

• **Prob 3.9**

Since the potential at  $z = 0$  and  $z = L$  are zero, this suggests we use the second form of separation of variable scheme, with  $\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = R(\rho)Q(\phi)Z(z)$  where

$$\frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} + k^2 Z = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d^2 Q}{d\phi^2} + m^2 Q = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{d^2 R}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{dR}{dx} - \left(1 + \frac{m^2}{x^2}\right) R = 0 \quad \text{where } x = k\rho \quad (3)$$

With the boundary condition at the end caps, as well as the consideration that  $R(\rho)$  must converge at the origin, we have the general series solution form

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} I_m\left(\frac{n\pi\rho}{L}\right) (A_{nm} \sin m\phi + B_{nm} \cos m\phi) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right) \quad (4)$$

By the boundary condition on the side

$$V(\phi, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left[ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} I_m\left(\frac{n\pi b}{L}\right) (A_{nm} \sin m\phi + B_{nm} \cos m\phi) \right]}_{T_n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right) \quad (5)$$

We recognize the outer sum as the Fourier expansion of  $V(\phi, z)$  in the orthonormal basis of  $\sqrt{2/L} \sin(n\pi z/L)$ , thus

$$T_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L V(\phi, z) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right) dz \quad (6)$$

The inner sum is a similar Fourier series, except this time with cosine terms.

$$T_n = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} I_m\left(\frac{n\pi b}{L}\right) (A_{nm} \sin m\phi + B_{nm} \cos m\phi) \implies$$

$$A_{nm} = \frac{1}{I_m\left(\frac{n\pi b}{L}\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} T_n \sin m\phi d\phi \quad (7)$$

$$B_{nm} = \frac{1}{I_m\left(\frac{n\pi b}{L}\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} T_n \cos m\phi d\phi \quad (8)$$

where by the usual Fourier transform rules,  $B_{n,m=0}$  will need to be further divided by two.

• **Prob 3.10**

With the given surface potential

$$V(\phi, z) = V(\phi) = \begin{cases} V & \text{for } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -V & \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} \leq \phi \leq \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

we have

$$T_n = \frac{2}{L} V(\phi) \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right) dz = \frac{2V(\phi)}{n\pi} [1 - (-1)^n] = \begin{cases} \frac{4V(\phi)}{(2k+1)\pi} & n = 2k+1 \\ 0 & n = 2k \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

For  $n = 2k + 1$ , by (7), (8)

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{nm} &= \frac{1}{I_m\left(\frac{n\pi b}{L}\right)} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{4V}{n\pi} \left( \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin m\phi d\phi - \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} \sin m\phi d\phi \right) = 0 \\
B_{nm} &= \frac{1}{I_m\left(\frac{n\pi b}{L}\right)} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{4V}{n\pi} \left( \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos m\phi d\phi - \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} \cos m\phi d\phi \right) \\
&= \frac{4V}{n\pi^2 I_m\left(\frac{n\pi b}{L}\right)} \frac{1}{m} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right) - \sin\left(-\frac{m\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{3m\pi}{2}\right) \right] \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{16V}{nm\pi^2 I_m\left(\frac{n\pi b}{L}\right)} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right) & m, n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{11}
\end{aligned}$$

In summary, for  $n = 2k + 1, m = 2l + 1$ , we can write (4) as

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{I_{2l+1}\left[\frac{(2k+1)\pi\rho}{L}\right]}{I_{2l+1}\left[\frac{(2k+1)\pi b}{L}\right]} \frac{16V}{(2k+1)(2l+1)\pi^2} \sin\left[\frac{(2l+1)\pi}{2}\right] \cos[(2l+1)\phi] \sin\left[\frac{(2k+1)\pi z}{L}\right] \tag{12}$$

Recall the asymptotic behavior of  $I_m(x)$  (equation (3.102))

$$I_m(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{m!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^m \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0 \tag{13}$$

Together with  $z = L/2$ , this turns (12) into

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi\left(\rho, \phi, \frac{L}{2}\right) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\rho}{b}\right)^{2l+1} \frac{16V}{(2k+1)(2l+1)\pi^2} (-1)^l \cos[(2l+1)\phi] (-1)^k \\
&= \frac{16V}{\pi^2} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} \right] \left[ \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{2l+1} \left(\frac{\rho}{b}\right)^{2l+1} \cos[(2l+1)\phi] \right] \\
&= \frac{4V}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{2l+1} z^{2l+1} \right] \quad \text{where } z \equiv \frac{\rho}{b} e^{i\phi} \\
&= \frac{4V}{\pi} \operatorname{Re}(\tan^{-1} z) \tag{14}
\end{aligned}$$

Notice for  $z = x + iy$ , if we write

$$\alpha + i\beta = \tan^{-1}(x + iy) \quad \text{and thus} \quad \alpha - i\beta = \tan^{-1}(x - iy) \tag{15}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
2\alpha &= \tan^{-1}(x + iy) + \tan^{-1}(x - iy) \implies \\
\tan 2\alpha &= \frac{x + iy + x - iy}{1 - (x + iy)(x - iy)} \implies \\
\operatorname{Re}[\tan^{-1}(x + iy)] &= \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1 - x^2 - y^2}\right) \tag{16}
\end{aligned}$$

which turns (14) into

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi\left(\rho, \phi, \frac{L}{2}\right) &= \frac{4V}{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{2\rho \cos \phi}{b}}{1 - \frac{\rho^2}{b^2}}\right) \\
&= \frac{2V}{\pi} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2b\rho}{b^2 - \rho^2} \cos \phi\right) \tag{17}
\end{aligned}$$

agreeing with Prob 2.13.