Exercise 1.5.5

Assume that the temperature is circularly symmetric: $u = u(r,t)$, where $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$. We will derive the heat equation for this problem. Consider any circular annulus $a \le r \le b$.

(a) Show that the total heat energy is $2\pi \int_a^b c\rho u r \, dr$.

(b) Show that the flow of heat energy per unit time out of the annulus at $r = b$ is $-2\pi b K_0 \partial u/\partial r|_{r=b}$. A similar result holds at $r = a$.

(c) Use parts (a) and (b) to derive the circularly symmetric heat equation without sources:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\right).$$