

Asymptotics of the Solution of an Integral Equation to Transmission Problems with Singular Perturbed Boundary

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Abstract. The integral equation to a transmission problem of the Laplacian is considered on a smooth boundary of a plane domain. The contour depends on a positive parameter ε and the domain has a corner in the limit case $\varepsilon = 0$. The main terms of an asymptotic expansion showing the influence of the parameter are given. The remaining part is estimated in a weak norm.

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1. Introduction

A large number of investigations have been devoted to elliptic boundary value problems in domains with conical points. The asymptotic behaviour of solutions in a neighbourhood of the singular points is well-known (see Kondratyev [1], and Maz'ya and Plamenevsky [6, 7]). In [5] Maz'ya, Nazarov and Plamenevsky developed a method which demonstrates the influence of a small perturbation of the boundary near a singular point.

Let Ω be a plane domain which coincides with an angle in a neighbourhood of the origin and let Ω_ε be a domain which is obtained by smoothing the corner of Ω . Then the solution of an elliptic boundary value problem

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Lu_\varepsilon &= f && \text{in } \Omega_\varepsilon \\ Bu_\varepsilon &= g && \text{on } \partial\Omega_\varepsilon \end{aligned} \right\}$$

has the representation

$$u_\varepsilon(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left(\varepsilon^{\sigma_k} v_k(x) + \varepsilon^{\tau_k} w_k\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) \right).$$

The parameter ε is a size of the perturbation of the corner. The sequences $\{\sigma_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ and $\{\tau_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ of real numbers are monotonously increasing. The functions v_k ($k \in \mathbb{N}_0$)

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are solutions of boundary value problems with respect to Ω , whereas the functions w_k ($k \in \mathbb{N}_0$) solve boundary value problems in an unbounded domain ω which does not depend on ε too and is obtained by a transformation of coordinates $\xi = \frac{x}{\varepsilon}$.

It is possible to apply this method even to solutions of boundary integral equations as was shown in [4], where the main terms of the series were given for the integral equation to the Dirichlet problem of the Laplacian. The occurring functions were restrictions of solutions of boundary value problems to the boundary, but not solutions of an integral equation itself.

In the present paper we investigate the solution μ_ε of the boundary integral equation

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}I - \lambda K^*\right)\mu_\varepsilon = f_\varepsilon$$

on the boundary $\partial\Omega_\varepsilon$ of the domain Ω_ε , where I denotes the identical operator, $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ is a real number and K is the direct value of the double layer potential

$$K\mu_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial\Omega_\varepsilon} \mu_\varepsilon(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial\nu_y}(\ln|x-y|) ds_y$$

with normal ν directed outward. The adjoint operator K^* is the direct value of the normal derivative of the simple layer potential

$$S\mu_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial\Omega_\varepsilon} \mu_\varepsilon(y) \ln|x-y| ds_y$$

on $\partial\Omega_\varepsilon$.

We will derive the following representation for μ_ε on $\partial\Omega_\varepsilon$:

$$\mu_\varepsilon(x) = \mu(x) + \varepsilon^{\tau_0-1} \rho\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) + R(x)$$

where μ and ρ can be considered as solutions of boundary integral equations which are independent on ε . The real number τ_0 is the smallest positive eigenvalue of a transmission problem with respect to the corresponding angle. An estimate of the remainder function $R = R(x)$ is given in the L_2 -norm.

2. A transmission problem

Let $B_1(0)$ denote the unit circle with center in the origin O and let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a bounded domain which coincides with the angle

$$G = \left\{ x = (r, \varphi) \mid r > 0 \text{ and } \varphi \in (0, \alpha) \right\} \quad (0 < \alpha < 2\pi)$$

inside $B_1(O)$, where r and φ denote polar coordinates. We assume that $\partial\Omega \setminus \{O\}$ is smooth. Let a second domain $\omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ have smooth boundary and let it coincides with

G outside $B_1(O)$. For sake of simplicity, we assume $\Omega \subset G$ and $\omega \subset G$. We obtain corresponding domains ω_ϵ , Ω_ϵ and $\tilde{\Omega}_\epsilon$ introducing a parameter ϵ ($1 > \epsilon > 0$):

$$\omega_\epsilon = \left\{ x \mid \frac{x}{\epsilon} \in \omega \right\}, \quad \Omega_\epsilon = \Omega \cap \omega_\epsilon, \quad \tilde{\Omega}_\epsilon = \left\{ \xi \mid \xi \epsilon \in \Omega_\epsilon \right\}.$$

We consider the following transmission problem with respect to Ω_ϵ , which is known as electrostatic problem (see [2]):

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u_\epsilon &= 0 && \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \partial\Omega_\epsilon \\ u_\epsilon^+ - u_\epsilon^- &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega_\epsilon \\ (1 - \lambda) \frac{\partial u_\epsilon^+}{\partial \nu} - (1 + \lambda) \frac{\partial u_\epsilon^-}{\partial \nu} &= \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \nu} && \text{on } \partial\Omega_\epsilon \\ u_\epsilon(x) &= o(1) && \text{for } |x| \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where V_0 is a given potential harmonic in the whole plane, the superscripts $+$ and $-$ indicate the limits at the boundary $\partial\Omega_\epsilon$ from outside and inside, respectively, and $\lambda \in (0, 1)$.

Seeking the solution u_ϵ of problem (1) in form of a single layer potential $u_\epsilon = S\mu_\epsilon$, the well-known jump conditions (see, e.g., [3]) yield the integral equation

$$\frac{1}{2}\mu_\epsilon - \lambda K^* \mu_\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \nu} =: f_\epsilon. \tag{2}$$

Additionally, the jump conditions lead to

$$\mu_\epsilon(x) = \frac{\partial u_\epsilon^+}{\partial \nu} - \frac{\partial u_\epsilon^-}{\partial \nu} = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} \left(f_\epsilon + 2\lambda \frac{\partial u_\epsilon^-}{\partial \nu} \right). \tag{3}$$

Therefore, the desired representation of μ_ϵ in form of a series can be found by applying the method of Maz'ya, Nazarov and Plamenevsky to the function u_ϵ . Doing so we get formal asymptotics

$$u_\epsilon(x) = v_0(x) + \epsilon^{\tau_0} w_0\left(\frac{x}{\epsilon}\right) + R_1(x). \tag{4}$$

The remainder function $R_1 = R_1(x)$ will be considered in section 4. The function v_0 solves the following problem with respect to Ω , which corresponds to problem (1):

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta v_0 &= 0 && \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \partial\Omega \\ v_0^+ - v_0^- &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \\ (1 - \lambda) \frac{\partial v_0^+}{\partial \nu} - (1 + \lambda) \frac{\partial v_0^-}{\partial \nu} &= \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \nu} && \text{on } \partial\Omega \\ v_0(x) &= o(1) && \text{for } |x| \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

The domains in (1) and (5) differ only in a neighbourhood of the origin, where an essential difference between the solutions u_ε and v_0 can be expected. The asymptotic behaviour of v_0 near O is well-known (see [8]):

$$v_0(x) = v_0(O) + r^{\tau_0} a(\varphi) + \mathcal{O}(r)$$

where $\tau_0 \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ is the smallest positive eigenvalue of the corresponding model problem for the angle G and solves the equation

$$\sin^2(\pi\tau) = \lambda^2 \sin^2((\pi - \alpha)\tau).$$

We find the function w_0 in the following manner:

The difference $u_\varepsilon - v_0$ solves a certain transmission problem with respect to Ω_ε . In order to get an approximation for this difference, we substitute v_0 by the main term of its asymptotics, expand the domain to ω_ε and carry out the transformation $\xi = \frac{x}{\varepsilon}$. Factoring out the power ε^{τ_0} , we obtain a problem with respect to ω . The solution w_0 of this problem does not depend on ε .

The question of unique solvability of the transmission problems mentioned above was handled in detail in [2]. The following proposition is valid for all these problems with small modifications.

Proposition 1. *The integral equation (2) is uniquely solvable in $L_2(\partial\Omega_\varepsilon)$. The simple layer potential $S\mu_\varepsilon$ is the unique solution of problem (1) in the space $L_2^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ of functions with quadratically integrable generalized first derivatives and shows the behaviour $\mathcal{O}(|x|^{-1})$ at infinity.*

Proof. The right-hand side of equation (2) is sufficiently smooth, since V_0 is harmonical. The operator $\frac{1}{2}I - \lambda K^*$ is invertible in L_2 even for Lipschitz boundary [9]. We integrate equation (2) over $\partial\Omega_\varepsilon$ and obtain $\int_{\partial\Omega_\varepsilon} \mu_\varepsilon ds = 0$ taking into account that $K1 = \frac{1}{2}$ on $\partial\Omega_\varepsilon$. It follows immediately that $S\mu_\varepsilon$ shows the behaviour $\mathcal{O}(|x|^{-1})$ at infinity. On the other hand we handle (1) as a variational problem. Considering the factor space $\dot{L}_2^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ of $L_2^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ with respect to constants, the lemma of Lax-Milgram can be applied which secures the unique solvability of problem (1) neglecting the condition at infinity. It is possible to choose the constant in a way that this condition is fulfilled, since $S\mu_\varepsilon$ satisfies all demands of problem (1) and belongs to $L_2^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ■

3. Formal asymptotics of the solution of the integral equation

Following the method described in the previous section, we derive asymptotics of μ_ε . This is a formal result, since the behaviour of the remainder function still has to be investigated.

Theorem 1. *The solution of the integral equation (2) has the following formal asymptotics on $\partial\Omega_\varepsilon$:*

$$\mu_\varepsilon(x) = \mu(x) + \varepsilon^{\tau_0-1} \rho\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) + R(x).$$

On $\partial\Omega_\epsilon \cap \partial\Omega$ the function μ coincides with the solution $\tilde{\mu}$ of the integral equation

$$\tilde{\mu} - 2\lambda K^* \tilde{\mu} = \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \nu}$$

which has to be solved on $\partial\Omega$.

On $\partial\Omega_\epsilon \setminus \partial\Omega$ we have

$$\mu = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \left(\frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \nu} + 2\lambda \frac{\partial(S\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \nu} \right)$$

where the simple layer potential operator S integrates over $\partial\Omega$.

On $\partial\tilde{\Omega}_\epsilon \cap \partial\omega$ the function ρ coincides with the solution $\tilde{\rho}$ of the integral equation

$$\tilde{\rho} - 2\lambda K^* \tilde{\rho} = -\frac{4\lambda^2}{1-\lambda} \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} S \left(\frac{\partial(|\xi|^{\tau_0} a(\varphi))}{\partial \nu} \right)$$

which has to be solved on $\partial\omega$ and S integrates over the boundary of $\Omega \setminus \bar{\omega}$. On $\partial\tilde{\Omega}_\epsilon \setminus \partial\omega$ we have $\rho = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \nu}$ where w is the solution of the Neumann problem

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Delta w &= 0 && \text{in } \omega \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial \nu} &= \tilde{\rho} && \text{on } \partial\omega. \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Proof. We set $R_0 = u_\epsilon - v_0$ and consider (1) and (5) as variational problems (see Proposition 1) with test functions $\phi \in \dot{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)$. Then R_0 satisfies the equation

$$\begin{aligned} (1+\lambda) \int_{\Omega_\epsilon} \nabla R_0 \nabla \phi \, dx + (1-\lambda) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \bar{\Omega}_\epsilon} \nabla R_0 \nabla \phi \, dx \\ = 2\lambda \int_{\partial\Omega \setminus \partial\Omega_\epsilon} \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial \nu} \phi \, ds - 2\lambda \int_{\partial\Omega_\epsilon \setminus \partial\Omega} \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial \nu} \phi \, ds + \int_{\Omega \setminus \bar{\Omega}_\epsilon} \nabla V_0 \nabla \phi \, dx. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

The problem is uniquely solvable (see [2]), since $v_0 \in L^2_1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ and V_0 was assumed to be harmonic. The essential part of the right-hand side of (6) is given by the main term $r^{\tau_0} a(\varphi)$ of the asymptotics of v_0 . As already mentioned in the previous section, it is compensated by the function $\epsilon^{\tau_0} w_0(\frac{x}{\epsilon})$, where w_0 solves the variational problem

$$\begin{aligned} (1+\lambda) \int_{\omega} \nabla w_0 \nabla \phi \, d\xi + (1-\lambda) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \bar{\omega}} \nabla w_0 \nabla \phi \, d\xi \\ = 2\lambda \int_{\partial G \setminus \partial\omega} \frac{\partial(|\xi|^{\tau_0} a(\varphi))}{\partial \nu} \phi \, ds_\xi - 2\lambda \int_{\partial\omega \setminus \partial G} \frac{\partial(|\xi|^{\tau_0} a(\varphi))}{\partial \nu} \phi \, ds_\xi. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

We denote the dirac-delta distribution by δ and define the following functions using polar coordinates:

$$h_1(r) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (r, \alpha) \in \partial G \setminus \partial\omega \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$h_2(r) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (r, 0) \in \partial G \setminus \partial\omega \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We set $h(\xi) = h_1(|\xi|)\delta(\varphi - \alpha) - h_2(|\xi|)\delta(\varphi - 0)$ and

$$g(\xi) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial(|\xi|^{\tau_0} a(\varphi))}{\partial\nu} & \text{on } \partial\omega \setminus \partial G \\ 0 & \text{on } \partial\omega \cap \partial G. \end{cases}$$

It follows

$$\Delta w_0 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{in } \omega \\ -\frac{2\lambda}{1-\lambda} |\xi|^{\tau_0-2} a'(\varphi) h(\xi) & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \bar{\omega} \end{cases}$$

$$w_0^+ - w_0^- = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\omega \tag{8}$$

$$(1-\lambda) \frac{\partial w_0^+}{\partial\nu} - (1+\lambda) \frac{\partial w_0^-}{\partial\nu} = 2\lambda g \quad \text{on } \partial\omega$$

$$w_0(\xi) = o(1) \quad \text{for } |\xi| \rightarrow \infty$$

Let $E(\xi, \eta) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\xi - \eta|$. Using the Green formulae and the jump conditions of the simple- and double-layer potentials, we obtain the following equations for the limits of the normal derivatives of w_0 approaching the boundary $\partial\omega$ from inside and outside, respectively:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial w_0^-}{\partial\nu}(\eta) = - \int_{\partial\omega} \frac{\partial w_0^-}{\partial\nu}(\xi) \frac{\partial E}{\partial\nu_\eta} ds_\xi + \frac{\partial^-}{\partial\nu} \int_{\partial\omega} w_0(\xi) \frac{\partial E}{\partial\nu_\xi} ds_\xi \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial w_0^+}{\partial\nu}(\eta) = \int_{\partial\omega} \frac{\partial w_0^+}{\partial\nu}(\xi) \frac{\partial E}{\partial\nu_\eta} ds_\xi - \partial\partial\nu^+ \int_{\partial\omega} w_0(\xi) \frac{\partial E}{\partial\nu_\xi} ds_\xi \tag{10}$$

$$+ \frac{\partial^+}{\partial\nu} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \bar{\omega}} \Delta w_0(\xi) E d\xi.$$

We combine (10) with (8) and add equation (9). Taking into account the continuity of the normal derivative of the double-layer potential, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w_0^-}{\partial\nu} - 2\lambda K^* \frac{\partial w_0^-}{\partial\nu} &= 2\lambda \int_{\partial\omega} g(\xi) \frac{\partial E}{\partial\nu_\eta} ds_\xi - \lambda g(\eta) \\ &\quad - 2\lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial\nu} \int_{\partial G \setminus \partial\omega} \frac{\partial(|\xi|^{\tau_0} a(\varphi))}{\partial\nu} E ds_\xi. \end{aligned}$$

The outward normal at $\partial\omega \setminus \partial G$ becomes the inward normal with respect to the domain $G \setminus \omega$. Making use of the jump condition of the normal derivative of the simple-layer potential at $\partial\omega$, we can simplify the right-hand side:

$$\frac{\partial w_0^-}{\partial\nu} - 2\lambda K \cdot \frac{\partial w_0^-}{\partial\nu} = -2\lambda \frac{\partial^-}{\partial\nu} \int_{\partial(G \setminus \omega)} \frac{\partial(|\xi|^{\tau_0} a(\varphi))}{\partial\nu} E ds_\xi.$$

We pass to the solution of the boundary integral equation by combining (4) and (3):

$$\mu_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \left(\frac{\partial V_0}{\partial\nu} + 2\lambda \frac{\partial v_0^-}{\partial\nu}(x) \right) + \varepsilon^{\tau_0-1} \frac{2\lambda}{1-\lambda} \frac{\partial w_0^-}{\partial\nu_\varepsilon} \left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) + \frac{2\lambda}{1-\lambda} \frac{\partial R_1^-}{\partial\nu}(x).$$

With

$$\mu(x) = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \left(\frac{\partial V_0}{\partial\nu} + 2\lambda \frac{\partial v_0^-}{\partial\nu} \right), \quad \rho\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) = \frac{2\lambda}{1-\lambda} \frac{\partial w_0^-}{\partial\nu_\varepsilon}, \quad R(x) = \frac{2\lambda}{1-\lambda} \frac{\partial R_1^-}{\partial\nu}$$

the theorem is proved ■

4. Estimation of the remainder function

In order to justify the formal asymptotics of the solution μ_ε of problem (1) given in Theorem 1, we will estimate the remainder function in the L_2 -norm. Let $E(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln|x - y|$. The following lemma shows that the remainder function R_1 solves a certain integral equation.

Lemma 1. *The interior limit of the normal derivative of the remainder function R_1 defined by equation (4) satisfies the following equation on $\partial\Omega_\varepsilon$:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial R_1^-}{\partial\nu} - 2\lambda K \cdot \frac{\partial R_1^-}{\partial\nu} \\ = -\frac{\partial^-}{\partial\nu} \int_{\partial(G \setminus \omega_\varepsilon)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial\nu} E ds - 2\lambda \varepsilon^{\tau_0} \frac{\partial^-}{\partial\nu} \int_{\partial(G \setminus \Omega)} \frac{\partial}{\partial\nu_\varepsilon} w_0\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) E ds \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

where f is a function which shows the behaviour $\mathcal{O}(r^{\min\{\tau_1, 2\}})$ near the origin and $\tau_1 > 1$ is the second positiv eigenvalue of the transmission problem with respect to angle G .

Proof. In the proof of Theorem 1 we considered the variational problem (6) which is solved by $R_0 = u_\varepsilon - v_0$. Combining this with (7), we obtain a variational problem for R_1 defined by $R_1(x) = R_0(x) - \varepsilon^{\tau_0} w\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right)$. For sake of simplicity we introduce the notation

$$f(x) = V_0(x) - V_0(0) + 2\lambda \left(v_0(x) - v_0(0) - r^{\tau_0} a(\varphi) \right).$$

The linear terms in the asymptotics of $2\lambda v_0$ and $-V_0$ coincide. Consequently, the main term in the asymptotics of f shows the behaviour $r^{\min\{\tau_1, 2\}}$ near the origin, where τ_1

is the second positive eigenvalue of the transmission problem with respect to angle G . It holds

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 + \lambda) \int_{\Omega_\epsilon} \nabla R_1 \nabla \phi \, dx + (1 - \lambda) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \bar{\Omega}_\epsilon} \nabla R_1 \nabla \phi \, dx \\ &= \int_{\partial\Omega \setminus \partial\Omega_\epsilon} \frac{\partial f^-}{\partial \nu} \phi \, ds - \int_{\partial\Omega_\epsilon \setminus \partial\Omega} \phi \, ds + 2\lambda \epsilon^{\tau_0} \left(\int_{\partial G \setminus \partial\Omega} \frac{\partial w_0^-}{\partial \nu} \phi \, ds - \int_{\partial\Omega \setminus \partial G} \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial \nu} \phi \, ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

with test functions $\phi \in L^2_2(\mathbb{R}^2)$. The desired integral equation is obtained by repeating the steps in the proof of Theorem 1, since the equations (9) and (10) are valid for the normal derivative of R_1 with respect to $\partial\Omega_\epsilon$ ■

Theorem 2. *The remainder function R of Theorem 1 satisfies the estimate*

$$\|R\|_{L_2(\partial\Omega_\epsilon)} \leq C \epsilon^\kappa$$

with $\kappa = \min\{\tau_1 - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 2\tau_0\}$. The constant C depends on λ and the domains Ω and ω , but does not depend on ϵ .

Proof. The operator $I - 2\lambda K^*$ is continuously invertible in $L_{2,0}(\partial\Omega_\epsilon)$, the space of quadratically integrable functions with mean value 0. This is valid even for Lipschitz boundaries (see [9] or [2]).

Combining equation $R(x) = \frac{2\lambda}{1-\lambda} \frac{\partial R_1^-}{\partial \nu}$ and Lemma 1, the function R satisfies an integral equation of the form $(I - 2\lambda K^*)R = F$ and the estimate

$$\|R\|_{L_2(\partial\Omega_\epsilon)} \leq \|(I - 2\lambda K^*)^{-1}\| \|F\|_{L_2(\partial\Omega_\epsilon)} \leq c \|F\|_{L_2(\partial\Omega_\epsilon)} \tag{12}$$

holds, where

$$c = \sup_{\epsilon \in (0,1)} \|(I - 2\lambda K^*)^{-1}\|.$$

The supremum exists, since the operator is bounded even in the limit case $\epsilon = 0$.

Let $\tau = \min\{\tau_1, 2\}$ and C be a constant which does not depend on ϵ . This constant may differ in different estimates and is equipped with subscripts in a sequence of estimates. It is sufficient to give an estimate for the right-hand side of (11) in the L_2 -norm because of (12).

By changing the sequence of integration and normal derivative in the first term, an additional expression $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \nu}$ occurs on $\partial\Omega_\epsilon \setminus \partial G$, which is caused by the jump condition. This term can be neglected, since it does not change the estimate. Let

$$F_1(y) = \int_{\partial(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\epsilon)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \nu}(x) \frac{(y-x)\nu_y}{|y-x|^2} \, ds_x.$$

The behaviour $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \nu}(x) = \mathcal{O}(r^{\tau-1})$ near O yields after the transformation $\xi = \frac{x}{\epsilon}$ and $\eta = \frac{y}{\epsilon}$,

$$|F_1(y)| \leq C \int_{\partial(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\epsilon)} |x|^{\tau-1} \frac{|(y-x)\nu_y|}{|y-x|^2} \, ds_x = C \epsilon^{\tau-1} \int_{\partial(G \setminus \omega)} |\xi|^{\tau-1} \frac{|(\eta-\xi)\nu_\eta|}{|\eta-\xi|^2} \, ds_\xi.$$

Considering the L_2 -norm of F_1 , we divide the boundary $\partial\omega$ into 3 parts which belong to $B_\epsilon(0)$, $B_1(0) \setminus B_\epsilon(0)$ and $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus B_1(0)$, respectively. Taking into account that the expression

$$\int_{\partial(G \setminus \omega)} |\xi|^{\tau-1} \frac{|(\eta - \xi)\nu_\eta|}{|\eta - \xi|^2} ds_\xi$$

shows the behaviour $\mathcal{O}(|\eta|^{-1})$ at infinity, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_1\|_{L_2(\partial\Omega_\epsilon)}^2 &\leq C_1 \epsilon^{2\tau-2} \int_{\partial\omega \cap B_1(0)} \left(\int_{\partial(G \setminus \omega)} |\xi|^{\tau-1} \frac{|(\eta - \xi)\nu_\eta|}{|\eta - \xi|^2} ds_\xi \right)^2 \epsilon ds_\eta \\ &\quad + C_2 \epsilon^{2\tau-2} \left(\int_\epsilon^1 \frac{\epsilon^2}{r^2} dr + \int_{\partial\Omega_\epsilon \setminus B_1(0)} \frac{\epsilon^2}{|y|^2} dy \right) \\ &\leq C \epsilon^{2\tau-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

For the estimate of the second term of the right-hand side of (11) we can neglect again the additional term on $\partial\Omega \setminus G$ caused by the jump condition.

Let

$$F_2(y) = \epsilon^{\tau_0} \int_{\partial(G \setminus \Omega)} \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial \nu} \left(\frac{x}{\epsilon} \right) \frac{(y-x)\nu_y}{|y-x|^2} ds_x.$$

The function $\frac{\partial w_0}{\partial \nu}(\xi)$ shows the behaviour $\mathcal{O}(|\xi|^{-\tau_0-1})$ at infinity. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_2\|_{L_2(\partial\Omega_\epsilon)}^2 &= \epsilon^{2\tau_0} \int_{\partial\Omega_\epsilon} \left(\int_{\partial(G \setminus \Omega)} \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial \nu} \left(\frac{x}{\epsilon} \right) \frac{(y-x)\nu_y}{|y-x|^2} ds_x \right)^2 ds_y \\ &\leq C_1 \epsilon^{4\tau_0} \int_{\partial\Omega_\epsilon} \left(\int_{\partial(G \setminus \Omega)} |x|^{-\tau_0-1} \frac{|(y-x)\nu_y|}{|y-x|^2} ds_x \right)^2 ds_y \\ &\leq C \epsilon^{4\tau_0} \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

since the integral is bounded independly on ϵ . The estimates (12) - (14) complete the proof of Theorem 2 ■

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