

Needham, Chapter 12, Exercise 19, p. 572.
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19 Substitute the disc Green's function (21) into (24), thereby confirming the formula (26) for the heat flux at the boundary of the disc.

$$\mathcal{G}_p(z) = -\Phi(z) = -\ln \left| \frac{z-p}{\bar{p}z-1} \right| \quad (21)$$

$$Q(z) = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial n} \quad (24)$$

$$Q(z) = \frac{1-|p|^2}{\rho^2} \quad (26)$$

This entire answer follows Vasco's answer very closely. From Vasco's answer to part (iii), Ex. 15, p. 4 beginning "Using (24) on p. 553 where n measures distance in the direction of N", we can write a slightly modified set of equations:

$$Q(z) = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial n} = |\nabla \mathcal{G}(z) \cdot N| = |\nabla \mathcal{G}(z)|, \text{ where } N = z \text{ on the unit circle } C$$

Then, let $f(z) = \frac{z-p}{\bar{p}z-1}$.

$$Q(z) = \left| \nabla \left(-\ln \left| e^{i\delta} \frac{z-p}{\bar{p}z-1} \right| \right) \right| = \left| \nabla \left(\ln \left| \frac{z-p}{\bar{p}z-1} \right| \right) \right|$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{G} = (\partial_x + i \partial_y)(\mathcal{G})$$

$$\partial_x \mathcal{G} = -\frac{1}{|f|} \partial_x |f|$$

$$\partial_y \mathcal{G} = -\frac{1}{|f|} \partial_y |f|$$

$$\partial_x |f|^2 = 2 |f| \partial_x |f|$$

$$\partial_x |f| = \frac{\partial_x |f|^2}{2|f|} \quad \text{by dividing through by } 2|f|$$

$$\partial_y |f| = \frac{\partial_y |f|^2}{2|f|}$$

$$\partial_x \mathcal{G} = -\frac{1}{|f|} \frac{\partial_x |f|^2}{2|f|} = -\frac{\partial_x |f|^2}{2|f|^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\partial_y \mathcal{G} = -\frac{1}{|f|} \frac{\partial_y |f|^2}{2|f|} = -\frac{\partial_y |f|^2}{2|f|^2} \quad (2)$$

Let $A = |z - p|^2$ and $B = |\bar{p}z - 1|^2$. The letters A and B are used in place of Vasco's U and V to avoid possible confusion with the u and v of a typical analytic function $f = u + iv$. We have shown that $A = B$ (See the exercise following the problem.), so

$$|f|^2 = \frac{|z-p|^2}{|\bar{p}z-1|^2} = \frac{A}{B} = 1$$

Substitute 1 into $|f|^2$ in the denominator of (1) and (2), but not into $\partial_x |f|^2$. We retain $(\partial_x |f|^2)_{|z|=1}$ in the numerator because the value of the derivative with respect to x on the unit circle remains to be discovered.

$$\partial_x \mathcal{G} = -\frac{\partial_x |f|^2}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_x \frac{A}{B} = -\frac{(\partial_x A)B - A(\partial_x B)}{2B^2}$$

Since $A = B = \rho^2$,

$$\partial_x |f|^2 = \frac{(\partial_x A)B - A(\partial_x B)}{\rho^4} = \frac{(\partial_x A) - (\partial_x B)}{\rho^2}$$

$$\partial_y |f|^2 = \frac{(\partial_y A) - (\partial_y B)}{\rho^2}$$

Find ∂_x of A and B.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x A &= \partial_x |z - p|^2 \\ &= \partial_x [(z-p)(\bar{z} - \bar{p})] = \partial_x (|z|^2 - \bar{p}z - p\bar{z} + |p|^2) \\ &= \partial_x |z|^2 - \bar{p} - p = \partial_x (x^2 + y^2) - \bar{p} - p = 2x - (\bar{p} + p) \\ \partial_x B &= \partial_x |\bar{p}z - 1|^2 \\ &= \partial_x [(\bar{p}z - 1)(p\bar{z} - 1)] = \partial_x (|p|^2 |z|^2 - \bar{p}z - p\bar{z} + 1) \\ &= \partial_x (|p|^2 |z|^2) - \bar{p} - p = \partial_x (|p|^2 (x^2 + y^2)) - (\bar{p} + p) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2x |p|^2 - (\bar{p} + p)$$

Then

$$\partial_x \mathcal{G} = -\frac{(\partial_x A) - (\partial_x B)}{2\rho^2} = -\frac{2x - (\bar{p} + p) - (2x|p|^2 - (\bar{p} + p))}{2\rho^2} = -\frac{x(1 - |p|^2)}{\rho^2}$$

Find ∂_y of A and B.

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_y A &= \partial_y |z - p|^2 \\ &= \partial_y [(z - p)(\bar{z} - \bar{p})] = \partial_y [|z|^2 - \bar{p}z - p\bar{z} + |p|^2] \\ &= \partial_y (x^2 + y^2) - i\bar{p} + ip \\ &= 2y + i(p - \bar{p})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_y B &= \partial_y |\bar{p}z - 1|^2 = \partial_y [(\bar{p}z - 1)(p\bar{z} - 1)] \\ &= \partial_y [|p|^2(x^2 + y^2) - \bar{p}z - p\bar{z} + 1] \\ &= 2y|p|^2 - i\bar{p} + ip = 2y|p|^2 + i(p - \bar{p})\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\partial_y \mathcal{G} = -\frac{(\partial_y A) - (\partial_y B)}{2\rho^2} = -\frac{2y + i(p - \bar{p}) - 2y|p|^2 - i(p - \bar{p})}{2\rho^2} = -\frac{y(1 - |p|^2)}{\rho^2}$$

By using $|\nabla \mathcal{G}|^2$ rather than $(\partial_x + i\partial_y)\mathcal{G}$, we avoid the canceling signs that would result in zero.

$$\begin{aligned}|\nabla \mathcal{G}|^2 &= (\partial_x \mathcal{G})^2 + (\partial_y \mathcal{G})^2 = x^2 \left[\frac{(1 - |p|^2)}{\rho^2} \right]^2 + y^2 \left[\frac{(1 - |p|^2)}{\rho^2} \right]^2 \\ &= \left[\frac{(1 - |p|^2)}{\rho^2} \right]^2, \text{ because } (x^2 + y^2) = |z|^2 = 1 \text{ on } \mathbb{C}\end{aligned}$$

$$|\nabla \mathcal{G}| = \frac{1 - |p|^2}{\rho^2} \text{ as was to be shown.}$$

Multiplying by $N = e^{i\theta}$ inside the absolute brackets does not change the result.

Exercise, p. 554: At the boundary point z , the local heat flux is equal to the amplification of f : $Q(z) = |f'(z)|$. Using (20), the result predicts that the local heat flux at the boundary of the unit disc is given by [exercise].

$$Q(z) = |f'(z)| = \frac{1-|p|^2}{|z-p|^2} = \frac{1-|p|^2}{\rho^2}$$

$$\text{Let } f(z) = e^{i\delta} \left[\frac{z-p}{\bar{p}z-1} \right].$$

$$f'(z) = e^{i\delta} \frac{1 \cdot (\bar{p}z-1) - (z-p)\bar{p}}{(\bar{p}z-1)^2} \text{ by the quotient rule}$$

$$= e^{i\delta} \frac{-1+|p|^2}{(\bar{p}z-1)^2}$$

$$|f'(z)| = |e^{i\delta} \frac{-1+|p|^2}{(\bar{p}z-1)^2}| = \frac{1-|p|^2}{|(\bar{p}z-1)^2|}, \text{ because } |e^{i\delta}| = 1, \text{ and } |p| \leq 1.$$

$$|(\bar{p}z-1)^2| = |(\bar{p}z-1)|^2 = (\bar{p}z-1)(p\bar{z}-1) = |p|^2 |z|^2 - \bar{p}z - p\bar{z} + 1$$

At the boundary of the unit disc, $|z| = 1$, so

$$|(\bar{p}z-1)^2| = |p|^2 - \bar{p}z - p\bar{z} + 1$$

$$|z-p|^2 = (z-p)(\bar{z}-\bar{p}) = |z|^2 - \bar{p}z - p\bar{z} + |p|^2 = |p|^2 - \bar{p}z - p\bar{z} + 1$$

Hence $|(\bar{p}z-1)^2| = |z-p|^2$, so if $\rho = |z-p|$, $|f'(z)| = \frac{1-|p|^2}{\rho^2}$, which was to be shown.