

## ON A CLASS OF NEUMANN PROBLEMS ON KLEIN SURFACES

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**Abstract.** We obtain an integral representation for the solution of the Poisson equation with Neumann boundary condition on a compact Klein surface.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Any compact Klein surface can be completed by the doubling process to a symmetric closed Riemann surface. We obtain harmonic functions on a Klein surface by adding together a pair of harmonic functions of the symmetric Riemann surface whose singularities lie at conjugate points. We construct an analogue of a Neumann function on a Klein surface and express the solution of the Neumann problem for the Poisson equation on a Klein surface in terms of this basic functional. We present an application to the Möbius strip.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

A compact Klein surface is a pair  $(X, A)$ , consisting of a compact surface  $X$  and a maximal dianalytic atlas  $A$  on  $X$ . Given a compact Klein surface  $X$ , its canonical (Riemann) double cover  $X_C$  admits a fixed point free symmetry  $k$ , such that  $X$  is dianalytically equivalent with  $X_C/\langle k \rangle$ , where  $\langle k \rangle$  is the group generated by  $k$  with respect to the usual composition of functions. Conversely, given a pair  $(X_C, k)$  consisting of a Riemann surface  $X_C$  and a symmetry  $k$ , the orbit space  $X_C/\langle k \rangle$  admits a unique structure of Klein surface, such that  $\pi: X_C \rightarrow X_C/\langle k \rangle$  is a morphism of Klein surfaces. The pair  $(X_C, k)$  is called a symmetric compact Riemann surface (see [4, 7]). Forwards, we identify  $X$  with the orbit space  $X_C/\langle k \rangle$ .

Let  $\text{Aut}(H)$  be the group of automorphisms of the upper half plane  $H$  and  $\text{Aut}^+(H)$  be the subgroup of orientation preserving elements in  $\text{Aut}(H)$ . A discrete subgroup  $\Gamma$  of  $\text{Aut}(H)$  is a NEC group if the quotient  $H/\Gamma$  is compact. A NEC group  $\Gamma$  is said to be a Fuchsian group if  $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Aut}^+(H)$ . Let  $\Gamma^+ = \Gamma \cap \text{Aut}^+(H)$  be the canonical Fuchsian subgroup of  $\Gamma$ .

The next theorem associates a surface NEC group with a compact Klein surface  $X$  (see [4]).

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a compact Klein surface of algebraic genus  $g \geq 2$ . Then there exists a surface NEC group  $\Gamma$  such that  $X$  and  $H/\Gamma$  are isomorphic as Klein surfaces. Moreover, the double cover  $X_C$  is isomorphic with  $H/\Gamma^+$ .*

A common realization of a compact Klein surface  $X$  is a region in the complex plane bounded by a finite number of analytic Jordan curves (see [7]).

A set  $G$  is called symmetric if  $k(G) = G$ . A function  $f$  defined on a symmetric set is called a symmetric function if  $f = f \circ k$ .

A symmetric metric on  $X_C$  is defined by  $d\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{2}(|dz| + |dw|)$ , where  $w = k(z)$ ,  $z \in X_C$ . Then two symmetric curves have the same length with respect to the metric  $d\sigma$  (see [6]). The induced metric  $d\Sigma$  on  $X$  is defined by

$$d\Sigma(\tilde{z}) = d\sigma(z) = d\sigma(k(z)), \quad z \in X_C, \quad \tilde{z} = \pi(z).$$

Let  $\gamma$  be a  $\sigma$ -rectifiable Jordan curve, parameterized in terms of the arc  $\sigma$ -length. Therefore,  $\gamma: z = z(s) = x(s) + iy(s)$ ,  $s \in [0, l]$ , where  $l$  is the  $\sigma$ -length of  $\gamma$ . We consider the corresponding unit normal vector  $n_\sigma = \left( \frac{dy}{d\sigma}, -\frac{dx}{d\sigma} \right)$ .

The Klein surfaces  $X$  and  $X_C/\langle k \rangle$  are dianalytically equivalent, therefore we can identify  $\{z, k(z)\}$  with  $\tilde{z} = \pi(z)$ . Thus Klein surfaces have a lot of applications in quantum physics, chemistry and biology which correspond to similar applications for symmetric Riemann surfaces (see [2, 3, 8]).

### 3. THE NEUMANN PROBLEM ON SYMMETRIC REGIONS

Let  $\Omega$  be a region of  $X$  bounded by a finite number of  $\sigma$ -rectifiable Jordan curves. Given  $F$  a continuous real-valued function on  $\Omega$  and  $G$  a continuous real-valued function on  $\partial\Omega$ , we consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta U = F \text{ on } \Omega \\ \frac{\partial U}{\partial n_\Sigma} = G \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

We define  $D = \pi^{-1}(\Omega)$ ,  $f = F \circ \pi$  on  $D$  and  $g = G \circ \pi$  on  $\partial D$ . Since  $k$  is an antianalytic involution, without fixed points and  $\pi \circ k = \pi$ , we obtain that  $D$  is a symmetric region bounded by a finite number of  $\sigma$ -rectifiable Jordan curves on  $X_C$ ,  $f$  is a symmetric continuous real-valued function on  $D$  and  $g$  is a symmetric continuous real-valued function on the boundary  $\partial D$ .

Because the Klein surface  $X$  is dianalytically equivalent with  $X_C/\langle k \rangle$ , the problem (1) is equivalent with the problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = f \text{ on } D \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma} = g \text{ on } \partial D \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $D$  is a symmetric region.

In this paper we only consider solutions which are in the class  $C^2(D) \cap C^1(\partial D)$ .

Given  $u$  and  $v$  two functions, parameterized by  $x(s)$  and  $y(s)$ , where  $s$  is the arc  $\sigma$ -length, then the Green's second identity in terms of  $d\sigma$  becomes

$$\iint_D (u\Delta v - v\Delta u) dx dy = \int_{\partial D} \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n_\sigma} - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma} \right) d\sigma.$$

*Remark 3.1.* By the Green's formula for the integral of the Laplacian in terms of  $d\sigma$ , a necessary condition for the existence of a solution to the problem (2) is

$$\int_{\partial D} g d\sigma = \iint_D f dx dy.$$

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** *If the problem (2) admits a solution, then it is unique up to an additive constant.*

*Proof.* Given  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  solutions of the problem (2), if  $u = u_1 - u_2$ , then  $u$  is harmonic on  $D$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma} = 0$  on  $\partial D$ . Applying Green's first identity, we get  $\iint_D (u_x^2 + u_y^2) dx dy = 0$ , thus  $u$  is constant on  $D$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.3.** *The solution of the problem (2) is a symmetric function on  $D$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $u$  be a solution of the problem (2). We define  $\tilde{u}: \bar{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , by  $\tilde{u} = \frac{1}{2}(u + u \circ k)$ . By hypothesis,  $f = f \circ k$  on  $D$ , thus  $\Delta \tilde{u} = \frac{1}{2}(f + f \circ k) = f$  on  $D$ . Also, since  $g = g \circ k$  on  $\partial D$ , then  $\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial n_\sigma} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma} = g$  on  $\partial D$ . Thus  $\tilde{u}$  is also a solution of the problem (2). By Proposition 3.2, there is a constant  $c$  such that  $\tilde{u} = u + c$  on  $D$ . Thus  $u \circ k = u + 2c$  on  $D$  and using the symmetry of the region  $D$ , we obtain  $u = u \circ k + 2c$  on  $D$ . Hence  $c = 0$ , that is  $u \circ k = u$  on  $D$ .

#### 4. THE SYMMETRIC NEUMANN FUNCTION

The next theorem is an analogue of the Cauchy's integral formula for harmonic functions in terms of the metric  $d\sigma$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *Let  $D$  be a symmetric region bounded by a finite number of  $\sigma$ -rectifiable Jordan curves and let  $u$  be a harmonic function in  $D$  and continuous on its boundary  $\partial D$ . Then*

$$u(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial D} \left( v \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma} - u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n_\sigma} \right) d\sigma, \quad (3)$$

where  $\zeta$  is a fixed point inside  $D$ ,  $z \in \bar{D}$  and  $v(z; \zeta) = -\ln|z - \zeta|$ .

*Proof.* Let  $C_r$  be a positively oriented circle of radius  $r$ , centered at  $\zeta$  and let  $D_r = D - \Delta_r$ , where  $\Delta_r$  is the closed disk bounded by  $C_r$ . Applying Green's second identity over  $D_r$ , for the harmonic functions  $u$  and  $v = v(z; \zeta)$ , we obtain

$$\int_{\partial D} \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n_\sigma} - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma} \right) d\sigma = \int_{C_r} \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n_\sigma} - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma} \right) d\sigma.$$

Then, by the compatibility property,  $\int_{C_r} v \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma} d\sigma = -\ln r \int_{C_r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma} d\sigma = 0$  and, by the mean value property for

harmonic functions, we get  $\int_{C_r} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n_\sigma} d\sigma = -2\pi u(\zeta)$ , see [5].

Let  $\zeta$  be a point inside  $D$ . A Neumann function  $N_D(z; \zeta)$  for the region  $D$ , with singularity at  $\zeta$ , in terms of the metric  $d\sigma$ , is the function

$$N_D(z; \zeta) = v(z; \zeta) - h(z; \zeta), \quad z \in D, \quad z \neq \zeta,$$

where  $h(z; \zeta)$  is a solution of the following Neumann problem in terms of the metric  $d\sigma$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta h(z; \zeta) = 0, & z \in D \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \zeta) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \zeta) + \frac{2\pi}{l}, & z \in \partial D \end{cases},$$

where  $l = \int_{\partial D} d\sigma$  is the  $\sigma$ -length of  $\partial D$ , (see [5]).

**Remark 4.2.** The boundary value of the normal derivative of the Neumann function is a constant equal to  $-\frac{2\pi}{l}$ , where  $l$  is the  $\sigma$ -length of  $\partial D$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.3.** *Let  $D$  be a symmetric region bounded by a finite number of  $\sigma$ -rectifiable Jordan curves. If  $u$  is harmonic in  $D$ , then, up to an additive constant,*

$$u(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial D} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma}(z) N_D(z; \zeta) d\sigma, \quad \zeta \in D. \quad (4)$$

*Proof.* Let  $C_r$  be a positively oriented circle of radius  $r$ , centered at  $\zeta$  and let  $D_r = D - \Delta_r$ , where  $\Delta_r$  is the closed disk bounded by  $C_r$ . Using Green's second identity, we get

$$\int_{\partial D} \left( u(z) \frac{\partial h}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \zeta) - h(z; \zeta) \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma}(z) \right) d\sigma = 0, \quad (5)$$

where  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial n_\sigma} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial n_\sigma} + \frac{2\pi}{l}$  on  $\partial D$ . Dividing (5) by  $2\pi$  and adding it to formula (3) it results

$$u(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial D} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\sigma}(z) N_D(z; \zeta) d\sigma + \frac{1}{l} \int_{\partial D} u(z) d\sigma.$$

Thus  $u$  is determined uniquely up to the additive constant  $\frac{1}{l} \int_{\partial D} u(z) d\sigma$ .

Let  $\zeta$  be a point inside  $D$ . Let  $N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  be the function defined by

$$N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) = \frac{1}{2} [N_D(z; \zeta) + N_D(z; k(\zeta))], \quad z \in D \setminus \{\zeta, k(\zeta)\},$$

where  $N_D(z; k(\zeta))$  is a Neumann function for the region  $D$ , with singularity at  $k(\zeta)$  and  $\tilde{\zeta} = \{\zeta, k(\zeta)\}$ .

From the definition of a Neumann function, it follows that

$$N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) = \frac{1}{2} [v(z; \zeta) + v(z; k(\zeta))] - h_s(z; \tilde{\zeta}), \quad z \neq \zeta, \quad z \neq k(\zeta), \quad (6)$$

where  $h_s$  is a harmonic function on  $D$  and it satisfies

$$\frac{\partial h_s}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \zeta) + \frac{\partial v}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; k(\zeta)) \right] + \frac{2\pi}{l}, \quad \text{for } z \in \partial D.$$

Therefore,  $N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  is a harmonic function of  $z$  in  $D \setminus \{\zeta, k(\zeta)\}$ , with singularities at  $\zeta$  and  $k(\zeta)$

and  $\frac{\partial N_D^{(k)}}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) = -\frac{2\pi}{l}$ , for all  $z$  on the boundary  $\partial D$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.4.** *If  $D$  is a symmetric region, then the function  $N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  is symmetric with respect to  $z$  on  $D$  i.e. for every  $z \in D$ ,*

$$N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) = N_D^{(k)}(k(z); \tilde{\zeta}).$$

*Proof.* Let  $h^*(\cdot; \zeta)$  be a harmonic function in  $D$ , such that

$$\frac{\partial h^*}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \zeta) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial n_\sigma} \ln|z - \zeta| + \frac{\partial}{\partial n_\sigma} \ln|k(z) - \zeta| \right) + \frac{2\pi}{l}, \quad z \in \partial D.$$

Therefore  $\frac{\partial h^*}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \zeta) = \frac{\partial h^*}{\partial n_\sigma}(k(z); \zeta)$ , for every  $z \in \partial D$ . By Proposition 3.3,  $h^*(\cdot; \zeta)$  is a symmetric function. Hence the function

$$M_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) = \frac{1}{2} [\upsilon(z; \zeta) + \upsilon(k(z); \zeta)] - h^*(z; \zeta)$$

is a symmetric function, harmonic in  $D \setminus \{\zeta, k(\zeta)\}$  and  $\frac{\partial M_D^{(k)}}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) = -\frac{2\pi}{l}$ . So,  $N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  and  $M_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  are solutions of the same Neumann problem, then by Proposition 3.2, there is a constant  $c$  such that  $N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) = M_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) + c$ . Since  $M_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  is a symmetric function, we obtain that  $N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  is also a symmetric function.

The function  $N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  is called a symmetric Neumann function for the region  $D$ , with singularity at  $\tilde{\zeta}$ , where  $\tilde{\zeta} = \{\zeta, k(\zeta)\}$ .

## 5. THE NEUMANN PROBLEM ON THE DOUBLE COVER

First, we express the solution of the Neumann problem for harmonic functions in terms of  $d\sigma$  as a line integral involving the boundary function and a symmetric Neumann function.

**THEOREM 5.1.** *Let  $D$  be a symmetric region bounded by a finite number of  $\sigma$ -rectifiable Jordan curves and  $g$  be a symmetric, continuous function on  $\partial D$ . If  $u$  is harmonic in  $D$  and  $g$  is its normal derivative on  $\partial D$ , then up to an additive constant,*

$$u(\zeta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\partial D} g(z) [N_D(z; \zeta) + N_D(z; k(\zeta))] d\sigma, \quad \zeta \in D. \quad (7)$$

*Proof.* Since  $k$  is an involution of  $D$ , the function  $\frac{u(\zeta) + u(k(\zeta))}{2}$  is a symmetric function on  $D$ . By Proposition 4.3, we have

$$u(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial D} g(z) N_D(z; \zeta) d\sigma + \frac{1}{l} \int_{\partial D} u(z) d\sigma$$

and

$$u(k(\zeta)) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial D} g(z) N_D(z; k(\zeta)) d\sigma + \frac{1}{l} \int_{\partial D} u(z) d\sigma.$$

The symmetry of  $g$  implies

$$\frac{u(\zeta) + u(k(\zeta))}{2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial D} g(z) \frac{N_D(z; \zeta) + N_D(z; k(\zeta))}{2} d\sigma + \frac{1}{l} \int_{\partial D} u(z) d\sigma.$$

By Proposition 3.3,  $u$  is a symmetric function on  $D$ , then the left side of the last equality is  $u(\zeta)$  and we obtain  $u(\zeta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\partial D} g(z) [N_D(z; \zeta) + N_D(z; k(\zeta))] d\sigma + \frac{1}{l} \int_{\partial D} u(z) d\sigma$ .

Next we find the solution of the Poisson equation with zero boundary values of the normal derivative in terms of  $d\sigma$ .

**THEOREM 5.2.** *Let  $D$  be a symmetric region bounded by a finite number of  $\sigma$ -rectifiable Jordan curves. Let  $f$  be a symmetric, continuous function on  $D$ . There is a unique symmetric function  $u \in C^2(D) \cap C^1(\partial D)$ , with zero boundary value of the normal derivative, such that  $\Delta u = f$  on  $D$ . Moreover, for all  $\zeta \in D$  we have,*

$$u(\zeta) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_D f(z) [N_D(z; \zeta) + N_D(z; k(\zeta))] dx dy, \quad z = x + iy. \quad (8)$$

*Proof.* By hypothesis,  $u(\zeta) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \iint_D \Delta u(z) N_D(z; \zeta) dx dy$ ,  $\zeta \in D$  (see [5]). The rest of the proof

follows by arguments similar to those in the proof of Theorem 5.1.

We conclude with the formula for the solution of the problem (2) on a symmetric region.

**THEOREM 5.3.** *Let  $D$  be a symmetric region bounded by a finite number of  $\sigma$ -rectifiable Jordan curves, let  $f$  be a symmetric, continuous function on  $D$  and let  $g$  be a symmetric, continuous function on  $\partial D$ . If  $u$  is a solution of the problem (2), then up to an additive constant*

$$u(\zeta) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \iint_D f(z) N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) dx dy + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial D} g(z) N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) d\sigma, \quad \zeta \in D. \quad (9)$$

*Proof.* By definition,  $N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  is a symmetric Neumann function for the region  $D$ , with the singularities at  $\zeta$  and  $k(\zeta)$ . We combine the solution (7) of the Neumann problem for harmonic functions, with the solution (8) of the Poisson equation with zero boundary data.

## 6. THE NEUMANN PROBLEM ON THE ORBIT SPACE

Let  $\Omega$  be a region bounded by a finite number of  $\sigma$ -rectifiable Jordan curves. The Klein surface  $X$  is the factor manifold of the symmetric Riemann surface  $X_C$  with respect to the group  $\langle k \rangle$ . Then,  $\Omega$  is obtained from a symmetric region  $D$  by identifying the symmetric points.

Let  $\tilde{\zeta}$  be a point inside  $\Omega$ . A Neumann function  $N_\Omega(\tilde{z}; \tilde{\zeta})$  for the region  $\Omega$ , with singularity at  $\tilde{\zeta}$  is defined by

$$N_\Omega(\tilde{z}; \tilde{\zeta}) = N_D^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) = N_D^{(k)}(k(z); \tilde{\zeta}), \quad \tilde{z} = \pi(z) \in \Omega. \quad (10)$$

*Remark 6.1.* By Proposition 4.4, it results that  $N_\Omega(\tilde{z}; \tilde{\zeta})$  is well defined on  $X$ .

Thus  $N_\Omega(\tilde{z}; \tilde{\zeta})$  is a harmonic function on  $\Omega \setminus \{\tilde{\zeta}\}$ , which has a constant normal derivative  $\frac{\partial N_\Omega}{\partial n_\Sigma}$  on the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  and has a logarithmic pole at the point  $\tilde{\zeta}$ .

Next we derive the solution of the problem (1) on the region  $\Omega$ .

**THEOREM 6.2.** *Let  $F$  be the continuous real-valued function on  $\Omega$ , defined by the relation  $f = F \circ \pi$  and let  $G$  be the continuous real-valued function on  $\partial\Omega$ , defined by the relation  $g = G \circ \pi$ . Then, up to an additive constant, the solution of the problem (1) is the function  $U$  defined by the relation  $u = U \circ \pi$ , where  $\pi$  is the canonical projection of  $X_C$  on  $X$  and  $u$  is the solution (9) of the problem (2) on the symmetric region  $D$ .*

*Proof.* The symmetry of the function  $f$  on  $D$ , yields

$$\Delta U(\tilde{\zeta}) = \Delta u(\zeta) = f(\zeta) = f(k(\zeta)) = F(\tilde{\zeta}),$$

for all  $\tilde{\zeta} \in \Omega$ , where  $\tilde{\zeta} = \pi(\zeta)$ . Also, the symmetry of the function  $g$  on  $\partial D$ , yields

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial n_\Sigma}(\tilde{\zeta}) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\Sigma}(\zeta) = g(\zeta) = g(k(\zeta)) = G(\tilde{\zeta}),$$

for all  $\tilde{\zeta} \in \partial\Omega$ . Then, up to an additive constant, the function  $U$  defined on  $\Omega$  by

$$U(\tilde{\zeta}) = u(\zeta) = u(k(\zeta)),$$

for all  $\tilde{\zeta}$  in  $\Omega$ , is the solution of the problem (1).

## 7. NEUMANN FUNCTION FOR THE MÖBIUS STRIP

For the Möbius strip  $\overline{M}_R$ , the orientable double cover is the annulus

$$\overline{A}_R = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \frac{1}{R} \leq |z| \leq R \right\},$$

where the points  $z$  and  $k(z) = -\frac{1}{z}$  are identified (see [7]). The corresponding symmetric metric

$d\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{|z|^2} \right] |dz|$  defines a structure of Riemann surface on  $\overline{A}_R$ , with respect to which the mapping  $k$  is

an antianalytic involution, without fixed points. The orbit space  $\overline{A}_R / \langle k \rangle$  carries a unique dianalytic structure on  $\overline{M}_R$  which makes the canonical projection  $\pi: \overline{A}_R \rightarrow \overline{M}_R$  dianalytic.

By Theorem 6.2, to solve the Neumann problem on the Möbius strip we need to determine a symmetric Neumann function for  $A_R$ .

**THEOREM 7.1.** *A symmetric Neumann function for  $A_R$  is*

$$N_{A_R}^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) = C + \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^n + (-\rho)^{-n}}{R^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{r^n + (-r)^{-n}}{R^{n-1} + (-R)^{-n-1}} \cos n(\theta - \alpha) - \quad (11)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}\ln|\rho e^{i\theta} - re^{i\alpha}| - \frac{1}{2}\ln\left|\frac{1}{\rho}e^{i(\theta+\pi)} - re^{i\alpha}\right|,$$

where  $\tilde{\zeta} = \left\{\zeta, -\frac{1}{\bar{\zeta}}\right\}$ ,  $\zeta = re^{i\alpha}$ ,  $\frac{1}{R} < r < R$ ,  $z = \rho e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\frac{1}{R} < \rho < R$  and  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

*Proof.* A symmetric Neumann function  $N_{A_R}^{(k)}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  for  $A_R$  with singularities at  $\zeta$  and  $k(\zeta)$  is given by (6), where  $D = A_R$ . Since

$$\int_{\partial A_R} \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \tilde{\zeta}) d\sigma = \int_{\partial A_R} \frac{\partial v}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \zeta) d\sigma + \frac{2\pi}{l} \int_{\partial A_R} d\sigma = 0,$$

the compatibility condition is satisfied.

By Proposition 3.3, it follows that  $h_s$  is a symmetric function on  $A_R$ . Since the function  $h_s$  is also harmonic on  $A_R$ , for  $z = \rho e^{i\theta} \in A_R$ , we have

$$h_s(\rho e^{i\theta}; \tilde{\zeta}) = \alpha_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \rho^n + (-\rho)^{-n} \right] (\alpha_n \cos n\theta + \beta_n \sin n\theta), \quad (12)$$

where the coefficients

$$\alpha_n = -\frac{1}{2n} \cdot \frac{r^n + (-r)^n}{R^{n+1} [R^{n-1} + (-R)^{-n-1}]} \cos n\alpha, \quad n \geq 1$$

and

$$\beta_n = -\frac{1}{2n} \cdot \frac{r^n + (-r)^n}{R^{n+1} [R^{n-1} + (-R)^{-n-1}]} \sin n\alpha, \quad n \geq 1$$

are determined from the Fourier expansion of  $\Phi(z) = \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial n_\sigma}(z; \tilde{\zeta})$  on  $|z| = R$ . Then plugging (12) in (6) we achieve (11), where  $C = -\alpha_0$ .

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