

Objective } Green's function  
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## (I) Green function.

recall: fundamental solution

$$\Gamma(x-\xi, y-\eta) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \ln[(x-\xi)^2 + (y-\eta)^2]$$

$$\Delta \Gamma = -\delta(x-\xi, y-\eta)$$

For  $\Delta u = f$

Green's representation formula:

$$u(\xi, \eta) = \int_{\partial D} \left[ \Gamma(x-\xi, y-\eta) \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - u \cdot \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial n}(x-\xi, y-\eta) \right] ds$$

$$- \int_D \Gamma(x-\xi, y-\eta) f(x, y) dx dy \quad (*)$$

Dirichlet problem }  $\Delta u = f$  in  $D$   
}  $u = g$  on  $\partial D$   
(\*\*)

we want  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}$  to disappear in (\*\*)

Def: Green's function.

$$\begin{cases} \Delta G(x, y, \xi, \eta) = -\delta(x-\xi, y-\eta) & \text{in } D \\ G = 0, & \text{on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

where  $(\xi, \eta) \in D$  are parameters.

replace  $\Gamma$  by  $G$  in (\*)

$$\Rightarrow u(\xi, \eta) = \int_{\partial D} G \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - u \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} ds$$

$$- \int_D G \cdot f dx dy$$

$\Rightarrow$  general solution of (\*\*)

$$u(\xi, \eta) = - \int_{\partial D} \frac{\partial G(x, y, \xi, \eta)}{\partial n} \cdot g(x, y) ds$$

$$- \int_D G(x, y, \xi, \eta) f(x, y) dx dy$$

RK:  $K = \frac{\partial G}{\partial n}(x, y, \xi, \eta)$  is called the Poisson's kernel.

[see Poisson's formula for a disk]

## (II) Properties of $G$ .

(a) The existence of  $G$ .

Let  $G = \Gamma + h$ .

then  $h = G - \Gamma$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta h = \Delta G - \Delta \Gamma = 0, & \text{in } D \\ h = G - \Gamma = -\Gamma, & \text{on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

RK:  $\Gamma$  is known on  $\partial D$

Thm: For smooth domain  $D$ , there exists a unique solution for  $h$ , hence a unique  $G$ .

(b) symmetry of  $G$ .

$$\text{Thm: } G(x, y, \xi, \eta) = G(\xi, \eta, x, y)$$

for  $(x, y) \in D, (\xi, \eta) \in D$ .

$$(x, y) \neq (\xi, \eta)$$

Physics:

$$\Delta G = -\delta(x-\xi, y-\eta)$$

$G$  is the electric potential with point charge at  $(\xi, \eta)$ .  $G=0$

electric potential at  $(x, y)$  with point charge at  $(\xi, \eta)$

$\Rightarrow$  that at  $(\xi, \eta)$  with point charge at  $(x, y)$

(c) positivity of  $G$ .

$$G = \Gamma + h,$$

$$\Gamma = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \ln[(x-\xi)^2 + (y-\eta)^2] \rightarrow +\infty \text{ at } (\xi, \eta)$$

Thm:  $G(x, y, \xi, \eta) > 0$

in  $D \setminus \{\xi, \eta\}$

$$\& G=0 \text{ on } \partial D$$

## (III) construction of $G$

$$\textcircled{1} D = \mathbb{R}_+^2 \quad y > 0, \quad x < \infty$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta G = -\delta(x-\xi, y-\eta), & \text{in } D \\ G = 0, & \text{on } y=0 \end{cases}$$

use reflection principle.

$(\xi, -\eta)$  is the image point put a negative point charge.

$$G = \Gamma(x-\xi, y-\eta) - \Gamma(x-\xi, y+\eta)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \ln[(x-\xi)^2 + (y-\eta)^2] + \frac{1}{4\pi} \ln[(x-\xi)^2 + (y+\eta)^2]$$

check BC:  $[y=0]$

$$G = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \ln[(x-\xi)^2 + \eta^2] + \frac{1}{4\pi} \ln[(x-\xi)^2 + \eta^2]$$

$$= 0$$

[HW: check PDE, find  $K = \frac{\partial G}{\partial n}$ ]

$\textcircled{2}$  A disk.

$$\begin{cases} \Delta G = -\delta(x-\xi, y-\eta) & \text{in } D \\ G = 0 & \text{on } r=R \end{cases}$$

reflection principle:

define inverse point as  $Q = (\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$

such that

$$\overline{OP} \cdot \overline{OQ} = R^2 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}) = \frac{R^2}{\xi^2 + \eta^2} (\xi, \eta)$$

$$= \frac{R^2}{\rho^2} (\xi, \eta)$$

where  $\rho = \sqrt{\xi^2 + \eta^2}$ .

$$\text{RK: } (\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}), (\xi, \eta) = R^2 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$G = \begin{cases} \Gamma(x-\xi, y-\eta) - \Gamma(x-\tilde{\xi}, y-\tilde{\eta}) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{\rho}{R}\right) & \text{if } (\xi, \eta) \neq (0, 0) \\ \Gamma(x, y) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln(R) & \text{if } (\xi, \eta) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

verify for case  $(\xi, \eta) = (0, 0)$ .

$$\Delta G = \Delta \Gamma(x, y) + \Delta \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln(R) \right)$$

$$= -\delta(x, y) + 0$$

$$= -\delta(x, y) \quad \checkmark$$

at  $r=R$ ,

$$G = \Gamma(x, y) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln(R)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln(r) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln(R)$$

$$\downarrow = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

## (IV) Neumann problem.

$$(***) \begin{cases} \Delta u = f & \text{in } D \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = g & \text{on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

with smooth bounded  $D$ .

$$\& \int_D f dx dy = \int_{\partial D} g ds$$

It is unique upto a constant.

Neumann function.  $N$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta N = -\delta(x-\xi, y-\eta) & \text{in } D \\ \frac{\partial N}{\partial n} = C_0 = -\frac{1}{L} & \text{on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

RK:  $\begin{cases} \Delta N = -\delta \\ \frac{\partial N}{\partial n} = 0 \end{cases}$  has no solution

$$-1 = \int_D -\delta dx dy \neq \int_{\partial D} 0 ds = 0$$

Necessary condition:

$$-1 = \int_D -\delta dx dy = \int_{\partial D} C_0 ds$$

$$= C_0 \cdot L$$

where  $L$  is length of  $\partial D$ .

$$\Rightarrow C_0 = -\frac{1}{L}$$

replace  $\Gamma$  by  $N$  in (\*)

$\Rightarrow$  general solution of (I).

$$u(\xi, \eta) = \int_{\partial D} N(x, y, \xi, \eta) g(x, y) ds$$

$$- \int_D N(x, y, \xi, \eta) f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$+ \frac{1}{L} \int_{\partial D} u ds.$$

To do list

HW: Ex 8.5

[The solution is given in textbook, show steps or verify it]