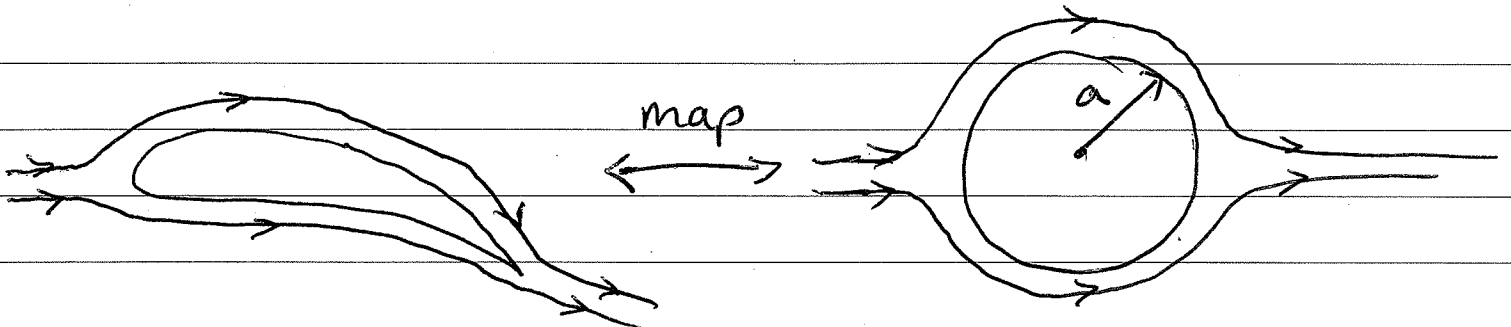


Math 322 Lecture 9

Laplace's Egn. in a circular disk or outside a circular disk. Inside important for theory.

The problem outside a circular disk is important in the history of aerodynamics! There is a simple map that take the airfoil shape to a circle.



So one can map the flow around a 2D airfoil to flow around the 2D circular cylinder, and then obtain formulas for lift and Drag (=0)

Laplace's Egn. in Circular Polar Coordinates:

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq r < a \\ -\pi < \theta \leq \pi \end{array}$$

with boundary condition $u(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$

$r=a$ is the radius of the circle

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Inside the circle we have boundedness at $r=0$:

$$|u(0, \theta)| < \infty$$

We can impose periodicity in $\theta \Rightarrow$

$$u(r, -\pi) = u(r, \pi)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}(r, -\pi) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}(r, \pi)$$

PDE is linear, homogeneous, so try

$$u(r, \theta) = \phi(\theta) G(r) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dG}{dr} \right) \phi(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} G(r) \frac{d^2 \phi(\theta)}{d\theta^2} = 0$$

Now multiply by $\frac{r^2}{G(r)\phi(\theta)}$ (Formal)

$$\frac{r}{G(r)} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dG(r)}{dr} \right) = - \frac{1}{\phi(\theta)} \frac{d^2 \phi(\theta)}{d\theta^2} = \lambda$$

Choose λ because we already know how to solve \square

$$\frac{d^2\phi(\theta)}{d\theta^2} = -\lambda\phi(\theta) \quad \phi(-\pi) = \phi(\pi)$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\theta}(-\pi) = \frac{d\phi}{d\theta}(\pi)$$

$$\lambda = 0 \quad \phi(\theta) = a_0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{\pi^2} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (L = \pi)$$

$$\phi(\theta) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos n\theta + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\theta$$

Now the problem for r -dependence :

$$\frac{r}{G(r)} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dG(r)}{dr} \right) = \lambda \quad (\text{zero or positive})$$

$$\frac{r}{G} \frac{dG}{dr} + \frac{r^2}{G} \frac{d^2G}{dr^2} = \lambda \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$r^2 G'' + rG' - \lambda G = 0 \quad \lambda = 0 \text{ or } n^2$$

$$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

This is a Cauchy-Euler or Equidimensional Equation

Why?

Its solutions are powers of r

Trial solution $G(r) = Ar^p \Rightarrow$

$$G'(r) = A_p r^{p-1}, \quad G''(r) = A_p(p-1)r^{p-2}$$

Plug in:

$$Ar^p [p(p-1) + p - n^2] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p(p-1) + p - n^2 = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Rightarrow p^2 = 0 \quad \text{for } \lambda = 0 \\ p^2 = n^2 \quad \text{for } \lambda = n^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

For the case $\lambda = n^2$, we have $p = \pm n$

$$G_n(r) = C_{1n}r^n + C_{2n}r^{-n}$$

For the case $\lambda = 0$, we have

$$G_0(r) = C_0$$

and our trial solution only generated are linearly independent solutions. We need a second linearly independent solution in this case!

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In general, we could use the Method of Reduction of order ...

but here its simpler to return to the original equation

$$\frac{r}{B} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) = \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{d\phi(r)}{dr} \right) = 0 \quad \text{integrate once}$$

$$\Rightarrow r \frac{d\phi(r)}{dr} = A \quad \Rightarrow \frac{d\phi(r)}{dr} = \frac{A}{r}$$

$$\text{integrate again} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi(r) = A \ln r + B$$

{ 2 linearly independent solutions : (i) constant,
(ii) $\ln r$

$$G_n(r) = A \ln r + B \quad n=0$$

$$G_n(r) = C_{1n} r^n + C_{2n} r^{-n} \quad n=1, 2, 3 \dots$$

Recall our conditions for the r -dependence ⑥

$$u(a, \theta) = f(\theta) \quad |u(0, \theta)| < \infty$$

and from the boundedness condition we set $A = 0$, $C_{2n} = 0$

$$G(r) = B + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n r^n$$

$$u_n(r, \theta) = \Phi_n(\theta) G_n(r)$$

$$= a_0 B + C_n (a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta) r^n$$

$$u(r, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta) r^n$$

$$u(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$$

Use orthogonality to find A_0 , A_n , B_n

$$u(a, \theta) = f(\theta) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta) a^n$$

⑦

e.g. multiply by $\cos m\theta$ and integrate $[-\pi, \pi]$

$$m=0 \quad A_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(\theta) d\theta$$

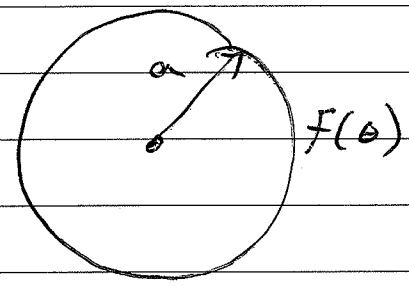
$$m=1, 2, 3, \dots \quad A_m = \frac{1}{a^m \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(\theta) \cos m\theta d\theta$$

multiply by $\sin m\theta$, integrate

$$B_m = \frac{1}{a^m \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(\theta) \sin m\theta d\theta$$

Qualitative Properties of Laplace's Egn.

Mean Value Thm



Inside the circle :

$$u(r, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta\} r^n$$

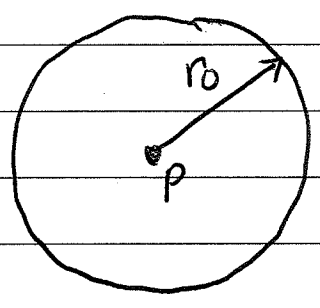
At the origin $r=0$

$$u(0, \theta) = A_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(\theta) d\theta$$

The mean of the boundary values

Maximum Principle (Minimum Principle)

Assuming no sources/sinks inside and steady state the temp cannot attain its max (min) inside the domain



$$u(p, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(\theta) d\theta$$

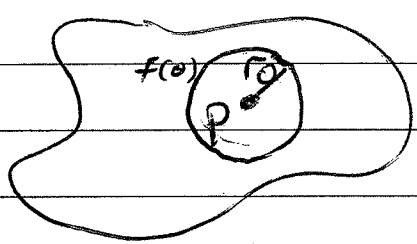
Identify the max/min values of $F(\theta)$:
 F_{max} and F_{min} (constants)

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F_{min} d\theta \leq u(p, \theta) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F_{max} d\theta$$

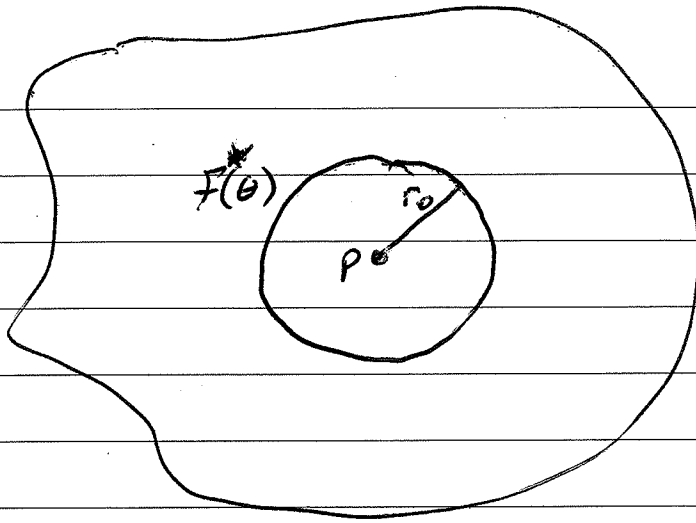
$$\frac{2\pi}{2\pi} F_{min} \leq u(p, \theta) \leq \frac{2\pi}{2\pi} F_{max}$$

$$F_{min} \leq u(p, \theta) \leq F_{max}$$

Now generalize to any region R



See pp. 79
Proof by contradiction



Proof by Contradiction :

Assume $u(x,y)$ attains its max or min
at P

The value of $u(x,y)$ at P is the average
of the $f(\theta)$ [the function of θ on
the circle centered at point P with
radius r_0]

These statement contradict each other [the
average cannot be a max or min]