

Let $\Omega = B_1(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. Given $g \in C(\overline{\Omega})$, we define

$$u(x) = \frac{1 - |x|^2}{2\pi} \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{g(\sigma)}{|x - \sigma|^2} d\sigma. \quad (1)$$

Theorem 1. *In Ω , $u(x)$ is smooth and $\Delta u(x) = 0$ holds.*

Proof. Since $|x - \sigma| > 0$ for $x \in \Omega$, $|x - \sigma|^{-2}$ is smooth in Ω . Hence, $u(x)$ is smooth in Ω . Next, we recall the Green function

$$G(x, y) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\log |x - y| - \log \left(|x| \left| y - \frac{x}{|x|^2} \right| \right) \right), \quad (2)$$

where $x^* = x|x|^{-2}$, and we calculate

$$\nabla_y G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{x - y}{|x - y|^2} - \frac{x^* - y}{|x^* - y|^2} \right). \quad (3)$$

If $\sigma \in \partial B_1(0)$, then we have $|x^* - \sigma| = |x|^{-1} |x - \sigma|$. Hence,

$$\nabla_y G(x, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{x - \sigma}{|x - \sigma|^2} - \frac{|x|^2(x^* - \sigma)}{|x - \sigma|^2} \right) = \frac{\sigma(1 - |x|^2)}{2\pi|x - \sigma|^2}. \quad (4)$$

Since $\nu(\sigma) = \sigma$ on $\partial B_1(0)$, we have

$$u(x) = \int_{\partial\Omega} G_\nu(x, \sigma) g(\sigma) d\sigma, \quad (5)$$

which is harmonic in Ω . □

Theorem 2. *$u \in C(\overline{\Omega})$ and $u = g$ on $\partial\Omega$.*

Proof. We define

$$K(x, y) = \frac{1 - |x|^2}{2\pi|x - y|^2}, \quad (6)$$

and express u by

$$u(x) = \int_{\partial B_1(0)} g(\sigma) K(x, \sigma) d\sigma. \quad (7)$$

We notice that if $g(x) = 1$ is a constant function then by the uniqueness $u(x) = 1$. Therefore,

$$1 = \int_{\partial\Omega} K(x, \sigma) d\sigma. \quad (8)$$

Given $\sigma_0 \in \partial\Omega$, we multiply $g(\sigma_0)$ to (8) and subtract from (8) to obtain

$$u(x) - g(\sigma_0) = \int_{\partial\Omega} K(x, \sigma)(g(\sigma) - g(\sigma_0))d\sigma. \quad (9)$$

Since $g \in C(\overline{\Omega})$, given $\sigma_0 \in \partial B_1(0)$ and $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|g(x) - g(\sigma_0)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ holds if $|x - \sigma_0| \leq \delta$. Hence, (9) implies

$$|u(x) - g(\sigma_0)| \leq \int_{\partial\Omega \cap B_\delta(\sigma_0)} K(x, \sigma) |g(\sigma) - g(\sigma_0)| d\sigma \quad (10)$$

$$+ \int_{\partial\Omega \setminus B_\delta(\sigma_0)} K(x, \sigma) |g(\sigma) - g(\sigma_0)| d\sigma \quad (11)$$

$$\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + 2 \max |g| \int_{\partial\Omega \setminus B_\delta(\sigma_0)} K(x, \sigma) d\sigma. \quad (12)$$

If $|x - \sigma_0| \leq \frac{\delta}{2}$, then $|x - \sigma| \geq \frac{\delta}{2}$ holds for $\sigma \notin B_\delta(\sigma_0)$. Thus,

$$|u(x) - g(\sigma_0)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{2 \max |g|}{(\delta/2)^2} (1 - |x|^2). \quad (13)$$

Moreover,

$$|1 - |x|^2| = ||\sigma_0|^2 - |x|^2| = |(\sigma_0 - x)(\sigma_0 + x)| \leq 2|\sigma_0 - x|. \quad (14)$$

Therefore, there exists some $\delta' \leq \frac{\delta}{2}$ such that if $|\sigma_0 - x| \leq \delta'$ then $|u(x) - g(\sigma_0)| \leq \epsilon$, namely u is continuous at $\sigma_0 \in \partial\Omega$ and $u(\sigma_0) = g(\sigma_0)$. \square