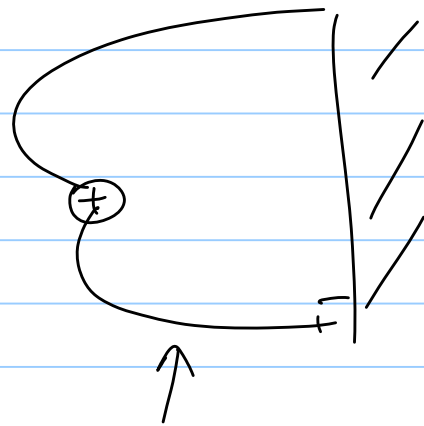


Solve $\nabla^2 V = -\rho/\epsilon_0$

- method images

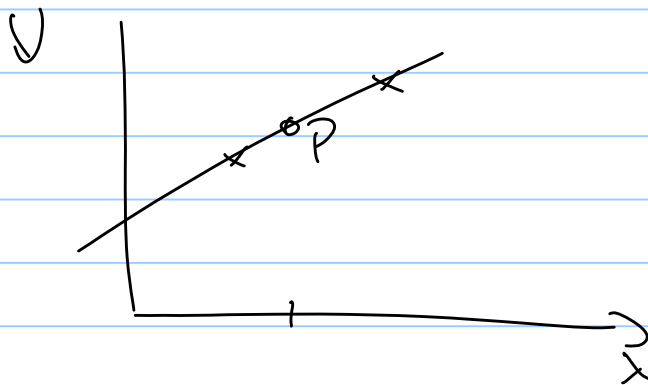


Laplace's eqn
 $\nabla^2 V = 0$

most of space $\rho = 0$

(-D) $\frac{d^2 V}{dx^2} = \phi$

$V(x) = mx + b$
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(1) $V(P)$ = average value of V in the neighborhood of P

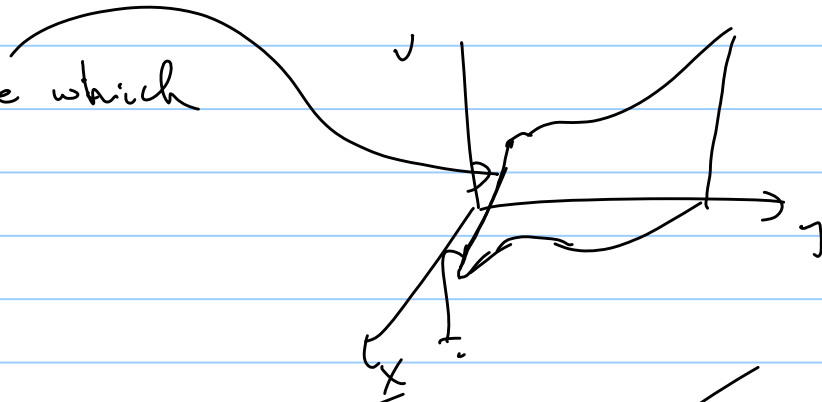
(2) V can have no local maxima or minima
 Extreme value of V occur at boundary



2-D

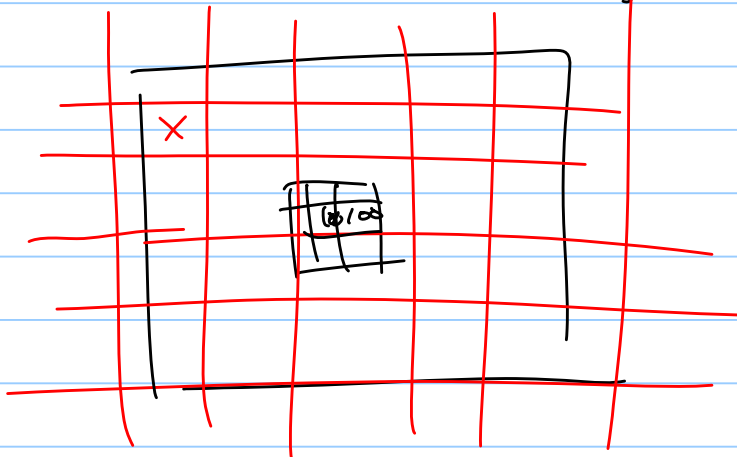
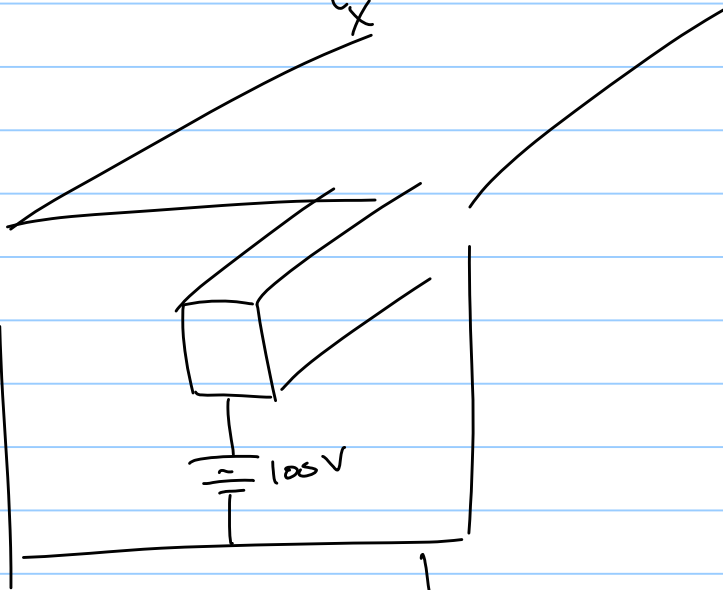
$$\frac{\partial^2 V(x,y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V(x,y)}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Boundary is line which has ∞ #pts



Homework

Solve $\nabla^2 V = 0$
using relaxation
method



Separation of Variables

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

$$V = \sum \alpha_n \bar{V}_1(y) Z_2(z)$$

$$\frac{\cancel{d^2 X(x)} \cancel{dx^2}}{\cancel{X}} + \frac{\cancel{d^2 Y}}{\cancel{dy^2}} + \dots = 0$$

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

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$$C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = C_1$$

$$\frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = C_2$$

$$\frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} = C_3$$

3 ODE'S

Soln depend $C < 0$ $\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = -|C_1| X$

$$X = A \sin kx + B \cos kx$$

$$C = 0 \quad X = mx + b$$

$$C > 0 \quad X = A e^{\sqrt{C}x} + B e^{-\sqrt{C}x}$$