

# MATH475 Weekly Work 6

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## Question 1

Let

$$\varphi(x, y) := \Phi(\tilde{x} - y) \quad (1)$$

$$:= \Phi(y - \tilde{x}). \quad (2)$$

We verify (1) using

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_y \varphi(x, y) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+^3 := \{(y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}, y_3 \in (0, \infty))\}, \\ \varphi(x, \sigma) = \Phi(x - \sigma) = \frac{1}{4\pi|x-\sigma|} & \text{on } \partial\mathbb{R}_+^3 := \{(y_1, y_2, 0) : y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}. \end{cases}$$

We compute the gradient then the divergence and show it is equal to 0.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \varphi(x, y) &= \nabla \left( \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{|(x_1, x_2, -x_3) - (y_1, y_2, y_3)|} \right) \\ &= \nabla \left( \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (-x_3 - y_3)^2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{-(x_1 - y_1)}{((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2)^{3/2}}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{-(x_2 - y_2)}{((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2)^{3/2}}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{(x_3 + y_3)}{((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2)^{3/2}} \right) \\ \nabla \cdot (\nabla \varphi(x, y)) &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2) - 3(x_1 - x_2)^2}{((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2)^{5/2}} \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2) - 3(x_2 - x_2)^2}{((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2)^{5/2}} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2) - 3(x_3 + x_3)^2}{((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2)^{5/2}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta\varphi(x, y) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{3((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2) - 3((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2)}{((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2)^{5/2}} \right) \\ = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

We perform the exact same computation for (2) which inevitably holds as well since the Laplacian operation is the same for a different sign inside the squared factors of the squared root in (3).

We now verify the boundary condition. Since by definition  $G(x, y) = 0$  on the boundary, then it follows that

$$G(x, y) = \Phi(x, y) - \Phi(\tilde{x} - y) = 0 \implies \Phi(x, y) \equiv \Phi(\tilde{x} - y),$$

hence on the boundary

$$\varphi(x, \sigma) = \Phi(\tilde{x} - \sigma) = \Phi(x - \sigma) = \frac{1}{4\pi|x - \sigma|},$$

which is precisely the the boundary condition defined for  $\varphi$ . Since  $\Phi(\tilde{x} - y) = \Phi(y - \tilde{x})$ , then it follows that the boundary condition is respected for the second component in the equality.

## Question 2

By definition ,

$$u(x) = \int_{\Omega} f(y)G(x, y) \, dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} g(y) \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} \, d\sigma. \quad (4)$$

We compute the normal derivative of

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{|x - y|} - \frac{1}{|\tilde{x} - y|} \right)$$

The reflection is with respect to the  $y_3$  component and the normal vector is pointing inwards so it is negative, thence

$$-\frac{\partial G}{\partial y_3} \Big|_{y_3=0} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{x_3 - y_3}{|x - y|^3} - \frac{-x_3 - y_3}{|\tilde{x} - y|^3} \right) \\ = -\frac{x_3}{2\pi|x - y|^3}.$$

We conclude, using (4) that the representation formula is

$$u(x) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{f(y)}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{|x - y|} - \frac{1}{|\tilde{x} - y|} \right) \, dy + \int_{\partial\Omega} g(y) \frac{x_3}{2\pi|x - y|^3} \, d\sigma$$

### Question 3

We show the claim through the following development

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(x, y) &= \Phi(x, y) - \Phi(\tilde{x} - y) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{|x - y|} - \frac{1}{|\tilde{x} - y|} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 - y_3)^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (-x_3 - y_3)^2}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{(-1)^2(y_1 - x_1)^2 + (-1)^2(y_2 - x_2)^2 + (-1)^2(y_3 - x_3)^2}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\sqrt{(-1)^2(y_1 - x_1)^2 + (-1)^2(y_2 - x_2)^2 + (-y_3 - x_3)^2}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{|y - x|} - \frac{1}{|\tilde{y} - x|} \right) \\
 &= \Phi(y - x) - \Phi(\tilde{y} - x) \\
 &= G(y, x) \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$