

1. We just need to verify that the alleged Green function

$$G(x, y; x', y') = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n(y, y') \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') \quad (1)$$

satisfies

(a)  $G = 0$  on the boundary (as function of  $\mathbf{x}'$ );

(b)  $\nabla'^2 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = -4\pi\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$ .

(a) is obviously satisfied by definition of  $G$  and  $g_n$ . To see (b), notice

$$\frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial x'^2} = -2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 \pi^2 g_n \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial y'^2} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 g_n}{\partial y'^2} \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') \quad (3)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla'^2 G &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\partial^2 g_n}{\partial y'^2} - n^2 \pi^2 g_n \right) \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') \\ &= [-4\pi\delta(y' - y)] \cdot 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

To get the correct overall factor, let  $U_n(x) = a \sin(n\pi x)$  be the set or orthogonal basis over range  $[0, 1]$  (not counting cosines for now). Normality requires

$$\int_0^1 |U_n(x)|^2 dx = \int_0^1 a^2 \sin^2(n\pi x) dx = 1 \quad \implies \quad a = \sqrt{2} \quad (5)$$

Hence over the range  $[0, 1]$ , the completeness relation is given by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^2 \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') = \delta(x' - x) \quad \implies \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') = \frac{1}{2} \delta(x' - x) \quad (6)$$

Thus (4) becomes

$$\nabla'^2 G = -4\pi\delta(y' - y) \delta(x' - x) = -4\pi\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \quad (7)$$

2. Given that  $g_n(y, y')$  satisfies

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y'^2} - n^2 \pi^2 \right) g_n(y, y') = -4\pi\delta(y' - y) \quad (8)$$

We will try the following ansatz:

$$g_n(y, y') = \begin{cases} A \sinh(n\pi y') + B \cosh(n\pi y') & \text{for } y' < y \\ C \sinh[n\pi(1 - y')] + D \cosh[n\pi(1 - y')] & \text{for } y' > y \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Boundary condition  $g_n(y, 0) = 0$  requires  $B = 0$ , and similarly  $g_n(y, 1) = 0$  requires  $D = 0$ . Now integrate (8) with respect to  $dy'$  over the infinitesimal range  $[y - \epsilon, y + \epsilon]$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{y-\epsilon}^{y+\epsilon} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y'} \left( \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial y'} \right) - n^2 \pi^2 g_n \right] dy' &= \int_{y-\epsilon}^{y+\epsilon} -4\pi\delta(y' - y) dy' \quad \implies \\ \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial y'} \Big|_{y+\epsilon} - \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial y'} \Big|_{y-\epsilon} &= -4\pi \quad \implies \\ -n\pi \cdot C \cosh[n\pi(1 - y)] - n\pi \cdot A \cosh(n\pi y) &= -4\pi \quad \implies \\ C \cosh[n\pi(1 - y)] + A \cosh(n\pi y) &= \frac{4}{n} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Recall hyperbolic sum of angle formula

$$\sinh(\eta + \xi) = \cosh \eta \sinh \xi + \sinh \eta \cosh \xi \quad (11)$$

gives

$$\cosh[n\pi(1-y)] \sinh(n\pi y) + \sinh[n\pi(1-y)] \cosh(n\pi y) = \sinh(n\pi) \quad (12)$$

Compare (12) with (10), we can identify (up to an overall factor)

$$A = \frac{4}{n \sinh(n\pi)} \sinh[n\pi(1-y)] \quad (13)$$

$$C = \frac{4}{n \sinh(n\pi)} \sinh(n\pi y) \quad (14)$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} g_n(y, y') &= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{n \sinh(n\pi)} \sinh[n\pi(1-y)] \sinh(n\pi y') & \text{for } y' < y \\ \frac{4}{n \sinh(n\pi)} \sinh(n\pi y) \sinh[n\pi(1-y')] & \text{for } y' > y \end{cases} \\ &= \frac{4}{n \sinh(n\pi)} \sinh(n\pi y_{<}) \sinh[n\pi(1-y_{>})] \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

And the full Green function is

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = 8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \sinh(n\pi)} \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') \sinh(n\pi y_{<}) \sinh[n\pi(1-y_{>})] \quad (16)$$