

5.01. (a) Two spherical conducting shells of radii r_a and r_b are arranged concentrically and are charged to the potentials V_a and V_b , respectively. If $r_b > r_a$, find the potential at points between the shell, and at points $r > r_b$.

(b) Two long cylindrical shells of radius r_a and r_b arranged coaxially and are charged to the potentials V_a and V_b , respectively. Find the potential at points between the cylindrical shells.

Here we have to solve the Laplace's equation : $\nabla^2 V = 0$

as there is no charges in the regions of interest ; under some specific boundary conditions (BC).

(a)

Express Laplace's eqn in spherical polar coordinates :

Note: Due to the symmetry, V will be independent of θ and ϕ ; and is function of r only.

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dV}{dr} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } r^2 \frac{dV}{dr} = C \text{ (constant)}$$

$$\text{or, } dV = C \frac{dr}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = -\frac{C}{r} + k$$

another constant.

These constants will be fixed by BC.

* For region between the shells, we have two boundaries:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} V = V_a \text{ at } r = r_a \\ V = V_b \text{ at } r = r_b \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\therefore V_a = -\frac{C}{r_a} + k \quad \text{and} \quad V_b = -\frac{C}{r_b} + k$$

Solving these two : $C = \left(\frac{V_a - V_b}{r_a - r_b} \right) r_a r_b$

and $k = \frac{V_a r_a - V_b r_b}{r_a - r_b}$.

$$\therefore V = -\left(\frac{V_a - V_b}{r_a - r_b} \right) \frac{r_a r_b}{r} + \frac{V_a r_a - V_b r_b}{r_a - r_b}$$

(*) For the region $r > r_b$, we have two boundaries:

$$V \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{at} \quad r \rightarrow \infty$$

$$V = V_b \quad \text{at} \quad r = r_b.$$

First BC $\Rightarrow k = 0$

$$\therefore V = -\frac{C}{r}$$

2nd BC: $V_b = -\frac{C}{r_b} \Rightarrow C = -V_b r_b$.

$$\therefore V = \frac{V_b r_b}{r}$$

(b) Express the Laplace's equn. in Cylindrical coordinates :

Due to symmetry, V will be independent of ϕ, z .

Then $\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{s} \frac{d}{ds} \left(s \frac{dV}{ds} \right) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow s \frac{dV}{ds} = C \quad (\text{constant})$$

$$\text{or, } C \frac{ds}{s} = dV$$

To make dimensionless, introduce a length scale, say ℓ .

Then $C \frac{ds/\ell}{s/\ell} = dV$

Put $s/l = x$

$$\Rightarrow C \frac{dx}{x} = dv$$

$$\text{or } v = C \ln x + k \quad \text{another constant.}$$

$$\therefore v(s) = C \ln\left(\frac{s}{l}\right) + k$$

$$\text{BC: } \left. \begin{array}{l} v(s=r_a) = v_a \\ \text{and } v(s=r_b) = v_b \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\therefore v_a = C \ln\left(\frac{r_a}{l}\right) + k \quad \text{and} \quad v_b = C \ln\left(\frac{r_b}{l}\right) + k$$

$$\text{Solving these: } C = \frac{v_a - v_b}{\ln(r_a/r_b)}$$

$$\text{and } k = \frac{v_b \ln(r_a/l) - v_a \ln(r_b/l)}{\ln(r_a/r_b)}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{v = \frac{v_a - v_b}{\ln(r_a/r_b)} \ln\left(\frac{s}{l}\right) + \frac{v_b \ln\left(\frac{r_a}{l}\right) - v_a \ln\left(\frac{r_b}{l}\right)}{\ln(r_a/r_b)}}$$

This length scale "l" can be associated with the arbitrariness of potential V i.e. V is defined upto some additive constant.

5.02. Consider a grounded conducting sphere of radius R . A charge q is placed at a distance $a > R$ on the z-axis. The image charge $q' = -Rq/a$ is kept at distance $b = R^2/a$ on the z-axis.

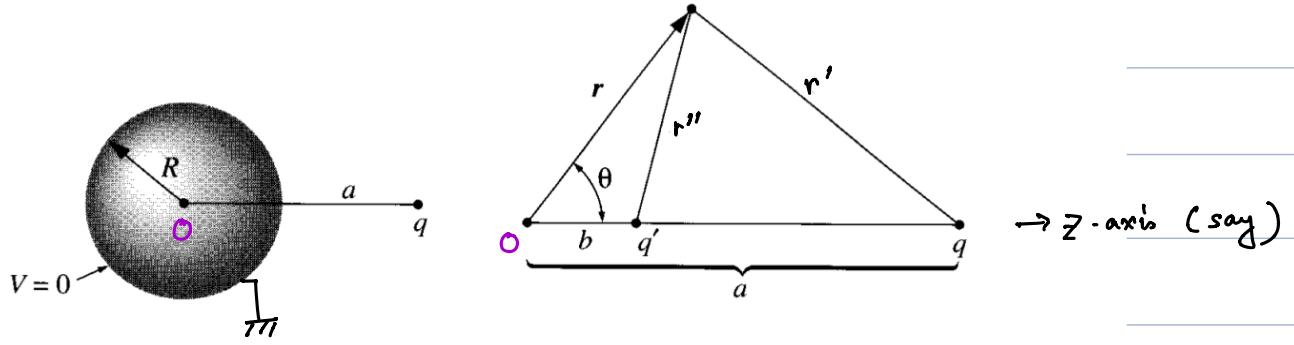
(a) Using the law of cosines, show that $V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q}{r'} + \frac{q'}{r''} \right)$ (where r' and r'' are the distances from q and q' , respectively) can be written as follows:

$$V(r, \theta) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \cos\theta}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + (ar/R)^2 - 2ar \cos\theta}} \right]$$

where r and θ are the usual spherical polar coordinates. In this form it is obvious that $V = 0$ on the sphere $r = R$.

(b) Find the induced charge on the sphere, as a function of θ . Integrate this to get the total induced charge.

(c) Calculate the energy of this configuration.



$$(a) V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q}{r'} + \frac{q'}{r''} \right)$$

Now,

$$r' = \left(r^2 + a^2 - 2ra \cos\theta \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{and } r'' = \left(r^2 + b^2 - 2rb \cos\theta \right)^{1/2} = \left(r^2 + \frac{R^4}{a^2} - 2\frac{rR^2}{a} \cos\theta \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{q'}{r''} = -\frac{Rq}{a} \frac{1}{\left(r^2 + \frac{R^4}{a^2} - 2\frac{rR^2}{a} \cos\theta \right)^{1/2}}$$

$$= -\frac{Rq}{a} \frac{1}{\frac{R}{a} \left(R^2 + \left(\frac{ar}{R} \right)^2 - 2ra \cos\theta \right)^{1/2}}$$

$$= -\frac{q}{\left(R^2 + \left(\frac{ar}{R} \right)^2 - 2ra \cos\theta \right)^{1/2}}$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + a^2 - 2ra\cos\theta}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(\frac{ar}{R}\right)^2 - 2ra\cos\theta}} \right]$$

Note: $V = 0$ at $r = R$.

(b) Induced surface charge density is given by

$$\sigma = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R} = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R}.$$

From the above expression for V , we find:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R} &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(r^2 + a^2 - 2ra\cos\theta \right)^{-3/2} (2r - 2a\cos\theta) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(R^2 + \left(\frac{ar}{R}\right)^2 - 2ra\cos\theta \right)^{-3/2} \left(\frac{2ra^2}{R^2} - 2a\cos\theta \right) \right]_{r=R} \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[- \left(R^2 + a^2 - 2Ra\cos\theta \right)^{-3/2} (R - a\cos\theta) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(R^2 + a^2 - 2Ra\cos\theta \right)^{-3/2} \left(\frac{a^2}{R} - a\cos\theta \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(R^2 + a^2 - 2Ra\cos\theta \right)^{-3/2} \left[\frac{a^2}{R} - a\cos\theta - R + a\cos\theta \right] \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(R^2 + a^2 - 2Ra\cos\theta \right)^{-3/2} \left(\frac{a^2 - R^2}{R} \right) \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} (a^2 - R^2) \left(R^2 + a^2 - 2Ra\cos\theta \right)^{-3/2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sigma(\theta) = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi R} (R^2 - a^2) (R^2 + a^2 - 2Ra \cos\theta)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

(Induced surface charge density).

Total induced charge :

$$q_{\text{induced}} = \int \sigma(\theta) \underbrace{da}_{R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi R} (R^2 - a^2) R^2 \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} (R^2 + a^2 - 2Ra \cos\theta)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sin\theta d\theta \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} d\phi$$

$$= \frac{qR}{2} (R^2 - a^2) \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} d\theta \sin\theta (R^2 + a^2 - 2Ra \cos\theta)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{qR}{2} (R^2 - a^2) \left(\frac{1}{Ra}\right) \int_{|R-a|}^{R+a} dy \quad \tilde{y}^{-3}$$

$$= -\frac{q}{2a} (R^2 - a^2) \left[\frac{1}{\tilde{y}} \right]_{|R-a|}^{R+a}$$

$$\text{Put } R^2 + a^2 - 2Ra \cos\theta = \tilde{y}^2$$

$$\therefore 2Ra \sin\theta d\theta = 2\tilde{y} dy$$

$$\text{or, } \sin\theta d\theta = \frac{\tilde{y}}{Ra} dy$$

Since we are interested on the surface of the sphere; here
 $R < a \Rightarrow |R-a| = a-R$.

$$\therefore q_{\text{induced}} = -\frac{q}{2a} (R^2 - a^2) \left(\frac{1}{R+a} - \frac{1}{a-R} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{q}{2a} (R^2 - a^2) \frac{a-R - R - a}{a^2 - R^2}$$

$$= \frac{q}{2a} (-2R) = -\frac{qR}{a}$$

Note: Here q_{induced} is q' .

$\Rightarrow q'$ can be considered as a image charge due to q .

(C) Energy of this configuration is determined by

$$W = - \int_{\infty}^a \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

work done to bring q charge from infinity to a .

Here \vec{F} is the force exerted on charge q by the charge induced on the sphere.

Since, induced charge is equivalent to the image charge q' , the force is given by the force between charges q and q' . With q placed at $z\hat{z}$, the force is

$$\vec{F} = \frac{qq'}{4\pi\epsilon_0(z-b)^2} \hat{z}$$

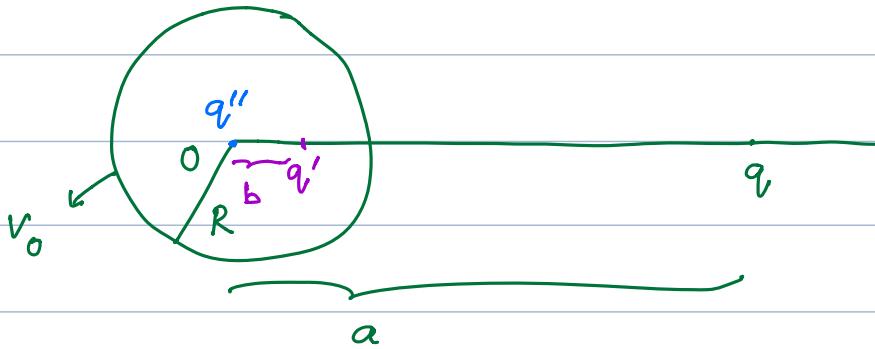
$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0(z - \frac{R^2}{z})^2} \left(-\frac{Rq}{z} \right) \hat{z} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2 R z}{(z^2 - R^2)^2} \hat{z}$$

where, $b = \frac{R^2}{z}$
and $q' = -\frac{Rq}{z}$.

$$\therefore W = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (q^2 R) \int_{\infty}^a \frac{z dz}{(z^2 - R^2)^2}$$

$$= - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2 R}{2(a^2 - R^2)}$$

5.03. Consider a point charge q situated at a distance a from the center of a grounded conducting sphere of radius R . The same basic model will handle the case of a sphere at any potential V_0 (relative to infinity) with the addition of a second image charge. What charge should you use, and where should you put it? Find the force of attraction between a point charge q and a neutral conducting sphere.



This situation can be handled in the following way.

Suppose initially the sphere is at zero potential.

Then, by the previous problem, the image charge due to q is $q' = -\frac{qR}{a}$ at $b = \frac{R^2}{a}$ (as shown in figure).

Now to incorporate the real fact that the sphere is at potential V_0 , we can put a q'' charge at O (center of the sphere); s.t.

$$V_0 = \frac{q''}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}.$$

This is fine since the charge q'' at center O makes the surface equipotential.

$$\therefore q'' = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R V_0.$$

\Rightarrow Now, we have the total induced charge as $q' + q''$ on the surface of the sphere.

The total force on q is calculated by evaluating the force due to q and q' as well as q'' .

$$\therefore F = \frac{qq'}{4\pi\epsilon_0(a-b)^2} + \frac{qq''}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a^2}$$

$$\text{where } b = \frac{R^2}{a}$$

$$q' = -\frac{qR}{a}$$

$$\text{Now for neutral sphere: } q' + q'' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q'' = -q' = \frac{qR}{a}$$

$$\therefore F = \frac{qq'}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{(a-b)^2} - \frac{1}{a^2} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{q^2 R}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a} \left[\frac{1}{\left(a - \frac{R^2}{a}\right)^2} - \frac{1}{a^2} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{q^2 R}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a} \frac{\frac{a^4 - (a^2 - R^2)^2}{a^2 (a^2 - R^2)^2}}{\underbrace{1}_{\sqrt{a^4 - (a^2 - R^2)^2}}}$$

$$= \frac{-R^4 + 2a^2 R^2}{a^2 (a^2 - R^2)^2} = \frac{R^2 (2a^2 - R^2)}{a^2 (a^2 - R^2)^2}$$

$$= -\frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{R}{a}\right)^3 \frac{2a^2 - R^2}{(a^2 - R^2)^2}$$

Note: Since $a > R$, here $F < 0 \Rightarrow$ Force is attractive.

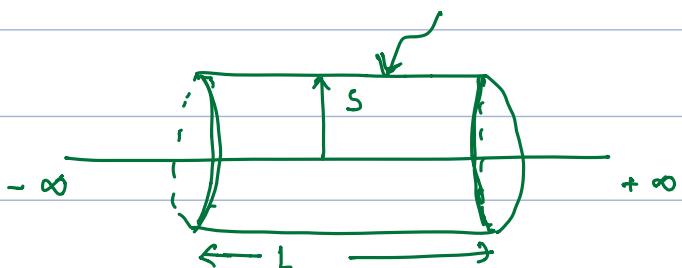
with their axes

- 5.04. Two long, straight copper pipes, each of radius R , are held at a distance $2d$ apart. One is at potential V_0 , the other at $-V_0$. Find the potential everywhere.

First of all let us calculate the field due to a uniformly charged infinite line of charge of linear density λ .

Using Gauss's law:

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{Q_{\text{encl.}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$



$$\Rightarrow E \cdot 2\pi s L = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\text{or, } \boxed{\vec{E}(s) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 s} \hat{s}}$$

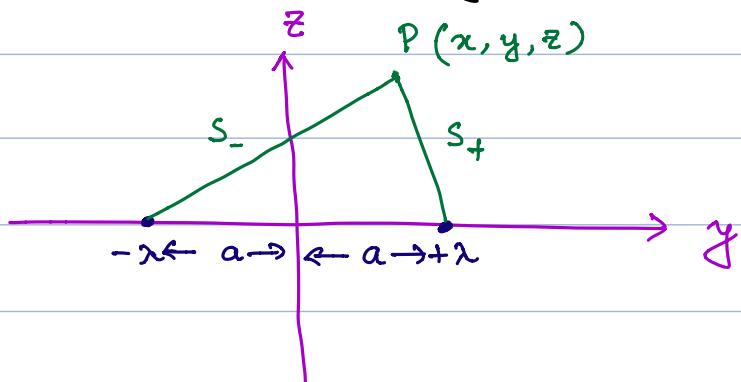
Now we calculate the potential at any distance s . In this case, we can not set the reference point at ∞ as the charge itself extends to ∞ . Let us then set the reference point at $s = e$ (say).

Then

$$V(s) = - \int_e^s \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \int_e^s \frac{dl}{l}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{V(s) = - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln(s/e)}$$

Now in the given problem, let us replace the copper pipes (Oriented parallel to the z-axis as shown) by infinite lines of image charge with linear densities $\pm \lambda$, respectively, at $y = \pm a$.



Then the total potential at any point $P(x, y, z)$ is

$$V_P = -\frac{(-\lambda)}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{S_-}{e}\right) - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{S_+}{e}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{S_+}{S_-}\right) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{S_-}{S_+}\right)$$

$$V_P = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{S_-}{S_+}\right)$$

where

$$S_{\pm} = \sqrt{(y \mp a)^2 + z^2}$$

$$\therefore V_P = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left[\frac{(y+a)^2 + z^2}{(y-a)^2 + z^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left[\frac{(y+a)^2 + z^2}{(y-a)^2 + z^2} \right]$$

The above equation yields the equations of the family of equipotential surfaces, given by,

$$\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 V_p}{\lambda} = \ln \left[\frac{(y+a)^2 + z^2}{(y-a)^2 + z^2} \right] = \text{constant}, \forall \text{ const. } \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{(y+a)^2 + z^2}{(y-a)^2 + z^2} = \exp \left(\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 V_p}{\lambda} \right) = \ln (\text{const.})$$

Since the surfaces of the conducting wires are equipotentials, then for right conductor, $V_p = V_0$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(y+a)^2 + z^2}{(y-a)^2 + z^2} = \exp \left(\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda} \right) = k \text{ (say)} \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+a)^2 + z^2 = k [(y-a)^2 + z^2]$$

$$\text{or, } \boxed{y^2 + z^2 + a^2 - 2ay \left(\frac{k+1}{k-1} \right) = 0}$$

which represents an equation of circle on the $y-z$ plane.

Now, the general equation of a circle with center $(y_0, 0)$ and radius R on the $y-z$ plane is

$$(y-y_0)^2 + z^2 = R^2$$

$$\text{or, } \boxed{y^2 + z^2 + (y_0^2 - R^2) - 2yy_0 = 0}$$

Comparing, we conclude that the family of equipotentials are circles (as shown below) and in particular the axis of the right copper wire is located at

$$y_0 = a \frac{\frac{k+1}{k-1}}{= d} \text{ (as given in the problem)}$$

Similar will be also for left conductor.

In this case $V_p = -V_0$

$$\therefore y_0 = a \left(\frac{\frac{1}{k} + 1}{\frac{1}{k} - 1} \right) = a \left(\frac{1+k}{1-k} \right) = -d$$

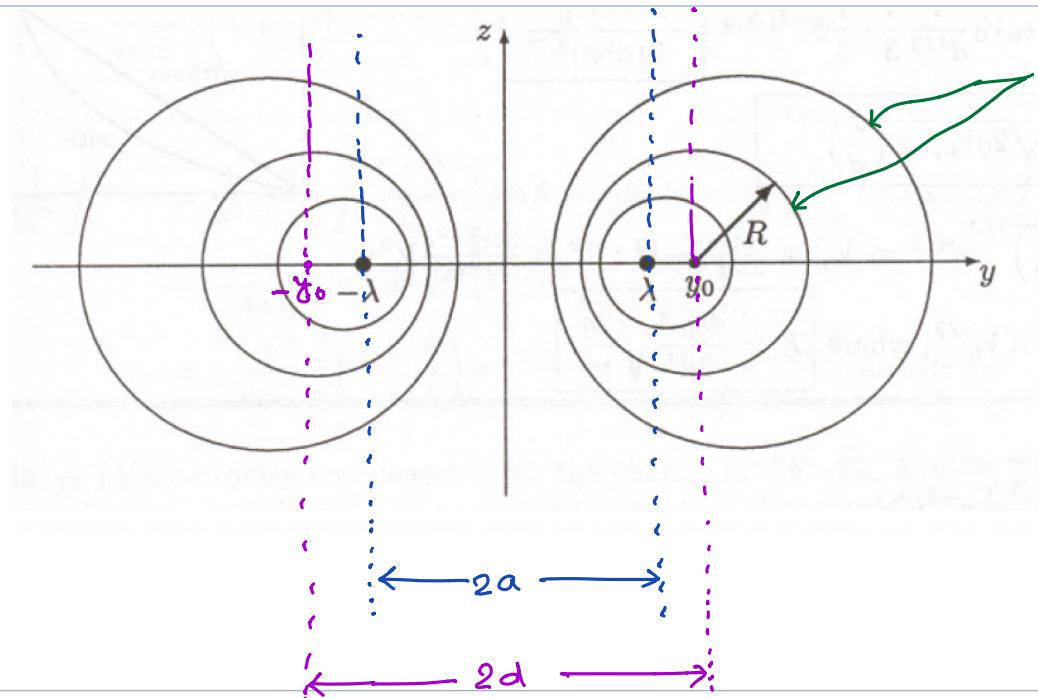
(as given in the problem).

$$\therefore d = a \left(\frac{k+1}{k-1} \right)$$

So for both the cases

$$d = \frac{a(k+1)}{k-1}$$

Family of circles.



$$\text{Also, we have } a^2 = y_0^2 - R^2 = d^2 - R^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \sqrt{d^2 - R^2}.$$

Now,

$$d = \frac{a(k+1)}{k-1} = a \left(\frac{e^{\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}} + 1}{e^{\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}} - 1} \right)$$

$$= a \left[\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}} + e^{-\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}}}{e^{\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}} - e^{-\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}}} \right]$$

$$\therefore d = a \coth \left(\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda} \right)$$

$$\text{Again, } a^2 = y_0^2 - R^2 = a^2 \left(\frac{k+1}{k-1} \right)^2 - R^2$$

$$\text{or, } R^2 = \left[\left(\frac{k+1}{k-1} \right)^2 - 1 \right] a^2 = \frac{4k}{(k-1)^2} a^2$$

$$\text{or, } R = a \frac{2\sqrt{k}}{k-1}$$

$$= 2a \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}}}{e^{\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}} - 1}$$

$$= \frac{2a}{e^{\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}} - e^{-\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}}} = \frac{a}{\sinh \left(\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda} \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = R \sinh\left(\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}\right)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{R} = \sinh\left(\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}\right) \times \coth\left(\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d}{R} = \cosh\left(\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\lambda}\right)} \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0}{\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{R}\right)}}$$

\therefore The required expression for potential is

$$V_p = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left[\frac{(y+a)^2 + z^2}{(y-a)^2 + z^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{V_0}{2 \cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{R}\right)} \ln \left[\frac{\left(y + \sqrt{d^2 - R^2}\right)^2 + z^2}{\left(y - \sqrt{d^2 - R^2}\right)^2 + z^2} \right]$$

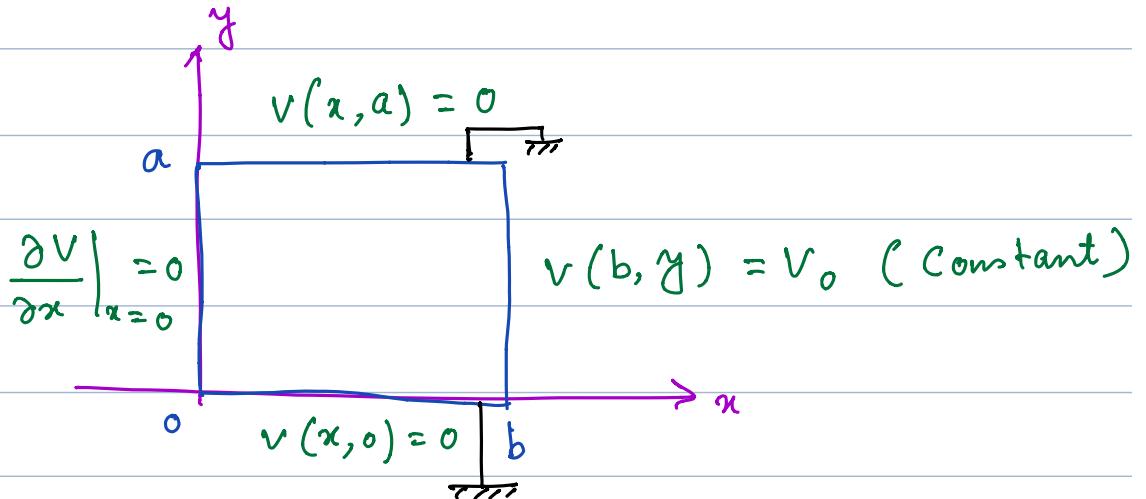
$\forall (y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

5.05. A rectangular pipe, running parallel to the z-axis (from $-\infty$ to ∞), has two grounded metal sides, at $y = 0$ and at $y = a$. At $x = 0$ side, the normal component of the electric field is zero, that is $\partial V / \partial x = 0$, where V is the potential function. The fourth side at $x = b$ is maintained at a constant potential V_0 .

(a) Use the method of variable separation and write down the product solutions which satisfy boundary conditions at $y = 0$, $y = a$ and $x = 0$.

(b) Find the potential everywhere inside the pipe. Leave your answer in series form.

(c) What is the induced charge density on the $y = a$ surface? Again leave your answer in series form.



Since the rectangular pipe is running from $z = -\infty$ to $z = +\infty$,
the potential inside the pipe is independent of z ;
i.e. $V = V(x, y)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Laplace's equation : } \nabla^2 V = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

BCs :

$$(i) \quad V(x, 0) = 0$$

$$(ii) \quad V(x, a) = 0$$

$$(iii) \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = 0$$

$$(iv) \quad V(b, y) = V_0, \text{ constant.}$$

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(a) Use separation of variables technique:

$$V(x, y) = X(x) Y(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = - \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = k^2 \text{ (const.)}$$

$$\therefore X = A e^{kx} + B e^{-kx} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

and $Y = C \sin(ky) + D \cos(ky)$

$$BC(i) \Rightarrow D = 0$$

$$\therefore V(x, y) = (A e^{kx} + B e^{-kx}) C \sin(ky)$$
$$= (A e^{kx} + B e^{-kx}) \sin ky$$

(Absorbing C in A and B)

$$\text{Now, } BC(\text{ii}) \Rightarrow \sin ka = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ka = n\pi \quad \text{with } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

[Here n can not be zero, otherwise V trivially vanishes. Negative integer values of n do not give independent solutions.]

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k = \frac{n\pi}{a}} \quad \text{with } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$Bc(iii) \Rightarrow Ak - Bk = 0 \\ \Rightarrow A = B. (As k \neq 0)$$

∴ Thus,

$$V(x, y) = A(e^{kx} + e^{-kx}) \sin(ky) \\ = 2A \cosh(kx) \sin(ky)$$

∴ The eigen solutions are: (factor of 2 is absorbed in A)

$$V_n(x, y) = A_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Full solution:

$$V(x, y) = \sum_{n=1, 2, 3, \dots} A_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

(b) Using Bc(iv) ⇒

$$V_0 = \sum_{n=1, 2, 3, \dots} A_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

To fix A_n :

Multiply both sides by $\sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{a}\right)$ and then integrating over y for $y = 0$ to $y = a$, we obtain:

$$\int_0^a V_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{a}\right) dy = \sum_{n=1, 2, 3, \dots} A_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{a}\right) dy$$

$$\text{Now, } \int_0^a dy \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{a}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } m \neq n \\ \frac{a}{2} & \text{for } m = n. \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^a dy \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{a}\right) = \frac{a}{2} \delta_{mn}.$$

$$\therefore V_0 \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{a}\right) dy = \sum_{n=1, 2, 3, \dots} A_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \times \frac{a}{2} \delta_{mn}$$

$$= \frac{a}{2} A_m \cosh\left(\frac{m\pi b}{a}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_m = \frac{2}{a} \frac{V_0}{\cosh\left(\frac{m\pi b}{a}\right)} \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{a}\right) dy$$

$$= \frac{a}{m\pi} \left(1 - (-1)^m \right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } m \text{ even} \\ \frac{2a}{m\pi} & \text{for } m \text{ odd} \end{cases} \quad (m = 2, 4, 6, \dots)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{4V_0}{m\pi \cosh\left(\frac{m\pi b}{a}\right)} & \text{for } m \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{for } m \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore V(x, y) = \sum_{n=1, 3, 5, \dots} \frac{4V_0}{n\pi \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

(c) Induced charge density is determined by

$$\sigma = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial n} \Big|_{\text{surface}}$$

Here the surface is $y = a$.

$\therefore \hat{n} = -\hat{y}$ (As we are looking from the inside of the conductor)

$$\therefore \sigma = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=a}$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots} \frac{4V_0}{n\pi \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \left. \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \times \frac{n\pi}{a} \right|_{y=a}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots} \frac{4\epsilon_0 V_0}{a \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \cos(n\pi)$$

↓
since allowed values of n
are odd integers, the
value of this term is (-1)

$$= - \sum_{n=1,3,5} \frac{4\epsilon_0 V_0}{a \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right).$$