

On the Dirichlet problem for certain angular domain

1. In this paper we shall give the solution of Dirichlet problem for the domain

$$(1) \quad D_n = \left\{ (x, y) : 0 < x < \infty, 0 < y < x \operatorname{tg} \frac{\pi}{n} \right\}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

We shall construct a solution $u(x, y)$ of the equation

$$(2) \quad \Delta u(x, y) = 0$$

of class $C^{(2)}$ in D_n , satisfying the boundary conditions

$$(3) \quad u(x, 0) = F_1(x, 0) = f_1(x),$$

$$(4) \quad u\left(x, x \operatorname{tg} \frac{\pi}{n}\right) = F_2\left(x, x \operatorname{tg} \frac{\pi}{n}\right) = f_2(x), \quad x > 0,$$

where F_1, F_2 are given functions.

In order to solve the problem (2), (3), (4), we shall construct the convenient Green function using the method of symmetric images.

2. Let $X_1(x, y)$ denotes the arbitrary point of D_n . Let l_i denote the straight lines

$$(5) \quad l_i: s \sin(i-1) \frac{\pi}{n} = t \cos(i-1) \frac{\pi}{n}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let X_2 denote the symmetric point of X_1 with respect to l_2 , X_3 denote the symmetric point of X_2 with respect to l_3 , ..., X_n the symmetric point of X_{n-1} with respect to l_2 , ..., X_{2n} the symmetric point of X_{2n-1} with respect to l_n . Obviously X_1 is symmetric image of X_{2n} with respect to l_1 .

The coordinates of the points $X_i(x_i, y_i)$ $i = 1, 2, \dots$ are given by formulas:

$$x_i = x \cos i \frac{\pi}{n} \pm y \sin i \frac{\pi}{n} \quad i = 2, 4, \dots, 2n$$

$$y_i = x \sin i \frac{\pi}{n} \pm y \cos i \frac{\pi}{n} \quad i = 2, 4, \dots, 2n$$

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} x_i &= x \cos(i-1) \frac{\pi}{n} - y \sin(i-1) \frac{\pi}{n} & i = 1, 3, \dots, 2n-1 \\ y_i &= x \sin(i-1) \frac{\pi}{n} + y \cos(i-1) \frac{\pi}{n} & i = 1, 3, \dots, 2n-1 \end{aligned}$$

Let $Y(s, t)$ denotes the arbitrary point belonging to the set $D_n \cup l_1^* \cup l_2^*$, where l_1^* is defined by (5) for $s \geq 0$. Further let $r_i^2 = |X_i Y|^2 = (s-x_i)^2 + (t-y_i)^2 = r_i^2(x, y, s, t)$ $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$.

3. Now we shall prove the following

THEOREM 1. *The function*

$$(7) \quad G(X_1, Y) = G(x, y, s, t) = \sum_i^{2n} (-1)^{i+1} \ln r_i$$

is the Green function for the problem (2), (3), (4) with a pole at the point X_1 .

Proof. The function $G(X_1, Y)$ is harmonic with respect to the point Y ($Y \neq X_1$), because the functions $\ln r_i$ are harmonic. If $Y \in l_1$, then

$$r_1 = r_{2n}, r_2 = r_{2n-1}, \dots, r_n = r_{n+1},$$

and $G(X_1, Y) = 0$. For $Y \in l_2$ we have $r_1 = r_2, r_{2n} = r_3, \dots, r_{n+1} = r_{n+2}$, and $G(X_1, Y) = 0$.

4. Now we shall introduce any notations. Let $M = \sup_{s \geq 0} |f_1(s)|$, $\bar{f}_i(s) = f_i(s)$, for $s \geq 0$ and $\bar{f}_i(s) = 0$, for $s < 0$, ($i = 1, 2$).

Let

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \operatorname{tg} \frac{\pi}{n} \text{ and } R_i^2 = (s-x_i)^2 + y_i^2 & i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n \\ \varrho_i^2 &= (s-x_i)^2 + (as-y_i)^2 & i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n. \end{aligned}$$

Let N denotes the invard normal to $\partial D_n = l_1^* \cup l_2^*$. We shall prove, that under certain assumptions concerning the functions $f_i(s)$ the function

$$(8) \quad u(X_1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f_1(s) D_t G(X_1, Y)|_{t=0} ds + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s \geq 0} F_2(s, as) D_N G(X_1, Y)|_{t=as} \sqrt{1+a^2} ds$$

is the solution of the problem (2), (3), (4).

Using the formulas (7) and (8) we get

$$(9) \quad u(X_1) = \sum_i^n (-1)^i K_i(X_1) + \sum_i^n (-1)^i H_i(X_1)$$

where

$$K_i(X_1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \bar{f}_1(s) \frac{y_i}{R_i^2} ds; \quad H_i(X_1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \bar{f}_2(s) \frac{y_i - ax_i}{\varrho_i^2} ds \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Let

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} W_1 &= \{(x, y): |x| < A, 0 < c < y < C\} \\ W_2 &= \{(x, y): |x| < B, -aB - \delta < y < ax - \delta\} \end{aligned}$$

where A, B, c, C , are arbitrary positive numbers.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} K_i^{p,q}(X_1) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \bar{f}_1(s) D^{p,q} \left(\frac{y_i}{R_i^2} \right) ds \\ H_i^{p,q}(X_1) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \bar{f}_2(s) D^{p,q} \left(\frac{y_i - ax_i}{\varrho_i^2} \right) ds \end{aligned}$$

where $p, q = 0, 1, 2; 0 < p + q \leq 2; i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

5. Now we shall prove that the integrals $K_i^{p,q}(X_1)$, ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) are uniformly convergent in every set W_1 and the integrals $H_i^{p,q}(X_1)$ are uniformly convergent in every set W_2 .

Let

$$K_i^{p,q}(R, X_1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|s| \geq R} \bar{f}_1(s) D^{p,q} \left(\frac{y_1}{R_i^2} \right) ds$$

and

$$H_i^{p,q}(R, X_1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|s| \geq R} \bar{f}_2(s) D^{p,q} \left(\frac{y_1 - ax_1}{\varrho_i^2} \right) ds.$$

LEMMA 1. If the function $f_1(s)$, ($s \geq 0$) is bounded and absolutely integrable, then the integrals $K_i^{p,q}(X_1)$, ($i = 1, \dots, n$) are uniformly convergent in every set W_1 .

Proof. The integrals $K_i^{p,q}(R, X_1)$ have common majorant

$$MC \int_{|s| \geq R} \frac{ds}{(s - x_i)^2 + y_i^2}.$$

Since

$$\frac{1}{4}s^2 \leq (s - x_i)^2 + y_i^2 \leq 4s^2 \quad \text{for } s \geq R$$

thus

$$\int_{|s| \geq R} \frac{ds}{(s - x_i)^2 + y_i^2} \leq 2 \int_{|s| \geq R} \frac{ds}{s^2} < \varepsilon$$

for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$ and $R \geq R(\varepsilon)$. This condition is sufficient for uniform convergence of integrals $K_i^{p,q}(X_1)$ in every set W_1 .

LEMMA 2. If the function $f_2(s)$, $s \geq 0$, is bounded and absolutely integrable, then the integrals $H_i^{p,q}(X_1)$ are uniformly convergent in every set W_2 .

Proof. The integrals $H_i^{p,q}(R, X_1)$ have common majorant

$$C \int_{|s| \geq R} \frac{ds}{(s-x_i)^2 + (as-y_i)^2}$$

Since

$$\frac{1}{4}s^2 \leq (s-x_i)^2 + (as-y_i)^2 \quad \text{for } s \geq R$$

thus

$$\int_{|s| \geq R} \frac{ds}{(s-x_i)^2 + (as-y_i)^2} \leq 2 \int_{|s| \geq R} \frac{ds}{s^2} \leq \varepsilon$$

for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and $R > R(\varepsilon)$. From the above inequality follows the uniform convergence of integrals $H_i^{p,q}(X_1)$ in every set W_2 .

From lemmas 1, 2 follows

LEMMA 3. The integrals $K_i^{p,q}(X_1)$ and $H_i^{p,q}(X_1)$ are uniformly convergent in every set $W_3 = W_1 \cap W_2$.

From lemmas 1, 2, 3 follows

LEMMA 4. If the functions $f_1(s), f_2(s), s \geq 0$ are bounded and absolutely integrable, then exist in W_3 the functions $D^{p,q}K_i(X_1), D^{p,q}H_i(X_1), i = 1, 2, \dots, n; p, q = 0, 1, 2; 0 \leq p+q \leq 2$

and

$$D^{p,q}K_i(X_1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{f}_1(s) D^{p,q} \left(\frac{y_i}{R_i^2} \right) ds$$

and

$$D^{p,q}H_i(X_1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{f}_2(s) D^{p,q} \left(\frac{y_i - ax_i}{\rho_i^2} \right) ds.$$

LEMMA 5. If the functions $f_1(s), f_2(s), s \geq 0$, are bounded and absolutely integrable, then the function $u(X_1)$ defined by formulas (8) or (9) is of class $C^{(2)}$ in every set $W_3 \subset D_n$ and is harmonic in W_3 .

Proof. Since the transformation (6) is orthogonal in view of lemma 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u(X_1) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_1(s) D_t(\Delta_{x_1}(G(X, Y)))|_{t=0} ds + \\ &+ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|s| \geq 0} f_2(s) D_N(\Delta_{x_1}(G(X, Y)))|_{t=as\sqrt{1+a^2}} ds = 0 \quad \text{for } X_1 \in W_3 \end{aligned}$$

6. Now we shall verify the boundary conditions (3) and (4).

LEMMA 6. [2]. If the function $f_1(s)$ is continuous, bounded and absolutely integrable for $s \geq 0$,

then

$$\lim K_1(X_1) = \lim \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_1(s) \frac{y ds}{(s-x_1)^2 + y^2} = f_1(x_0)$$

as $X_1 \rightarrow (x_0, 0)$, $x_0 > 0$.

LEMMA 7. If the function $f_2(s)$ is continuous, bounded and absolutely integrable for $s \leq 0$,

then

$$\lim H_1(X_1) = \lim \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \bar{f}_2(s) \frac{ax-y}{(s-x)^2 + (as-y)^2} ds = f_2(x_0)$$

as

$$X_1 \rightarrow (x_0, ax_0), x_0 > 0.$$

Proof. Let us consider the integral

$$I = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{ax-y}{(s-x)^2 + (as-y)^2} ds$$

Introducing in integral I the substitution: $s-x = (ax-y)t$ we have

$$as-y = (ax-y)at + (ax-y) = (ax-y)(at+1)$$

and

$$I = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + (at+1)^2} = 1.$$

We can rewrite $H_1(X_1)$ in the form:

$$H_1(X_1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [\bar{f}_2(s) - f_2(x_0)] \frac{as-y}{(s-x)^2 + (as-y)^2} ds + f_2(x_0)$$

If $|s-x_0| < \delta(\varepsilon)$ and $|\bar{f}_2(s) - f_2(x_0)| < \varepsilon$

then

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|s-x_0| < \delta} |\bar{f}_2(s) - f_2(x_0)| \frac{as-y}{(s-x)^2 + (as-y)^2} ds \leq \varepsilon$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|s-x_0| > \delta} |\bar{f}_2(s) - f_2(x_0)| \frac{as-y}{(s-x)^2 + (as-y)^2} ds &= \frac{M}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{-\frac{\delta}{ax-y}} \frac{dt}{t^2 + (at-1)^2} + \\ &+ \frac{M}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\delta}{ax-y}}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + (at+1)^2} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } (ax-y) \rightarrow (ax_0 - ax_0) = 0^+ \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 8. If the functions $f_1(s), f_2(s)$ are bounded and absolutely integrable for $s \geq 0$, then the integrals

$$P_i(X_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{f}_1(s) \frac{\ln r_i}{t} \Big|_{t=0} ds, \quad Q_i(X_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{f}_2(s) \frac{\ln r_i}{N} \Big|_{t=as} ds,$$

for $i = 2, 3, \dots, 2n$ are uniformly convergent in every set

$$W_4 = \{(x, y): 0 < c < x < A, 0 < y < ax - ac\},$$

where A, a, c denote arbitrary positive numbers.

The proof is analogous to those of lemmas 1, 2.

LEMMA 9. If the functions $f_1(s), f_2(s), s \geq 0$ are bounded, continuous and absolutely integrable, then the function

a) $u(X_1) \rightarrow f_1(x_0)$, as $(X_1) \rightarrow (x_0, 0^+)$, $x_0 > 0$.

b) $u(X_1) \rightarrow f_2(x_0)$, as $(X_1) \rightarrow (x_0, ax_0)$.

Proof. Ad a). Using the formula (6) we get: $\lim D_t(\ln r_{2n-i} + \ln r_{i+2}) = 0$ as $y \rightarrow 0^+$, ($i = 1, \dots, n$), $\lim D_N(\ln r_{2n-i} + \ln r_{i+2}) = 0$ as $y \rightarrow 0^+$, ($i = 1, \dots, n$)

By lemmas 6 and 8 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim u(X_1) &= f_1(x_0) + \lim \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{f}_1(s) \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i (D_t(\ln r_{2n-i} + \ln r_{i+2}))|_{t=0} ds + \\ &+ \lim \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{f}_2(s) \sum_{i=1}^n D_N(\ln r_{2n-i} + \ln r_{i+2})|_{t=as} ds = f_1(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

as $y \rightarrow 0^+$.

Ad b). By formula (7) we have:

$$\lim D_t(\ln r_{2n-i} + \ln r_i) = 0 \quad \text{as} \quad (X_1) \rightarrow (x_0, ax_0), \quad (i = 1, \dots, n)$$

and

$$\lim D_N(\ln r_{2n-i} + \ln r_{i+2}) = 0, \quad \text{as} \quad (X_1) \rightarrow (x_0, ax_0), \quad (i = 1, 3, \dots, 2n-1)$$

and

$$\lim D_N(\ln r_{2n-i} + \ln r_{i+4}) = 0 \quad \text{as} \quad (X_1) \rightarrow (x_0, ax_0), \quad (i = 2, 4, \dots, 2n)$$

From lemmas 7 and 8 we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim u(X_1) &= \tilde{f}_2(x_0) + \lim \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_1(s) \sum_i (-1)^i D_t(\ln r_{2n-i} + \ln r_i)|_{t=0} ds + \\ &+ \lim \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{f}_2(s) \sum_i^{(1)} D_N(\ln r_{2n-i} + \ln r_{i+2})|_{t=as} ds + \\ &+ \lim \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_2(s) \sum_i^{(2)} D_N(\ln r_{2n-i} + \ln r_{i+4})|_{t=as} ds = \\ &= f_2(x_0), \quad \text{as} \quad (X_1) \rightarrow (x_0, ax_0), \end{aligned}$$

where $\sum^{(1)}$ denotes the convenient sum for odd i and $\sum^{(2)}$ for even i .
From lemma 9 follows

THEOREM 2. *If the functions $f_1(s), f_2(s), s \geq 0$ are continuous, bounded and absolutely integrable, then the function $u(x, y)$, defined by formulas (8) or (9) is the solution of the problem (2), (3), (4) in every set (1).*

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