Physics 514 – Homework II

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1 Poisson's Equation

Solve the poisson's equation

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(x, y) = -4\pi \rho(x, y)$$
 with $\rho(x, y) = e^{-16[(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + (y - \frac{1}{2})^2]}$

in a square area $(0 \le x \le 1, 0 \le y \le 1)$.

The boundary condition is,

$$\phi(x = 0) = 1$$

$$\phi(x = 1) = 0$$

$$\phi(x, y = 0) = 1 - x$$

$$\phi(x, y = 1) = 1 - x$$

Use different methods to solve the poisson's equation:

- 1. The relaxation method
- 2. Gauss-Seidel method

Show $\Phi(x,y)$ in 2-D plots and send the code.

2 Heat Equation

Solve the heat equation in the interval of -1 to 1, assuming an initial temperature distribution T(x,t=0)=1, |x|<0.1 and 0 otherwise, in the absence heat sources and with T(-1)=T(1)=0.

Use the forward Euler algorithm to integrate the equations. Plot the time evolution and send the code.

3 Poisson's Equation with Multi-Grid Method

Solve Problem 1 with Multi-Grid method, show $\Phi(x,y)$ in 2-D plots and send the code.

Homework Submission

Summarize your results and plots into one PDF file and also submit your codes to Canvas.