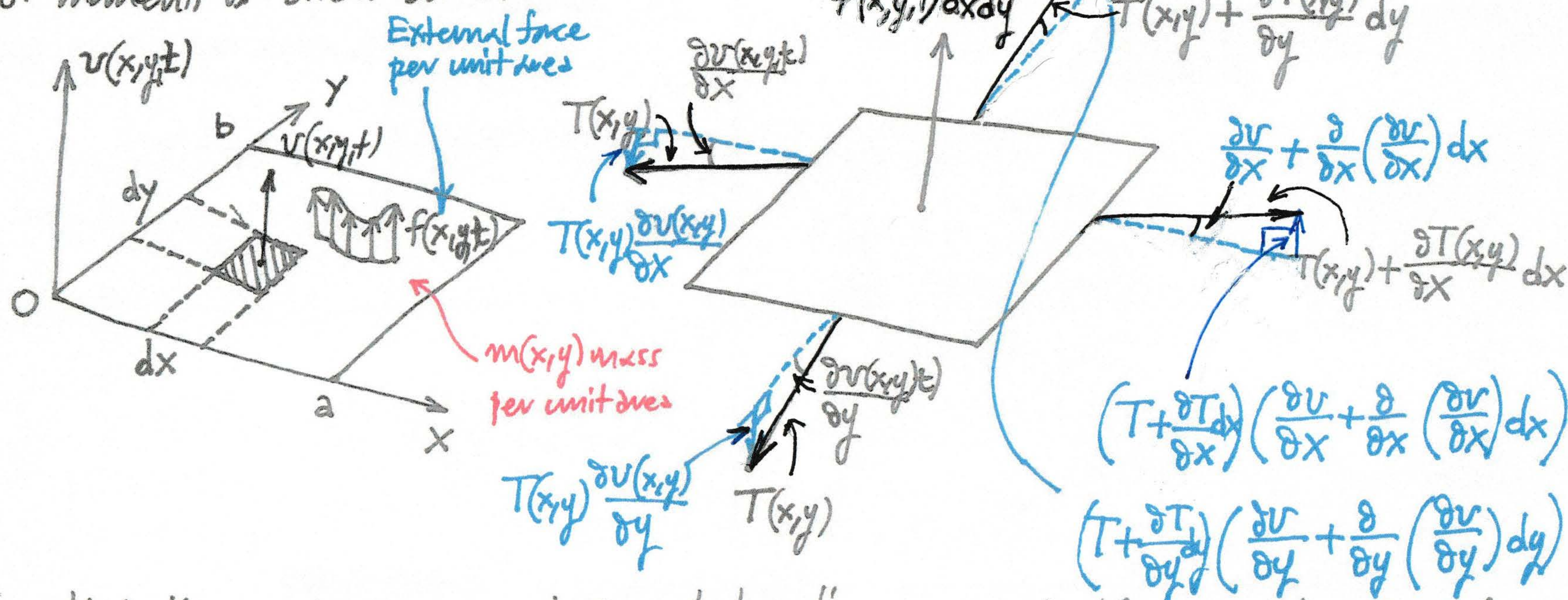


## ⑤ Higher dimensional Elastic Continua

### Dynamics of Rectangular Membranes

There are two-dimensional analogues of the string  $\Rightarrow$  They support internal <sup>axial</sup> forces but not moments or shear forces.



Given that the membrane cannot support bending moments, the only balance of forces that can be considered is in the vertical direction:

$$m(x,y) dxdy \frac{\partial^2 v(x,y)}{\partial t^2} = f(x,y) dxdy + \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( T(x,y) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( T(x,y) \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \right] dxdy + O((dxdy)^2)$$

In the limit as  $dxdy \rightarrow 0$  we get,

$$m(x,y) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = f(x,y,t) + \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( T(x,y) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( T(x,y) \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \right]$$



If we assume that  $m(x,y) = m$ ,  $T(x,y) = T \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow T \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + f(x,y,t) = m \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} \Rightarrow T \nabla^2 v + f(x,y,t) = m \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} \Rightarrow$$

$\nabla^2 v$  (Laplace operator in 2D)  
Cartesian coordinates

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c^2 \nabla^2 v + \tilde{f}(x,y,t) = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2}}$$

$c^2 = \frac{T}{m}$  is the speed of sound  
in the material of the rectangular  
membrane

Classical wave equation in 2D

This equation is complemented by boundary conditions,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v(0,y,t) &= 0, \quad 0 \leq y \leq b, & v(x,0,t) &= 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq a \\ v(a,y,t) &= 0, \quad 0 \leq y \leq b, & v(x,b,t) &= 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq a \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Fixed boundary conditions}$$

and initial conditions,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v(x,y,0) &= g(x,y) \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(x,y,0) &= h(x,y) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq x \leq a \\ 0 &\leq y \leq b \end{aligned}$$

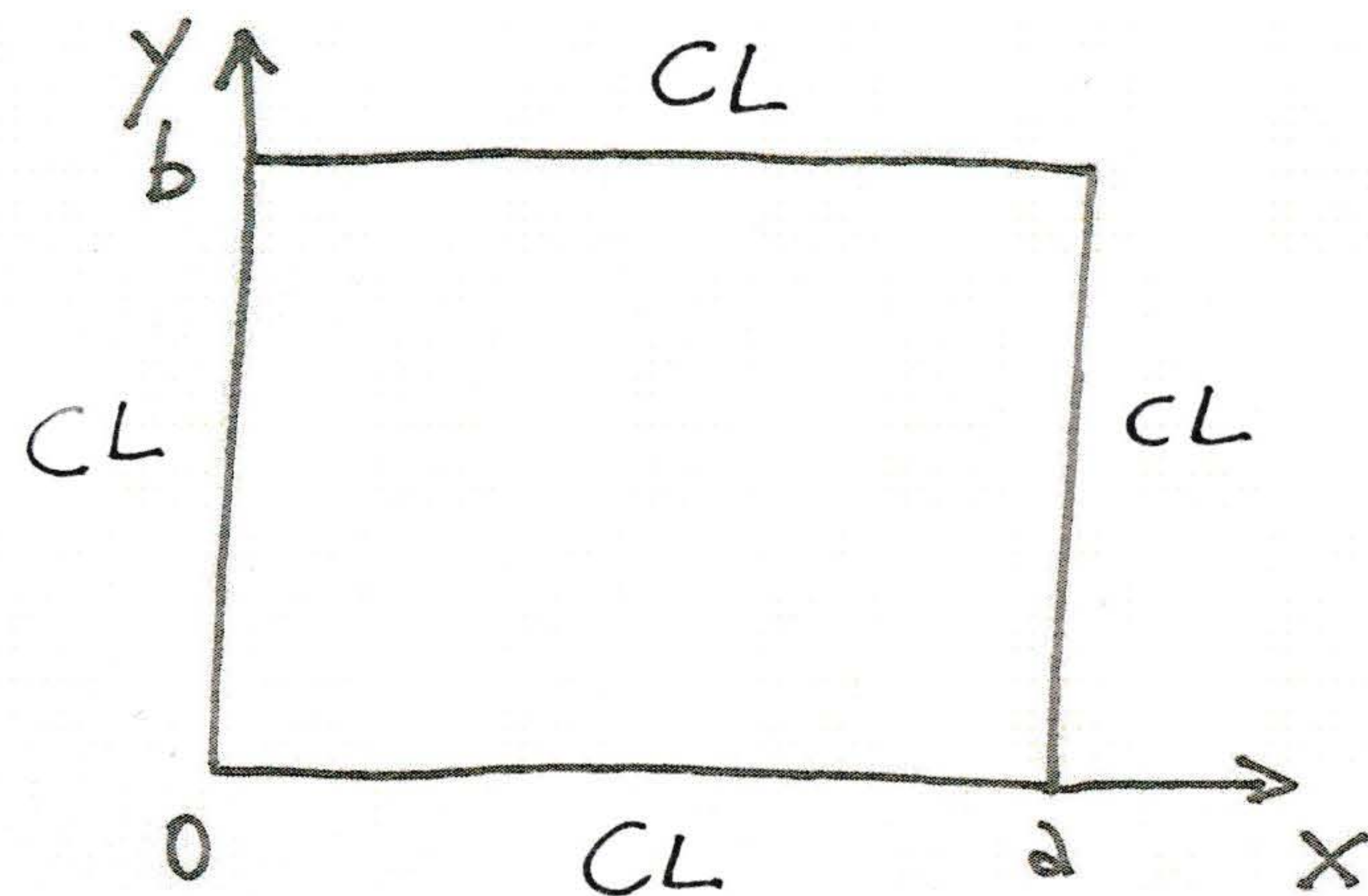
Remark

For free boundary conditions  
at the edge  $\{x=0, 0 \leq y \leq b\}$ ,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(0,y,t) = 0, \quad 0 \leq y \leq b$$



To solve this problem, first we consider the unforced problem and compute the modes using space-time separation. Then we orthogonalize these modes and solve the original forced problem using modal analysis.



$$T\left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{v}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{v}}{\partial y^2}\right) = m \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{v}}{\partial t^2}, \quad \begin{matrix} 0 \leq x \leq a \\ 0 \leq y \leq b \end{matrix} \Rightarrow$$

Space-time separation:  $v(x,y,t) = \Phi(x,y) \tilde{T}(t)$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{\tilde{T}}(t) + \omega^2 \tilde{T}(t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{harmonic time dependence}$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} + \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \Phi = 0, & \begin{matrix} 0 \leq x \leq a \\ 0 \leq y \leq b \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} \Phi(0,y) = 0, & a \leq y \leq b, & \Phi(x,0) = 0, & 0 \leq x \leq a \\ \Phi(a,y) = 0, & a \leq y \leq b, & \Phi(x,b) = 0, & 0 \leq x \leq a \end{matrix} \right\}$$

Separate again variables  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(x,y) = \phi(x) \psi(y) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi''(x) \psi(y) + \phi(x) \psi''(y) + \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \phi(x) \psi(y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\phi''(x)}{\phi(x)} + \frac{\psi''(y)}{\psi(y)} = -\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\phi''(x)}{\phi(x)} = -\frac{\psi''(y)}{\psi(y)} - \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \leftarrow \text{depends on } y \Rightarrow \frac{\phi''(x)}{\phi(x)} = -k^2, \quad \frac{\psi''(y)}{\psi(y)} + \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 = k^2 \Rightarrow$$

Depends on x



Hence, we obtain the following two sub problems,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \varphi''(x) + k^2 \varphi(x) &= 0 \Rightarrow \varphi(x) = C_1 \cos kx + C_2 \sin kx, \quad \varphi(0)=0, \varphi(a)=0 \\ \psi''(y) + l^2 \psi(y) &= 0 \Rightarrow \psi(y) = C_3 \cos ly + C_4 \sin ly, \quad \psi(0)=0, \psi(b)=0 \\ l^2 &= \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - k^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 = l^2 + k^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

Now we separate the boundary conditions as well, e.g.,  $\varphi(0, y) = 0 \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow \varphi(0) \psi(y) = 0, \quad 0 \leq y \leq b \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow \varphi(0) = 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \varphi_i(x) &= C_{2i} \sin \frac{i\pi x}{a}, \quad k_i = \frac{i\pi}{a}, \quad i=1, 2, \dots \\ \psi_j(y) &= C_{4j} \sin \frac{j\pi y}{b}, \quad l_j = \frac{j\pi}{b}, \quad j=1, 2, \dots \\ \text{But, } \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 &= l^2 + k^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \varphi_{ij}(x, y) &= \varphi_i(x) \psi_j(y), \\ \left(\frac{\omega_{ij}}{c}\right)^2 &= l_j^2 + k_i^2 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \omega_{ij} &= c\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{i}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{j}{b}\right)^2}, \quad i, j=1, 2, \dots \\ \varphi_{ij}(x, y) &= C_{ij} \sin \frac{i\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{j\pi y}{b} \end{aligned}$$



further, we mass-normalize by requiring that,

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b m \varphi_{ij}^2(x,y) dx dy = 1 \Rightarrow m c_{ij}^2 \underbrace{\int_0^a \sin^2 \frac{i\pi}{a} x dx}_{a/2} \underbrace{\int_0^b \sin^2 \frac{j\pi}{b} y dy}_{b/2} = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow c_{ij} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{mab}} \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow$  The mass-normalized eigenfunctions are given by,

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \varphi_{ij}(x,y) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{mab}} \sin \frac{i\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{j\pi y}{b}, \quad i,j=1,2,\dots \\ \omega_{ij} &= c\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{i}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{j}{b}\right)^2} \end{aligned}}$$

Then, the response of the membrane will be the superposition of all modes,

$$v(x,y,t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{(A_{ij} \cos \omega_{ij} t + B_{ij} \sin \omega_{ij} t)}_{\tilde{T}_{ij}(t)} \varphi_{ij}(x,y)$$

where the coefficients  $A_{ij}, B_{ij}$  are computed by imposing the initial conditions.