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PARTIAL LINEAR HOMOGENEOUS DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS OF THE FIRST ORDER AND MATHEAMTICA

Abstract

Introduction and aims: The paper describes the method of solving first order linear differential homogeneous differential equations using *Mathematica* program. The purpose of the work is to provide algorithms for analytical and symbolic solutions in *Mathematica* for three selected examples.

Material and methods: The work uses selected literature from first order linear partial differential equations. The method of characteristics was used in analytical solutions, and the *Mathematica 5* program in numerical solutions.

Results: The characteristics method was used in analytical solutions of selected examples of first order linear partial differential equations. In addition to numerical solutions, graphic interpretation was given using spatial and contour charts.

Conclusion: *Mathematica* program solves the first order linear partial differential equations with given boundary conditions using the *pde* and *DSolve* procedures. *Mathematica* program also allows for first order linear partial differential equations with boundary conditions to show some geometric interpretation of their solutions using the *Plot3D* and *ContourPlot* commands.

Keywords: Partial differential equations, linear, homogeneous, the first order, solutions, *Mathematica*.

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RÓWNANIA RÓŻNICZKOWE CZĄSTKOWE LINIOWE JEDNORODNE RZĘDU PIERWSZEGO I PROGRAM MATHEMATICA

Streszczenie

Wstęp i cele: W pracy opisano metodę rozwiązywania równań różniczkowych cząstkowych liniowych jednorodnych pierwszego rzędu z wykorzystaniem programu *Mathematica*. Celem pracy jest podanie algorytmów rozwiązań analitycznych i symbolicznych w programie *Mathematica* dla wybranych trzech różnych przykładów.

Materiał i metody: W pracy wykorzystano wybraną literaturę z równań różniczkowych cząstkowych liniowych rzędu pierwszego. W rozwiązaniach analitycznych zastosowano metodę charakterystyk, a w rozwiązaniach numerycznych program *Mathematica 5*.

Wyniki: Metodę charakterystyk zastosowano w rozwiązaniach analitycznych wybranych przykładów równań różniczkowych cząstkowych liniowych rzędu pierwszego. Oprócz rozwiązań numerycznych podano interpretację graficzną stosując wykresy przestrzenne i konturowe.

Wnioski: Program *Mathematica* rozwiązuje liniowe jednorodne równania różniczkowe cząstkowe pierwszego rzędu z zadanimi warunkami brzegowymi stosując procedury *pde* i *DSolve*. Program *Mathematica* umożliwia również dla równań różniczkowych cząstkowych liniowych rzędu pierwszego z warunkami brzegowymi pokazanie geometrycznej interpretacji ich rozwiązań za pomocą poleceń *Plot3D* i *ContourPlot*.

Słowa kluczowe: Równania różniczkowe cząstkowe, liniowe, jednorodne, rząd pierwszy, rozwiązania, *Mathematica*.

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1. Introduction

1.1. First order linear partial homogeneous differential equations

Homogeneous partial linear differential equation with an unknown function $u = u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ has the form [1], [3]-[5]:

$$A_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} + A_2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} + \dots + A_n \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} = 0, \quad (1)$$

where functions A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , are functions which are continuously differentiable in a certain area of n -dimensional space and depend only on variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

The system of ordinary differential equations corresponding to the partial equation (1.1) is a system with the following form:

$$\frac{dx_1}{A_1} = \frac{dx_2}{A_2} = \dots = \frac{dx_n}{A_n}. \quad (2)$$

The general integral of the partial differential equation (1) is found using the following theorem.

Theorem 1.

If $n-1$ of the compounds

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = C_1 \\ \Psi_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = C_2 \\ \dots \\ \Psi_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = C_{n-1} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

is the system of $n-1$ integrals of the first independent system of ordinary equations (2), then the composite function is given by:

$$u = \Phi(\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_{n-1}), \quad (4)$$

where the symbol Φ is any differentiable function, and $\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_{n-1}$, are the left sides of the first integrals (3), is the general integral of the partial differential equation (1) [7], [8].

Algorithm 1.

To find the general integral of a partial linear and homogeneous first order differential equation we must:

- (1a) write the system of ordinary differentials (2) corresponding to this equation,
- (1b) calculate as many first independent integrals (3) as there are equations written in the system,
- (1c) create a compound function (4), where $\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_{n-1}$ are the left sides of the first integrals determined in point (1b) [10]- [12].

1.2. Cauchy problem

Cauchy's problem is to designate such a solution $u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ of this equation (1), which for one of the variables $x_n = x_n^{(0)}$ is equal to function $\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})$ of other variables, i.e.

$$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n^{(0)}) = \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}). \quad (5)$$

The above-mentioned problem is solved according to the scheme that shows algorithm 1.

Algorithm 2.

- (2a) We write the system of ordinary differential equations corresponding to this equation.
It has the following form:

$$\frac{dx_1}{A_1} = \frac{dx_2}{A_2} = \dots = \frac{dx_n}{A_n}; \quad (6)$$

- (2b) We find the n-1 of independent first integrals of this system:

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = C_1 \\ \Psi_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = C_2 \\ \dots \\ \Psi_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = C_{n-1}; \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

- (2c) We put in the equations (7) $x_n = x_n^{(0)}$:

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n^{(0)}) = C_1 \\ \Psi_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n^{(0)}) = C_2 \\ \dots \\ \Psi_{n-1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n^{(0)}) = C_{n-1}. \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

We then get a system of n-1 equations that we solve with respect to the other variables.

- (2d) Values found at point (2c) for x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} we insert into the function:

$$u = \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}), \quad (9)$$

which is given in the Cauchy problem.

We then obtain:

$$u = \tilde{\varphi}(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_{n-1}). \quad (10)$$

- (2e) To the function defined by the formula (10) we put in place C_1, C_2, \dots, C_{n-1} the left side of the corresponding first integrals (8), then we obtain the required solution [17].

2. Examples of partial linear homogeneous differential equations of the first order solved analytically and numerically in *Mathematica* program

Example 1.

Solve the equation [16]:

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (11)$$

with condition

$$u(1, y) = y^2. \quad (12)$$

- **Analytical method (*a method of characteristics*)**

The ordinary differential equation for equation (11) has the form:

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y}. \quad (13)$$

We determine the first integral of the equation (13). After separating the variables we have:

$$\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dx}{x}. \quad (14)$$

Equation (14) is integrated on both sides with respect to the variables x and y :

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{dx}{x}. \quad (15)$$

$$\ln |y| = \ln |x| + \ln |C|. \quad (16)$$

where we get:

$$y = Cx, \quad C \in \Re. \quad (17)$$

After calculating the constant from equation (17), it takes the form:

$$C = \frac{y}{x}. \quad (18)$$

The general solution of the partial equation (11) has the following form:

$$u(x, y) = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right). \quad (19)$$

Let us look for a particular solution of the partial equation (11) with the condition (12). For this purpose we put in the equation (17) $x = 1$.

We then receive:

$$y = C. \quad (20)$$

After inserting (18) to equation (20) with the condition (21) we get the particular solution of equation (11) in the following form:

$$u(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{x}. \quad (21)$$

- **Numerical method (*Mathematica*) [2], [8], [9], [13]-[16]**

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In[1]:=pde=x*D[u[x,y],x]+y*D[u[x,y],y]==0
solution=DSolve[pde,u[x,y],{x,y}]
f[x_,y_]=u[x,y]/.solution[[1]]
result=DSolve[{pde,u[1,y]==y^2},u[x,y],{x,y}]
Plot3D[u[x,y]/.result,{x,0.5,2},{y,-2,2},ColorFunction->Hue]
ContourPlot[u[x,y]/.result,{x,0.5,2},{y,-2,2},
ColorFunction->Hue]
Out[1]= y u^(0,1)[x,y]+x u^(1,0)[x,y]==0
Out[2]= {u[x,y]->C[1][y/x]}}
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Out[3]= C[1][y/x]
Out[4]= {u[x,y] -> y^2/x^2}
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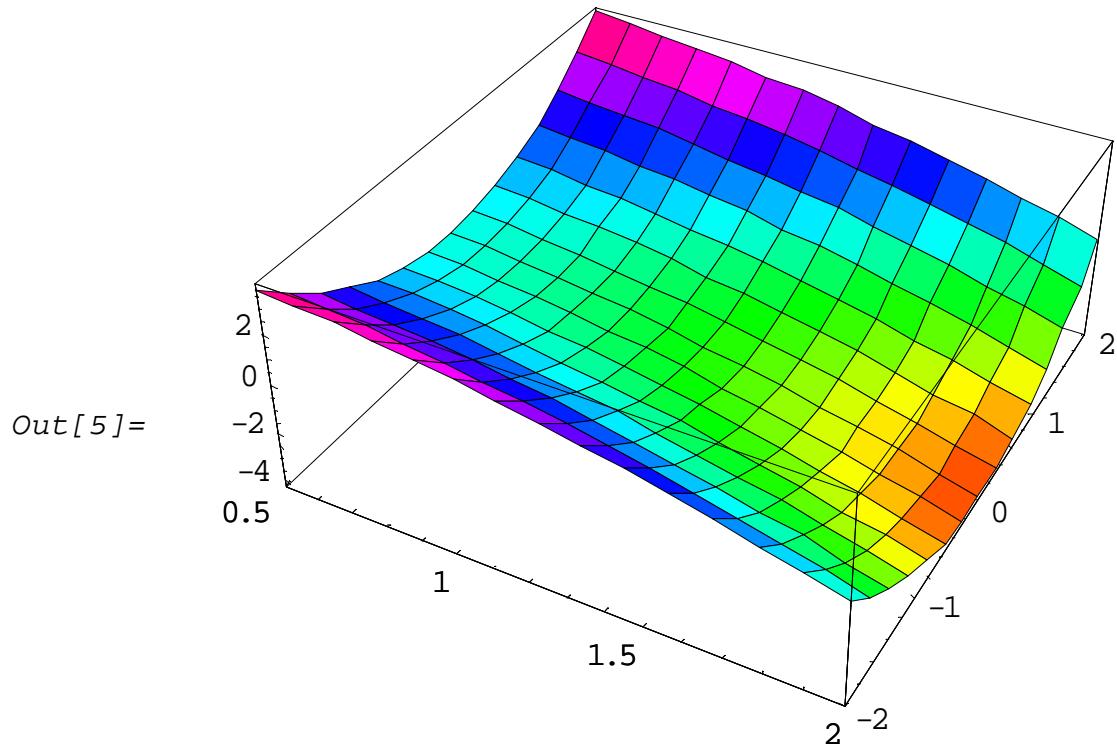


Fig. 1. Graphical interpretation of the solution (21) of differential equation (11)
for $0.5 < x < 2$, $-2 < y < 2$ using *Plot3D* command in *Mathematica*
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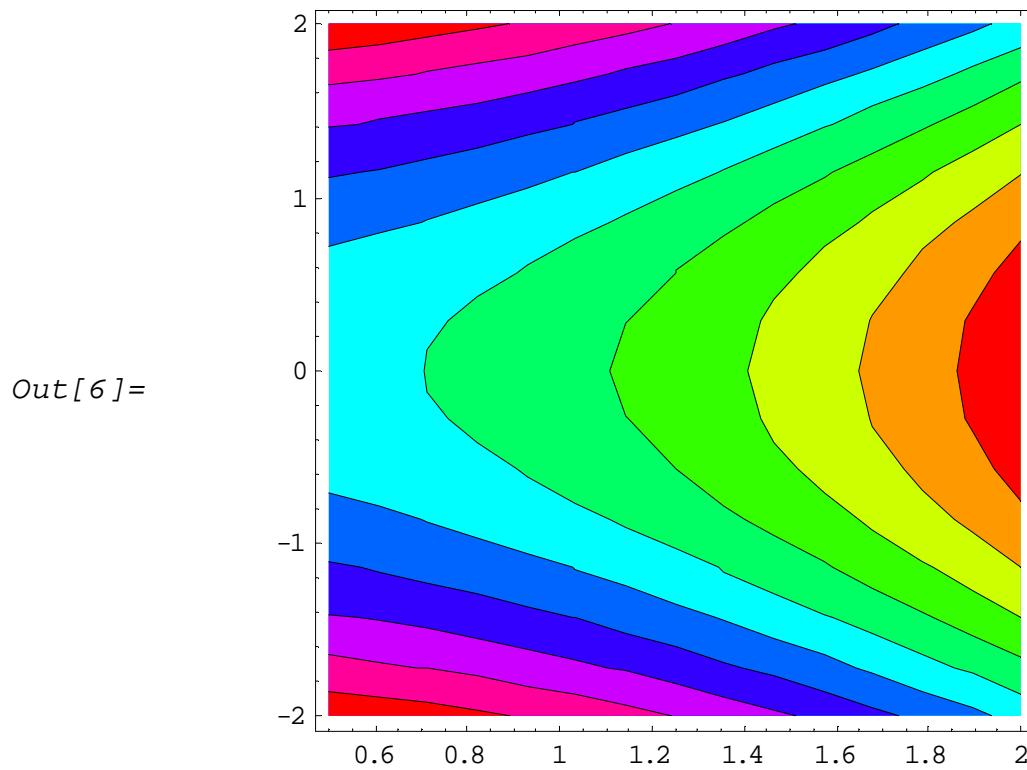


Fig. 2. Graphical interpretation of the solution (21) of differential equation (11)
for $0.5 < x < 2$, $-2 < y < 2$ using *ContourPlot* command in *Mathematica*
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Example 2.

Solve the equation [16]:

$$y \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (22)$$

with condition

$$u(0,y) = \sin(y^2). \quad (23)$$

• **Analytical method (*a method of characteristics*)**

The ordinary differential equation for equation (22) has the form:

$$\frac{dx}{y} = \frac{dy}{x}. \quad (24)$$

We determine the first integral of the equation (24). After separating the variables we have:

$$ydy = xdx. \quad (25)$$

Equation (25) is integrated on both sides with respect to the variables x and y:

$$\int ydy = \int xdx. \quad (26)$$

where we get:

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{x^2}{2} + C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (27)$$

Hence

$$y = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{2} + C}. \quad (28)$$

After calculating the constant from equation (28), it takes the form:

$$C = \frac{1}{2}(y^2 - x^2). \quad (29)$$

The general solution of the partial equation (22) has the following form:

$$u(x, y) = F\left[\frac{1}{2}(y^2 - x^2)\right]. \quad (30)$$

Let us look for the particular solution of partial equation (22) with the condition (23). For this purpose we put in the equation (28) $x = 0$.

We then receive:

$$y = \sqrt{2C}, \quad (31)$$

After inserting (29) the equation (30) we get the particular solution of equation (22) in the following form:

$$u(x, y) = -\sin(x^2 - y^2). \quad (32)$$

- Numerical method (**Mathematica**) [2], [8], [9], [13]-[16]

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In[1]:=pde=y*D[u[x,y],x]+x*D[u[x,y],y]==0
solution=DSolve[pde,u[x,y],{x,y}]
f[x_,y_]=u[x,y]/.solution[[1]]
result=DSolve[{pde,u[1,y]==Sin[y^2]},u[x,y],{x,y}]
Plot3D[u[x,y]/.result,{x,-Pi,Pi},{y,0.001,Pi},
ColorFunction->Hue]
ContourPlot[u[x,y]/.result,{x,-Pi,Pi},{y,0.001,Pi},
ColorFunction->Hue]
Out[1]= xu^(0,1)[x,y]+yu^(1,0)[x,y]==0
Out[2]= {{u[x,y]->C[1][1/2(-x^2+y^2)]}}
Out[3]= C[1][1/2 (-x^2+y^2)]
Out[4]= {{u[x,y]->-Sin[x^2-y^2]}}}
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Out[5]=

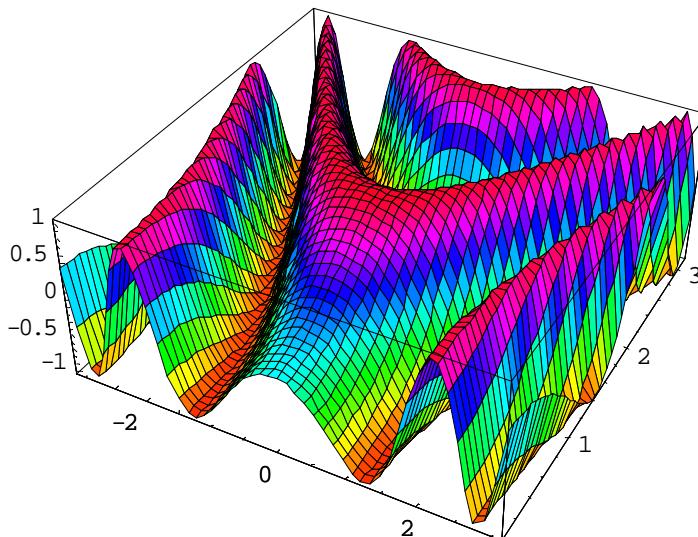


Fig. 3. Graphical interpretation of the solution (32) of differential equation (22)
for $-Pi < x < Pi$, $0.001 < y < Pi$ using *Plot3D* command in *Mathematica*

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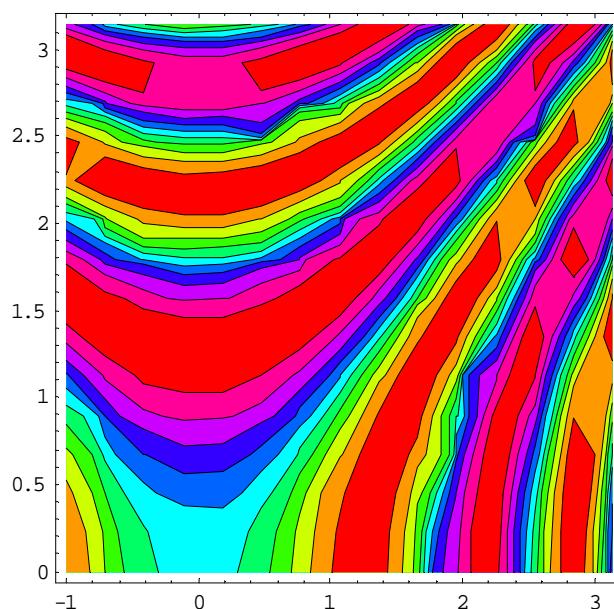


Fig. 4. Graphical interpretation of the solution (32) of differential equation (22)
for $-Pi < x < Pi$, $0.001 < y < Pi$ using *ContourPlot* command in *Mathematica*

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Example 3.

Solve the equation [16]:

$$y \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (33)$$

with condition

$$u(1,y) = y^2. \quad (34)$$

• **Analytical method (*a method of characteristics*)**

The ordinary differential equation for equation (33) has the form:

$$\frac{dx}{y} = \frac{dy}{-x}. \quad (35)$$

We determine the first integral of the equation (35). After separating the variables we have:

$$ydy = -xdx. \quad (36)$$

Equation (36) is integrated on both sides with respect to the variables x and y:

$$\int ydy = -\int xdx. \quad (37)$$

where we get:

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = -\frac{x^2}{2} + C, \quad C \in \Re, \quad (38)$$

$$y = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{C - \frac{x^2}{2}}. \quad (39)$$

After calculating the constant from equation (9), it takes the form:

$$C = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2). \quad (40)$$

The general solution of the partial equation (33) has the following form:

$$u(x, y) = F\left[\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)\right]. \quad (41)$$

Let us look for a particular solution of the partial equation (33) with the condition (34). For this purpose we put in the equation (40) $x = 1$. We then receive:

$$C = \frac{y^2 + 1}{2}, \quad (42)$$

and hence, after considering (40) in (42) we have:

$$y = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - 1}. \quad (43)$$

When we take into account (43), the condition (34) we obtain the particular solution of the equation (33) in the following form:

$$u(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 1. \quad (44)$$

• Numerical method (*Mathematica*) [2], [8], [9], [13]-[16]

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In[1]:=pde=y*D[u[x,y],x]-x*D[u[x,y],y]==0
solution=DSolve[pde,u[x,y],{x,y}]
f[x_,y_]=u[x,y]/.solution[[1]]
result=DSolve[{pde,u[1,y]==y^2},u[x,y],{x,y}]
Plot3D[u[x,y]/.result,{x,-1,1},{y,-1,1},
ColorFunction->Hue]
ContourPlot[u[x,y]/.result,{x,-1,1},{y,-1,1},
ColorFunction->Hue]
Out[1]= -xu^(0,1)[x,y]+yu^(1,0)[x,y]==0
Out[2]= {u[x,y]->C[1][1/2(x^2+y^2)]}
Out[3]= C[1][1/2 (x^2+y^2)]
Out[4]= {u[x,y]->-1+x^2+y^2}}
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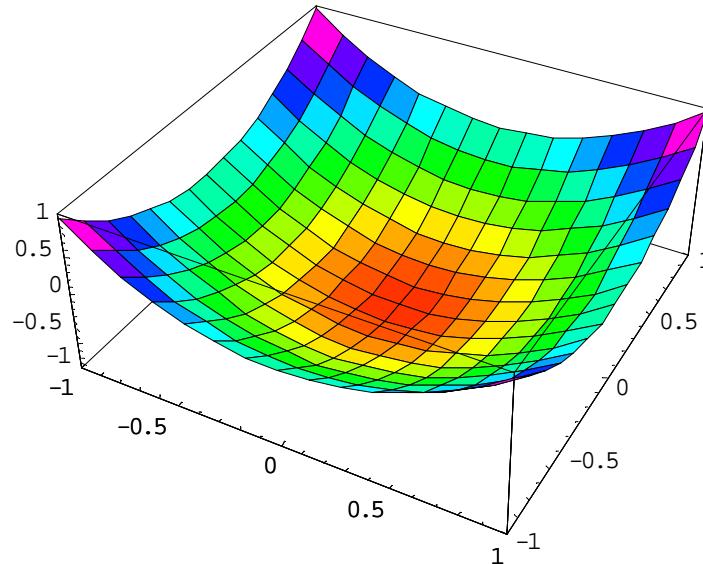


Fig. 3. Graphical interpretation of the solution (44) of differential equation (33)
for $-1 < x < 1$, $-1 < y < 1$ using command *Plot3D* in *Mathematica*

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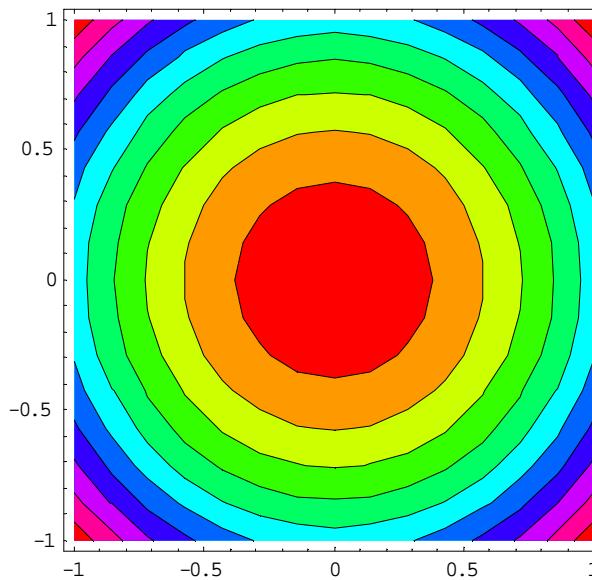


Fig. 4. Graphical interpretation of the solution (44) of differential equation (33)
for $-1 < x < 1$, $-1 < y < 1$ using command *ContourPlot* in *Mathematica*
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3. Conclusions

- *Mathematica* program solves the first order linear partial differential equations with given boundary conditions using the *pde* and *DSolve* commands.
- *Mathematica* program also allows for first order linear partial differential equations with boundary conditions to show a geometric interpretation of their solutions using the *Plot3D* and *ContourPlot* commands.

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