

Sec. 6.3, pp. 163-164.

#1 Let u be a harmonic function in the disk $D = \{(r; \theta) : 0 \leq r < 2, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi\}$ and let $u(2; \theta) = 3\sin(2\theta) + 1$ for $-\pi \leq \theta < \pi$.

(Without finding the solution, answer the following questions).

(a) Find the maximum value of u in \bar{D} .

(b) Calculate the value of u at the origin.

(a) $\max_{(r; \theta) \in \bar{D}} u(r; \theta) \stackrel{\text{(Max Principle)}}{=} \max_{(r; \theta) \in \partial D} u(r; \theta) = \max_{-\pi \leq \theta < \pi} u(2; \theta) =$

$$\max_{-\pi \leq \theta < \pi} \{3\sin(2\theta) + 1\} = 3 \cdot 1 + 1 = \boxed{4}.$$

(b) $u(0; 0) \stackrel{\text{(Mean Value Property)}}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \{3\sin(2\theta) + 1\} d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\{ -\frac{3}{2} \cos(2\theta) + \theta \right\} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \boxed{1}$

#2 Solve $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ in the disk $0 \leq r < a, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi$ with the boundary condition $u = 1 + 3\sin\theta$ on $r = a$.

We use the solution obtained by separating variables in polar coordinates:

$$u(r; \theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^{|n|} e^{in\theta}$$

$$\text{where } c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(\varphi) e^{-in\varphi} d\varphi, \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots).$$

(These are the complex forms of (10), (11), and (12) p. 160.)

$$\text{In our case, } h(\varphi) = 1 + 3\sin(\varphi) = 1 + \frac{3}{2i}(e^{i\varphi} - e^{-i\varphi}).$$

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#2 (cont.) Therefore

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[1 + \frac{3}{2i} (e^{i\varphi} - e^{-i\varphi}) \right] e^{-in\varphi} d\varphi = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=0, \\ \frac{3}{2i} & \text{if } n=1, \\ -\frac{3}{2i} & \text{if } n=-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned} u(r; \theta) &= c_0 + c_1 \left(\frac{r}{a}\right) e^{i\theta} + c_{-1} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right) e^{-i\theta} \\ &= 1 + \frac{r}{a} \left(\frac{3}{2i} e^{i\theta} + -\frac{3}{2i} e^{-i\theta} \right) \\ &= \boxed{1 + \frac{3r \sin(\theta)}{a}}. \end{aligned}$$