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Abstract

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THEORY OF THE HEAT POTENTIAL

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1°. The function

$$G(x, t; \xi, \tau) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi(t-\tau)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{\psi(t-\tau)} \right\} \quad (1)$$

is the fundamental solution of the heat-conduction equation.

By $g = g_0^T$ we shall denote an open domain bounded by two straight lines $t = 0$, $t = T > 0$ and by two nonintersecting curves $S_i = (S_i)_0^T$ ($i = 1, 2$), defined by the equations $x = \varphi_i(t)$, $\varphi_1(t) < \varphi_2(t)$, $0 \leq t \leq T$. In what follows, by S (or φ) we shall mean either $S_1[\varphi_1]$ or $S_2[\varphi_2]$.

Consider in g the heat single-layer potential

$$V(x, t) = \int_{S_0^t} \mu(\tau) G(x, t; \xi, \tau) ds_\tau \equiv V[\mu], \quad (2)$$

the heat double-layer potential

$$W(x, t) = \int_{S_0^t} \mu(t) \frac{\partial G(x, t; \xi, \tau)}{\partial \xi} ds_\tau \equiv W[\mu] \quad (3)$$

and the planar heat potential

$$U(x, t) = \iint_{g_0^t} \rho(\xi, \tau) G(x, t; \xi, \tau) d\xi d\tau \equiv U[\rho], \quad (4)$$

where $\mu(t)$, $\rho(x, t)$ are the densities of the corresponding potential.

By the direct value $W_{\text{pr}}(t)$ of the potential W is meant the integral (3) when x varies only along the curve S . The direct value $V_{\text{pr}}(t)$ of the derivative with respect to x of the potential (2) is defined analogously.

Membership of a function $\varphi(t)$ (or $\varphi(x)$) of one variable t (or x) in the class $C^{(n, \lambda)}$ ($n \geq 0$, $0 < \lambda \leq 1$) is written in the form $\varphi \in (n, \lambda)$. Continuity of the function $\varphi(t)$ is denoted by the symbol $\varphi \in (0, 0)$.

A function $P(x, t)$ of two variables belongs in g to the class (m, n, α, β) , $m, n \geq 0$, $0 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 1$, if it has a continuous derivative of the form $\partial^{m+n} P(x, t) / \partial x^m \partial t^n$ and if the quantity

$$P_{(m,n,\alpha,\beta)} = \sup_{\substack{(x,t) \in g \\ (\bar{x}, \bar{t}) \in g}} \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial^{m+n} P(x, t)}{\partial x^m \partial t^n} - \frac{\partial^{m+n} P(\bar{x}, \bar{t})}{\partial x^m \partial t^n} \right| / (|x - \bar{x}|^\alpha + |t - \bar{t}|^\beta) \right\}$$

is finite.

The class $B^{(n,\lambda)}$ is the direct sum of $n + 1$ classes of the form (p, q, α, β) , in which p, q, α, β are determined by the relations*

$$\begin{aligned} p &= 0, 1, 2, \dots, n; & q &= [(n - p)/2]; \\ \alpha &= 2\beta = \lambda & \text{for } p &= n, n - 2, n - 4, \dots; \\ \alpha &= 2\beta - \lambda = 1 & \text{for } p &= n - 1, n - 3, n - 5, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The norm of the function $\varphi(t)$ in the class (n, λ) is defined in the usual way (see ⁽¹⁾). The norm of the function $P(x, t)$ in the classes (m, n, α, β) and $B^{(n,\lambda)}$ is deter—

* The classes $B^{(n,\lambda)}$ ($0 \leq n \leq 2$) were used in ^(2, 3).

is as follows:

$$\|P\|_{(m,n,\alpha,\beta)} = P_{(m,n,\alpha,\beta)} + \max_{(x,t) \in g} |P(x, t)|,$$

$$\|P\|_{B^{(n,\lambda)}} = \max_{(p,q,\alpha,\beta)} \{\|P\|_{(p,q,\alpha,\beta)}\},$$

where (p, q, α, β) runs through all values defined in (5).

2°. For a given smoothness of the curve S and of the density $\mu(t)$ on \bar{S} , the smoothness of the contour heat potentials $W[\mu]$ and $V[\mu]$ in the domain g_δ^T is shown in Table 1, where $\delta > 0$ is arbitrary. In Table 1, $\gamma < 1$ is arbitrary; $\lambda'' = \lambda$ for

Table 1

$\eta(t)$	$\eta(t)$	s	$W[\mu]$	$V[\mu]$
$(0, \lambda)$	$\lambda = 0$	$(0, 0)$		$B^{(0,\gamma)}$
$(0, \lambda)$	$0 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$	$(1, 0)$	$B^{(0,2\lambda'')}$	$B^{(1,2\lambda'')}$
$(0, \lambda)$	$\frac{1}{2} < \lambda \leq 1$	$(1, \lambda - \frac{1}{2})$	$B^{(1,2\lambda' - 1)}$	$B^{(2,2\lambda' - 1)}$
$(1, \lambda)$	$0 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$	$(1, \lambda)(2, 0)$	$B^{(1,2\lambda'')} B^{(2,2\lambda'')}$	$B^{(2,2\lambda'')} B^{(3,2\lambda'')}$

$\eta(t)$	$\eta(t)$	s	$W[\mu]$	$V[\mu]$
(1, λ)	$\frac{1}{2} < \lambda \leq 1$	$(2, 0)$	$\left(2, \lambda - \frac{1}{2}\right) B^{(3,0)} B^{(3,2\lambda'-1)}$	$B^{(4,0)} B^{(4,2\lambda'-1)}$
(n, λ) (n, λ) 2) $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$	$0 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$	(n, λ)	$\left(n, \lambda + \frac{1}{2}\right) B^{(2n-1,2\lambda'')} B^{(2n,2\lambda'')} B^{(2n+1,2\lambda'')}$	$B^{(2n+1,2\lambda'')}$
(n, λ) (n, λ) 2) $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$	$\frac{1}{2} < \lambda \leq 1$	(n, λ)	$\left(n + 1, \lambda - \frac{1}{2}\right) B^{(2n+1,2\lambda'-1)}$	$B^{(2n+2,2\lambda'-1)}$

$0 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$, and $\lambda'' < \frac{1}{2}$ is arbitrary for $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$; $\lambda' = \lambda$ for $\frac{1}{2} < \lambda < 1$, and $\lambda' < 1$ is arbitrary for $\lambda = 1$; moreover the norm of $W[\mu]$ ($V[\mu]$) is estimated in terms of the corresponding norm of the density $\mu(t)$; when

$$\mu(0) = \mu'(0) = \dots = \mu^{(n)}(0) = 0,$$

one may take $\delta = 0$, $n \geq 0$.

We note that Piskorek (4) proved that if the density μ is bounded and integrable, then $V[\mu] \in B^{(0,\gamma)}$ in \bar{g} . Gevrey (2) proved the following facts. Let $S \in (0, \sigma)$, $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$, $\mu \in (0, \lambda)$, and $\mu(0) = 0$, $0 < \lambda \leq 1$; then in \bar{g} , $W[\mu] \in (0, \lambda')$ with respect to t , and $W[\mu] \in (0, 2\lambda)$ with respect to x for $\lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$. Let $S \in (1, \lambda)$, $\mu \in (1, \lambda)$, and $\mu'(0) = 0$, $0 < \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$; then in \bar{g} ,

$$\partial W[\mu]/\partial t \in (0, \lambda)$$

with respect to t , and

$$\partial W[\mu]/\partial x \in (0, \lambda'' + \frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to t .

3°. For a given smoothness of the curves S_i ($i = 1, 2$) and of the density $\rho(x, t)$ in \bar{g} , the smoothness of the plane heat potential $U[\rho]$ in \bar{g}_δ^T ($\delta > 0$ arbitrary) is shown in Table 2, where $0 < \lambda \leq 1$, $0 < \bar{\lambda} < \lambda$ is arbitrary, and $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary; moreover the norm of $U[\rho]$ in the class $B^{(n+2,\lambda)}(\bar{g}_\delta^T)$ is estimated in terms of the norm of the density ρ in the class $B^{(n,\lambda)}(\bar{g})$; when $\rho \in B^{(0,0)}$, one may take $\delta = 0$; $\delta = 0$ may also be taken in the case $\rho \in B^{(n,\lambda)}$, $n \geq 0$, if at the points $(\varphi_i(0), 0)$ ($i = 1, 2$) the density and all its derivatives required by the class $B^{(n,\lambda)}$ are equal to zero.

When $\rho \in B^{(0,0)}$, the result indicated in Table 2 belongs to Gevrey (2). He also proved that if $S \in (0, \sigma)$, $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$, $\rho \in (0, \lambda)$ with respect to t in \bar{g} , $0 < \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$, then in \bar{g}

$$\partial U[\rho]/\partial t \in (0, \lambda)$$

and

$$\partial U[\rho]/\partial x \in (0, \lambda'' + \frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to t .

4°. For a known smoothness of the curve S , the direct values $W_{\text{dir}}(t)$ and $V_{\text{dir}}(t)$ increase the smoothness of their density $\mu(t)$ by half a unit. The smoothness of $W_{\text{dir}}(t)$ and $V_{\text{dir}}(t)$ on the curve \bar{S}_δ^T is given in Table 3, where $\delta > 0$ is arbitrary; here the norm of W_{dir} (V_{dir}) in the class to which membership is proved is estimated in terms of the norm of the density in the corresponding class;

Table 2

$\rho(xt)$	$s_i, i = 1, 2$	$U[\rho]$
$B^{(0,0)}$	$(0, 0)$	$B^{(1,1-\varepsilon)}$
$B^{(0,\lambda)}$	$(1, 0)$	$B^{(2,\bar{\lambda})}$
$B^{(1,\lambda)}$	$(1, \lambda/2)$	$B^{(3,\bar{\lambda})}$
$B^{(2,\lambda)}$	$(2, 0)$	$B^{(4,\bar{\lambda})}$
$B^{(3,\lambda)}$	$(2, \lambda/2)$	$B^{(5,\bar{\lambda})}$
$B^{(n,\lambda)}, n \geq 4$	$(n/2 + 1, \lambda/2), n$ even; $((n + 1)/2, (1 + \lambda)/2), n$ odd.	$B^{(n+2,\bar{\lambda})}$

when $\mu \in (0, 0)$, one may take $\delta = 0$; $\delta = 0$ may also be taken in the remaining cases if $\mu(0) = \mu'(0) = \dots = \mu^{(n)}(0) = 0, n \geq 0$.

Table 3

$\mu(t)$	s	$W_{\text{dir}}(t) (V_{\text{dir}}(t))$
$(0, 0)$	$(0, \gamma), 3/4 < \gamma \leq 1$	$(0, 2\lambda - 3/2)$
$(n, \lambda), n \geq 0$	$(n + 1, \lambda),$ $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1/2(n + 1, \lambda),$ $1/2 < \lambda \leq 1$	$(n, \lambda'' + 1/2)(n + 1, \lambda - 1/2)$

5°. By an inverse problem in the theory of the heat potential we mean a problem in which, starting from the known smoothness of the potential itself, the smoothness of its density is studied. Let $g_{\pm\varepsilon}^s$ be some open neighborhood of the curve S :

$$g_{\pm\varepsilon}^s = \{(x, t), \min(\varphi(t) \pm \varepsilon) < x < \max(\varphi(t), \varphi(t) \pm \varepsilon), 0 < t < T\},$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$ is an arbitrary number.

For a given smoothness of the curve S and of the potential $W[\mu]$ ($V[\mu]$) in $\bar{g}_{\pm\varepsilon}^s$, the smoothness of the density $\mu(t)$ on the curve \bar{S}_δ^T is given in Table 4, where $\delta > 0$ is arbitrary; here the norm of the density $\mu(t)$ is estimated in terms of the corresponding norm of the potential $W(V)$; when $S \in (1, 0)$, one may take $\delta = 0$.

Table 4

$W[\mu]$	$V[\mu]$	s	$\mu(t)$
$(00 \ \gamma\gamma), 0 < \gamma \leq 1/2$	$(10 \ \gamma\gamma)$	$(1, 0)$	$(0, \gamma)$
$\sum_{\substack{p+q=n \\ 0 \leq p, q \leq n}} (pq\lambda\lambda)$	$\sum_{\substack{p+q=n \\ 0 \leq p, q \leq n}} (p + 1 \ q\lambda\lambda)$	$(n, \lambda + 1/2), 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1/2(n + 1, \lambda - 1/2), 1/2 < \lambda < 1$	(n, λ)

6°. It is easy to see that, using the smoothness properties of heat potentials and the smoothness-improving properties of the direct values of heat potentials, one can obtain boundary estimates in the classes $B^{(n,\lambda)}$ for solutions of boundary-value problems for the heat-conduction equation (see (5,6)). These estimates

refine the Gilbert-Friedman estimates (7,8) and are an analogue of the known Schauder estimates for solutions of boundary value problems for an elliptic equation. Estimates in the class $B^{(2,\lambda)}$ for solutions of the third boundary value problem for a parabolic equation were obtained in (3).

We now consider the following boundary value problems for the heat-conduction equation with discontinuous coefficients.

Let $S_j = \{(x, t), x = \varphi_j(t), 0 < t < T\}$, $j = 1, 2, 3$, be three nonintersecting curves. Further, let

$$l_i = \{(x, 0), x_i = \varphi_i(0) \leq x \leq x_{i+1} = \varphi_{i+1}(0)\},$$

$$g_i = \{(x, t), \varphi_i(t) < x < \varphi_{i+1}(t), 0 < t < T\}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

We seek functions $u_i(x, t)$ satisfying in the domain g_i the equation

$$M_i u_i \equiv a_i \partial^2 u_i / \partial x^2 - \partial u_i / \partial t = f_i(x, t), \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (6)$$

($a = \text{const} > 0$), and the following conditions:

$$1. \quad u_i(x, 0)|_{l_i} = \chi_i(x), \quad i = 1, 2; \quad (7)$$

$$2. \quad \beta_1(t) \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} \Big|_{S_2} - \beta_2(t) \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} \Big|_{S_2} = \xi(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T; \quad (8)$$

$$\sigma_1(t) u_1|_{S_2} - \sigma_2(t) u_2|_{S_2} = \zeta(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad (9)$$

$$3. \quad u_i = \psi_i(t) \text{ on } S_j \quad (\text{for the first boundary value problem}) \quad (10)$$

or

$$\partial u_i / \partial x + \alpha_i(t) u_i = \psi_i(t) \text{ on } S_j \quad (\text{for the third boundary value problem}), \quad (11)$$

where $j = 1$ for $i = 1$ and $j = 3$ for $i = 2$, $0 \leq t \leq T$.

Let

$$\sqrt{a_1}\beta_1(t)\sigma_2(t) + \sqrt{a_2}\beta_2(t)\sigma_1(t) \neq 0$$

for $0 \leq t \leq T$, and suppose that problems I (6–10) and II (6–9) are compatible in the class $B^{(m,\lambda)}$ ($m = 1$ or $n + 2$, $0 < \lambda \leq 1$), i.e., at the points $(x_j, 0)$ ($j = 1, 2, 3$) all the necessary compatibility conditions between f_i, χ_i, ψ_i, ξ , and ζ are fulfilled when $u_i(x, t)$ are considered in the class $B^{(m,\lambda)}(\bar{g}_i)$. Then, for prescribed smoothness of $S_j, f_i, \chi_i, \psi_i, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \sigma_i, \xi$, and ζ , the smoothness of the unique solution $u_i(x, t)$ of problems I and II in \bar{g}_i is shown in Table 5, where $0 < \bar{\lambda} < \lambda$ is arbitrary; moreover, the norm of u_i in the class $B^{(m,\bar{\lambda})}$

Table 5

f_i	χ_i	s_j	ξ and β_i	ζ and σ_i	ψ_i and α_i	u_i
$(0, 0, \gamma, 0)$ $\gamma < 1$	$(1, \lambda)$	$(1, 0)$	$(0, \lambda/2)$	$(0, \frac{1+\lambda}{2})$	$0, (1 + \lambda)/2,$ problem I(0, $\lambda/2$), problem II	$B^{(1,\bar{\lambda})}$
$B^{(n,\lambda)}$ $n \geq 0, 0 < \lambda \leq 1$	$(n+2, \lambda)$	n even	$(n/2 + 1; \lambda/2)$	$(n/2, (1 + \lambda)/2)$	$(n/2 + 1, \lambda/2)$	$(n/2 + 1, \lambda/2),$ problem I($n/2, (1 + \lambda)/2$), problem II
$B^{(n,\lambda)}$ $n \geq 0, 0 < \lambda \leq 1$	$(n+2, \lambda)$	n odd	$(n + 1/2, 1 + \lambda/2)$	$((n + 1)/2, \lambda/2)$	$((n + 1)/2, (1 + \lambda)/2)$	$((n + 1)/2, (1 + \lambda)/2),$ problem I($(n + 1)/2, \lambda/2$), problem II

$$(1 \leq m \leq n + 2)$$

is estimated in terms of the norms of f_j, χ_i, ψ_i, ξ , and ζ in the corresponding classes. The uniqueness and existence of a classical solution of problems I and II were considered in ^(9,10).

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