

79. A Remark on the Hadamard Variational Formula. II

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§ 1. Introduction. Let $f(x)$ be a real-valued C^∞ -function of x in \mathbb{R}^n . Let $\Omega_t = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(x) < t\}$ for any real t . Then its boundary is $\gamma_t = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(x) = t\}$. We assume the following assumptions for f :

(A.1) Ω_2 is a bounded domain diffeomorphic to the unit disc.

(A.2) All values $t \in [-2, 0) \cup (0, 2]$ are regular values of f .

(A.3) Ω_2 contains only one critical point x^0 of f , where $f(x^0) = 0$ and f has the non-degenerate Hessian of the index $n-1$.

For any $t \in [-1, 0) \cup (0, 1]$, we consider the following boundary value problem for u :

$$(1.1) \quad (\lambda - \Delta)u(x) = w(x), \quad \text{for } x \in \Omega_t,$$

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} u(x) = 0, \quad \text{for } x \in \gamma_t,$$

where ν is the outer unit normal to γ_t and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. If $\lambda > 0$, u is uniquely determined by w and we put $u(x) = N_t(\lambda)w(x)$. Let $N_t(\lambda, x, y)$ be the integral kernel function of the mapping: $w \mapsto N_t(\lambda)w$, i.e.,

$$(1.3) \quad N_t(\lambda)w(x) = \int_{\Omega_t} N_t(\lambda, x, y)w(y)dy.$$

It is well known from the Hadamard variational formula that the function $N_t(\lambda, x, y)$ is continuously differentiable with respect to t if $t \neq 0$ and $x, y \in \Omega_{-1}$. The Hadamard variational formula implies that

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{d}{dt} N_t(\lambda, x, y) \\ = \int_{\gamma_t} N_t(\lambda, z, y) N_t(\lambda, z, x) \frac{1}{|\text{grad } f(z)|} d\sigma(z) \\ + \int_{\gamma_t} \langle \nabla'_z N_t(\lambda, z, y), \nabla'_z N_t(\lambda, z, x) \rangle \frac{1}{|\text{grad } f(z)|} d\sigma(z)$$

where $d\sigma$ is the volume element of γ_t , $\nabla'_z N_t(\lambda, z, y)$ denotes the component tangent to γ_t of the gradient vector of $N_t(\lambda, z, y)$ with respect to z and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the inner product in the tangent vector space to γ_t . See, for instance, Hadamard [6], Aomoto [1], Peetre [8] and Fujiwara-Ozawa [3].

For any small $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$(1.5) \quad N_1(\lambda, x, y) - N_\varepsilon(\lambda, x, y) = \int_\varepsilon^1 \frac{d}{d\tau} N_\tau(\lambda, x, y) d\tau$$