

# Laplace's Equation in a Disk

The statement of the problem (Subsection 2.5.2 in the book):

In this file I will consider the Laplace's equation in a disk. See Subsection 2.5.2 (page 73) in the book. The equation is

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0, \quad 0 < r \leq R, \quad -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi,$$

$$\theta \text{ "boundary conditions"} \quad \begin{cases} u(r, -\pi) - u(r, \pi) = 0, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}(r, -\pi) - \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}(r, \pi) = 0, \end{cases} \times$$

$$r \text{ boundary conditions} \quad \begin{cases} u(R, \theta) = f(\theta), \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, \\ |u(0, \theta)| < \infty. \end{cases}$$

We will solve this boundary value problem by the separation of variables method. We look for the solution of the form  $u(r, \theta) = A(r)B(\theta)$ . This leads to :

$$\nabla^2 u = \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d}{dr} A(r) \right) \right) B(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} A(r) \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} B(\theta) = 0,$$

$$B(-\pi) - B(\pi) = 0,$$

$$B'(-\pi) - B'(\pi) = 0.$$

Here, as before, we ignore the nonhomogeneous set of boundary conditions. Separating variables we obtain (We divide by  $\frac{1}{r^2} A(r) B(\theta)$ )

$$\frac{\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d}{dr} A(r) \right)}{\frac{1}{r^2} A(r)} = - \frac{\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} B(\theta)}{B(\theta)} = \lambda,$$

what leads to the boundary eigenvalue problem for the function  $B(\theta)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} B(\theta) &= \lambda B(\theta), \\ B(-\pi) - B(\pi) &= 0, \\ B'(-\pi) - B'(\pi) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and the equation

$$r \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d}{dr} A(r) \right) - \lambda A(r) = 0,$$

for the function  $A$ .

The boundary eigenvalue problem for the function  $B$  is identical to the problem studied in 2.5.1 (thin circular ring). The eigenvalues of this problem and the corresponding eigenfunctions are given by:

The eigenvalues:    The corresponding eigenfunction(s):

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_0 &= 0, & 1 & \text{(the constant function),} \\ \lambda_1 &= 1^2, & \text{Sin}[\theta], \text{ and } \text{Cos}[\theta] & \text{(two linearly independent eigenfunctions),} \\ \lambda_2 &= 2^2, & \text{Sin}[2\theta], \text{ and } \text{Cos}[2\theta] & \text{(two linearly independent eigenfunctions),} \end{aligned}$$

and in general:

$$\lambda_n = n^2, \quad \text{Sin}[n\theta], \text{ and } \text{Cos}[n\theta], \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

Note that the last formula makes sense for  $n = 0$ , since  $\text{Cos}[0x] = 1$ , and  $\text{Sin}[0x] = 0$  (which can be ignored).

## Solving the equation for the function $A$ :

We conclude that the solutions for the boundary eigenvalue problem for the function  $B$  are numbers  $\lambda = n^2$  (eigenvalues) and the corresponding functions  $\text{Cos}[n x]$ ,  $\text{Sin}[n x]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  (eigenfunctions).

For these values  $\lambda = n^2$  we have to solve the equation for the function  $A$ :

$$r \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d}{dr} A(r) \right) - n^2 A(r) = 0,$$

or in a more transparent form

$$r^2 \frac{d^2}{dr^2} A + r \frac{d}{dr} A - n^2 A = 0.$$

Let us show how to use *Mathematica* to solve this equation. The basic command is

```
In[9]:= DSolve[r^2 A''[r] + r A'[r] - n^2 A[r] == 0, A[r], r]
Out[9]:= {{A[r] -> c1 Cosh[n Log[r]] + i c2 Sinh[n Log[r]]}}
```

But this is not a desirable form of the solution; there must be a simpler expression for

```
In[10]:= TrigToExp[{Cosh[n Log[r]], Sinh[n Log[r]]}]
Out[10]:= {{r^-n/2 + r^n/2, -r^-n/2 + r^n/2}}
```

Since any linear combinations of solutions is a solution we have that

```
In[11]:= {{1, 1}, {1, -1}} . {r^-n/2 + r^n/2, -r^-n/2 + r^n/2}
Out[11]:= {r^n, r^-n}
```

are also solutions. Thus, *Mathematica* should have given the general solution

```
In[12]:= C[1] r^n + C[2] r^-n
Out[12]:= r^n c1 + r^-n c2
```

Below, just to demonstrate some *Mathematica* commands, I will try to force *Mathematica* to give this solution.

```
In[13]:= Collect[Expand[Simplify[TrigToExp[
  DSolve[r^2 A''[r] + r A'[r] - n^2 A[r] == 0, A[r], r][[1]][[1]][[2]], r > 0]], r^n]
Out[13]:= r^-n (c1/2 - i c2/2) + r^n (c1/2 + i c2/2)
```

In the last expression constants are complex numbers and we can replace them with arbitrary constants  $C[1]$  and  $C[2]$  and we can write this general solution as:

```
In[14]:= solA =
  Collect[Expand[Simplify[TrigToExp[
    DSolve[r^2 A''[r] + r A'[r] - n^2 A[r] == 0, A[r], r][[1]][[1]][[2]], r > 0]],
    r^n] /. {(-1/2 I C[2] + C[1]/2) -> C[1], (1/2 I C[2] + C[1]/2) -> C[2]}
Out[14]:= r^-n c1 + r^n c2
```

Note that the above solution is the general solution of the equation for  $A$  only if  $n > 0$ . Namely, for the above formula to be the general solution the functions  $r^n$  and  $r^{-n}$  must be linearly independent on  $0 \leq r \leq R$ . For  $n = 0$  this obviously is not a case. Thus we have to solve the equation for  $n = 0$  separately:

```
In[15]:= DSolve[r^2 A''[r] + r A'[r] == 0, A[r], r][[1]][[1]][[2]]
Out[15]:= c2 + c1 Log[r]
```

Nice solution! Now we recall the boundary condition for  $u(r, \theta)$  near  $r = 0$ :

$$|u(0, \theta)| < \infty, \text{ or in terms of } A: |A(\text{near } 0)| < \infty.$$

This clearly eliminates the functions  $r^{-n}$  and  $\text{Log}[r]$  as possible solutions for  $A(r)$ . Thus the only possible solutions for  $A$  are

$$A_n(r) = r^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

## Conclusion (the solution of Laplace's equation):

We have found infinitely many special solutions for the Laplace's equation on a circular disk:

$$1, \quad \frac{r^n}{R^n} \text{Sin}[n \theta], \quad \frac{r^n}{R^n} \text{Cos}[n \theta] \quad \text{where } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Using the principle of superposition we conclude that the function

$$u(r, \theta) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{r^n}{R^n} \text{Cos}[n \theta] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{r^n}{R^n} \text{Sin}[n \theta]$$

is also a solution. We just need to determine the constants  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  in such a way that the boundary conditions

$$u(R, \theta) = f(\theta), \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

is satisfied. Put  $r = R$  in the above formula for  $u(r, \theta)$  and we get

$$f(\theta) = u(R, \theta) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{Cos}[n \theta] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{Sin}[n \theta]$$

The orthogonality of the functions  $\text{Sin}[n x]$  and  $\text{Cos}[n x]$  leads to the formula for  $a_n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \text{Cos}[n \theta] d\theta &= a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \text{Cos}[n \theta] * \text{Cos}[n \theta] d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$a_n = \frac{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \text{Cos}[n \theta] d\theta}{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \text{Cos}[n \theta] * \text{Cos}[n \theta] d\theta}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

Similarly:

$$b_n = \frac{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \sin[n\theta] d\theta}{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin[n\theta] + \sin[n\theta] d\theta}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since we can calculate:

$$\text{In[16]:= FullSimplify}\left[\left\{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos[nx] * \cos[nx] dx, \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos[nx] * \cos[nx] dx, \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin[nx] * \sin[nx] dx\right\}, \text{And}[n \in \text{Integers}, n > 0]\right]$$

Out[16]= {2 π, π, π}

we can rewrite our formulas for  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  as

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) d\theta \text{ and}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \cos[n\theta] d\theta, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \sin[n\theta] d\theta, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Thus the solution of the heat equation for a circular disk is:

$$u(r, \theta) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{r^n}{R^n} \cos[n\theta] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{r^n}{R^n} \sin[n\theta]$$

with  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  given by the above formulas.

Next we implement these formulas in *Mathematica*:

## Mathematica implementation of the solution:

### Example 1

Here is our function  $f(\theta)$  which we will approximate with the first 15 (or nn) terms in its Fourier Series.

In[17]:= **Clear [ff];**  
**ff[θ\_] = (θ<sup>2</sup> - π<sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup> (θ + π - 2) Exp[-θ - π]**

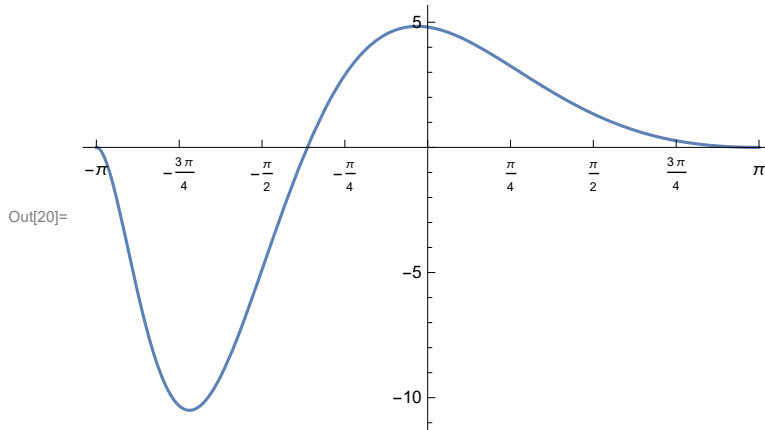
Out[18]=  $e^{-\pi-\theta} (-2 + \pi + \theta) (-\pi^2 + \theta^2)^2$

Test that the function is continuous on the unit circle and that it has continuous derivative.

```
In[19]:= test = {(ff[ $\theta$ ] /. { $\theta$   $\rightarrow$   $-\pi$ }), (ff[ $\theta$ ] /. { $\theta$   $\rightarrow$   $\pi$ }),
  (D[ff[ $\theta$ ],  $\theta$ ] /. { $\theta$   $\rightarrow$   $-\pi$ }), (D[ff[ $\theta$ ],  $\theta$ ] /. { $\theta$   $\rightarrow$   $\pi$ })}
```

```
Out[19]= {0, 0, 0, 0}
```

```
In[20]:= Plot[{ff[ $\theta$ ]}, { $\theta$ ,  $-\pi$ ,  $\pi$ }, Ticks  $\rightarrow$  {Range[-Pi, Pi, Pi / 4], Automatic}]
```



Since the function that we have chosen is quite complicated we will calculate the Fourier coefficients numerically.

```
In[21]:= Clear[rR, nn, las, lbs];
```

```
rR = 1;
nn = 15;
```

```
las = Table[ $\frac{1}{\pi}$  * NIntegrate[Expand[ff[ $\theta$ ] * Cos[n  $\theta$ ]], { $\theta$ ,  $-\pi$ ,  $\pi$ }, MaxRecursion  $\rightarrow$  20,
  PrecisionGoal  $\rightarrow$  12, WorkingPrecision  $\rightarrow$  20, AccuracyGoal  $\rightarrow$  12],
  {n, 1, nn}];
```

```
lbs =
```

```
Table[ $\frac{1}{\pi}$  * NIntegrate[Expand[ff[ $\theta$ ] * Sin[n  $\theta$ ]], { $\theta$ ,  $-\pi$ ,  $\pi$ }, MaxRecursion  $\rightarrow$  20,
  PrecisionGoal  $\rightarrow$  12, WorkingPrecision  $\rightarrow$  20, AccuracyGoal  $\rightarrow$  12],
  {n, 1, nn}];
```

```
In[26]:= las
```

```
Out[26]= {4.2098297814352441936, 1.8850735107510225977, -1.3177319751745400631,
  0.63118576595389593016, -0.31285535166824405226, 0.16733290545008752458,
  -0.096141798864534659058, 0.058688317311540081257, -0.037671857624295484892,
  0.025213140485440768263, -0.017476325562215542092, 0.012478426799177674280,
  -0.0091389697956058356685, 0.0068416805598380954533, -0.0052207612160820613339}
```

```
In[27]:= lbs
```

```
Out[27]= {3.4424524980389388569, -2.4548128011253300031, 0.22396309317629304507,
  0.15650320412268986517, -0.17075621680756197890, 0.13366272417001792630,
  -0.098980928159225305403, 0.073211786123435406775, -0.054898910066279184274,
  0.041894936228131709603, -0.032542249366315875581, 0.025701229347323929000,
  -0.020608862265404008704, 0.016753638710492858554, -0.013788685804928454428}
```

We did not include the coefficient with the constant 1. So we do it in the final formula for the

solution function which I call uu.

```
In[28]:= Clear[uu];
```

```
uu[r_, θ_] =  $\frac{1}{2\pi}$  NIntegrate[ff[θ], {θ, -π, π}, MaxRecursion → 20,
PrecisionGoal → 12, WorkingPrecision → 20, AccuracyGoal → 12] +
Sum[las[[n]] *  $\frac{r^n}{rR^n}$  * Cos[n θ], {n, 1, nn}] +
Sum[lbs[[n]] *  $\frac{r^n}{rR^n}$  * Sin[n θ], {n, 1, nn}];
```

```
In[30]:= uu[.5, π / 2]
```

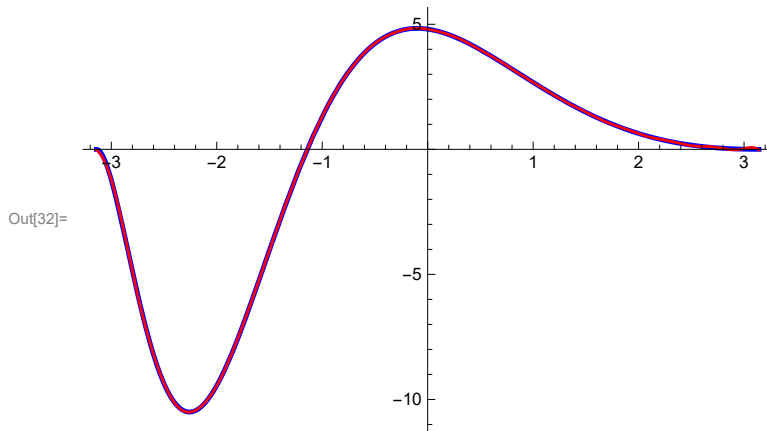
```
Out[30]= 0.857122
```

```
In[31]:= uu[0, 0]
```

```
Out[31]= -0.39722626185151339514
```

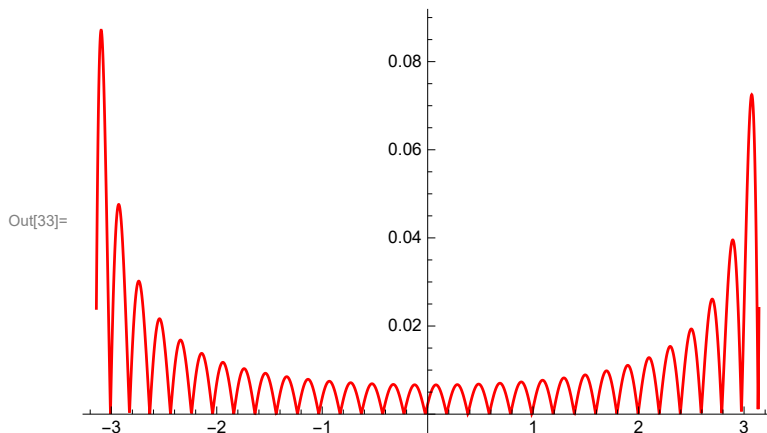
Test of the approximation:

```
In[32]:= Plot[{ff[θ], uu[rR, θ]}, {θ, -π, π},
PlotStyle → {{Thickness[0.007], Blue}, {Thickness[0.004], Red}}]
```



Quite good, visually! But let us check the absolute value of the difference

```
In[33]:= Plot[Abs[ff[θ] - uu[rR, θ]], {θ, -π, π},
PlotStyle → {Thickness[0.004], Red}, PlotRange → All]
```



I find maximum and minimum of  $ff$  to set the range of plots correctly.

```
In[34]:= FindMaximum[ff[ $\theta$ ], { $\theta$ , -1}]
```

```
Out[34]:= {4.83582, { $\theta \rightarrow -0.0995197$ }}
```

```
In[35]:= FindMinimum[ff[ $\theta$ ], { $\theta$ , -3}]
```

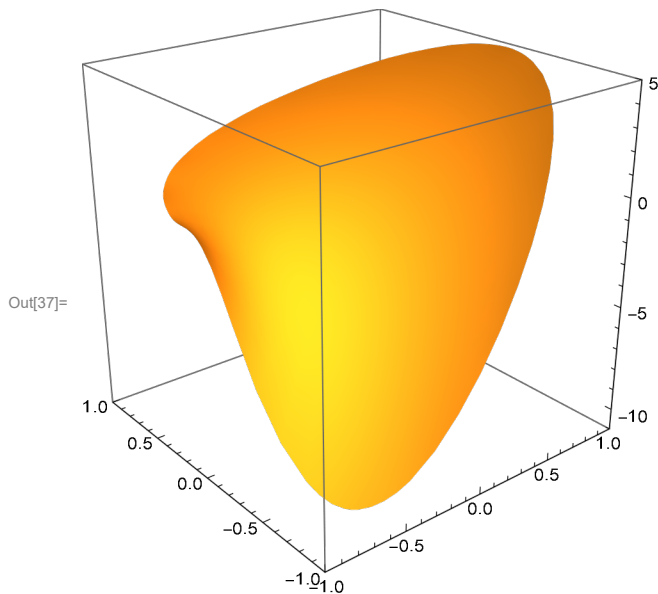
```
Out[35]:= {-10.5029, { $\theta \rightarrow -2.25877$ }}
```

I experimented and found out that the following view point works well for the plot below.

```
In[36]:= vp = {-1.9533572861214523`, -2.405091682993332`, 1.3602486203457567`}
```

```
Out[36]:= {-1.95336, -2.40509, 1.36025}
```

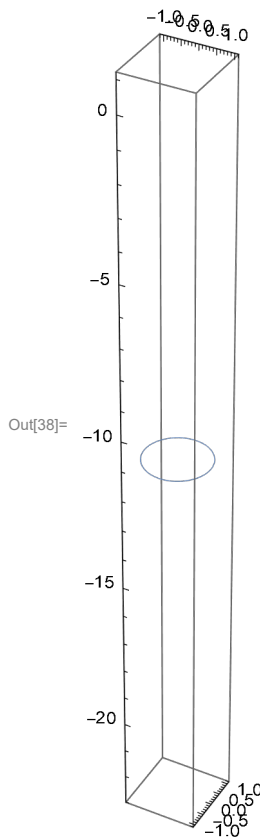
```
In[37]:= pluu = ParametricPlot3D[{r Cos[ $\theta$ ], r Sin[ $\theta$ ], uu[r,  $\theta$ ]},
  {r, 0, rR}, { $\theta$ , - $\pi$ ,  $\pi$ }, Mesh  $\rightarrow$  False,
  PlotRange  $\rightarrow$  {{-1, 1}, {-1, 1}, {-11, 5}}, BoxRatios  $\rightarrow$  {1, 1, 1},
  PlotPoints  $\rightarrow$  {20, 50}, ImageSize  $\rightarrow$  300, ViewPoint  $\rightarrow$  Dynamic[vp]]
```



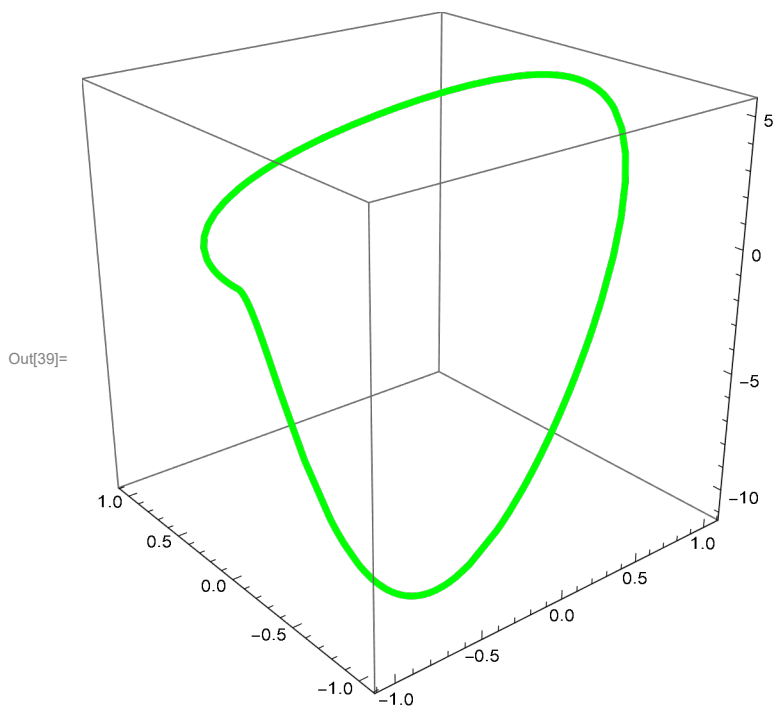
I want to show the unit circle on the graph as well. So, I define it separately. Below is the unit circle placed at the level below the minimum temperature.



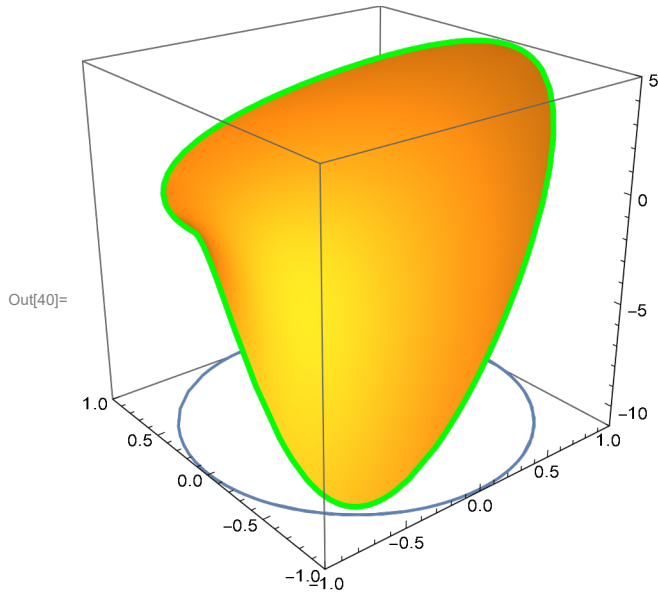
```
In[38]:= uc = ParametricPlot3D[{rR Cos[θ], rR Sin[θ], -10.9},
  {θ, -Pi, 2 Pi}, PlotStyle → Thickness[0.005]]
```



```
In[39]:= ic = ParametricPlot3D[{rR Cos[θ], rR Sin[θ], ff[θ]},
  {θ, -Pi, Pi}, PlotStyle → {Thickness[0.01], RGBColor[0, 1, 0]},
  PlotPoints → 50, BoxRatios → {1, 1, 1}, ViewPoint → vp]
```

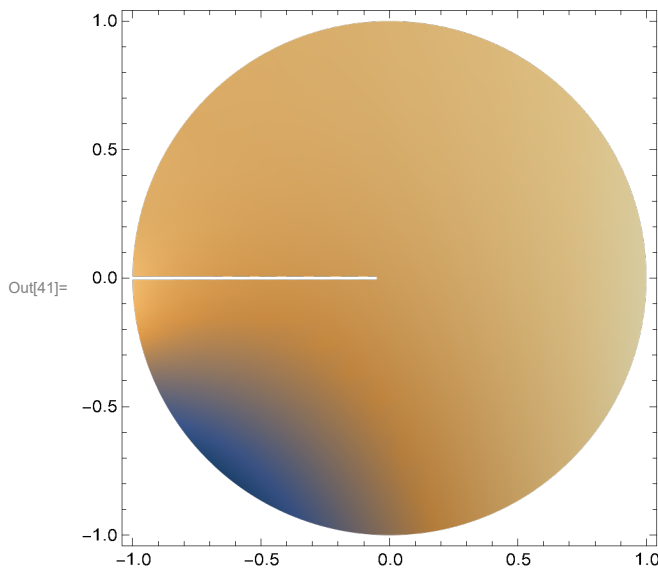


In[40]= `Show[pluu, ic, uc, BoxRatios -> {1, 1, 1}, ViewPoint -> vp]`



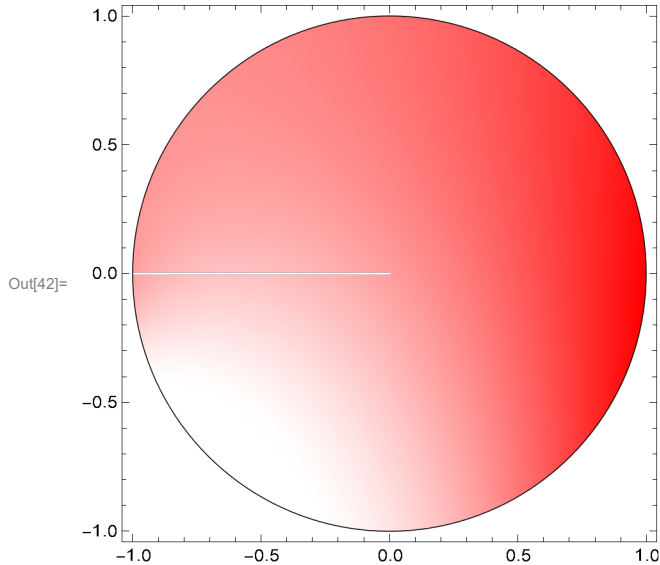
I do not know how to do a density plot in polar coordinates in *Mathematica*. So, I fool *Mathematica* to think that it works in rectangular coordinates. Interestingly, *Mathematica* has a function `ArcTan` as a function of two variables which will give exactly the angle  $\theta$ . The only problem is that this function is not defined at  $\{0,0\}$ , so I define it to be 0 at the origin.

In[41]= `arctan[0., 0.] = 0;`  
`arctan[x_, y_] := ArcTan[x, y];`  
`DensityPlot[uu[ $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , arctan[x, y]],`  
`{x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}, PlotRange -> {-10.6, 4.9},`  
`PlotPoints -> {20, 20}, RegionFunction -> Function[{x, y, z}, Norm[{x, y}] < 1.],`  
`Axes -> False, Frame -> True, LightingAngle -> {0, Pi / 6}, ImageSize -> 300]`



This is the density plot with the value of the function similar to what I used on the website for the diffusion of dye.

```
In[42]= DensityPlot[ uu[ $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , arctan[x, y]],
  {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}, PlotRange → {-10.6, 4.9}, PlotPoints → {30, 30},
  RegionFunction → Function[{x, y, z}, Norm[{x, y}] < 1.], Axes → False,
  Frame → True, ColorFunction → (RGBColor[1, 1 - #^2, 1 - #^2] &),
  LightingAngle → {0, Pi / 3}, Epilog → {Circle[]}, ImageSize → 300]
```




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## Mathematica implementation of the solution: Example 2

Here is our function  $f(\theta)$  which we will approximate with the first 15 (or nn) terms in its Fourier Series.

```
In[43]= Clear[ff2];
  ff2[ $\theta$ _] = Abs[ $\theta$ ]
```

Out[44]= Abs[ $\theta$ ]

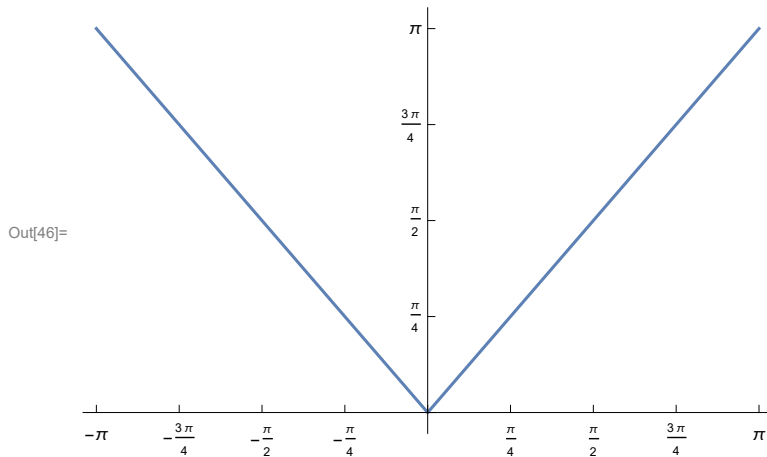
Test that the function is continuous on the unit circle and that it has continuous derivative.

```
In[45]= test = FullSimplify[{{ff2[ $\theta$ ] /. { $\theta$  → - $\pi$ }}, {ff2[ $\theta$ ] /. { $\theta$  →  $\pi$ }},
  (D[ff2[ $\theta$ ],  $\theta$ ] /. { $\theta$  → - $\pi$ }), (D[ff2[ $\theta$ ],  $\theta$ ] /. { $\theta$  →  $\pi$ })}]
```

Out[45]= { $\pi$ ,  $\pi$ , -1, 1}

So, the derivative is not continuous, but that should not be a problem

In[46]= `Plot[{ff2[θ]}, {θ, -π, π}, Ticks → {Range[-Pi, Pi, Pi / 4], Range[-Pi, Pi, Pi / 4]}]`



Since the function that we have chosen is simple we will calculate the Fourier coefficients exactly.

In[47]= `FullSimplify[ $\frac{1}{\pi} * \text{Integrate}[\text{Expand}[ff2[\theta] * \text{Cos}[n \theta]], \{\theta, -\pi, \pi\}], \text{And}[n \in \text{Integers}]$ ]`

Out[47]= 
$$\frac{2(-1 + (-1)^n)}{n^2 \pi}$$

As we can see the coefficients for even  $n$  are equal to 0, while the coefficients for odd  $n$  are  $-4/(n^2 \pi)$ .

In[48]= `Table[ $\frac{2(-1 + (-1)^n)}{n^2 \pi}$ , {n, 1, 20}]`

Out[48]= 
$$\left\{ -\frac{4}{\pi}, 0, -\frac{4}{9\pi}, 0, -\frac{4}{25\pi}, 0, -\frac{4}{49\pi}, 0, -\frac{4}{81\pi}, 0, -\frac{4}{121\pi}, 0, -\frac{4}{169\pi}, 0, -\frac{4}{225\pi}, 0, -\frac{4}{289\pi}, 0, -\frac{4}{361\pi}, 0 \right\}$$

In[49]= `FullSimplify[ $\frac{1}{\pi} * \text{Integrate}[\text{Expand}[ff2[\theta] * \text{Sin}[n \theta]], \{\theta, -\pi, \pi\}], \text{And}[n \in \text{Integers}]$ ]`

Out[49]= 0

This is the approximation for the solution  $uu_2$  with 20 terms.

In[50]= `rR2 = 1; nn2 = 20; Clear[uu2];`

$$uu2[r_, \theta_] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{Integrate}[ff2[\theta], \{\theta, -\pi, \pi\}] + \text{Sum}\left[\frac{-4}{(2k-1)^2 \pi} * \frac{r^{2k-1}}{rR2^{2k-1}} * \text{Cos}[(2k-1)\theta], \{k, 1, nn2\}\right];$$

In[52]= `uu2[.5, π / 2]`

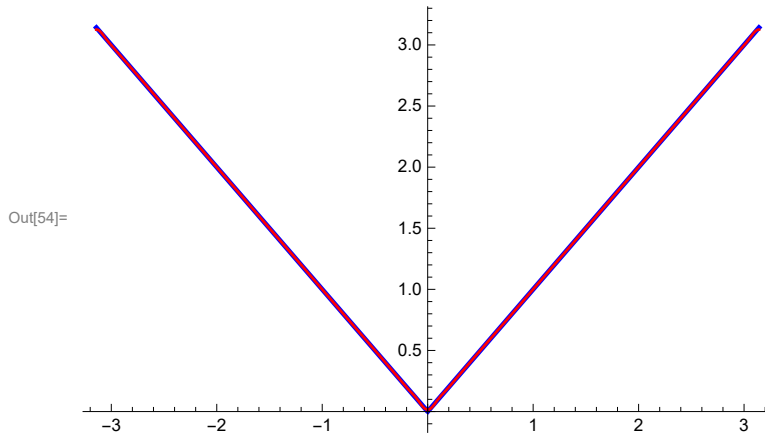
Out[52]= 1.5708

In[53]:= `uu2[0, 0]`

Out[53]=  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

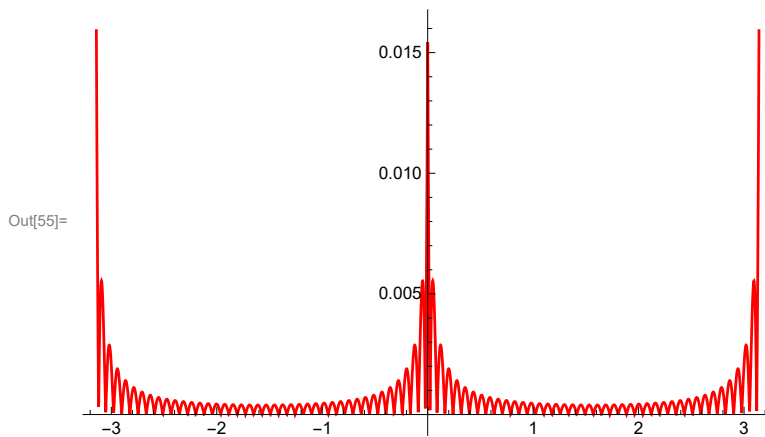
Test of the approximation:

In[54]:= `Plot[{ff2[θ], uu2[rR, θ]}, {θ, -π, π},  
PlotStyle → {{Thickness[0.007], Blue}, {Thickness[0.004], Red}}]`



Quite good, visually! But let us check the absolute value of the difference

In[55]:= `Plot[Abs[ff2[θ] - uu2[rR, θ]], {θ, -π, π},  
PlotStyle → {{Thickness[0.004], Red}}, PlotRange → All]`



I experimented and found out that the following view point works well for the plot below.

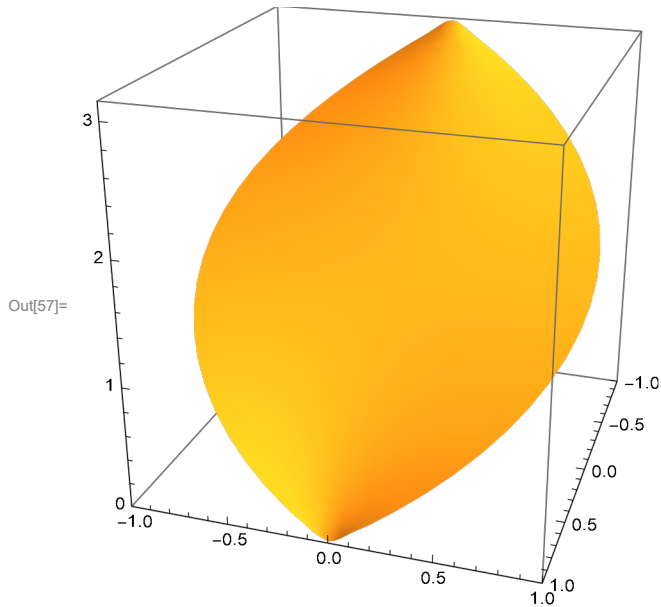
In[56]:= `vp2 = {2.9758612046736133`, 0.9582059152439455`, 1.2947735379246905`}`

Out[56]= `{2.97586, 0.958206, 1.29477}`

```

In[57]:= pluu2 = ParametricPlot3D[{r Cos[θ], r Sin[θ], uu2[r, θ]},
  {r, 0, rR}, {θ, -π, π}, Mesh → False,
  PlotRange → {{-1, 1}, {-1, 1}, {0, Pi}}, BoxRatios → {1, 1, 1},
  PlotPoints → {20, 50}, ImageSize → 300, ViewPoint → Dynamic[vp2]]

```

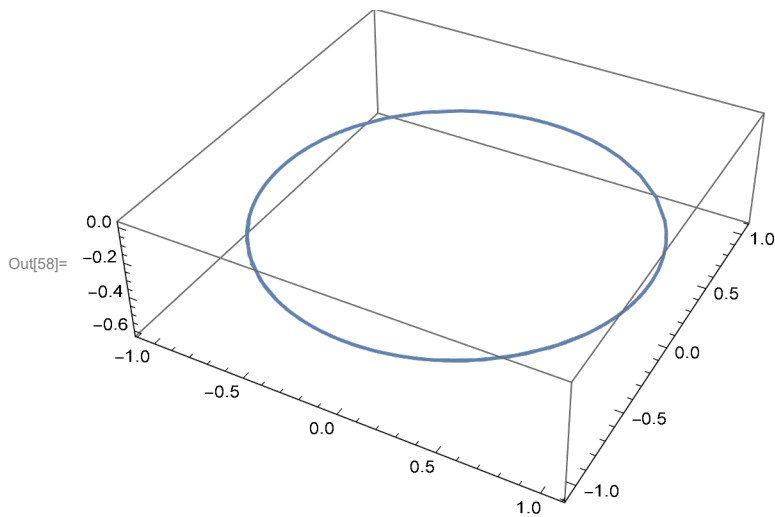


I want to show the unit circle on the graph as well. So, I define it separately. Below is the unit circle placed at the level below the minimum temperature.

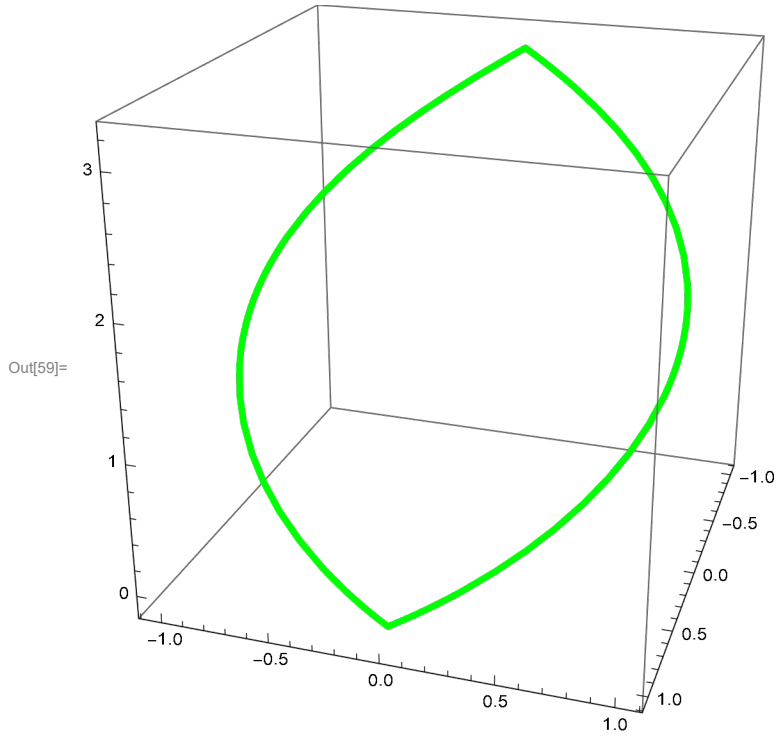
```

In[58]:= uc2 = ParametricPlot3D[{rR Cos[θ], rR Sin[θ], -.3},
  {θ, -Pi, 2 Pi}, PlotStyle → Thickness[0.005]]

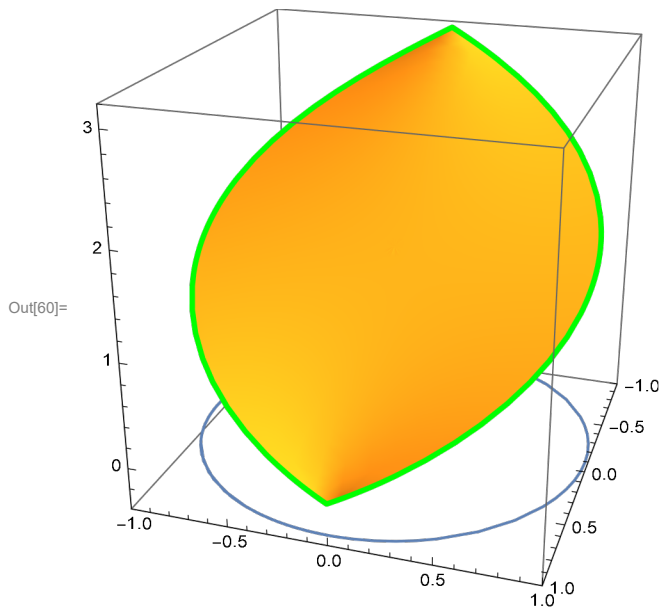
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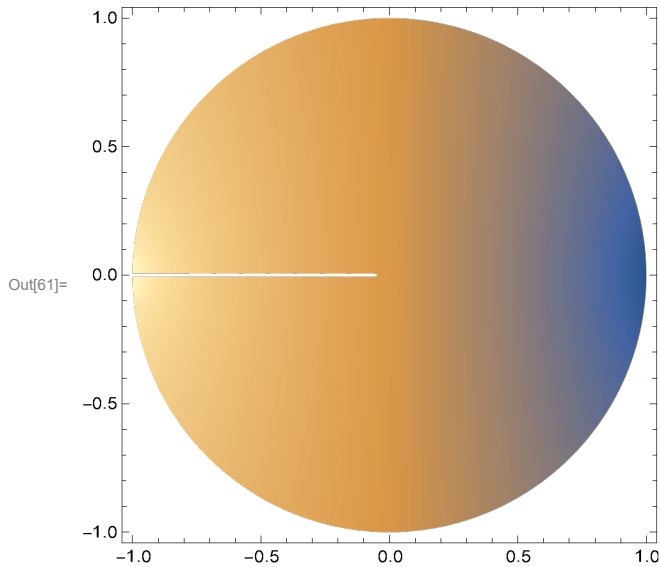
```
In[59]:= ic2 = ParametricPlot3D[{rR Cos[ $\theta$ ], rR Sin[ $\theta$ ], ff2[ $\theta$ ]},
  { $\theta$ , -Pi, Pi}, PlotStyle -> {Thickness[0.01], RGBColor[0, 1, 0]},
  PlotPoints -> 50, BoxRatios -> {1, 1, 1}, ViewPoint -> vp2]
```



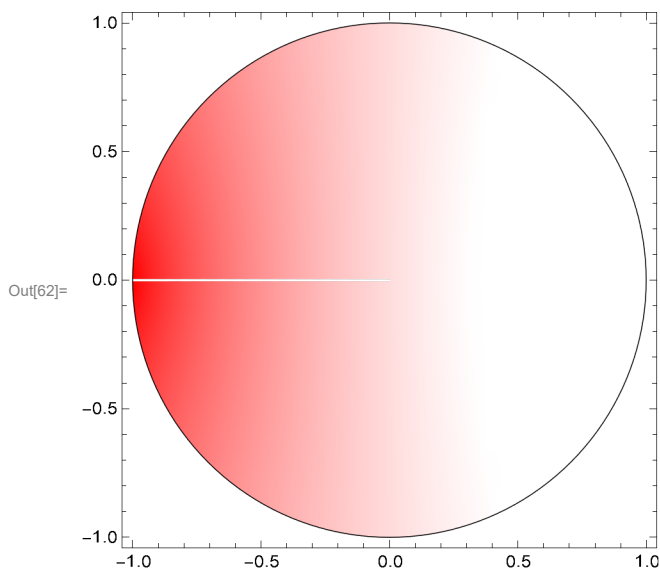
```
In[60]:= Show[pluu2, ic2, uc2, BoxRatios -> {1, 1, 1},
  ViewPoint -> vp2, PlotRange -> {{-1, 1}, {-1, 1}, {-0.4, 3.2}}]
```



```
In[61]:= arctan[0., 0.] = 0;
arctan[x_, y_] := ArcTan[x, y];
DensityPlot[uu2[ $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , arctan[x, y]],
  {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}, PlotRange -> {0, Pi}, PlotPoints -> {20, 20},
  RegionFunction -> Function[{x, y, z}, Norm[{x, y}] < 1.], Axes -> False,
  Frame -> True, LightingAngle -> {0, Pi / 6}, ImageSize -> 300]
```



```
In[62]:= DensityPlot[uu2[ $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , arctan[x, y]],
  {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}, PlotRange -> {0, Pi}, PlotPoints -> {30, 30},
  RegionFunction -> Function[{x, y, z}, Norm[{x, y}] < 1.], Axes -> False,
  Frame -> True, ColorFunction -> (RGBColor[1, 1 - #^2, 1 - #^2] &),
  LightingAngle -> {0, Pi / 3}, Epilog -> {Circle[]}, ImageSize -> 300]
```




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*Mathematica* implementation of the solution:



## Example 3

Here is our function  $f(\theta)$  which we will approximate with the first 15 (or nn) terms in its Fourier Series.

```
In[63]:= Clear[ff3];
ff3[θ_] = θ2 (Pi2 - θ2)
```

```
Out[64]= θ2 (π2 - θ2)
```

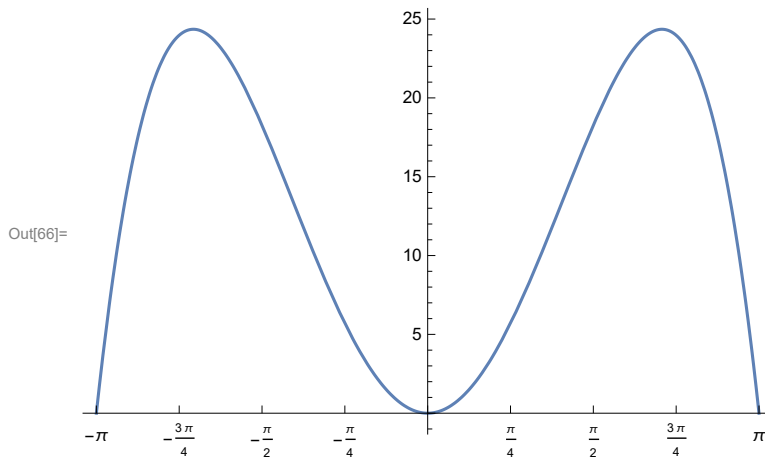
Test that the function is continuous on the unit circle and that it has continuous derivative.

```
In[65]:= test = FullSimplify[{{ff3[θ] /. {θ → -π}}, {ff3[θ] /. {θ → π}},
(D[ff3[θ], θ] /. {θ → -π}), (D[ff3[θ], θ] /. {θ → π})}]
```

```
Out[65]= {0, 0, 2 π3, -2 π3}
```

So, the derivative is not continuous, but that should not be a problem

```
In[66]:= Plot[{ff3[θ]}, {θ, -π, π}, Ticks → {Range[-Pi, Pi, Pi / 4], Automatic}]
```



Since the function that we have chosen is simple we will calculate the Fourier coefficients exactly.

```
In[67]:= FullSimplify[1/π * Integrate[Expand[ff3[θ] * Cos[n θ]], {θ, -π, π}], And[n ∈ Integers]]
```

```
Out[67]= - 4 (-1)n (-12 + n2 π2) / n4
```

$$\text{In[68]:= Table}\left[-\frac{4(-1)^n(-12+n^2\pi^2)}{n^4}, \{n, 1, 20\}\right]$$

$$\text{Out[68]= } \left\{4(-12+\pi^2), \frac{1}{4}(12-4\pi^2), \frac{4}{81}(-12+9\pi^2), \frac{1}{64}(12-16\pi^2), \frac{4}{625}(-12+25\pi^2), \frac{1}{324}(12-36\pi^2), \frac{4(-12+49\pi^2)}{2401}, \frac{12-64\pi^2}{1024}, \frac{4(-12+81\pi^2)}{6561}, \frac{12-100\pi^2}{2500}, \frac{4(-12+121\pi^2)}{14641}, \frac{12-144\pi^2}{5184}, \frac{4(-12+169\pi^2)}{28561}, \frac{12-196\pi^2}{9604}, \frac{4(-12+225\pi^2)}{50625}, \frac{12-256\pi^2}{16384}, \frac{4(-12+289\pi^2)}{83521}, \frac{12-324\pi^2}{26244}, \frac{4(-12+361\pi^2)}{130321}, \frac{12-400\pi^2}{40000}\right\}$$

$$\text{In[69]:= FullSimplify}\left[\frac{1}{\pi} * \text{Integrate}[\text{Expand}[\text{ff3}[\theta] * \text{Sin}[n\theta]], \{\theta, -\pi, \pi\}], \text{And}[n \in \text{Integers}]\right]$$

$$\text{Out[69]= } 0$$

This is the approximation for the solution uu2 with 20 terms.

$$\text{In[70]:= rR3 = 1; nn3 = 60; Clear[uu3];}$$

$$\text{uu3}[r_, \theta_] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{Integrate}[\text{ff3}[\theta], \{\theta, -\pi, \pi\}] + \text{Sum}\left[-\frac{4(-1)^n(-12+n^2\pi^2)}{n^4} * \frac{r^n}{rR3^n} * \text{Cos}[(n)\theta], \{n, 1, nn3\}\right];$$

$$\text{In[72]:= uu3}[1/2, \pi/2]$$

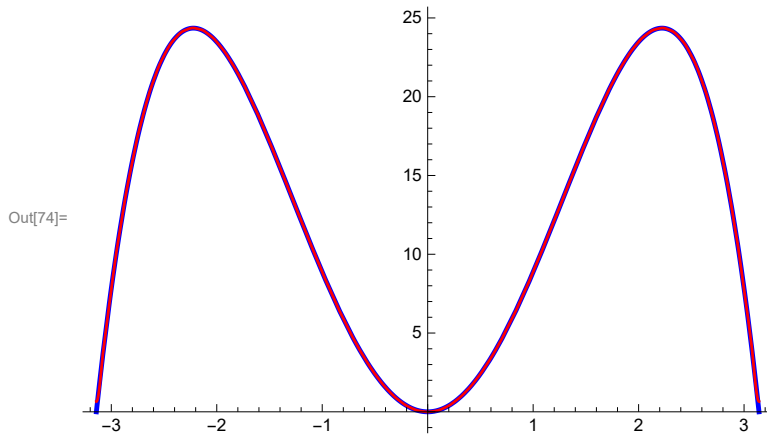
$$\text{Out[72]= } \frac{2\pi^4}{15} + \frac{12-3600\pi^2}{373546567492618420224000} + \frac{12-3136\pi^2}{177162530083906533720064} + \frac{12-2704\pi^2}{8232147773269039120384} + \frac{12-2304\pi^2}{373546567492618420224} + \frac{12-1936\pi^2}{16484300536082857984} + \frac{12-1600\pi^2}{703687441776640000} + \frac{12-1296\pi^2}{28855583159353344} + \frac{12-1024\pi^2}{112589906842624} + \frac{12-784\pi^2}{41248865910784} + \frac{12-576\pi^2}{1391569403904} + \frac{12-400\pi^2}{41943040000} + \frac{12-256\pi^2}{1073741824} + \frac{12-144\pi^2}{21233664} + \frac{12-64\pi^2}{262144} + \frac{12-16\pi^2}{1024} + \frac{1}{16}(-12+4\pi^2) + \frac{-12+36\pi^2}{20736} + \frac{-12+100\pi^2}{256000} + \frac{-12+196\pi^2}{157351936} + \frac{-12+324\pi^2}{6879707136} + \frac{-12+484\pi^2}{245635219456} + \frac{-12+676\pi^2}{7666785058816} + \frac{-12+900\pi^2}{217432719360000} + \frac{-12+1156\pi^2}{5739519416467456} + \frac{-12+1444\pi^2}{143289454843396096} + \frac{-12+1764\pi^2}{3421345934104068096} + \frac{-12+2116\pi^2}{78768238957686685696} + \frac{-12+2500\pi^2}{1759218604441600000000} + \frac{-12+2916\pi^2}{38294359833110460235776} + \frac{-12+3364\pi^2}{815439474699835336032256}$$

$$\text{In[73]:= uu3}[0, 0]$$

$$\text{Out[73]= } \frac{2\pi^4}{15}$$

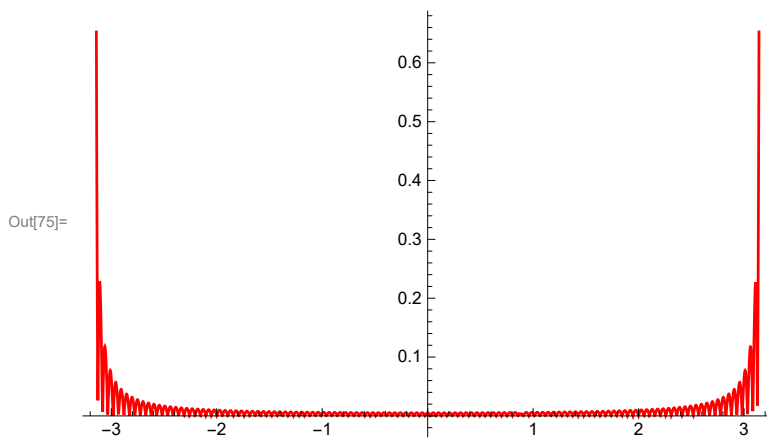
Test of the approximation:

```
In[74]:= Plot[{ff3[ $\theta$ ], Evaluate[uu3[rR3,  $\theta$ ]]}, { $\theta$ , - $\pi$ ,  $\pi$ },
  PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.007], Blue}, {Thickness[0.004], Red}}, PlotRange -> All]
```



OK, visually! But let us check the absolute value of the difference

```
In[75]:= Plot[Abs[ff3[ $\theta$ ] - uu3[rR3,  $\theta$ ]], { $\theta$ , - $\pi$ ,  $\pi$ },
  PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.004], Red}}, PlotRange -> All]
```



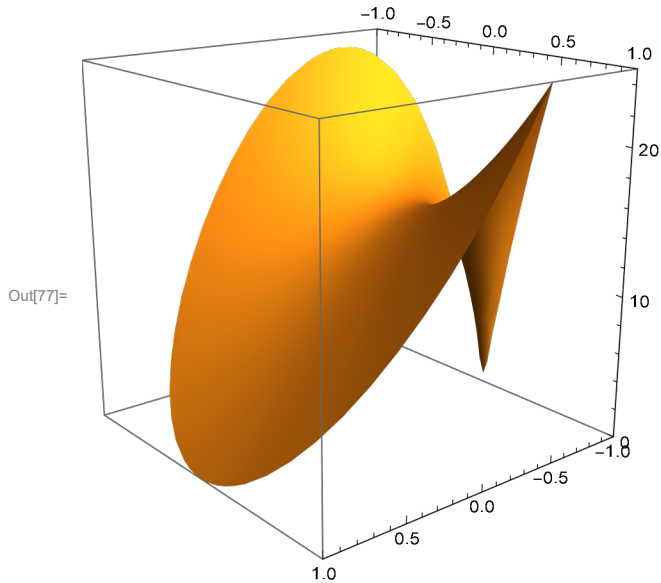
Not so good!

I experimented and found out that the following view point works well for the plot below.

```
In[76]:= vp3 = {2.0478688112617216`, 2.5012750616365884`, 1.0001016937773777` }
```

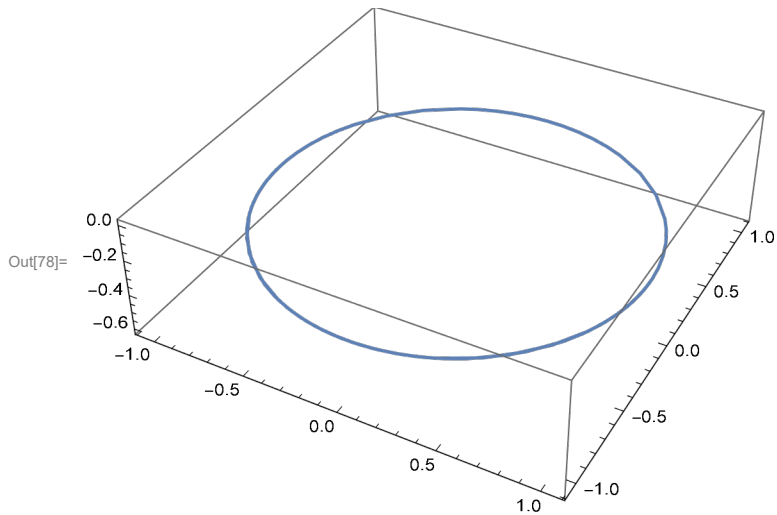
```
Out[76]= {2.04787, 2.50128, 1.0001 }
```

```
In[77]:= pluu3 = ParametricPlot3D[{r Cos[θ], r Sin[θ], uu3[r, θ]},
  {r, 0, rR3}, {θ, -π, π}, Mesh → False,
  PlotRange → {{-1, 1}, {-1, 1}, {0, 25}}, BoxRatios → {1, 1, 1},
  PlotPoints → {20, 50}, ImageSize → 300, ViewPoint → Dynamic[vp3]]
```

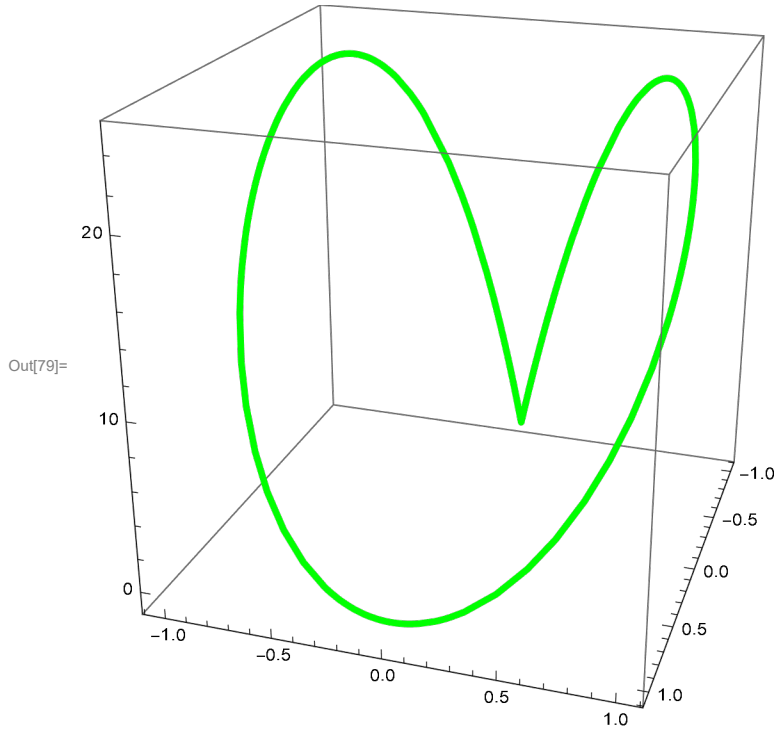


I want to show the unit circle on the graph as well. So, I define it separately. Below is the unit circle placed at the level below the minimum temperature.

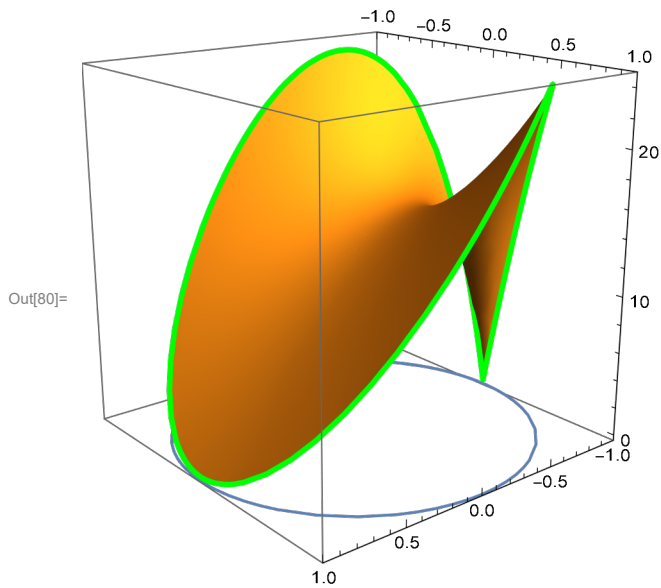
```
In[78]:= uc3 = ParametricPlot3D[{rR Cos[θ], rR Sin[θ], -.3},
  {θ, -Pi, 2 Pi}, PlotStyle → Thickness[0.005]]
```



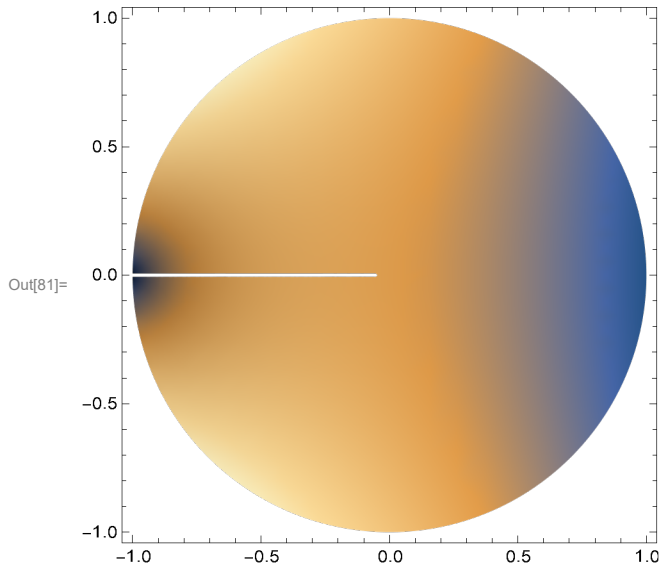
```
In[79]= ic3 = ParametricPlot3D[{rR Cos[ $\theta$ ], rR Sin[ $\theta$ ], ff3[ $\theta$ ]},
  { $\theta$ , -Pi, Pi}, PlotStyle -> {Thickness[0.01], RGBColor[0, 1, 0]},
  PlotPoints -> 50, BoxRatios -> {1, 1, 1}, ViewPoint -> vp2]
```



```
In[80]= Show[pluu3, ic3, uc3, BoxRatios -> {1, 1, 1},
  ViewPoint -> vp3, PlotRange -> {{-1, 1}, {-1, 1}, {-0.4, 25}}]
```



```
In[81]= arctan[0., 0.] = 0;
arctan[x_, y_] := ArcTan[x, y];
DensityPlot[uu3[ $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , arctan[x, y]],
  {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}, PlotRange → {-0.6, 25}, PlotPoints → {20, 20},
  RegionFunction → Function[{x, y, z}, Norm[{x, y}] < 1.], Axes → False,
  Frame → True, LightingAngle → {0, Pi / 6}, ImageSize → 300]
```



```
In[82]= DensityPlot[uu3[ $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , arctan[x, y]],
  {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}, PlotRange → {-0.2, 25}, PlotPoints → {30, 30},
  RegionFunction → Function[{x, y, z}, Norm[{x, y}] < 1.], Axes → False,
  Frame → True, ColorFunction → (RGBColor[1, 1 - #^2, 1 - #^2] &),
  LightingAngle → {0, Pi / 3}, Epilog → {Circle[]}, ImageSize → 300]
```

