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Solving Laplace's Eq: Technique II (Separation of Variables)

$$V(x, y, z) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$$

$$V(r, \theta, \varphi) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)\Phi(\varphi)$$

$$V(s, \varphi, z) = S(s)\bar{\Phi}(\varphi)Z(z)$$

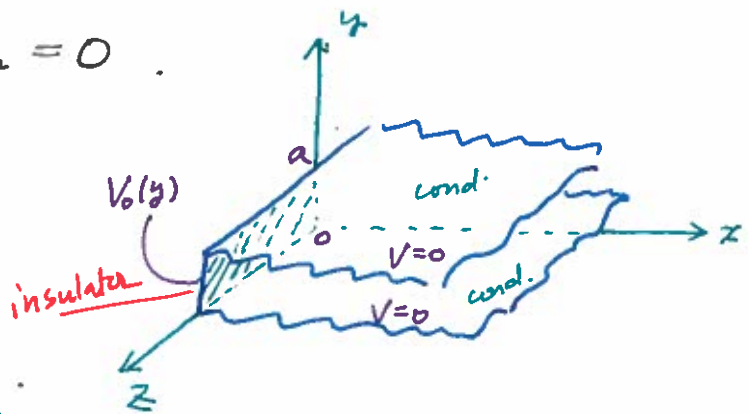
① (x, y, z) .

$$\nabla^2 V(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

B.C.'s

- (i) $V=0$ for $y=0$
- (ii) $V=0$ for $y=a$
- (iii) $V=V_0(y)$ for $x=0$
- (iv) $V \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ ($y \neq 0, a$)

* V has no z -dep. $V = V(x, y)$
 $= X(x)Y(y)$ (our choice).



$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (X(x)Y(y)) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (X(x)Y(y)) = 0$$

$$Y(y) \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + X(x) \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

depends on only x depends on only y

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{1}{Y} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (\text{const}) = -k^2$$

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = k^2 X \Rightarrow X(x) = A e^{kx} + B e^{-kx}$$

$$\frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = -k^2 Y \Rightarrow Y(y) = C \sin ky + D \cos ky \quad \left(\text{or } e^{iky} \text{ or } e^{-iky} \right)$$

weird # Complex #

$A=0$ due to (iv) $V \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$

$D=0$ due to (i) $V=0$ for $y=0$.

$$\therefore V(x, y) = BC e^{-kx} \sin ky = \boxed{B} e^{-kx} \sin ky$$

"constant"

*** $+k^2 > 0 \Rightarrow$ monotonic funct. $e^{\pm kx} \rightarrow +\infty$ or 0 as $x \rightarrow \infty$
 $-k^2 < 0 \Rightarrow$ sinusoidal funct. (oscillation) \Rightarrow bounded solution ($V=0$).
 \Rightarrow multiple modes
 Fourier series 12

Now (ii) will set k .

$$\sin ka = 0 \Rightarrow ka = n\pi \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$k = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

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 why $n=0$ is excluded?
 $V(x,y) = 0$

\Rightarrow infinite # of solns running $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

$\{V_n\}$ for $n=1, 2, \dots$

$$V_n = C_n e^{-k_n x} \sin k_n y$$

where $k_n = \frac{n\pi}{a}$

For linear diff. eqs, any linear comb. of the solutions is a sol.

$$\nabla^2 V_n = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 V = \alpha_1 \nabla^2 V_1 + \alpha_2 \nabla^2 V_2 + \dots = 0$$

$$\therefore V(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n e^{-k_n x} \sin k_n y = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n e^{-\frac{n\pi x}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

"completeness"

The final b.c. to be used. (iii).

$$V(0,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) = V_0(y)$$

Fourier exp.

$$\int_0^a V_0(y) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) dy$$

$$= \int_0^a \sum_{n'=1}^{\infty} C_{n'} \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi y}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) dy$$

$$= \sum_{n'=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi y}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) dy}_{\frac{a}{2} \delta_{nn'}} C_{n'} = \frac{a}{2} C_n$$

$$\therefore C_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a V_0(y) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) dy$$

$$\int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi y}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) dy = \frac{a}{2} \delta_{nn'}$$

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 orthogonality.

If $V_0(y) = V_0$ (const)

$$C_n = \frac{2}{a} V_0 \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) dy = \frac{2V_0}{a} \left(\frac{a}{n\pi}\right) \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)\right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for even } n \\ \frac{4V_0}{n\pi} & \text{for odd } n \end{cases}$$

Finally,

$$V(x, y) = \frac{4V_0}{\pi} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} e^{-n\pi x/a} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

* Completeness & Orthogonality.

$\{f_n(y)\}$: a set of fct is complete if any fct $f(y) \in \{f_n(y)\}$

$$f(y) = \sum_n C_n f_n(y)$$

$\{f_n(y)\}$ is orthogonal if

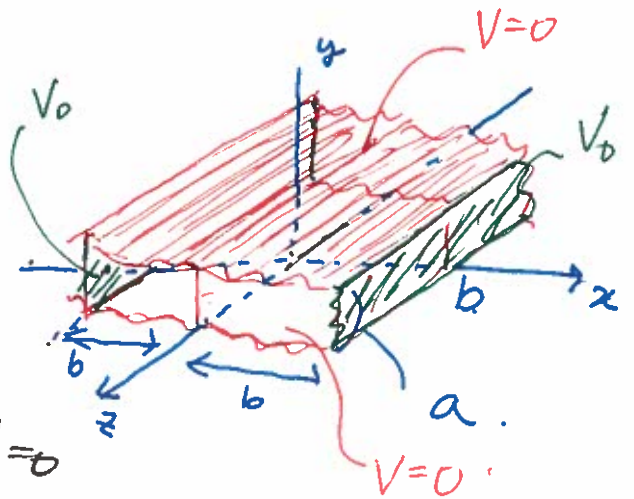
$$\int_0^a f_n(y) f_{n'}(y) dy = \alpha \delta_{nn'}$$

if $\alpha=1$, then it is called orthonormal.

Ex

Infinitely long in the z -dir.

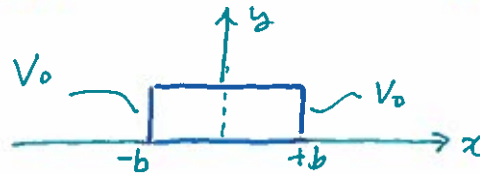
- (i) $V=0$ for $y=0$
- (ii) $V=0$ for $y=a$
- (iii) $V=V_0$ for $x=\pm b$
- (iv)



Again solving $\frac{\partial^2 V(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = 0$

$$V(x,y) = (A e^{+kx} + B e^{-kx}) (C \sin ky + D \cos ky)$$

this term should survive because $V(x \rightarrow \infty) \neq 0$.
 $V(x \neq \pm b) = V_0$



Symmetric for $x \rightarrow (-x)$.

$$\therefore X(x) = A e^{+kx} + B e^{-kx} = X(-x)$$

$$\text{Now } V(x,y) = A (e^{+kx} + e^{-kx}) (C \sin ky + D \cos ky) \Rightarrow A = B$$

$$= \cosh(kx) (C \sin ky + D \cos ky)$$

C is normalized \downarrow
to absorb other const.

The bottom line is that we need only 2 const's!

i) $V=0$ for $y=0$

$$Y(y=0) = C \sin k \cdot 0 + D \cos k \cdot 0 = D = 0$$

ii) $V=0$ for $y=a$

$$Y(a) = C \sin ka = 0 \Rightarrow k = \frac{n\pi}{a} \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$\therefore V(x,y) = C \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

Therefore the general soln.

$$V(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underline{C_n} \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

$$V(b,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underline{C_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

λ_n .

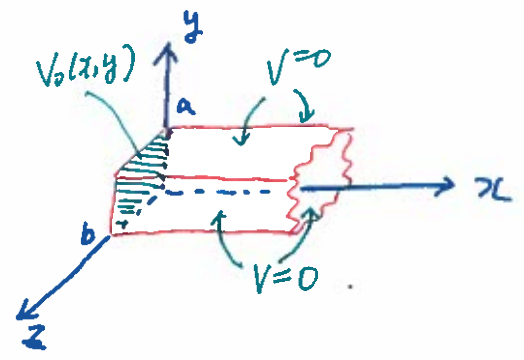
$$\lambda_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{even } n \\ \frac{4V_0}{n\pi} & \text{odd } n \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} V(x, y) = \frac{4V_0}{\pi} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{\cos(n\pi z/a)}{\cos(n\pi b/a)} \sin(n\pi y/a)$$

EX 3-D (x, y, z)

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

- (i) $V=0$ for $y=0$
- (ii) $V=0$ for $y=a$
- (iii) $V=0$ for $z=0$
- (iv) $V=0$ for $z=b$
- (v) $V \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$
- (vi) $V = V_0(y, z)$ for $x=0$



$$V(x, y, z) = X(x) Y(y) Z(z)$$

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} + \frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} = 0$$

\downarrow x only \downarrow y only \downarrow z only
 unbounded bounded bounded
 $(k^2 + l^2)$ $-k^2$ $-l^2$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = (k^2 + l^2) X ; \quad \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = -k^2 Y ; \quad \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} = -l^2 Z$$

$$X(x) = A e^{+mx} + B e^{-mx} \quad (m = \sqrt{k^2 + l^2})$$

$$Y(y) = C \sin ky + D \cos ky$$

$$Z(z) = E \sin lz + F \cos lz$$

(v) $V \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow A = 0$

(i) $V=0$ for $y=0 \Rightarrow D=0$

(iii) $V=0$ for $z=0 \Rightarrow F=0$

$$\therefore V(x, y, z) = C e^{-mx} \sin ky \sin lz$$

(ii) & (iv) $V=0$ for $y=a$ & $z=b \Rightarrow k = \frac{n\pi}{a}$ & $l = \frac{p\pi}{b}$ 16
 ($n=1,2,3,\dots$) ($p=1,2,3,\dots$)

$$\therefore m = \sqrt{\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p\pi}{b}\right)^2} = \pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{n}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{b}\right)^2}$$

$$V(x,y,z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} C_{n,p} e^{-\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{n}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{b}\right)^2} x} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{b}\right)$$

(vi) $V(0,y,z) = V_0(y,z) = \sum_n \sum_p C_{n,p} e^{-\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{n}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{b}\right)^2} \cdot 0} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{b}\right)$

$$C_{n,p} = \left(\frac{2}{a}\right) \int_0^a \underline{V_0(y,z)} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) dy \left(\frac{2}{b}\right) \int_0^b \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{b}\right) dz$$

$= V_0$ (const)

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & (n \text{ or } p \text{ even}) \\ \frac{16V_0}{\pi^2 n p} & (n \text{ and } p \text{ odd}) \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore V(x,y,z) = \frac{16V_0}{\pi^2} \sum_{n,p=1,3,5}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n p} e^{-\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{n}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{b}\right)^2} x} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{b}\right)$$

HW 3.13, 3.15, 3.16