

• Green's Identity :-

Green's 2nd identity :-

$$\iiint_R (\phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi) dV = \iint_{\partial R} \left(\phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} - \psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} \right) ds$$

Green's 1st identity :-

$$\iiint_R \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \psi dV = \iint_{\partial R} \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} ds - \iiint_R \phi \nabla^2 \psi dV$$

If $\phi = \psi$, then...

$$\iiint_R (\nabla \phi)^2 dV = \iint_{\partial R} \phi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} ds - \iiint_R \phi \nabla^2 \phi dV$$

• Properties of Harmonic functions :-

Solutions of Laplace equation are called Harmonic functions which possess a number of interesting properties and they are presented in the following theorems.

I. If a harmonic function vanish everywhere on the boundary then it is identically zero everywhere.

⇒ Let ϕ be a harmonic function, then $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$ in R .

Also, if $\phi = 0$ on ∂R , we shall show that $\phi = 0$ in $\bar{R} = R \cup \partial R$.

Recalling Green's 1st identity

$$\iiint_R (\nabla \phi)^2 dV = \iint_{\partial R} \phi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} ds - \iiint_R \phi \nabla^2 \phi dV$$

$$\Rightarrow \iiint_R (\nabla \phi)^2 dV = 0$$

since $(\nabla \phi)^2$ is +ve, it follows that the integral will be satisfied

only if $\nabla \phi = 0 \Rightarrow \phi$ is constant in R .

since ϕ is continuous in \bar{R} and ϕ is zero on ∂R ,

It follows that $\phi = 0$ in R .

II. If ϕ is a harmonic function in R and $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = 0$ then ϕ is constant in \bar{R} .

By Green's first identity

$$\iiint_R (\nabla \phi)^2 dV = \iint_{\partial R} \phi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} dS - \iiint_R \phi \nabla^2 \phi dV$$

$$\Rightarrow \iiint_R (\nabla \phi)^2 dV = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \phi = 0$$

ϕ is constant in R . Since the value of ϕ is not known on the boundary ∂R and $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = 0$, it is implied that ϕ is constant of ∂R .

ϕ is constant in \bar{R} .

III. If the Dirichlet problem for a bounded region has a solution, then it is unique.

Let R be a bounded region and ∂R be its boundary.

The Dirichlet problem in R will be of the form:

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \text{ in } R \text{ and } \phi = f \text{ on } \partial R \text{ where } f \in C^0$$

If ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are two solutions of the interior Dirichlet problem, then

$$\nabla^2 \phi_1 = 0 \text{ in } R, \quad \phi_1 = f \text{ on } \partial R$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi_2 = 0 \text{ in } R, \quad \phi_2 = f \text{ on } \partial R$$

Let $\psi = \phi_1 - \phi_2$, then

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \nabla^2 \phi_1 - \nabla^2 \phi_2 = 0 \text{ in } R$$

$$\psi = \phi_1 - \phi_2 = f - f = 0 \text{ on } \partial R$$

$\therefore \nabla^2 \psi = 0$ in R , $\psi = 0$ on ∂R .

By theorem - I, we obtain $\psi = 0$ on \bar{R}

$$\Rightarrow \phi_1 = \phi_2$$

Since the solution of the Dirichlet problem is unique.

• Solve the boundary value problem described by...

$$\text{PDE: } u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0 \quad 0 \leq x \leq l, t \geq 0$$

$$\text{BCs: } u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\text{ICs: } u(x, 0) = 10 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq l$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \dots (1)$$

Let the solution be $u(x, t) = X(x) \cdot T(t)$, then...

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''}{T} = k$$

$$\therefore X'' - kX = 0$$

$$T'' - kc^2 T = 0$$

Case-I: when $k = 0$

$$\therefore X'' = 0 \Rightarrow X = c_1 x + c_2$$

$$T'' = 0 \Rightarrow T = c_3 t + c_4$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = (c_1 x + c_2)(c_3 t + c_4)$$

using BC. $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0$, we get..

$$c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = 0$$

which is a trivial solution, but for a non-trivial solution, we reject case I.

Case-II: when $k > 0 (= \lambda^2)$

$$\therefore X'' - \lambda^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X = c_1 e^{\lambda x} + c_2 e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$T'' - \lambda^2 c^2 T = 0 \Rightarrow T = c_3 e^{\lambda c t} + c_4 e^{-\lambda c t}$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = (c_1 e^{\lambda x} + c_2 e^{-\lambda x})(c_3 e^{\lambda c t} + c_4 e^{-\lambda c t})$$

using BC. $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0$, we get..

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 e^{\lambda l} + c_2 e^{-\lambda l} = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = 0$$

which is a trivial solution, so we reject case-II.

-III:-

$$k < 0 (= -\lambda^2)$$

$$x'' + \lambda^2 x = 0 \Rightarrow x = C_1 \cos \lambda n + C_2 \sin \lambda n$$

$$T'' + \lambda^2 C^2 T = 0 \Rightarrow T = C_3 \cos \lambda ct + C_4 \sin \lambda ct$$

$$u(n, t) = (C_1 \cos \lambda n + C_2 \sin \lambda n)(C_3 \cos \lambda ct + C_4 \sin \lambda ct)$$

Now using BC. we $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0$, $t \geq 0$ we get --

$$C_1 = 0$$

$$C_2 \sin \lambda l = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \lambda l = 0 = \sin n\pi \quad (\text{for non-trivial solution } C_2 \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{n\pi}{l}$$

$$u(n, t) = C_2 \sin \frac{n\pi n}{l} \left(C_3 \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l} + C_4 \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{l} \right)$$

By the principle of superposition we get --

$$u(n, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi n}{l} \left(A_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{l} \right)$$

$$u_t(n, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi n}{l} \left[A_n \left(-\frac{n\pi c}{l} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{l} + B_n \left(\frac{n\pi c}{l} \right) \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l} \right]$$

$$u(n, 0) = 10 \sin \frac{n\pi n}{l}$$

$$\therefore 10 \sin \frac{n\pi n}{l} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi n}{l}$$

By $n=1$, we get $A_1 = 10$, while all other A_n 's are zero.

$$u_t(n, 0) = 0$$

$$\frac{n\pi c}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi n}{l} = 0 \Rightarrow B_n = 0, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

the required solution is --

~~$$u(n, t) = 10 \sin \frac{n\pi n}{l} \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l}$$~~

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• Solve the one-dimensional wave equation.

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi, t \geq 0$$

subject to.

$$u = 0 \quad \text{when } x = 0 \text{ and } x = \pi$$

$$u_t = 0 \quad \text{when } t = 0 \text{ and } u(x, 0) = x, \quad 0 < x < \pi.$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \dots (i)$$

Let the solution be ... $u(x, t) = X(x) \cdot T(t)$, then...

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Now, using B.C. $u(0, t) = 0$, $u(\pi, t) = 0$, we get...

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which is a trivial solution, so we reject case-II.

case-III:- when $k < 0 (= -\lambda^2)$

$$\therefore X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X = c_1 \cos \lambda x + c_2 \sin \lambda x$$

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$$= (c_1 \cos \lambda x + c_2 \sin \lambda x)(c_3 \cos \lambda ct + c_4 \sin \lambda ct)$$

using BC $u(0,t) = u(x,t) = 0$, we get -

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$c_2 \sin \lambda x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \lambda x = 0 = \sin n\pi \quad (\text{for non-trivial solution } c_2 \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = n$$

$$u(n,t) = c_2 \sin n\pi x (c_3 \cos n\pi ct + c_4 \sin n\pi ct)$$

By the principle of superposition we get -

$$u(n,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin n\pi x (A_n \cos n\pi ct + B_n \sin n\pi ct)$$

$$u_1(n,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin n\pi x [A_n (-nc) \sin n\pi ct + B_n (nc) \cos n\pi ct]$$

$$u_1(n,0) = 0 \text{ gives}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n nc \sin n\pi = 0 \Rightarrow B_n = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$u(n,0) = n \text{ gives}$$

$$n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin n\pi x$$

$$\text{where } A_n = \frac{2}{x} \int_0^x n \sin n\pi x \, dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{x} \left\{ \left[n \left(-\frac{\cos n\pi x}{n} \right) \right]_0^x + \int_0^x \frac{1}{n} \cos n\pi x \, dx \right\}$$

$$= \frac{2}{x} \left[-\frac{n}{n} \cos n\pi x + \frac{1}{n^2} \sin n\pi x \right]_0^x$$

$$= -\frac{2}{x} \cos n\pi x$$

$$= \frac{2}{x} (-1)^{n+1}$$

Final solution is

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{x} (-1)^{n+1} \sin n\pi x \cos n\pi ct$$

• Solve... $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{nn}, \quad 0 \leq n \leq l, t > 0$

subject to... $u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(l, t) = 0 \quad \forall t$

$u(n, 0) = 0, \quad u_t(n, 0) = b \sin^3 \frac{\pi n}{l}$

$\Rightarrow u_{tt} = c^2 u_{nn} \dots (1)$

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$u(x,0) = 0$ gives...

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = 0 \Rightarrow A_n = 0, \quad n=1,2,\dots$$

$u(x,0) = b \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l}$ gives...

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \frac{n\pi c}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = b \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l} = b \left(\frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \right)$$

~~$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \frac{n\pi c}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = b \left(\frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \right)$$~~

Putting $n=1$, and $n=3$ we get...

~~$$\frac{3b}{4} = \frac{3b}{4} \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow B_1 = \frac{3bl}{4xc}, \quad B_3 = -\frac{bl}{12xc}$$~~

all other ~~A_n~~ B_n 's are zero...

the required solution is...

~~$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3bl}{4xc} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{\pi ct}{l} - \frac{bl}{12xc} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{3\pi ct}{l}$$~~

~~$$u(x,t) = \frac{bl}{12cx} \left[9 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{\pi ct}{l} - \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{3\pi ct}{l} \right]$$~~

• Determine the solution of the one-dimensional wave equation...

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < a, \quad t > 0$$

with c as a constant under the following initial and boundary conditions:

$$(i) \quad \phi(x, 0) = f(x) = \begin{cases} x/b & 0 \leq x \leq b \\ (a-x)/(a-b), & b < x \leq a \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0, \quad 0 < x < a$$

$$(iii) \quad \phi(0, t) = \phi(a, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \phi_{tt} - c^2 \phi_{xx} = 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

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$$\therefore \phi(x, t) = (c_1 e^{\lambda x} + c_2 e^{-\lambda x})(c_3 e^{\lambda ct} + c_4 e^{-\lambda ct})$$

using BC... $\phi(0, t) = \phi(a, t) = 0$, we get --

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 e^{\lambda a} + c_2 e^{-\lambda a} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \cdot c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \phi(x, t) = 0$$

which is a trivial solution, so we reject case-II

Case - III :-

when $\lambda < 0$ ($= -\lambda^2$)

$$\therefore X + \lambda^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X = C_1 \cos \lambda n + C_2 \sin \lambda n$$

$$T' + \lambda^2 T = 0 \Rightarrow T = C_3 \cos \lambda ct + C_4 \sin \lambda ct$$

$$\therefore \phi(n, t) = (C_1 \cos \lambda n + C_2 \sin \lambda n)(C_3 \cos \lambda ct + C_4 \sin \lambda ct)$$

Now using BC.. $\phi(0, t) = \phi(a, t) = 0$ we get ..

$$C_1 = 0$$

$$C_2 \sin \lambda a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \lambda a = 0 = \sin n\pi \quad (\text{for non-trivial solution } C_2 \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

$$\therefore \phi(n, t) = C_2 \sin \frac{n\pi n}{a} \left(C_3 \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{a} + C_4 \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{a} \right)$$

By the principle of superposition

$$\phi(n, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi n}{a} \left(A_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{a} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{a} \right)$$

$$\therefore \phi_t(n, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi n}{a} \left[A_n \left(-\frac{n\pi c}{a} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{a} + B_n \left(\frac{n\pi c}{a} \right) \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{a} \right]$$

Now $\phi_t(n, 0) = 0$ gives ...

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \frac{n\pi c}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi n}{a} = 0 \Rightarrow B_n = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Again $\phi(n, 0) = f(n)$

$$\therefore f(n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi n}{a}$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f(n) \sin \frac{n\pi n}{a} dn$$

$$= \frac{2}{a} \int_0^b \frac{n}{b} \sin \frac{n\pi n}{a} dn + \frac{2}{a} \int_b^a \frac{a-n}{a-b} \sin \frac{n\pi n}{a} dn$$

$$= \frac{2}{a} \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{b} n \left(-\frac{\cos(n\pi n/a)}{n\pi/a} \right) \right]_0^b - \frac{1}{b} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{2}{ab} \int_0^b n \sin \frac{n\pi n}{a} dn + \frac{2}{a(a-b)} \int_b^a (a-n) \sin \frac{n\pi n}{a} dn$$

$$= \frac{2}{ab} \left[-n \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n\pi/a} + \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n^2 \pi^2 / a^2} \right]_0^b + \frac{2}{a(a-b)} \left[-a \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n\pi/a} + n \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n\pi/a} \right]_0^a$$

$$= \frac{2}{ab} \left[-\frac{ab}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi b}{a} + \frac{a^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi b}{a} \right] + \frac{2}{a(a-b)} \left[-\frac{a^2}{n\pi} \cos n\pi + \frac{a^2}{n\pi} \cos n\pi \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{ab} \left[-\frac{ab}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi b}{a} + \frac{a^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi b}{a} \right] + \frac{2}{a(a-b)} \left[-\frac{a^2}{n\pi} \cos n\pi + \frac{a^2}{n\pi} \cos n\pi - \frac{a^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin n\pi + \frac{a^2}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi b}{a} - \frac{ab}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi b}{a} + \frac{a^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi b}{a} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{2}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi b}{a} + \frac{2a}{b n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi b}{a} + \frac{2a}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi b}{a} + \frac{2a}{(a-b)n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi b}{a}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2a}{b} + \frac{2a}{a-b} \right) \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi b}{a}$$

$$= \frac{2a^2}{n^2 \pi^2 b(a-b)} \sin \frac{n\pi b}{a}$$

Hence, the required solution is --

$$\phi(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2a^2}{n^2 \pi^2 b(a-b)} \sin \frac{n\pi b}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{a}$$

• Properties of Harmonic functions:-

IV. If the Neumann problem for a bounded region has a solution, then it is either unique or it differs from one another by a constant only.

⇒ Let ~~ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 be two distinct solutions of~~ us consider a Neumann problem of the form.

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad \text{in } R$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = f \quad \text{on } \partial R \quad \dots (i)$$

where ∂R is the boundary of the region R and $f \in C^{(0)}$ in R

Let ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 be two solutions of (i)

$$\therefore \nabla^2 \phi_1 = 0 \quad \text{in } R \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial n} = f \quad \text{on } \partial R$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi_2 = 0 \quad \text{in } R \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial n} = f \quad \text{on } \partial R$$

Let $\Psi = \phi_1 - \phi_2$. then.

$$\nabla^2 \Psi = \nabla^2 \phi_1 - \nabla^2 \phi_2 = 0 \quad \text{in } R \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial n} - \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial R \quad \dots (iii)$$

From equation (iii) we get

$$\Psi = \text{constant on } \bar{R} = R \cup \partial R$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_1 - \phi_2 = \text{constant}$$

Thus the solution of the Neumann problem is not unique.

The solution of a Neumann problem can differ from one another by a constant only. ✓

Solution of Laplace equation:-

Dirichlet problem for a rectangle:-

The Dirichlet problem for a rectangle is defined by...

$$\nabla^2 \Psi = 0 \quad 0 \leq x \leq a, \quad 0 \leq y \leq b$$

$$\text{subject to } \Psi(x, b) = \Psi(a, y) = 0, \quad \Psi(0, y) = 0, \quad \Psi(x, 0) = f(x)$$

The PDE is $\nabla^2 \Psi = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \dots (i)$$

Let the solution is the form...

$$\Psi(x, y) = X(x) \cdot Y(y)$$

Putting this in (i) we get

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = k \quad (k = \text{constant})$$

$$X'' - kX = 0$$

$$Y'' + kY = 0$$

Now three cases may arise.

case-I: when $k > 0 (= p^2)$, then

$$x'' - p^2 x = 0 \Rightarrow x = c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px}$$

$$y'' + p^2 y = 0 \Rightarrow y = c_3 \cos py + c_4 \sin py$$

$$\therefore \psi(x, y) = (c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px})(c_3 \cos py + c_4 \sin py)$$

Now, using BC. $\psi(a, y) = 0$ and $\psi(0, y) = 0$ we get..

$$c_1 e^{pa} + c_2 e^{-pa} = 0$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \psi(x, y) = 0$$

which is a trivial solution, but for a non-trivial solution, we reject case-I.

case-II :- when $k = 0$, then

$$x'' = 0 \Rightarrow x = c_1 x + c_2$$

$$y'' = 0 \Rightarrow y = c_3 y + c_4$$

$$\therefore \psi(x, y) = (c_1 x + c_2)(c_3 y + c_4)$$

Now, using BC. $\psi(a, y) = \psi(0, y) = 0$, we get..

$$c_1 a + c_2 = 0$$

$$c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \psi(x, y) = 0$$

which is also a trivial solution, so we reject case-II

case-III :- when $k < 0 (= -p^2)$, then

$$x'' + p^2 x = 0 \Rightarrow x = c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px$$

$$y'' - p^2 y = 0 \Rightarrow y = c_3 e^{py} + c_4 e^{-py}$$

$$\therefore \psi(x, y) = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px)(c_3 e^{py} + c_4 e^{-py})$$

Now, using BC $\psi(0, y) = \psi(a, y) = 0$, we get..

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$c_2 \sin pa = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin pa = 0 = \sin n\pi \quad (\text{for a non-trivial solution } c_2 \neq 0)$$

$$p = \frac{\pi x}{a}$$

$$\Psi(n, y) = c_2 \sin \frac{\pi x n}{a} (c_3 e^{\pi x y/a} + c_4 e^{-\pi x y/a})$$

By the principal of superposition we get.

$$\Psi(n, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{\pi x n}{a} (a_n e^{\pi x y/a} + b_n e^{-\pi x y/a}) \quad \text{-- (ii)}$$

Now using BC. $\Psi(n, b) = 0$. we get...

$$\sin \frac{\pi x n}{a} (a_n e^{\pi x b/a} + b_n e^{-\pi x b/a}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = -a_n \frac{e^{\pi x b/a}}{e^{-\pi x b/a}} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

thus equation (ii) becomes.

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(n, y) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{\pi x n}{a} a_n \left(e^{\pi x y/a} - \frac{e^{-\pi x y/a}}{e^{-\pi x b/a}} \cdot e^{\pi x b/a} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{e^{-\pi x b/a}} \sin \frac{\pi x n}{a} \left(e^{\pi x (y-b)/a} - e^{-\pi x (y-b)/a} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2a_n}{e^{-\pi x b/a}} \sin \frac{\pi x n}{a} \sinh \frac{\pi x (y-b)}{a} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{\pi x n}{a} \sinh \frac{\pi x (y-b)}{a} \end{aligned}$$

using BC $\Psi(n, 0) = f(n)$. we get..

$$f(n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sinh \left(\frac{-\pi x b}{a} \right) \sin \frac{\pi x n}{a}$$

$$\therefore A_n \sinh \left(\frac{-\pi x b}{a} \right) = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f(x) \sin \frac{\pi x n}{a} dx$$

$$\therefore A_n = \frac{2}{a} \frac{1}{\sinh \left(\frac{-\pi x b}{a} \right)} \int_0^a f(x) \sin \frac{\pi x n}{a} dx$$

∴ The required solution of the given Dirichlet problem is given by--

$$\Psi(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{n\pi(y-b)}{a}$$

$$\text{where } A_n = \frac{2}{a} \frac{1}{\sinh\left(-\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \int_0^a f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx$$

• Neumann problem for a rectangle:-

The Neumann problem for a rectangle is given by.

$$\nabla^2 \Psi = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq a, \quad 0 \leq y \leq b$$

$$\text{subject to-- } \Psi_x(0, y) = \Psi_x(a, y) = 0, \quad \Psi_y(x, 0) = 0, \quad \Psi_y(x, b) = f(x)$$

The PDE is $\nabla^2 \Psi = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \dots (i)$$

Let the solution is the form--

$$\Psi(x, y) = X(x) \cdot Y(y)$$

putting this in (i) we get--

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = k$$

$$\therefore X'' - kX = 0$$

$$Y'' + kY = 0$$

Now, three cases may arise.

case - I:- when $k > 0 (= p^2)$, then--

$$X'' - p^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X = c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px}$$

$$Y'' + p^2 Y = 0 \Rightarrow Y = c_3 \cos py + c_4 \sin py$$

$$\therefore \Psi(x, y) = (c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px}) (c_3 \cos py + c_4 \sin py)$$

$$\therefore \Psi_n(x, y) = p(c_1 e^{px} - c_2 e^{-px}) (c_3 \cos py + c_4 \sin py)$$

Now, using B.C. $\Psi_x(0, y) = \Psi_x(a, y) = 0$ we get -

$$c_1 - c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 e^{pa} - c_2 e^{-pa} = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \Psi(x, y) = 0$$

which is a trivial solution, but for a non-trivial solution we reject case-I.

Case-II :- when $k=0$ then.

$$X'' = 0 \Rightarrow X = c_1 x + c_2$$

$$Y'' = 0 \Rightarrow Y = c_3 y + c_4$$

$$\therefore \Psi(x, y) = (c_1 x + c_2)(c_3 y + c_4)$$

$$\therefore \Psi_x(x, y) = c_1 (c_3 y + c_4)$$

$$\Psi_y(x, y) = c_3 (c_1 x + c_2)$$

Now, using B.C $\Psi_x(0, y) = 0$ we get $c_1 = 0$

and $\Psi_y(x, 0) = 0$, we get $c_3 = 0$

$$\therefore \Psi(x, y) = c_2 c_4 = A_0$$

Case-III :- when $k < 0$ ($= -p^2$), then.

$$X'' + p^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X = c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px$$

$$Y'' - p^2 Y = 0 \Rightarrow Y = c_3 e^{py} + c_4 e^{-py}$$

$$\therefore \Psi(x, y) = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px)(c_3 e^{py} + c_4 e^{-py})$$

Now, using $\Psi_x(x, y) = -p(c_1 \sin px - c_2 \cos px)(c_3 e^{py} + c_4 e^{-py})$

using B.C $\Psi_x(0, y) = \Psi_x(a, y) = 0$, we get ...

$$c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 \sin pa = 0 \quad (\text{for non-trivial solution } c_1 \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin pa = 0 = \sin n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{n\pi}{a}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\therefore \Psi(x, y) = c_2 \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{\sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}} (c_3 e^{n\pi y/a} + c_4 e^{-n\pi y/a})$$

\therefore By the principle of superposition we get.

$$\Psi(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} (a_n e^{n\pi y/a} + b_n e^{-n\pi y/a}) \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\therefore \psi_y(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \frac{n\pi}{a} (a_n e^{n\pi y/a} - b_n e^{-n\pi y/a})$$

using BC, $\psi_y(x, 0) = 0$ we get.

$$a_n - b_n = 0 \Rightarrow a_n = b_n$$

\(\therefore\) Thus equation (ii) becomes.

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} 2a_n \left(\frac{e^{n\pi y/a} + e^{-n\pi y/a}}{2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \cosh \frac{n\pi y}{a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \psi_y(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \frac{n\pi}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{n\pi y}{a}$$

using BC $\psi_y(x, b) = f(x)$ we get.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \frac{n\pi}{a} \sinh \frac{n\pi b}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}$$

$$\therefore A_n \frac{n\pi}{a} \sinh \frac{n\pi b}{a} = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow A_n = \frac{2}{n\pi} \frac{1}{\sinh \frac{n\pi b}{a}} \int_0^a f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx$$

\(\therefore\) The required solution of the Neumann problem is given by...

$$\psi(x, y) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \cosh \frac{n\pi y}{a}$$

$$\text{where } A_n = \frac{2}{n\pi} \frac{1}{\sinh \frac{n\pi b}{a}} \int_0^a f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx$$

• Solve the Problem...

$$\nabla^2 u = 0$$

$$\text{subject to } u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(a, y) = 0$$

$$u(x, b) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = T_n(x-a)$$

$$\text{The PDE is } \nabla^2 u = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let the solution be ..

$$u(x, y) = x(x) \cdot Y(y)$$

putting this in (i) we get ..

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = k$$

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Now three cases may arise

Case-I: when $k > 0$ ($= p^2$), then

$$X'' - p^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X = c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px}$$

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$$u(x, y) = (c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px})(c_3 \cos py + c_4 \sin py)$$

using B.C $u(0, y) = u(a, y) = 0$ we get ..

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 e^{pa} + c_2 e^{-pa} = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

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which is a trivial solution, but for a non-trivial solution, we reject case-I.

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$$Y'' = 0 \Rightarrow Y = c_3 y + c_4$$

$$u(x, y) = (c_1 x + c_2)(c_3 y + c_4)$$

Now using B.C $u(0, y) = u(a, y) = 0$ we get ..

$$c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 a + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$u(x, y) = 0$$

which is also a trivial solution so we reject case-II.

case - III :- when $k < 0$ ($= -p^2$), then -

$$X'' + p^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X = c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px$$

$$Y'' - p^2 Y = 0 \Rightarrow Y = c_3 e^{py} + c_4 e^{-py}$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px)(c_3 e^{py} + c_4 e^{-py})$$

Now, using BC $u(0, y) = u(a, y) = 0$, we get -

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$c_2 \sin pa = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin pa = \sin \pi x$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{\pi x}{a}, \quad x = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = c_2 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} (c_3 e^{\pi y/a} + c_4 e^{-\pi y/a})$$

By the principle of superposition we get -

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} (a_n e^{\pi y/a} + b_n e^{-\pi y/a})$$

Now, using BC $u(x, b) = 0$ we get -

$$\sin \frac{\pi x}{a} (a_n e^{\pi b/a} + b_n e^{-\pi b/a}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = -a_n \frac{e^{\pi b/a}}{e^{-\pi b/a}}$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \cdot 2a_n \left(\frac{e^{\pi x(y-b)/a} - e^{-\pi x(y-b)/a}}{2 \cdot e^{-\pi x b/a}} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{\pi x(y-b)}{a}$$

Now, using BC $u(x, 0) = T_n(x-a)$ we get -

$$T_n(x-a) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sinh \left(-\frac{\pi x b}{a} \right) \cdot \sin \frac{\pi x}{a}$$

$$\therefore A_n \sinh \left(-\frac{\pi x b}{a} \right) = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a T_n(x-a) \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow A_n \frac{a}{2T} \sinh \left(-\frac{\pi x b}{a} \right) = \int_0^a (x^2 - ax) \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow A_n \frac{a}{2T} \sinh\left(-\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) &= \int_0^a n^2 \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx - a \int_0^a n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx \\
&= \left[n^2 \left(-\frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n\pi/a} \right) \right]_0^a + \int_0^a 2n \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n\pi/a} dx - a \left[n \left(-\frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n\pi/a} \right) \right]_0^a \\
&\quad + \int_0^a \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n\pi/a} dx \\
&= \left[n^2 \left(-\frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n\pi/a} \right) \right]_0^a + 2 \left[n \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n^2 \pi^2/a^2} \right]_0^a - \int_0^a \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n^2 \pi^2/a^2} dx \\
&\quad - a \left[-n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} + \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n^2 \pi^2/a^2} \right]_0^a \\
&= \left[-n^2 \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n\pi/a^2} + 2n \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n^2 \pi^2/a^2} + 2 \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n^3 \pi^3/a^3} + a n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - a \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n^2 \pi^2/a^2} \right]_0^a \\
&= \frac{2a^3}{n^3 \pi^3} [(-1)^n - 1] \\
&= 0, \text{ when } n \text{ is even} \\
&=
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A_n = \operatorname{cosech}\left(-\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \frac{4a^2 T}{n^3 \pi^3} [(-1)^n - 1]$$

Hence the required general solution is given by...

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{cosech}\left(-\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \frac{4Ta^2}{n^3 \pi^3} [(-1)^n - 1] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{n\pi(y-b)}{a}$$

- Show that if the two-dimensional Laplace equation $\nabla^2 u = 0$ is transformed by introducing plane polar co-ordinates r, θ defined by the relations $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, it takes the form.

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$r_x = \cos \theta \quad r_y = \sin \theta$$

$$\theta_x = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}} \cdot \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} = -\frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

$$\theta_y = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$$

since $u = u(r, \theta)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}$$

$$= u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}$$

$$= \left(u_{rr} \cos \theta - u_{r\theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} + u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta + \left(u_{r\theta} \cos \theta - u_{rr} \sin \theta - u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \left(-\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y}$$

$$= u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y}$$

$$= \left(u_{rr} \sin \theta + u_{r\theta} \frac{\cos \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta + \left(u_{r\theta} \sin \theta + u_{rr} \cos \theta + u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\cos \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right)$$

putting this in $\nabla^2 u = 0$ we get --

$$\begin{aligned} & u_{rr} \cos^2 \theta - u_{r\theta} \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} + u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} - u_{r\theta} \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} + u_{rr} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \\ & + u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} + u_{rr} \sin^2 \theta + u_{r\theta} \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \\ & + u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} + u_{rr} \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} + u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r^2} - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

which is the Laplace's equation in polar co-ordinates.

Now that in cylindrical co-ordinates r, θ, z defined by the relations $x = r \cos \theta$,

$y = r \sin \theta$, $z = z$ the Laplace equation $\nabla^2 u = 0$ takes the form..

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

The Laplace equation is $\nabla^2 u = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad z = z$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$

$$r_x = \cos \theta, \quad r_y = \sin \theta, \quad \theta_x = -\frac{\sin \theta}{r}, \quad \theta_y = \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$$

$$u = u(r, \theta, z)$$

$$u_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$= u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}$$

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$= \left(u_{rr} \cos \theta - u_{r\theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} + u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta + \left(u_{r\theta} \cos \theta - u_{rr} \sin \theta \right.$$

$$\left. - u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \left(-\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right)$$

$$u_{yy} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

$$= u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$r_x = \cos \theta, \quad r_y = \sin \theta$$

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$$= u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r}$$

$$= \left(u_{rr} \cos \theta - u_{r\theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} + u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta + \left(u_{r\theta} \cos \theta - u_{rr} \sin \theta - u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \left(-\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y}$$

$$= u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y}$$

$$= \left(u_{rr} \sin \theta + u_{r\theta} \frac{\cos \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta + \left(u_{r\theta} \sin \theta + u_{rr} \cos \theta + u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\cos \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right)$$

putting this in $\nabla^2 u = 0$ we get --

$$\begin{aligned} & u_{rr} \cos^2 \theta - u_{r\theta} \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} + u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} - u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} + u_{rr} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \\ & + u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} + u_{r\theta} \sin^2 \theta + u_{r\theta} \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \\ & + u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} + u_{rr} \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} + u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r^2} - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

which is the Laplace's equation in polar co-ordinates.

Show that in cylindrical co-ordinates r, θ, z defined by the relations $x = r \cos \theta$,

$y = r \sin \theta$, $z = z$ the Laplace equation $\nabla^2 u = 0$ takes the form..

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

The Laplace equation is $\nabla^2 u = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad z = z$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$

$$r_x = \cos \theta, \quad r_y = \sin \theta, \quad \theta_x = -\frac{\sin \theta}{r}, \quad \theta_y = \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$$

$$u = u(r, \theta, z)$$

$$u_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$= u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}$$

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(u_r \cos \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$= \left(u_{rr} \cos \theta - u_{r\theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} + u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta + \left(u_{r\theta} \cos \theta - u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right. \\ \left. - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \left(-\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

$$= \left[u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \\ &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(u_r \sin \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \\ &= \left(u_{rr} \sin \theta + u_{r\theta} \frac{\cos \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta + \left(u_{r\theta} \sin \theta + u_r \cos \theta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\cos \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \\ &\quad + u_{zz} \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial z}$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

\(\therefore\) putting this values in (i) we get -

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &u_{rr} \cos^2 \theta - u_{r\theta} \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} + u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} - u_{r\theta} \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} + \frac{u_r}{r} \sin^2 \theta \\ &+ \frac{u_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} \sin^2 \theta + u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} + u_{rr} \sin^2 \theta + u_{r\theta} \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} - u_\theta \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \\ &+ u_{\theta\theta} \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} + \frac{u_r}{r} \cos^2 \theta + \frac{u_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} \cos^2 \theta - u_\theta \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} + u_{zz} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

which is the Laplace equation in cylindrical co-ordinates.

• Interior Dirichlet problem for a circle:-

The Dirichlet problem for a circle is defined by:-

$$\nabla^2 u = 0 \quad 0 \leq r \leq a, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$\text{B.C.: } u(a, \theta) = f(\theta), \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

Now the equation $\nabla^2 u = 0$ in polar co-ordinates can be written as

$$u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} = 0 \quad \dots (i)$$

the solution be $u(r, \theta) = R(r) H(\theta)$

Putting this in (i) we get . . .

$$R''H + \frac{1}{r} R'H + \frac{1}{r^2} RH'' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R'' + r R'}{R} = - \frac{H''}{H} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 R'' + r R' - kR = 0$$

$$H'' + kH = 0$$

Case - I: Let $k = \lambda^2$, then . . .

$$r^2 R'' + r R' - \lambda^2 R = 0$$

which is a Euler type of equation and can be solved by putting $r = e^z$.

the solution is $R = c_1 e^{\lambda z} + c_2 e^{-\lambda z}$

$$\Rightarrow R = c_1 r^\lambda + c_2 r^{-\lambda}$$

$$H'' + \lambda^2 H = 0 \Rightarrow H = c_3 \cos \lambda \theta + c_4 \sin \lambda \theta$$

$$u(r, \theta) = (c_1 r^\lambda + c_2 r^{-\lambda})(c_3 \cos \lambda \theta + c_4 \sin \lambda \theta) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Case - II: Let $k = -\lambda^2$, then

$$r^2 R'' + r R' + \lambda^2 R = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad H'' - \lambda^2 H = 0$$

the solutions are . . .

$$R = c_1 \cos(\lambda \ln r) + c_2 \sin(\lambda \ln r)$$

$$H = c_3 e^{\lambda \theta} + c_4 e^{-\lambda \theta}$$

$$u(r, \theta) = (c_1 \cos(\lambda \ln r) + c_2 \sin(\lambda \ln r))(c_3 e^{\lambda \theta} + c_4 e^{-\lambda \theta}) \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Case - III: Let $k = 0$, then . . .

$$r^2 R'' + r R' = 0$$

Put $R' = V$ then

$$r \frac{dV}{dr} + V = 0$$

$$\frac{dV}{V} + \frac{dr}{r} = 0$$

integrating $\ln V + r = \ln c_1$

$$V = \frac{c_1}{r} = \frac{dR}{dr}$$