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5.4. Nonhomogeneous Biharmonic Equation $\Delta \Delta w = \Phi(x,y)$

5.4-1. Domain: $-\infty < x < \infty, -\infty < y < \infty$.

Solution:

$$w(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(\xi,\eta) E(x-\xi,y-\eta) \, d\xi \, d\eta, \qquad E(x,y) = \frac{1}{8\pi} (x^2 + y^2) \ln \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

5.4-2. Domain: $-\infty < x < \infty$, $0 \le y < \infty$. Boundary value problem.

The upper half-plane is considered. The derivatives are prescribed at the boundary:

$$\partial_x w = f(x)$$
 at $y = 0$, $\partial_y w = g(x)$ at $y = 0$.

Solution:

$$\begin{split} w(x,y) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\xi) \left[\arctan \left(\frac{x-\xi}{y} \right) + \frac{y(x-\xi)}{(x-\xi)^2 + y^2} \right] d\xi + \frac{y^2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g(\xi) \, d\xi}{(x-\xi)^2 + y^2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\xi \int_{0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} (R_+^2 - R_-^2) - R_-^2 \ln \frac{R_+}{R_-} \right] \Phi(\xi,\eta) \, d\eta + C, \end{split}$$

where C is an arbitrary constant,

$$R_{+}^{2} = (x - \xi)^{2} + (y + \eta)^{2}, \quad R_{-}^{2} = (x - \xi)^{2} + (y - \eta)^{2}.$$

5.4-3. Domain: $0 \le x \le l_1$, $0 \le y \le l_2$. The sides of the plate are hinged.

A rectangle is considered. Boundary conditions are prescribed:

$$\begin{split} w &= \partial_{xx} w = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad x = 0, \\ w &= \partial_{yy} w = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad y = 0, \end{split} \qquad \begin{split} w &= \partial_{xx} w = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad x = l_1, \\ w &= \partial_{yy} w = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad y = l_2. \end{split}$$

Solution:

$$w(x,y) = \int_0^{l_1} \int_0^{l_2} \Phi(\xi,\eta) G(x,y,\xi,\eta) \, d\eta \, d\xi,$$

where

$$G(x,y,\xi,\eta) = \frac{4}{l_1 l_2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(p_n^2 + q_m^2)^2} \sin(p_n x) \sin(q_m y) \sin(p_n \xi) \sin(q_m \eta), \quad p_n = \frac{\pi n}{l_1}, \quad q_m = \frac{\pi m}{l_2}.$$

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