

Lecture 1: What is a PDE?

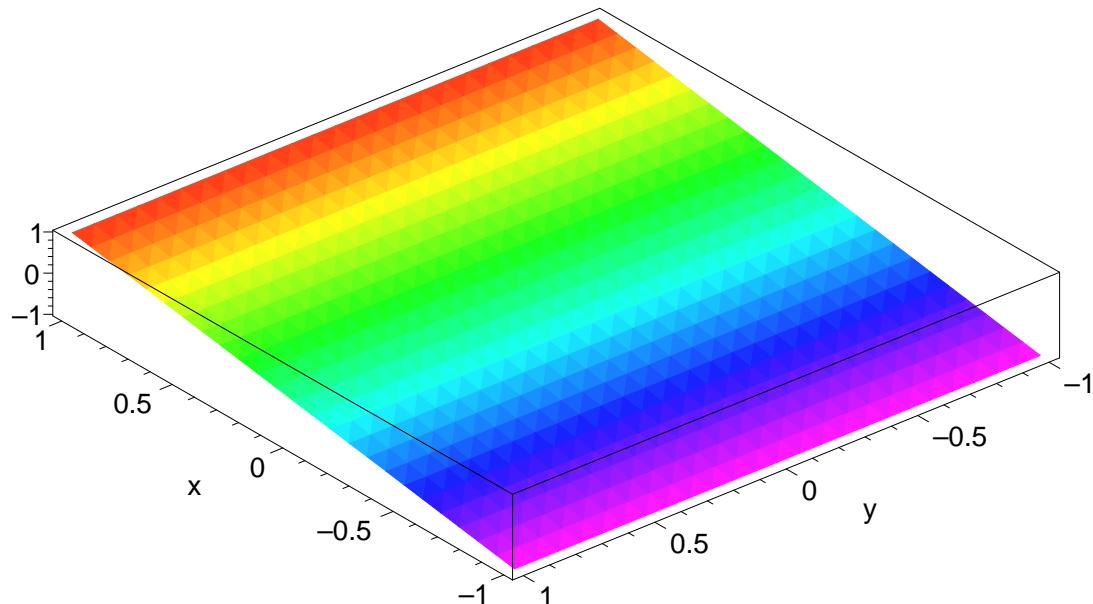
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This worksheet contains the examples from the first lecture.

Exercise 1: Verifying Some Solutions to Laplace's Equation

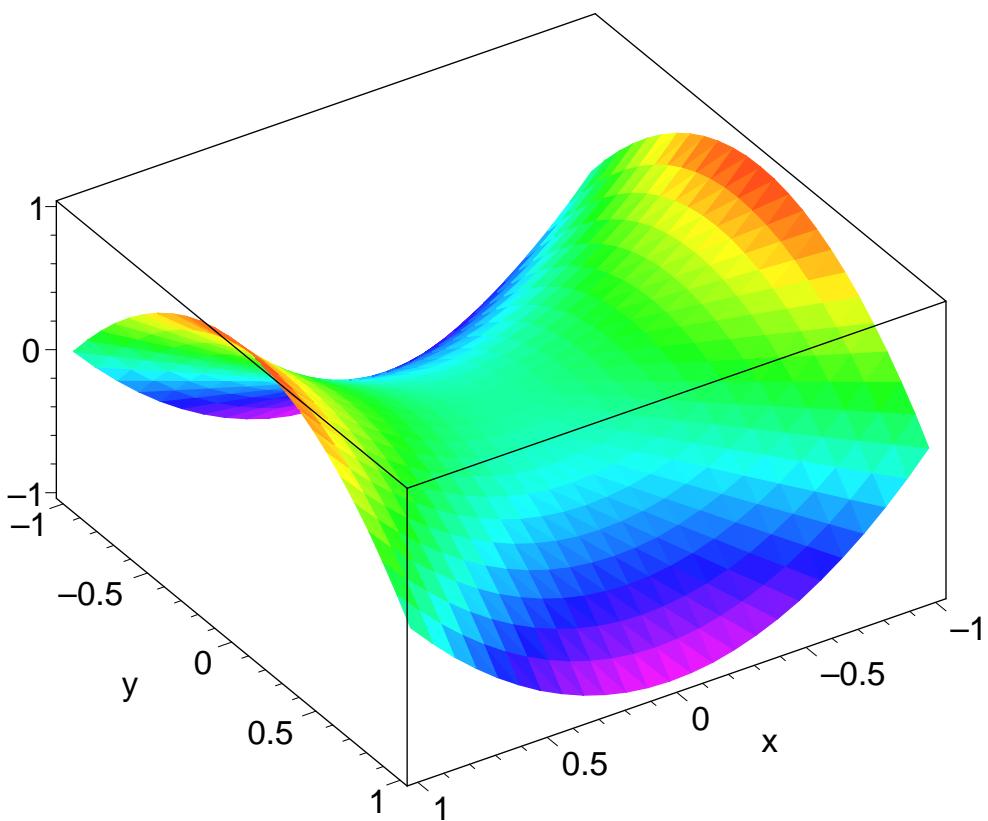
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> restart:  
> with(plots):  
Warning, the name changecoords has been redefined  
> U:=x;  
U := x  
> Uxx:=diff(U,x$2);  
Uxx := 0  
> Uyy:=diff(U,y$2);  
Uyy := 0  
> Uxx+Uyy;  
0  
> plot3d(U,x=-1..1,y=-1..1,style=patchnogrid,shading=ZHUE,axes=boxed);
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> V:=x^2-y^2;
                                          $V := x^2 - y^2$ 
> Vxx:=diff(V,x$2);
                                          $V_{xx} := 2$ 
> Vyy:=diff(V,y$2);
                                          $V_{yy} := -2$ 
> Vxx+Vyy;
                                         0
> plot3d(V,x=-1..1,y=-1..1,style=patchnogrid,shading=ZHUE,axes=boxed);

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> W:=a*U+b*V;
                                          $W := a x + b (x^2 - y^2)$ 
> Wxx:=diff(W,x$2);
                                          $W_{xx} := 2 b$ 
> Wyy:=diff(W,y$2);
                                          $W_{yy} := -2 b$ 
> Wxx+Wyy;
                                         0
> Wplot:=c*U+(1-c)*V;
> animate3d(Wplot,x=-1..1,y=-1..1,c=0..1,style=patchnogrid,shading=ZHUE,axes=boxed,frames=50);

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Exercise 2: Verifying Solutions to the Minimal Surface Equation

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> restart:  
> with(plots):  
Warning, the name changecoords has been redefined  
> Z:=log(sin(y)/sin(x));  

$$Z := \ln\left(\frac{\sin(y)}{\sin(x)}\right)$$
  
> PDE:=(1+Zy^2)*Zxx+2*Zx*Zy*Zxy+(1+Zx^2)*Zyy;  

$$PDE := \left(1 + \frac{\cos(y)^2}{\sin(y)^2}\right)\left(\frac{\cos(x)^2}{\sin(x)^2} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{\cos(x)^2}{\sin(x)^2} + 1\right)\left(-1 - \frac{\cos(y)^2}{\sin(y)^2}\right)$$
  
> Zx:=diff(Z,x); Zy:=diff(Z,y); Zxx:=diff(Zx,x); Zyy:=diff(Zy,y); Zxy:=diff(Zx,y);  

$$Zx := -\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$$
  

$$Zy := \frac{\cos(y)}{\sin(y)}$$
  

$$Zxx := \frac{\cos(x)^2}{\sin(x)^2} + 1$$
  

$$Zyy := -1 - \frac{\cos(y)^2}{\sin(y)^2}$$
  

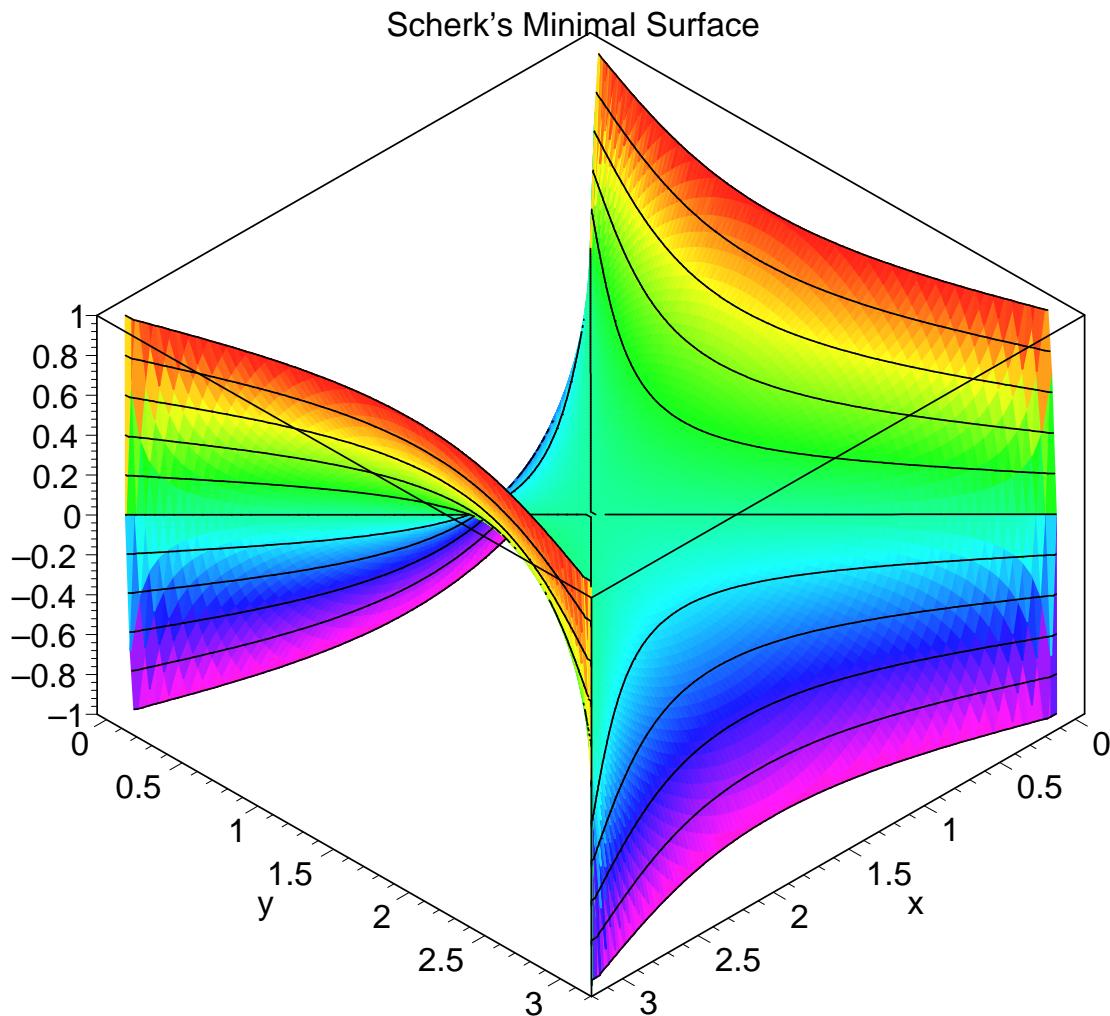
$$Zxy := 0$$
  
> PDE;simplify(PDE);  

$$\left(1 + \frac{\cos(y)^2}{\sin(y)^2}\right)\left(\frac{\cos(x)^2}{\sin(x)^2} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{\cos(x)^2}{\sin(x)^2} + 1\right)\left(-1 - \frac{\cos(y)^2}{\sin(y)^2}\right)$$
  

$$0$$

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> plot3d(Z,x=0..Pi,y=0..Pi,style=patchcontour,shading=zhue,axes=boxed,grid=[100,100],title="Scherk's Minimal Surface",view=-1..1);
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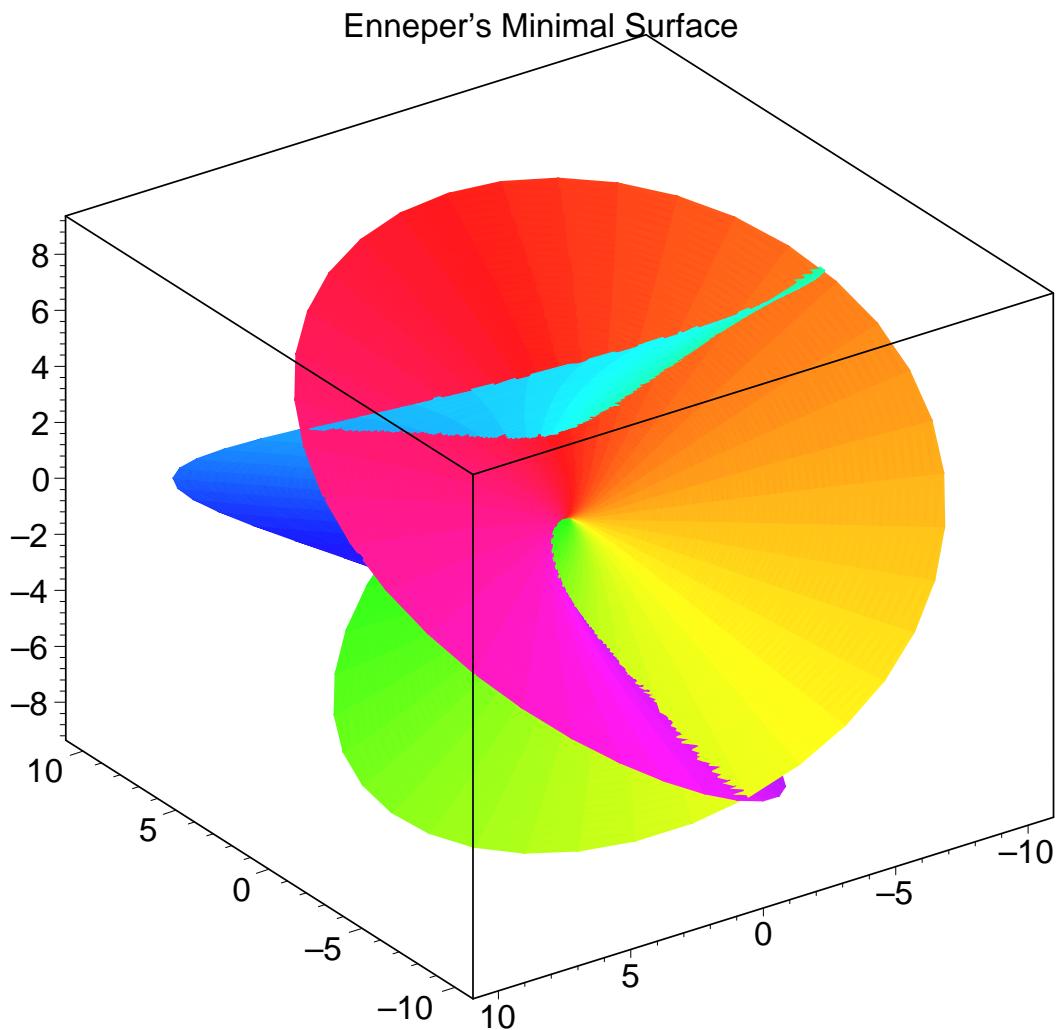
> X:=r*cos(phi)-r^3*cos(3*phi)/3;Y:=r*sin(phi)+r^3*sin(3*phi)/3;Z:=
  =r^2*cos(2*phi);
    
$$X := r \cos(\phi) - \frac{1}{3} r^3 \cos(3\phi)$$

    
$$Y := r \sin(\phi) + \frac{1}{3} r^3 \sin(3\phi)$$

    
$$Z := r^2 \cos(2\phi)$$

> plot3d([x,y,z],r=0..3,phi=-Pi..Pi,style=patchnogrid,color=phi,ax
es=boxed,grid=[100,100],title="Enneper's Minimal Surface");

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A Solution to the Convection Equation

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> restart:  
> with(plots):  
Warning, the name changecoords has been redefined  
> F:=x->exp(-x^2);  

$$F := x \rightarrow e^{-x^2}$$
  
> xi:=x-C*t;  

$$\xi := x - C t$$
  
> U:=F(xi);  

$$U := e^{-(x - C t)^2}$$
  
> Ut:=diff(U,t);  

$$Ut := 2(x - C t)C e^{-(x - C t)^2}$$
  
> Ux:=diff(U,x);  

$$Ux := (-2x + 2Ct)e^{-(x - C t)^2}$$
  
> PDE:=Ut+C*Ux;  

$$PDE := 2(x - C t)C e^{-(x - C t)^2} + C(-2x + 2Ct)e^{-(x - C t)^2}$$
  
> simplify(PDE);  

$$0$$
  
> C:=1;animate(U,x=-10..10,t=0..10,numpoints=200,color=blue,thickness=2,title="Solution to the Transport Equation");  

$$C := 1$$

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Solution to the Transport Equation

