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ON THE RIQUIER PROBLEM FOR THE EQUATION $(\Delta - c^2)^2 u(x,y) = 0$
IN THE HALF-PLANE

1. In this paper we construct the solution of the equation

$$(1) \quad (\Delta - c^2)^2 u(x,y) = \Delta^2 u(x,y) - 2c^2 \Delta u(x,y) + c^4 u(x,y) = 0,$$

with c as a positive constant, in the half-plane $y > 0$ satisfying the boundary data

$$(2) \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,0)} u(x,y) = f_1(x_0), \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,0)} \Delta u(x,y) = f_2(x_0),$$

f_1, f_2 being given functions.

2. Let $P(x,y), Q(s,t), P \neq Q$, denote the points of the plane and let

$$r^2 = (x-s)^2 + (y-t)^2.$$

Let

$$(3) \quad U(r) = U(P,Q) = cr K_1(cr),$$

where $K_n(cr)$ denotes the Mac Donald functions with index n ([3], p.115).

Using the formulae ([3], p.117)

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dz} (z^n K_n(z)) = -z^n K_{n-1}(z), \\ \frac{d}{dz} (z^{-n} K_n(z)) = -z^{-n} K_{n+1}(z), \end{cases}$$

we get

$$(5) \quad \Delta_Q U(P,Q) = -2c^2 K_0(cr) + c^3 r K_1(cr) = -2c^2 K_0(cr) + c^2 U(r).$$

The conditions (5) and ([1], p.115)

$$\Delta_Q K_0(cr) - c^2 K_0(cr) = 0, P \neq Q,$$

imply that the function defined by (3) satisfies the equation (1) with respect to the point $P \neq Q$.

3. Let D denote the bounded domain and S its boundary of the class C^1 .

Theorem 1. If the function $u(P)$ is of class C^4 in D and of class C^3 in its closure and $u(P)$ satisfies the equation (1) in the domain D , then

$$(6) \quad \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma^2} \int_S \left\{ u(Q) \left[\frac{d\Delta_Q U(P, Q)}{dn_Q} - 2\sigma^2 \frac{dU(P, Q)}{dn_Q} \right] + \right. \\ \left. - \frac{du(Q)}{dn} \left[\Delta_Q U(P, Q) - 2\sigma^2 U(P, Q) \right] + \Delta u(Q) \frac{dU(P, Q)}{dn_Q} + \right. \\ \left. - \frac{d\Delta u(Q)}{dn} U(P, Q) \right\} ds_Q = \begin{cases} -u(P) & \text{if } P \in D \setminus S, \\ 0 & \text{if } P \in (\overline{D \cup S})', \end{cases}$$

n denotes the inward normal.

Proof. From the formulae ([2], p.230 v.I and p.200 v.II) we get

$$(7) \quad \int_D \left[u (\Delta^2 v - 2\sigma^2 \Delta v + \sigma^4 v) - v (\Delta^2 u - 2\sigma^2 \Delta u + \sigma^4 u) \right] dx dy = \\ \int_S \left[v \frac{d\Delta u}{dn} - 2\sigma^2 v \frac{du}{dn} + 2\sigma^2 u \frac{dv}{dn} - \Delta u \frac{dv}{dn} + \Delta v \frac{du}{dn} - u \frac{d\Delta v}{dn} \right] ds,$$

where n denotes the inward normal.

Let $v(Q) = U(P, Q)$. If $P \in (\overline{D \cup S})'$ then the function $U(P, Q)$ satisfies the equation (1) in D with respect to the point Q ; hence (6) is satisfied. Let P be an interior point of domain D and K_R denote the circle with center P and radius R . The function $U(P, Q)$ satisfies the equation (1) with respect to the point Q in the domain $D \cap K_R$. From (7) we get

$$0 = \int_{S \cup S_R} \left[U(P, Q) \frac{d\Delta u(Q)}{dn} - 2\sigma^2 U(P, Q) \frac{du(Q)}{dn} + 2\sigma^2 u(Q) \frac{dU(P, Q)}{dn_Q} + \right. \\ \left. - \Delta u(Q) \frac{dU(P, Q)}{dn_Q} + \Delta_Q U(P, Q) \frac{du(Q)}{dn} - u(Q) \frac{d\Delta_Q U(P, Q)}{dn_Q} \right] ds_Q$$

where S_R denotes the circumference of the circle K_R .

From (3), (4) and (5) follows that

$$\frac{dU(P, Q)}{dn_Q} = \sigma^2 R K_0(\sigma R), \quad \frac{d\Delta_Q U(P, Q)}{dn_Q} = -2\sigma^2 K_1(\sigma R) + \sigma^4 R K_0(\sigma R)$$

on S_R .

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_S \left[U(P, Q) \frac{d\Delta u(Q)}{dn} - 2c^2 U(P, Q) \frac{du(Q)}{dn} + 2c^2 u(Q) \frac{dU(P, Q)}{dn} + \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \Delta u(Q) \frac{dU(P, Q)}{dn_Q} + \Delta_Q U(P, Q) \frac{du(Q)}{dn} - u(Q) \frac{d\Delta_Q U(P, Q)}{dn_Q} \right] ds_Q = \\
 & = cR K_1(cR) \int_{S_R} \frac{du(Q)}{dn} ds - 2c^3 R K_1(cR) \int_{S_R} \frac{du(Q)}{dn} ds + 2c^4 R K_0(cR) \int_{S_R} u(Q) ds \\
 & - c^2 R K_0(cR) \int_{S_R} u(Q) ds + [-2c^2 K_0(cR) + c^3 R K_1(cR)] \int_{S_R} \frac{du(Q)}{dn} ds + \\
 & - [-2c^2 K_1(cR) + c^4 R K_0(cR)] \int_{S_R} u(Q) ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the asymptotic properties of the Mac Donald functions ([3], p. 146) follows that

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow 0^+} R K_0(cR) = 0, \quad \lim_{R \rightarrow 0^+} cR K_1(cR) = 1.$$

Hence

$$|cR K_1(cR) \int_{S_R} \frac{d\Delta u(Q)}{dn} ds| \leq M_1 cR K_1(cR) 2\pi R \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{when } R \rightarrow 0,$$

$$|K_0(cR) \int_{S_R} \frac{du(Q)}{dn} ds| \leq M_2 K_0(cR) 2\pi R \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{when } R \rightarrow 0;$$

where

$$M_1 = \sup_{Q \in S_R} \left| \frac{d\Delta u(Q)}{dn} \right|, \quad M_2 = \sup_{Q \in S_R} \left| \frac{du(Q)}{dn} \right|.$$

By means of a similar estimation we get

$$c^2 R K_1(cR) \int_{S_R} \frac{du(Q)}{dn} ds \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{when } R \rightarrow 0.$$

From the continuity of the function u follows that for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist $R_0 > 0$ such that for every $Q \in S_R$ and $0 < R < R_0$

$$|u(Q) - u(P)| < \varepsilon,$$

hence

$$\left| \int_{S_R} [u(Q) - u(P)] ds_Q \right| \leq 2\pi \varepsilon R$$

and

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow 0^+} 2c^2 K_1(cR) \int_{S_R} u(Q) ds = \lim_{R \rightarrow 0^+} 4\pi c^2 R K_1(cR) u(P) = 4\pi c^2 u(P).$$

Finally, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 4\pi c^2 u(P) &= \int_S \left[U(P, Q) \frac{d\Delta u(Q)}{dn} - 2c^2 U(P, Q) \frac{du(Q)}{dn} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2c^2 u(Q) \frac{dU(P, Q)}{dn_Q} - \Delta u(Q) \frac{dU(P, Q)}{dn_Q} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Delta_Q U(P, Q) \frac{du(Q)}{dn} - u(Q) \frac{d\Delta_Q U(P, Q)}{dn_Q} \right] ds_Q. \end{aligned}$$

From the above formula we get (6) when P is the interior point of the domain D .

4. Let E_2^+ denote the half-plane $t > 0$ and $P(x, y), Q(s, t) \in E_2^+$.

Let

$$r_1^2 = (x - s)^2 + (y + t)^2, \quad R^2 = (x - s)^2 + y^2.$$

Theorem 2. The function

$$(8) \quad G(P, Q) = U(r) - U(r_1)$$

is the Green function for the equation (1), for E_2^+ with a pole P with the boundary conditions

$$(9) \quad G(P, Q) \Big|_{t=0} = 0, \quad \Delta_Q G(P, Q) \Big|_{t=0} = 0.$$

Proof. The function $U(r_1)$ is of class C^2 for $t > 0$ with respect to Q and satisfies the equation (1). For $t = 0$ we have $r = r_1 = R$, $G(P, Q) \Big|_{t=0} = 0$.

If

$$\Delta_Q G(P, Q) = -2c^2 [K_0(cR) - K_0(cR_1)] + c^2 [cR K_1(cR) - cR_1 K_1(cR_1)],$$

then $\Delta_Q G(P, Q) \Big|_{t=0} = 0$.

Applying the formula (6) for $D = E_2^+$, formally, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
u(P) &= \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ u(s,t) [2c^2 D_t U(x) - D_t \Delta_Q U(x)] + \right. \\
&\quad + D_t u(s,t) [\Delta_Q U(x) - 2c^2 U(x)] + \\
&\quad \left. - \Delta u(s,t) D_t U(x) + D_t \Delta u(s,t) U(x) \right\} \Big|_{t=0} ds, \\
0 &= \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(s,t) [2c^2 D_t U(x_1) - D_t \Delta_Q U(x_1)] + \\
&\quad + D_t u(s,t) [\Delta_Q U(x_1) - 2c^2 U(x_1)] + \\
&\quad \left. - \Delta u(s,t) D_t U(x_1) + U(x_1) D_t \Delta u(s,t) \right\} \Big|_{t=0} ds.
\end{aligned}$$

From the above formulae using (2) and (9) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(10) \quad u(P) &= \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(s) [2c^2 D_t G(P,Q) - D_t \Delta_Q G(P,Q)] \Big|_{t=0} ds + \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(s) D_t G(P,Q) \Big|_{t=0} ds.
\end{aligned}$$

From (4) and (8) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
D_t G(P,Q) \Big|_{t=0} &= 2c^2 y K_0(cR), \\
D_t \Delta_Q G(P,Q) \Big|_{t=0} &= -4c^3 R^{-1} y K_1(cR) + 2c^4 y K_0(cR),
\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned}
(11) \quad u(P) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(s) [2c R^{-1} y K_1(cR) + c^2 y K_0(cR)] ds + \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(s) y K_0(cR) ds.
\end{aligned}$$

5. We shall prove under convenient assumptions of the functions f_1 , f_2 that the function $u(x,y)$ given by the formula (11) satisfies the equation (1) in E_2^+ and the boundary data (2).

We shall give the following lemmas [4].

Lemma 1. If the function f is absolutely integrable in the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$, then the integral

$$I(x,y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) K_0(cR) ds$$

is of class C^∞ in K_2^+ and

$$D_{x^p y^q} I(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) D_{x^p y^q} K_0(cR) ds.$$

Lemma 2. If the function f is absolutely integrable in the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$ and continuous at the point x_0 , then

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) c y R^{-1} K_1(cR) ds \rightarrow f(x_0) \quad \text{as } (x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, 0^+).$$

We shall prove

Lemma 3. If the function f is absolutely integrable in the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$, then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) y K_0(cR) ds \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } (x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, 0).$$

Proof. The function $K_0(cR)$ is non-negative and decreasing for $R > 0$ ([3], p.146). From the asymptotic formula ([3], p.146)

$$K_0(cy) \approx \ln \frac{2}{cy},$$

$y \rightarrow 0^+$

we get $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} y K_0(cy) = 0$.

Because $R > y > 0$, then

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) y K_0(cR) ds \right| \leq y K_0(cy) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(s)| ds \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{when } y \rightarrow 0^+.$$

Theorem 3. If the functions f_1, f_2 are absolutely integrable in the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$ and continuous at the point x_0 , then the function $u(x, y)$ defined by the formula (11) is a solution of the equation (1) in the half-plane $y > 0$ and satisfies the boundary conditions (2).

Proof. It is easy to observe that

$$2cR^{-1} K_1(cR) = -2D_y K_0(cR).$$

From lemma 1 follows that the function $u(x, y)$ given by the formula (10) resp. (11) is of class C^∞ in K_2^+ and

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta - g^2)^2 u(x, y) &= \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(s) (\Delta_P - c^2)^2 \left[2c^2 D_t G(P, Q) - D_t \Delta_Q G(P, Q) \right] \Big|_{t=0} ds + \\ &- \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(s) (\Delta_P - c^2)^2 D_t G(P, Q) \Big|_{t=0} ds = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(s) \left[2c^2 D_t (\Delta_P - c^2)^2 G(P, Q) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. - D_t \Delta_Q (\Delta_P - c^2)^2 G(P, Q) \right] \Big|_{t=0} ds + \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(s) D_t (\Delta_P - c^2)^2 G(P, Q) \Big|_{t=0} ds = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

because the function $G(P, Q)$ satisfies the equation (1) for $P \neq Q$.

From lemmas 2 and 3 follows that the function $u(P)$ satisfies the boundary condition

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0, 0)} u(P) = f(x_0).$$

Concerning the proof of the second boundary condition we apply the formula

$$\Delta_P (y K_0(cR)) = y \Delta_P K_0(cR) + 2D_y K_0(cR).$$

Since the function $K_0(cR)$ satisfies the equation $\Delta u - c^2 u = 0$ in the half-plane $y > 0$, we obtain

$$\Delta_P (y K_0(cR)) = c^2 y K_0(cR) + 2D_y K_0(cR).$$

From (4) $D_y K_0(cR) = -cR^{-1} y K_1(cR)$, hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_P (cR^{-1} y K_1(cR)) &= -\Delta_P D_y K_0(cR) = -D_y (\Delta_P K_0(cR)) = \\
&= -D_y (c^2 K_0(cR)) = -c^3 y R^{-1} K_1(cR).
\end{aligned}$$

Using lemma 1, we get

$$\Delta u(P) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(s) c^4 y K_0(cR) ds + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(s) [2c R^{-1} y K_1(cR) - c^2 y K_0(cR)] ds.$$

Applying once more lemmas 2 and 3 we obtain

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0, 0)} \Delta u(P) = f_2(x_0).$$

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