

(60) Example: 2.

Show that the surface  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = cx^{2/3} c_0$  form an equipotential family of surfaces and find the general form of the potential fun<sup>n</sup>.

Soln:

$$\text{Given } f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{x^{2/3}} = c$$

$$f = x^{-2/3} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$f = x^{-2/3} x^2 + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2)$$

$$f = x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2) \longrightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} \longrightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \left( x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \left( x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \left( x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right)$$

Take

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right\} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{4}{3} x^{1/3} - \frac{2}{3} x^{-5/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right]$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} x^{-2/3} + \frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} (y^2 + z^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{4}{9} x^{-2/3} + \frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} (y^2 + z^2) \longrightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left\{ x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right\} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 2x^{-2/3} \longrightarrow \textcircled{5}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( x^{-2/3} \cdot 2z \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} = 2x^{-2/3} \longrightarrow \textcircled{6}$$

Sub/- eqn/- (4), (5) and (6) in (3)

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{4}{9} x^{-2/3} + \frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} (y^2 + z^2) + 2x^{-2/3} + 2x^{-2/3}$$

$$= \frac{4}{9} x^{-2/3} + \frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} (y^2 + z^2) + 4x^{-2/3}$$

$$= \frac{4}{9} x^{-2/3} + 36 \frac{x^{-2/3}}{9} + \frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} (y^2 + z^2)$$

$$= \frac{40x^{-2/3}}{9} + \frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} (y^2 + z^2)$$

$$= \frac{40}{9} x^{-2/3 - 2 + 2} + \frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} (y^2 + z^2)$$

$$= \frac{40}{90} x^{-8/3} \cdot x^2 + \frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} (y^2 + z^2)$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} [4x^2 + y^2 + z^2] \longrightarrow \textcircled{7}$$

$$\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) F$$

$$\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) \left( x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right)$$

$$\nabla f = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} [x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2)] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} [x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2)]$$

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} [x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2)] \longrightarrow \textcircled{8}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} [x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2)] = \left\{ \frac{4}{3} x^{1/3} - \frac{2}{3} x^{-5/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right\} \vec{i} \longrightarrow \textcircled{9}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} [x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2)] = x^{-2/3} \cdot 2y \vec{j}$$

$$= 2x^{-2/3} y \vec{j} \longrightarrow \textcircled{10}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} [x^{4/3} + x^{-2/3} (y^2 + z^2)] = x^{-2/3} \cdot 2z \vec{k}$$

$$= 2x^{-2/3} z \vec{k} \longrightarrow \textcircled{11}$$

(6) Sub / - eqn. (9), (10), (11) in eqn. (8)

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f &= \left[ \frac{4}{3} x^{1/3} - \frac{2}{3} x^{-5/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right] \vec{i} + 2x^{-2/3} y \vec{j} + 2x^{-2/3} z \vec{k} \\ &= \left[ \frac{4}{3} x^{1/3} - \frac{2}{3} x^{-5/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right] \vec{i} + \frac{6x^{-2/3} y}{3} \vec{j} + \frac{6x^{-2/3} z}{3} \vec{k} \\ &= \left[ \frac{4}{3} x^{1/3 - 2 + 2} - \frac{2}{3} x^{-5/3} (y^2 + z^2) \right] \vec{i} + \frac{6x^{-2/3 + 1 - 1}}{3} \vec{j} \\ &\quad + \frac{6x^{-2/3 - 1 + 1}}{3} \vec{k} \\ &= \left[ \frac{4}{3} x^{-5/3} x^2 - \frac{2}{3} x^{-5/3} y^2 - \frac{2}{3} x^{-5/3} z^2 \right] \vec{i} \\ &\quad + \frac{6x^{-5/3} xy}{3} \vec{j} + \frac{6x^{-5/3} xz}{3} \vec{k} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} x^{-5/3} \left\{ (2x^2 - y^2 - z^2) \vec{i} + 3xy \vec{j} + 3xz \vec{k} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\nabla f| &= \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{3} x^{-5/3} \right)^2 \left\{ (2x^2 - y^2 - z^2)^2 + 9x^2 y^2 + 9x^2 z^2 \right\}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} x^{-10/3} \left\{ (2x^2 - y^2 - z^2)^2 + 9x^2 y^2 + 9x^2 z^2 \right\}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} x^{-10/3} \left\{ 4x^4 + y^4 + z^4 - 4x^2 y^2 + 2y^2 z^2 - 4x^2 z^2 + 9x^2 y^2 + 9x^2 z^2 \right\}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} x^{-10/3} \left\{ 4x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + 5x^2 y^2 + 5x^2 z^2 + 2y^2 z^2 \right\}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} x^{-10/3} \left\{ (4x^2 + y^2 + z^2) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \right\}} \end{aligned}$$

$$|\nabla f|^2 = \frac{4}{9} x^{-10/3} (4x^2 + y^2 + z^2) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\nabla^2 f}{|\nabla f|^2} = \frac{\frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} (4x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{\frac{4}{9} x^{-10/3} (4x^2 + y^2 + z^2) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}$$

$$= \frac{10}{4} x^{-8/3 + 10/3} (4x^2 + y^2 + z^2) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{10}{9} x^{-8/3} \times \frac{9}{4} x^{10/3} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \\
 &= \frac{5}{2} x^{2/3} \times \frac{1}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \\
 &= \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{1}{x^{-2/3} (x^2+y^2+z^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\nabla^2 f}{|\nabla f|^2} = \frac{5}{2f} = X(f) \longrightarrow (13)$$

The given set of surfaces therefore forms a family of equipotential surfaces.

The formula for the general form of Potential fun<sup>n</sup> is

$$X = A \int e^{-\int X(f) df} df + B \longrightarrow (14)$$

Sub<sup>n</sup> equ<sup>n</sup> (13) in (14)

$$X = A \int e^{-\int \frac{5}{2f} df} df + B \longrightarrow (15)$$

Consider  $\int \frac{5}{2f} df$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \int \frac{df}{f}$$

$$\therefore \int \frac{5}{2f} df = \frac{5}{2} \log f \longrightarrow (16)$$

Sub (16) in (15)

$$X = A \int e^{-5/2 \log f} df + B$$

$$X = A \int e^{\log f^{-5/2}} df + B$$

$$X = A \int f^{-5/2} df + B$$

$$X = A \left[ \frac{f^{-5/2+1}}{-5/2+1} \right] + B$$

$$= A \left[ \frac{f^{-3/2}}{-3/2} \right] + B$$

$$= -A \frac{2}{3} [f^{-3/2}] + B$$

$$v = -2 \frac{A}{3} [f^{-3/2}] + B$$

The required soln is

$$v = \frac{-2}{3} A \cdot r^{2/3} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-3/2} + B.$$

## Boundary Value Problems.

Laplace Equation:

The laplace eqn. in two dimensions is

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

The soln of eqn.  $\textcircled{1}$  is called two dimensional harmonic equation.

Boundary Value Problems:

Let  $S$  be the interior of a simple, closed, smooth curve  $\gamma$  and  $F$  be a continuous function defined on the boundary  $\gamma$ .

Boundary Value Problem for Laplace's eqn.

There are two main types of boundary value problem for Laplace's equation

- i) Dirichlet
- ii) Neumann

i) The First Boundary Value Problem the Dirichlet Problem:

A problem of finding a harmonic function  $u(x, y)$  in  $D$   $\ni$  it coincides with  $F$

$F$  on the boundary  $B$  is called the Dirichlet Problem.

## ii) The Second B.V.P the Neumann Problem:

This involves finding a function (ie)  $u(x, y) \ni$  it is harmonic in  $D$  and satisfies  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = F(s)$  on  $B$  [where  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n}$  is the directional derivative along the outwards normal] with the condition

$$\int_P F(s) ds = 0$$

In fact the vanishing of the integral is the necessary condition for the soln to exist.

## Interior Dirichlet Problem:

If  $f$  is a continuous function prescribed on the boundary  $S$  of some finite region  $V$ , determine a function  $\psi(x, y, z)$  such that  $\nabla^2 \psi = 0$  within  $V$  and  $\psi = f$  on  $S$ .

## Exterior Dirichlet Problem:

If  $f$  is a continuous function prescribed on the boundary  $S$  of a finite simply connected region  $V$ , determine a fun $^n$ .  $\psi(x, y, z)$  which satisfies  $\nabla^2 \psi = 0$  outside  $V$  and  $\psi = f$  on  $S$ .

## Interior Neumann Problem:

If  $f$  is a continuous fun $^n$  which is defined uniquely at each point of the boundary  $S$  of a finite region  $V$ , determine a fun $^n$ .  $\psi(x, y, z) \ni \nabla^2 \psi = 0$  within  $V$  and its normal derivative  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n}$  coincides with  $f$  at every point of  $S$ .

Exterior Neumann problem:

If  $f$  is a continuous fun<sup>n</sup>. Prescribed at each point of the (smooth) boundary  $S$  of a bounded simply connected region  $V$  find a fun<sup>n</sup>  $\psi(x, y, z)$  satisfying  $\nabla^2 \psi = 0$  outside  $V$  and  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} = f$  on  $S$ .

UNIQUENESS THEOREM:

The soln of the Dirichlet problem if it exists is unique.

Proof:

Suppose  $u_1(x, y)$  &  $u_2(x, y)$  are two soln<sup>s</sup> of the Dirichlet problem.

$$(ie) \nabla^2 u_1 = 0 \text{ in } S \text{ and}$$

$$u_1 = f(S) \text{ on } V$$

$$\nabla^2 u_2 = 0 \text{ in } S$$

$$u_2 = f(S) \text{ on } V$$

$u_1$  &  $u_2$  are harmonic

$u_1 - u_2$  also harmonic in  $S$ .

clearly  $u_1 - u_2 = 0$  on  $V$ .

By maximum & minimum Principle.

$$\Rightarrow u_1 - u_2 = 0 \text{ on } S.$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1 = u_2$$

Dirichlet

Hence the soln of the problem is unique.

State and Prove necessary condition for the Neumann problem.

Let  $u$  be a soln of the Neumann Problem  $\nabla^2 u = 0$  in  $S$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = f(S)$  on  $V$ .

Then  $\int_V f(S) ds = 0$ .

Proof

Given, let  $u$  be a soln. of the Neumann Problem  $\nabla^2 u = 0$  in  $S$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = f(s) \text{ on } V$$

To prove  $\int_V f(s) ds = 0$

Consider the Green identity

$$\int_S (\psi \nabla^2 \phi - \phi \nabla^2 \psi) ds = \int_V \left( \psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} - \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} \right) ds$$

Put  $\psi = 1$ ,  $\phi = u$  in the above eqn.

$$\int_S [\nabla^2 u - u \nabla^2 (1)] ds = \int_V \left( 1 \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - u \frac{\partial (1)}{\partial n} \right) ds$$

$$\int_S (0 - u \cdot 0) ds = \int_V (f(s) - 0) ds$$

$$0 = \int_V f(s) ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_V f(s) ds = 0$$

Hence the Proof.

Remark

THEOREM:

The soln of Neumann Problem is unique upto the addition of a constant.

(or)

The solutions of a certain Neumann problem can differ from one another by a constant only.

Proof:

Let  $u_1$  &  $u_2$  be a harmonic functions in  $S$  by  $S \ni \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial n} = f(s)$  on  $V \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

To prove  $u_1 - u_2$  is constant.



consider

$$v = u_1 - u_2$$

$$\nabla^2 u_1 - \nabla^2 u_2 = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 (u_1 - u_2) = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 v = 0$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (u_1 - u_2)$$

$$= \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial n} - \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial n}$$

$$= f(x) - f(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{on } v = 0 \quad (2)$$

Consider the Green identity

$$\int_S [\psi_x \phi_x + \psi \phi_{xx} + \psi_y \phi_y + \psi \phi_{yy}] dS = \int_S \psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} dS$$

Take  $\psi = \phi = v$  in (2)

$$\int_S (v_x v_x + v v_{xx} + v_y v_y + v v_{yy}) dS = \int_B v \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} dS$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_D (v_x^2 + v [v_{xx} + v_{yy}] + v_y^2) dS = \int_B v (v) dS$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_D \{ [v_x^2 + v_y^2] + v [v_{xx} + v_{yy}] \} dS = 0 \quad \int_B v^2 dS$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_S (v_x^2 + v_y^2) dS = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla u = 0$$

$\therefore v$  is constant.

Separation of Variables:

Find the soln of Laplace eqn. in spherical co-ordinates by the method of Separation of Variables.

Soln:

Laplace equation in spherical