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MA6024-PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Assignment-3

1. Let $\Omega := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 > 1\}$ and $u \in C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ be the solution of the Laplace equation

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

If

$$\lim_{|(x,y)| \rightarrow \infty} u(x, y) = 0$$

Prove that

$$\max_{\overline{\Omega}} |u| = \max_{\partial\Omega} |u| \quad [10]$$

2. Convert the following Laplace equation in polar coordinate

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 > a^2\} \\ u(r, \theta) = 1 + 3 \sin \theta & \text{on } r = a \\ \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} u(r, \theta) < \infty \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Prove that $u(r, \theta) = 1 + \frac{3a}{r} \sin \theta$ [3]

3. Find the $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ for which the following Laplace equation is not solvable

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 4\} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \alpha x^2 + \beta y + \gamma & \text{on } (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

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4. Solve the following Laplace equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 > 4\} \\ u(x, y) = y & \text{on } (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \\ \lim_{|x|+|y| \rightarrow \infty} u(x, y) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

[8]

5. We say that $v \in C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ is subharmonic if

$$-\Delta v \leq 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

(a) Prove for subharmonic v that

$$v(\mathbf{x}) \leq - \int_{\partial B(\mathbf{x}, \epsilon)} v(\mathbf{y}) dS(\mathbf{y}) \quad \text{for all } B(\mathbf{x}, r) \subset \Omega$$

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(b) Prove that

$$\max_{\overline{\Omega}} v = \max_{\partial\Omega} v$$

[5]

(c) Let $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be smooth and convex. Assume u is harmonic and $v := \phi(u)$. Prove that v is harmonic. [5]

(d) Prove $v := |Du|^2$ is subharmonic, whenever u is harmonic. [5]

6. Let $\Omega := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y > 0\}$ and $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ be the solution of the Laplace equation.

$$\Delta u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \quad (5)$$

If u is bounded above in $\overline{\Omega}$ Prove that

$$\sup_{\overline{\Omega}} |u| = \sup_{\partial\Omega} |u|$$

[10]

7. Convert the following Laplace equation in polar coordinate

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < a^2\} \\ u(r, \theta) = 1 + 3 \sin \theta & \text{on } r = a \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Prove that $u(r, \theta) = 1 + \frac{3a}{r} \sin \theta$ [3]

8. Find the $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ for which the following Laplace equation is solvable. If solvable find the solution

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 4\} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \alpha x^2 + \beta y + \gamma & \text{on } (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

[6+8]

9. Solve the following Laplace equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 > 9\} \\ u(x, y) = y & \text{on } (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \\ \lim_{|x|+|y| \rightarrow \infty} u(x, y) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

[8]

10. Prove that there exists a constant C depending only on n , such that

$$\max_{B(\mathbf{0},1)} |u| \leq \left(\max_{\partial B(\mathbf{0},1)} |f| + \max_{B(\mathbf{0},1)} |h| \right)$$

whenever u is a smooth solution of

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = h & \text{in } B^0(\mathbf{0}, 1) \\ u = f & \text{on } \partial B(\mathbf{0}, 1) \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

[15]

11. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a bounded domain and $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ be the solution of the following equation

$$\Delta u + a(x, y)u_x + b(x, y)u_y + c(x, y)u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \quad (10)$$

Here, $a, b, c \in C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ and $c(x, y) < 0$ in Ω . Show that $u = 0$ on $\partial\Omega \implies u = 0$ in Ω

12. Convert the following Laplace equation in polar coordinate

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < a^2\} \\ u(r, \theta) = 1 + 3 \sin 2\theta & \text{on } r = a \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Find the value of $u(0, 0)$. Is it possible to find the value of $u(0, 0)$ without solving? [8+2]

13. Find the $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ for which the following Laplace equation is solvable. If solvable find the solution

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 16\} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \alpha x^2 + \beta y + \gamma & \text{on } (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

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14. Solve the following Laplace equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 > 9\} \\ u(x, y) = y & \text{on } (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \\ \lim_{|x|+|y| \rightarrow \infty} u(x, y) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

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15. Use Poisson's formula for the ball to prove

$$r^{n-2} \frac{r - |\mathbf{x}|}{(r + |\mathbf{x}|)^{n-1}} u(0) \leq u(\mathbf{x}) \leq r^{n-2} \frac{r + |\mathbf{x}|}{(r - |\mathbf{x}|)^{n-1}} u(0)$$

whenever u is positive and harmonic in $B^0(\mathbf{0}, r)$.

16. Let $\Omega := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < a^2\}$ and u be a non-constant solution of the Laplace equation.

$$\Delta u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \quad (14)$$

Define $\mu : (0, a) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\mu(r) = \max_{x^2+y^2=r^2} u(x, y)$$

$$\text{Prove that } \frac{d\mu}{dr} \geq 0 \text{ for all } r \in (0, a) \quad (10)$$

17. Solve the following Laplace equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 1 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < a^2\} \\ u(x, y) = 0 & \text{on } (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

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18. Find the $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ for which the following Laplace equation is not solvable

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 16\} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \alpha x^2 + \beta y + \gamma & \text{on } (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

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19. Solve the following Laplace equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 > 16\} \\ u(x, y) = y & \text{on } (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \\ \lim_{|x|+|y| \rightarrow \infty} u(x, y) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

[10]

20. Assume $g \in C(\partial B(\mathbf{0}, r))$ and define u by

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{r^2 - |\mathbf{x}|^2}{n\alpha(n)r} \int_{\partial B(\mathbf{0}, r)} \frac{g(\mathbf{y})}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^n} dS(\mathbf{y}), \quad (\mathbf{x} \in B^0(\mathbf{0}, r))$$

Then

(a) $u \in C^\infty(B^0(\mathbf{0}, r))$

(b) $\Delta u = 0$ in $B^0(\mathbf{0}, r)$

(c) $\lim_{\substack{(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow (\mathbf{x}^0) \\ \mathbf{x} \in B^0(\mathbf{0}, r), t > 0}} u(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}^0)$, for each point $\mathbf{x}^0 \in B^0(\mathbf{0}, r)$

21. Solve the following Laplace equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } (0, \pi) \times (0, \pi) \\ u(x, 0) = 0 & \text{on } [0, \pi] \times \{y = 0\} \\ u(x, \pi) = 0 & \text{on } [0, \pi] \times \{y = \pi\} \\ u(0, y) = 0 & \text{on } \{x = 0\} \times [0, \pi] \\ u(\pi, y) = \sin y & \text{on } \{x = \pi\} \times [0, \pi] \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

Prove or disprove, there exists a point in $(p, q) \in (0, \pi) \times (0, \pi)$ such that $u(p, q) = 0$.
[Bonus 5]