

$$\left[-\frac{1}{4\rho^3} \int_x^1 \lambda(t)u(t)e^{\rho(x-t)} dt - \frac{\sin \rho + \cos \rho}{4\rho^3} \int_0^x \lambda(t)u(t)e^{-\rho(1-x+t)} dt \right] \cdot \{1 - e^{-\rho} \sin \rho - e^{-\rho} \cos \rho\}^{-1}.$$

For t in $[x, 1]$, $x-t \leq 0$; for t in $[0, x]$, $1-x+t \geq 0$. Also, there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that $1 - e^{-\rho} \sin \rho - e^{-\rho} \cos \rho \geq c$ for $\rho = \rho_n$. Call $M_n = \max_{[0,1]} |u_n(x)|$, $K = \int_0^1 |\lambda(t)| dt$. Then

$$|u_n(x)| \leq 2 + \frac{5}{c} + \frac{17M_n K}{4c\rho_n^3}, \quad M_n \leq 2 + \frac{5}{c} + \frac{17M_n K}{4c\rho_n^3},$$

$$M_n \leq \frac{2 + 5/c}{1 - 17K/(4c\rho_n^3)}.$$

Thus for n sufficiently great, $M_n \leq 4 + 10/c$. The remaining n 's form a finite set. Hence $u_n(x)$ is uniformly bounded in n . Thus

$$u_n(x) = \cos \rho_n x - \sin \rho_n x + e^{-\rho_n(1-x)} \sin \rho_n - e^{-\rho_n x} + r_n(x)/\rho_n^3,$$

and $\cos \rho_n = \phi(\rho_n)$, where $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(\rho_n) = 0$. Thus $\rho_n = (n + 1/2)\pi + \epsilon_n$, where $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_n = 0$. It follows that

$$u_n(x) = \cos(n + 1/2)\pi x - \sin(n + 1/2)\pi x + (-1)^n \exp\{- (n + 1/2)\pi(1 - x)\} - \exp\{- (n + 1/2)\pi x\} + r_n(x)/n^3.$$

The theorem for system V follows.

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AN ALMOST UNIVERSAL FORM

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P. R. Halmos¹ obtained the 88 possible forms (a, b, c, d) , $0 < a \leq b \leq c \leq d$, which represent all positive integers with one exception, and proved that property for all except for the form $h = (1, 2, 7, 13)$. A proof for h follows.

The forms $f = (1, 2, 7)$ and $g = (1, 1, 14)$ constitute the reduced forms of a genus.² Between them they represent all positive integers not of the form³ $\Lambda = 7^{2k+1}(7m+3, 5, 6)$. The identities

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 + 14z^2 &= x^2 + 2((y + 7z)/3)^2 + 7((y - 2z)/3)^2 \\ &= y^2 + 2((x + 7z)/3)^2 + 7((x - 2z)/3)^2 \end{aligned}$$

show that every number represented by g with either $y \equiv -z$ or $x \equiv -z \pmod{3}$ is also represented by f . Hence every number $3n$ and $3n+1$ not of the form Λ is represented by f . For, $x \equiv y \equiv 0$, $z \not\equiv 0$, and $x, y \not\equiv 0$, $z \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ both imply $g \equiv 2$. If $N = 3n$ or $3n+1$ is of the form Λ , then $7 | N$, so that $N - 13 \cdot 3^2 \not\equiv \Lambda$. Similarly, one of $3n+2-13$ and $3n+2-52$ is not of the form Λ ; but neither of these is congruent to 2 (mod 3). These linear forms are positive if $n \geq 39$; h represents all integers not less than 119. The only number less than 119 not represented in $(1, 2, 7, 13)$ is found to be 5.

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¹ This Bulletin, vol. 44 (1938), pp. 141-144.

² See any table of positive ternaries.

³ For example, see B. W. Jones, Transactions of this Society, vol. 33 (1931), pp. 111-124.