

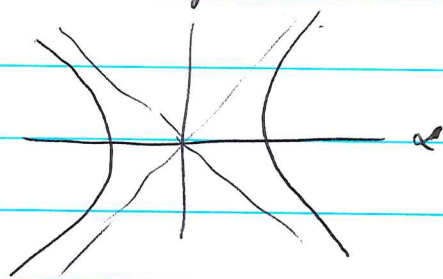
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Suppose  $\alpha, \gamma$  real so that  $z=1$  is a root of

$$z^3 - \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} z^2 + \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} z - 1 = 0$$

Here  $\alpha, \gamma$  are real numbers subject to  $\alpha^2 - \gamma^2 = 1$  i.e. points on hyperbola  $\gamma$



Now I want to know when  $\alpha - \gamma z = \alpha - \gamma$  is small.

It seems that  $|\alpha - \gamma| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  ~~is~~ is the condition that gives an  $l^2$ -solution. It clear that  $\alpha - \gamma \rightarrow 0$  on the hyperbola as  $(\alpha, \gamma) \rightarrow \infty$  along the asymptotes  $\alpha = \gamma$ , but not  $\alpha = -\gamma$ .

The other roots of the cubic are inverses since the product of the roots is 1. Call the roots  $1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon^{-1}$ . Then

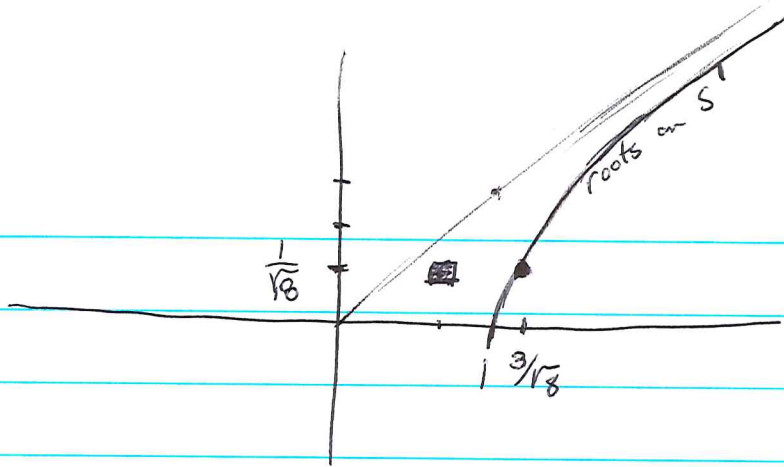
$$\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} = 1 + \varepsilon + \varepsilon^{-1}$$

If  $(\alpha, \gamma)$  is far out in the first quadrant, then  $0 < \varepsilon + \varepsilon^{-1} < 2$  and so  $\varepsilon = e^{i\theta}$  where  $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ . As we come along the hyperbola toward the origin, the ~~critical point~~ critical point for the roots is when  $\varepsilon + \varepsilon^{-1} = 2$  or  $\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} = 3$ .

$$\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} = 3 \quad \alpha = 3\gamma \quad (3\gamma)^2 - \gamma^2 = 1 \quad 8\gamma^2 = 1$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad \alpha = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad \alpha - \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

So this critical point for the roots corresponds ~~to~~ exactly to  $\alpha - \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .



I can always suppose  $\alpha > 0$  if I know it is real, without affecting much

If  $\alpha > 0$ , then  $\alpha \geq 1$  so if  $\gamma < 0$  then  $\alpha - \gamma > 1$  so we don't get something in  $l^2$ .

If  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\gamma < 0$ , then  $\alpha - \gamma > 1$  so these points are no good. Since in this case

$$\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} = 1 + \varepsilon + \varepsilon^{-1} < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \varepsilon + \varepsilon^{-1} < -1$$

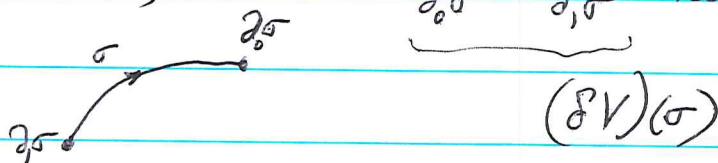
this case includes  $\varepsilon$  on the unit circle, specifically  $\varepsilon$  near enough to  $-1$ .

So I see that for  $\alpha, \gamma$  real,  $\alpha^2 - \gamma^2 = 1$   
 $\alpha > 3/\sqrt{8}$  I do get examples where the impedance exists, or at least there is a definite candidate for the impedance.

The next project is to understand the Hilbert space picture behind circuits, so that I can ~~make~~ make the above example precise.

Let's begin with a finite resistance network, that is a graph in which each edge  $\tau$  has been assigned a resistance  $R_\tau$  with  $0 < R_\tau < \infty$ . Assume the

graph is connected, pick a basepoint  $*$  and attach a battery of 1-volt between  $*$  and some other vertex  $g$ . Let  $V$  be the function on the vertices giving the voltage relative to  $*$ . If  $\sigma$  is an edge of resistance  $R_\sigma$ , then  $V_{g,\sigma} - V_{*,\sigma}$  is the voltage



drop across  $\sigma$ ,  $\frac{1}{R_\sigma} (V_{g,\sigma} - V_{*,\sigma})$  is the current flowing through  $\sigma$  and

$$\frac{1}{R_\sigma} (V_{g,\sigma} - V_{*,\sigma})^2 = \frac{1}{R_\sigma} (\delta V)(\sigma)^2$$

is the power dissipated by  $\sigma$ . The total power dissipated is

$$\sum_{\sigma} \frac{1}{R_\sigma} [(\delta V)(\sigma)]^2 = \|\delta V\|^2$$

if we use the  $R_\sigma$  to define an inner product on  $C^1(X, \mathbb{R})$ . For some reason the actual state  $V$  seen is the minimum energy state, i.e. which ~~minimizes~~ minimizes  $\|\delta V\|^2$  subject to the conditions  $V_g = 1$ ,  $V_* = 0$ . This implies that

$$(\delta V, \delta W) = 0$$

for all voltage functions  $W$  vanishing at  $g, *$ .

This is equivalent to  $(\delta^* \delta V, W) = 0$  for all such  $W$ , i.e.  $\delta^* \delta V = 0$  at all vertices except  $(g, *)$  and this last condition should be equivalent to the KCL holding at all vertices  $\neq g, *$ .

Generalize the preceding to the case where the resistances can be capacitors or inductors. If  $(\delta V)(\sigma)$  is the voltage drop across  $\sigma$  which has an impedance  $Z_\sigma$ , then the current flow through  $\sigma$  is

$$I = \frac{\delta V(\sigma)}{Z_\sigma}$$

hence the power dissipated is proportional to

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \overline{\delta V(\sigma)} \cdot \frac{\delta V(\sigma)}{Z_\sigma} \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1}{Z_\sigma} \right) |\delta V(\sigma)|^2$$

This is zero for reactances, so it is necessary to find another quadratic form.

Let  $Y_\sigma = \frac{1}{Z_\sigma}$  be the admittance matrix (assuming  $Y$  diagonal means that there is no coupling between inductors).

Equip  $C, C^1$  with the <sup>standard</sup> inner product so that simplices form an orthonormal basis and  $\delta^* = \partial$ . The KCL become

$$\partial Y \delta V = 0 \quad \text{at vertices } \neq 0, g$$

or  $(Y \delta V, \delta W) = 0$  for all  $W \in C^0$  vanishing at  $0, g$ .

~~So it's clear now that we want to consider the <sup>hermitian</sup> form  $(Y \delta V, \delta V)$  on the space of  $V \in C^0$  with  $V=0$  at  $\ast$ ,  $V=1$  at  $g$ . An extremal for this form is the same as a solution of the KCL. Note that this form depends on the hermitian part of  $Y$ .~~

Here's how to get at the existence of solutions.

Decompose  $C^0$  into

$$C^0 = C_1^0 \oplus C_2^0$$

where the former consists of cochains  $W$  vanishing at  $x, y$  and the latter consists of  $W$  vanishing ~~on~~ on the complementary set of vertices. Let  $i: C_1^0 \hookrightarrow C^0$  be the inclusion, and let  $V_0 \in C_2^0$  take the value 1 at  $z$  and 0 at all other vertices. Then the voltages of interest are

$$V = V_0 + iW \quad W \in C_1^0.$$

The condition to be satisfied is that

$$i^*(\delta^* Y \delta V) = 0$$

$$i^* \delta^* Y \delta V_0 + i^* \delta^* Y \delta iW = 0$$

The operator  $i^* \delta^* Y \delta i$  maps  $C_1^0$  into itself. For the problem to have a unique solution it is necessary and sufficient that this operator be non-singular. Now observe that if ~~an~~ an operator  $A$  is split into hermitian and anti-hermitian parts:  $A = B + iC$ , then

$$(A_0, v) = \underbrace{(B_0, v)}_{\text{real}} + i \underbrace{(C_0, v)}_{\text{real}}$$

Hence ~~if~~  $B > 0 \Rightarrow A$  non-singular. Now the hermitian part of  $i^* \delta^* Y \delta i$  is

$$\frac{1}{2} (i^* \delta^* Y \delta i + i^* \delta^* Y^* \delta i) = i^* \delta^* \left( \frac{Y + Y^*}{2} \right) \delta i$$

Hence if  $\text{Re}(Y) = \frac{Y + Y^*}{2} > 0$  this will be a positive operator (because  $\delta i$  is injective, by virtue of the graph being connected).

This proves the existence of  $V$  and its uniqueness when the  $Y_\alpha$  have real parts  $> 0$ , e.g.  $Y_\alpha = Cs$  for a capacitor, provided  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ .

In the loss-less case,  $Y$  is purely imaginary, so for uniqueness (which implies existence) one has to know that the hermitian form  $(Y\delta W, \delta W)$  on  $C_1^0$  is non-degenerate.

It seems we can handle the loss-less case in the same way as a resistance network, except that there are negative resistances. The idea is to work with  $iV, I, iY$

So I consider a <sup>loss-less</sup> network as being something like a resistance network where the resistances can be negative. The argument given for resistance networks shows that ~~the KCL conditions~~ the KCL conditions on  $V$  are equivalent to its being an extremal for the hermitian form

$$(Y\delta V, \delta V).$$

Check:  $(Y\delta(V + \varepsilon W), \delta(V + \varepsilon W)) = (Y\delta V, \delta V) + \varepsilon(Y\delta W, \delta V)$

Extremal:  $(Y\delta W, \delta V) + (Y\delta V, \delta W) = 0 + \varepsilon(Y\delta V, \delta W) + O(\varepsilon^2)$

$$\underbrace{(Y\delta W, \delta V) + (Y\delta V, \delta W)}_{2\text{Re}(Y\delta V, \delta W)} = 0 \quad \text{because } Y = Y^*$$

and since we can multiply  $W$  by elements in  $\mathbb{C}$ , we get

$$(Y\delta V, \delta W) = 0 \quad \text{all } W \in C_1^0$$

etc.

Next consider an infinite resistance network, and to simplify suppose all edges have resistance 1. ~~the~~

Pick a point  $g$ . The problem is to find the physical voltage distribution which results when 1 volt is applied at  $g$ . What this means is ~~the~~ the limit of the voltage distribution obtained by grounding all vertices outside a compact set of nodes  $F$  and then letting  $F$  exhaust the graph.

Start with  $V_0$  which is 1 at  $g$  and 0 elsewhere. Then you let  $W$  run over 0-cochains with compact support vanishing at  $g$  and form the closed subspace generated by these  $\delta W$  in the Hilbert space of square-integrable 1-cochains. The idea here is that I am trying to find a  $W$  minimizing  $\|\delta(V_0 + W)\|^2$ , that is, I am looking at the ~~the~~ <sup>affine</sup> space  $\{\delta V_0 + \delta W\}$  and find the element of smallest norm here. This involves passing to the limit.

Slight reformulation: I have been looking for the voltage distribution  $V$  such that  $V$  is 1 at  $g$  and  $\delta^* \delta V = \Delta V = 0$  off  $g$ . Up to a constant this is the same as the solution of

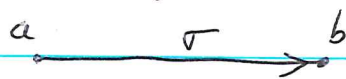
$$\Delta V = \begin{cases} 0 & \neq g \\ 1 & = g \end{cases}$$

i.e. the Green's function for  $\Delta$  with the source  $g$ . This function represents the ~~the~~ voltage distribution when 1 amp is fed into the network at the vertex  $g$ . The actual value of  $V$  at  $g$  gives the impedance of

the network at  $g$ .

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Sign conventions: If  $\sigma$  is an edge



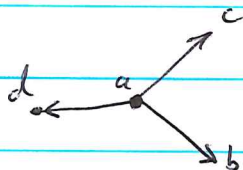
Then  $V(a) = Z_\sigma I(\sigma) + V(b)$  or

$$(\delta V)(\sigma) = V(\partial\sigma) = V(b) - V(a) = -Z_\sigma I(\sigma)$$

or  $I = -Y \delta V$ . Thus if  $Y = Id$ , then

$$(-\delta^* \delta V)(g)$$

represents the net current flowing ~~into~~<sup>into</sup> the node  $g$ . For example:



$$\begin{aligned} (\delta^* \delta V)(a) &= -(\delta V)(ac) - (\delta V)(ab) - (\delta V)(ad) \\ &= V(a) - V(c) - V(b) + V(a) - V(d) + V(a) \\ &= 3V(a) - V(b) - V(c) - V(d) \end{aligned}$$

So  $\Delta V = -\delta^* \delta V$

gives the sum of the  $V$  values of the neighbors minus the number of neighbors times  $V$  in the center. Want  $\Delta V = -1$  at  $g$

Stephen Adler's problem: Square lattice in the plane with vertices  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Here we can use the Fourier transform which gives an isom. between  $l^2(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z})$  and  $L^2(S^1 \times S^1)$ :

$$V(m, n) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_2}{2\pi} \hat{V}(\theta_1, \theta_2) e^{i(m\theta_1 + n\theta_2)}$$



$$\hat{\Delta}V = (e^{i\theta_1} + e^{-i\theta_1} + e^{i\theta_2} + e^{-i\theta_2} - 4) \hat{V} = -1$$

so

$$\hat{V}(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \frac{1}{4 - (e^{i\theta_1} + e^{-i\theta_1} + e^{i\theta_2} + e^{-i\theta_2})}$$

$$1 - \cos\theta = 2\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2 - \cos\theta_1 - \cos\theta_2} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta_1}{2}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta_2}{2}\right)}$$

The denominator ~~vanishes~~ vanishes when  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 0$ , where it behaves like  $\theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2$ . Note that  $\frac{1}{\theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2}$  is not square-integrable, not even integrable

$$\iint \frac{dx dy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \iint \frac{r dr d\theta}{r^4} \quad \text{like } \int \frac{dr}{r^3} \text{ bad at } r=0.$$

Hence this Green's function is not square integrable, even though it ought to be the only ~~reasonable~~ reasonably behaved solution to  $\Delta V = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{at } 0 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$ .

To find the resistance of the network we take the V-value at zero:

$$V(0,0) = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_2}{2\pi} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}(e^{i\theta_1} + e^{-i\theta_1} + e^{i\theta_2} + e^{-i\theta_2})}$$

or one expands  $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}(e^{i\theta_1} + e^{-i\theta_1} + e^{i\theta_2} + e^{-i\theta_2})}$

in a Fourier series (say you use the geometric series) and find the constant term.

Actually since the function involved in the formula for  $V(0,0)$  isn't integrable and is ~~positive~~ <sup>positive</sup> something is fishy. ??

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Understand something about fundamental solutions.

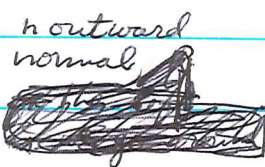
In the plane  $\Delta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}$ ;  $f(r)$  is a solution of  $\Delta f = 0$  provided

$$f'' + \frac{1}{r} f' = 0 \quad \ln(f') + \ln r = \text{const}$$

$$f' = \frac{C}{r} \quad \text{or} \quad f = C_1 \ln r + C_2$$

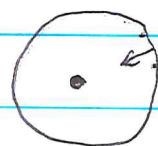
Green's formula

$$\iint_R [(\Delta u)v - u \Delta v] dx dy = \oint_{\partial R} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v - u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \right) ds$$



Take  $v = \ln r$ ,  $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and let  $R$  be the outside of the circle of radius  $a$ :

$$\iint_R (\Delta u)(\ln r) dx dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( -\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \ln a + u \frac{1}{a} \right) a d\theta$$



Let  $a \searrow 0$  and use  $a \ln a \rightarrow 0$  to get

$$\iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\Delta u)(\ln r) dx dy = 2\pi u(0,0)$$

Consequently because  $\Delta$  is its own adjoint we have by definition in the theory of distributions that

$$\Delta \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln r \right) = \delta(x) \delta(y)$$

~~Interpretation:~~ Interpretation:  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln r$  is a locally integrable function ~~hence~~ hence it defines a distribution, whose Laplacian is the  $\delta$  distribution at  $0$ .

Notice that because  $\ln(r) \leq r$  for out,  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln r$

is a tempered distribution on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and hence it has a Fourier transform which is also a tempered distribution. 750

Suppose 
$$u(x_1, x_2) = \int e^{ix\xi} \hat{u}(\xi_1, \xi_2) \frac{d\xi_1}{2\pi} \frac{d\xi_2}{2\pi}$$

Then

$$\Delta u = \int -(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2) \hat{u}(\xi_1, \xi_2) \frac{d\xi_1 d\xi_2}{(2\pi)^2} = \delta$$

forces

$$-(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2) \hat{u} = 1$$

This forces  $\hat{u}$  to coincide with  $-\frac{1}{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2}$  away from 0. So we see the problem of division for distributions. Notice that any distribution  $\varphi$  satisfying

$$(*) \quad (\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2) \varphi = 0$$

has support at 0. I think that the only distributions with support at a point are linear combinations of  $\delta$  and its derivatives. Hence it seems to me that the only solutions of (\*) are ~~of the form~~ of the form

$$\left( a \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} + b \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} + c \right) \delta \quad \text{could be polys.}$$

Consequently the only tempered distribution solutions of Laplace's equation are ~~linear functions + polys. constants.~~ linear functions + polys. constants. Similarly the only tempered distribution solutions of  $\Delta u = \delta$  are of the form  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln r + \text{harmonic poly}$   $ax+by+c$ , and among these one can single out  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln r$  as having the smallest growth at  $\infty$ . (Actually this only pins  $u$  down to  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln r + \text{constant}$ .)

In the Adler problem, instead of  $\hat{u}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = -\frac{1}{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2}$  off 0 we have

$$\hat{u}(\theta_1, \theta_2) = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{\theta_1}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{\theta_2}{2}}$$

$\hat{u}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  is a distribution on  $S^1 \times S^1$  and it should correspond to a function on  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  with at most polynomial growth.

The first remark to make is the purely algebraic statement that the only solutions of the Laplace equation

$$\Delta u = 0$$

on  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  having polynomial growth are ~~constant~~ <sup>polynomial</sup> functions.

~~The proof is by~~ The proof is by Fourier transform: such a  $u$  corresponds to a distribution  $\hat{u}$  on  $S^1 \times S^1$  killed by  $\sin^2 \frac{\theta_1}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{\theta_2}{2}$  and ~~hence~~ hence  $\hat{u}$  has support  $\{0\}$ , etc.

Because  $-\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{\theta_1}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{\theta_2}{2}}$  behaves like  $-\frac{1}{\theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2}$

as  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \rightarrow 0$  I expect the fundamental solution  $u(m, n)$  to be asymptotic to  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \log \sqrt{m^2 + n^2}$  far out.

Another idea: Replace  $\Delta$  by  $\Delta - \mu^2$  which has an inverse for  $\mu > 0$  ~~in~~ in  $L^2$ . Then let  $\mu \searrow 0$  to get the desired fundamental solution.

Try this for ~~the~~ Laplace's equation in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : Want a fundamental solution  $(\Delta - \mu^2)u = \delta$ . If  $u = u(r)$  then we get

~~the~~  $\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{du}{dr} \right) - \mu^2 u = 0$

or  $\left( r \frac{d}{dr} \right)^2 u - \mu^2 r^2 u = 0$

which is the imaginary Bessel's equation with  $\nu = 0$ . We

Want, not  $I_0$ , but the  $N_0$  solution, which has a  $\log r$  in it. Notice that for  $r \gg 0$  the equation

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{du}{dr} - \mu^2 u = 0$$

should have solutions asymptotic to  $e^{\pm \mu r}$ . Now the  $u$  we are after should decay as  $r \rightarrow +\infty$ , so we want the solution to be proportional to

$$K_0(\mu r).$$

Recall that the imaginary Bessel DE is

$$-\left(r \frac{d}{dr}\right)^2 u + r^2 u = -s^2 u$$

and its solution decaying at  $r \rightarrow +\infty$  is

$$K_s(r) = \int_0^\infty e^{-r/2(t+t^{-1})} t^s \frac{dt}{t}$$

Thus  $K_s(\mu r)$  is the solution decaying at  $r \rightarrow +\infty$

of 
$$-\left(r \frac{d}{dr}\right)^2 u + \mu^2 r^2 u = -s^2 u.$$

It is easier to see in 3 dimensions where

$$\Delta u = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left( \sin \phi \frac{\partial u}{\partial \phi} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \phi} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}$$



$$ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 + (r \sin \phi)^2 d\theta^2 \quad dV = r^2 \sin \phi dr d\phi d\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \quad -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$$

$$-\left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}\right)^* = \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \frac{1}{r} r^2 \sin \phi$$

$$-\left(\frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right)^* = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} r^2 \sin \phi$$

A radial solution of  $\Delta u - \mu^2 u = 0$  satisfies

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{du}{dr} \right) - \mu^2 u = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{du}{dr} - \mu^2 u = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dr^2} (ru) = \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{du}{dr} + u \right) = r \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + 2 \frac{du}{dr} = \mu^2 (ru)$$

hence  $ru = c_1 e^{-\mu x} + c_2 e^{\mu x}$ . The solution decaying at  $\infty$  is  $u = \frac{e^{-\mu x}}{r}$  up to a constant.

$$\iiint_{R^3} (\operatorname{div} \nabla u) \, dV = \iint_{\partial R} \nabla u \cdot \hat{n} \, dS$$

For  $u = \frac{1}{r}$  and  $R$  a ball of radius  $a$  around zero, we have

$$\iint_{\partial R} \nabla u \cdot \hat{n} \, dS = \iint_{\partial R} -\frac{1}{a^2} \, dS = -\frac{1}{a^2} 4\pi a^2 = -4\pi$$

Hence  $\Delta \left( \frac{1}{4\pi r} \right) = -\delta$ . Thus  $u = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r}$  is the fundamental solution  $\square$ :

$$(\Delta - \mu^2) u = \delta$$

Since  $\frac{1}{r}$  is locally-integrable:  $dV = r^2 \sin \phi \, dr \, d\phi \, d\theta$ , it defines a distribution; but because it is square-integrable around zero,  $u = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$  for  $\mu > 0$ . As  $\mu \searrow 0$  it goes to  $-\frac{1}{4\pi r}$  which is locally-square-integrable, but not globally so.

Try the same device with Adler's problem.

$$u(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \frac{1}{(e^{i\theta_1} + e^{-i\theta_1} + e^{i\theta_2} + e^{-i\theta_2}) - 4 - \mu^2} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\mu^2}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{4}(\dots)}$$

$$u(0,0) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_1 d\theta_2}{2\pi \cdot 2\pi} \hat{u}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

Try to evaluate this. If  $a > 1$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{a - \cos\theta} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{1}{a - \frac{z+z^{-1}}{2}} \frac{dz}{z} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(-1/2)} \frac{dz}{z^2 - 2az + 1}$$

roots  $z^2 - 2az + 1 = 0$

$$z = a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 1} = a - \sqrt{a^2 - 1}$$

inside  $S'$

$$= -2 \cdot \frac{1}{-2\sqrt{a^2-1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-1}}$$

$$f'(z) = 2(z-a) = -2\sqrt{a^2-1}$$

Thus

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{a - \cos\theta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-1}} \quad |a| > 1 \text{ branch outside cut}}$$

We want

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_2}{2\pi} \frac{1}{a - \cos\theta_1 - \cos\theta_2} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(a - \cos\theta)^2 - 1}}$$

$$2\left(1 + \frac{\mu^2}{4}\right)$$

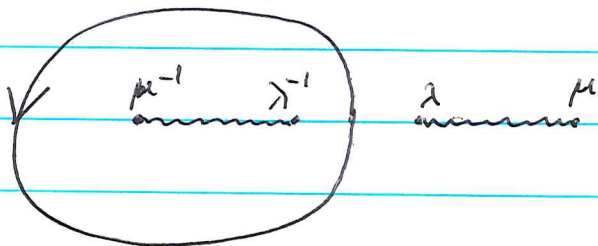
$$\mu > 2$$

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$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(a-1-\cos\theta)(a+1-\cos\theta)}} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} = \oint \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(a-1-\frac{z+z^{-1}}{2}\right)\left(a+1-\frac{z+z^{-1}}{2}\right)}} \frac{dz}{2\pi iz}$$

$$= 2 \oint \frac{1}{\sqrt{(z^2 - 2(a-1)z + 1)(z^2 - 2(a+1)z + 1)}} \frac{dz}{2\pi i}$$

As  $a-1 > 1$ , the roots of  $z^2 - 2(a-1)z + 1$  are  $\lambda, \frac{1}{\lambda}$  with  $\lambda > 1$  and  $\lambda + 1$  as  $a \downarrow 2$ . Roots of  $z^2 - 2(a+1)z + 1$  are  $\mu, \frac{1}{\mu}$  with  $\mu > 2$ . So cut the plane:



The radical is defined to be  $+\sqrt{(a-2a)(a-2a)} = +2\sqrt{a(a-2)}$  at  $z=1$ .

What happens as  $a \downarrow 2$  as  $\lambda \downarrow 1$ .

Problem:  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(a-\cos\theta)^2-1}}$  approaches  $+\infty$  as  $a \downarrow 2$

This is because ~~the~~ the integrand is monotone increasing in  $a$  and positive. When  $a=2$  one has

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{(a-1-\cos\theta)(a+1-\cos\theta)}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}(3-\cos\theta)}} = \frac{1}{|\sin\frac{\theta}{2}| \sqrt{2(3-\cos\theta)}}$$

which is not integrable.

So it appears that if

$$\hat{u}_{\mu}(\theta_1, \theta_2) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2(1+\frac{\mu^2}{4}) - \cos\theta_1 - \cos\theta_2} \quad a = 2(1+\frac{\mu^2}{4})$$

then

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} u_{\mu}(0,0) = -\infty$$

In fact  $u_{\mu}(0,0) = \iint \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_2}{2\pi} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{a - \cos\theta_1 - \cos\theta_2}$

and  $\frac{1}{a - \cos\theta_1 - \cos\theta_2}$  is a positive function increasing ~~as~~ as  $a \downarrow 2$  to a non-integrable function.

On the other hand I can argue that there has to be a fundamental solution for  $\mu=0$ , by using theorems on the division of distributions by polynomials.

Example: Take  $\mathbb{R}$ :  $\Delta = +\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ . If we want

$$(\Delta - \mu^2)G_y = \delta(x-y) \quad \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - \mu^2\right)f=0, e^{\pm\mu x}$$

the formula is  $G(x,y) = \frac{e^{\mu x} e^{-\mu y}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \mu & -\mu \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{e^{-\mu|x-y|}}{-2\mu}$



So the fundamental solution for  $\mu > 0$  is

$$\frac{e^{-\mu|x|}}{-2\mu}$$

Calculate its F.T.

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{-ix\xi} \frac{e^{-\mu|x|}}{-2\mu} dx &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x(i\xi+\mu)} \frac{dx}{-2\mu} + \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{x(-i\xi+\mu)} \frac{dx}{-2\mu} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\mu} \left\{ \frac{1}{i\xi+\mu} + \frac{1}{-i\xi+\mu} \right\} = -\frac{1}{\xi^2+\mu^2} \end{aligned}$$

Now if you let  $\mu \downarrow 0$ , then the fundamental solution doesn't converge to a fundamental solution for  $\Delta$ .

However if you ~~add~~ add a suitable solution of  $\Delta u = 0$  you get

$$\frac{e^{-\mu|x|} - e^{\mu x}}{-2\mu} = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ \frac{e^{-\mu x} - e^{\mu x}}{2\mu} & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-\mu|x|} - e^{\mu x}}{-2\mu} = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ x & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

which is a fundamental solution for  $\Delta$ .

Example:  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Homogeneous solutions of  $(\Delta - \mu^2)u = 0$

are  $e^{i\theta}$  where  $e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta} - 2 - \mu^2 = 0$  or

$$\cos \theta = \lambda \quad \lambda = 1 + \frac{\mu^2}{2}$$

Let  $z = \lambda - \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 1}$  be the root with  $0 < z < 1$ . Then

we have

$$\phi(n) = z^{-n} \quad \psi(n) = z^{+n}$$

and

$$W(\phi, \psi) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ z^{-1} & z \end{vmatrix} = z - z^{-1}$$

so the fundamental solution for  $\Delta - \mu^2$  is

$$u(n) = \frac{z^{+|n|}}{z - z^{-1}}$$

Check:  $\frac{1}{z - z^{-1}} \{ z' + z' - 2 - \mu^2 \} = 1$   
 $2z - (z + z^{-1})$

As  $\mu \uparrow 0$ ,  $\lambda \uparrow 1$  and  $z \uparrow 1$  and this fundamental solution blows up. On the other hand the fund. solution

$$\frac{z^{|n|} - \frac{1}{2}(z^n + z^{-n})}{z - z^{-1}} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \frac{z^n - z^{-n}}{z - z^{-1}} & n \geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{z^{-n} - z^n}{z - z^{-1}} & n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{as } z \uparrow 1} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} n & n \geq 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} n & n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

and so we get the fundamental solution  $\frac{1}{2}|n|$  for  $\Delta$ .

It appears therefore that the ~~the~~ "voltage distribution which results by pushing 1 ampere into a node of an infinite network" is a subtle thing which gets explained adequately ~~with~~ with distributions, at least for periodic networks where this is a good dual.

Notice that for the Adler problem I expect the fundamental solution to grow like  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \log r$ , hence the

voltage is  $-\infty$  at  $\infty$ ? Actually even for  $\Delta$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where we expect the fundamental solution to be  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \log r$ , we can alter this by adding a constant. so now I don't understand how one can even speak of the resistance of this network?

The thing to do it seems is to put in the boundary condition that  $u - \frac{1}{2\pi} \log(r) \rightarrow 0$ .

Geometry of the UHP:  $\text{Im } z > 0$ . First determine the Riemann metric which is the  $SL_2\mathbb{R}$  invariant metric with  $ds^2 = |dz|^2 = dx^2 + dy^2$  at  $i$ . Let  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2\mathbb{R}$ , and  $z = \frac{ai+b}{ci+d} = \frac{(ai+b)(-ci+d)}{c^2+d^2} = \frac{(ac+bd) + i}{c^2+d^2} \therefore y = \frac{1}{|ci+d|^2}$

Suppose we have a ~~vector~~ tangent vector  $i + \epsilon$  at  $i$ . Its image is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a(i+\epsilon)+b}{c(i+\epsilon)+d} &= \frac{ai+b+a\epsilon}{ci+d+c\epsilon} \frac{ci+d-c\epsilon}{ci+d-c\epsilon} \\ &= \frac{ai+b}{ci+d} + \epsilon \frac{(ai+b)(-c) + a(ci+d)}{(ci+d)^2} \\ &= \frac{ai+b}{ci+d} + \epsilon \frac{1}{(ci+d)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the Jacobian mapping the tangent space at  $i$  to the tangent space at  $\frac{ai+b}{ci+d}$  is  $\frac{1}{(ci+d)^2}$

$$\frac{ai+b}{ci+d} = i \iff c = -b, d = a \iff \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

In this case  $\frac{1}{(ci+d)^2} = \frac{1}{(\cos\theta - i\sin\theta)^2} = e^{2i\theta}$

preserves the metric  $|dz|^2$  as it should. The Riemann

metric is defined so that

$$\left\| \frac{a+ib}{c+id} + \frac{\epsilon}{(c+id)^2} \right\| = \|i + \epsilon\| = |\epsilon|$$

$$\left\| \frac{a+ib}{c+id} + \eta \right\| = |\eta| |c+id|^2 = \frac{|\eta|}{y}$$

In other words using Cartan's notation  $dz$  for a displacement from  $z$  to  $z+dz$ , the length (non-Euclidean) of this displacement is

$$\|dz\| = \frac{|dz|}{y} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$$

where  $|dz| = \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2}$  is the Euclidean length. The non-Euclidean volume is therefore

$$dV = \frac{dx dy}{y^2}$$

Pass to the circle:  $|z| < 1$ .  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix}$

$$z = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} (0) = \frac{b}{d}$$

$$|a|^2 - |b|^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{a\epsilon + b}{c\epsilon + d} = \frac{a\epsilon + b}{c\epsilon + d} \frac{-c\epsilon + d}{-c\epsilon + d} = \frac{bd + \epsilon}{d^2} = \frac{b}{d} + \frac{\epsilon}{d^2}$$

So  $\left\| \frac{b}{d} + \eta \right\| = |\eta| d^2 = |\eta| \cdot |d|^2$

But  $|z|^2 = \frac{|b|^2}{|d|^2} = \frac{|b|^2}{|a|^2} \Rightarrow 1 - |z|^2 = 1 - \frac{|b|^2}{|a|^2} = \frac{1}{|a|^2} = \frac{1}{|d|^2}$ , so

$$\|z + \eta\| = \frac{|\eta|}{1 - |z|^2} \quad \text{or in Cartan's form:}$$

these are off by factors of 2, see p.766

$$\|dz\| = \frac{|dz|}{1 - |z|^2}$$

$$dV = \frac{dx dy}{(1 - |z|^2)^2}$$

Compute  $\Delta$  for UHP. We have

$$\left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right\| = \frac{1}{y} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right| = \frac{1}{y} \quad \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right\| = \frac{1}{y}$$

hence an orthonormal pair of vector fields is

$$y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad , \quad y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

Their adjoints wrt  $dV = \frac{1}{y^2} dx dy$  are minus

$$y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \frac{1}{y^2} \quad y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} y \frac{1}{y^2}$$

so

$$\Delta = \left( y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \frac{1}{y^2} \right) \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) + \left( y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} y \frac{1}{y^2} \right) \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\Delta = y^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

A similar calculation shows that an orthonormal frame in the case of the circle is

$$(1-|z|^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad (1-|z|^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

and hence

$$\Delta = (1-|z|^2) \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

by a similar calculation.

It should follow that a fundamental solution for Laplace's equation:  $\Delta u = \delta(0)$  is the same in the Euclidean case:  $u = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln r$ . Solutions of  $(\Delta - \mu^2)u = \delta$  should however be more interesting.