

Homework Assignment #10

Due: Friday, May 5.

1. Find the harmonic function in the semi-infinite strip $\{(x, y) \mid 0 < x < \pi, 0 < y < \infty\}$ that satisfies the boundary conditions
- $$u(0, y) = u(\pi, y), \quad y \geq 0$$
- $$u(x, 0) = h(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$
- $$\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} u(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in [0, \pi]$$

2. Check the validity of the maximum principle for the harmonic function

$u(x, y) = (1 - x^2 - y^2) / (1 - 2x + x^2 + y^2)$ in the domain $\Omega = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$. Explain.

3. A spherical shell (in 3 space) with inner radius 1 and outer radius 2 has a steady state temperature distribution. Its inner boundary is held at 100°C . Its outer boundary has boundary condition $\partial u / \partial r = -\gamma < 0$, γ being a constant.

(a) Find the temperature

(b) What are the hottest and coldest temperatures?

(c) Can you choose γ so that the temperature on its outer boundary is 20°C ?

4. Find the Fourier transform of (a) $e^{-|x|}$; (b) e^{-ax^2} ($a > 0$).

5. Use the Fourier transform to solve

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - tu, \quad |x| < \infty, \quad t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \quad u \text{ is bounded} \quad (f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})).$$