

**On certain properties of the volume Green potential for the iterated Helmholtz equation and for the octant  $E_3^+$**

1. Let  $X = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ ,  $Y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$  and  $X_0 = (x_1^0, x_2^0, x_3^0)$  denote the points of the Euclidean space  $E_3$ .

Let

$$r^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 (y_i - x_i)^2, \quad r_0^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 (y_i - x_i^0)^2,$$

$\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^3 D_{x_i}^2$ ,  $\Delta^2 = \Delta(\Delta)$ ,  $H = \Delta - C^2$ ,  $H^2 = (\Delta - C^2)^{(2)} = \Delta^2 - 2C^2\Delta + C^4$ ,  $C$  being a positive constant.

Let  $M = \sup_{E_3} |F(Y)|$  and let  $K(X_0, \delta)$  denote ball with center at  $X_0$  and radius  $\delta$ .

2. Let  $\varphi(X, Y)$  be the function defined and continuous in the set  $E_3 \times E_3^+$  and for  $X \neq Y$ , and uniformly continuous in every compact of this set. Let  $F(Y)$  be the bounded and absolutely integrable function defined in  $E_3^+$ .

DEFINITION 1. We say that the integral

$$I(X) = \iiint_{E_3^+} F(Y)\varphi(X, Y)dV_Y$$

is uniformly convergent at the point  $X_0$  if 1<sup>o</sup> the integral  $I(X_0)$  is convergent, 2<sup>o</sup> for arbitrary positive number  $\varepsilon$ , there exist the numbers  $\delta$  and  $R$  such that for every  $X \in K(X_0, \delta)$

$$\iiint_{K(X_0, \delta)} |F(Y)\varphi(X, Y)|dV_Y < \varepsilon, \quad \text{and} \quad \iiint_{E_3^+ \cap K(O, R)} |F(Y)\varphi(X, Y)|dV_Y < \varepsilon$$

DEFINITION 2. The integral

$$I_0 = (8\pi C)^{-1} \iiint_{E_3^+} F(Y)\exp(-Cr)dV_Y$$

is called the volume Green potential for the iterated Helmholtz equation

(1)  $H^2 u(X) = F(X)$

3. Now we shall prove some lemmas which we shall use in the sequel.

LEMMA 1. If the function  $F$  is absolutely integrable in  $E_3^+$ , then the integrals

$$I_m(X) = \int \int \int_{E_3^+} F(Y) ((y_i - x_i) r^{-1})^m \exp(-Cr) dV_Y \quad (i = 1, 2, 3; m = 0, 1, 2, 3).$$

are uniformly convergent in the set  $E_3^+$ .

Proof. Since  $|((x_i - y_i) r^{-1})^m| < 1$  and  $\exp(-Cr) < 1$  thus the common majorant of the integrals  $I_m$  is the convergent integral

$$\int \int \int_{E_3^+} F(Y) dV_Y$$

LEMMA 2. If the function  $F$  is bounded and absolutely integrable in  $E_3^+$ , then the integrals

$$P_i(X) = \int \int \int_{E_3^+} F(Y) r^{-i} \exp(-Cr) dV_Y \quad (i = 1, 2)$$

are uniformly convergent at every point  $X_0 \in E_3^+$ .

Proof. We shall prove this lemma for the integral  $P_1(X)$ . The proof for the integral  $P_2(X)$  is similar. Let  $K(X_0, \delta) \subset E_3^+$  and let  $P_1(X) = P_1^1(X) + P_1^2(X)$  where

$$P_1^1(X) = \int \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) r^{-1} \exp(-Cr) dV_Y.$$

and

$$P_1^2(X) = \int \int \int_{E_3^+ \setminus K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) r^{-1} \exp(-Cr) dV_Y.$$

Applying in the integrals  $P_1^i(X_0)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) the change of variables  $y_1 - x_1^0 = \varrho \cos \varphi \cos \psi$ ,  $y_2 - x_2^0 = \varrho \sin \varphi \cos \psi$ ,  $y_3 - x_3^0 = \varrho \sin \psi$  we get the inequalities

$$|P_1^1(X_0)| \leq 4\pi M \int_0^\delta \varrho \exp(-C\varrho) d\varrho \leq 2\pi M \delta^2$$

and

$$|P_1^2(X_0)| \leq 4\pi M \int_\delta^\infty \varrho \exp(-C\varrho) d\varrho.$$

This implies that the integral  $P_1(X)$  is convergent at the point  $X_0$ . Let  $X \in K(X_0, \delta)$  and  $|XY| < 2\delta$ . Then  $K(X_0, \delta) \subset K(X, 2\delta)$  and

$$|P_1^1(X)| \leq \int \int \int_{K(X, 2\delta)} |F(Y)| r^{-1} \exp(-Cr) dV_Y$$

Introducing in above the integral the new variables  $y_1 - x_1 = \varrho \cos \varphi \cos \psi$ ,  $y_2 - x_2 = \varrho \sin \varphi \cos \psi$ ,  $y_3 - x_3 = \varrho \sin \psi$  we obtain the inequalities

$$|P_1^1(X)| < 4\pi M \int_0^{2\delta} \varrho \exp(-C\varrho) d\varrho \leq 8\pi M \delta^2 < \varepsilon$$

for

$$\delta < ((8\pi M)^{-1} \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Let us consider the integral

$$P_3(X) = \int \int \int_{E_3^+ \setminus K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) r^{-1} \exp(-Cr) dV_Y$$

We shall prove that the integral  $P_3(X)$  is arbitrary small for sufficiently great  $R$ . Namely, there exists a number  $R$  such that for every  $X \in K(X_0, \delta)$  hold inequalities

$$\frac{1}{2}|0Y| \leq r \leq 2|0Y|$$

Moreover

$$\exp(-Cr) \leq (Cr)^{-n} n! \quad \text{for } n \in N.$$

For the integral  $P_3(X)$  we have following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} |P_3(X)| &\leq 2M \int \int \int_{|0Y| > R} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}C|0Y|) (|0Y|)^{-1} dV_Y \leq \\ &\leq 2M \int \int \int_{|0Y| > R} (C|0Y|)^{-3} 3! (|0Y|)^{-1} dV_Y \end{aligned}$$

Applying in the last integral the change of variables  $y_1 = \varrho \cos \varphi \cos \psi$ ,  $y_2 = \varrho \sin \varphi \cos \psi$ ,  $y_3 = \varrho \sin \psi$  we get

$$|P_3(X)| \leq 3! M C^{-3} \pi \int_R^{\infty} \varrho^{-2} d\varrho = C_1 R^{-1} < \varepsilon$$

for

$$R > 6\pi M C^{-3} \varepsilon^{-1}$$

Consequently the integral  $P_1(X)$  is uniformly convergent at every point  $X_0 \in E_3^+$ . By lemmas 1 and 2 we get

**THEOREM 1.** *If the function  $F$  is bounded and absolutely integrable in the set  $E_3^+$ , then there exist the derivatives  $D_{x_i}^j w(X)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3; j = 1, 2$ ) and exist the integrals*

$$\int \int \int_{E_3^+} F(Y) D_{x_i}^j (\exp(-Cr)) dV_Y \quad (i = 1, 2, 3; j = 1, 2)$$

and

$$D_{x_i}^j I_0(X) = (8\pi C)^{-1} \int \int \int_{E_3^+} F(Y) D_{x_i}^j (\exp(-Cr)) dV_Y \quad (i = 1, 2, 3; j = 1, 2).$$

By lemma 2 we get

**THEOREM 2.** *If the function  $F$  is bounded and absolutely integrable in the set  $E_3^+$ , then the function  $P_1(X)$  is of class  $C^{(1)}(E_3^+)$*

and

$$D_{x_i} P_1(X) = \int \int \int_{E_3^+} F(Y) D_{x_i} (r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) dV_Y \quad (i = 1, 2, 3).$$

4. Now we shall prove

LEMMA 3. If the function  $F$  is of class  $C^1(E_3^+)$ , then there exist the derivatives  $D_{x_i}^2 P_1(X)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) for every  $X \in K(X_0, \delta)$ .

Proof. From theorem 2 we have

$$D_{x_i} P_1(X) = D_{x_i} P_1^1(X) + D_{x_i} P_1^2(X) = \\ = \int \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) D_{x_i}(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) dV_Y + \int \int \int_{E_3^+ \setminus K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) D_{x_i}(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) dV_Y \\ (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

By ([1], p. 326) and by the formulae

$$(2) \quad D_{x_i}(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) = D_{y_i}(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

and

$$(3) \quad D_{y_i}(F(Y)r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) = \\ = r^{-1} \exp(-Cr) D_{y_i} F(Y) + F(Y) D_{y_i}(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

we have

$$(4) \quad D_{x_i} P_1^1(X) = - \int \int_{\partial K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) r^{-1} \exp(-Cr) \cos(n, y_i) dS_Y + \\ + \int \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} r^{-1} \exp(-Cr) D_{y_i} F(Y) dV_Y$$

For every  $X \in K(X_0, \delta)$  by (4) and (2) we have

$$D_{x_i}^2 P_1^1(X) = \int \int_{\partial K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) D_{y_i}(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr) \cos(n, y_i)) dS_Y + \\ + \int \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} D_{x_i}(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) D_{y_i} F(Y) dV_Y \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

$n$  being the exterior normal to  $K(X_0, \delta)$ .

Moreover for every  $X \in K(X_0, \delta)$  we have

$$(5) \quad D_{x_i}^2 P_1^2(X) = \int \int \int_{E_3^+ \setminus K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) D_{x_i}^2(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) dV_Y \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

Now we shall prove the following

LEMMA 4. If the function  $F$  is of class  $C^1(E_3^+)$ , then for every  $X \in K(X_0, \delta)$  there exist the function  $\Delta P_1^1(X)$

and

$$\lim \Delta P_1^1(X) = F(X_0) \quad \text{as} \quad X \rightarrow X_0.$$

Proof. By lemma 3 we have

$$\Delta P_1^1(X) = P_4(X) + P_5(X),$$

where

$$P_4(X) = \int \int_{\partial K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) \sum_{i=1}^3 \cos(n, y_i) D_{y_i}(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) dS_Y$$

and

$$P_5(X) = \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} \sum_{i=1}^3 D_{x_i}(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) D_{y_i} F(Y) dV_Y$$

For  $X = X_0$  we obtain

$$P_4(X_0) = \int \int_{\partial K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) D_{n_r}(r_0^{-1} \exp(-Cr_0)) dS_Y$$

Applying to the integral  $P_4(X_0)$  the mean value theorem we get

$$P_4(X_0) = 4\pi\delta^2 F(Q)(\delta^{-2} - \delta^{-1}) \exp(-C\delta),$$

$Q$  being any point belonging to  $\partial K(X_0, \delta)$ .

By continuity of the integrals  $P_i(X)$  ( $i = 4, 5$ ) at the point  $X_0$  we get

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} P_4(X) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} (4\pi\delta^2 F(Q)(\delta^{-2} - \delta^{-1}) \exp(-C\delta)) = 4\pi F(X_0)$$

Moreover by lemmas 1 and 2 we have

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} P_5(X) = 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \delta \rightarrow 0$$

because

$$|P_5(X)| \leq M_1 \int \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} \sum_{i=1}^3 D_{x_i}(r^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) dV_Y \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{when} \quad \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

Finally we get

$$\lim_{X \rightarrow X_0} \Delta P_1^1(X) = F(X_0) \quad \text{as} \quad X \rightarrow X_0$$

5. Now let us consider the integral

$$\int \int \int_{E_3^+ \setminus K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) H^2(\exp(-Cr)) dV_Y.$$

This integral is uniformly convergent at the point  $X_0$  and we get

$$(6) \quad H^2 \left[ \int \int \int_{E_3^+ \setminus K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) \exp(-Cr) dV_Y \right] = \int \int \int_{E_3^+ \setminus K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) H^2(\exp(-Cr)) dV_Y = 0$$

because

$$\begin{aligned} H^2 \exp(-Cr) &= \Delta^2 \exp(-Cr) - 2C^2 \Delta \exp(-Cr) + C^4 \exp(-Cr) = \\ &= \exp(-Cr)(C^4 - 4C^3 r^{-1} - 2C^4 + 4C^3 r^{-1} + C^4) \equiv 0 \quad \text{for} \quad X \in K(X_0, \delta). \end{aligned}$$

We have prove the fundamental

**THEOREM 3.** *If the function  $F$  is bounded, absolutely integrable and of class  $C^1(E_3^+)$ , then the function  $I_0$  satisfies the equation (1) for every  $X \in E_3^+$ .*

Proof. By (6) and lemmas 1, 2, 3 and theorems 1, 2 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 H^2 I_0(X) &= (-8\pi C)^{-1} H^2 \left( \int \int \int_{E_1^*} F(Y) \exp(-Cr) dV_Y = \right. \\
 &= (-8\pi C)^{-1} [H^2 \int \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) \exp(-Cr) dV_Y + \\
 &+ \int \int \int_{E_1^* \setminus K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) H^2 \exp(-Cr) dV_Y] = \\
 &= (-8\pi C)^{-1} [H \left( \int \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) H \exp(-Cr) dV_Y \right)] = \\
 &= (-8\pi C)^{-1} H \left( \int \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) (-2Cr^{-1} \exp(-Cr)) dV_Y \right) = \\
 &= (4\pi)^{-1} [\Delta \left( \int \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) r^{-1} \exp(-Cr) dV_Y \right) - \\
 &- C^2 \int \int \int_{K(X_0, \delta)} F(Y) r^{-1} \exp(-Cr) dV_Y] = (4\pi)^{-1} (\Delta P_1^1(X) - C^2 P_1^1(X))
 \end{aligned}$$

From lemma 4 we have

$$\Delta P_1^1(X) \rightarrow 4\pi F(X_0) \quad \text{as } X \rightarrow X_0$$

and by lemma 2 we get

$$|P_1^1(X)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } X \rightarrow X_0$$

Thus

$$H^2 I_0(X) = (4\pi)^{-1} (\Delta P_1^1(X) - C^2 P_1^1(X)) \rightarrow F(X_0) \quad \text{as } X \rightarrow X_0$$

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