

Lab Problem 11.1(a), Physics 430

[> **restart;**

Finite-difference Poisson's equation, then solve for the center value of V

[> **pois:=(V(i+1,j)-2*V(i,j)+V(i-1,j))/dx^2+(V(i,j+1)-2*V(i,j)+V(i,j-1))/dy^2=-rho/e0;**

$$pois := \frac{V(i+1,j) - 2 V(i,j) + V(i-1,j)}{dx^2} + \frac{V(i,j+1) - 2 V(i,j) + V(i,j-1)}{dy^2} = - \frac{\rho}{e0}$$

[> **Vij:=solve(pois,V(i,j));**

$$Vij := \frac{\frac{1}{2} \frac{dy^2 e0 V(i+1,j) + dy^2 e0 V(i-1,j) + dx^2 e0 V(i,j+1) + dx^2 e0 V(i,j-1) + \rho dx^2 dy^2}{e0 (dy^2 + dx^2)}}$$

To put it in the form of the equation in Lab 12, multiply by the denominator of the equation and expand

[> **Vij*(2/dx^2+2/dy^2);**

$$\frac{1}{2} (dy^2 e0 V(i+1,j) + dy^2 e0 V(i-1,j) + dx^2 e0 V(i,j+1) + dx^2 e0 V(i,j-1) + \rho dx^2 dy^2)$$

$$\left(2 \frac{1}{dx^2} + \frac{2}{dy^2} \right) / (e0 (dy^2 + dx^2))$$

[> **expand(simplify(%));**

$$\frac{V(i+1,j)}{dx^2} + \frac{V(i-1,j)}{dx^2} + \frac{V(i,j+1)}{dy^2} + \frac{V(i,j-1)}{dy^2} + \frac{\rho}{e0}$$

This is the numerator of the equation in the lab, so all it needs is the denominator to be put back underneath.

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