

Work for the Poisson integral formula for harmonic functions on the unit disk

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[ > with(plots):
> g:=(x,y)->(1-x^2-y^2)/(1-2*x*cos(theta)-2*y*sin(theta)
+x^2+y^2);
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$$g := (x, y) \rightarrow \frac{1 - x^2 - y^2}{1 - 2 x \cos(\theta) - 2 y \sin(\theta) + x^2 + y^2}$$

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[ > diff(g(x,y), x, x)+diff(g(x,y), y, y);
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$$-\frac{4}{1 - 2 x \cos(\theta) - 2 y \sin(\theta) + x^2 + y^2} + \frac{4 x (-2 \cos(\theta) + 2 x)}{(1 - 2 x \cos(\theta) - 2 y \sin(\theta) + x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$+ \frac{2 (1 - x^2 - y^2) (-2 \cos(\theta) + 2 x)^2}{(1 - 2 x \cos(\theta) - 2 y \sin(\theta) + x^2 + y^2)^3} - \frac{4 (1 - x^2 - y^2)}{(1 - 2 x \cos(\theta) - 2 y \sin(\theta) + x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$+ \frac{4 y (-2 \sin(\theta) + 2 y)}{(1 - 2 x \cos(\theta) - 2 y \sin(\theta) + x^2 + y^2)^2} + \frac{2 (1 - x^2 - y^2) (-2 \sin(\theta) + 2 y)^2}{(1 - 2 x \cos(\theta) - 2 y \sin(\theta) + x^2 + y^2)^3}$$

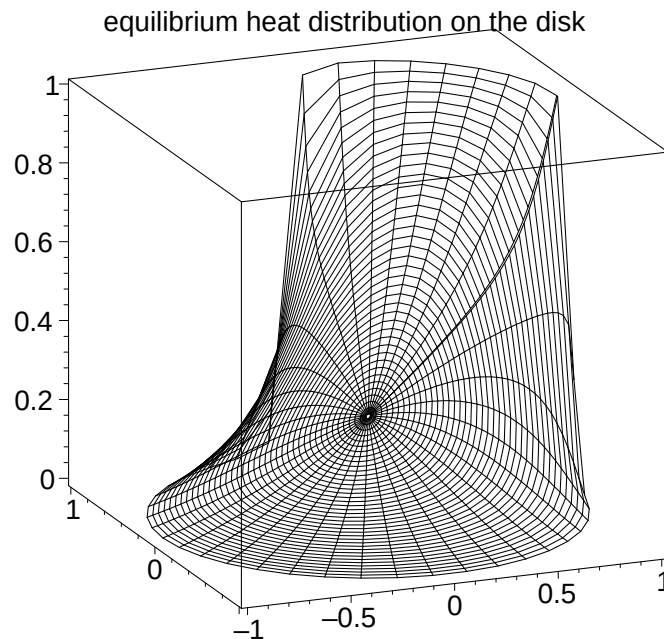
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[ > simplify(%); #gettin zero here shows the sense in which
#the Poisson integral formula represents
#a harmonic function as an integral superposition
#of harmonic functions.
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Here's an example where the boundary values are 1 on a quarter circle, and zero on the rest of the circle: (Could you write this function using the imaginary part of some complex logarithm expression?)

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> u:=(rho,phi)->1/(2*Pi)*evalf(int((1-rho^2)/(1-2*rho*cos(theta-phi)
+rho^2),theta=0..Pi/2));
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$$u := (\rho, \phi) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \frac{\text{evalf} \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1 - \rho^2}{1 - 2 \rho \cos(\theta - \phi) + \rho^2} d\theta \right)}{\pi}$$

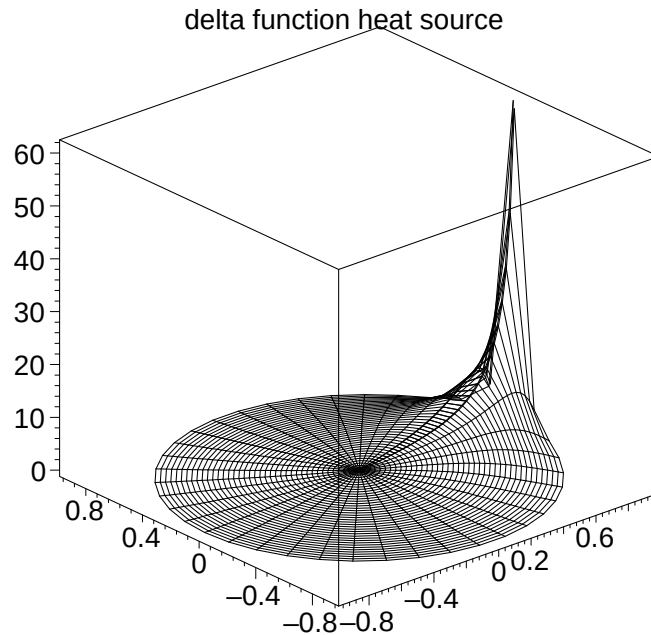
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> plot3d([rho*cos(phi),rho*sin(phi),u(rho,phi)],rho=0.01..(.99),phi=
0..2.05*Pi,grid=[40,40],axes=boxed,style=wireframe,
color=black,title='equilibrium heat distribution on the disk');
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So, without any work, what is the value of this harmonic function at the origin - precisely?

Understanding the Poisson integral as an integral superposition of source functions:

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> plot3d([rho*cos(phi),rho*sin(phi),(1/2*Pi)*
(1-rho^2)/(1-2*rho*cos(phi)+rho^2)],rho=0..(.95),
phi=0..2.05*Pi,grid=[40,40],axes=boxed,style=wireframe,
color=black,title='delta function heat source');
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Illustrating the approximate identity nature of the function g :

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> g:=(rho,theta)->1/(2*Pi)*(1-rho^2)/(1-2*rho*cos(theta)+rho^2);
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$$g := (\rho, \theta) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1 - \rho^2}{1 - 2\rho \cos(\theta) + \rho^2}$$

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> plot({g(.5,theta),g(.8,theta),g(.9,theta)},theta=-Pi..Pi,
color=black,title='approximate identity');
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