

4. Let the function $\varphi(x, y)$ satisfy the partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad (1)$$

in the square domain

$$0 < x < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < y < 1.$$

(a) Show that a separation of variables substitution $\varphi(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$ leads to an equation for $X(x)$ of the form

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + \lambda X = 0, \quad (2)$$

where λ is a constant, and find the corresponding equation for $Y(y)$.

[5 marks]

(b) The boundary conditions

$$\varphi(x = 0, y) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(x = 1, y) = 0, \quad \text{for all } 0 < y < 1 \quad (3)$$

are imposed. Find all solutions of (2) consistent with these and find the corresponding most general solutions for $Y(y)$.

[8 marks]

(c) Solve (1) if the boundary conditions

$$\varphi(x, y = 0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(x, y = 1) = \sin(\pi x) + 2 \sin(2\pi x),$$

are imposed, in addition to those in (3).

Hint: the boundary condition along $y = 1$ is in the form of a Fourier series where all but two Fourier coefficients are zero.

[7 marks]