

Answer on Question #73546 – Math – Differential Equations

Question

show that the function

1) $u(x,y)=\tan^{-1}(y/x)$ is a solution of the two dimensional Laplace's equation.

2) $u(x,t)=e^{-6t} \cos 2x$ is a solution of the one dimensional heat equation.

Solution

$$1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1+\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \cdot \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) = -\frac{y}{x^2+y^2}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{1+\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}.$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = -y \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{(x^2+y^2)^2}\right) \cdot 2x = \frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = x \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{(x^2+y^2)^2}\right) \cdot 2y = -\frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2} - \frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2} = 0.$$

$$2) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -2e^{-6t} \sin 2x, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -6e^{-6t} \cos 2x.$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = -4e^{-6t} \cos 2x.$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad \text{where } k = \frac{3}{2}.$$

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