
ELEC 4700: Assignment 2

- Finite Difference Method

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Part 1

Use the Finite Difference Method to solve for the electrostatic potential in the rectangular region $L \times W$ using $\nabla^2 V = 0$

Part 1: a)

$V = V_0$ @ $x = 0$, $V = 0$ @ $x = L$ and $V = 0$ @ $y = 0, y = W$

```
% The Finite Difference Method will be used to solve Laplace's
% equation in
% 2D space to determine the effect of an electrostatic potential. The
% matrix form  $GV = F$  will be used to solve the equation.
```

```
clear all; clc;
```

```
% Inputs
```

```
W = 20;
```

```
L = 1.5*W;
```

```
nx = L;
```

```
ny = W;
```

```
V0 = 5;
```

```
G = sparse(nx*ny);
```

```
B = zeros(nx*ny,1);
```

```
% Surface map
```

```
sMap = zeros(nx,ny);
```

```
for i = 1:nx
```

```
    for j = 1:ny
```

```
        n = j + (i-1)*ny;
```

```
    if i == 1 % left
        G(n,:) = 0;
        G(n,n) = 1;

        B(n) = V0;
    elseif i == nx % right
        G(n,:) = 0;
        G(n,n) = 1;

        B(n,1) = 0;
    elseif j == 1 % bottom
        G(n,:) = 0;
        G(n,n) = 1;

        B(n,1) = 0;
    elseif j == ny % top
        G(n,:) = 0;
        G(n,n) = 1;

        B(n,1) = 0;
    else
        nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
        nxp = j + (i)*ny;
        nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
        nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

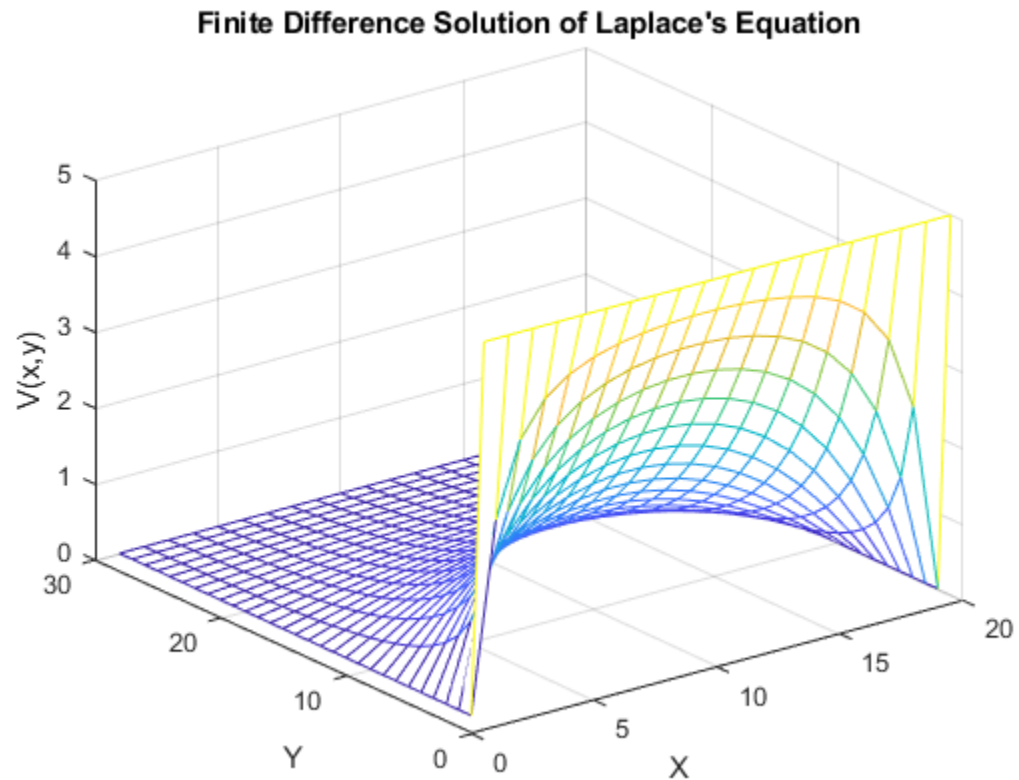
        G(n,n) = -4;
        G(n, nxm) = 1;
        G(n, nxp) = 1;
        G(n, nym) = 1;
        G(n, nyp) = 1;
    end
end
end

phi_vec = G\B;

% Map values back to Surface Map
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny;
        sMap(i,j) = phi_vec(n);
    end
end

figure(1)
mesh(sMap);
xlabel("X");
ylabel("Y");
zlabel("V(x,y)");
title("Finite Difference Solution of Laplace's Equation");
```

```
% As stated in the boundary conditions, the potential of V0 is located  
on  
% the left side of the surface and 0V is located on the right  
boundary. The  
% top and bottom boundaries are left open. The electrostatic potential  
% gradually decreases as away from the left side of V0.
```



Part 1: b)

$V = V_0$ @ $x = 0, x = L$ and $V = 0$ @ $y = 0, y = W$

```
clear all; clc;
```

```
% Inputs
```

```
W = 20;
```

```
L = 30;
```

```
nx = L;
```

```
ny = W;
```

```
V0 = 5;
```

```
G = sparse(nx*ny);
```

```
B = zeros(nx*ny,1);
```

```
% Surface map
```

```
sMap = zeros(nx,ny);

for i = 1:nx
    for j = 1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny;

        if i == 1 % left
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n) = V0;
        elseif i == nx % right
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = V0;
        elseif j == 1 % bottom
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = 0;
        elseif j == ny % top
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = 0;
        else
            nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
            nxp = j + (i)*ny;
            nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
            nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

            G(n,n) = -4;
            G(n, nxm) = 1;
            G(n, nxp) = 1;
            G(n, nym) = 1;
            G(n, nyp) = 1;

        end
    end
end

phi_vec = G\B;

% Map values back to Surface Map
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny;
        sMap(i,j) = phi_vec(n);
    end
end

figure(2)
mesh(sMap);
```

```
xlabel("X");
ylabel("Y");
zlabel("V(x,y)");
title("Finite Difference Solution of Laplace's Equation");

% Similar to the plot above, this plot features the right side of the
% surface with a potential of V0.

% Analytical Series Solution

sMap2=zeros(L,W);
a=30;
b=10;

x=linspace(-10,10,20);
y=linspace(0,L,L);
[xx,yy]=meshgrid(x,y);

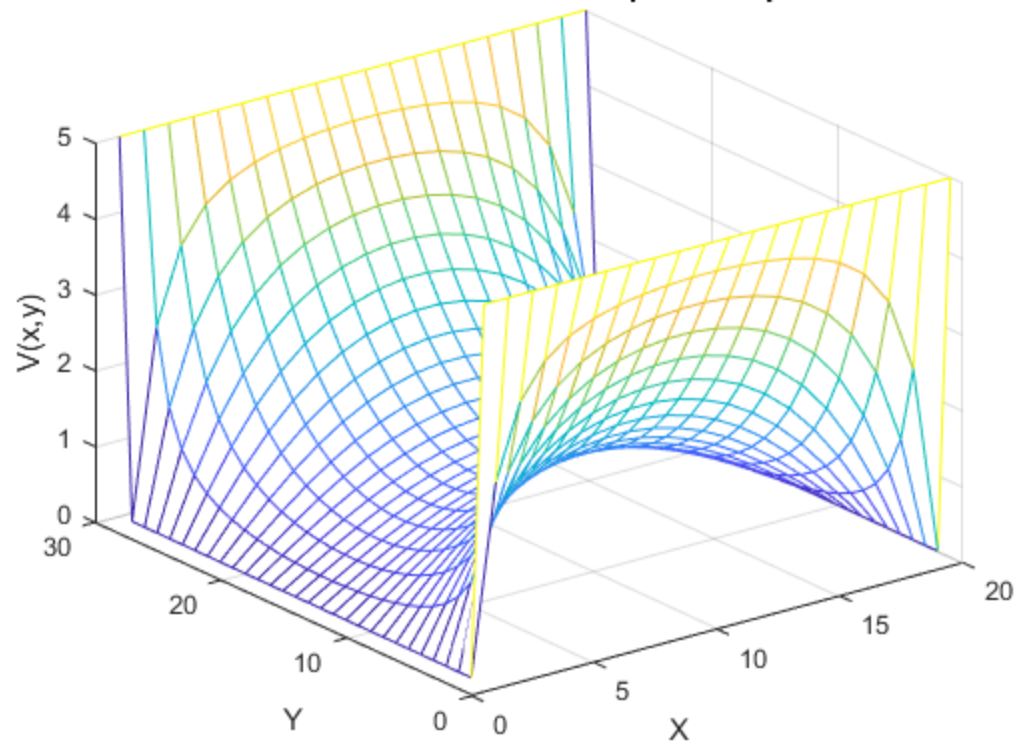
figure(3)
for n=1:2:600
    sMap2 = (sMap2+(cosh(n*pi*xx/a).*sin(n*pi*yy/a))./(n*cosh(n*pi*b/
a))));

    mesh(x,y,(4*V0/pi)*sMap2)
    title("Analytical Series Solution of Laplace's Equation")
    pause(0.01)

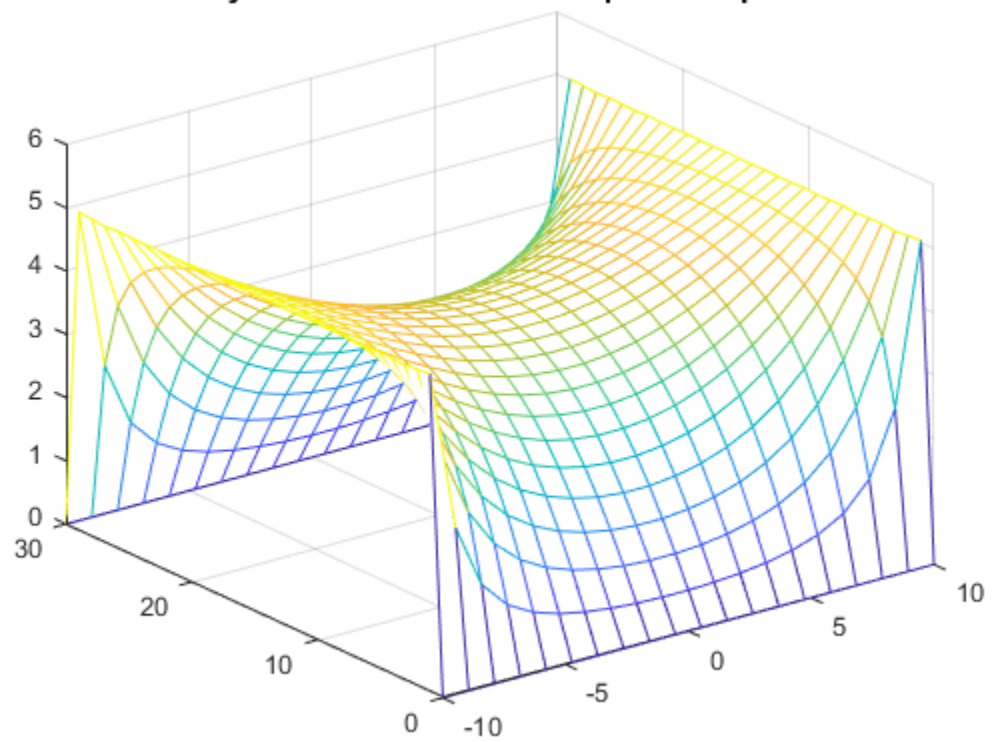
end

% The above plot is obtained from solving the analytic series solution
% of
% Laplace's equation. Due to the memory constraints of MATLAB, the n
% variable is only capable of reaching a value of around 600. Anything
% greater than this value, the solution becomes inaccurate. To obtain
% perfect accuracy, the series must be evaluated to infinity.
% Therefore the
% numeric solution is preferred.
```

Finite Difference Solution of Laplace's Equation



Analytical Series Solution of Laplace's Equation



Part 2: a)

```
% Similar to Part 1, this part describes the current flow in a 2D
surface
% with a highly resistive barrier.

clear all; clc;

%Inputs
W = 20;
L = 1.5*W;

nx = L;
ny = W;

V0 = 5;

sig1 = 1;
sig2 = 1e-2;

Wb = 6;
Lb = 10;

top_box = [(nx/2)-(Lb/2) 0 Lb Wb];
bottom_box = [(nx/2)-(Lb/2) ny-Wb Lb Wb];

% Populate sigma matrix
sigma = ones(nx,ny);
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
            bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2)))
            sigma(i,j) = sig2;
        end
    end
end

% Conductivity Plot
figure(4)
rectangle('Position',top_box)
rectangle('Position',bottom_box)
surface(sigma)
camroll(90)
title('Conductivity Plot')
xlabel('Y')
ylabel('X')

% Construct G Matrix
G = sparse(nx*ny);
B = zeros(nx*ny,1);

for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
```

```
n = j + (i-1)*ny; % Node mapping

if i == 1 % Left
    G(n,:) = 0;
    G(n,n) = 1;

    B(n) = V0;
elseif i == nx % Right
    G(n,:) = 0;
    G(n,n) = 1;

    B(n,1) = V0;
elseif j == 1 % Bottom
    G(n,:) = 0;
    G(n,n) = 1;

    B(n,1) = 0;
elseif j == ny % Top
    G(n,:) = 0;
    G(n,n) = 1;

    B(n,1) = 0;
else % Not along any boundary

    if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2))) % Inside box
        nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
        nxp = j + (i)*ny;
        nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
        nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

        G(n,n) = -4;
        G(n, nxm) = sig2;
        G(n, nxp) = sig2;
        G(n, nym) = sig2;
        G(n, nyp) = sig2;
    else
        nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
        nxp = j + (i)*ny;
        nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
        nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

        G(n,n) = -4;
        G(n, nxm) = sig1;
        G(n, nxp) = sig1;
        G(n, nym) = sig1;
        G(n, nyp) = sig1;
    end
end
end
end

phi_vec = G\B;
```



```
sMap3 = zeros(nx,ny);

% Map voltages back on to surface map
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny;
        sMap3(i,j) = phi_vec(n);
    end
end

figure(5)
surf(sMap3)
title('Voltages Across Surface')
xlabel('X');
ylabel('Y');

% Electric Field
[Ex, Ey] = gradient(sMap3);

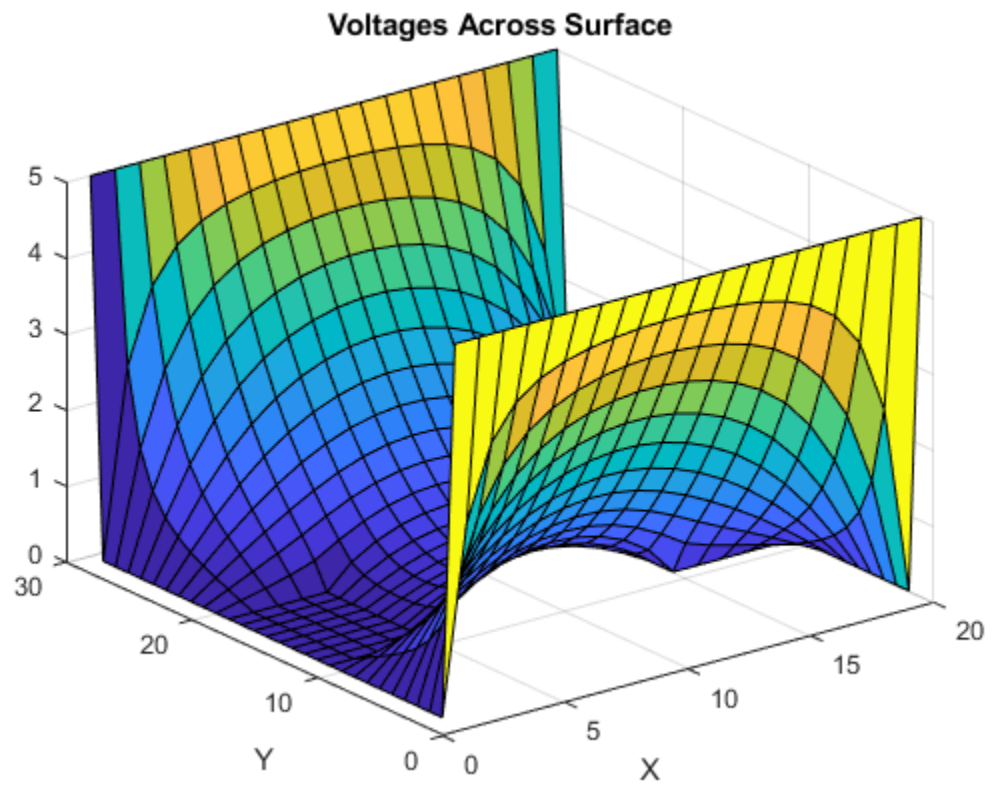
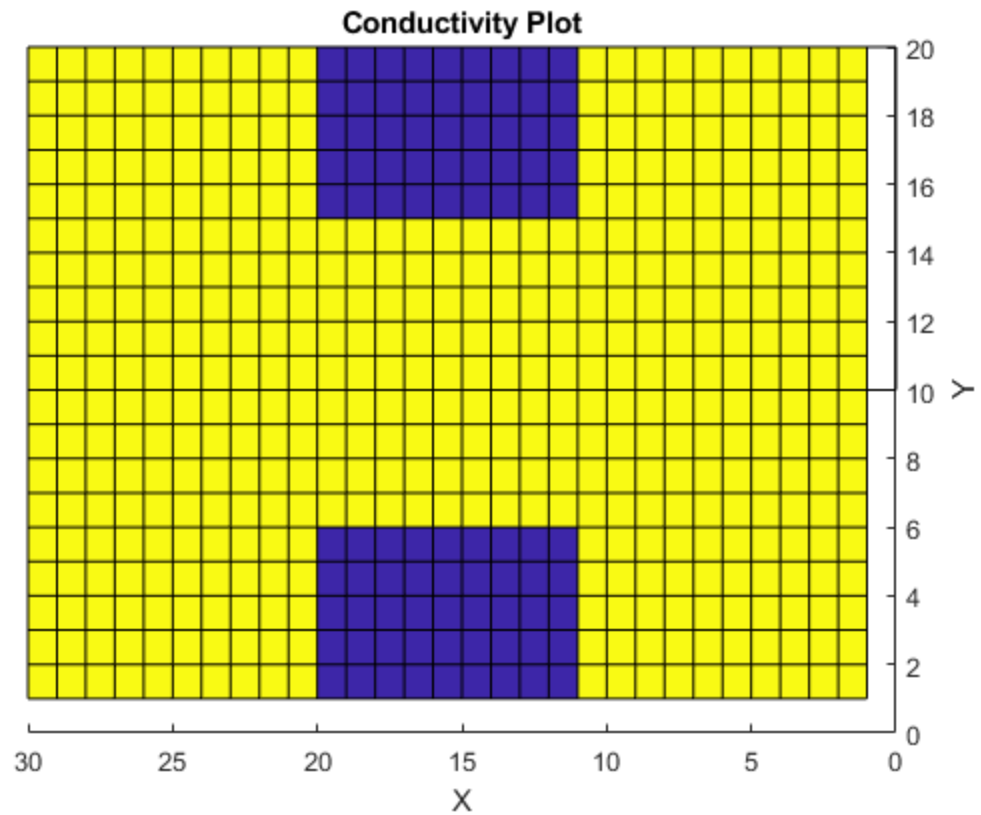
figure(6)
surface(Ex)
title('X-Component of Electric Field')
xlabel('X');
ylabel('Y');

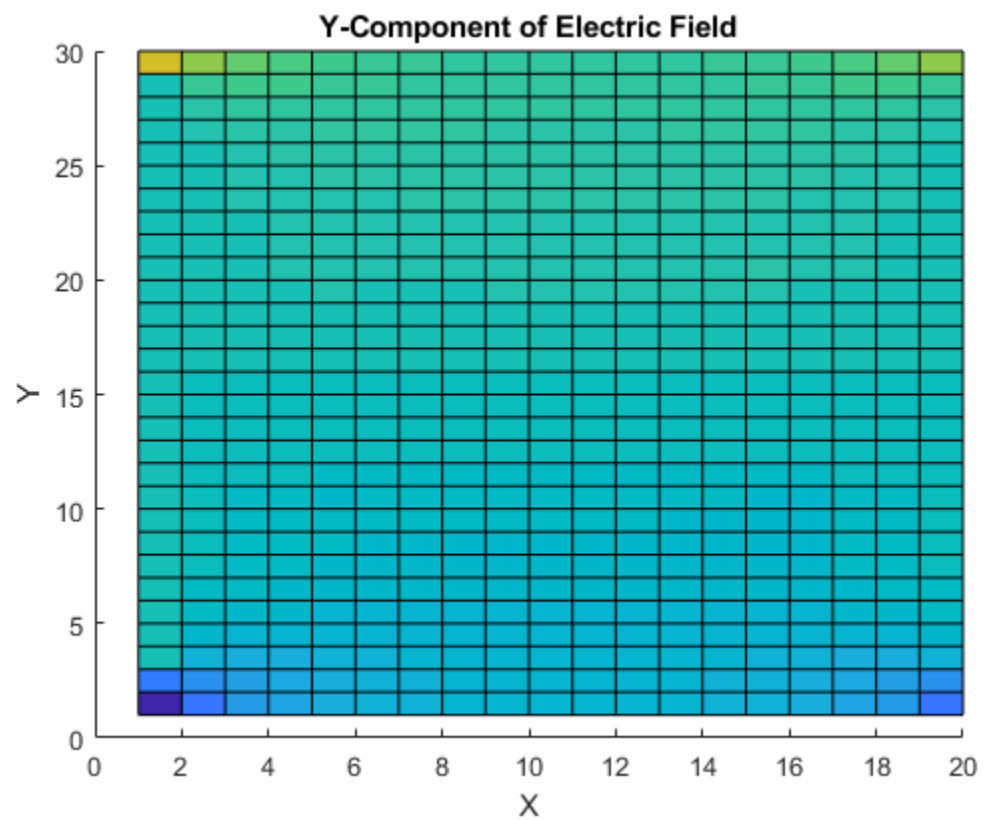
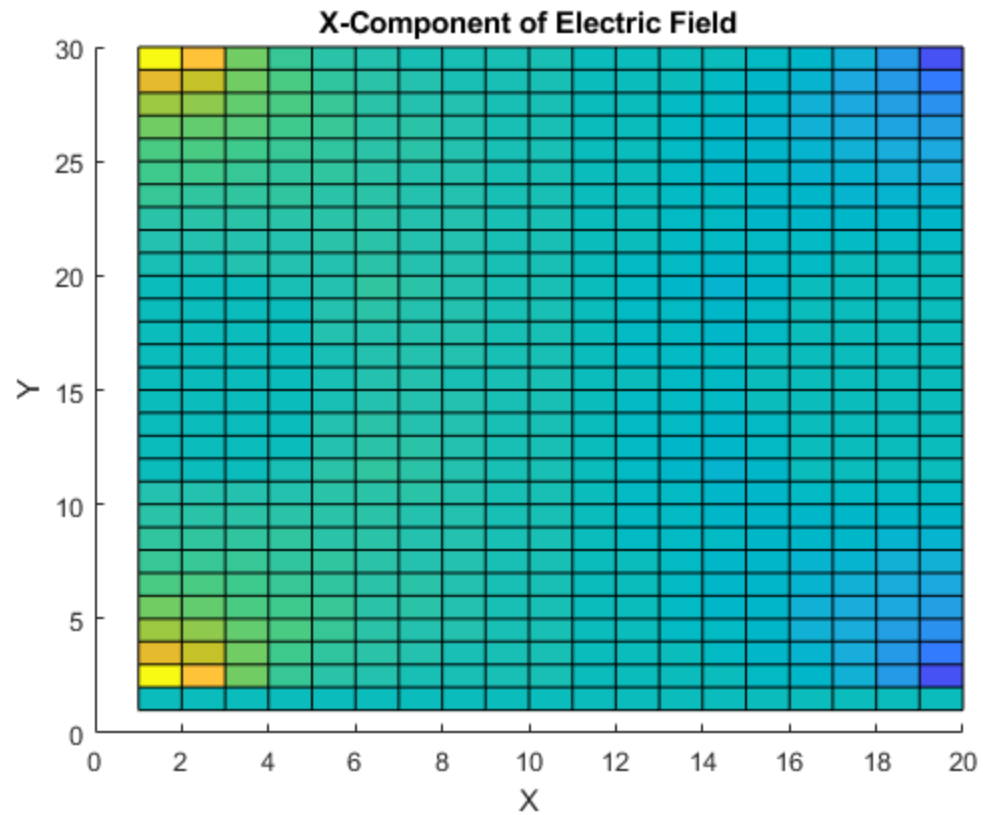
figure(7)
surface(Ey)
title('Y-Component of Electric Field')
xlabel('X');
ylabel('Y');

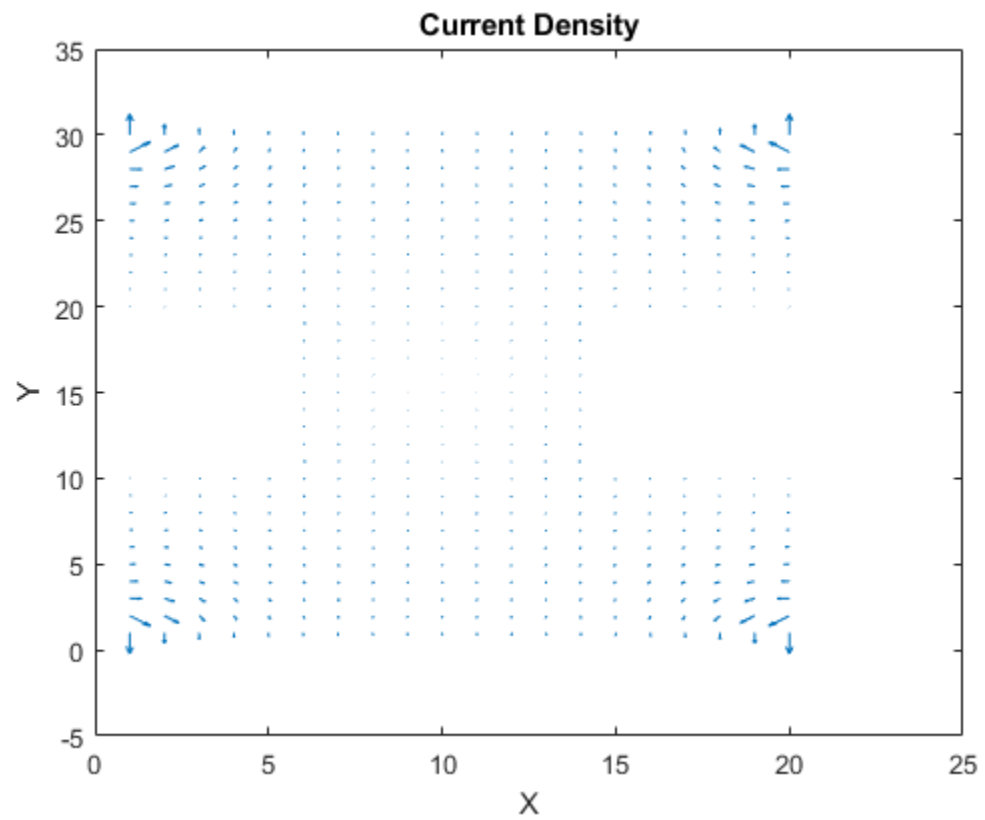
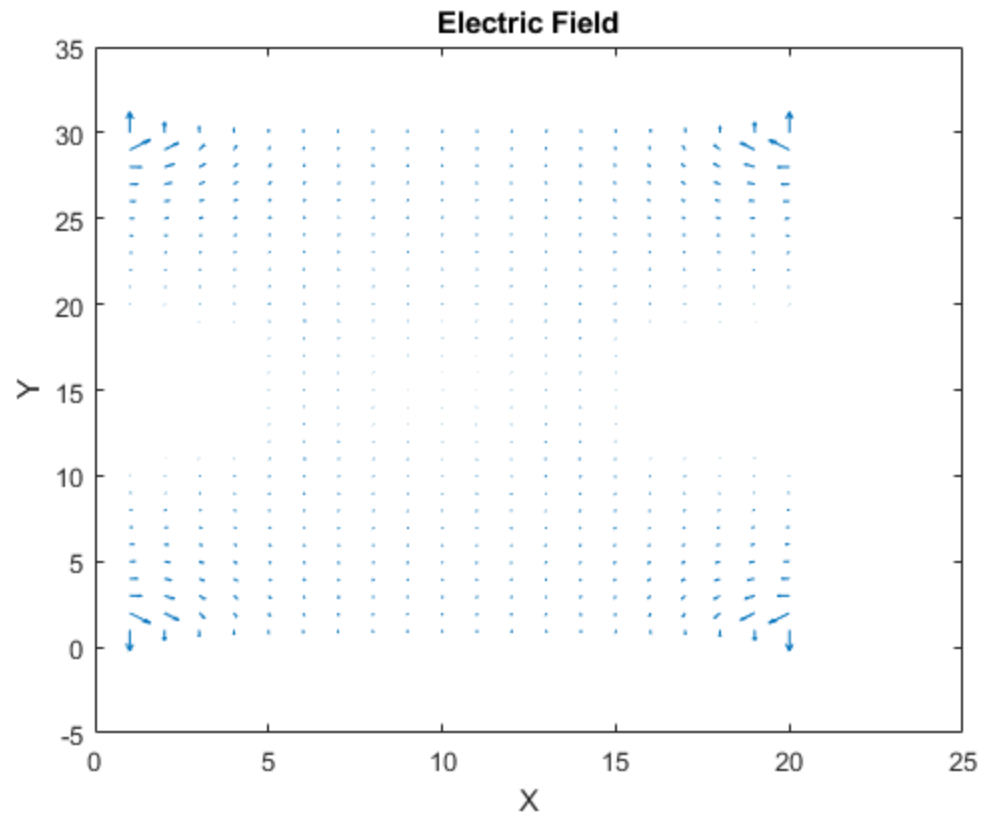
figure(8)
quiver(Ex,Ey)
title('Electric Field')
xlabel('X');
ylabel('Y');

% Current Density
Jx = Ex.*sigma;
Jy = Ey.*sigma;

figure(9)
quiver(Jx,Jy)
title('Current Density')
xlabel('X');
ylabel('Y');
```







Part 2: c)

Create different bottle necks (4) and graph current mesh

```
% Current in Bottle Neck
R = sigma;
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if sigma(i,j) == sig2
            R(i,j) = 1/sig2;
        end
    end
end

current = sMap3./R;
C0 = sum(current(1,:));
C1 = sum(current(L,:));
C = (C0 + C1)/2;
figure(10)
mesh(current);
xlabel('X');
ylabel('Y');
zlabel('I(x,y)');
title(['Avg I = ', num2str(C)]);

% Adjust bottle neck
Wb = 8;
Lb = 10;

top_box = [(nx/2)-(Lb/2) 0 Lb Wb];
bottom_box = [(nx/2)-(Lb/2) ny-Wb Lb Wb];

% Populate sigma matrix
sigma = ones(nx,ny);
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
            bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2)))
            sigma(i,j) = sig2;
        end
    end
end

% Construct G Matrix
G = sparse(nx*ny);
B = zeros(nx*ny,1);

for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny; % Node mapping

        if i == 1 % Left
            G(n,:) = 0;
```

```
G(n,n) = 1;

B(n) = V0;
elseif i == nx % Right
    G(n,:) = 0;
    G(n,n) = 1;

    B(n,1) = V0;
elseif j == 1 % Bottom
    G(n,:) = 0;
    G(n,n) = 1;

    B(n,1) = 0;
elseif j == ny % Top
    G(n,:) = 0;
    G(n,n) = 1;

    B(n,1) = 0;
else % Not along any boundary

    if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2))) % Inside box
        nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
        nxp = j +(i)*ny;
        nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
        nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

        G(n,n) = -4;
        G(n, nxm) = sig2;
        G(n, nxp) = sig2;
        G(n, nym) = sig2;
        G(n, nyp) = sig2;
    else
        nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
        nxp = j +(i)*ny;
        nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
        nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

        G(n,n) = -4;
        G(n, nxm) = sig1;
        G(n, nxp) = sig1;
        G(n, nym) = sig1;
        G(n, nyp) = sig1;
    end
end
end
end

phi_vec = G\B;
sMap4 = zeros(nx,ny);

% Map voltages back on to surface map
for i=1:nx
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```
        for j=1:ny
            n = j + (i-1)*ny;
            sMap4(i,j) = phi_vec(n);
        end
    end

R = sigma;
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if sigma(i,j) == sig2
            R(i,j) = 1/sig2;
        end
    end
end

current = sMap4./R;
figure(11)
mesh(current);
xlabel('X');
ylabel('Y');
zlabel('I(x,y)');
title(['Avg I = ', num2str(C)]);

% Adjust bottle neck
Wb = 9;
Lb = 10;

top_box = [(nx/2)-(Lb/2) 0 Lb Wb];
bottom_box = [(nx/2)-(Lb/2) ny-Wb Lb Wb];

% Populate sigma matrix
sigma = ones(nx,ny);
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
            bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2)))
            sigma(i,j) = sig2;
        end
    end
end

% Construct G Matrix
G = sparse(nx*ny);
B = zeros(nx*ny,1);

for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny; % Node mapping

        if i == 1 % Left
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n) = V0;
```

```
elseif i == nx % Right
    G(n,:) = 0;
    G(n,n) = 1;

    B(n,1) = V0;
elseif j == 1 % Bottom
    G(n,:) = 0;
    G(n,n) = 1;

    B(n,1) = 0;
elseif j == ny % Top
    G(n,:) = 0;
    G(n,n) = 1;

    B(n,1) = 0;
else % Not along any boundary

    if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2))) % Inside box
        nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
        nxp = j + (i)*ny;
        nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
        nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

        G(n,n) = -4;
        G(n, nxm) = sig2;
        G(n, nxp) = sig2;
        G(n, nym) = sig2;
        G(n, nyp) = sig2;
    else
        nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
        nxp = j + (i)*ny;
        nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
        nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

        G(n,n) = -4;
        G(n, nxm) = sig1;
        G(n, nxp) = sig1;
        G(n, nym) = sig1;
        G(n, nyp) = sig1;
    end
end

end
end
end

phi_vec = G\B;
sMap5 = zeros(nx,ny);

% Map voltages back on to surface map
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny;
        sMap5(i,j) = phi_vec(n);
    end
end
```

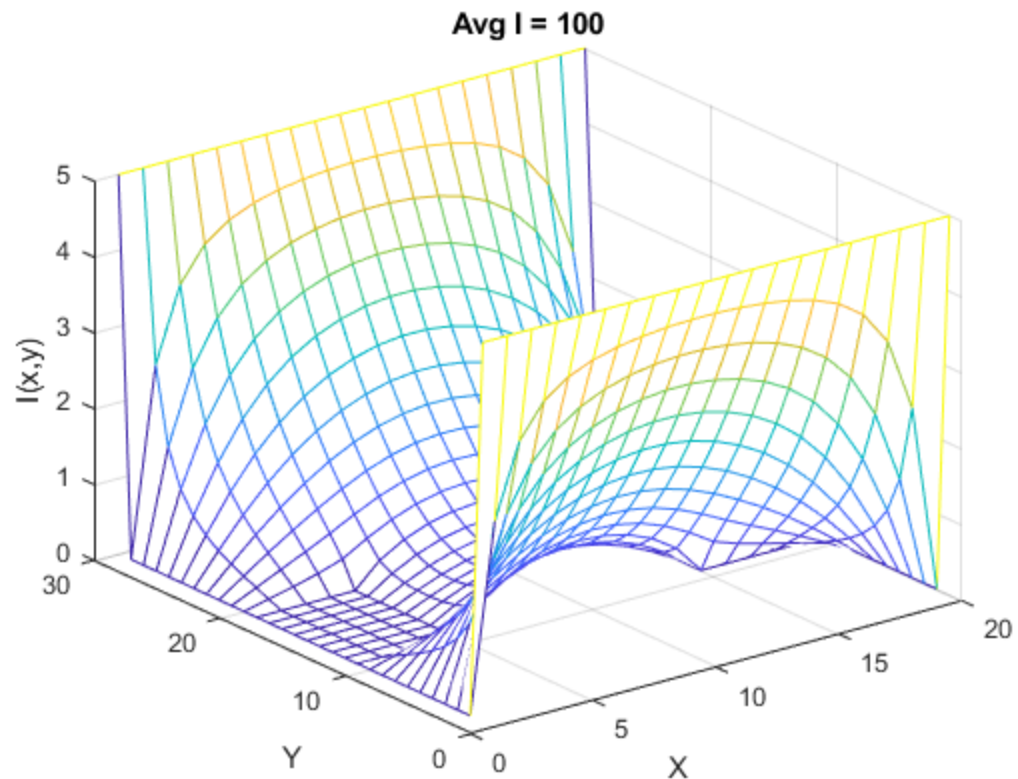


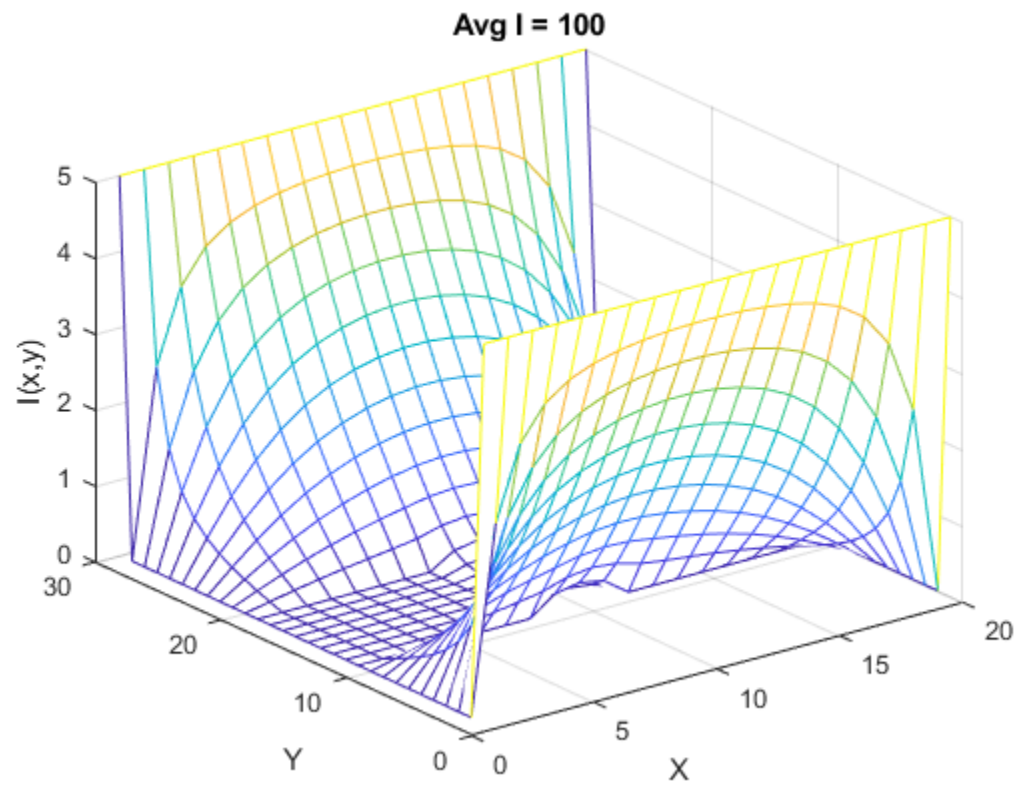
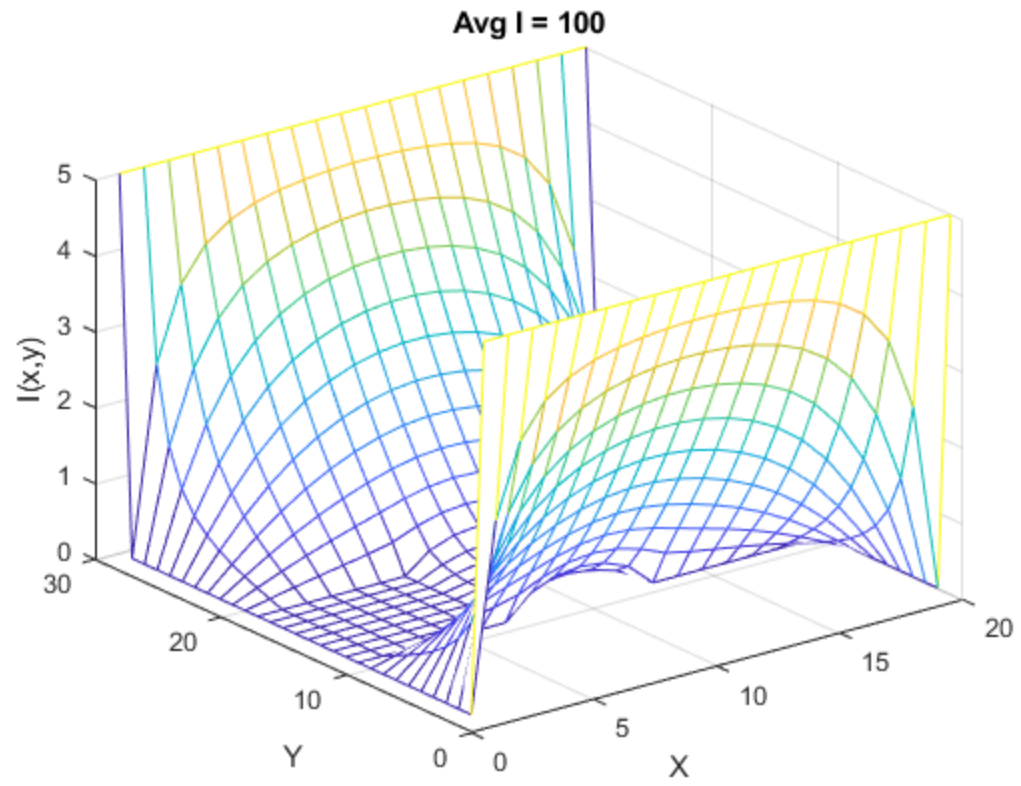
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end
end

R = sigma;
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if sigma(i,j) == sig2
            R(i,j) = 1/sig2;
        end
    end
end

current = sMap5./R;
figure(12)
mesh(current);
xlabel('X');
ylabel('Y');
zlabel('I(x,y)');
title(['Avg I = ', num2str(C)]);

% Decreasing the width of the bottleneck seems to have no affect on
% the
% total current in the surface, as each iteration of different
% bottleneck
% width produces the same total current.
```





Part 2: d)

Change sigma, calculate current, graph mesh current

```
% Adjust bottle neck
Wb = 5;
Lb = 10;

top_box = [(nx/2)-(Lb/2) 0 Lb Wb];
bottom_box = [(nx/2)-(Lb/2) ny-Wb Lb Wb];

% Populate sigma matrix
sigma = ones(nx,ny);
sig2 = 1e-3;
sig1 = 1;
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
            bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2)))
            sigma(i,j) = sig2;
        end
    end
end

% Construct G Matrix
G = sparse(nx*ny);
B = zeros(nx*ny,1);

for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny; % Node mapping

        if i == 1 % Left
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n) = V0;
        elseif i == nx % Right
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = V0;
        elseif j == 1 % Bottom
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = 0;
        elseif j == ny % Top
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = 0;
        else % Not along any boundary
```

```
        if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2))) % Inside box
            nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
            nxp = j + (i)*ny;
            nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
            nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

            G(n,n) = -4;
            G(n, nxm) = sig2;
            G(n, nxp) = sig2;
            G(n, nym) = sig2;
            G(n, nyp) = sig2;
        else
            nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
            nxp = j + (i)*ny;
            nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
            nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

            G(n,n) = -4;
            G(n, nxm) = sig1;
            G(n, nxp) = sig1;
            G(n, nym) = sig1;
            G(n, nyp) = sig1;
        end
    end
end

phi_vec = G\B;
sMap5 = zeros(nx,ny);

% Map voltages back on to surface map
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny;
        sMap5(i,j) = phi_vec(n);
    end
end

R = sigma;
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if sigma(i,j) == sig2
            R(i,j) = 1/sig2;
        end
    end
end

current = sMap5./R;
figure(13)
mesh(current);
xlabel('X');
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ylabel('Y');
xlabel('I(x,y)');
title(['S = 1e-3, Avg I = ', num2str(C)]);

% Populate sigma matrix
sigma = ones(nx,ny);
sig2 = 1;
sig1 = 1;
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
            bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2)))
            sigma(i,j) = sig2;
        end
    end
end

% Construct G Matrix
G = sparse(nx*ny);
B = zeros(nx*ny,1);

for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny; % Node mapping

        if i == 1 % Left
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n) = V0;
        elseif i == nx % Right
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = V0;
        elseif j == 1 % Bottom
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = 0;
        elseif j == ny % Top
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = 0;
        else % Not along any boundary

            if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
                bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2))) % Inside box
                nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
                nxp = j + (i)*ny;
                nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
                nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;
```

```
        G(n,n) = -4;
        G(n, nxm) = sig2;
        G(n, nxp) = sig2;
        G(n, nym) = sig2;
        G(n, nyp) = sig2;
    else
        nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
        nxp = j + (i)*ny;
        nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
        nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

        G(n,n) = -4;
        G(n, nxm) = sig1;
        G(n, nxp) = sig1;
        G(n, nym) = sig1;
        G(n, nyp) = sig1;
    end
end
end
end

phi_vec = G\B;
sMap5 = zeros(nx,ny);

% Map voltages back on to surface map
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny;
        sMap5(i,j) = phi_vec(n);
    end
end

R = sigma;
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if sigma(i,j) == sig2
            R(i,j) = 1/sig2;
        end
    end
end

current = sMap5./R;
figure(14)
mesh(current);
xlabel('X');
ylabel('Y');
zlabel('I(x,y)');
title(['S = 1, Avg I = ', num2str(C)]);

% Populate sigma matrix
sigma = ones(nx,ny);
sig2 = 2;
sig1 = 1;
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for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
            bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2)))
            sigma(i,j) = sig2;
        end
    end
end

% Construct G Matrix
G = sparse(nx*ny);
B = zeros(nx*ny,1);

for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny; % Node mapping

        if i == 1 % Left
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n) = V0;
        elseif i == nx % Right
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = V0;
        elseif j == 1 % Bottom
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = 0;
        elseif j == ny % Top
            G(n,:) = 0;
            G(n,n) = 1;

            B(n,1) = 0;
        else % Not along any boundary

            if (i > top_box(1) && i < top_box(1)+top_box(3) && (j <
                bottom_box(4) || j > bottom_box(2))) % Inside box
                nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
                nxp = j + (i)*ny;
                nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
                nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

                G(n,n) = -4;
                G(n, nxm) = sig2;
                G(n, nxp) = sig2;
                G(n, nym) = sig2;
                G(n, nyp) = sig2;
            else
                nxm = j + (i-2)*ny;
                nxp = j + (i)*ny;
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        nym = j-1 + (i-1)*ny;
        nyp = j+1 + (i-1)*ny;

        G(n,n) = -4;
        G(n, nxm) = sig1;
        G(n, nxp) = sig1;
        G(n, nym) = sig1;
        G(n, nyp) = sig1;
    end

end

end

end

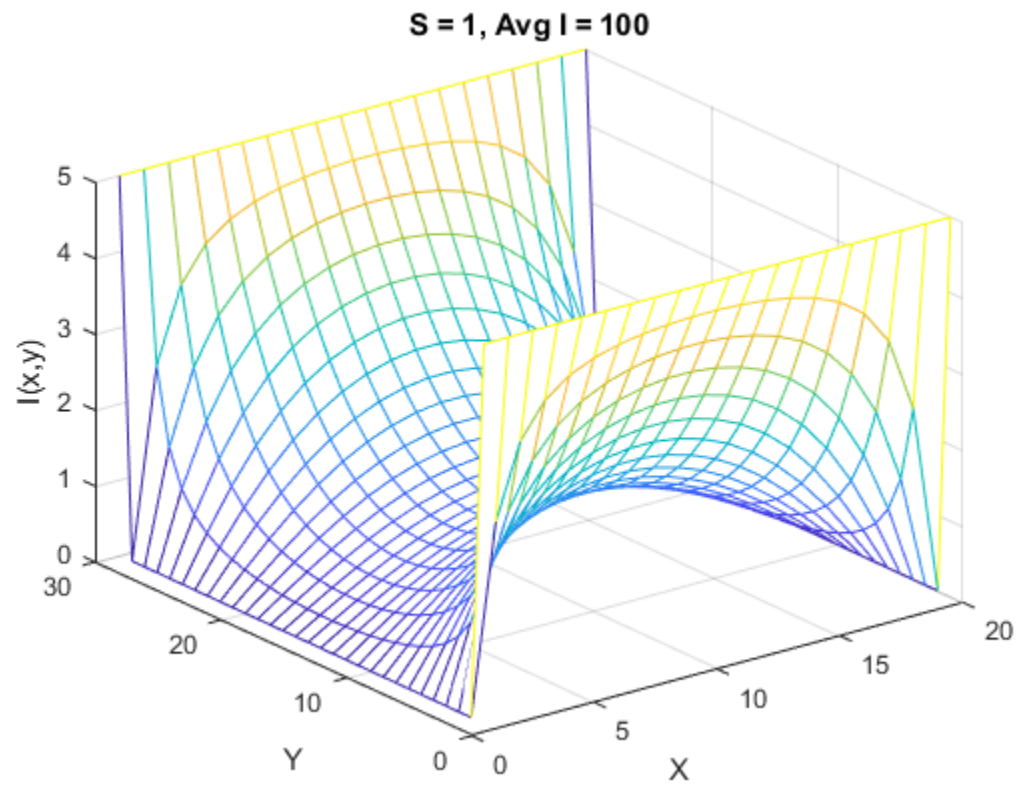
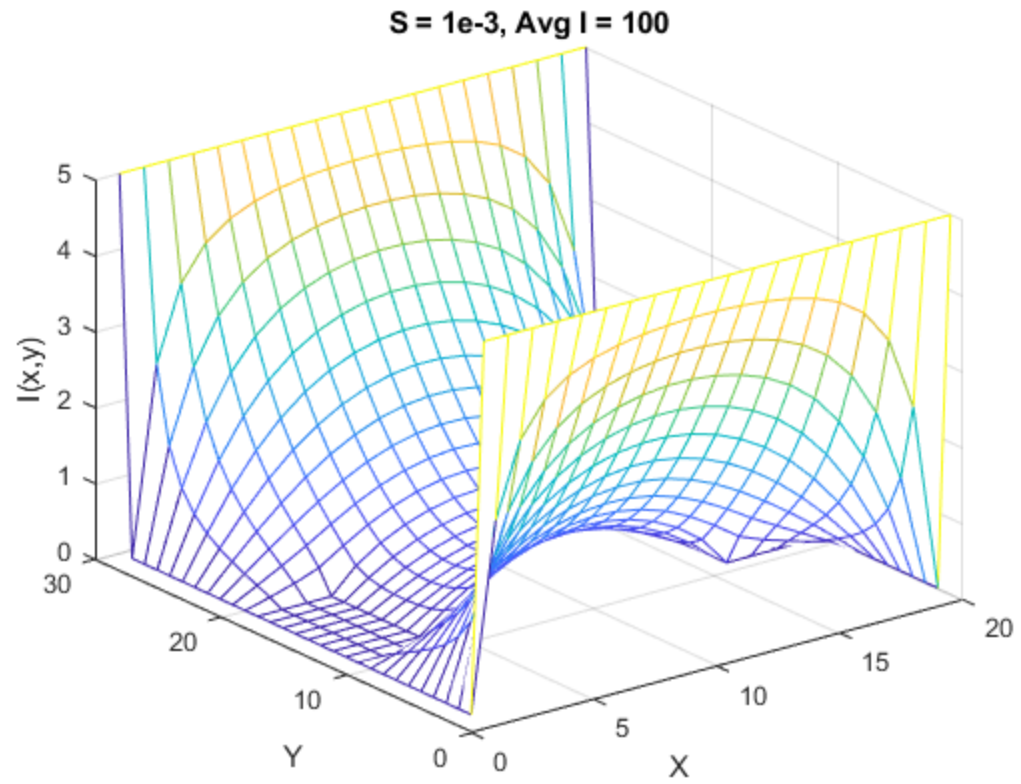
phi_vec = G\B;
sMap5 = zeros(nx,ny);

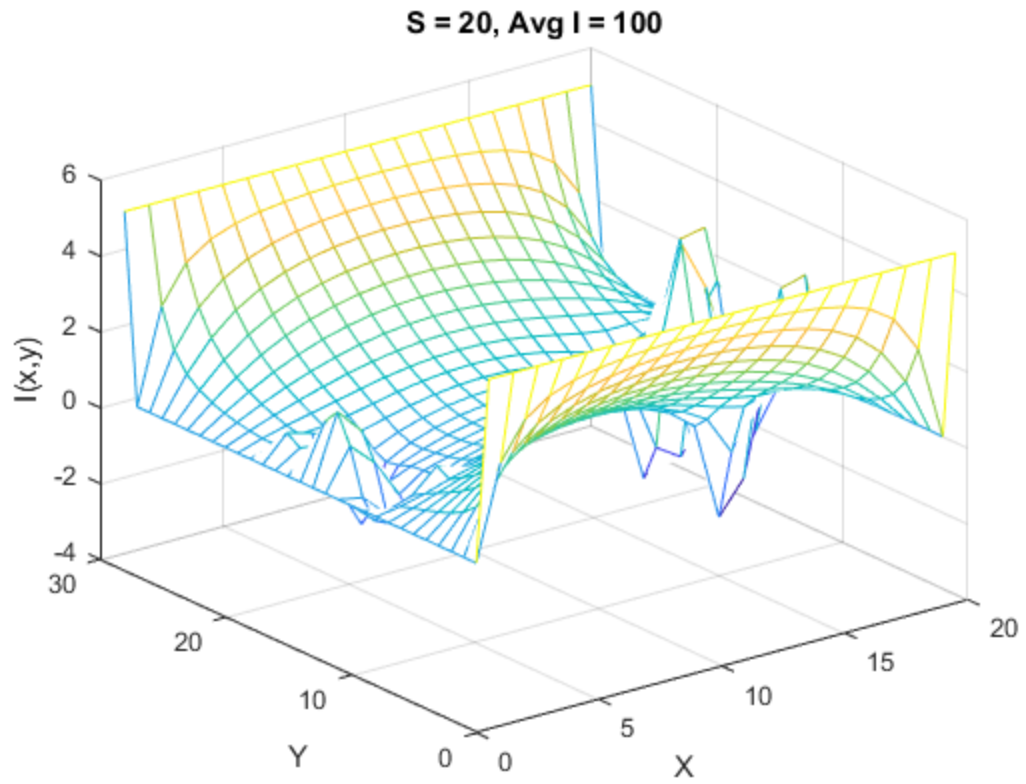
% Map voltages back on to surface map
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        n = j + (i-1)*ny;
        sMap5(i,j) = phi_vec(n);
    end
end

R = sigma;
for i=1:nx
    for j=1:ny
        if sigma(i,j) == sig2
            R(i,j) = 1/sig2;
        end
    end
end

current = sMap5./R;
figure(15)
mesh(current);
xlabel('X');
ylabel('Y');
zlabel('I(x,y)');
title(['S = 20, Avg I = ', num2str(C)]);

% Increasing the conductivity in the barrier region increases the
% total
% current in that region. However, in every iteration of different
% conductivity values, the average current does not change.
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