = A \cosh px + B \sinh px$
- Thus the general solution is  
 $T(x, y) = X(x)Y(y) = (Ae^{px} + Be^{-px})(C \cosh py + D \sinh py)$   
 $T(x, y) = (A \cosh px + B \sinh px)(C \cosh py + D \sinh py)$   
(where with hyperbolic trigonometric functions)
- Apply conditions  
 $T(y, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow A(C \cosh py + D \sinh py) = 0 \Rightarrow D = 0$   
 $T(x, 1) = 0 \Rightarrow C(A \cosh px + B \sinh px) = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0$   
But these conditions are trivial  
 $T(x, y) = B \sinh px \sinh py$   
 $T(x, 1) = 0 \Rightarrow B \sinh px \sinh py = 0$  (B & D, otherwise  $T=0$ )  
 $\Rightarrow \sinh py = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$T(x, y) = B_1 \sinh(8\pi x) \sin(8\pi y)$   
or  
 $T(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [B_n \sinh(8\pi n x) \sin(8\pi n y)]$

- Lastly we have  
 $T(2, y) = 30 \sin(8\pi y) \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sinh(8\pi n \cdot 2) \sin(8\pi n y) = 30 \sin(8\pi y)$   
i.e.  $n=1$  only  
 $B_1 \sinh(16\pi) \sin(8\pi y) = 30 \sin(8\pi y)$   
 $B_1 \sinh(16\pi) = 30$   
 $B_1 = \frac{30}{\sinh 16\pi}$
- Finally we obtain  
 $T(x, y) = \frac{30}{\sinh 16\pi} \sinh(8\pi x) \sin(8\pi y)$

## Question 2

The function  $\varphi = \varphi(x, y)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} = 0,$$

where  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$  and  $y > 0$ .

Determine an expression for  $\varphi(x, y)$ , given further that

- $\varphi(x, 0) = 3, \quad x \in [0, \pi]$
- $\varphi(0, y) = 0, \quad y \in [0, \infty)$
- $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} [\varphi(x, y)] = 0, \quad x \in [0, \pi]$
- $\varphi(\pi, y) = 0, \quad y \in [0, \infty)$

[You must derive the standard Cartesian solution of Laplace's equation in variable separate form]

$$\varphi(x, y) = \frac{12}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\exp[-y(2n-1)] \sin[x(2n-1)]}{(2n-1)^3}$$

**1.1.1**  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

• LOOK FOR A SOLUTION IN CARTESEAN COORDINATES

$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X''(x)Y(y)$

$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = X(x)Y''(y)$

• SUB INTO THE PDE

$X''(x)Y(y) + X(x)Y''(y) = 0$

$X''(x)Y(y) = -X(x)Y''(y)$

$\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)}$

As the LHS is a function of  $x$  only and the RHS is a function of  $y$  only, both sides are at least a constant, say  $\lambda$

• If  $\lambda = 0$

$X''(x) = 0 \quad Y''(y) = 0$

$X(x) = Ax + B \quad Y(y) = Cy + D$

$\therefore \phi(x, y) = (Ax + B)(Cy + D)$

• If  $\lambda < 0$ , say  $\lambda = -\mu^2$

$X''(x) = \mu^2 X(x) \quad Y''(y) = -\mu^2 Y(y)$

$X(x) = A \cosh(\mu x) + B \sinh(\mu x)$   
(or  $e^{\pm \mu x}$ )

$Y(y) = C \cos(\mu y) + D \sin(\mu y)$

$\therefore \phi(x, y) = (A \cosh(\mu x) + B \sinh(\mu x))(C \cos(\mu y) + D \sin(\mu y))$

• If  $\lambda > 0$ , say  $\lambda = \mu^2$

$X''(x) = -\mu^2 X(x) \quad Y''(y) = \mu^2 Y(y)$

$X(x) = A \cos(\mu x) + B \sin(\mu x)$   
(or  $e^{\pm i \mu x}$ )

$Y(y) = C \cosh(\mu y) + D \sinh(\mu y)$

$\therefore \phi(x, y) = (A \cos(\mu x) + B \sin(\mu x))(C \cosh(\mu y) + D \sinh(\mu y))$

**1.1.2** LOCAL BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$  ON  $\Omega$  IN INFINITE STRIP  $0 < x < \pi$

$y \geq 0$

$\phi(x, 0) = 0$

$\phi(x, y) = 0$ ,  $y \in [\pi, \infty)$

$\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \|\phi(x, y)\| = 0$ ,  $x \in [0, \pi]$

$\phi(x, y) = 0$ ,  $y \in [0, \pi]$

WE REQUIRE  $\phi(x, y) = 0$ , "TWO IN THE  $x$  DIRECTION", SO WE HAVE A REGULAR SOLUTION IN  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$\phi(x, y) = (A \cosh(\mu x) + B \sinh(\mu x))(C \cos(\mu y) + D \sin(\mu y))$

BY  $\bullet$ :  $0 = A(C \cos(\mu y) + D \sin(\mu y)) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = 0$

ANALOGOUSLY, NOW  $C, D = 0$

$\phi(x, y) = A \sinh(\mu x)(C \cosh(\mu y) + D \sinh(\mu y))$

BY  $\bullet$ :  $0 = \sinh(\mu x)(C \cosh(\mu y) + D \sinh(\mu y)) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = 0$  or  $\mu = 0$

$\mu = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(x, y) = \frac{A}{\mu^2} [\sinh(\mu x)(C \cosh(\mu y) + D \sinh(\mu y))]$

BY  $\bullet$ : As  $y \rightarrow \infty, \phi(x, y) \rightarrow 0$

CONSIDER THE STRIP AS  $y \in (-\infty, \infty)$

$\phi(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\sinh(\mu x)(\frac{1}{2} C e^{\mu y} + \frac{1}{2} D e^{-\mu y}) + \frac{1}{2} A e^{-\mu y}] dy$



**Question 3**

The function  $\varphi = \varphi(x, y)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} = 0,$$

where  $0 \leq x \leq a$  and  $0 \leq y \leq b$ , with  $a$  and  $b$  positive constants.

Determine an expression for  $\varphi(x, y)$ , given further that

- $\varphi(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in [0, a]$
- $\varphi(x, b) = 0, \quad x \in [0, a]$
- $\varphi(0, y) = 0, \quad y \in [0, b]$
- $\varphi(a, y) = by - y^2, \quad y \in [0, b]$ .

[You must derive the standard Cartesian solution of Laplace's equation in variable separate form]

$$\varphi(x, y) = \frac{8b^2}{\pi^3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sinh\left[\frac{\pi x}{b}(2n-1)\right] \sin\left[\frac{\pi y}{b}(2n-1)\right]}{(2n-1)^3 \sinh\left[\frac{\pi a}{b}(2n-1)\right]}$$

[solution overleaf]

$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$  ON A RECTANGLE  
 $0 \leq x \leq 1$   
 $0 \leq y \leq b$

①  $\phi(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in [a, 1]$   
 ②  $\phi(x, b) = 0, \quad x \in [a, 1]$   
 ③  $\phi(a, y) = 0, \quad y \in [0, b]$   
 ④  $\phi(1, y) = \log y, \quad y \in [0, b]$

WE REQUIRE  $\phi(x, y) = 0$  "TOWARDS THE  $y$  DIRECTION", SO WE PICK A GEOMETRIC SECTION IN  $y$   
 (E)  $\phi(x, y) = (\cos k_1 y + \sin k_1 y) (\cos k_2 x + D \sin k_2 x)$

BY ③:  $0 = (\sin k_1 y + \cos k_1 y) \times C \Rightarrow C = 0$

NECESSARILY INTO A  $B$   
 $\phi(x, y) = \sin k_1 y (\cos k_2 x + \sin k_2 x)$

BY ④:  $0 = \sin k_1 y (\cos k_2 x + \sin k_2 x) \Rightarrow \sin k_1 y = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{D \times \frac{\pi y}{b}}{b} = n\pi, n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sin \left( \frac{n\pi y}{b} \right) \left[ A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{b} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{b} \right] \right]$

BY ②:  $0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{b} \right] \Rightarrow A_n = 0$

$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{b} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$

7-16  $D_1 = D \left[ -\frac{k^2}{h^2} C^{(1)} \right] = -\frac{2}{h} \left[ -\frac{k^2}{h^2} C^{(1)} + \frac{2k^2}{h^2} [C^{(1)}] \right]$

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$$R_0 \sin \frac{2\pi y}{b} = -\frac{2k^2}{h^2} C^{(1)} + \frac{2k^2}{h^2} C^{(1)} = -\frac{6k^2}{h^2} [C^{(1)}]$$

$$\boxed{R_1 \sin \frac{2\pi y}{b} = \frac{4k^2}{h^2} (1 - C^{(1)})}$$

if  $n = 0$   $R_0 = \frac{6k^2}{h^2}$

if  $n = 0$   $R_1 = 0$

7-18 (a)  $n = 2m-1$   $m=1, 2, 3$

$$R_{2m-1} \sin \frac{(2m-1)\pi y}{b} = \frac{6k^2}{(2m-1)^2} \quad m=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\boxed{D_{2m-1} = \frac{6k^2}{(2m-1)^2} \cos \left[ \frac{(2m-1)\pi y}{b} \right]}$$

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$$f(x,y) = \frac{8k^2}{15} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin \left( \frac{2n}{3} (2m-1) \right) \sin \left( \frac{2n}{3} (2m-1) \right)}{(2m-1)^2 \sin \left[ \frac{2n}{3} (2m-1) \right]} \right]$$

Note if  $\phi(x,y) = 0$  at ALL TENS on side, then use boundary of 4 sides surrounding the hole

$$\phi(x,y) = \frac{f(x)}{6} + \frac{f(y)}{6} + \frac{0}{6} + \frac{0}{6}$$

#### Question 4

The function  $u = u(x, y)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1.$$

Determine an expression for  $u = u(x, y)$ , given further that

$$u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(2, y) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(x, 1) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2-x & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

NOTE:

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{8 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} n \pi\right)}{n^2 \pi^2 \sinh\left(\frac{1}{2} n \pi\right)} \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} n \pi x\right) \sinh\left(\frac{1}{2} n \pi y\right) \right]$$

ASSUME A SOLUTION IN UNKNOWNS  $X(x)$  AND  $Y(y)$ , DIFFERENTIATE AND SUBSTITUTE INTO THE P.D.E.

$$u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X''(x)Y(y) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = X(x)Y''(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} + \frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} = \lambda$$

AS THE L.H.S. OF THE ABOVE EQUATION IS A FUNCTION OF  $x$  ONLY & THE R.H.S. IS A FUNCTION OF  $y$  ONLY, BOTH SIDES MUST BE AT MOST A CONSTANT. SAY  $\lambda$  — UNKNOWN AT THE MOMENT.

APPLY (1) & (2)  $u(0, y) = 0$   
 $u(2, y) = 0$   
 $u(x, 0) = 0$   
 $u(x, 1) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2-x & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$

LOOKING AT (1) & (2), WE OBSERVE THAT WE NEED A COSINE SOLUTION IN  $x$  (AS  $u(0, y) = u(2, y) = 0$ ), SO THE CONSTANT  $\lambda$  MUST BE NEGATIVE,  $\lambda = -p^2$

THIS THE GENERAL SOLUTION IS

$$u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y) = [A \cos px + B \sin px][C \cosh py + D \sinh py]$$

• APPLY (1),  $u(0, y) = 0$   
 $0 = A[C \cosh py + D \sinh py], \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1$   
 $\Rightarrow A = 0$

APPROXIMATE A NEW  $C$  AND  $D$ , YET AS

$$u(x, y) = (\sin px)(C \cosh py + D \sinh py)$$

• APPLY (2),  $u(2, y) = 0$   
 $0 = (\sin 2p)(C \cosh py + D \sinh py)$   
 $\Rightarrow C = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow u(x, y) = D \sin px \sinh py$

• APPLY (3),  $u(x, 0) = 0$   
 $0 = D \sin px \sinh 0$   
 $\Rightarrow D \neq 0$ , OTHERWISE WE HAVE A TRIVIAL SOLUTION  
 $\Rightarrow \sinh 2p = 0$

• FURTHER APPLY (4)  $u(x, 1) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2-x & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$

$$u(x, 1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [D_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)]$$

THIS IS A FOURIER SERIES IN  $x$  — BUT WE NEED AN EXPANSION SO WE GET AN EVEN EXPANSION WITH PERIOD 4

$$\Rightarrow D_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^4 f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow D_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^2 x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_2^4 (2-x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow D_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^2 x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^2 (2-x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

INTEGRATE EACH SEPARATELY (BY PARTS)

$$\int_0^2 x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx = \left[ -\frac{2}{n\pi} x \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) + \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right]_0^2$$

$$\Rightarrow D_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow D_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow D_n = \frac{8 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{n^2 \pi^2 \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}$$

FINALLY WE HAVE A GENERAL SOLUTION

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{8 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{n^2 \pi^2 \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{2}\right) \right]$$

## Question 5

A square plate of unit length has three of its sides kept at temperature  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , while the fourth side is kept at temperature  $50^\circ\text{C}$ .

In a steady state the temperature,  $\theta(x, y)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} = 0,$$

Solve the equation and hence show that

$$\theta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{100}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1) \cosh\left[(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}\right]} \right\}.$$

[You must derive the standard Cartesian solution of Laplace's equation in variable separate form]

proof

The handwritten work is divided into three panels:

- Panel 1:** Shows the Laplace equation  $\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} = 0$  and the method of separation of variables. It assumes  $\theta(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$  and derives the ordinary differential equations  $X'' = -\lambda^2 X$  and  $Y'' = \lambda^2 Y$ . It then considers the boundary conditions  $\theta(0, y) = \theta(x, 0) = \theta(x, 1) = 0$  and  $\theta(1, y) = 50$ .
- Panel 2:** Shows the boundary conditions and the resulting series solution. It uses the boundary condition  $\theta(0, y) = 0$  to determine  $X(x) = \sin(\lambda x)$ . It then uses the boundary condition  $\theta(x, 0) = 0$  to determine  $Y(y) = \sinh(\lambda y)$ . The boundary condition  $\theta(x, 1) = 0$  is used to determine the eigenvalues  $\lambda_n = n\pi$ . The boundary condition  $\theta(1, y) = 50$  is used to determine the coefficients  $C_n$ .
- Panel 3:** Shows the final evaluation of the series at  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ . It uses the series solution  $\theta(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(n\pi x) \sinh(n\pi y)$  and evaluates it at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $y = \frac{1}{2}$  to get the final result.

## Question 6

The function  $\varphi = \varphi(x, y)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} = 0,$$

in a rectangular region where  $0 \leq x \leq 3$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 2$ .

It is further given that

- $\varphi(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in [0, 3]$
- $\varphi(x, 2) = 0, \quad x \in [0, 3]$
- $\varphi(0, y) = 0, \quad y \in [0, 2]$
- $\varphi(3, y) = \begin{cases} y & y \in [0, 1] \\ 2 - y & y \in (1, 2] \end{cases}$

Solve the equation and hence show that

$$\varphi\left(\frac{3}{2}, 1\right) = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\operatorname{sech}\left[\frac{3\pi}{4}(2n-1)\right]}{(2n-1)^2}.$$

[You must derive the standard Cartesian solution of Laplace's equation in variable separate form]

proof

[solution overleaf]

• Ex 3)  $f(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\cos(n\pi y/2)}{n^2} \sin(n\pi y) \right]$   
 Hint 1)  $f$  is periodic with  $\pi$ ,  $0 < y \leq 2$ .  
 LE Rec 2. (Hint: Bound  $L=1$ )  
 Then  

$$f_1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dy$$
  

$$a_1 = \int_0^1 y \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dy + \int_1^2 (2-y) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dy$$
  

$$a_1 = \int_0^1 y \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dy + \int_1^2 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dy - \int_1^2 y \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dy$$
  


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 Solution:  $\int_0^1 y \sin \frac{\pi y}{2} dy \dots$  by parts  

$\frac{y}{2} \sin \frac{\pi y}{2} - \frac{\sin \pi y}{4}$

$$= -\frac{y}{2} \cos \frac{\pi y}{2} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 \cos \frac{\pi y}{2} dy$$
  

$$= -\frac{y}{2} \cos \frac{\pi y}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi y}{2} + C$$
  


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 Then  

$$\int_1^2 y \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dy = \left[ -\frac{y}{2} \cos \frac{\pi y}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi y}{2} \right]_1^2$$
  

$$= \left( -\frac{2}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - \left( -\frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$
  

$$= -\frac{2}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$$
  

$$- \int_1^2 y \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dy = \left[ -\frac{y}{2} \cos \frac{\pi y}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi y}{2} \right]_1^2$$
  

$$= \left( -\frac{2}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - \left( -\frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus the solution is} & \\ \psi(x,y) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{G(-1)^{n+1}}{17^{n+1} \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{17}} \frac{\sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right)}{\sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right)} \sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right) \right] \\ & \\ \text{At the center of the plate } \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right) & \\ \psi \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{G(-1)^{n+1}}{17^{n+1} \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{17}} \frac{\sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right) \sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right)}{\sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right)} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{G(-1)^{n+1}}{17^n} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2 \sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right)} \frac{\sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right)}{2 \sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right) \sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right)} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{G}{17^n} \frac{(-1)^{2n+1}}{2 \sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{17^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sinh \left( \frac{\pi^2}{17} (2n-1) \right)}{(2n-1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

## Question 7

The temperature  $\theta = \theta(x, y)$  for a **steady** two-dimensional heat flow in the semi-infinite region for which  $y \geq 0$  satisfies Laplace's Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} = 0,$$

subject to the boundary conditions

- $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}(0, y) = 0, \quad y \in [0, \infty)$
- $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}(L, y) = 0, \quad y \in [L, \infty)$
- $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} [\theta(x, y)] \leq |M|, \quad M \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \in (-\infty, \infty), \quad y \in [x, \infty)$
- $\theta(x, 0) = \frac{x(L-x)}{L^2}, \quad x \in (-\infty, \infty), \quad f(-x) = f(x), \quad f(x) = f(x+2L)$

Solve the equation and hence show that

$$\theta\left(\frac{1}{2}L, y\right) = \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \exp\left[-\frac{2n\pi y}{L}\right]}{n^2}.$$

[You must derive the standard Cartesian solution of Laplace's equation in variable separate form]

Q.B., proof

[solution overleaf]



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ans: } & \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3} \\ \theta(\pm \frac{1}{2}) &= \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{18} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{2\pi i n}{3}}}{n} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{3}\left(\pm \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \right] \\ \theta(\pm \frac{1}{2}) &= \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{18} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \cdot e^{-\frac{2\pi i n}{3}} \cos(n\pi) \right] \\ \theta(\pm \frac{1}{2}) &= \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{18} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot e^{-\frac{2\pi i n}{3}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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# LAPLACE'S EQUATION

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0, \quad \Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$$

**Two Dimensional in Plane Polars**

### Question 1

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$

The above partial differential equation is Laplace's equation in a two dimensional Cartesian system of coordinates.

Show clearly that Laplace's equation in the standard two dimensional Polar system of coordinates is given by

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

proof

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$z = r e^{i\theta}$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \Rightarrow r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} \Rightarrow \theta = \arctan \frac{y}{x}$$

•  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}$

•  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y}$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \left( -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} - \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \left( x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{or as operator} \quad \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right]$$

SIMILARLY

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{1}{x \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \left( y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \sin \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{or as operator} \quad \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right]$$

Now the second derivatives

•  $\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) = \left( \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \left( \cos \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right)$

$$= \cos \theta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \cos \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) + \cos \theta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( -\sin \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) - \sin \theta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right) - \sin \theta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \cos \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

$$= \cos \theta \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} - \cos \theta \sin \theta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \left( \cos \theta \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} - \omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha \left[ -\frac{1}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] - \frac{\sin \theta}{12} \left[ -3 \omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{\sin \theta}{12} \left[ \omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + 3 \omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] \\
 &= \omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{\omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{6} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\sin \theta}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} - 3 \omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\sin \theta \omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\sin \theta}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \\
 &= \omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\omega_0^2}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{2 \omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{2 \omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\sin \theta}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \\
 &= \omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\sin \theta}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{2 \omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{\sin \theta \alpha^2}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\sin \theta}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \\
 &\quad \text{Now} \\
 &\quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right) = \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) \\
 &= \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) \\
 &= \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \sin \theta \cos \theta \left( \frac{1}{\sin} + \frac{\cos}{\sin^2} \right) + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) \\
 &\quad \text{Now let} \\
 &= -\sin \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \sin \theta \cos \theta \left[ -\frac{1}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] + \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \left[ \omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \left[ -\omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \omega_0^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] \\
 &= \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} - \frac{\omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \\
 &\quad - \frac{\omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \\
 &= \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{2 \omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{2 \omega_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \frac{\sin \theta}{1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} - \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \\ &4 \text{th row} \\ &\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \frac{\sin \theta}{1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \right) - \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \\ &\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{12} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\sin \theta}{1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\cos \theta}{12} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \frac{\sin \theta}{1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \right) \\ &\text{Hence,} \\ &\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{12} (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \\ &\nabla^2 z = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \end{aligned}$$

## Question 2

In a two dimensional universe the gravitational  $\Phi$  would satisfy the two dimensional Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0.$$

Find a general circularly symmetric solution for  $\Phi$ .

$$\Phi(r) = A \ln r + B$$

$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0, \Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$   
 radially symmetric  $\Rightarrow \Phi = \Phi(r)$   
 Assuming Laplace's equation in plane polar  
 $\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r}$   
 Integrate with respect to  $r$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln \left| \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \right| = -\ln r + C$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln \left| \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \right| = \ln A - \ln r$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln \left| \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \right| = \ln \left| \frac{A}{r} \right|$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = \frac{A}{r}$   
 $\Rightarrow \Phi = A \ln r + B$

### Question 3

The function  $\Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

a) Derive the general solution of the above equation, in variable separable form.

b) Hence find a specific solution subject to the conditions

i.  $\Phi(0, \theta) = 0$

ii.  $\Phi(r, \theta)$  is finite for  $0 \leq r \leq a$  and for all  $\theta$ .

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (C_n r^n + D_n r^{-n}) \cos n\theta + (E_n r^n + F_n r^{-n}) \sin n\theta \right],$$

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = \frac{r}{a} \sin \theta$$

4)  $\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$

• Assume a solution in variable separable form  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} = R''(r)\Theta(\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = R'(r)\Theta(\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = R(r)\Theta''(\theta)$

• Substitute into the P.D.E  
 $\Rightarrow R''\Theta + R\Theta + \frac{1}{r}R'\Theta = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R''\Theta + R\Theta + R'\Theta = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{R'}{R} + \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{R'}{R} = -\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta}$

As the L.H.S. is a function of  $r$  only and R.H.S. is a function of  $\theta$  only, both sides must be a constant, say  $\lambda$ , which can be negative, positive or zero.

• Look at the R.H.S.  
 $\text{L.S.} = \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{R'}{R} = \lambda \Rightarrow \Theta''(\theta) = -\lambda \Theta(\theta)$

• If  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $\Theta''(\theta) = 0 \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A\theta + B$  (1)

• If  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\Theta''(\theta) = -\lambda \Theta(\theta) \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A \cos \sqrt{\lambda} \theta + B \sin \sqrt{\lambda} \theta$  (2)

• If  $\lambda < 0$ ,  $\Theta''(\theta) = -\lambda \Theta(\theta) \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A \cosh \sqrt{\lambda} \theta + B \sinh \sqrt{\lambda} \theta$  (3)

UNLESS A POLAR POINT, A SINGULAR POINT OR A POINT ON THE BOUNDARY IS A POLAR POINT  $(r, \theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}$

SO WE REQUIRE  $\Theta$  TO BE PERIODIC FOR UNIQUE SOLUTIONS  
 SOLUTION (1) IS DISCARDED (NO PERIODICITY)  
 SOLUTION (2) IS OK (PERIODIC)  
 SOLUTION (3),  $\lambda < 0$ , IS THE CORRECT SOLUTION  $\Theta(\theta) = B$  IS OK  
 FUNCTION LOOKS AT (3) WITH CORRECT FOR SINGULAR

$\cos \theta = \cos(\theta + 2\pi)$   
 $\cos \theta = \cos[\theta + 2\pi]$   
 $\lambda = n^2$  INTEGER

IF  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $R'' + \frac{R'}{R} = 0 \Rightarrow R = 0$   
 IF  $\lambda = n^2$ ,  $R'' + \frac{R'}{R} = n^2 \Rightarrow R = 0$

• SO COLLECTING BOTH SOLUTIONS INTO ONE  
 $\Theta(\theta) = A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

• RETURNING TO THE R.H.S.  
 $\frac{R''}{R} + \frac{R'}{R} = n^2 \Rightarrow R'' + R' - n^2 R = 0$

TWO CASES TO CONSIDER:  $n=0$  OR  $n \geq 1$

IF  $n=0$ ,  $R'' + R' = 0 \Rightarrow R = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R'' + R' = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R' = -R$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R'}{R} = -1$   
 INTEGRATE BOTH SIDES  
 $\ln R = -\theta$

IF  $n \geq 1$ ,  $R'' + R' - n^2 R = 0 \Rightarrow R = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R'' + R' - n^2 R = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R' = -R$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R'}{R} = -1$   
 INTEGRATE BOTH SIDES  
 $\ln R = -\theta$

IF  $n \geq 1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$   
 $\frac{R''}{R} + \frac{R'}{R} = n^2 \Rightarrow R'' + R' - n^2 R = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R'' + R' - n^2 R = 0$

• A CHAIN-OF-THOUGHT  
 LET  $R(\theta) = r^k$   
 $R'(\theta) = k r^{k-1}$   
 $R''(\theta) = k(k-1) r^{k-2}$   
 SUB INTO THE O.D.E  
 $2(k-1)k + k r^2 - n^2 r^2 = 0$   
 $2k^2 - k - n^2 = 0$   
 $2k^2 - k - n^2 = 0$   
 $k = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 8n^2}}{4}$

•  $R_n(r) = A_n r^{k_n} + B_n r^{l_n}$

COMBINING SOLUTIONS  
 $n=0$   $\Theta(\theta) = B$   
 $R(\theta) = C \ln r + D$  "RESOLVES B AND D"

$n \geq 1$   $\Theta(\theta) = A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta$   
 $R_n(r) = A_n r^{k_n} + B_n r^{l_n}$

• (PROVE SOLUTION)  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = C \ln r + D + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n r^{k_n} \cos n\theta + B_n r^{l_n} \sin n\theta]$

• RETURNING TO THE BOUNDARY  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [C_n r^{k_n} \cos n\theta + D_n r^{l_n} \sin n\theta]$

4) BOUNDARY CONDITIONS  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = 0$  FOR ALL  $0 \leq r \leq a$ , AND ALL  $\theta$   
 $\Phi(a, \theta) = \sin \theta$

FROM AT  $r=0 \Rightarrow B = D = F_n = 0$

•  $\Phi(r, \theta) = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [C_n r^{k_n} \cos n\theta + D_n r^{l_n} \sin n\theta]$

$\Phi(a, \theta) = \sin \theta$   
 $A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n a^{k_n} \cos n\theta + D_n a^{l_n} \sin n\theta = \sin \theta$

•  $A = 0$   
 $C_n = 0$   
 $D_1 = 0$   
 $D_2 = 0$   
 $D_3 = 0$   
 $D_4 = 0$   
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### Question 4

The function  $\Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

- a)** Derive the general solution of the above equation, in variable separable form.

- b)** Hence find a specific solution subject to the conditions

**i.**  $\Phi(0, \theta) = 0$

ii.  $\Phi(1, \theta) = 2 \cos \theta$ .

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (C_n r^n + D_n r^{-n}) \cos n\theta + (E_n r^n + F_n r^{-n}) \sin n\theta \right],$$

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = 2r \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{2^2}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} = 0$$

a) Look for A SOLUTION in unknown variables form

$$\vec{r}(t) = R(t)\vec{C} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r} = R'(t)\vec{C}$$

$$\frac{2^2}{3^2} = R'(t)\vec{C}$$

$$\frac{1}{3^2} = R'(t)\vec{C}$$

$$\frac{1}{2^2} = R'(t)\vec{C}$$

• Solve into the P.D.E

$$\Rightarrow R'(t) = \frac{1}{t} R(t) + \frac{1}{t^2} R(t)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R'(t) + R(t) = R(t)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} R(t) = R(t)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{R(t)^2} + \frac{1}{R(t)} + \frac{d}{dt} R(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{R(t)^2} + \frac{1}{R(t)} = - \frac{d}{dt} R(t)$$

Now the LHS is a function of  $t$  ONLY and the RHS is a function of  $\vec{C}$  ONLY, so both sides are at least a constant, say  $\lambda$

• Looking at the RHS first

If  $\lambda = 0$ , say  $\vec{C} = \vec{C}^0$

$$-\frac{\vec{C}^0}{\vec{C}^0} = \vec{C}^0 = \vec{C}^0$$

$$\vec{C}^0 = -\vec{C}^0$$

$$\vec{C}^0 = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$$

If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , say  $\vec{C} = \vec{C}^1$

$$-\frac{\vec{C}^1}{\vec{C}^1} = -\vec{C}^1 = \vec{C}^1$$

$$\vec{C}^1 = -\vec{C}^1$$

$$\vec{C}^1 = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$$

Now  $\vec{C}^0, \vec{C}^1$  indeed works well, they both satisfies the sum of the above solutions.  $\vec{C} \in$  the original form  $(\vec{x}) \mapsto (\vec{r}, \vec{v}, \vec{a})$

PHYSICALLY, do not forget  $\vec{C}$  merely does  $\vec{C}^0 = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$  since  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C} = 0$  so the unknown solutions are:

$\vec{C}(\vec{r}) = \text{constant}$

$$\vec{C}(\vec{r}) = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A} = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}) + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{A} + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$$

But this implies  $\vec{C}$  has to be the 0 vector, call it  $\vec{C}$  from now on

[illegible][illegible]

Question 5

The steady state temperature distribution  $\Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$  in a circular thin metal disc of radius 1, satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

Given further that  $\Phi(1, \theta) = \sin 2\theta$ , determine a simplified expression for  $\Phi(r, \theta)$ .

[You are expected to derive the general solution of the partial equation in variable separate form]

$$\boxed{\phantom{000000}}, \quad \boxed{\Phi(r, \theta) = r^2 \sin 2\theta}$$

ASSUME A SOLUTION IN VARIABLE SEPARABLE FORM - DIFFERENTIATE AND SUBSTITUTE INTO THE P.D.E.

•  $\Phi(r, \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = R'(r)\Theta(\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} = R''(r)\Theta(\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = R(r)\Theta''(\theta)$

•  $\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R''(r)\Theta(\theta)}{R(r)\Theta(\theta)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(r)\Theta(\theta)}{R(r)\Theta(\theta)} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{R(r)\Theta''(\theta)}{R(r)\Theta(\theta)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)}$

AS THE L.H.S. OF THE ABOVE EXPRESSION IS A FUNCTION OF  $r$  ONLY AND THE R.H.S. IS A FUNCTION OF  $\theta$  ONLY, BOTH SIDES ARE AT MOST A CONSTANT, SAY  $\lambda$

LOOKING AT THE R.H.S. OF THE ABOVE EXPRESSION, WE REQUIRE CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS IN  $\theta$ , DUE TO THE PERIODICITY OF THE  $\theta$  - COORDINATE. THAT THERE IS A MINUS IN THE R.H.S., WE DECIDE THAT  $\lambda$  IS NEGATIVE, SAY  $-\mu^2$

$\Rightarrow -\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = \mu^2$   
 $\Rightarrow \Theta''(\theta) = -\mu^2 \Theta(\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A \cos(\mu\theta) + B \sin(\mu\theta)$

LOOKING AT THE "L.H.S." WITH SINUS (OR COSINES)

$\sin \theta = \sin(\theta + 2\pi) \Rightarrow \sin(\mu\theta) = \sin(\mu(\theta + 2\pi))$   
 $= \sin(\mu\theta + 2\pi\mu)$   
 $\Rightarrow \mu = n$  WHERE  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

NOTES  
 $n=0$  IS O.K. AS IT PROVIDES A CONSTANT SOLUTION  
 $n < 0$  NEED NOT BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS THEY WILL BE ABSORBED IN THE COEFFICIENTS AT THIS STAGE, BUT THEY WILL ACTUALLY APPEAR AGAIN AT THE END

$\therefore \Theta(\theta) = A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

NEXT WE RETURN TO THE L.H.S. (FUNCTION OF  $r$  ONLY), WITH  $n$  INSTEAD

$\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = n^2$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} - n^2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) - n^2 R(r) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R(r) = C r^n + D r^{-n}$

IF  $n=0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R(r) = C \ln r + D$

IF  $n \neq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = n^2$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) - n^2 R(r) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R(r) = C r^n + D r^{-n}$

$\Rightarrow R(r) = C_1 r^n + C_2 r^{-n}$

COLLECTING ALL THE RESULTS

IF  $n=0$   
 $\Theta(\theta) = A_0$   
 $R(r) = C \ln r + D$

IF  $n \neq 0$   
 $\Theta(\theta) = A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)$   
 $R(r) = C_1 r^n + C_2 r^{-n}$

TAKING THE MOST GENERAL SOLUTION

$\Phi(r, \theta) = [C_0 \ln r + D_0] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)] [C_1 r^n + C_2 r^{-n}]$

APPLYING THE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

WE HAVE  $\Phi(1, \theta) = \sin 2\theta$

$\therefore B_0 = 0, D_0 = 0, C_1 = 0, C_2 = 0$

$\Phi(r, \theta) = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [C_n r^n \cos(n\theta) + E_n r^n \sin(n\theta)]$

ALSO  $\Phi(1, \theta) = \sin 2\theta$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [C_n \cos(n\theta) + E_n \sin(n\theta)]$

$\therefore A=0, C_1=0, E_1=1, E_2=0$

$\Rightarrow \Phi(r, \theta) = r^2 \sin 2\theta$   
 $= r^2 \sin 2\theta$   
 $= 2r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$   
 $= 2r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$

### Question 6

The steady state temperature distribution  $\Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$  in a circular thin metal disc of radius 1, satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

Given further that

$$2\Phi(1, \theta) + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r}(1, \theta) = 100 - 2\cos 2\theta,$$

determine a simplified expression for  $\Phi(r, \theta)$ .

[You are expected to derive the general solution of the partial equation in variable separate form]

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = 50 - \frac{1}{2}r^2 \cos 2\theta$$

[illegible]



### Question 7

The steady state temperature distribution  $u = u(r, \theta)$  in a circular thin metal disc of radius  $a$ , satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

The top half of the circumference of the disc,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ , is maintained at  $100^\circ\text{C}$ , and the bottom half of the circumference of the disc,  $\pi < \theta < 2\pi$ , is maintained at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ .

Determine a simplified expression for  $u(r, \theta)$ .

[You are expected to derive the general solution of the partial equation in variable separate form]

$$u(r, \theta) = 50 + \frac{200}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin n\theta}{n} \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^n \right]$$

**1. FORMULATE THE P.D.E. & B.C.s**

Laplace's Equation in polar coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

Boundary Conditions (B.C.s):

- $u(a, \theta) = 100$  for  $0 \leq \theta < \pi$
- $u(a, \theta) = 0$  for  $\pi < \theta < 2\pi$
- $u(r, \theta) = 0$  (finite)

**2. ASSUME A SOLUTION IN UNSEPARATED FORM**

$u(r, \theta) = R(r) \Theta(\theta)$

**3. DIFFERENTIATE AND SUBSTITUTE INTO THE P.D.E.**

$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = R''(r) \Theta(\theta)$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = R'(r) \Theta(\theta)$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = R(r) \Theta''(\theta)$

$\Rightarrow R''(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} R(r) \Theta''(\theta) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = 0$

$\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = 0$

$\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = - \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)}$

**4. BOTH SIDES ARE AT MOST A CONSTANT, SAY  $\lambda$ , AS THE RHS IS A FUNCTION OF  $\theta$  ONLY, AND THE LHS IS A FUNCTION OF  $r$  ONLY**

**5. DUE TO THE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS, THE SEPARATION CONSTANT  $\lambda$  MUST BE A NEGATIVE SQUARE**

**6. SOLVE THE R.H.S. EQUATION**

$\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = \lambda = -k^2$

$\Theta''(\theta) = -k^2 \Theta(\theta)$

$\Theta(\theta) = A \cos k\theta + B \sin k\theta$

**7. IMPOSE THE B.C.s ON THE  $\Theta$  FUNCTION**

$\Theta(0) = 100$ ,  $\Theta(\pi) = 0$

$\Theta(0) = A \cos 0 + B \sin 0 = A = 100$

$\Theta(\pi) = A \cos \pi + B \sin \pi = -A = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$

$\Theta(\pi) = B \sin \pi = 0$

$\Theta(\theta) = B \sin k\theta$

**8. SOLVE THE L.H.S. EQUATION**

$r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = k^2$

$\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) - k^2 R(r) = 0$

$\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) = k^2 R(r)$

**9. TWO CASES TO CONSIDER — EITHER  $k=0$  OR  $k \neq 0$**

**IF  $k=0$ :**

$r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) = 0$

$\Rightarrow r R''(r) + R'(r) = 0$

$\Rightarrow R'(r) = - \frac{R(r)}{r}$

$\Rightarrow R(r) = \frac{C}{r}$

**IF  $k \neq 0$ :**

$R(r) = r^k$

$R'(r) = k r^{k-1}$

$R''(r) = k(k-1) r^{k-2}$

$r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) - k^2 R(r) = 0$

$r^2 k(k-1) r^{k-2} + r k r^{k-1} - k^2 r^k = 0$

$k(k-1) r^k + k r^k - k^2 r^k = 0$

$k^2 r^k - k^2 r^k = 0$

$k^2 r^k = k^2 r^k$

$R(r) = r^k$

**10. COMBINE ALL THE SOLUTIONS**

$u(r, \theta) = \frac{C}{r} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin k\theta}{k} \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^k \right]$

**11. DETERMINE THE COEFFICIENTS**

$u(a, \theta) = 100$  for  $0 \leq \theta < \pi$

$100 = \frac{C}{a} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin k\theta}{k} \left( \frac{a}{a} \right)^k \right]$

$100 = \frac{C}{a} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin k\theta}{k} \right]$

$\frac{C}{a} = 100 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin k\theta}{k} \right]$

$C = 100a - a \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin k\theta}{k} \right]$

$u(r, \theta) = 100 \frac{r}{a} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin k\theta}{k} \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^k \right]$

**12. SIMPLIFIED EXPRESSION FOR  $u(r, \theta)$**

$u(r, \theta) = 50 + \frac{200}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin n\theta}{n} \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^n \right]$

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## Question 8

The function  $\Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

- a) Derive the general solution of the above equation, in variable separable form.

The functions  $\Phi_1 = \Phi_1(r, \theta)$  and  $\Phi_2 = \Phi_2(r, \theta)$  satisfy

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_1 = 0, \quad 1 < r < 2$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_2 = 0, \quad r \geq 2.$$

It is further given that

$$\Phi_1(1, \theta) = 0, \quad \Phi_1(2, \theta) = 1, \quad \Phi_2(2, \theta) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} [\Phi_2(r, \theta) - r \cos \theta] = 1.$$

- b) Determine expressions for  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ .

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (C_n r^n + D_n r^{-n}) \cos n\theta + (E_n r^n + F_n r^{-n}) \sin n\theta \right],$$

$$\boxed{\Phi_1(r, \theta) = \frac{\ln r}{\ln 2}}, \quad \boxed{\Phi_2(r, \theta) = 1 + r \cos \theta - \frac{4}{r} \cos \theta}$$

[solution overleaf]

$\therefore \phi_1(r, \theta) = 1 + r \cos \theta - \frac{r^2}{2} \cos 2\theta$   
 ⑦ b)  $\phi_1(r, \theta) = 0$   
 $A + B \cos^2 \theta + \frac{r^2}{4} [C_1 \cos 2\theta + C_2 \sin 2\theta + D_1 \cos 4\theta + E_1 \sin 4\theta + F_1 \cos 6\theta + G_1 \sin 6\theta] = 0$   
 $\therefore A=0 \quad B=-\frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \cos 2\theta \quad C_1 + D_1 = 0 \quad \forall \theta > 1$   
 $E_1 + F_1 = 0 \quad \forall \theta > 0$   
 ⑧  $\phi_1(r, \theta) = 1$   
 $B \cos^2 \theta + \frac{r^2}{4} [C_1 \cos 2\theta + C_2 \sin 2\theta + E_1 \cos 4\theta + F_1 \sin 4\theta + G_1 \cos 6\theta + H_1 \sin 6\theta] = 1$   
 $\therefore B = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \quad C_1 + D_1 = 0 \quad \forall \theta$   
 $D_1^2 E_1 + D_1^2 F_1 = 0 \quad \forall \theta$   
 $\frac{1}{4} \cos 2\theta$   
 $C_1 + D_1 = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = -D_1$   
 $D_1^2 C_1 + D_1^2 D_1 = 0 \Rightarrow D_1^2 (\frac{1}{2} - 2) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow D_1 (\frac{1}{2} - 2) = 0$   
 $\forall \theta > 1$   
 $\therefore D_1 = 0$   
 $C_1 = 0$   
 ⑨  $\phi_1(r, \theta) = \frac{\ln r}{\ln 2}$   
 ⑩  $\phi_1(r, \theta) = \frac{\ln r}{\ln 2}$

### Question 9

The steady state temperature distribution  $u = u(r, \theta)$  in a thin metal disc in the shape of a circular sector of radius 1, satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

It is further given that  $u(r, 0) = u(r, \frac{1}{2}\pi) = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(\theta, 1) = \theta$ .

Determine a simplified expression for  $u(r, \theta)$ .

[You are expected to derive the general solution of the partial equation in variable separate form]

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{k+1} r^{2k} \sin(2k\theta)}{2k^2} \right]$$

$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$

$u = u(r, \theta)$

$u(r, 0) = 0$   
 $u(r, \frac{1}{2}\pi) = 0$

• ASSUME A SOLUTION IN VARIABLE SEPARABLE FORM - DIFF Q. USE THIS TO GET P.D.E.

$u(r, \theta) = R(r) \Theta(\theta)$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} = R'(r) \Theta(\theta)$ ;  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} = R''(r) \Theta(\theta)$ ;  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} = R(r) \Theta''(\theta)$

• THIS WE OBTAIN

$\Rightarrow R''(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} R(r) \Theta''(\theta) = 0$

$\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) \Theta(\theta) + r R'(r) \Theta(\theta) + R(r) \Theta''(\theta) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r) \Theta(\theta)}{R(r) \Theta(\theta)} + \frac{r R'(r) \Theta(\theta)}{R(r) \Theta(\theta)} + \frac{R(r) \Theta''(\theta)}{R(r) \Theta(\theta)} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = - \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)}$

• LOOKING AT THE ABOVE EQUATION, BOTH SIDES ARE AT MOST A CONSTANT, SAY  $\lambda$ . AS THE LHS IS A FUNCTION OF  $r$  ONLY & THE RHS IS A FUNCTION OF  $\theta$  ONLY

• DUE TO THE POLE, SOMETIMES NOT NECESSARILY FOLLOWING (OR CONVENTION) SOLUTIONS FOR  $\Theta$ , SO  $\lambda$  MUST BE POSITIVE (GIVEN THERE IS TURNING A MINUS IN THE RHS) - SOLVING THE P.D.E. FROM THE R.H.S

$-\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = \lambda = r^2$

$\Theta''(\theta) = -r^2 \Theta(\theta)$

$\Theta(\theta) = A \cos(r\theta) + B \sin(r\theta)$

• LOOKING FURTHER AT THE ABOVE SOLUTIONS (WITH SINE & COSINE)

$\cos \theta = \cos(\theta + 2\pi)$   
 $\sin \theta = \sin(\theta + 2\pi)$   
 $\therefore p = n = \text{INTEGER}$

• HENCE WE OBTAIN

$\Theta(\theta) = A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

BEFORE WE PROCEED, LET US NOTE THAT

$n=0$  IS OK - ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT PRODUCE VIBRATING SOLUTIONS. THE CONSTANT SOLUTION IS O.K.

$n = \text{NEGATIVE INTEGER}$ , ONLY AT THIS STAGE BE ASSIGNED INTO THE CONSTANTS, BUT THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED AT THE VERY END

• RETURNING TO THE L.H.S

$\frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

• TWO CASES TO CONSIDER - EITHER  $n=0$  OR  $n \geq 1$

IF  $n=0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = 0$

$\Rightarrow r R''(r) + R'(r) = 0$

$\Rightarrow R'(r) = -\frac{R(r)}{r}$

INTEGRATE W.R.T  $r$

$\Rightarrow \ln|R(r)| = -\ln r + C$

$\Rightarrow \ln|R(r)| = \ln \frac{C}{r}$

$\Rightarrow R(r) = \frac{C}{r}$

INTEGRATE W.R.T  $r$  AGAIN

$\Rightarrow \frac{R(r)}{r} = C \ln r + D$

IF  $n \geq 1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = n^2$

$\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) - n^2 R(r) = 0$

THIS IS A CAUCHY-EULER TYPE ODE

LET  $R(r) = r^p$

$2p(r) = 2r^{p-1}$

$R'(r) = p r^{p-1}$

$\Rightarrow \text{SUB INTO THE O.D.E.}$

$2p(p-1)r^{p-1} + p r^{p-1} - n^2 r^p = 0$

$\lambda^2 - \lambda - n^2 = 0$

$\lambda^2 = n^2$

$\lambda = \pm n$

$\Rightarrow R(r) = \alpha_1 r^n + \alpha_2 r^{-n}$

• COLLECTING ALL THE SOLUTIONS

$n=0$

$\Theta_0(\theta) = A_0$   
 $R_0(r) = C \ln r + D$

$u_0(r, \theta) = C \ln r + D$

$n \geq 1$

$\Theta_n(\theta) = A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)$   
 $R_n(r) = \alpha_n r^n + \beta_n r^{-n}$

$u(r, \theta) = C \ln r + D + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)] [\alpha_n r^n + \beta_n r^{-n}]$

ABSORBING A REDEFINING THE CONSTANTS

$u(r, \theta) = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [C_n r^n \cos(n\theta) + D_n r^n \sin(n\theta) + E_n r^{-n} \cos(n\theta) + F_n r^{-n} \sin(n\theta)]$

• APPLYING CONDITIONS

FIRSTLY  $u(r, \theta)$  MUST BE FINITE AND AS APPROACHES AT  $r=0$

$\therefore u(r, \theta) = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [C_n r^n \cos(n\theta) + E_n r^{-n} \sin(n\theta)]$

• NEXT  $u(r, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n r^n$

$\Rightarrow A = 0, C_n = 0$

$\therefore u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [E_n r^{-n} \sin(n\theta)]$

• NEXT  $u(r, \frac{1}{2}\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [E_n r^{-n} \sin(n\frac{1}{2}\pi)]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{E_n}{r^n} = k \quad (k \in \mathbb{N})$

$\Rightarrow n = 2k \quad (\text{IE EVEN})$

$\therefore u(r, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [E_k r^{-2k} \sin(2k\theta)]$

• FINALLY TO APPLY THE LAST CONDITION, DIFFERENTIATE W.R.T  $r$

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k E_k) r^{-2k-1} \sin(2k\theta)$

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(1, \theta) = \theta = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k E_k \sin(2k\theta))$

THIS IS A FOURIER SERIES PROBLEM.  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \theta$

$\therefore 2k E_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \theta \sin(2k\theta) d\theta$

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BY PARTS

$\theta$	1
$-\frac{1}{2k} \cos(2k\theta)$	$\sin(2k\theta)$

$\Rightarrow 2k E_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \left[ -\frac{\theta}{2k} \cos(2k\theta) + \frac{1}{2k^2} \sin(2k\theta) \right]_0^{\pi} \right\}$

$\Rightarrow 2k E_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \left[ \frac{\theta}{2k} \cos(2k\theta) \right]_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{4k^2} \left[ \sin(2k\theta) \right]_0^{\pi} \right\}$

$\Rightarrow 2k E_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{\pi}{2k} \cos(2k\pi) \right]$

$\Rightarrow 2k E_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \times \frac{\pi}{2k} \times (-1)^k$

$\Rightarrow 2k E_k = -\frac{(-1)^k}{2k}$

$\Rightarrow E_k = \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{4k^2}$

$\therefore u(r, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{k+1} r^{-2k} \sin(2k\theta)}{4k^2} \right]$

**Question 10**

The steady state temperature distribution  $u = u(r, \theta)$  in a circular thin metal disc of radius 1, satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

It is further given that  $u(1, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta & -\frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Determine a simplified expression for  $u(r, \theta)$ .

[You are expected to derive the general solution of the partial equation in variable separate form]

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}n\pi\right) + \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}n\pi\right) \right] r^n \sin n\theta$$

$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$  for  $0 \leq r \leq 1$  and  $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$

$u(1, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta & -\frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- ASSUME A P.D.E SOLUTION IN SEPARABLE FORM  $u(r, \theta) = R(r) \Theta(\theta)$
- DIFFERENTIATE AND SUBSTITUTE INTO THE P.D.E
 
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} = R''(r) \Theta(\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} = R(r) \Theta''(\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} = R''(r) \Theta(\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow R''(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} R(r) \Theta''(\theta) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R''(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} R(r) \Theta''(\theta) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{r^2 \Theta(\theta)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{r^2 \Theta(\theta)}$$

- STANDARD WITH THE L.H.S.  $-\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = \lambda = \mu^2$ 

$$\Theta''(\theta) = -\mu^2 \Theta(\theta)$$

$$\Theta(\theta) = A \cos \mu \theta + B \sin \mu \theta$$
- ON OTHER HAND THE P.D.E. SOLUTION WITH BOUNDARY CONDITIONS
 
$$u(0, \theta) = 0 \Rightarrow R(0) \Theta(\theta) = 0$$

$$u(1, \theta) = \theta \Rightarrow R(1) \Theta(\theta) = \theta$$
- THENCE WE HAVE
 
$$\Theta(\theta) = A \cos \mu \theta + B \sin \mu \theta$$

$$k = \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots$$
- RECURRING TO THE L.H.S.
 
$$\frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{r^2 \Theta(\theta)} = \mu^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) + \mu^2 R(r) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r R''(r) + R'(r) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r R'(r) = -R(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{1}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln |R(r)| = -\ln r + \ln C$$

$\Rightarrow \ln |R(r)| = \ln \left( \frac{C}{r} \right)$

$\Rightarrow R(r) = \frac{C}{r}$

$\Rightarrow R(r) = C \ln r + C$

NEXT CONSIDER THE CASE WHERE  $\mu = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = 0$

$\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) = 0$

$\Rightarrow r R'(r) = -R(r)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{1}{r}$

$\Rightarrow \ln |R(r)| = -\ln r + \ln C$

$\Rightarrow R(r) = \frac{C}{r}$

THUS WE HAVE TWO CASES

1.  $\mu = 0$   $\Theta(\theta) = A_0$   $R(r) = \frac{C}{r}$

2.  $\mu \neq 0$   $\Theta(\theta) = A \cos \mu \theta + B \sin \mu \theta$   $R(r) = \frac{C}{r}$

THUS WE HAVE TWO CASES

1.  $\mu = 0$   $\Theta(\theta) = A_0$   $R(r) = \frac{C}{r}$

2.  $\mu \neq 0$   $\Theta(\theta) = A \cos \mu \theta + B \sin \mu \theta$   $R(r) = \frac{C}{r}$

$n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$\Theta_n(\theta) = A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta$

$R_n(r) = \frac{C_n}{r^n}$

APPLYING THE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS YIELDS THE GENERAL SOLUTION

$u(r, \theta) = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{C_n}{r^n} (A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta) \right]$

NEXT WE APPLY BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

FIRSTLY, THE TEMPERATURE MUST BE FINITE AT THE CENTRE OF THE DISC, i.e. WHERE  $r=0$

$\therefore B_n = 0, A_n = 0, C_n = 0$

$\therefore u(r, \theta) = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{C_n}{r^n} (A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta) \right]$

FINALLY APPLY  $u(1, \theta) = f(\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta & -\frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$f(\theta) = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{C_n}{r^n} (A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta) \right]$

THIS IS A FOURIER SERIES IN THE INTERVAL  $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$  (HALF PERIOD)

$\therefore A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} f(\theta) \cos n\theta d\theta = 0$  (ODD)

$\therefore A = \frac{a_0}{2} = 0$

$C_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} f(\theta) \cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \theta \cos \theta d\theta = 0$  (ODD)

$C_2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} f(\theta) \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \theta \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \theta \sin \theta d\theta$

INTEGRATION BY PARTS

$\theta$	$\sin \theta$
$\frac{1}{n} \cos n\theta$	$\sin n\theta$

$C_2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ -\frac{\theta}{n} \cos n\theta + \frac{1}{n} \int \cos n\theta d\theta \right\}$

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THUS WE FINALLY HAVE

$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{n} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) r^n \sin n\theta \right]$

### Question 11

The steady state temperature distribution  $u = u(r, \theta)$  in a circular thin metal disc of radius 1, satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

It is further given that  $u(1, \theta) = \begin{cases} \pi - \theta & 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Determine a simplified expression for  $u(r, \theta)$ .

[You are expected to derive the general solution of the partial equation in variable separate form]

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{r^n}{n} \sin n\theta + \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{\pi n} \cos n\theta \right]$$

$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$   $u = u(r, \theta)$   
 $0 \leq r \leq 1$   
 $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

SOLUTIONS  $u(1, \theta) = \pi - \theta$   $0 \leq \theta < \pi$   
 $u(1, \theta) = 0$   $\pi < \theta < 2\pi$   
 $u(0, \theta) = 0$  (finite)

● ASSUME A SOLUTION IN VARIABLES SEPARATE FORM  
 $u(r, \theta) = R(r) \Theta(\theta)$

● DIFFERENTIATE AND SUBSTITUTE INTO THE P.D.E.  
 $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = R''(\theta) \Theta(\theta)$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = R(r) \Theta''(\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow R''(\theta) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(\theta) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} R(r) \Theta''(\theta) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R''(\theta) \Theta(\theta)}{R(r) \Theta(\theta)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(\theta) \Theta(\theta)}{R(r) \Theta(\theta)} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{R(r) \Theta''(\theta)}{R(r) \Theta(\theta)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R''(\theta)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(\theta)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(\theta)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(\theta)}{R(r)} + \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(\theta)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(\theta)}{R(r)} = - \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)}$

● BOTH SIDES ARE AT MOST A CONSTANT, SAY  $\lambda$ , AS THE LHS IS A FUNCTION OF  $r$  ONLY, AND THE RHS IS A FUNCTION OF  $\theta$  ONLY

● DUE TO THE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS, WE REQUIRE  $\Theta$  TO BE PERIODIC IN  $\theta$ , SO THE CONSTANT  $\lambda$  MUST BE POSITIVE (GIVEN THERE IS A MINUS ON THE RHS)

● NOTICE THE R.H.S. YIELDS  
 $\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = \lambda = -\lambda^2$   
 $\Theta''(\theta) = -\lambda^2 \Theta(\theta)$   
 $\Theta(\theta) = A \cos \lambda \theta + B \sin \lambda \theta$

● WORKING FURTHER AT THE ABOVE EQUATION WITH BOUNDARY CONDITIONS (ON  $\Theta$ )  
 $\cos \theta = \cos(\theta + 2\pi)$   
 $\sin \theta = \sin(\theta + 2\pi)$   
 $\therefore \lambda = n$  (INTEGER)

● EVALUATING THE RESULTS SO FAR  
 $\Theta_n(\theta) = A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta$   $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

NOTE:  $n=0$  IS A SPECIAL CASE. AS  $\lambda=0$ ,  $\Theta'' = 0$ ,  $\Theta = C\theta + D$ . AS  $\Theta$  IS PERIODIC,  $\Theta(0) = \Theta(2\pi)$ ,  $C=0$ .  $\Theta = D$ .  $D = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .  $\Theta_0 = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

● NOW WORKING ON THE LHS  
 $r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = n^2$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} - n^2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = n^2$

● THIS GIVES TO KNOWLEDGE - OTHER  $n=0$  OR  $n \geq 1$   
 IF  $n=0$   $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{n}{r}$   
 INTEGRATE BOTH SIDES W.R.T  $r$   
 $\ln |R(r)| = -n \ln r + \ln C$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln |R(r)| = \ln \left( \frac{C}{r^n} \right)$   
 $\Rightarrow R(r) = \frac{C}{r^n}$   
 INTEGRATE  $u$  W.R.T  $\theta$  AGAIN  
 $\Rightarrow R(r) = C \ln r + D$

IF  $n \geq 1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = n^2$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} - n^2 = 0$

THIS IS A CAUCHY-EULER TYPE  
 LET  $R(r) = r^m$   
 $R'(r) = m r^{m-1}$   
 $R''(r) = m(m-1) r^{m-2}$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{m(m-1) r^{m-2}}{r^m} + r \frac{m r^{m-1}}{r^m} - n^2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow m(m-1) + m - n^2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow m^2 - n^2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow m = n$   
 $\Rightarrow R(r) = r^n$

● COMBINING ALL THE SOLUTIONS  
 $n=0$   $\Theta_0 = \frac{\pi}{4}$   
 $R(r) = C \ln r + D$   
 $\Rightarrow u(r, \theta) = C \ln r + D$

FOR  $n \geq 1$   $\Theta_n(\theta) = A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta$   
 $R_n(r) = r^n$

● FINALLY THE GENERAL SOLUTION IS  
 $u(r, \theta) = \left[ C \ln r + D \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta \right] (r^n + r^{-n})$

● APPLYING THE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS  
 $u(1, \theta) = A + B \ln 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta] (1^n + 1^{-n})$   
 $u(1, \theta) = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta]$

● NOW LOOK FOR A SPECIFIC SOLUTION  
 AS  $u(1, \theta)$  MUST BE FINITE, AND IN BOUNDARY AT  $r=0$ , THEN  
 $B=0$ ,  $D=0$ ,  $F=0$

$u(1, \theta) = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta]$

FINALLY APPLY THE CONDITION  
 $u(1, \theta) = \begin{cases} \pi - \theta & 0 \leq \theta < \pi \\ 0 & \pi < \theta < 2\pi \end{cases}$

$f(\theta) = A + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta]$

THIS IS A FOURIER SERIES IN  $[0, 2\pi]$ . HALF PERIOD  $L = \pi$   
 $\therefore A_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(\theta) \cos n\theta d\theta = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - \theta) \cos n\theta d\theta$

$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \pi^2 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = \frac{2}{\pi} \pi^2 = \frac{2\pi}{n^2}$

$C_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(\theta) \sin n\theta d\theta = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - \theta) \sin n\theta d\theta$

BY PARTS  
 $\begin{matrix} \pi - \theta & \sin n\theta \\ -1 & \cos n\theta \end{matrix}$

$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{(\pi - \theta) \cos n\theta}{n} + \frac{\sin n\theta}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi}$   
 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{(\pi - \pi) \cos n\pi}{n} + \frac{\sin n\pi}{n^2} - \left( \frac{(\pi - 0) \cos 0}{n} + \frac{\sin 0}{n^2} \right) \right]$   
 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ 0 - \frac{\pi}{n} \right] = -\frac{2\pi}{n}$

$\therefore C_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(\theta) \sin n\theta d\theta = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - \theta) \sin n\theta d\theta$

BY PARTS  
 $\begin{matrix} \pi - \theta & \sin n\theta \\ -1 & \cos n\theta \end{matrix}$

$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{(\pi - \theta) \cos n\theta}{n} - \frac{\sin n\theta}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi}$   
 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ 0 - \frac{\pi}{n} \right] = -\frac{2\pi}{n}$

● COMBINING ALL THE RESULTS  
 $u(r, \theta) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{r^n}{n} \sin n\theta + \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{\pi n} \cos n\theta \right]$

$\therefore u(r, \theta) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{r^n}{n} \sin n\theta + \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{\pi n} \cos n\theta \right]$



## Question 12

The function  $\Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

- a) Derive the general solution of the above equation, in variable separable form.

The functions  $\Phi_1 = \Phi_1(r, \theta)$  and  $\Phi_2 = \Phi_2(r, \theta)$  satisfy

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_1 = 0, \quad 0 < r < 1$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_2 = 0, \quad r \geq 1.$$

It is further given that

- $|\Phi_1(0, \theta)| \leq M, \quad M \in \mathbb{R}.$
- $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} [\Phi_2(r, \theta) - r \cos \theta] = 0.$
- $\Phi_1(1, \theta) = \Phi_2(1, \theta).$
- $\frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial r}(1, \theta) + 3 \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial r}(1, \theta) = 0.$

- b) Determine expressions for  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ .

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (C_n r^n + D_n r^{-n}) \cos n\theta + (E_n r^n + F_n r^{-n}) \sin n\theta \right],$$

$$\Phi_1(r, \theta) = 3r \cos \theta, \quad \Phi_2(r, \theta) = r \cos \theta + \frac{2}{r} \cos \theta$$

[solution overleaf]

$\lambda = 1, \lambda = 2, \lambda = 3, \dots$   
 $r^2 \frac{d^2 Q}{dr^2} + r \frac{dQ}{dr} = \lambda^2 Q$   
 $r^2 \frac{d^2 Q}{dr^2} + r \frac{dQ}{dr} - \lambda^2 R Q = 0$   
 4. CHORD-CORD TYPE  
 Let  $\begin{cases} R(r) = r^{\lambda} \\ Q(r) = \gamma(r) \cdot r^{-\lambda} \end{cases}$  SUB INTO THE O.D.E  
 $R(r) = \gamma(r) \cdot r^{-\lambda}$   
 $\gamma^2 - 2 - \gamma^2 = 0$   
 $\gamma^2 - 2 = 0$   
 $\gamma = \pm \sqrt{2}$   
 $\therefore R_n(r) = \alpha_n r^{\lambda} + \beta_n r^{-\lambda}$   
 COMBINING SOLUTIONS  
 $n=0$   $\begin{cases} Q(r) = B \\ R(r) = C \ln r + D \end{cases}$  "BECOME  $B$  INTO  $D$ "  
 $n \geq 1$   $\begin{cases} Q(r) = A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \\ R(r) = \alpha_n r^n + \beta_n r^{-n} \end{cases}$   
 (FINDING SOLUTION)  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = \left[ C \ln r + D \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) (\alpha_n r^n + \beta_n r^{-n}) \right]$   
 IDENTIFYING & COMBINING THE CONSTANTS  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = -A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ C_n R_n \cos(n\theta) + D_n r^n \sin(n\theta) + E_n r^n \cos(n\theta) + F_n r^{-n} \sin(n\theta) \right]$   
 NOTE: THE  $B$  BECAME A NEGATIVE NUMBER IS ALLOWED SINCE

CONTINUING RESULTS FROM (3) & (4)

•  $E_1 = P_1$   
 $E_1 = 3P_1$  }  $n \geq 1$

•  $C_1 = L_1$   
 $C_1 = 3L_1$  }  $n \geq 2$

$\therefore E_1 = P_1 = 0$        $C_1 = L_1 = 0 \quad n \geq 2$

•  $n = 1$

$C_1 = L_1 + 1$  }  $3L_1 - 3 = L_1 + 1$   
 $C_1 = 3L_1 - 3$  }  $2L_1 = 4$

$L_1 = 2$

$q \quad C_1 = 3$

$\therefore \begin{cases} f_1(n) = 3 \text{ roots} \\ f_2(n) = \cos n + \frac{2}{n} \cos n \end{cases}$

## Question 13

The function  $\Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

- a) Derive the general solution of the above equation, in variable separable form.

The functions  $\Phi_1 = \Phi_1(r, \theta)$  and  $\Phi_2 = \Phi_2(r, \theta)$  satisfy

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_1 = 0, \quad r > 1$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_2 = 0, \quad 0 < r < 1.$$

It is further given that

- $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} [\Phi_1(r, \theta) - r \cos \theta] = 2.$
- $\Phi_1(1, \theta) = \Phi_2(1, \theta).$
- $1 + \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial r}(1, \theta) = \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial r}(1, \theta).$
- $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} [r \Phi_2(r, \theta) - \cos \theta] = 0.$

- b) Determine expressions for  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ .

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (C_n r^n + D_n r^{-n}) \cos n\theta + (E_n r^n + F_n r^{-n}) \sin n\theta \right],$$

$$\boxed{\phantom{0000}}, \quad \boxed{\Phi_1(r, \theta) = 2 + \left(r + \frac{1}{r}\right) \cos \theta}, \quad \boxed{\Phi_2(r, \theta) = 2 + \ln r + \left(r + \frac{1}{r}\right) \cos \theta}$$

[solution overleaf]



$\therefore H=1$		BY TRIANGLES OF THE UNIT
$2\cos\theta = \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \cos\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{2(n-k)\pi}{n}\right) \right]$		
$\bullet n=1, 2, \dots$ $n\left[\frac{2\pi}{n} + \frac{2(n-k)\pi}{n}\right] = 0$ Real require $F_1 = H_1, V_1$ $\therefore F_1 = H_1 = 0$	$\bullet n=1$ $2\cos\theta = (D_1 + k_1)\cos\theta$ $D_1 + k_1 = 2$ Real require $D_1 = k_1, V_1$ $\therefore D_1 = k_1 = 1$	$\bullet n>2$ $n\left[\frac{2\pi}{n} + \frac{2(n-k)\pi}{n}\right] = 0$ Real require $D_1 = k_1, V_1$ $\therefore D_1 = k_1 = 0$ $n>2$
$\bullet$ <u>FINALLY WE HAVE EXPRESSIONS FOR BOTH <math>\phi_1</math> &amp; <math>\phi_2</math></u>		
$\phi_1(r, \theta) = 2 + \cos\theta + \frac{1}{r}\cos\theta$		
$\phi_2(r, \theta) = 2 + \ln r + \frac{1}{r}\cos\theta + \cos\theta$		
$\phi_1(r, \theta) = 2 + \left(r + \frac{1}{r}\right)\cos\theta \quad r > 1$		
$\phi_2(r, \theta) = 2 + \ln r + \left(r + \frac{1}{r}\right)\cos\theta \quad 0 < r < 1$		

## Question 14

The function  $\Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

- a) Derive the general solution of the above equation, in variable separable form.

The functions  $\Phi_0 = \Phi_0(r, \theta)$  and  $\Phi_1 = \Phi_1(r, \theta)$  satisfy

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_0 = 0, \quad r > 1$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_1 = 0, \quad 0 \leq r < 1.$$

It is further given that

- $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} [\Phi_0(r, \theta) - 2r \cos \theta] = 0.$
- $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} [r \Phi_1(r, \theta)] = 0$
- $\Phi_0(1, \theta) + \Phi_1(1, \theta) = 3.$
- $\frac{\partial \Phi_0}{\partial r}(1, \theta) = 3 \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial r}(1, \theta).$
- .

- b) Determine expressions for  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ .

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (C_n r^n + D_n r^{-n}) \cos n\theta + (E_n r^n + F_n r^{-n}) \sin n\theta \right],$$

$$\Phi_0(r, \theta) = \left( 2r - \frac{4}{r} \right) \cos \theta, \quad \Phi_1(r, \theta) = 3 + 2r \cos \theta$$

[solution overleaf]

$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$

1. Assume a solution in Cartesian coordinates form  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$   
 $\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} = R''(r)\Theta(\theta)$   
 $\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = R(r)\Theta''(\theta)$   
 $\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = R''(r)\Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(r)\Theta(\theta) = 0$

2. Solve into the PDE  
 $R''(r)\Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(r)\Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} R(r)\Theta''(\theta) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r)\Theta(\theta) + r R'(r)\Theta(\theta) + R(r)\Theta''(\theta) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r)\Theta(\theta)}{R(r)\Theta(\theta)} + \frac{r R'(r)\Theta(\theta)}{R(r)\Theta(\theta)} + \frac{R(r)\Theta''(\theta)}{R(r)\Theta(\theta)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)}$

3. Now the LHS is a function of  $r$  only and the RHS is a function of  $\theta$  only.  
 Hence both sides must be at least a constant, say  $\lambda$ , which may be negative, positive or zero.

1. Looking at the RHS  
 $-\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = \lambda$   
 If  $\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \Theta''(\theta) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A\theta + B$  - I

If  $\lambda < 0, \lambda = -\eta^2 \Rightarrow \Theta''(\theta) = \eta^2 \Theta(\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A \cosh(\eta\theta) + B \sinh(\eta\theta)$  - II  
 (or  $e^{\eta\theta}$  and  $e^{-\eta\theta}$ )

If  $\lambda > 0, \lambda = \eta^2 \Rightarrow \Theta''(\theta) = -\eta^2 \Theta(\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A \cos(\eta\theta) + B \sin(\eta\theta)$  - III

2. Now in terms of  $r$ , a unique (trivial) point (0,0) to a polar point  $(r, \theta + 2\pi) \in \mathbb{R}^2$   
 So we require periodic, or constant.  
 Solution (II) is to be discarded, as it neither periodic nor constant.  
 Solution (III) is fine as it is periodic.  
 Solution (I) is fine as it is periodic.

3. Looking at (I) in (III) we can consider  
 $\cos(\theta) = \cos(\theta + 2\pi)$   
 $\cos(\theta) = \cos(\theta + 2\pi n)$   
 $\therefore 2\pi n = 2\pi$   
 $\therefore n = 1$ , integer

4. Collecting the solutions  
 From (II)  $\lambda = \eta^2$   $\eta = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
 This  $\lambda = 0$  is already included in I. Note that negative integers will also be included at the end, due to the nature of the final solution.

Hence  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = A_0 \ln(r) + B_0 \ln(\theta) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) r^n$

5. Looking now at the LHS of the ODE  
 $\frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = \eta^2$   $\eta = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

If  $\eta = 0$   
 $\frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r R'(r) = -R(r)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{1}{r}$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln|R(r)| = -\ln|r| + k$   
 $\Rightarrow |R(r)| = \frac{k}{r}$

• If  $\eta = 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
 $\frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = \eta^2$   
 $r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) - \eta^2 R(r) = 0$

• This is a Cauchy-Euler equation  
 Let  $R(r) = r^p$   
 $R'(r) = p r^{p-1}$   
 $R''(r) = p(p-1) r^{p-2}$   
 Sub into the ODE  
 $r^2 p(p-1) r^{p-2} + r p r^{p-1} - \eta^2 r^p = 0$   
 $p(p-1) r^p + p r^p - \eta^2 r^p = 0$   
 $p(p-1) + p - \eta^2 = 0$   
 $p^2 - \eta^2 = 0$   
 $p = \pm \eta$   
 $\therefore R_1 = a_1 r^{\eta} + b_1 r^{-\eta}$ ,  $\eta = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

• Collecting the results  
 $\eta = 0$   $\Theta(\theta) = B$   
 $R(r) = \ln(r)$   
 $\eta = 1$   $\Theta(\theta) = A_1 \cos(\theta) + B_1 \sin(\theta)$   
 $R(r) = a_1 r + b_1 r^{-1}$   
 Note that negative integers are now included  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = C \ln(r) + D + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) (a_n r^n + b_n r^{-n})$

Applying the boundary conditions  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = A + B \ln(r) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) (a_n r^n + b_n r^{-n})$   
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = G + H \ln(r) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (C_n \cos(n\theta) + D_n \sin(n\theta)) (a_n r^n + b_n r^{-n})$

• Apply (1)  
 $A = 0$   
 $B = 0$   
 $C = 2$   $G = 0$   $\eta = 2$   
 $E_2 = 0$   
 $D_2 = \text{undetermined}$   
 $F_2 = \text{undetermined}$   
 $\therefore \Phi(r, \theta) = 2 \cos(2\theta) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) (a_n r^n + b_n r^{-n})$

• Apply (2)  
 $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r}(r, \theta) = 0$   $r > 1$   
 $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r}(r, \theta) = 0$   $0 \leq r < 1$   
 Conditions  
 $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} [\Phi(r, \theta) - 2 \cos(2\theta)] = 0$  (1)  
 $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} [\Phi(r, \theta)] = 0$  (2)  
 $\Phi(r, \theta) + \Phi(r, \theta) = 3$  (3)  
 $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r}(r, \theta) = 0$  (4)

• Applying condition (2)  
 $G = \text{undetermined}$   
 $H = \text{undetermined}$   
 $C_2 = \text{undetermined}$   
 $D_2 = \text{undetermined}$   
 $E_2 = 0$   
 $F_2 = 0$   
 $\therefore \Phi(r, \theta) = G + H \ln(r) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) (a_n r^n + b_n r^{-n})$

• Apply (3)  
 $2 \cos(2\theta) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) + G + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) = 3$   
 $\therefore G = 3$   
 $2 \cos(2\theta) + A_1 \cos(\theta) + B_1 \sin(\theta) = 0$   
 $D_1 + E_1 = 0$   $\eta = 2$   
 $F_1 + M_1 = 0$

• Differentiate to apply the LBC condition  
 $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = 2 \cos(2\theta) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (a_n r^n + b_n r^{-n})$   
 $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = 2 \cos(2\theta) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) (n a_n r^{n-1} - n b_n r^{-n-1})$   
 $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) (n a_n r^{n-1} - n b_n r^{-n-1})$

• Apply (4)  
 $2 \cos(2\theta) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) = 3 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta))$   
 $H = 0$   
 $2 \cos(2\theta) - D_1 \cos(\theta) = 3 k_1 \cos(\theta)$   
 $2 - D_1 = 3 k_1$   
 $D_1 + k_1 = -2$   
 $k_1 = 2$   $D_1 = -4$

•  $\eta = 2$   $D_2 \cos(2\theta) = 3 k_2 \cos(2\theta)$   
 $-D_2 = 3 k_2$   
 $D_2 + k_2 = 0$   $\eta = 2$   
 $k_2 = 0$   $D_2 = 0$

•  $\eta = 3$   $E_3 \sin(3\theta) = 3 k_3 \sin(3\theta)$   
 $-E_3 = 3 k_3$   
 $E_3 + k_3 = 0$   
 $k_3 = 0$   $E_3 = 0$

Hence  $\Phi(r, \theta) = 2 \cos(2\theta) - \frac{4}{r^2} \cos(2\theta)$   
 $\Phi(r, \theta) = 3 + 2 \cos(2\theta)$

## Question 15

The function  $\Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

- a) Derive the general solution of the above equation, in variable separable form.

The functions  $\Phi_0 = \Phi_0(r, \theta)$  and  $\Phi_1 = \Phi_1(r, \theta)$  satisfy

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_0 = 0, \quad r > 1$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_1 = 0, \quad 0 \leq r \leq 1.$$

It is further given that

- $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} [\Phi_0(r, \theta) - r \cos \theta] = 0.$
- $\Phi_1(0, \theta) \leq M, \quad M \in \mathbb{R}.$
- $2\Phi_0(1, \theta) + \Phi_1(1, \theta) = 2\pi.$
- $\frac{\partial \Phi_0}{\partial r}(1, \theta) = \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial r}(1, \theta).$

- b) Determine expressions for  $\Phi_0$  and  $\Phi_1$ .

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (C_n r^n + D_n r^{-n}) \cos n\theta + (E_n r^n + F_n r^{-n}) \sin n\theta \right],$$

$$\Phi_0(r, \theta) = \left( r - \frac{3}{r} \right) \cos \theta, \quad \Phi_1(r, \theta) = 2\pi + 4r \cos \theta$$

[solution overleaf]

1)  $\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\theta}{dt} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} = 0$

• Assume a solution in circular separable form  
 $\phi(r, \theta) = R(r) \Theta(\theta)$   
 $\frac{d^2\phi}{dr^2} = R''(r) \Theta(\theta)$   
 $\frac{d^2\phi}{d\theta^2} = R(r) \Theta''(\theta)$   
 $\frac{d^2\phi}{dr^2} = R''(r) \Theta(\theta)$

• Substitute into the P.D.E.  
 $\Rightarrow R''(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} R(r) \Theta''(\theta) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R''(r) \Theta(\theta) + R'(r) \Theta(\theta) + R(r) \Theta''(\theta) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow R''(r) \Theta(\theta) = -R'(r) \Theta(\theta) - R(r) \Theta''(\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R''(r) \Theta(\theta)}{R(r) \Theta(\theta)} = -\frac{R'(r) \Theta(\theta)}{R(r) \Theta(\theta)} - \frac{R(r) \Theta''(\theta)}{R(r) \Theta(\theta)}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} - \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)}$

As the L.H.S is a function of  $r$  only and the R.H.S is a function of  $\theta$  only, both sides are at least a constant. This constant, say  $\lambda$ , can be positive, negative or zero.

• Looking at the L.H.S first  
 $\frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} = \lambda \Rightarrow \Theta''(\theta) = -\lambda \Theta(\theta)$   
 If  $\lambda = 0$   $\Theta''(\theta) = 0 \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A\theta + B$  (2)  
 If  $\lambda > 0$   $\Theta''(\theta) = -\lambda \Theta(\theta) \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A \cos \sqrt{\lambda} \theta + B \sin \sqrt{\lambda} \theta$  (3)  
 If  $\lambda < 0$   $\Theta''(\theta) = -\lambda \Theta(\theta) \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A \cosh \sqrt{\lambda} \theta + B \sinh \sqrt{\lambda} \theta$  (4)  
 (or exponential)

• Under a polar co-ordinate system, a single stationary point (SP) gets mapped to a polar point  $(r, \theta + 2\pi n)$ , where  $k$  is an integer. Hence we require  $\theta$  to produce periodic (or constant) solutions

• Solution III is discarded (no periodicity in  $\theta$ )  
 • Solution II is fine (only periodic)  
 • Solution I is OK if  $A=0$  or  $B=0$  is constant

• Looking at solution (4) in more detail with strange signs or angles  
 $\sin \theta = \sin(\theta + 2\pi)$   
 $\sin(p\theta) = \sin(p(\theta + 2\pi)) = \sin(p\theta + 2p\pi)$   
 $\therefore 2p\pi = 2\pi n \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $\therefore p = n$  is an integer

Hence (2),  $\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow n = 0$   
 (3),  $\lambda = p^2 \Rightarrow n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

At this stage we shall not include negative integers for the sake of simplicity, but as we will see later "Antisymmetry" is included in the final answer (due to its nature).  
 Thus, so far  
 $\Theta_n(\theta) = A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

• Returning to the R.H.S of the O.D.E.  
 $\frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = \lambda = n^2 = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

If  $n=0$   $\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r R''(r) + R'(r) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r R'(r) = -R(r)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{1}{r}$   
 Integrate both sides w.r.t  $r$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln |R(r)| = -\ln |r| + \ln C$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln |R(r)| = \ln \frac{C}{r}$   
 $\Rightarrow R(r) = \frac{C}{r}$   
 Integrate again w.r.t  $r$   
 $\Rightarrow \Theta(r) = C \ln r + D$

If  $n \neq 0$   $\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{r R'(r)}{R(r)} = n^2$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) - n^2 R(r) = 0$

Cauchy-Euler type  
 Let  $R(r) = r^k$   
 $R'(r) = k r^{k-1}$   
 $R''(r) = k(k-1) r^{k-2}$   
 Sub into the O.D.E.  
 $k(k-1) r^{k-2} + k r^{k-1} - n^2 r^k = 0$   
 $k^2 - k + k - n^2 = 0$   
 $k^2 - n^2 = 0$   
 $k = \pm n$

Now  $R(r) = \alpha_1 r^n + \alpha_2 r^{-n} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$   
 And note that negative integers are now included

• Combining the solutions  
 $n=0 \quad \Theta(r) = B$   
 $R(r) = C \ln r + D$  (where  $B$  into  $D$ )  
 $n=1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \quad \Theta(r) = A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta$   
 $R_n(r) = \alpha_1 r^n + \alpha_2 r^{-n}$

General solutions  
 $\phi(r, \theta) = [C \ln r + D] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta] (\alpha_1^n r^n + \alpha_2^n r^{-n})$   
 (Note  $n=0$  produces a constant which is already included in the first part)

Boundary conditions & determining constants (if given)

$\phi(r, \theta) = A \ln r + B + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [C_n r^n \cos n\theta + D_n r^n \sin n\theta + E_n r^{-n} \cos n\theta + F_n r^{-n} \sin n\theta]$

b)  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad r > 0 \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} [\phi - r \cos \theta] = 0$  (1)  
 $\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad 0 \leq r < 1$   
 $\phi(r, \theta) \leq M, \quad M \in \mathbb{R}$  (2)  
 $\phi(1, \theta) + 2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}(1, \theta) = 2\pi$  (3)  
 $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}(1, \theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \cos \theta)$  (4)

• Let  $\phi_2 = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [C_n r^n \cos n\theta + D_n r^n \sin n\theta + E_n r^{-n} \cos n\theta + F_n r^{-n} \sin n\theta]$   
 $\phi_1 = G + H \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [K_n r^n \cos n\theta + L_n r^n \sin n\theta + M_n r^{-n} \cos n\theta + N_n r^{-n} \sin n\theta]$

• By (1) As  $r \rightarrow \infty \quad \phi_2 \rightarrow r \cos \theta$   
 $\therefore A=0 \quad B=0 \quad C_1 = \text{undetermined} \quad E_1 = 0 \quad F_1 = \text{undetermined} \quad G_1 = 0 \quad (n > 2)$

$\therefore \phi_2(r, \theta) = r \cos \theta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [D_n r^n \cos n\theta + F_n r^{-n} \sin n\theta]$

• By (2)  $\phi_1(r, \theta) \leq M, \quad M \in \mathbb{R}$ , i.e.  $\phi_1$  is bounded as  $r \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\therefore H=0 \quad G = \text{undetermined} \quad L_1 = 0 \quad M_1 = \text{undetermined} \quad P_1 = 0 \quad N_1 = \text{undetermined}$

$\phi_1(r, \theta) = G + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [K_n r^n \cos n\theta + M_n r^{-n} \sin n\theta]$

• By (3)  $\phi_1(1, \theta) + 2 \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial r}(1, \theta) = 2\pi$   
 $G + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [K_n \cos n\theta + M_n \sin n\theta] + 2 \cos \theta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [2n K_n \cos n\theta + 2n M_n \sin n\theta] = 2\pi$

Thus  $G = 2\pi$   
 $K_1 + 2 + 2D_1 = 0$   
 $K_1 + 2D_1 = 0 \quad (n=2, 3, 4, \dots)$   
 $M_1 + 2F_1 = 0 \quad (n=1, 2, 3, 4, \dots)$

•  $\phi_2(r, \theta) = r \cos \theta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [D_n r^n \cos n\theta + F_n r^{-n} \sin n\theta]$   
 $\phi_1(r, \theta) = 2\pi + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [K_n r^n \cos n\theta + M_n r^{-n} \sin n\theta]$

$\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial r}(r, \theta) = \cos \theta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n D_n r^{n-1} \cos n\theta - n F_n r^{-n-1} \sin n\theta]$   
 $\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial r}(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n K_n r^{n-1} \cos n\theta + n M_n r^{-n-1} \sin n\theta]$

By (4)  $\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial r}(1, \theta) = \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial r}(1, \theta)$   
 $\cos \theta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n D_n \cos n\theta - n F_n \sin n\theta] = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n K_n \cos n\theta + n M_n \sin n\theta]$

$1 - D_1 = K_1$   
 $-n D_n \cos n\theta = n K_n \cos n\theta \quad n = 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$   
 $-n F_n \sin n\theta = n M_n \sin n\theta \quad n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$K_1 + 2 + 2D_1 = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - D_1 + 2 + 2D_1 = 0$   
 $K_1 = 1 - D_1$   
 $D_1 = -3 \quad K_1 = 4$

$K_1 + 2D_1 = 0$   
 $n K_n = -n D_n$   
 $\therefore K_n = -D_n \quad n = 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$

$M_1 + 2F_1 = 0$   
 $n M_n = -n F_n$   
 $\therefore M_n = -F_n \quad n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

Thus  
 $\phi_2(r, \theta) = r \cos \theta - \frac{3}{r} \cos \theta = (r - \frac{3}{r}) \cos \theta$   
 $\phi_1(r, \theta) = 2\pi + 4r \cos \theta$

## Question 16

The function  $\Phi = \Phi(r, \theta)$  satisfies Laplace's Equation in plane polar coordinates

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

- a) Derive the general solution of the above equation, in variable separable form.

The functions  $\Phi_1 = \Phi_1(r, \theta)$ ,  $\Phi_2 = \Phi_2(r, \theta)$  and  $\Phi_3 = \Phi_3(r, \theta)$  satisfy

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_1 = 0, \quad r > 2$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_2 = 0, \quad 1 < r < 2$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_3 = 0, \quad 0 < r < 1.$$

It is further given that

- $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} [\Phi_1(r, \theta) - r \cos \theta] = 0.$
- $\frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial r}(2, \theta) = \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial r}(2, \theta) = 2 \cos \theta.$
- $\Phi_2(1, \theta) = \Phi_3(1, \theta) = \cos \theta.$
- $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left[ r \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial r}(r, \theta) \right] = 1.$

- b) Determine expressions for  $\Phi_1$ ,  $\Phi_2$  and  $\Phi_3$ .

$$\boxed{\Phi(r, \theta) = A + B \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (C_n r^n + D_n r^{-n}) \cos n\theta + (E_n r^n + F_n r^{-n}) \sin n\theta \right]},$$

$$\boxed{\Phi_1(r, \theta) = r \cos \theta - \frac{4}{r} \cos \theta}, \quad \boxed{\Phi_2(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{5} \left( 9r - \frac{4}{r} \right) \cos \theta}, \quad \boxed{\Phi_3(r, \theta) = \ln r + r \cos \theta}$$

[solution overleaf]



ASSUME A SOLUTION IN POLYNOMIAL FORM - DIFFERENTIATE AND SUBSTITUTE INTO THE P.D.E

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(r, \theta) &= R(r) \Theta(\theta) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} = R''(r) \Theta(\theta) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} = R''(r) \Theta(\theta) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} = R''(r) \Theta(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow R''(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} R(r) \Theta''(\theta) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow R''(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(r) \Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} R(r) \Theta''(\theta) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{R(r) \Theta(\theta)} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

AS THE L.H.S IS A FUNCTION OF  $r$  ONLY AND THE R.H.S IS A FUNCTION OF  $\theta$  ONLY, BOTH SIDES ARE AT MOST A CONSTANT, SAY  $\lambda$ .  
LOOKING AT THE R.H.S OF THE ABOVE EXPRESSION, WE REQUIRE TWO CONSTANT SOLUTIONS IN  $\theta$  [DUE TO THE PERIODICITY REQUIREMENT EVERY  $2\pi$ ].  
GIVEN FURTHER THAT THERE IS ALREADY A  $\sin \theta$  IN THE R.H.S, WE DEDUCE  $\lambda < 0$ , SAY  $-\mu^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow -\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} &= \mu^2 \\ \Rightarrow \Theta''(\theta) &= -\mu^2 \Theta(\theta) \\ \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) &= A \cos(\mu \theta) + B \sin(\mu \theta)\end{aligned}$$

EXAMINING FURTHER THE "B" SOLUTION" WITH VERY SIMPLE (OR COSINES)

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta &= \sin(\theta + 2\pi) \Rightarrow \sin(\theta) = \sin(\theta + 2\pi) \\ &= \sin(\theta + 2\pi) \\ \Rightarrow \mu &= n = \text{integer} = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\end{aligned}$$

- NOTES
- $\mu = 0$  IS OK AS IT PRODUCES A CONSTANT SOLUTION
  - $\mu < 0$  NEED NOT BE CONSIDERED, AS AT THIS STAGE WE ARE INTERESTED WITH THE POSITIVE, BUT THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY APPEAR AT THE END

$$\therefore \Theta(\theta) = A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)$$

RETURNING TO THE L.H.S (FUNCTION OF  $r$  ONLY) WITH  $\lambda = -\mu^2 = -n^2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -n^2, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

- IF  $n = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} + R'(r) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{1}{r}$$

INTEGRATE W.R.T  $r$

$$\Rightarrow \ln |R(r)| = -\ln r + \ln C$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln |R(r)| = \ln \left| \frac{C}{r} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow R(r) = \frac{C}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow R(r) = \frac{C}{r} + D$$

IF  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''(r)}{R(r)} + r \frac{R'(r)}{R(r)} = -n^2$$

THIS IS A CAUCHY EULER O.D.E.

$$\text{LET } R(r) = r^p$$

$$R(r) = 2(r-1)^{p+2}$$

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# LAPLACE'S EQUATION

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0, \quad \Phi = \Phi(r, \theta, z)$$

**Three Dimensional in Cylindrical Polars**



## Question 1

The potential function  $V = V(r, \theta, z)$  satisfies Laplace's equation in cylindrical polar coordinates, shown below.

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0.$$

Use separation of variables to show that the radial part of the general solution of Laplace's equation in cylindrical polar coordinates, satisfies Bessel's equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 - n^2) y = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

proof

The handwritten notes are organized into three columns, detailing the steps of separation of variables for Laplace's equation in cylindrical coordinates.

- Column 1:**
  - Starts with  $\nabla^2 V = 0$  in cylindrical coordinates:  $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$ .
  - Assumes a solution of the form  $V(r, \theta, z) = R(r) \Theta(\theta) Z(z)$ .
  - Substitutes into the PDE and divides by  $R \Theta Z$  to separate the variables.
  - Shows the resulting three ordinary differential equations:
 
$$\frac{R''}{R} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'}{R} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} + \frac{Z''}{Z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -k^2$$

$$\frac{Z''}{Z} = -k^2$$
- Column 2:**
  - Notes that both sides are equal to a constant. For the  $\theta$  equation, it states  $\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -k^2$ .
  - Looks at the  $z$  equation:  $Z'' + k^2 Z = 0$ .
  - Notes that  $k^2 = 0$  or  $k^2 = n^2$  (where  $n$  is an integer).
  - Shows the general solution for  $\Theta(\theta)$ :  $\Theta(\theta) = C_1 \cos(n\theta) + C_2 \sin(n\theta)$ .
  - Shows the general solution for  $Z(z)$ :  $Z(z) = A_1 e^{kz} + A_2 e^{-kz}$ .
- Column 3:**
  - Let  $x = kr$  and  $R(r)$  becomes  $R(x)$ .
  - Notes that  $\frac{dR}{dr} = k \frac{dR}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2 R}{dr^2} = k^2 \frac{d^2 R}{dx^2}$ .
  - Substitutes into the radial equation to get Bessel's equation:
 
$$x^2 \frac{d^2 R}{dx^2} + x \frac{dR}{dx} + (x^2 - n^2) R = 0$$
  - Notes that this is indeed Bessel's equation with solution  $R_n(x) = A_n J_n(x) + B_n Y_n(x)$ .