ASYMPTOTIC ISSUES IN INFINITE CYLINDERS

MICHEL CHIPOT

We would like to present some results on the asymptotic behaviour of different problems set in cylindrical domains of the type $\ell \omega_1 \times \omega_2$ when $\ell \to \infty$. For i = 1, 2 ω_i are two bounded open subsets in \mathbb{R}^{d_i} .

To fix the ideas on a simple example consider for instance $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = (-1, 1)$ and u_ℓ the solution to

$$-\Delta u_{\ell} = f \text{ in } \Omega_{\ell} = (-\ell, \ell) \times (-1, 1) , \ u_{\ell} = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Omega_{\ell}.$$

It is more or less clear that, when $\ell \to \infty$, u_{ℓ} will converge toward u_{∞} solution to

 $-\Delta u_{\infty} = f$ in $\Omega_{\infty} = (-\infty, \infty) \times (-1, 1)$, $u_{\infty} = 0$ on $\partial \Omega_{\infty}$.

However this problem has infinitely many solutions since for every integer k

 $\exp(k\pi x_1)\sin(k\pi x_2)$

is solution of the corresponding homogeneous problem. Our goal is to explain the selection process of the solution for different problems of this type when $\ell \to \infty$.

INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICS UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH WINTERTHURERSTRASSE 190 CH-8057 ZURICH *E-mail address*, Michel Chipot: m.m.chipot@math.uzh.ch