Problem:

Find the optimum profile of a prismatic pin fin that maximizes its effectiveness subject to the following constraints:

- 1. Material constraint: Volume of material = V
- 2. Space constraint: Length of pin fin is less than L₀.

Fin effectiveness is given by:

 $e = (k/h)^*(P/A)$ where , k=thermal conductivity(constant) h=heat transfer corfficient (constant) P= perimeter of cross-section A=area of cross-section