

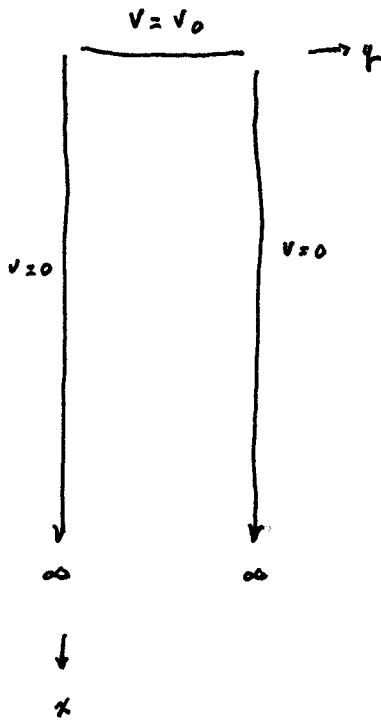
LAPLACE'S EQN IN 3D

$$\nabla^2 V = 0$$

1d

FIRST, SUMMERIZE, FOURIER SERIES

2d LAPLACE



$$a_1 \sin(k_1 y) e^{-k_1 x}$$

$$a_3 \sin(k_3 y) e^{-k_3 x}$$

$$a_5 \sin(k_5 y) e^{-k_5 x}$$

⋮

space(y) · space(x)

INTUITIVE METHOD

SAID: y OSCILLATING

BY INSPECTION

x DECAYING

DON'T NEED TO DO THAT:

$$\sin x \quad \cos x \quad e^{-x} \quad e^{+x} \quad \sinh x$$

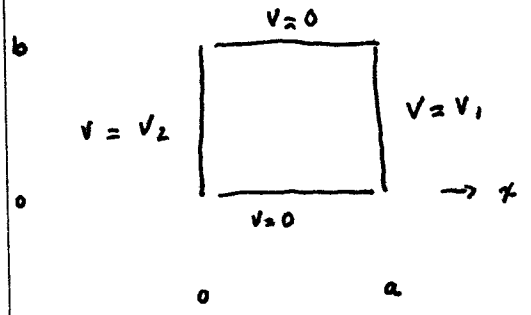
$$\sin y \quad \cos y \quad e^{-y} \quad e^{+y} \quad \cosh y$$

FORMAL METHOD

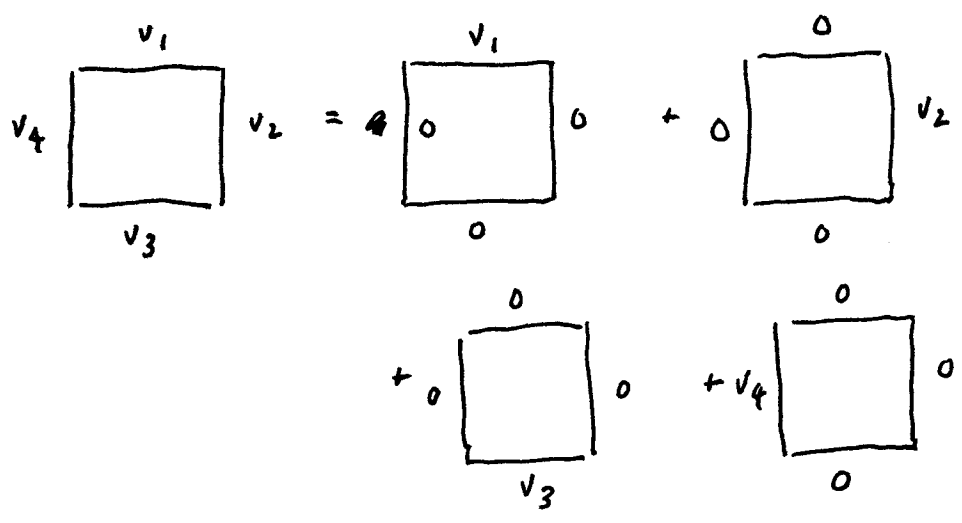
WRITE DOWN ALL OF THEM, THEN APPLY BC'S

- A $\sin(\kappa x) \sinh(\kappa y)$
- + B $\cos(\kappa x) \sinh(\kappa y)$
- + C $\sin(\kappa y) \sinh(\kappa x)$
- + D $\cos(\kappa y) \cosh(\kappa x)$

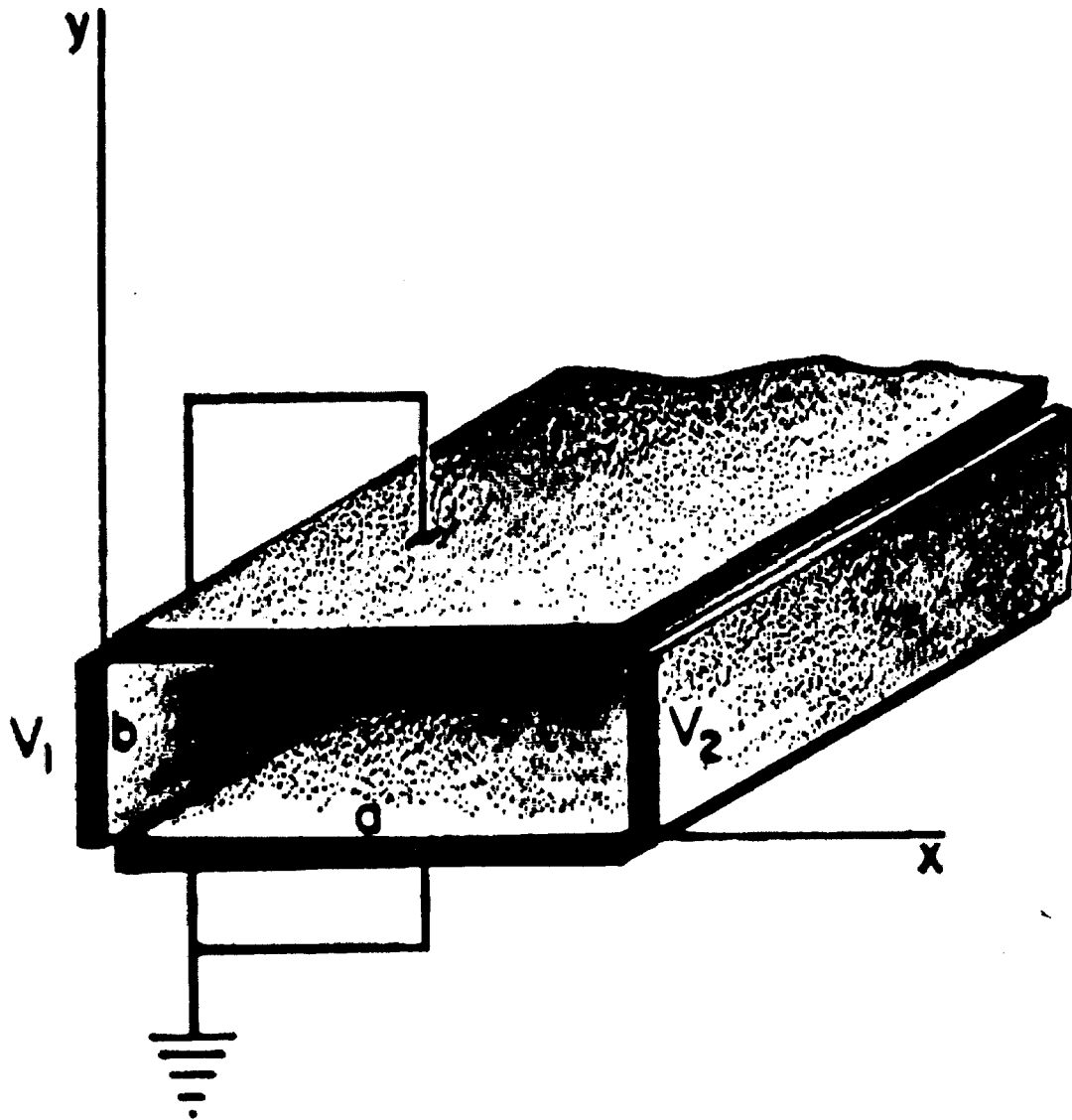
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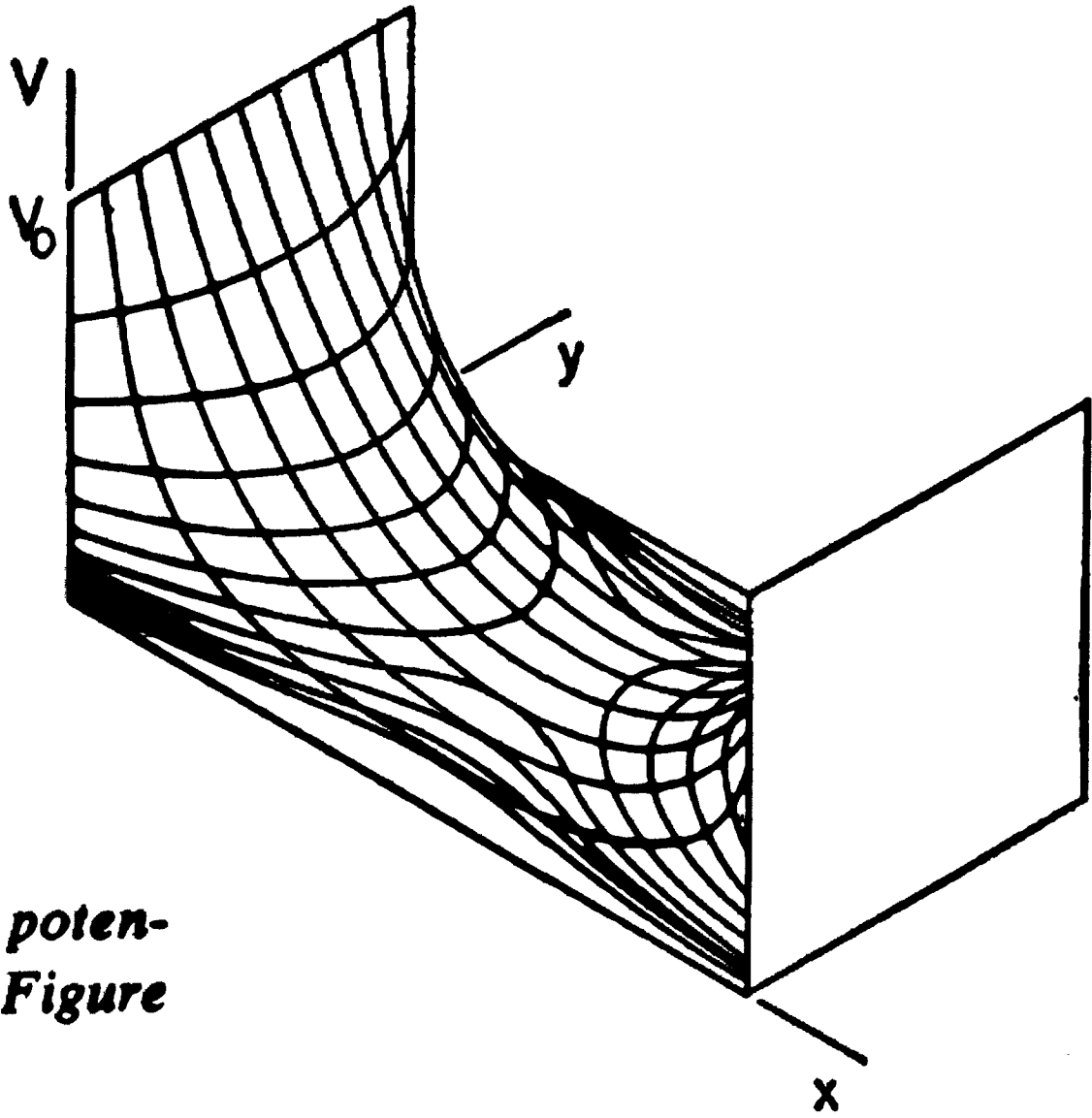


SUPERPOSITION



SOLVE 1 \Rightarrow GET THE OTHER 3 FOR FREE

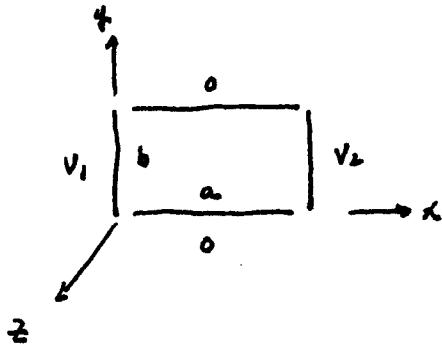




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POST BOTH FROM COASON

ON WEBSITE



$$V(x, y, z) = \sum_n (A_n e^{-n\pi z/b} + B_n e^{+n\pi z/b}) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}$$

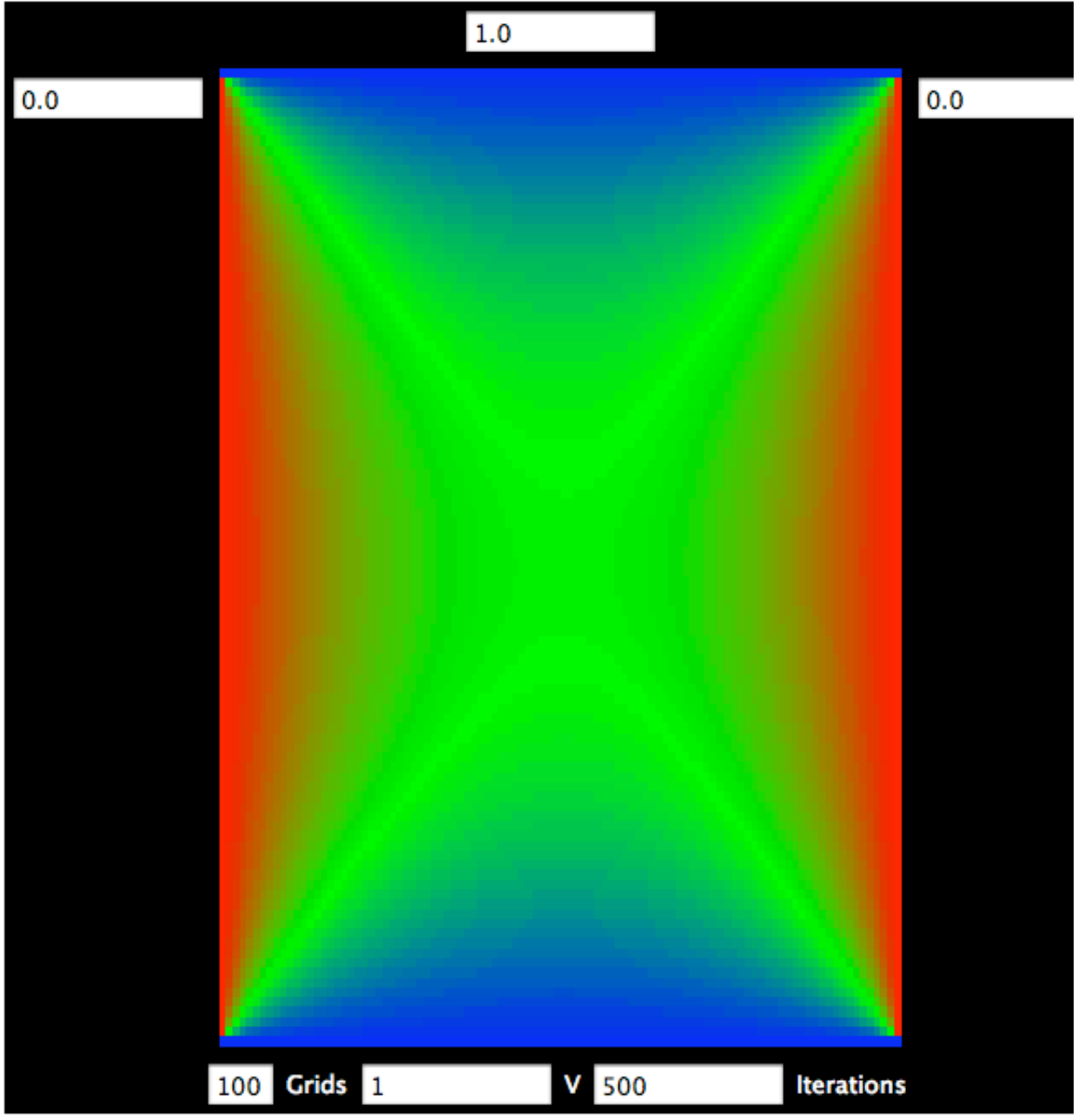
L BC $A_n + B_n = \frac{4V_1}{n\pi}$ n odd
 0 n even

R BC $A_n e^{-n\pi a/b} + B_n e^{+n\pi a/b} = \frac{4V_2}{n\pi}$ n odd
 0 n even

SOLUTION

$$A_n = \frac{4}{n\pi} \left(\frac{V_1 - V_2 e^{-n\pi a/b}}{1 - e^{-2n\pi a/b}} \right)$$

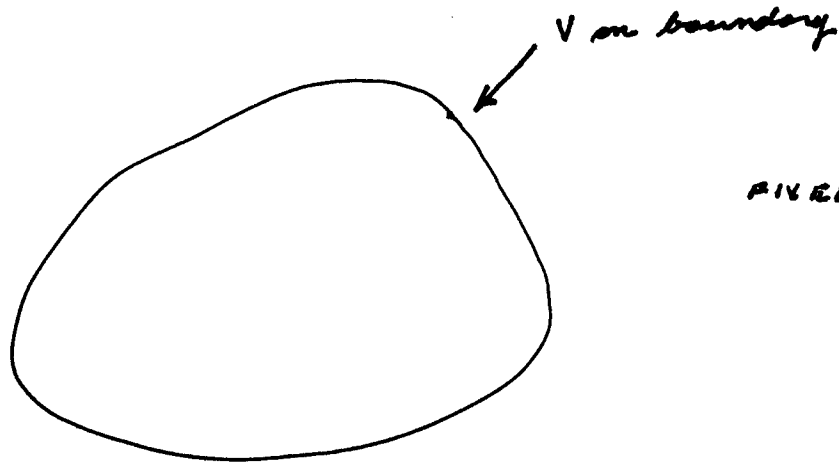
$$B_n = \frac{4 e^{-n\pi a/b}}{n\pi} \left(\frac{V_2 - V_1 e^{-n\pi a/b}}{1 - e^{-2n\pi a/b}} \right)$$



BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

DIRICHLET BCs

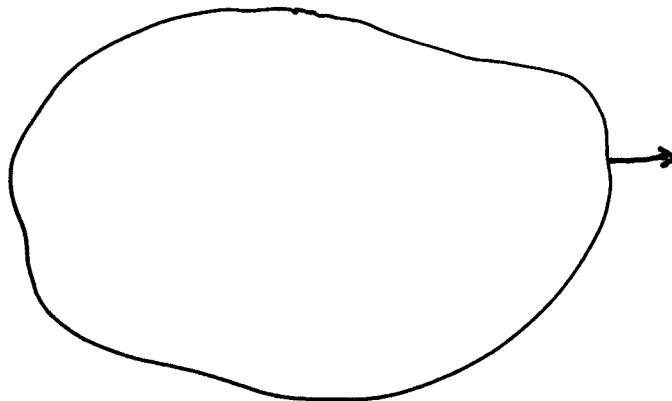
~~FIXED~~ TYPE I BCs



FIXED VALUE

NEUMANN BCs

~~FIXED~~ TYPE II BCs



$\frac{\partial V}{\partial n}$ on boundary

FIXED FLOW

MIXED BCs

TYPE I
2



TYPE II

CAUCHY BCS

KNOW BOTH

VALUE

WAVE FCN

NORMAL DERIVATIVE

SLOPE OF
WAVE FCN

in 3d

THREE STANDARD COORDINATE SYSTEMS

CARTESIAN x, y, z

SPHERICAL r, θ, φ

CYLINDRICAL ρ, θ, z

∇^2 LOOKS DIFFERENT!

SOLUTIONS ARE DIFFERENT

OF COURSE, YOU CAN USE ANY COORDINATE SYSTEM

" IF THE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS ARE

NOT SEPARABLE, MOST LIKELY

WE ARE HOSED."

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<http://quantumrelativity.calsci.com/Physics/EandM7.html>

If the boundary conditions are not separable, most likely we're hosed

Generally speaking, if the boundary conditions are separable, there's a good chance the solution is separable. If the boundary conditions are not separable, most likely we're hosed.

This is Bessel's equation. The solutions are Bessel functions, Neumann functions, and Hankel functions, and we've officially entered Graduate Student Hell.

<http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=hosed>

$$\text{IN } 3D \quad \nabla^2 V = 0$$

SEPARATES IN 11 + 2 + 13 COORD SYSTEMS

$$V(x, y, z) = \underline{X}(x) \underline{Y}(y) \underline{Z}(z) \quad \text{CARTESIAN}$$

$$V(r, \theta, \varphi) = R(r) \Theta(\theta) \Phi(\varphi) \quad \text{SPHERICAL}$$

$$V(r, \theta, z) = R(r) \Theta(\theta) \underline{Z}(z) \quad \text{CYLINDRICAL}$$

ONE EQN FOR EACH COORD

$$\frac{d^2 \underline{X}}{dx^2} = c_1 \underline{X}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \underline{Y}}{dy^2} = c_2 \underline{Y}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \underline{Z}}{dz^2} = c_3 \underline{Z}$$

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

Coordinate System	Variables	Solution Functions
Cartesian	$X(x) Y(y) Z(z)$	exponential functions, circular functions, hyperbolic functions
circular cylindrical	$R(r) \Theta(\theta) Z(z)$	Bessel functions, exponential functions, circular functions
conical		ellipsoidal harmonics, power
ellipsoidal	$\Lambda(\lambda) M(\mu) N(\nu)$	ellipsoidal harmonics
elliptic cylindrical	$U(u) V(v) Z(z)$	Mathieu function, circular functions
oblate spheroidal	$\Lambda(\lambda) M(\mu) N(\nu)$	Legendre polynomial, circular functions
parabolic		Bessel functions, circular functions
parabolic cylindrical		parabolic cylinder functions, Bessel functions, circular functions
paraboloidal	$U(u) V(v) \Theta(\theta)$	circular functions
prolate spheroidal	$\Lambda(\lambda) M(\mu) N(\nu)$	Legendre polynomial, circular functions
spherical	$R(r) \Theta(\theta) \Phi(\phi)$	Legendre polynomial, power, circular functions

Laplace's equation can be solved by [separation of variables](#) in all 11 coordinate systems that the [Helmholtz differential equation](#) can. The form these solutions take is summarized in the table above. In addition to these 11 coordinate systems, separation can be achieved in two additional coordinate systems by introducing a multiplicative factor. In these coordinate systems, the separated form is

Cartesian Coordinates

RECTANGULAR COORDINATES

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

Assume we may write

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$$

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

Note that the derivatives are no longer partial.

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

The first term depends on x only, the second on y only and the third on z only. The equation can only be valid if each of the terms is a constant:

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = \alpha'^2$$

$$\frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = \beta'^2$$

$$\frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} = \gamma'^2$$

$$\alpha'^2 + \beta'^2 + \gamma'^2 = 0$$

Since we are considering the electrostatic potential it is real valued. This means that all these squares are real valued, but the last relation shows that the constants themselves cannot all be real valued, neither can they all be imaginary.

We can only have the following cases

- a) two real, one imaginary
- b) one real, two imaginary
- c) one real, one imaginary, one zero
- d) three zero

An imaginary separation constant leads to an oscillatory solution while a real valued leads to an exponential.

Let us arbitrarily let α' and β' be imaginary:

$$\alpha'^2 \equiv -\alpha^2$$

$$\beta'^2 \equiv -\beta^2$$

$$\gamma'^2 \equiv \gamma^2$$

α , β and γ are all real valued.

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 X = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} + \beta^2 Y = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} - \gamma^2 Z = 0$$

$$\gamma^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 \quad ; \quad \gamma = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$X(x) = Ae^{i\alpha x} + Be^{-i\alpha x}$$

$$Y(y) = Ce^{i\beta y} + De^{-i\beta y}$$

$$Z(z) = Ee^{\gamma z} + Fe^{-\gamma z}$$

The complete solution is

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$$

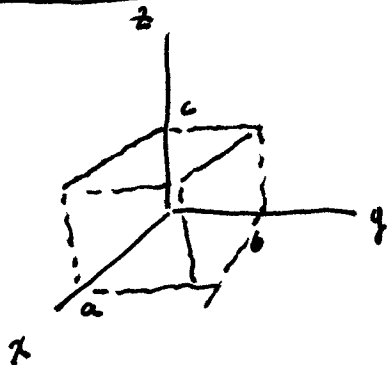
$$\sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} \left(A_r e^{i\alpha_r x} + B_r e^{-i\alpha_r x} \right) \left(C_s e^{i\beta_s y} + D_s e^{-i\beta_s y} \right) \cdot \left(E_{rs} e^{\gamma_{rs} z} + F_{rs} e^{-\gamma_{rs} z} \right)$$

Short hand notation:

$$\Phi(x, y, z) \sim e^{\pm i\alpha x} e^{\pm i\beta y} e^{\pm \gamma z}$$

All the constants will be determined from the boundary conditions of the problem.

5 FACES GROUNDED
1 FACE ARBITRARY



$$5 \quad V = 0$$

$$1 \quad \text{arbitrary} \quad V(x, y, c) = V(x, y)$$

$$\bar{X}(x) = \sin \alpha x$$

$$\bar{Y}(y) = \sin \beta y$$

$$\bar{Z}(z) = \sinh \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} z$$

$$\alpha_m = \frac{m\pi}{a}$$

$$\beta_m = \frac{m\pi}{b}$$

$$\gamma_{mm} = \sqrt{\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2}}$$

$$V_{mm} = \sin(\alpha_m x) \sin(\beta_m y) \sinh(\gamma_{mm} z)$$

$$V(x, y, c) = \sum_{m,m} A_{mm} \sin(\alpha_m x) \sin(\beta_m y) \sinh(\gamma_{mm} c)$$

$$A_{mm} = \frac{4}{ab \sinh(\gamma_{mm} c)} \int_0^a dx \int_0^b dy V(x, y) \sin(\alpha_m x) \sin(\beta_m y)$$

2d FOURIER