

Homework Assignment 8

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Problem 7.1. Show that

$$\text{a. } \mathcal{H}_0 \{ (a^2 - r^2)H(a - r) \} = \frac{4a}{\kappa^3} J_1(a\kappa) - \frac{2a^2}{\kappa^2} J_0(a\kappa).$$

Solution. a. Let J_n be the integral representation of the Bessel function of order n , i.e.

$$J_n(\kappa r) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\pi/2-\phi}^{5\pi/2-\phi} \exp[i(n\alpha - \kappa r \sin \alpha)] d\alpha$$

Then the Hankel transformation of order n of $f(r)$ is defined to be

$$\mathcal{H}_n \{ f(r) \} = \int_0^\infty r J_n(\kappa r) f(r) dr.$$

Using the table of Hankel transforms we see that

$$\mathcal{H}_0 \{ (a^2 - r^2)H(a - r) \} = \frac{4a}{\kappa^3} J_1(a\kappa) - \frac{2a^2}{\kappa^2} J_0(a\kappa),$$

and we are done.

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Problem 7.2. a. Show that the solution of the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + u_{zz} &= 0, & 0 < r < \infty, \quad 0 < z < \infty, \\ u(r, 0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + r^2}}, & 0 < r < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

is

$$u(r, z) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\kappa(z+a)} J_0(\kappa r) d\kappa = [(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{-1/2}.$$

Solution. a. Let

$$u(r, z) = [(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{-1/2}.$$

Then it is clear that for $0 < r < \infty$ we have that

$$u(r, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + r^2}}$$

and $u(r, z)$ satisfies the boundary condition.

Now, note from the definition of $u(r, z)$ that

$$\begin{aligned} u_r &= -r [(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{-3/2}, \\ u_{rr} &= -[(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{-3/2} + 3r^2 [(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{-5/2}, \\ u_z &= -(z+a) [(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{-3/2}, \\ u_{zz} &= -[(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{-3/2} + 3(z+a)^2 [(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{-5/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + u_{zz} &= \frac{3r^2 + 3(z+a)^2}{[(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{5/2}} - \frac{3}{[(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{3r^2 + 3(z+a)^2 - 3[(z+a)^2 + r^2]}{[(z+a)^2 + r^2]^{5/2}} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and we see that $u(r, z)$ is a solution of the boundary value problem. □

Problem 7.9. Solve the problem of the electrified unit disk in the (x, y) plane with center at the origin. The electric potential $u(r, z)$ is axisymmetric and satisfies the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + u_{zz} &= 0, & 0 < r < \infty, & \quad 0 < z < \infty, \\ u(r, 0) &= u_0, & 0 \leq r < a \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} &= 0, & \text{on } z = 0 \text{ for } a < r < \infty, \\ u(r, z) &\rightarrow 0 & \text{as } z \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } r, \end{aligned}$$

where u_0 is constant. Show that the solution is

$$u(r, z) = \left(\frac{2au_0}{\pi} \right) \int_0^\infty k J_0(kr) \left(\frac{\sin ak}{k^2} \right) e^{-kz} dk.$$

Solution. In order to find the solution to the boundary value problem, we will apply the 0-th order Hankel transform to the system of differential equations.

Let $\tilde{u}_0(k, z) = \mathcal{H}_0 \{u(r, z)\}$. Then from a previous theorem we have that

$$\mathcal{H}_0 \left\{ u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r \right\} = -k^2 \tilde{u}_0(k, z). \quad (1)$$

Thus, from the above result in combination with Leibniz's integral rule, we see that applying the 0-th order Hankel transform to the boundary value problem yields

$$\frac{d^2}{dz^2} [\tilde{u}_0(k, z)] - k^2 \tilde{u}_0(k, z) = 0, \quad 0 < r < \infty, \quad 0 < z < \infty.$$

This is a homogeneous linear differential equation and we readily see that the solution to the equation is

$$\tilde{u}_0(k, z) = c_1 e^{-kz} + c_2 e^{kz}. \quad (2)$$

Note that the boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(r, 0) &= u_0, & 0 \leq r < a \\ \frac{d}{dz} [\tilde{u}_0(k, z)] &= 0, & \text{on } z = 0 \text{ for } a < r < \infty \end{aligned}$$

are equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} u(r, 0) &= u_0 H(a - r), & 0 \leq r < \infty \\ \frac{d}{dz} [\tilde{u}_0(k, z)] &= H(a - r), & \text{on } z = 0 \text{ for } 0 < r < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we see that the transformed boundary conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_0(k, 0) &= \frac{au_0}{k} J_1(ak), & 0 \leq r < \infty \\ \frac{d}{dz} [\tilde{u}_0(k, z)] &= \frac{a}{k} J_1(ak), & \text{on } z = 0 \text{ for } a < r < \infty, \\ \tilde{u}_0(k, z) &\rightarrow 0 & \text{as } z \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } k. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2) and the first transformed boundary condition, we see that

$$c_1 + c_2 = \frac{au_0}{k} J_1(ak).$$

Similarly, from (2) and the second transformed boundary condition, we see that

$$-kc_1 + kc_2 = 0.$$

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Problem 7.12. Solve the Cauchy problem for the wave equation in a dissipating medium

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} + 2\kappa u_t &= c^2 \left(u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r \right), & 0 < r < \infty, \quad 0 < t, \\ u(r, 0) &= f(r), \quad u_t(r, 0) = g(r), & 0 < r < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

where κ is a constant.

Solution. We begin by applying the 0-th order Hankel transform to the first equation. Letting $\tilde{u}_0(k, t) = \mathcal{H}_0 \{u(r, t)\}$ and using (1), we see this results in the following transformed equation

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} [\tilde{u}_0(k, t)] + 2\kappa \frac{d}{dt} [\tilde{u}_0(k, t)] = -(kc)^2 \tilde{u}_0(k, t),$$

or, equivalently,

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} [\tilde{u}_0(k, t)] + 2\kappa \frac{d}{dt} [\tilde{u}_0(k, t)] + (kc)^2 \tilde{u}_0(k, t) = 0.$$

This is a homogeneous, linear ordinary differential equation, the solution to which we readily see is

$$\tilde{u}_0(k, t) = c_1 e^{(-\kappa - \sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2})t} + c_2 e^{(-\kappa + \sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2})t}. \quad (3)$$

Taking the 0-th order Hankel transform of the initial conditions, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_0(k, 0) &= \tilde{f}_0(k), & 0 < r < \infty \\ \frac{d}{dt} [\tilde{u}_0(k, 0)] &= \tilde{g}_0(k), & 0 < r < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Using the solution (3) and the first transformed initial condition, we see that

$$c_1 + c_2 = \tilde{f}_0(k).$$

Similarly, using the solution (3) and the second transformed initial condition, we see that

$$\left(-\kappa - \sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2} \right) c_1 + \left(-\kappa + \sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2} \right) c_2 = \tilde{g}_0(k).$$

Solving the resulting system of equation for c_1 and c_2 shows that

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= -\frac{\tilde{g}_0(k) + \tilde{f}_0(k)\kappa - \tilde{f}_0(k)\sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2}}{2\sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2}} \\ c_2 &= \frac{\tilde{g}_0(k) + \tilde{f}_0(k)\kappa + \tilde{f}_0(k)\sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2}}{2\sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, letting $c_1(k) = c_1$ and $c_2(k) = c_2$, the solution to the transformed differential equation with the specified initial conditions is

$$\tilde{u}_0(k, t) = c_1(k)e^{(-\kappa - \sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2})t} + c_2(k)e^{(-\kappa + \sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2})t}$$

Therefore, the solution to the original differential equation satisfying the specified initial conditions is

$$u(r, t) = \mathcal{H}_0^{-1} \{ \tilde{u}_0(k, t) \} = \int_0^\infty k J_0(kr) \left[c_1(k)e^{(-\kappa - \sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2})t} + c_2(k)e^{(-\kappa + \sqrt{\kappa^2 - (ck)^2})t} \right] dk.$$

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