

1. Following the paradigm of problem 2.17, we know

$$G = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{im(\phi-\phi')} g_m(\rho, \rho') \quad \text{where} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho'} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho'} \left(\rho' \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial \rho'} \right) - \frac{m^2}{\rho'^2} g_m = -4\pi \frac{\delta(\rho - \rho')}{\rho} \quad (2)$$

We will write the general solution of $g_m(\rho, \rho')$ as

$$g_m(\rho, \rho') = \begin{cases} \alpha_0 + \beta_0 \ln \rho' & m = 0 \\ \alpha_m \rho'^m + \beta_m \rho'^{-m} & m > 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

But due to the discontinuity of first-order derivative of g_m in $[\rho - \epsilon, \rho + \epsilon]$

$$\rho' \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial \rho'} \Big|_{\rho+\epsilon} - \rho' \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial \rho'} \Big|_{\rho-\epsilon} = -4\pi \quad (4)$$

g_m may have different set of parameters for the range $\rho' < \rho$ and $\rho' > \rho$.

When we enforce the Dirichlet boundary condition on the overall $G(\rho, \phi; \rho' = b, \phi') = 0$, since b can be arbitrary positive value, it's clear that for each m , we must have $g_m(\rho, \rho' = b) = 0$ independently.

- When $m = 0$, let's write $g_0(\rho, \rho')$ as

$$g_0(\rho, \rho') = \begin{cases} \alpha_0 + \beta_0 \ln \rho' & \rho' < \rho \\ \gamma_0 + \delta_0 \ln \rho' & \rho' > \rho \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

It's clear $\beta_0 = 0$ since otherwise g_0 will diverge at $\rho' = 0$. Then the discontinuity relation (4) demands

$$\delta_0 = -4\pi \quad (6)$$

Boundary condition at $\rho' = b$ requires (since we are considering interior volume, we must take the $\rho' = b > \rho$ case)

$$\gamma_0 + \delta_0 \ln b = \gamma_0 - 4\pi \ln b = 0 \quad \implies \quad \gamma_0 = 4\pi \ln b \quad (7)$$

Moreover, the continuity of g_m at $\rho' = \rho$ gives

$$\alpha_0 = \gamma_0 + \delta_0 \ln \rho = 4\pi \ln \left(\frac{b}{\rho} \right) \quad (8)$$

Therefore we obtained the full g_0 as

$$\begin{aligned} g_0(\rho, \rho') &= \begin{cases} 4\pi \ln \left(\frac{b}{\rho} \right) & \rho' < \rho \\ 4\pi \ln \left(\frac{b}{\rho'} \right) & \rho' > \rho \end{cases} \\ &= 4\pi \ln \left(\frac{b}{\rho_{>}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

- When $m > 0$, let's write $g_m(\rho, \rho')$ as

$$g_m(\rho, \rho') = \begin{cases} \alpha_m \rho'^m + \beta_m \rho'^{-m} & \rho' < \rho \\ \gamma_m \rho'^m + \delta_m \rho'^{-m} & \rho' > \rho \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Similar arguments apply to give us the following restrictions

$$g_m \text{ must not diverge at origin :} \quad \beta_m = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{discontinuity relation (4) :} \quad m\gamma_m \rho^m - m\delta_m \rho^{-m} - m\alpha_m \rho^m &= -4\pi \implies \\ \gamma_m \rho^m - \delta_m \rho^{-m} - \alpha_m \rho^m &= -\frac{4\pi}{m} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\text{continuity of } g_m \text{ at } \rho' = \rho : \quad \alpha_m \rho^m = \gamma_m \rho^m + \delta_m \rho^{-m} \quad (13)$$

$$\text{boundary condition at } \rho' = b : \quad \gamma_m b^m + \delta_m b^{-m} = 0 \quad (14)$$

Adding (12) and (13) gives

$$\delta_m = \frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^m \quad (15)$$

Then by (14)

$$\gamma_m = -\frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^m b^{-2m} \quad (16)$$

Finally by (13)

$$\alpha_m = \gamma_m + \delta_m \rho^{-2m} = \frac{2\pi}{m} (\rho^{-m} - \rho^m b^{-2m}) \quad (17)$$

Here is the full form of g_m :

$$\begin{aligned} g_m(\rho, \rho') &= \begin{cases} \frac{2\pi}{m} (\rho^{-m} - \rho^m b^{-2m}) \rho'^m & \rho' < \rho \\ -\frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^m b^{-2m} \rho'^m + \frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^m \rho'^{-m} & \rho' > \rho \end{cases} \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{m} \left[\left(\frac{\rho_{\leq}}{\rho_{>}} \right)^m - \left(\frac{\rho \rho'}{b^2} \right)^m \right] \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

- When $m < 0$, we do this all over again, but with slight changes:

$$g_m \text{ must not diverge at origin :} \quad \alpha_m = 0 \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{discontinuity relation (4) :} \quad m\gamma_m \rho^m - m\delta_m \rho^{-m} + m\beta_m \rho^{-m} &= -4\pi \implies \\ \gamma_m \rho^m - \delta_m \rho^{-m} + \beta_m \rho^{-m} &= -\frac{4\pi}{m} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\text{continuity of } g_m \text{ at } \rho' = \rho : \quad \beta_m \rho^{-m} = \gamma_m \rho^m + \delta_m \rho^{-m} \quad (21)$$

$$\text{boundary condition at } \rho' = b : \quad \gamma_m b^m + \delta_m b^{-m} = 0 \quad (22)$$

Subtract (21) from (20) gives

$$\gamma_m = -\frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^{-m} \quad (23)$$

By (22):

$$\delta_m = \frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^{-m} b^{2m} \quad (24)$$

By (21):

$$\beta_m = \gamma_m \rho^{2m} + \delta_m = \frac{2\pi}{m} (\rho^{-m} b^{2m} - \rho^m) \quad (25)$$

And eventually

$$\begin{aligned} g_m(\rho, \rho') &= \begin{cases} \frac{2\pi}{m} (\rho^{-m} b^{2m} - \rho^m) \rho'^{-m} & \rho' < \rho \\ -\frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^{-m} \rho'^m + \frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^{-m} b^{2m} \rho'^{-m} & \rho' > \rho \end{cases} \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{m} \left[\left(\frac{b^2}{\rho \rho'} \right)^m - \left(\frac{\rho_{\geq}}{\rho_{\leq}} \right)^m \right] \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Notice that (18) and (26) are the same for $\pm m$.

Inserting (9), (18), (26) into (1) gives the series form of the Green function

$$G(\rho, \phi; \rho', \phi') = \ln \left[\left(\frac{b}{\rho_{>}} \right)^2 \right] + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m} \left[\left(\frac{\rho_{\leq}}{\rho_{>}} \right)^m - \left(\frac{\rho \rho'}{b^2} \right)^m \right] \cos[m(\phi - \phi')] \quad (27)$$

Now we would like to show that (27) has a closed form

$$G(\rho, \phi; \rho', \phi') = \ln \left\{ \frac{\rho^2 \rho'^2 + b^4 - 2\rho\rho' b^2 \cos(\phi - \phi')}{b^2 [\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos(\phi - \phi')]} \right\} \quad (28)$$

We can rewrite (28) as

$$\begin{aligned} G &= \ln(b^4) + \ln \left[1 + \left(\frac{\rho\rho'}{b^2} \right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{\rho\rho'}{b^2} \right) \cos(\phi - \phi') \right] - \ln(b^2 \rho^2) - \ln \left[1 + \left(\frac{\rho'}{\rho} \right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{\rho'}{\rho} \right) \cos(\phi - \phi') \right] \\ &= \ln \left[\left(\frac{b}{\rho} \right)^2 \right] + \ln \left[1 + \left(\frac{\rho\rho'}{b^2} \right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{\rho\rho'}{b^2} \right) \cos(\phi - \phi') \right] - \ln \left[1 + \left(\frac{\rho'}{\rho} \right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{\rho'}{\rho} \right) \cos(\phi - \phi') \right] \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

In the solution of problem (2.11), we have shown for $|x| < 1$ the expansion

$$\ln(1 + x^2 - 2x \cos \theta) = -2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^m}{m} \cos m\theta \quad (30)$$

Applying this expansion to (29) gets us exactly (27).

2. This is a straightforward application of equation (1.44), given the Green function (28).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \rho'} &= \frac{2\rho^2 \rho' - 2\rho b^2 \cos(\phi - \phi')}{\rho^2 \rho'^2 + b^4 - 2\rho\rho' b^2 \cos(\phi - \phi')} - \frac{2\rho' - 2\rho \cos(\phi - \phi')}{\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos(\phi - \phi')} \implies \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial n'} &= \frac{\partial G}{\partial \rho'} \Big|_{\rho'=b} = \frac{2\rho^2 b - 2\rho b^2 \cos(\phi - \phi')}{\rho^2 b^2 + b^4 - 2\rho b^3 \cos(\phi - \phi')} - \frac{2b - 2\rho \cos(\phi - \phi')}{\rho^2 + b^2 - 2\rho b \cos(\phi - \phi')} \\ &= \frac{2}{b} \frac{\rho^2 - b^2}{\rho^2 + b^2 - 2\rho b \cos(\phi - \phi')} \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Then by (1.44)

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \Phi(\mathbf{x}') \frac{\partial G}{\partial n'} da' = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \Phi(\mathbf{x}') \frac{\partial G}{\partial \rho'} \Big|_{\rho'=b} \cdot b d\phi' \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \Phi(\mathbf{x}') \frac{b^2 - \rho^2}{\rho^2 + b^2 - 2\rho b \cos(\phi - \phi')} d\phi' \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

agreeing with problem 2.12.

3. For the exterior, let's solve these cases again.

- $m = 0$. We will now try to get the parameters in (5). Unlike the free space situation in problem 2.17, here the infinity is the "interior" of the volume, so we must set $\delta_0 = 0$. Other restrictions are listed as usual:

$$\text{discontinuity relation (4) :} \quad -\beta_0 = -4\pi \quad (33)$$

$$\text{continuity of } g_m \text{ at } \rho' = \rho : \quad \alpha_0 + \beta_0 \ln \rho = \gamma_0 \quad (34)$$

$$\text{boundary condition at } \rho' = b : \quad \alpha_0 + \beta_0 \ln b = 0 \quad (35)$$

The solutions are

$$\beta_0 = 4\pi \quad \alpha_0 = -4\pi \ln b \quad \gamma_0 = -4\pi \ln b + 4\pi \ln \rho \quad (36)$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} g_0(\rho, \rho') &= \begin{cases} -4\pi \ln b + 4\pi \ln \rho' & \rho' < \rho \\ -4\pi \ln b + 4\pi \ln \rho & \rho' > \rho \end{cases} \\ &= 4\pi \ln \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{b} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

- $m > 0$. Convergence at infinity requires $\gamma_m = 0$ in (10). Other restrictions are now

$$\begin{aligned} \text{discontinuity relation (4) :} \quad & -m\delta_m \rho^{-m} - m\alpha_m \rho^m + m\beta_m \rho^{-m} = -4\pi \implies \\ & \delta_m \rho^{-m} + \alpha_m \rho^m - \beta_m \rho^{-m} = \frac{4\pi}{m} \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

$$\text{continuity of } g_m \text{ at } \rho' = \rho : \quad \alpha_m \rho^m + \beta_m \rho^{-m} = \delta_m \rho^{-m} \quad (39)$$

$$\text{boundary condition at } \rho' = b : \quad \alpha_m b^m + \beta_m b^{-m} = 0 \quad (40)$$

We can readily get the solutions

$$\alpha_m = \frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^{-m} \quad \beta_m = -\frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^{-m} b^{2m} \quad \delta_m = \frac{2\pi}{m} (\rho^m - \rho^{-m} b^{2m}) \quad (41)$$

hence

$$g_m(\rho, \rho') = \begin{cases} \frac{2\pi}{m} (\rho^{-m} \rho'^m - \rho^{-m} b^{2m} \rho'^{-m}) & \rho' < \rho \\ \frac{2\pi}{m} (\rho^m - \rho^{-m} b^{2m}) \rho'^{-m} & \rho' > \rho \end{cases} \\ = \frac{2\pi}{m} \left[\left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}} \right)^m - \left(\frac{b^2}{\rho \rho'} \right)^m \right] \quad (42)$$

- $m < 0$. Similarly, here $\delta_m = 0$, and the restrictions are

$$\text{discontinuity relation (4) :} \quad m\gamma_m \rho^m - m\alpha_m \rho^m + m\beta_m \rho^{-m} = -4\pi \quad \Rightarrow \\ \gamma_m \rho^m - \alpha_m \rho^m + \beta_m \rho^{-m} = -\frac{4\pi}{m} \quad (43)$$

$$\text{continuity of } g_m \text{ at } \rho' = \rho : \quad \alpha_m \rho^m + \beta_m \rho^{-m} = \gamma_m \rho^m \quad (44)$$

$$\text{boundary condition at } \rho' = b : \quad \alpha_m b^m + \beta_m b^{-m} = 0 \quad (45)$$

The solutions are

$$\beta_m = -\frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^m \quad \alpha_m = \frac{2\pi}{m} \rho^m b^{-2m} \quad \gamma_m = \frac{2\pi}{m} (\rho^m b^{-2m} - \rho^{-m}) \quad (46)$$

hence

$$g_m(\rho, \rho') = \begin{cases} \frac{2\pi}{m} (\rho^m b^{-2m} \rho'^m - \rho^m \rho'^{-m}) & \rho' < \rho \\ \frac{2\pi}{m} (\rho^m b^{-2m} - \rho^{-m}) \rho'^m & \rho' > \rho \end{cases} \\ = \frac{2\pi}{m} \left[\left(\frac{\rho \rho'}{b^2} \right)^m - \left(\frac{\rho_{>}}{\rho_{<}} \right)^m \right] \quad (47)$$

With (37), (42), (47), for the exterior volume, we have the series representation of Green function

$$G = \ln \left[\left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{b} \right)^2 \right] + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m} \left[\left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}} \right)^m - \left(\frac{b^2}{\rho \rho'} \right)^m \right] \cos[m(\phi - \phi')] \quad (48)$$

By (30),

$$G = \ln \left[\left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{b} \right)^2 \right] + \ln \left[1 + \left(\frac{b^2}{\rho \rho'} \right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{b^2}{\rho \rho'} \right) \cos(\phi - \phi') \right] - \ln \left[1 + \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}} \right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}} \right) \cos(\phi - \phi') \right] \\ = \ln [(\rho \rho')^2] + \ln \left[1 + \left(\frac{b^2}{\rho \rho'} \right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{b^2}{\rho \rho'} \right) \cos(\phi - \phi') \right] - \\ \ln [(\rho_{>} b)^2] - \ln \left[1 + \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}} \right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}} \right) \cos(\phi - \phi') \right] \\ = \ln \left\{ \frac{\rho^2 \rho'^2 + b^4 - 2\rho \rho' b^2 \cos(\phi - \phi')}{b^2 [\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho \rho' \cos(\phi - \phi')]} \right\} \quad (49)$$

which has identical form as (28).

When we calculate $\partial G / \partial n'$, because we are dealing with exterior volume, this derivative is now $-\partial G / \partial \rho' |_{\rho'=b}$. So the potential calculated using (1.44) must have a flipped sign, also agreeing with 2.12's exterior case.