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Exercise 1

Given is the following boundary problem of an annulus

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = 0, & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 1 \leq \sqrt{x^2+y^2} < 2\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2, \\ u = g, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

with the boundary condition

$$g(x,y) = \begin{cases} x & \text{for } x^2 + y^2 = 2^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

a) $(x,y) \in \Omega$ is transformed to polar coordinates $(r, \varphi) \in \Omega_r$ using

$$x = r\cos(\varphi), \tag{3}$$
$$y = r\sin(\varphi) \tag{4}$$

with $r \in (1,2]$ and $\varphi \in (0, 2\pi]$. Let $v : \Omega_r \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by $v(r, \varphi) = v(x,y)$. In this case, the partial derivatives v_x and v_y are expressed using chain rule as follows

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \varphi}\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}, \text{also denoted as } u_x = u_r r_x + v_\varphi \varphi_x \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \varphi}\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}, \text{also denoted as } u_y = u_r r_y + v_\varphi \varphi_y \tag{6}$$

The second partial derivative of v with respect to x is obtained using product rule

$$v_{xx} = u_r r_{xx} + (u_r)_x r_x + v_\varphi \varphi_{xx} + (v_\varphi)_x \varphi_x \tag{7}$$

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By applying the chain rule from Equation (5) and Equation (6) into Equation (7), v_{xx} is written in the following form

$$v_{xx} = u_r r_{xx} + v_{rr} r_x^2 + 2v_{r\varphi} r_x \varphi_x + v_\varphi \varphi_{xx} + v_{\varphi\varphi} \varphi_x^2 \tag{8}$$

where a similar expression is obtained for y

$$v_{yy} = u_r r_{yy} + v_{rr} r_y^2 + 2v_{r\varphi} r_y \varphi_y + v_\varphi \varphi_{yy} + v_{\varphi\varphi} \varphi_y^2 \tag{9}$$

The laplace equation $\Delta v = v_{xx} + v_{yy}$ can be written in a proper semi-polar coordinate form by adding Equation (8) and Equation (9) and collecting the like terms

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta v &= v_{xx} + v_{yy} \\
&= u_r(r_{xx} + r_{yy}) + v_{rr}(r_x^2 + r_y^2) + 2v_{r\varphi}(r_x \varphi_x + r_y \varphi_y) + v_\varphi(\varphi_{xx} + \varphi_{yy}) + v_{\varphi\varphi}(\varphi_x^2 + \varphi_y^2)
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Now, expressions in parentheses are to be elaborated in the partial derivations with respect to polar coordinates. For this purpose, the relationship $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ is differentiated with respect to x and y. Accordingly, the partial differentiation of r terms with respect Cartesian terms up to second order are obtained as

$$r_x = \frac{x}{r}, \tag{11}$$

$$r_{xx} = \frac{y^2}{r^3}, \tag{12}$$

$$r_y = \frac{y}{r}, \tag{13}$$

$$r_{yy} = \frac{x^2}{r^3}. \tag{14}$$

Similarly, the partial differentiation of φ terms with respect to x and y are obtained as

$$\varphi_x = -\frac{y}{r^2}, \tag{15}$$

$$\varphi_{xx} = \frac{2xy}{r^4}, \tag{16}$$

$$\varphi_y = \frac{x}{r^2}, \tag{17}$$

$$\varphi_{yy} = -\frac{2xy}{r^4}. \tag{18}$$

Employing the Equations 11 to 18 in Equation (10) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta v = {}& u_r \left(\frac{y^2}{r^3} + \frac{x^2}{r^3} \right) + v_{rr} \left(\left(\frac{x}{r} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{r} \right)^2 \right) + 2v_{r\varphi} \left(\frac{-xy}{r^3} + \frac{yx}{r^3} \right) + \dots \\
& v_\varphi \left(\frac{2xy}{r^4} - \frac{2xy}{r^4} \right) + v_{\varphi\varphi} \left(\left(-\frac{x^2}{r^3} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x^2}{r^3} \right)^2 \right) \\
= {}& \frac{1}{r} u_r + v_{rr} + 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{r^2} v_{\varphi\varphi}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, for any v satisfying the Laplace equation $-\Delta v = 0$, v satisfies in polar coordinates the equation

$$-\left(v_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}v_r + \frac{1}{r^2}v_{\varphi\varphi}\right) = 0 \tag{19}$$

b) For any v defined in a), the domain Ω_v is defined as

$$\Omega_v = \{(r,\varphi) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : r \in (1,2), \varphi \in (0,2\pi]\} \tag{20}$$

with the boundary condition

$$\partial\Omega_v = \begin{cases} 2\cos(\varphi) & \text{for } r = 2, \varphi \in (0,2\pi] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{21}$$

c) Assuming that $v(r,\varphi) = R(r)\Phi(\varphi)$, $\forall r \in (0,1]$, $\forall \varphi \in (0,2\pi]$. If $v(r,\varphi)$ satisfies Equation (19), then this equation can be expressed in the following form

$$\left(R_{rr}\Phi + \frac{1}{r}R_r\Phi + \frac{R}{r^2}\Phi_{\varphi\varphi}\right) = 0. \tag{22}$$

Placing the functions depended of r and φ in separate terms, Equation (22) is written as

$$-\frac{r^2 R_{rr} + r R_r}{R} = \frac{\Phi_{\varphi\varphi}}{\Phi} = \lambda \tag{23}$$

where λ represent a constant real factor. Equation (23) enables $v(r,\varphi)$ to be considered as two different ODE's, as both R and Φ terms are equated with λ separately

$$\frac{\Phi_{\varphi\varphi}}{\Phi} = \lambda \Rightarrow \Phi_{\varphi\varphi} = \Phi\lambda \tag{24}$$

$$-\frac{r^2 R_{rr} + r R_r}{R} = \lambda \Rightarrow -\left(r^2 R_{rr} + r R_r\right) = R\lambda. \tag{25}$$

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