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Project 3

Laplace Eq. in polar coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{aligned} x &= r \cos(\theta) \\ y &= r \sin(\theta) \\ r, \theta &\text{ functions of } x \end{aligned}$$

Domain:  $L \leq r$   
 $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

Periodic bc:  $u(r, \theta) = u(r, \theta + 2\pi)$

BC in  $r$ :  $u(L, \theta) = 100$  where  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $u(L, \theta) = 0$  where  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi$

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

Separation of variables:

$$R'' \cdot \Theta + \frac{1}{r} \cdot R' \cdot \Theta + \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot R \cdot \Theta'' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{R''}{R} + r \frac{R'}{R} = - \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta'' + \lambda \Theta = 0 \quad \wedge \quad r^2 R'' + r R' - \lambda R = 0$$

Periodic BC :  $\Theta(\theta) = \Theta(\theta + 2\pi)$  and  $\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta}(\theta) = \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta}(\theta + 2\pi)$

We know the solution is  $\Theta(\theta) = \text{const.} \cdot \sin(n\theta) + \text{const.} \cdot \cos(n\theta)$ ,

$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $\lambda_n = n^2$ . Now, we have  $r^2 R'' + r R' - n^2 R = 0$

Let  $R(r) = c r^k \Rightarrow R' = c k r^{k-1} \wedge R'' = c k(k-1) r^{k-2}$

plugging in:  $r^2 R'' + r R' - n^2 R = r^2 \cdot c k(k-1) r^{k-2} + r \cdot c k r^{k-1} - n^2 c r^k = 0$

$$\Rightarrow c k(k-1) r^k + c k r^k - n^2 c r^k = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow c = 0 \text{ (trivial)} \quad \vee \quad k^2 - k + k - n^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - n^2 = 0$$

$$k^2 = n^2$$

$$k = \pm \sqrt{n^2} = \pm n$$

Then  $R_n(r) = a_n r^{k_1} + b_n r^{k_2} = a_n r^n + b_n r^{-n}$

$\therefore R_n(r) = a_n r^n + b_n r^{-n}$  for  $n > 0$   
 $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

for case  $n=0$  :  $r^2 R'' + r R' - n^2 R = 0$

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

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

Let  $R' = Q$  and  $R'' = Q'$ , then  $r R'' + R' = r Q' + Q = 0$

$$\Rightarrow r \frac{\partial Q}{\partial r} + Q = 0 \Rightarrow r \frac{\partial Q}{\partial r} = -Q \Rightarrow \frac{1}{Q} \partial Q = -\frac{1}{r} dr$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{Q} \partial Q = \int -\frac{1}{r} dr \Rightarrow \ln |Q| = -\ln |r| + \text{const.}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\ln |Q|} = e^{-\ln |r|} \cdot e^{\text{const.}}, \text{ let } e^{\text{const.}} = K_0$$

$$\Rightarrow |Q| = \frac{1}{|r|} \cdot K_0 \Rightarrow Q = \frac{1}{r} \cdot K_0$$

(since sign of  $K_0$  is not important)

then, since  $R' = Q$ ,  $R' = \frac{1}{r} K_0 \Rightarrow \int \partial R = \int \frac{K_0}{r} dr$

$$\Rightarrow R(r) = K_0 \ln |r| + d$$

2 linearly independent  
ODE

Now, note that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} R_0(r) = R_0 \ln(r) + d = \infty$

but we need  $u(\infty, \theta) = 25 \neq \infty \therefore$  let  $R_0 = d$ . Moreover, let  $R_0(r) = 25$  to satisfy the BC.

For  $R_n(r) = ar^n + \frac{b_n}{r^n}$ ,  $n > 1$ , note that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} R_n = \infty$

which can't happen since  $u(\infty, \theta) = 25$ . Then, let  $a_n = 0 \forall n$ .

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

Our Solution

$$u(r, \theta) = 25 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^n (A_n \sin(n\theta) + B_n \cos(n\theta))$$

and our BC at  $r=L$  is  $u(L, \theta) = f(\theta) = \begin{cases} 100, & 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0, & \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < 2\pi \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow f(\theta) = 25 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{L}\right)^n (A_n \sin(n\theta) + B_n \cos(n\theta))$$