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## Exercise 1

Given is the following boundary problem of an annulus

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

with the boundary condition

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

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

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

$$y = r\sin\left(\varphi\right) \tag{4}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Delta v = u_r \left( \frac{y^2}{r^3} + \frac{x^2}{r^3} \right) + v_{rr} \left( \left( \frac{x}{r} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{y}{r} \right)^2 \right) + 2v_{r\varphi} \left( \frac{-xy}{r^3} + \frac{yx}{r^3} \right) + \dots$$

$$v_{\varphi} \left( \frac{2xy}{r^4} - \frac{2xy}{r^4} \right) + v_{\varphi\varphi} \left( \left( -\frac{x^2}{r^3} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{x^2}{r^3} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} u_r + v_{rr} + 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{r^2} v_{\varphi\varphi}.$$

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  $\Omega_v$  is defined as

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

with the boundary condition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

d)