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**GREEN FUNCTIONS AND PERIODIC SOLUTION TO THE
m-PARABOLIC EQUATION WITH BOUNDARY-VALUE
CONDITIONS OF RIQUIER TYPE**

ABSTRACT: The subject of the paper is the construction of the periodic solutions to the *m*-caloric equation $P^m u(x, t) = 0$, $P = D_x^2 - D_t$, $P^2 = P(P)$, $P^m = P(P^{m-1})$ in the strip $D = \{(x, t) : x \in (0, 1), t \in (-\infty, \infty)\}$, satisfying the periodic boundary-value conditions $P^i u(0, t) = h_{i+1,1}(t)$, $P^i u(1, t) = h_{i+1,2}(t)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$, where $h_{i,1}(t)$, $h_{i,2}(t)$ are the periodic functions with the period $p > 0$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The subject of the paper is the construction of the periodic solutions for the *m*-parabolic equation

$$(1) \quad P^m u(x, t) = 0, \quad (x, t) \in D,$$

in the unbounded strip D , satisfying the following conditions

$$(2) \quad u(0, t) = h_{1,1}(t), \quad u(1, t) = h_{1,2}(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

$$(3) \quad Pu(0, t) = h_{2,1}(t), \quad Pu(1, t) = h_{2,2}(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

$$(4) \quad P^2 u(0, t) = h_{3,1}(t), \quad P^2 u(1, t) = h_{3,2}(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

...

$$(5) \quad P^{m-1} u(0, t) = h_{m,1}(t), \quad P^{m-1} u(1, t) = h_{m,2}(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

where $h_{i,1}(t)$, $h_{i,2}(t)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$ are continuous, bounded and periodic functions with the period p .

The function

$$(6) \quad u(x, t) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} C_i P^i w_{i+1}(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in D,$$

where $w_i = u_{i,1} + u_{i,2}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$ are the suitable Green potentials given by formulas (12), (12)₁–(15), (15)₁ C_i , $i = 0, \dots, m-1$ are arbitrary constants, is a periodic solution to the problem (1)–(6).

2. GREEN FUNCTIONS

To solve the last problem we shall apply the suitable Green functions

$$G(x, t, y, s), \quad G_i(x, t, y, s), \quad i = 1, \dots, m-1.$$

Let us consider the sequences

$$x_{i,0} = x, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad x_{1,2n} = x + 2n, \quad x_{2,2n} = x - 2n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$x_{1,2n+1} = -x - 2n, \quad x_{2,2n+1} = -x + 2n + 2, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

the functions

$$U(x, t, y, s) = U(x - y, t - s) = A(t - s)^{-1/2} \exp(B(t, s)(x - y)^2),$$

$$A = (2\sqrt{\pi})^{-1}, \quad B(t, s) = B(t - s) = (-4(t - s))^{-1}$$

and the function

$$(7) \quad G(x, t, y, s) = G(x - y, t - s) = U(x, t, y, s) + H(x, t, y, s),$$

with

$$(8) \quad H(x, t, y, s) = -K_1(x, t, y, s) - K_3(x, t, y, s) + K_2(x, t, y, s) + K_4(x, t, y, s),$$

with

$$(9) \quad K_1(x, t, y, s) = A(t - s)^{-1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \exp(B(t, s)(x - 2n - 2 - y)^2),$$

$$(10) \quad K_3(x, t, y, s) = A(t - s)^{-1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \exp(B(t, s)(-x + 2n - y)^2),$$

$$(11) \quad K_2(x, t, y, s) = A(t - s)^{-1/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \exp(B(t, s)(x + 2n - y)^2),$$

$$(11)_1 \quad K_4(x, t, y, s) = A(t - s)^{-1/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \exp(B(t, s)(x - 2n - y)^2).$$

$$(x, t, y, s) \in D_1 = \{(x, t, y, s), (x, y) \in J \times J, -\infty < s < t, x \neq y\}.$$

3. GREEN FUNCTION G TO THE EQUATION $Pu = 0$ AND DIRICHLET BOUNDARY-VALUE CONDITIONS

In the sequel by $C, C_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$ we shall denote the suitable positive constants. By [2] vol. I p. 476 the function

$$G = U - K_1 - K_3 + K_2 + K_4$$

is the Green function to the equation

$$PG(x, t, y, s) = 0, \quad (x, t, y, s) \in D_1,$$

to the domain D_1 , satisfying the Dirichlet boundary-value conditions

$$G(0, t, y, s) = G(1, t, y, s) = G(x, t, 0, s) = G(x, t, 1, s) = 0, \quad (x, t, y, s) \in D_1.$$

Next we shall calculate

$$D_y G(x, t, 0, s), \quad D_y G(x, t, 1, s).$$

By [4] we obtain the formulas

$$D_y G(x, t, 0, s) = Q_1(x, t, s) + Q_2(x, t, s) + Q_3(x, t, s),$$

with

$$Q_1(x, t, s) = A(t-s)^{-3/2} x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4(t-s)}\right),$$

$$(I) \quad Q_2(x, t, s) = -A(t-s)^{-3/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x-2n-2) \exp(B(t-s)(x-2n-2)^2),$$

$$Q_3(x, t, s) = -A(t-s)^{-3/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x+2n+2) \exp(B(t-s)(-x+2n+2)^2).$$

Similarly we obtain the formula

$$D_y G(x, t, 1, s) = R_1(x, t, s) + R_2(x, t, s) + R_3(x, t, s),$$

with

$$R_1(x, t, s) = -A(t-s)^{-3/2} (x-1) \exp\left(-\frac{(x-1)^2}{4(t-s)}\right),$$

$$(II) \quad R_2(x, t, s) = A(t-s)^{-3/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x+2n+1) \exp(B(t-s)(x+2n+1)^2),$$

$$R_3(x, t, s) = A(t-s)^{-3/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x-2n-1) \exp(B(t-s)(x-2n-1)^2),$$

4. GREEN POTENTIALS $J_1(x, t)$, $J_2(x, t)$

Next let us consider the Green potentials

$$J_1(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t (D_y G(x, t, 0, s)) h_{1,1}(s) ds = J_1^1(x, t) + J_1^2(x, t) + J_1^3(x, t),$$

with

$$J_1^1(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t Q_1(x, t, s) h_{1,1}(s) ds$$

$$J_1^i(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t Q_i(x, t, s) h_{1,1}(s) ds, \quad i=2,3.$$

$$J_2(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t (D_y G(x, t, 1, s)) h_{1,2}(s) ds = J_2^1(x, t) + J_2^2(x, t) + J_2^3(x, t),$$

with

$$J_2^1(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t (R_1(x, t, s)) h_{1,2}(s) ds,$$

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with

$$J_2^1(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t (R_1(x, t, s)) h_{1,2}(s) ds,$$

$$J_2^i(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t R_i(x, t, s) h_{1,2}(s) ds, \quad i=2,3.$$

Applying the foregoing formulas (I), (II) and the formulas for $J_1(x, t)$, $J_2(x, t)$ we shall give its properties used in the sequel.

LEMMA 1. *If the functions $h_{1,1}(t)$, $h_{1,2}(t)$ are continuous and bounded for*

$t \in (-\infty, \infty)$ then: (a) $PJ_i^j(x, t) = 0$, $i=1,2$, $j=1,2,3$

1⁰ $J_1^1(x, t) \rightarrow h_{1,1}(t)$ as $(x, t) \rightarrow (0, t)$, $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$,

2⁰ $J_1^2(x, t) + J_1^3(x, t) \rightarrow 0$ as $(a, t) \rightarrow (0, t)$, $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$,

3⁰ $J_1(x, t) \rightarrow 0$, as $(x, t) \rightarrow (0, t)$, $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$,

4⁰ $J_2^1(x, t) \rightarrow h_{1,2}(t)$ as $(x, t) \rightarrow (1, t)$, $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$,

5⁰ $J_2^2(x, t) + J_2^3(x, t) \rightarrow 0$ as $(x, t) \rightarrow (1, t)$, $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$,

6⁰ $J_2(x, t) \rightarrow 0$ as $(x, t) \rightarrow (0, t)$, $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$.

PROOF. By the properties of the potentials of the double layer, [3] vol. I. p. 482 and by formulas (I), (II) we obtain the assertions (a) – 6⁰ of the Lemma 1.

Next let us consider the functions G_1, \dots, G_{m-1} .

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(x, t, y, s) &= (t-s)G(x, t, y, s), \quad (x, t, y, s) \in D_1, \\ G_2(x, t, y, s) &= \frac{(t-s)^2}{2!}G(x, t, y, s), \quad (x, t, y, s) \in D_1, \\ G_i(x, t, y, s) &= \frac{(t-s)^i}{i!}G(x, t, y, s), \quad (x, t, y, s) \in D_1, \\ &\dots \\ G_{m-1}(x, t, y, s) &= \frac{(t-s)^{m-1}}{(m-1)!}G(x, t, y, s), \quad (x, t, y, s) \in D_1, \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2. The functions G_i , $i=1, \dots, m-1$ satisfy the equations $P^i G_{i-1} = 0$ $i=2, \dots, m$ respectively.

PROOF. For the function G_1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} P^2 G_1(x, t, y, s) &= P(P((t-s)G(x, t, y, s))) = P(D_x^2 - D_t)((t-s)G(x, t, y, s)) = \\ &= P((t-s)PG(x, t, y, s) - G(x, t, y, s)) = -PG(x, t, y, s) = 0, \\ &\hspace{20em} (x, t, y, s) \in D_1. \end{aligned}$$

For the function $G_2(x, t, y, s)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} P^3 G_2(x, t, y, s) &= P^2 \left(P \left(\frac{(t-s)^2}{2} G(x, t, y, s) \right) \right) = P^2 ((D_x^2 - D_t)G_2(x, t, y, s)) = \\ &= P^2 \left(\frac{(t-s)^2}{2} PG(x, t, y, s) - (t-s)G(x, t, y, s) \right) = -P^2 ((t-s)G(x, t, y, s)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let us assume the implication

$$(III) \quad P^{m-1} G_{m-2}(x, t, y, s) = 0, \quad (x, t, y, s) \in D_1,$$

then we have

$$(IV) \quad P^m G_{m-1}(x, t, y, s) = 0, \quad (x, t, y, s) \in D_1.$$

Indeed. We have

$$\begin{aligned} P^m G_{m-1}(x, t, y, s) &= P^{m-1}(PG_{m-1}(x, t, y, s)) = \\ &= P^{m-1}(P(t-s)G_{m-2}(x, t, y, s)) = \\ &= P^{m-1}(-G_{m-2}(x, t, y, s)) = -P^{m-1}G_{m-2}(x, t, y, s) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2 and by properties of the function G we obtain.

LEMMA 3. *The functions G_i , $i = 1, \dots, m-1$ satisfy the conditions*

$$1^0 \quad P^i G_1(0, t, y, s) = P^i G_1(1, t, y, s) = 0, \quad i = 0, 1,$$

$$2^0 \quad P^i G_2(0, t, y, s) = P^i G_2(1, t, y, s) = 0, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$3^0 \quad P^i G_{m-1}(0, t, y, s) = P^i G_{m-1}(1, t, y, s) = 0, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-2.$$

5. GREEN POTENTIALS

Let us consider the Green potentials

$$(12) \quad u_{1,1}(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t h_{1,1}(s) D_y G(x, t, 0, s) ds,$$

$$(12)_1 \quad u_{1,2}(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t h_{1,2}(s) D_y G(x, t, 1, s) ds,$$

$$(13) \quad u_{2,1}(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \int_0^1 G_1(x, t, y, s) \left(\int_{-\infty}^s h_{2,1}(s_1) D_y G(y, s, 0, s_1) ds_1 \right) dy ds$$

$$(13)_1 \quad u_{2,2}(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \int_0^1 G_1(x, t, y, s) \left(\int_{-\infty}^s h_{2,2}(s_1) D_y G(y, s, 1, s_1) ds_1 \right) dy ds,$$

$$(14) \quad u_{3,1}(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \int_0^1 (G_2(x, t, y, s) \left(\int_{-\infty}^s h_{3,1}(s_1) D_y G(y, s, 0, s_1) ds_1 \right) dy ds$$

$$(14)_1 \quad u_{3,2}(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \int_0^1 G_2(x, t, y, s) \left(\int_{-\infty}^s h_{3,2}(s_1) D_y G(y, s, 1, s_1) ds_1 \right) dy ds,$$

...

$$(15) \quad u_{m,1}(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \int_0^1 G_{m-1}(x, t, y, s) \left(\int_{-\infty}^s h_{m,1}(s_1) D_y G(y, s, 0, s_1) ds_1 \right) dy ds,$$

$$(15)_1 \quad u_{m,2}(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \int_0^1 G_{m-1}(x, t, y, s) \left(\int_{-\infty}^s h_{m,2}(s_1) D_y G(y, s, 1, s_1) ds_1 \right) dy ds.$$

6. PROPERTIES OF THE POTENTIALS $u_{i,1}, u_{i,2}, i = 1, \dots, m$

Let (K_p) denote the class of all functions $h(t)$ continuous, bounded and periodic with the period $p > 0$ for $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$ and let

$$w_i(x, t) = u_{i,1}(x, t) + u_{i,2}(x, t), \quad i = 1, \dots, m.$$

By Lemma 2 and by [3] we obtain

LEMMA 4. *If $h_{1,1}, h_{1,2} \in (K_p)$ then*

- 1⁰ $Ph_{1,1}(x, t) \rightarrow 0, \quad Ph_{1,2}(x, t) = 0, \quad (x, t) \in D,$
- 2⁰ $u_{1,1}(x, t) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } (x, t) \rightarrow (1, t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$
- 3⁰ $u_{1,1}(x, t) \rightarrow h_{1,1}(t), \quad \text{as } (x, t) \rightarrow (0, t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$
- 4⁰ $u_{1,2}(x, t) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } (x, t) \rightarrow (0, t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$
- 5⁰ $u_{1,2}(x, t) \rightarrow h_{1,2}(t), \quad \text{as } (x, t) \rightarrow (1, t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$
- 6⁰ $u_{1,i}, \quad i = 1, 2$ are periodic functions with the period p .

PROOF. By Lemma 2 and by [3] we obtain 1⁰ – 5⁰.

Ad. 6⁰ We shall give the proof only for $u_{1,1}$ because for $u_{1,2}$ the proof is similar. We have

$$u_{1,1}(x, t + p) = \int_{-\infty}^{t+p} h_{1,1}(s) D_y G(x - 0, t + p - s) ds.$$

Applying in the last integral the change of the integral variable

$$s = p + z, \quad ds = dz, \quad z \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} u_{1,1}(x, z + p) &= \int_{-\infty}^t h_{1,1}(p + z) D_y G(x - 0, t - z) dz = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^t h_{1,1}(z) D_y G(x - 0, t - z) dz = u_{1,1}(x, t). \end{aligned}$$

By the last Lemma we obtain

LEMMA 5. *The function $w_1(x, t)$ is a periodic function with the period p .*

Next let us consider the potentials $u_{2,1}(x,t)$, $u_{2,2}(x,t)$ and $w_2(x,t) = u_{2,1}(x,t) + u_{2,2}(x,t)$.

LEMMA 6. *If the functions $h_{2,1}, h_{2,2} \in (K_p)$ then*

$$1^0 \quad P^2 u_{2,1}(x,t) = 0, \quad i=1,2, \quad P^2 w_2(x,t) = 0, \quad (x,t) \in D,$$

$$2^0 \quad P w_2(x,t) = P u_{2,1}(x,t) + P u_{2,2}(x,t), \quad (x,t) \in D,$$

$$3^0 \quad P w_2(0,t) = h_{2,1}(t), \quad P w_2(1,t) = h_{2,2}(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

$$4^0 \quad P w_2(x,t) \text{ is a periodic function with a period } p.$$

PROOF. Since

$$P w_2(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^t h_{2,1}(s) D_y G(x,t,0,s) ds + \int_{-\infty}^t h_{2,2}(s) D_y G(x,t,1,s) ds$$

thus

$$P^2 w_2(x,t) = 0, \quad (x,t) \in D.$$

The proof of the conditions 3^0 , 4^0 is similar to those in Lemma 5.

LEMMA 7. *If functions $h_{m,1}, h_{m,2} \in (K_p)$ then the function w_3 satisfies the conditions*

$$1^0 \quad P^m w_m(x,t) = 0, \quad (x,t) \in D,$$

$$2^0 \quad P^{m-1} w_m(0,t) = h_{m,1}(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

$$3^0 \quad P^{m-1} w_m(1,t) = h_{m,2}(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

$$4^0 \quad P^{m-1} w_m(x,t) \text{ is a periodic function with a period } p.$$

PROOF. Since by formulas (15), (15)₁ we obtain

$$P^{m-1} w_m(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^t h_{m,1}(s) D_y G(x,t,0,s) ds + \int_{-\infty}^t h_{m,2}(s) D_y G(x,t,1,s) ds$$

thus by the last formula we obtain the assertion of the Lemma 7.

7. FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM

THEOREM 1. *If $h_{i,1}, h_{i,2} \in (K_p)$ then the functions w_i , $i=1, \dots, m$ satisfy the conditions*

$$1^0 \quad P^m \sum_{n=1}^m w_n(x, t) = 0, \quad (x, t) \in D,$$

$$2^0 \quad P^i w_i(x, t) = 0, \quad (x, t) \in D, \quad i = 1, \dots, m,$$

$$3^0 \quad P^i w_{i+1}(0, t) = h_{i+1,1}(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1,$$

$$4^0 \quad P^i w_{i+1}(1, t) = h_{i+1,2}(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1,$$

5⁰ the functions $P^i w_{i+1}(x, t)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$, are periodic with the period p ,

6⁰ the function $u(x, t) = \sum_{i=0}^3 C_i P^i w_{i+1}(x, t)$ is a periodic solution with the period p to the problem (1) – (6).

COLLORARY. If at last two functions $h_{i,1}$, $h_{i,2}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$ has the incommensurable periods $p_1 > 0$, $p_2 > 0$ then the function $u(x, t)$ is almost periodic function.

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