

SEPARATION OF VARIABLES

IF YOUR PROBLEM HAS SYMMETRY

PUT IN PRODUCT SOLUTION

TAKE DERIVATIVES ~~AND~~MULTIPLY BY $\frac{1}{\text{PRODUCT}}$

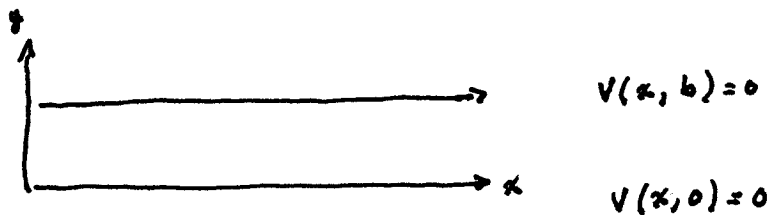
REGROUP THE TERMS

EACH ONE MUST BE A CONSTANT

⇒ SEPARATE ODE FOR EACH VARIABLE

w/ CONSTRAINT OF SUM OF THE SEPARATION CONSTANTS

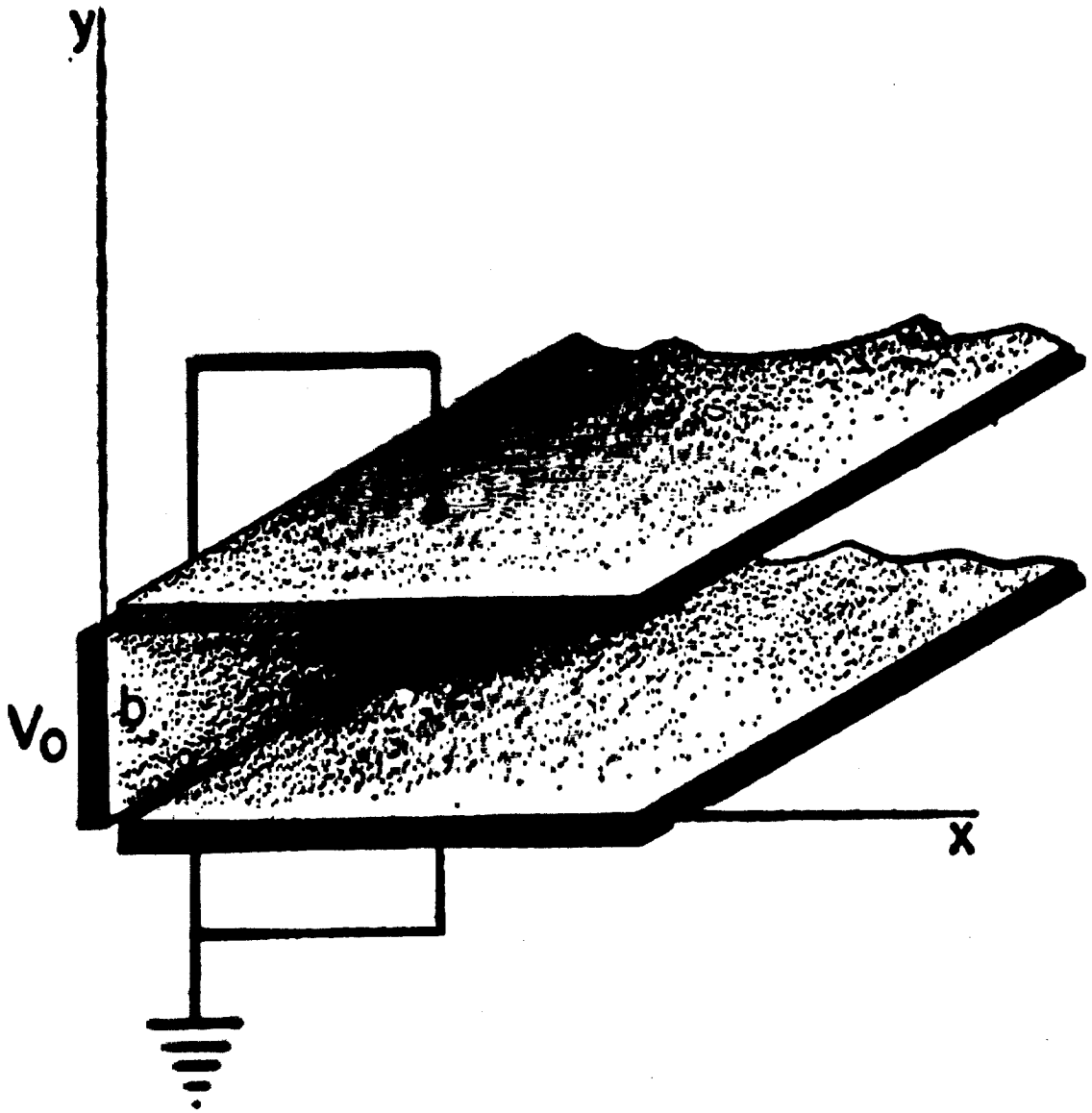
OUR PROBLEM HAS CARTESIAN SYMMETRY



$$V(0, y) = V_0 \quad 0 \leq y \leq b$$

SO WE SHOULD USE CARTESIAN COORD'S

BECAUSE THEN WE CAN APPLY THE BC'S



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

$$V(x, y) = X(x) \cdot Y(y)$$

PUT IN

DO DERIVATIVES

MULTIPLY BY $\frac{1}{XY}$

COLLECT TERMS ...

END UP W 2 ODES

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

NO z DEPENDENCE

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

$$C_x + C_y + C_z = 0 \quad C_z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_x + C_y = 0$$

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

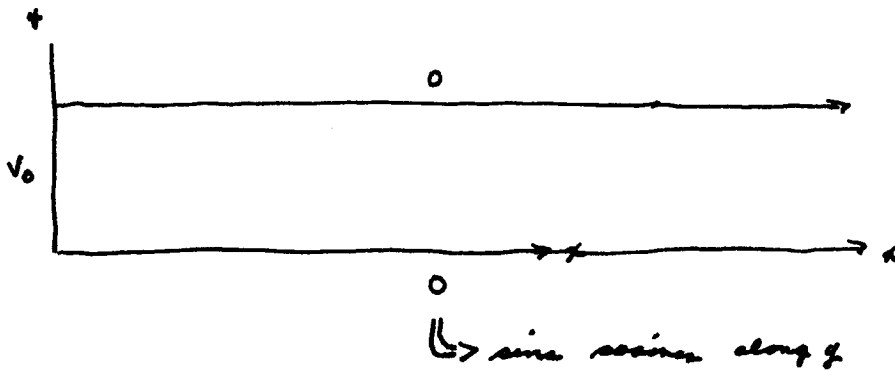
$$C_x = k^2 \text{ or } C_x = -k^2$$

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

$$C_y = -k^2 \text{ or } C_y = +k^2$$

$-k^2$ case \Rightarrow sin cos

$+k^2$ case \Rightarrow exp



$x \rightarrow \infty$
 $y \rightarrow 0 \text{ AT } \infty$

\Rightarrow exp along x

$\rightarrow 0$

\hookrightarrow sin cos along y

$$\frac{d^2 \bar{X}}{dx^2} - k^2 \bar{X} = 0 \quad \bar{X}(x) = A e^{kx} + B e^{-kx}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \bar{Y}}{dy^2} + k^2 \bar{Y} = 0 \quad \bar{Y}(y) = C \sin(ky) + D \cos(ky)$$

GENERAL SOLNS

APPLY BC TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS

IF k^2 IS COMPLEX, EVERYTHING IS IN THERE

APPLY BC'S

$$V(x, 0) = 0$$

$$V(x, b) = 0$$

$$V = 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

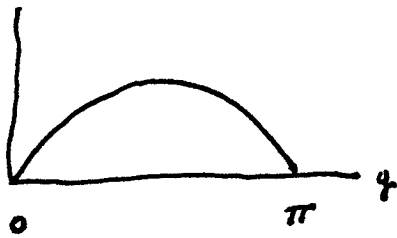
$$\Sigma(x) = A e^{-\kappa x} + B e^{+\kappa x}$$

$$V(0, 0) = 0$$

$$V(0, b) = 0$$

$$\Sigma(y) = C \sin(\kappa y) + D \cos(\kappa y)$$

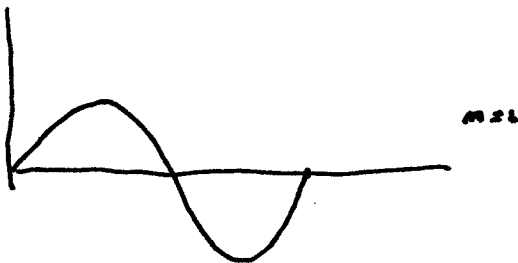
$$\Sigma(b) = 0 = C \sin(\kappa b)$$



$$\kappa = \frac{\pi}{b}$$

$$\kappa y = \frac{\pi}{b} \cdot b = \pi$$

$$\kappa = n \frac{\pi}{b}$$

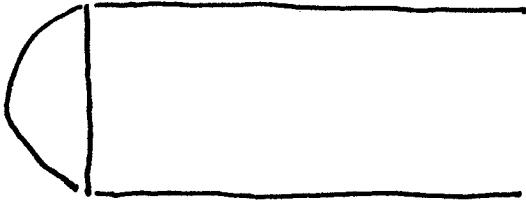


$$\Sigma(y) = C \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{b} y\right)$$

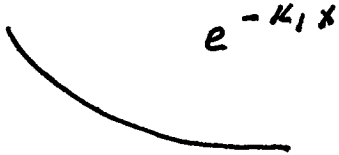
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 κ_n

$$= C \sin(\kappa_n y)$$

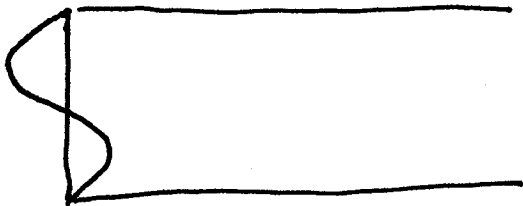
$\sin(k_1 y)$



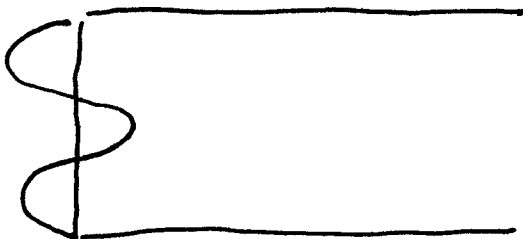
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$\sin(k_2 y)$

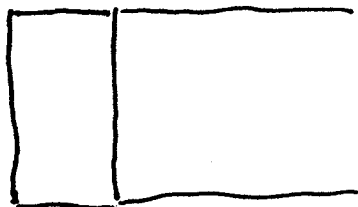


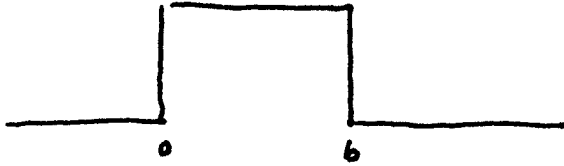
$\sin(k_3 y)$



NEED

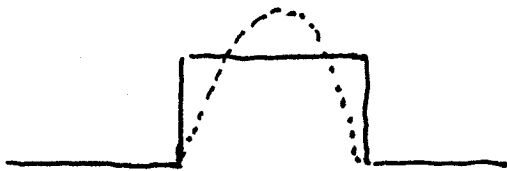
$V = V_0$





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$$\text{sum } C_m \sin(k_m q) \cdot e^{-k_m x}$$



k_1



k_3



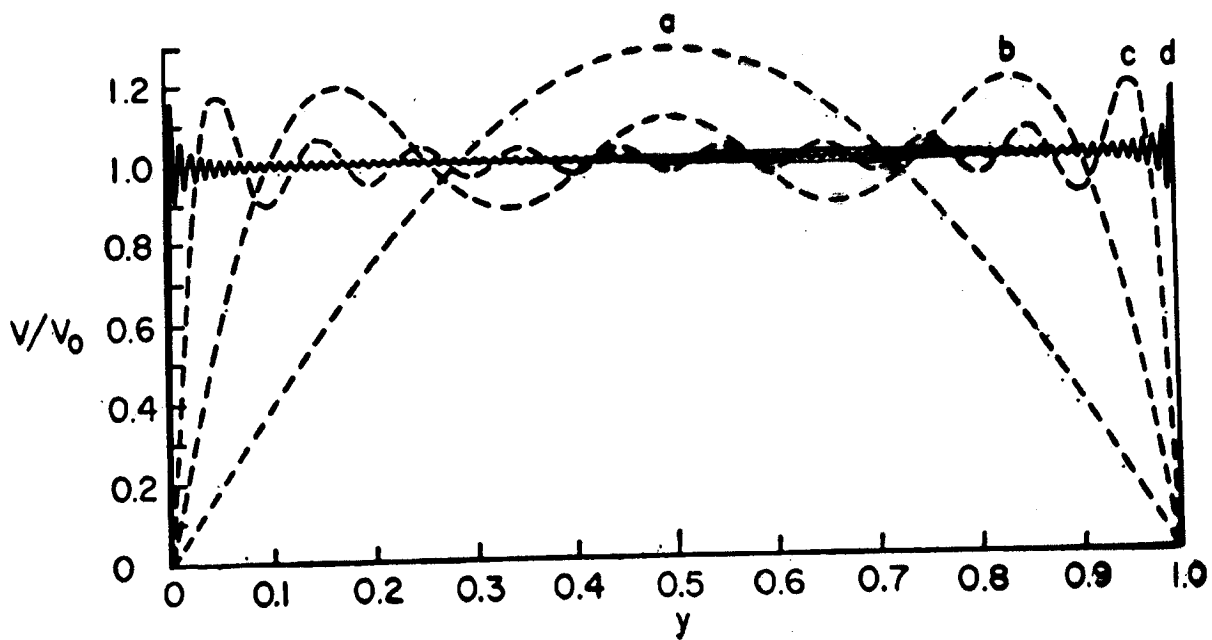
k_5

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ONLY $m = \text{ODD}$

$m = \text{EVEN} = 0$

HOW CAN WE FIND C_m 'S?



$$f(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin(k_n y)$$

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CALLED FOURIER SERIES

THM: GIVE ANY $f(y)$ ON AN INTERVAL

$$f(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin(k_n y) + D_n \cos(k_n y)$$

CAN EXPRESS ANY (NICE) FCN AS A UNIQUE
FOURIER SERIES

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin(k_n y) = f(y) \\ = v_0$$

sines and cosines are an orthogonal set
of functions

$$V_0 = \sum_m C_m \sin(k_m q)$$

MULTIPLY BY $\sin\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}q\right)$ and integrate from 0 to b

$$\int_0^b \sin\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}q\right) V_0 dq = \int_0^b \sin\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}q\right) \left[\sum C_m \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{b}q\right) \right] dq$$

SINCE ARE ORTHOGONAL

LHS

$$\frac{2b}{\pi p} V_0 \quad \text{IF } p \text{ ODD}$$

$$0 \quad \text{IF } p \text{ EVEN}$$

RHS

$$0 \quad \text{IF } p \neq m$$

$$C_m \frac{b}{2} \quad \text{IF } p = m$$

$$\Rightarrow C_m = \frac{4V_0}{m\pi} \quad m \text{ ODD}$$

$$= 0 \quad m \text{ EVEN}$$

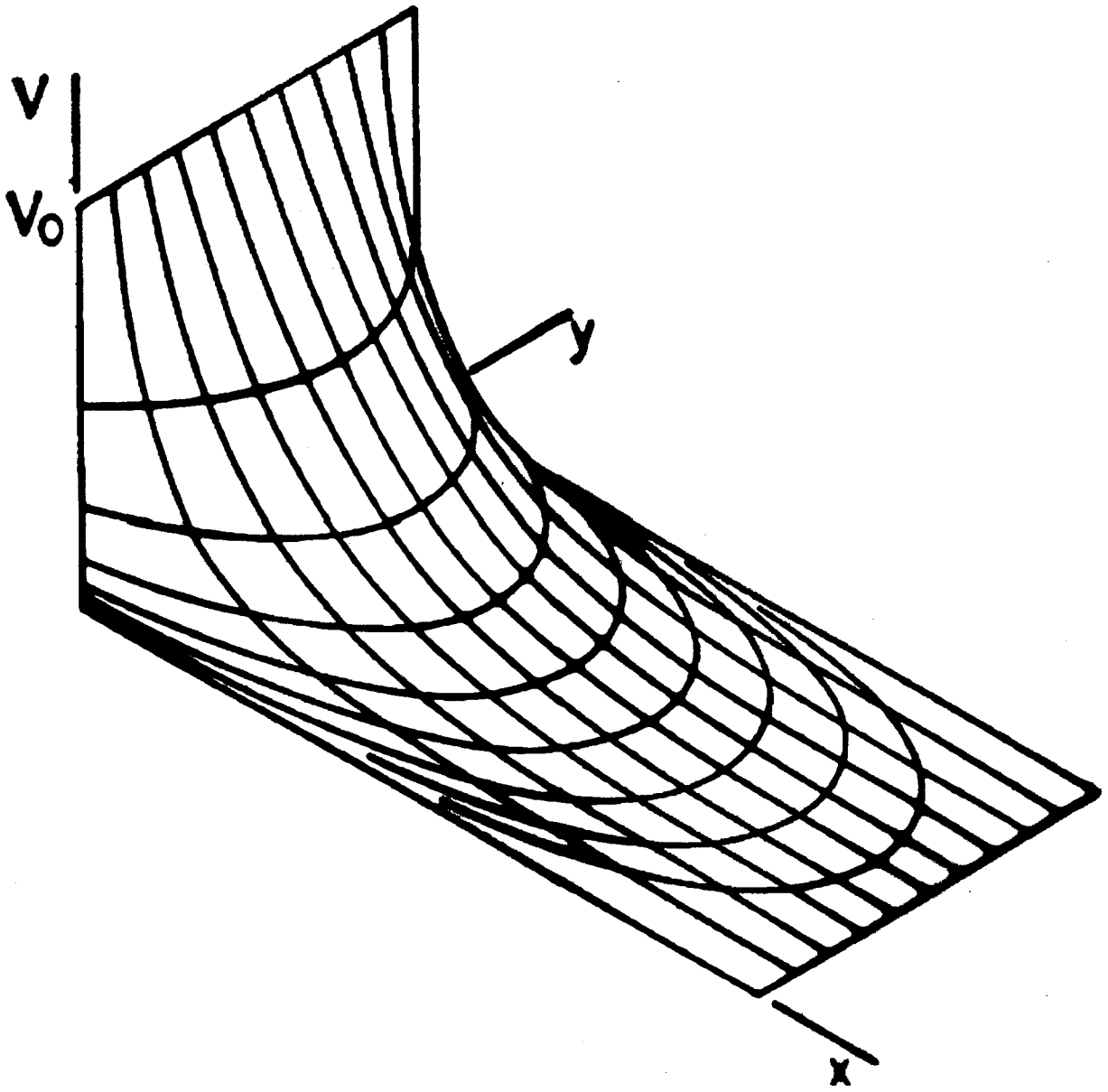
PUT ALL THE PIECES TOGETHER

$$V(x, y) = \frac{4}{\pi} V_0 \sum_{\substack{n \\ \text{odd}}} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \sin(k_n y) e^{-k_n x}$$

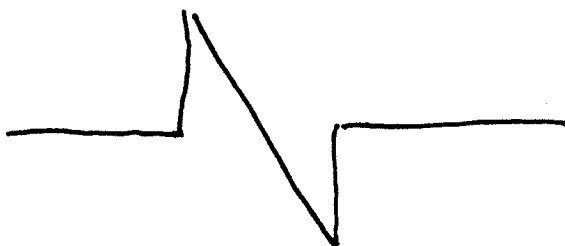
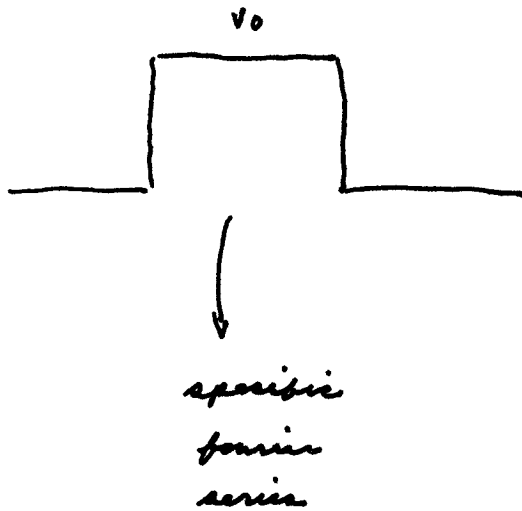
$$k_n = \frac{n\pi}{b}$$

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WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?



THIS FORMALLY SOLVES THIS PROBLEM FOR
ANY $V(\eta)$



$V(\eta)$ EVEN \Rightarrow ONLY SIN'S

$V(\eta)$ ODD \Rightarrow ONLY COSINES

GENERAL \Rightarrow BOTH