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PROBLEM 1

The one-dimensional Poisson equation can be written as

$$-\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = f(x) \tag{1}$$

where f(x), the source term, is known. We assume a setup such that the source term is $f(x) = 100e^{-10x}$, $x \in [0, 1]$, and the boundary conditions are u(0) = 0 and u(1) = 0.

We want to check analytically that an exact solution to (1) can be given by

$$u(x) = 1 - (1 - e^{-10})x - e^{-10x}$$
(2)

We differentiate u(x) twice and find that

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}u(x) = \left(1 - (1 - e^{-10})x - e^{-10x}\right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx}\left(1 - e^{-10} + 10e^{-10x}\right)$$

$$= -100e^{-10x}$$

$$= -f(x)$$
(3)

as we wanted. In addition, we check whether the boundary conditions are fulfilled:

$$u(0) = (1 - e^{0}) = 1 - 1$$

$$= 0$$

$$u(1) = 1 - 1 + e^{-10} - e^{-10}$$

$$= 0$$
(4)

This means u(x) in (2) is a solution to our specific setup.