

## Control of singularities for the Laplace equation

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we prove that by acting on an arbitrarily small part of the domain or on a small part of the boundary, we obtain a regular solution of the Laplace equation. For this purpose a density result and a bi-orthogonality property of the Laplacian are used.

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### 1. Introduction and statement

We consider a bounded polygonal domain  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with cracks whose boundary  $\Gamma$  is a union of the edges  $\Gamma_j$  for  $0 \leq j \leq n$ . We assume that  $\Gamma = \bar{\Gamma}_D \cup \bar{\Gamma}_N$  where  $\Gamma_D$  and  $\Gamma_N$  are two open connected parts of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\Gamma_N \neq \emptyset$ . We denote by  $S_j$  the vertex between  $\Gamma_{j-1}$  and  $\Gamma_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $S_0$  the vertex between  $\Gamma_n$  and  $\Gamma_0$ . We denote by  $\omega_j$  (resp.  $\omega_0$ ) the measure of the internal angle between  $\Gamma_j$  and  $\Gamma_{j-1}$  (resp.  $\Gamma_n$  and  $\Gamma_0$ ) at the point  $S_j$  (resp.  $S_0$ ).

On this domain  $\Omega$ , we consider the following problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta y = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ y = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_N \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ .

In this case, the problem (1.1) has a unique variational solution in  $H^1(\Omega)$ . In fact this is a poor regularity of  $y$ .

According to [2], usually,  $y$  has not the optimal regularity  $H^2(\Omega)$ . It is well known, that the solution of the Laplace equation in a plane non convex polygonal domain contains in general a singular part even for a very smooth data. In many cases these singularities produced undesirable phenomena. To avoid these phenomena, we consider the following problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta y = f + u & \text{in } \Omega \\ y = v & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = w & \text{in } \Gamma_N \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $w$  are smooth functions whose support do not meet any cracks and acting on an arbitrarily small part of the domain or on a small part of the boundary. For suitable choice of these functions, we establish that the solution of the problem (1.2) has the regularity  $H^2(\Omega)$  if  $v = w = 0$  (internal control). We also prove that the solution  $y$  of the problem (1.2) is in  $H^2(\Omega)$  in case  $u = 0, v = 0$  (boundary control on Neumann condition) and  $u = 0, w = 0$  (boundary control on Dirichlet condition). The

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proof uses a density result, bi-orthogonality property of the dual singular solutions and the Theorem of Holmgren and Cauchy-Kowalevska.

Such a problem has already been studied in the literature for the Laplacian operator but with Dirichlet condition [5]. Extensions concerning the Neumann condition and mixed Dirichlet-Neumann boundary conditions. Similar problem was studied by the authors for the heat equation [1] restricted to a finite bandwich.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we propose the calculation of the singularities coefficients. In the section 3, we state bi-orthogonality properties of harmonic functions. Finally, in section 4 we show that by acting on an arbitrarily small part of the domain or on a small part of the boundary, we obtain a regular solution of the Laplace equation with Neumann and Dirichlet-Neumann conditions.

## 2. Calculation of the singularities coefficients

For the sake of simplicity, we consider without loss of generality, a particular case where, we suppose that  $\Omega$  has one crack or a nonconvex angle at  $S$  and  $S$  is the origin in the local polar coordinates. The local polar coordinates at  $S$  are denoted by  $(r, \theta)$  and  $\omega$  is the measure of the angle at  $S$ , (see Figure 1). Consider now  $\wedge$  the unbounded operator defined on  $L^2(]0, \omega[)$  as follows:  $\wedge\phi = -\phi''$ .

$$\text{with } \phi \in D(\wedge) = \left\{ \phi \in L^2(]0, \omega[); \wedge\phi \in L^2(]0, \omega[) \right\}.$$

$\wedge$  is nonnegative, self-adjoint and has a discrete spectrum. We denote by  $\phi_m, m \geq 1$ , the normalized eigenfunctions and by  $\lambda_m^2, m \geq 1$ , the corresponding eigenvalues. We thus have  $-\phi_m'' = -\lambda_m^2\phi_m$ , where  $\phi_m \in D(\wedge)$  for every  $m$ .

Given  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ , the unique variational solution  $y \in H^1(\Omega)$  of the following Laplace equation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Delta y = f & \text{on } \Omega, \\ \gamma y = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_D, \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_N \end{array} \right. \quad (2.1)$$

admits according to [2], the following decomposition

$$y = y_r + \sum_{0 < \lambda_m < 1} \eta c_m r^{\lambda_m} \phi_m(\theta) \quad (2.2)$$

where  $y_r \in H^2(\Omega)$  is the regular part of  $y$ ,  $c_m$  some real constants called singularities coefficients depending on the geometry of the domain,  $S_m = r^{\lambda_m} \phi_m(\theta)$  are the singular solutions and  $\eta$  the cut off function such that  $\eta = 1$  near  $S$  and 0 otherwise.

The dual singular solutions of the problem (2.1),  $\omega_m^* = r^{-\lambda_m} \phi_m(\theta) + \psi_m$  where  $\psi_m \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  verifies the following problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Delta \omega_m^* = 0 & \text{on } \Omega, \\ \gamma \omega_m^* = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_D, \\ \frac{\partial \omega_m^*}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_N \end{array} \right. \quad (2.3)$$

The set of the dual singular solutions of problem (2.3) associated to a vertex  $S$  contains only one element in the following cases: if  $\omega_j$  is greater than  $\pi$  in the case of Neumann

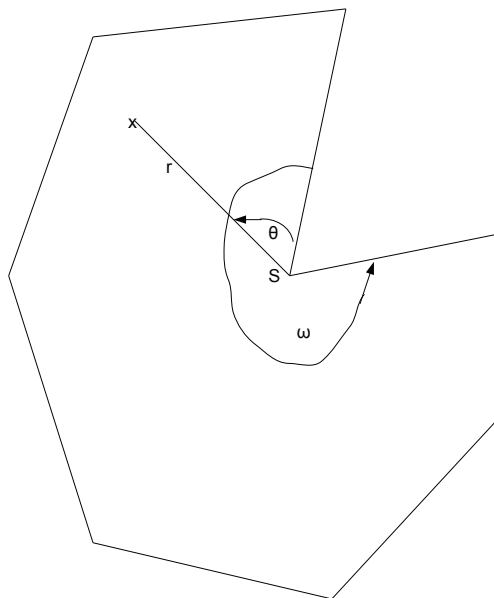


FIGURE 1. Polygonal domain.

condition or in Dirichlet condition or if  $\omega$  is greater than  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and less than  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$  in the case of mixed boundary conditions. In the case of mixed boundary conditions if the angle denoted  $\omega$  at  $S$  is greater than  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ , we have two dual singular solutions. Using the dual singular solutions, the coefficient of the singularity  $c_1$  at the vertex  $S$ , associated to the solution  $y$  of the problem is given by

$$c_1 = \int_{\Omega} f \omega_1^* dx. \quad (2.4)$$

In the case of mixed boundary conditions, if the angle  $w$  associated to  $S$  is greater than  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$  then the dual singular solutions set contains two elements. In this case the calculation of the coefficients  $c_2$ , is quite different from  $c_1$ . For this purpose, we suppose that  $u^{(1)} = u - S_1$  and  $f^{(1)} = \Delta u^{(1)}$ . Using the same technique we calculate

$$c_2 = \int_{\Omega} f^{(1)} \omega_2^* dx.$$

### 3. Bi-orthogonality property of harmonic functions

We prove here the bi-orthogonality property of harmonic functions with Neumann condition and mixed Dirichlet-Neumann boundary conditions. We recall the following fundamental result which is proved in [5].

**Theorem 3.1.** (Density property) *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $D$  a dense subspace of  $H$  and  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$  a linearly independent subset of  $H$ . Then, there exist  $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m\}$  a subset of  $D$  such that  $\forall i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $(e_i, d_j)_H = \delta_{ij}$ .*

Now, we can prove the bi-orthogonality property of harmonic functions.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty domain of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $\varpi$  a nonempty open subset of  $\Omega$ . If  $(\omega_i^*)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  are linearly independent harmonic functions of  $L^2(\Omega)$  verifying  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \int_{\Omega} \omega_i^* dx = 0$ , then, there exist  $C^\infty$  functions  $(g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  with compact supports in  $\varpi$  verifying the following two conditions*

- (1)  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \int_{\Omega} g_i dx = 0$ ,
- (2)  $\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\} \int_{\Omega} \omega_i^* g_j dx = \delta_{ij}$ .

*Proof.* We let  $H = L^2(\varpi)$ ,  $\omega_{m+1}^* = 1$  in  $\Omega$ , and prove that  $(\omega_i^*)_{1 \leq i \leq m+1}$  are linearly independent. Suppose that there exist real numbers  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{m+1}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \alpha_i \omega_i^* = 0$ .

We have  $\int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \alpha_i \omega_i^* dx = 0$ , then  $\alpha_{m+1} = 0$  and  $\int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \omega_i^* dx = 0$ . Since  $(\omega_i^*)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  are linearly independent, we deduce that

$$\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_{m+1} = 0.$$

Prove now that  $(\omega_i^*|_{\varpi})_{1 \leq i \leq m+1}$  are linearly independent. Suppose that there exist real numbers  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{m+1}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \alpha_i \omega_i^*|_{\varpi} = 0$ .

Since  $\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \alpha_i (\omega_i^*|_{\varpi})$  is harmonic, we have  $\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \alpha_i \omega_i^* = 0$  in  $\Omega$  and then

$$\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_{m+1} = 0.$$

$\mathcal{D}(\varpi)$  is dense in  $L^2(\varpi)$ , then by Theorem 3.1 there exist  $C^\infty$  functions  $(g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m+1}$  with compact supports on  $\varpi$  such that

$$\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, m+1\}, \text{ we have : } \int_{\Omega} \omega_i^* g_j dx = \delta_{ij}.$$

We conclude that

$$\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \text{ we have : } \int_{\Omega} \omega_i^* g_j dx = \delta_{ij}.$$

with the conditions  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \int_{\Omega} g_i dx = 0$ . □

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty domain of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\Gamma_c$  be a nonempty open subset of  $\Gamma$ . If  $(\omega_i^*)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  are linearly independent harmonic functions of  $L^2(\Omega)$  verifying  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \int_{\Omega} \omega_i^* dx = 0$  such that:*

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \frac{\partial \omega_i^*}{\partial \nu} |_{\Gamma_c} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_c \text{ and } \omega_i^* |_{\Gamma_c} \in L^2(\Gamma_c), \tag{3.1}$$

*there exist  $C^\infty$  functions  $(h_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  with compact supports in  $\Gamma_c$  verifying the following two conditions*

- (1)  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \int_{\Gamma} h_i dx = 0$
- (2)  $\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\} \int_{\Gamma} \omega_i^* h_j dx = \delta_{ij}$ .

*Proof.* Set  $H = L^2(\Gamma_c)$  and  $\omega_{m+1}^* = 1$  in  $\Omega$ . We have that  $(\omega_i^*)_{1 \leq i \leq m+1}$  are linearly independent. Prove that  $(\omega_i^* |_{\Gamma_c})_{1 \leq i \leq m+1}$  are linearly independent.

Suppose that there exist real numbers  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{m+1}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \beta_i \omega_i^* |_{\Gamma_c} = 0$  on  $\Gamma_c$ .

Set  $W = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \beta_i \omega_i^*$ .  $W$  is harmonic and verifying:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta W = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma W = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_c \\ \gamma \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \nu} \right) = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_c. \end{cases}$$

By Cauchy-Kowalevski's theorem, there exist a nonempty neighbourhood  $\mathcal{O}$  of  $\Gamma_c$  such that  $W = 0$  in  $\mathcal{O} \cap \Omega$ .

We conclude by using Holmgren's Theorem, that  $W = 0$  in  $\Omega$  and  $\beta_1 = \dots = \beta_{m+1} = 0$ .

As  $\mathcal{D}(\Gamma_c)$  is dense in  $L^2(\Gamma_c)$ , then by Theorem 3.1 there exist  $C^\infty$  functions  $(h_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  with compact supports in  $\Gamma_c$  such that

$$\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \text{ we have : } \int_{\Gamma} \omega_i^* h_j d\sigma = \delta_{ij}.$$

Moreover, we have  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \int_{\Gamma} h_i dx = 0$ . □

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty domain of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\Gamma_c$  a nonempty open subset of  $\Gamma$ . If  $(\omega_i^*)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  are linearly independent harmonic functions of  $L^2(\Omega)$  verifying*

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \omega_i^* |_{\Gamma_c} = 0 \text{ sur } \Gamma_c \text{ and } \frac{\partial \omega_i^*}{\partial \nu} |_{\Gamma_c} \in L^2(\Gamma_c), \tag{3.2}$$

*there exist  $C^\infty$  functions  $(h_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  with compact supports in  $\Gamma_c$  verifying*

$$\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial \omega_i^*}{\partial \nu} h_j dx = \delta_{ij}. \tag{3.3}$$

*Proof.* Set  $H = L^2(\Gamma_c)$ . We have that  $(\omega_i^*)_{1 \leq i \leq m+1}$  are linearly independent.

First of all, we will prove that  $\left( \frac{\partial \omega_i^*}{\partial \nu} |_{\Gamma_c} \right)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  are linearly independent. Suppose

that there exist real numbers  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i \frac{\partial \omega_i^*}{\partial \nu} |_{\Gamma_c} = 0$  sur  $\Gamma_c$ .

Set  $W = \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i \omega_i^*$ .  $W$  is harmonic and verifying:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta W = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma W = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_c \\ \gamma \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \nu} \right) = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_c. \end{cases}$$

By Cauchy-Kowalevski's theorem, there exists a nonempty neighbourhood  $\mathcal{O}$  of  $\Gamma_c$  such that  $W = 0$  in  $\mathcal{O} \cap \Omega$ .

Holmgren's theorem allows to conclude that  $W = 0$  in  $\Omega$  hence  $\beta_1 = \dots = \beta_m = 0$ .

As  $\mathcal{D}(\Gamma_c)$  is dense in  $L^2(\Gamma_c)$ , then by Theorem 3.1 there exist  $C^\infty$  functions  $(h_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  with compact supports in  $\Gamma_c$  such that

$$\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \text{ we have : } \int_{\Gamma} \omega_i^* h_j d\sigma = \delta_{ij}.$$

□

## 4. Main results

**4.1. Control of singularities of the Laplace equation with Neumann conditions.** Let  $(S_j)_{1 \leq j \leq m}$  be the vertices of the nonconvex angles  $(\omega_j)_{1 \leq j \leq m}$ ; we suppose that  $\omega_j$  is greater than  $\pi$  for each  $j$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\varpi$  be a nonempty open subset of  $\Omega$ ,  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  satisfying the condition  $\int_{\Omega} f dx = 0$  and  $(C_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  the coefficients of singularities of the following problem*

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta y = f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \gamma \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

*Then there exist  $m$   $C^\infty$  functions with compact supports in  $\varpi$ ,  $(g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  such that the solution of the problem*

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f - \sum_{i=1}^m C_i g_i & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases} \quad (4.2)$$

*is in  $H^2(\Omega)$ .*

*Proof.* The dual singular solutions of problem (4.1) verifies the conditions of Theorem 3.2. There exist  $m$ ,  $C^\infty$  functions  $(g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  with compact support in  $\varpi$  verified

$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \int_{\Omega} g_i dx = 0$  and such that

$$\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \text{ we have : } \int_{\Omega} \omega_i^* g_j dx = \delta_{ij}.$$

Let  $(\xi_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  be the coefficients of singularities of Problem (4.2). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_i &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_i^* \left( f - \sum_{j=1}^m C_j g_j \right) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} w_i^* f dx - \sum_{j=1}^m C_j \int_{\Omega} w_i^* g_j dx \\ &= C_i - \sum_{j=1}^m C_j \delta_{ij} \\ &= C_i - C_i \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $u \in H^2(\Omega)$ . □

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty domain of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\Gamma_c$  a nonempty open subset of  $\Gamma$ . If  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  satisfies the condition  $\int_{\Omega} f dx = 0$  and  $(C_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  are the coefficients of singularities of the following problem*

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta y = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases} \tag{4.3}$$

then, there exist  $m$ ,  $C^\infty$   $(h_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  functions with compact support in  $\Gamma_c$ , such that the solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = - \sum_{i=1}^m C_i h_i & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases} \tag{4.4}$$

is in  $H^2(\Omega)$ .

*Proof.* We suppose that  $z$  is a  $C^\infty$  extension of  $\sum_{i=1}^m C_i h_i$  in  $\Omega$  with support in a neighbourhood of  $\Gamma_c$ . Let  $v = u - z$ . Suppose that the coefficients of singularities of  $v$  are denoted by  $(\chi_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ . As the dual singular functions  $\omega_i^*$  verify the Theorem 3.3, there exists  $C^\infty$  functions  $(h_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  with compact support in  $\Gamma_c$  such that

$$\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \int_{\Gamma} \omega_i^* h_j d\sigma = \delta_{ij}.$$

We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_i &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_i^*(f + \Delta z) dx \\
&= \int_{\Omega} \omega_i^* f dx + \int_{\Omega} \omega_i^* \Delta z dx \\
&= C_i + \int_{\Omega} z \Delta \omega_i^* dx + \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu} \omega_j^* d\sigma - \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial \omega_i^*}{\partial \nu} z d\sigma \\
&= C_i + \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu} \omega_i^* d\sigma \\
&= C_i - \sum_{j=1}^m C_j \int_{\Gamma} \omega_i^* h_j d\sigma \\
&= C_i - \sum_{j=1}^m C_j \delta_{ij} \\
&= 0,
\end{aligned}$$

then  $u \in H^2(\Omega)$ . □

**4.2. Cancellation of singularities of the Laplace equation with mixed boundary conditions.** We suppose that the angles  $(\omega_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  are greater than  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and assume that there exists  $i_0 \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $\omega_{i_0} > \frac{3\pi}{2}$ . For  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ , we denote by  $N_i$  the dimension of the dual solution associated to  $\omega_i$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *Assume that  $\varpi$  is a nonempty open subset of  $\Omega$ . If for  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $(C_{ik})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq k \leq N_i}}$  the coefficients of singularities of the problem*

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta y = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma y = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \gamma \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \end{cases} \quad (4.5)$$

then there exist  $(g_{ik})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq k \leq N_i}}$ ,  $C^\infty$  functions with compact support in  $\varpi$ , such that the solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_i} C_{ik} g_{ik} & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma y = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \gamma \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \end{cases} \quad (4.6)$$

belongs to  $H^2(\Omega)$ .

*Proof.* For  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ , if  $N_i = 1$  then we apply Theorem 4.1 to prove that the corresponding coefficients of singularities  $\xi_{i1}$  are equal to zero.

If there exists  $i_0 \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ , such that  $N_{i_0} = 2$  then the corresponding coefficients



of singularities  $\xi_{i_01}$  and  $\xi_{i_02}$  are calculated as follows.  
Calculation of  $\xi_{i_01}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_{i_01} &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_{i_01}^* \left( f - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} C_{jk} g_{jk} \right) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_{i_01}^* f dx - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} C_{jk} \int_{\Omega} \omega_{i_01}^* g_{jk} dx \\ &= C_{i_01} - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} C_{jk} \delta_{i_0j} \delta_{1k} \\ &= C_{i_01} - C_{i_01} \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Calculation of  $\xi_{i_02}$ . Let  $u^{(1)} = u - S_{j,1}$  and  $f^{(1)} = \Delta u^{(1)}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_{i_02} &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_{i_02}^* \left( f - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} C_{jk} g_{jk} \right) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_{i_02}^* f dx - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} C_{jk} \int_{\Omega} \omega_{i_02}^* g_{jk} dx \\ &= C_{i_02} - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} C_{jk} \delta_{i_0j} \delta_{2k} \\ &= C_{i_02} - C_{i_02} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

This allows us to conclude that  $u \in H^2(\Omega)$ . □

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty domain of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\Gamma_c$  a nonempty open subset of  $\Gamma_D$  such that  $\overline{\Gamma_c} \cap \overline{\Gamma_N} = \emptyset$ . If  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $(C_{ik})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq k \leq N_i}}$  are the coefficients of singularities of the problem*

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta y = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma y = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \gamma \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \end{cases} \quad (4.7)$$

then there exist  $(h_{ik})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq k \leq N_i}}$ ,  $C^\infty$  functions with compact supports on  $\Gamma_c$ , such that the solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma u = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_i} C_{ik} h_{ik} & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \gamma \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \end{cases} \quad (4.8)$$

belongs to  $H^2(\Omega)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $z$  be a  $C^\infty$  extension of  $\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_i} C_{ik} h_{ik}$  in  $\Omega$  with support in a neighbourhood of  $\Gamma_0$ .

Let  $v = y - z$ , then  $v = 0$  on  $\Gamma_D$  and  $-\Delta v = f + \Delta z$ . We denote by  $\xi_{11}, \dots, \xi_{mN_m}$  the coefficients of singularity associated to  $v$ . For  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ , if  $N_i = 1$  then we apply Theorem 4.1 to prove that the corresponding coefficients of singularities  $\xi_{i1}$  are equal to zero.

If there exists  $i_0 \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ , such that  $N_{i_0} = 2$  then the corresponding coefficients of singularities  $\xi_{i_01}$  and  $\xi_{i_02}$  are as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{i_01} &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_{i_01}^* (f + \Delta z) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_{i_01}^* f dx - \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} C_{jk} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial \omega_{i_01}^*}{\partial \nu} h_{ij} d\sigma \\ &= C_{i_01} - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} C_{jk} \delta_{i_0j} \delta_{1k} \\ &= C_{i_01} - C_{i_01} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{i_02} &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_{i_02}^* (f + \Delta z) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_{i_02}^* f dx - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} C_{jk} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial \omega_{i_02}^*}{\partial \nu} h_{ij} d\sigma \\ &= C_{i_02} - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} C_{jk} \delta_{i_0j} \delta_{2k} \\ &= C_{i_02} - C_{i_02} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then we conclude that  $u \in H^2(\Omega)$ . □

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty domain of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\Gamma_c$  a nonempty open subset of  $\Gamma_N$  such that  $\overline{\Gamma_c} \cap \overline{\Gamma_D} = \emptyset$ . If  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $(C_{ik})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq k \leq N_i}}$  are the coefficients of singularities of the problem*

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta y = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma y = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \gamma \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \end{cases} \tag{4.9}$$

Then there exist  $(h_{ik})_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ ,  $C^\infty$  functions with compact support on  $\Gamma_c$ , such that the solution  $u$  of the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ \gamma u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \gamma \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{N_i} C_i^k g_i^k & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \end{cases} \quad (4.10)$$

belongs to  $H^2(\Omega)$ .

The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.4.

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