

1. By (6.47)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \int \frac{[f(\mathbf{x}', t')]_{\text{ret}}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x' \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz' \delta(x') \delta(y') \delta(t') \frac{\delta\left[t' - \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c}\right)\right]}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz' \frac{\delta\left[t - \frac{\sqrt{\rho^2 + (z - z')^2}}{c}\right]}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + (z - z')^2}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Now let

$$z'' \equiv z' - z, \quad u \equiv \frac{\sqrt{\rho^2 + z''^2}}{c} \quad \Rightarrow \quad z'' = \pm \sqrt{c^2 u^2 - \rho^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad dz'' = \pm \frac{c^2 u}{\sqrt{c^2 u^2 - \rho^2}} \tag{2}$$

The integrand in (1) is even in  $z''$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} dz'' \frac{\delta\left(t - \frac{\sqrt{\rho^2 + z''^2}}{c}\right)}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + z''^2}} \\
 &= 2 \int_{\rho/c}^{\infty} \frac{\delta(t - u)}{cu} \cdot \frac{c^2 u}{\sqrt{c^2 u^2 - \rho^2}} du \\
 &= 2c \int_{\rho/c}^{\infty} \frac{\delta(t - u)}{\sqrt{c^2 u^2 - \rho^2}} du
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

We see that the  $\delta$  function has support in the integral range only if  $t > \rho/c$ , which yields  $2c/\sqrt{c^2 t^2 - \rho^2}$ , and for smaller  $t$ , the integral yields zero. This result can be summarized using the step function

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{2c\Theta(ct - \rho)}{\sqrt{c^2 t^2 - \rho^2}} \tag{4}$$

2. The sheet source function is

$$f(\mathbf{x}', t') = \delta(x') \delta(t') \tag{5}$$

Thus by (6.47)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' \delta(x') \delta(t') \frac{\delta\left[t' - \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c}\right)\right]}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz' \frac{\delta\left[t - \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + (y - y')^2 + (z - z')^2}}{c}\right]}{\sqrt{x^2 + (y - y')^2 + (z - z')^2}} \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{\infty} \rho d\rho \frac{\delta\left(t - \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + \rho^2}}{c}\right)}{\sqrt{x^2 + \rho^2}} \quad \text{let } (y', z') = (y, z) + (\rho, \phi) \\
 &= 2\pi \int_{|x|/c}^{\infty} \sqrt{c^2 u^2 - x^2} \frac{\delta(t - u)}{cu} \cdot \frac{c^2 u}{\sqrt{c^2 u^2 - x^2}} du \quad \text{let } u \equiv \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + \rho^2}}{c} \\
 &= 2\pi c \Theta(ct - |x|)
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$