

LE 230 Homework : Partial Differential Equations

Please show all details of your solutions.

8-1 Solve the following partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{16} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}; 0 \leq x \leq 1, t > 0; u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, t > 0; u(x, 0) = 2 \sin 2\pi x, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

and compare your results to the actual solution

$$u(x, t) = 2e^{-\pi^2 t / 4} \sin 2\pi x$$

8-2 Consider the static electric potential V in the enclosed region shown in the right figure with all planes assumed to be infinite in extent in the z -direction. Assume that V satisfy the Laplace equation ($\nabla^2 V = 0$), determine the potential distribution within this region when the boundary conditions are given by:

(a) $V(0, y) = V_0; V(a, y) = V(x, 0) = V(x, b) = 0$.

(b) $V(a, y) = V_0; V(0, y) = V(x, 0) = V(x, b) = 0$.

(c) $V(x, 0) = V_0; V(0, y) = V(a, y) = V(x, b) = 0$.

(d) $V(x, b) = V_0; V(0, y) = V(a, y) = V(x, 0) = 0$.

8-3 Solve the following partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 4 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}; 0 \leq x \leq 1, t > 0; u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, t > 0;$$

$$u(x, 0) = 2 \sin 3\pi x, u_t(x, 0) = -12 \sin 2\pi x, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

and compare your results to the actual solution

$$u(x, t) = 2 \cos 6\pi t \sin 3\pi x - \frac{3}{\pi} \cos 4\pi t \sin 2\pi x$$

