



1. This is a straightforward application of the relation we have proved back in problem 2.12:

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \Phi(b, \phi') \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^n}{b^n} \cos n(\phi - \phi') \right] \quad (1)$$

Clearly the contribution from the "1" term in the bracket is zero due to the alternating signs. The contribution from  $n$  is

$$C_n = \frac{V}{2\pi} \frac{2\rho^n}{b^n} (I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4) \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos n(\phi' - \phi) d\phi' = \frac{1}{n} \left[ \sin n\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi\right) - \sin n(-\phi) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{Im} (e^{in\pi/2 - in\phi} - e^{-in\phi}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{Im} [(i^n - 1)e^{-in\phi}] \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$I_2 = -\frac{1}{n} \operatorname{Im} [(i^{2n} - i^n)e^{-in\phi}] \quad (4)$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{Im} [(i^{3n} - i^{2n})e^{-in\phi}] \quad (5)$$

$$I_4 = -\frac{1}{n} \operatorname{Im} [(i^{4n} - i^{3n})e^{-in\phi}] \quad (6)$$

Therefore

$$I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 = \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{Im} \{ 2e^{-in\phi} [i^n - 1 - (-1)^n + (-i)^n] \} \quad (7)$$

which clearly vanishes unless  $n = 4k + 2$ , in which case

$$I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 = \frac{8 \sin n\phi}{n} \quad \text{when } n = 4k + 2 \quad (8)$$

This gives

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi) = \frac{4V}{\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\rho}{b} \right)^{4k+2} \frac{\sin(4k+2)\phi}{2k+1} \quad (9)$$

2. We could sum the series in (9) as the imaginary part of a power series modulated by coefficient  $1/(2k+1)$ , which involves  $\tan^{-1}$  of complex numbers. I'm not familiar with trigonometry function of complex argument, so I'm going to prove the claim via another route.

Recall in problem 2.12, we proved

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \Phi(b, \phi') \overbrace{\frac{b^2 - \rho^2}{b^2 + \rho^2 - 2b\rho \cos(\phi' - \phi)}}^{A(\phi')} d\phi' \quad (10)$$

With this, we can obtain the interior point's potential via four-part integration:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\rho, \phi) &= \frac{V}{2\pi} \left[ \int_0^{\pi/2} A(\phi') d\phi' - \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} A(\phi') d\phi' + \int_{\pi}^{3\pi/2} A(\phi') d\phi' - \int_{3\pi/2}^{2\pi} A(\phi') d\phi' \right] \\ &= \frac{V}{2\pi} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi/2} [A(\phi') + A(\phi' - \pi)] d\phi' - \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} [A(\phi') + A(\phi' - \pi)] d\phi' \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Now define

$$\begin{aligned} B(\phi') &= A(\phi') + A(\phi' - \pi) \\ &= (b^2 - \rho^2) \left[ \frac{1}{b^2 + \rho^2 - 2b\rho \cos(\phi' - \phi)} + \frac{1}{b^2 + \rho^2 + 2b\rho \cos(\phi' - \phi)} \right] \\ &= (b^2 - \rho^2) \left[ \frac{2(b^2 + \rho^2)}{(b^2 + \rho^2)^2 - 4b^2\rho^2 \cos^2(\phi' - \phi)} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Then the potential

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\rho, \phi) &= \frac{V}{2\pi} \left[ \int_0^{\pi/2} B(\phi') d\phi' - \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} B(\phi') d\phi' \right] \\ &= \frac{V}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ B(\phi') - B\left(\phi' - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right] d\phi' \\ &= \frac{V}{2\pi} \cdot 2(b^4 - \rho^4) \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ \frac{1}{(b^2 + \rho^2)^2 - 4b^2\rho^2 \cos^2(\phi' - \phi)} - \frac{1}{(b^2 + \rho^2)^2 - 4b^2\rho^2 \sin^2(\phi' - \phi)} \right] d\phi' \\ &= \frac{V}{\pi} (b^4 - \rho^4) \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{4b^2\rho^2 \cos 2(\phi' - \phi) d\phi'}{(b^2 + \rho^2)^4 - 4b^2\rho^2(b^2 + \rho^2)^2 + 16b^4\rho^4 \cos^2(\phi' - \phi) \sin^2(\phi' - \phi)} \\ &= \frac{V}{\pi} (b^4 - \rho^4) \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{4b^2\rho^2 \cos 2(\phi' - \phi) d\phi'}{(b^4 - \rho^4)^2 + 4b^4\rho^4 \sin^2 2(\phi' - \phi)} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Now it's the usual practice of variable change which we used in problem 2.13 – define

$$t \equiv \sin 2(\phi' - \phi) \quad (14)$$

then

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi) = \frac{V}{\pi} (b^4 - \rho^4) \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \frac{2b^2\rho^2 dt}{(b^4 - \rho^4)^2 + 4b^4\rho^4 t^2} \quad (15)$$

And subsequently, with

$$\tan \xi \equiv \frac{2b^2\rho^2}{b^4 - \rho^4} t \quad (16)$$

we get

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi) = \frac{V}{\pi} (b^4 - \rho^4) \int_{\xi_0}^{\xi_1} \frac{2b^2\rho^2 \frac{b^4 - \rho^4}{2b^2\rho^2} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \xi} d\xi}{(b^4 - \rho^4)^2 \frac{1}{\cos^2 \xi}} = \frac{V}{\pi} (\xi_1 - \xi_0) \quad (17)$$

From (14) and (16), we have the bounds  $\xi_0, \xi_1$

$$\xi_0 = -\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2b^2\rho^2}{b^4 - \rho^4} \sin 2\phi \right) \quad \xi_1 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2b^2\rho^2}{b^4 - \rho^4} \sin 2\phi \right) \quad (18)$$

which finally yields

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi) = \frac{2V}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2b^2\rho^2}{b^4 - \rho^4} \sin 2\phi \right) \quad (19)$$