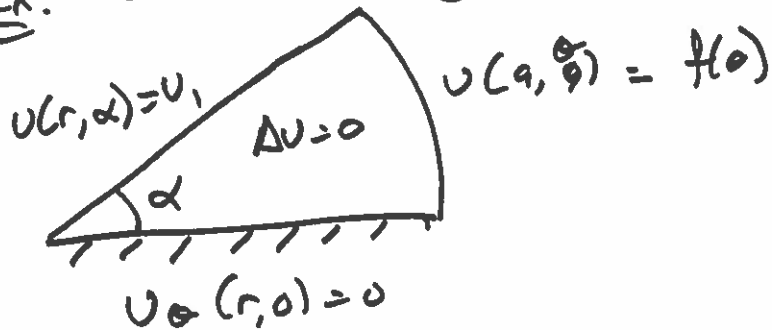


# More examples on Laplace's equation on circular domain

Ex. #2 A wedge with an inhomogeneous B.C.



First remove the inhomogeneous B.C.

Let:  $u(r, \theta) = w(\theta) + v(r, \theta)$

We need  $w(\theta)$  to satisfy 2 B.C's, so we choose.

$$w(\theta) = A\theta + B.$$

$$w'(0) = A = 0 \quad \& \quad w(\alpha) = u_1 = B.$$

$$\text{So, } w(\theta) = u_1$$

~~Key~~ Now find the B.V.P for  $v(r, \theta)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} &= \underbrace{\left( u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} \right)}_{=0} + \\
 \left( v_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} v_r + \frac{1}{r^2} v_{\theta\theta} \right) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\Delta V = 0.$$

B.C's:

$$\begin{aligned} \#1 \quad V_\theta(r, 0) &= W_\theta(0) + V_\theta(r, 0) = 0 \\ &= 0 + V_\theta(r, 0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \#2 \quad U(r, \alpha) &= w(\alpha) + V(r, \alpha) = u_1 \\ &= u_1 + V(r, \alpha) = u_1 \\ V(r, \alpha) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \#3. \quad U(a, \theta) &= w(\theta) + V(a, \theta) \\ &= u_1 + V(a, \theta) = f(\theta) \\ V(a, \theta) &= f(\theta) - u_1 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we can solve the D.V.D.

$$\begin{cases} \Delta V = 0 \\ V_\theta(r, 0) = 0 = V(r, \alpha) \\ V(a, \theta) = f(\theta) - u_1 \end{cases}$$

We know that this is a mixed type 2.

$$\mu_n = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2a}, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\phi_n = \cos(\mu_n \theta).$$

Recall that  $U(r, \theta)$  is finite as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$U(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n r^{\mu_n} \cos(\mu_n \theta) \quad \text{so } \alpha_n = 0.$$

To find  $A_n$ ,

$$f(\theta) - v_1 = f(a, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{A_n a^{\mu_n}}_{f_n} \cos(\mu_n \theta).$$

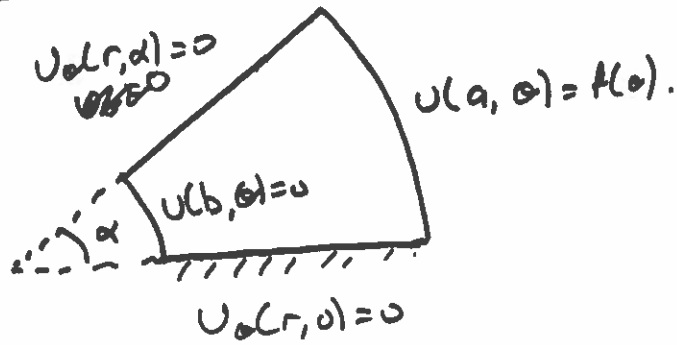
$$A_n a^{\mu_n} = f_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a \{f(\theta) - v_1\} \cos(\mu_n \theta) d\theta.$$

$$U(r, \theta) = w(\theta) + v(r, \theta).$$

$$= v_1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^{\mu_n} f_n \cos(\mu_n \theta).$$

Ex. # 3,

A circular wedge with a cut-out.



4 B.C's

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} u_0(r, \alpha) = 0 \\ u_0(r, 0) = 0 \\ u(b, \theta) = 0 \\ u(a, \theta) = f(\theta) \end{cases}$$

Homogeneous problem with a Dirichlet boundary.

$$\Delta u = u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} = 0$$

Let:  $u(r, \theta) = R(r) \cdot \Theta(\theta)$ . ← Separation of variables

$$R'' \cdot \Theta + \frac{1}{r} R' \Theta + \frac{1}{r^2} R \Theta'' = 0$$

Multiply by  $r^2 R^{-1} \Theta^{-1}$  yields:

$$\frac{r^2 R''}{R} + \frac{r R'}{R} + \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = 0.$$

So,

$$\frac{r^2 R''}{R} + \frac{r R'}{R} = -\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = \lambda = \lambda^2$$

An eigenvalue problem in  $\Theta$ .

$$\Theta] \quad \Theta'' + \mu^2 \Theta = 0. \rightarrow \Theta = A \cos(\mu \Theta) + B \sin(\mu \Theta)$$

$$B.C \rightarrow \Theta'(0) = \Theta'(\alpha) = 0$$

$$\Theta' = -A\mu \sin(\mu \Theta) + \cancel{B\mu} \cos(\mu \Theta).$$

$$\Theta'(0) \rightarrow 0 = B$$

$$\Theta'(\alpha) \rightarrow 0 = -A\mu \sin(\mu \alpha). \rightarrow \mu_n \in \left\{ 0, \frac{n\pi}{\alpha} \right\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$$

$$\Theta_n = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi \Theta}{\alpha}\right)$$

$$R] \quad r^2 R'' + r R' - \mu^2 R = 0.$$

$$\mu = 0: \quad R_0(r) = C_0 + D_0 \ln(r) \quad \leftarrow \text{Recall: } R = r^{\pm \mu}$$

$$\mu \neq 0: \quad R_n(r) = C r^{\mu_n} + D r^{-\mu_n} \quad \leftarrow \text{Recall: } R = r^{\pm \mu}$$

The general solution is:

$$\begin{aligned} v(r, \Theta) &= R_0(r) \cos(\Theta) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} R_n(r) \cos(\mu_n \Theta) \\ &= A_0 + d_0 \ln(r) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ A_n r^{\mu_n} + d_n r^{-\mu_n} \right\} \cos(\mu_n \Theta). \end{aligned}$$

To find the unknown coefficients, we apply the

○ B.C.'s.

#1  $u(b, \theta) = 0$ .

Both ~~equations~~ solutions ( $\mu=0$  ;  $\mu \neq 0$ ) need to satisfy this condition.

$$A_0 + \alpha_0 \ln(b) = 0 \rightarrow A_0 = -\alpha_0 \ln(b)$$

$$\{A_n b^{\mu_n} + \alpha_n b^{-\mu_n}\} \cos(\mu_n \theta) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_n = -A_n b^{2\mu_n}$$

So now we can write the solution as.

$$u(r, \theta) = \alpha_0 \ln\left(\frac{r}{b}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \left\{ r^{\mu_n} - b^{2\mu_n} \cdot r^{-\mu_n} \right\} \cos(\mu_n \theta).$$

This should satisfy:  $u(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$ .

$$u(a, \theta) = f(\theta) = \underbrace{\alpha_0 \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)}_{\frac{f}{2}} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \left\{ a^{\mu_n} - b^{2\mu_n} \cdot a^{-\mu_n} \right\} \cos(\mu_n \theta)}_{\frac{f}{2}}.$$

This is a ~~half~~ Fourier cosine expansion of  $f(\theta)$ .

$$\Rightarrow a_0 \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \frac{a_0 f}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{2}{\alpha} \int_0^\alpha f(\theta) d\theta.$$

$$a_0 = \frac{a_0 f}{2 \ln(a/b)} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \ln(a/b)} \int_0^\alpha f(\theta) d\theta$$

Expansion term

$$a_n f = A_n \left\{ a^{\mu_n} - b^{2\mu_n} \cdot a^{-\mu_n} \right\} = \frac{2}{\alpha} \int_0^\alpha f(\theta) \cos(\mu_n \theta) d\theta.$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{\alpha \left\{ a^{\mu_n} - b^{2\mu_n} \cdot a^{-\mu_n} \right\}} \int_0^\alpha f(\theta) \cos(\mu_n \theta) d\theta.$$

So now we can write,

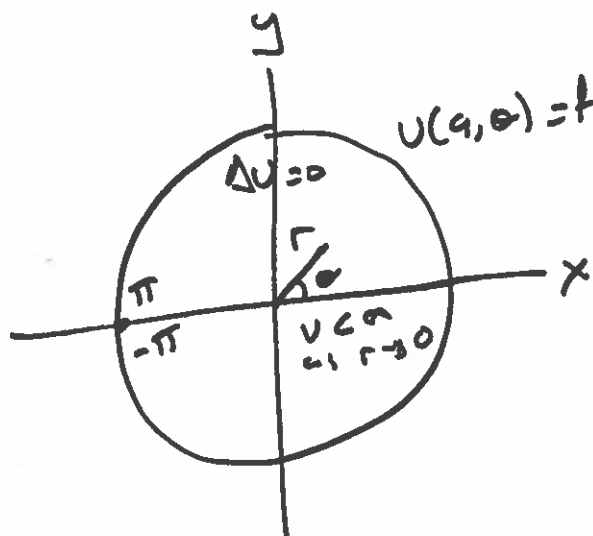
$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{a_0 f}{2 \ln(a/b)} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{r}{b}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \left\{ \left(\frac{r}{b}\right)^{\mu_n} - \left(\frac{b}{r}\right)^{\mu_n} \right\} \cos(\mu_n \theta)$$

Note: You can also write  $A_n$  as

$$A_n = \frac{a_n f}{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{\mu_n} - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\mu_n}}$$

Example # 4.

Dirichlet problem in the interior  
of a circle.



$$U(a, \theta) = f(\theta).$$

$$0 < r < a$$

$$-\pi < \theta < \pi.$$

$$\text{Periodic} \rightarrow U(r, \pi) = U(r, -\pi)$$

$$U_\theta(r, \pi) = U_\theta(r, -\pi)$$

$$\Delta U = U_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} U_r + \frac{1}{r^2} U_{\theta\theta} = 0$$

Separation of variables:  $U(r, \theta) = R(r) \cdot \Theta(\theta).$

$$\frac{r^2 R'' + r R'}{R} = -\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = \mu^2.$$

$$\Theta] \quad \Theta'' + \mu^2 \Theta = 0$$

$$\Theta(\pi) = \Theta(-\pi)$$

$$\Theta'(\pi) = \Theta'(-\pi)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_n \in \left\{ 0, \frac{n\pi}{\pi} \right\} \\ \Theta_n \in \left\{ 1, \cos(n\theta), \sin(n\theta) \right\} \end{array} \right\}$$



This will lead us to a  
full range Fourier series.



$$R] r^2 R'' + r R' - \mu^2 R = 0.$$

Again, guess  $R = r^\nu$

$$\mu = 0: R_0(r) = A_0 + B_0 \ln(r)$$

$$\mu \neq 0: R_n(r) = \frac{C_n}{r^{\mu_n}} + \frac{D_n}{r^{-\mu_n}}$$

However, we know that  $U < \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ ,  
 is finite

So  $B_0$  &  $\frac{D_n}{r^{-\mu_n}}$  have to be zero.

Therefore, the general solution is

$$U(r, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n \left\{ A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \right\}$$

Note the change in constants.

Now, apply the B.C.  $f(\theta) = U(a, \theta)$  to find

$A_0, A_n, B_n.$

$$f(\theta) = U(r, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n \left\{ A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{a_0^f}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^f \cos(n\theta) + b_n^f \sin(n\theta)$$

$$\text{So, } A_0 = \frac{a_0^f}{2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) d\theta.$$

$$a_n^f = a^n A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta$$

$$\text{or } A_n = \frac{a_n^f}{a^n}$$

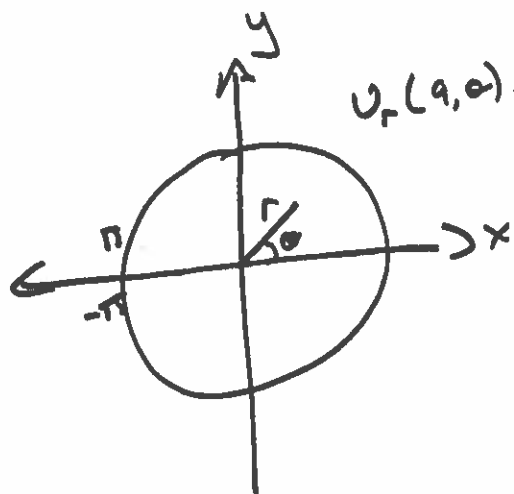
$$b_n^f = a^n B_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \sin(n\theta) d\theta$$

$$\text{or } B_n = \frac{b_n^f}{a^n}$$

$$U(r, \theta) = \frac{a_0^f}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^n \left\{ a_n^f \cos(n\theta) + b_n^f \sin(n\theta) \right\}$$

show method plot for  $f(\theta) = \sin(2\theta)$ . (method of blocks)

Ex #5. Neumann problem in the interior of a circle.



$$u_r(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$$

$$0 < r < a$$

$$-\pi < \theta < \pi$$

Periodic  $\rightarrow u(r, \pi) = u(r, -\pi)$

$$u_\theta(r, \pi) = u_\theta(r, -\pi)$$

Finite  $u$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ .

We can simply take the general solution from the last case:

$$u(r, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n \{ A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \}$$

To find the coefficients, we use  $u_r(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$ .

$$u_r(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n r^{n-1} \{ A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \}$$

$$u_r(a, \theta) = f(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a^{n-1} \{ A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \}$$

$$a_n^f = n a^{n-1} A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\alpha) \cdot \cos(n\alpha) d\alpha.$$

$$\text{or } A_n = \frac{a_n^f}{n a^{n-1}}$$

(Note that  $a_0^f = 0$ )

Since  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\alpha) d\alpha = 0$  for

steady-state solutions

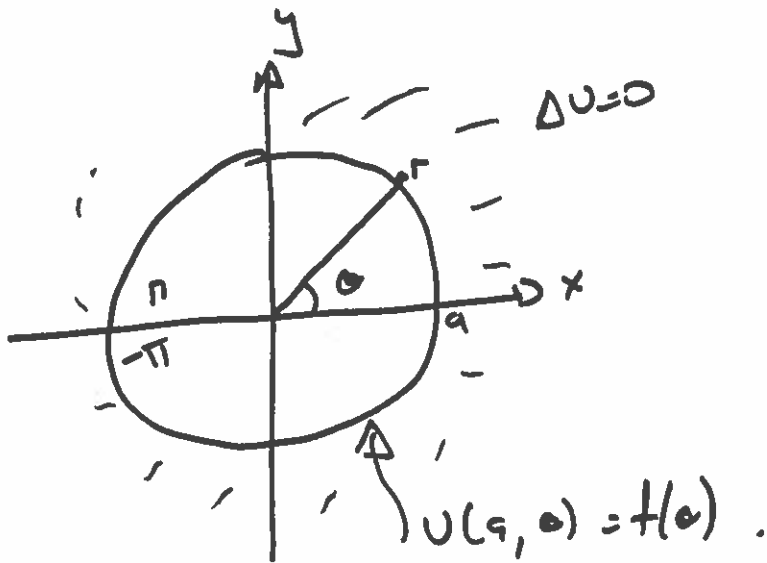
$$b_n^f = n a^{n-1} B_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\alpha) \cdot \sin(n\alpha) d\alpha.$$

$$\text{or } B_n = \frac{b_n^f}{n a^{n-1}}$$

$$V(r, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a}{n} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^n \left\{ a_n^f \cos(n\theta) + b_n^f \sin(n\theta) \right\}$$

This problem is known up to an arbitrary constant.

Ex. #6. Dirichlet problem on domain exterior to a circle.



$U$  is finite as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$a < r < \infty$$

$$-\pi < \theta < \pi$$

Periodic  $\rightarrow U(r, \pi) = U(r, -\pi)$

$$U_\theta(r, \pi) = U_\theta(r, -\pi)$$

$$\Delta U = U_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} U_r + \frac{1}{r^2} U_{\theta\theta} = 0$$

Separation of variables gives:

$$\Theta \quad \Theta'' + \mu^2 \Theta = 0$$

$$\Theta(\pi) = \Theta(-\pi)$$

$$\Theta'(\pi) = \Theta'(-\pi)$$

$$\mu_n \in \{0, n\}$$

$$\Theta_n \in \{1, \cos(n\theta), \sin(n\theta)\}$$

$$R] \quad r^2 R'' + r R' - \mu^2 R = 0. \quad \text{Guess } R(r) = r^\sigma$$

$$\mu = 0: \quad R_0(r) = A_0 + B_0 \ln(r)$$

$$\mu \neq 0: \quad R_n(r) = C r^{\mu_n} + D r^{-\mu_n}$$

We know that as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $v$  must be finite

$$\text{hence, } B_0 = C = 0.$$

Solution takes the form.

$$v(r, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^{-n} \left\{ A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \right\}$$

We use the B.C.  $v(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$  to find the coefficients

$$f(\theta) = v(a, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^{-n} \left\{ A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^+ \cos(n\theta) + b_n^+ \sin(n\theta)$$

So,

$$A_0 = \frac{a_0^f}{2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) d\theta.$$

$$a_n^f = a^{-n} A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta.$$

$$\text{or} // \quad a A_n = a_n^f a^n$$

$$b_n^f = a^{-n} B_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \sin(n\theta) d\theta.$$

$$\text{or} // \quad B_n = b_n^f a^n$$

Hence,

$$u(r, \alpha) = \frac{a_0^f}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^{-n} \left\{ a_n^f \cos(n\alpha) + b_n^f \sin(n\alpha) \right\}$$

Show plot for

$$f(\alpha) = \sin(2\alpha).$$

# Lecture 29

