
VE230: Electromagnetics I

Homework IV

Due: June 25, 11.59pm

P.4-1 The upper and lower conducting plates of a large parallel-plate capacitor are separated by a distance d and maintained at potentials V_0 and 0, respectively. A dielectric slab of dielectric constant 6.0 and uniform thickness of $0.8d$ is placed over the lower plate. Assuming negligible fringing effect, determine

- a) the potential and electric field distribution in the dielectric slab,
- b) the potential and electric field distribution in the air space between the dielectric slab and the upper plate,
- c) the surface charge densities on the upper and lower plates.
- d) Compare the results in part (b) with those without the dielectric slab.

P.4-2 Prove that the scalar potential V in

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{V'} \frac{\rho}{R} dv' \quad (\text{Eq.(3-61)})$$

satisfies Poisson's equation,

$$\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad (\text{Eq.(4-6)})$$

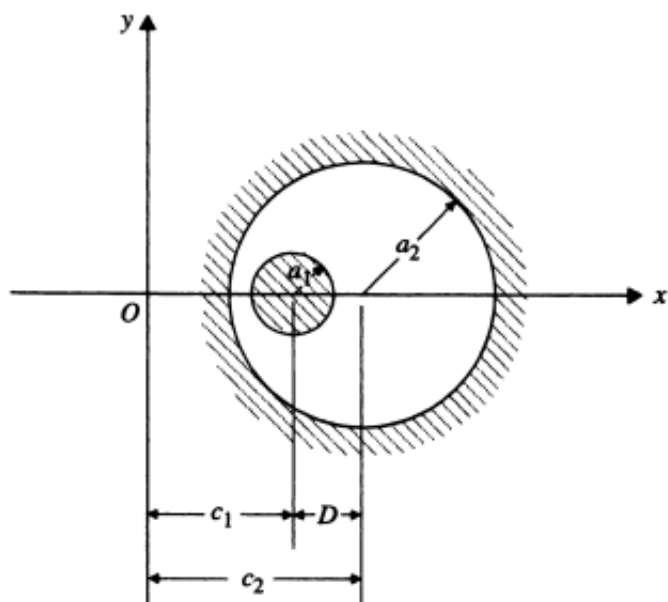
P.4-7 A point charge Q exists at a distance d above a large grounded conducting plane. Determine

- a) the surface charge density ρ_s ,
- b) the total charge induced on the conducting plane.

P.4-11 A very long two-wire transmission line, each wire of radius a and separated by a distance d , is supported at a height h above a flat conducting ground. Assuming both d and h to be much larger than a , find the capacitance per unit length of the line.

P.4-14 A long wire of radius a_1 lies inside a conducting circular tunnel of radius a_2 , as shown in Fig.4-10(a). The distance between their axes is D .

- a) Find the capacitance per unit length.
- b) Determine the force per unit length on the wire if the wire and the tunnel carry equal and opposite line charges of magnitude ρ_l .



(a) A cross-sectional view.

FIGURE 4-10(a)

P.4-17 Two dielectric media with dielectric constants ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 are separated by a plane boundary at $x = 0$, as shown in Fig.4-23. A point charge Q exists in medium 1 at distance d from the boundary.

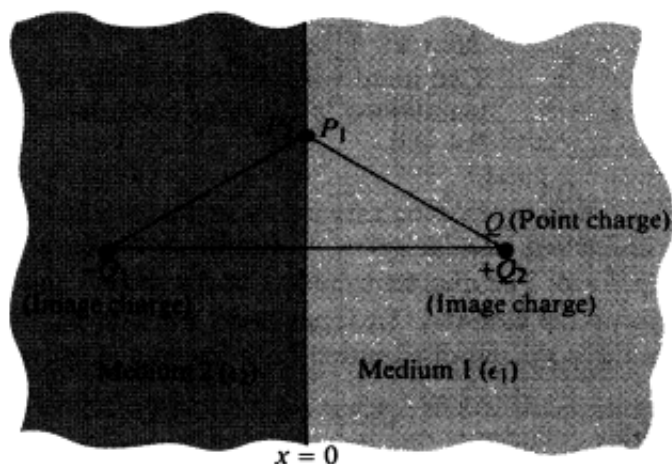


FIGURE 4-23
Image charges in dielectric media (Problem P.4-17).

FIGURE 4-23

- a) Verify that the field in medium 1 can be obtained from Q and an image charge $-Q_1$, both acting in medium 1.

- b) Verify that the field in medium 2 can be obtained from Q and an image charge $+Q_2$ coinciding with Q , both acting in medium 2.
- c) Determine Q_1 and Q_2 . (*Hint*: Consider neighboring points P_1 and P_2 in media 1 and 2, respectively, and require the continuity of the tangential component of the \mathbf{E} -field and of the normal component of the \mathbf{D} -field.)

P.4-27 An infinite conducting cone of half-angle α is maintained at potential V_0 and insulated from a grounded conducting plane, as illustrated in Fig.4-26. Determine

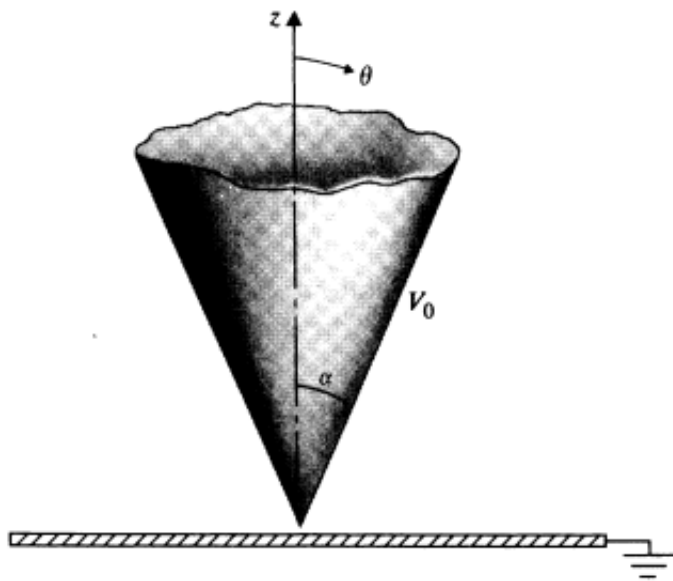


FIGURE 4-26
An infinite conducting cone and
a grounded conducting plane
(Problem P.4-27).

FIGURE 4-26

- a) the potential distribution $V(\theta)$ in the region $\alpha < \theta < \pi/2$.
- b) the electric field intensity in the region $\alpha < \theta < \pi/2$.
- c) the charge densities on the cone surface and on the grounded plane.