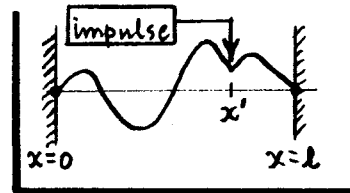


- (11) [15 pts]. The Green's function  $G(x, x')$  for a 1D simple harmonic oscillator (SHO) is defined by a point-source equation. With  $k = \text{constant}$  the system wavenumber ...

$$\boxed{\frac{d^2 G}{dx^2} + k^2 G = \alpha \delta(x - x'), \text{ on } [0, l].}$$

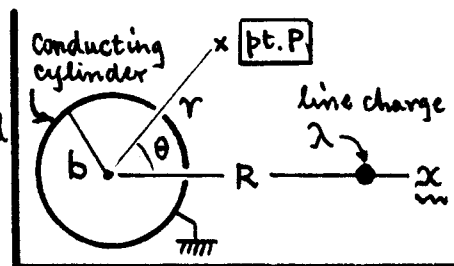


$\alpha$  is a constant available for normalization. The  $x$ -interval is  $[0, l]$ , and the endpoints are fixed, so  $G \equiv 0$  @  $x=0$  &  $x=l$ .  $G$  is continuous on  $[0, l]$ .

- (A) Show that:  $G(x, x') = \begin{cases} A(x') \sin kx, & \text{for } 0 \leq x < x', \\ B(x') \sin k(l-x), & x' < x \leq l. \end{cases}$   $A(x')$  &  $B(x')$  are to be determined.
- (B)  $G' = dG/dx$  is not continuous on  $[0, l]$ . Show that the discontinuity in  $G'$  at  $x = x'$  is measured by:  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} [G'(x' + \lambda, x') - G'(x' - \lambda, x')] = \alpha$ .
- (C) Now find the coefficients  $A(x')$  &  $B(x')$  explicitly.
- (D) What is  $G$  good for? Show that for the inhomogeneous SHO problem (on  $[0, l]$ ,  $y(0) = y(l) = 0$ ), viz.  $y'' + k^2 y = F(x)$ , a particular integral is readily provided by:  $y(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^l G(x, x') F(x') dx'$ . What choice of  $\alpha$  should you make?

- (12) [Jackson Prob. (2.1)], [15 pts]. Point charge  $q$  at distance  $d$  from  $\infty$  conducting plane. By images, find: (A)  $\sigma$  (<sup>surface-charge</sup> density), and plot; (B) force ( $q \rightarrow$  plane) by Coulomb's Law; (C) force ( $q \rightarrow$  plane) by  $\sigma$  integration; (D) work to remove  $q$ :  $W(d \rightarrow \infty)$ ; (E) potential energy between  $q$  and its image; (F) find work of part (D) in eV when  $d = 1 \text{ \AA}$ .

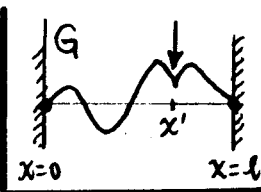
- (13) [~Jackson Prob. (2.7)], [15 pts]. A long line with uniform charge density  $\lambda$  lies || to the axis of a long, grounded conducting cylinder of radius  $b$ ; the separation is  $R > b$ .



- (A) Find the magnitude and position of the image charge  $\lambda'$ .
- (B) Find the potential  $\phi$  [pt. P] in the polar coordinates shown ( $r > b$ ). As  $r \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\phi(r) \sim$  what?
- (C) Find the surface charge density  $\sigma(b, \theta)$  induced on the cylinder. Plot  $\sigma$  vs.  $\theta$  for  $\frac{R}{b} = 2$ .
- (D) Find the force acting between the line and the cylinder.

(11) [15 pts]. Derive Green's Fcn  $G(x, x')$  for SHO problem:  $y'' + k^2 y = F(x)$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \in [0, l], \\ \text{pegged.} \end{array} \right.$

(A)  $G$  defined via:  $G'' + k^2 G = \alpha \delta(x - x')$ ,  $k \neq \alpha = \text{const. Everywhere}$  but at  $x = x'$ ,  $G$  satisfies homogeneous eqn:  $G'' + k^2 G = 0$ , with obvious solutions:  $G \propto \sin kx, \cos kx$ . To satisfy boundary conditions, viz  $G \equiv 0$  @  $x = 0$  &  $x = l$ , evidently:  $G \propto \sin kx$ ,  $x < x'$  &  $G \propto \sin k(l - x)$ ,  $x > x'$ .



Add multiplicative coefficients  $A$  &  $B$  (which can depend on  $x'$ ):  $G(x, x') = \begin{cases} A \sin kx, & \text{for } 0 \leq x < x'; \\ B \sin k(l - x), & \text{for } x' < x \leq l. \end{cases}$

(B) Integrate the  $G''$  eqn in neighborhood of  $x'$ :

$$\underbrace{\int_{x'-\lambda}^{x'+\lambda} \frac{d}{dx}(G') dx}_{(1)} + \underbrace{k^2 \int_{x'-\lambda}^{x'+\lambda} G dx}_{(2)} = \alpha \int_{x'-\lambda}^{x'+\lambda} \delta(x - x') dx = \alpha \quad \text{With } G \text{ continuous on } [0, l], \text{ term (2) vanishes as } \lambda \rightarrow 0. \text{ Term (1) integrates directly for desired result.} \quad (1)$$

$\Rightarrow G'(x' + \lambda, x') - G'(x' - \lambda, x') = \alpha$ , as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ . (2) rectly for desired result.

(C) Now have two conditions to find the two coefficients  $A$  &  $B$  in Eq. (1), viz.

$$\begin{cases} G \text{ is continuous at } x = x' : B \sin k(l - x') = A \sin kx', \\ G' \text{ discontinuous at } x = x' : -kB \cos k(l - x') - kA \cos kx' = \alpha. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Simple arithmetic (plus a trig identity) gives the solutions...

$$\begin{cases} A = -\frac{\alpha}{k} \frac{\sin(l - x')}{\sin kl}, \\ B = -\frac{\alpha}{k} \frac{\sin kx'}{\sin kl}; \end{cases} \quad (4) \quad \text{So } G(x, x') = (-) \frac{\alpha}{k \sin kl} \cdot \begin{cases} \sin kx \sin k(l - x'), & 0 \leq x \leq x'; \\ \sin kx' \sin k(l - x), & x' \leq x \leq l. \end{cases}$$

$G$  is symmetric:  $G(x', x) = G(x, x')$ . (5)

(D)  $G'' + k^2 G = \alpha \delta(x - x')$ ,  $\parallel$  Multiply 1<sup>st</sup> eqn on left by  $y$ , 2<sup>nd</sup> eqn on left by  $G$ ,  $y'' + k^2 y = F(x)$ .  $\parallel$  and subtract to get:  $yG'' - Gy'' = \alpha y \delta(x - x') - GF$ .

Recognize LHS term as a derivative, viz.  $\frac{d}{dx}(yG' - Gy')$ . Now interchange  $x \neq x'$ ; both  $G$  and the  $\delta$ -fcn are unaffected. Integrate  $\int_0^l dx'$ , noting that the term  $(yG' - Gy')|_{x'=0}^{x'=l} = 0$ , by the boundary conditions. Then:  $y(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int G(x, x') F(x') dx'$ , as advertised. Since  $G$  itself contains  $\alpha$  (Eq. (5)),  $\alpha$  drops out; it is unimportant.

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(S13)

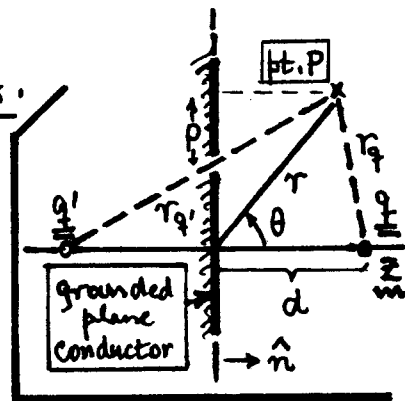
(12) [15 pts]. Analyse pointcharge - grounded plane problem by images.

The image  $q' = (-)q$  is located at distance  $d$  to the left.

(A) In terms of spherical polar cds  $(r, \theta)$  as shown, potential is:

$$\rightarrow \phi = \frac{q}{r_q} - \frac{q}{r_{q'}} \quad \text{w/} \quad r_q = (r^2 + d^2 - 2rd\cos\theta)^{1/2} \quad (1)$$

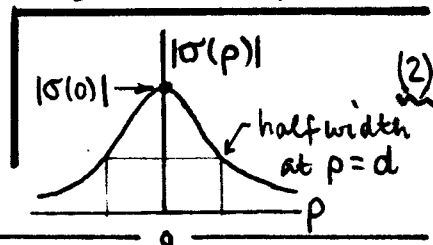
$$r_{q'} = (r^2 + d^2 + 2rd\cos\theta)^{1/2}$$



The  $\mathbf{E}$ -field is everywhere normal to the plane, and (by Gauss' Law) the surface charge density in the plane obeys:  $4\pi\sigma = \mathbf{E} \cdot \hat{n} = (-)\hat{n} \cdot \nabla\phi|_{\text{plane}}$ . Since by symmetry  $\phi$  does not depend on the azimuthal  $\phi$  about the  $z$ -axis, then...

$$\rightarrow \sigma = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \hat{n} \cdot \left( \hat{e}_r \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r} + \hat{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\theta} \right) \Big|_{\theta=\pi/2} = +\frac{1}{4\pi r} \left( \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\theta} \right) \Big|_{\theta=\pi/2} \quad \int \text{in the plane: } \hat{n} \cdot \hat{e}_r = 0, \hat{n} \cdot \hat{e}_\theta = -1;$$

$$\text{w/} \quad \sigma(\rho) = (-) \frac{qd}{2\pi} / (\rho^2 + d^2)^{3/2} \quad \int \rho = \text{radius in } xy\text{-plane} \Rightarrow$$

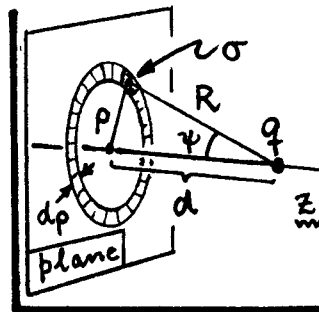


$\sigma(\rho) = \sigma(0) / [1 + (\rho/d)^2]^{3/2}$ ,  $\sigma(0) = -q/2\pi d^2$ , is sketched...

(B)  $q$  & image  $q' = (-)q$  are separated by distance  $2d$ , so force: by Coulomb's Law.  $F_{qq'}$  is of course attractive.

$$F_{qq'} = (-) \frac{q^2}{4d^2} \quad (3)$$

(C) Find  $F_{qq'}$  by integrating over  $\sigma$ . The (attractive) force between  $q$  and the annular ring  $\rho \rightarrow \rho + d\rho$  as shown is clearly:  $dF_{q\sigma} = -\frac{q}{R^2} (|\sigma| 2\pi\rho d\rho) \cos\psi$ ; only the component along  $z$ -axis counts. With  $R = (\rho^2 + d^2)^{1/2}$  and  $\cos\psi = \frac{d}{R}$ , total force is:



$$\rightarrow F_{q\sigma} = \int_{\rho=0}^{\rho=\infty} dF_{q\sigma} = -q \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{R^2} \left( \frac{qd}{(\rho^2 + d^2)^{3/2}} \right) \left[ \frac{d}{R} \right] \rho d\rho = -q^2 d^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho d\rho}{(\rho^2 + d^2)^3}$$

$$\text{w/} \quad F_{q\sigma} = (-) q^2 / 4d^2 \equiv F_{qq'}$$

(4)

The force attracting  $q$  to the plane is "supplied" equivalently by either the image  $q'$  or the induced surface charge  $\sigma$ .

(12) (cont'd)

(D) The attractive force  $q \rightarrow$  plane at distance  $z$  is  $F = -q^2/4z^2$ . Work done to move  $q$  from  $z=d$  to  $z=\infty$  is then...

$$\rightarrow W(d \rightarrow \infty) = - \int_{z=0}^{z=\infty} F dz = \frac{q^2}{4} \int_d^{\infty} \frac{dz}{z^2}, \text{ i.e. } \boxed{W(d \rightarrow \infty) = q^2/4d}. \quad (5)$$

(E) The pte. of  $q$  (at position  $d$ ) in the presence of its image  $q' = -q$  is...

$$\varphi = -\frac{q}{r_{q'}} \Big|_{r=d, \theta=0}, \text{ or } \boxed{\varphi = -q/2d}. \quad (6)$$

So the  $qq'$  P.E. is:  $q\varphi = -q^2/2d$ . It is not true for this  $\varphi$  that the energy-of-assembly is  $q\varphi = -W(d \rightarrow \infty)$ , since the image charge moves when  $q$  &  $q'$  (or  $\sigma$ ) are brought together. The average P.E. during assembly, viz.  $\frac{1}{2} q\varphi = -q^2/4d$ , does agree with  $(-1)W(d \rightarrow \infty)$  of Eq. (5).

(F) For  $q = -e$ ,  $e = 4.803 \times 10^{-10}$  esu the electronic charge, and  $d$  measured in  $\text{\AA}$  ( $1\text{\AA} = 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$ ),  $W$  of Eq. (5) is [in cgs units]:

$$W = (4.803 \times 10^{-10})^2 / 4d \times 10^{-8} = (5.77 \times 10^{-12}) / d, \text{ ergs.} \quad (7)$$

But;  $1 \text{ erg} = 10^{12} / 1.602 \text{ eV}$ , so the work is

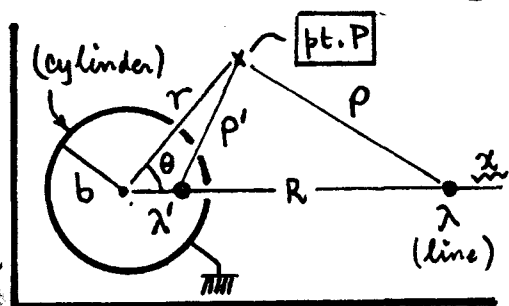
$$\boxed{W = 3.60/d, \text{ eV}}, \text{ } d \text{ is in } \text{\AA}. \quad (8)$$

For  $d = 1\text{\AA}$ ,  $W = 3.60 \text{ eV}$ . This is (at least) the order-of-magnitude of the "work function" for typical metals.

(13) [15 pts] Line charge  $\lambda \parallel$  axis of grounded cylinder.

This is the 2D analog of the pointcharge - sphere problem.

(A) The potential at radial distance  $\rho$  from an isolated line charge  $\lambda$  is:  $\phi(\rho) = -2\lambda \ln \rho + \phi_0$ ,  $\phi_0 = \text{const}$ .



With an image line  $\lambda'$  positioned on  $x$ -axis @  $R' < b$ , potential at pt  $P$  ( $r \gg b$ ) is:

$$\rightarrow \phi_P = \phi_0 - 2[\lambda \ln \rho + \lambda' \ln \rho'] \quad \text{w/} \quad \rho = \sqrt{R^2 + r^2 - 2Rr \cos \theta}, \quad (1)$$

$$\rho' = \sqrt{R'^2 + r^2 - 2R'r \cos \theta}.$$

At the cylinder surface ( $r=b$ ), impose  $\phi_P \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \phi_0 = 2[\lambda \ln \rho_s + \lambda' \ln \rho'_s] = \text{const}$ ,

w/  $\rho_s$  &  $\rho'_s$  the values at  $r=b$ . In order that  $\phi_0$  does not depend on  $\cos \theta$ , evidently

$\rho'_s = (\text{const}) \times \rho_s$ , and  $\lambda' = (-)\lambda$ . Correct placement of  $\lambda'$  is at  $R' = b^2/R$ , whence

$$\boxed{\lambda' = (-)\lambda, @ R' = b^2/R} \Rightarrow \rho'_s = (b/R) \rho_s, \text{ and } \phi_0 = 2\lambda \ln(R/b). \quad (2)$$

(B) Plug into Eq. (1) to find the complete potential at pt.  $P$  ( $r \gg b$ )...

$$\rightarrow \phi_P = 2\lambda \ln\left(\frac{R}{b}\right) - 2\lambda [\ln \rho - \ln \rho'], \text{ or: } \boxed{\phi(r, \theta) = 2\lambda \ln\left[\left(\frac{R}{b}\right) \frac{\rho'}{\rho}\right]}. \quad (3)$$

$\rho$  is defined in Eq. (1);  $\rho'$  there is now evaluated with  $R' = b^2/R < R$ . As  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , it is easy to show:  $\rho'/\rho \approx 1 + \frac{1}{r}(R-R')\cos \theta$ , to 1<sup>st</sup> order in  $\frac{R}{r} \ll 1$ . Then:

$$\rightarrow \phi(r, \theta) \approx 2\lambda \left[ \frac{R}{b} \left\{ 1 + \frac{R}{r} \left( 1 - \frac{b^2}{R^2} \right) \cos \theta \right\} \right] \approx \underbrace{\phi_0}_{\text{const}} + \underbrace{\frac{2\lambda R}{r} \left( 1 - \frac{b^2}{R^2} \right) \cos \theta}_{\text{dipole term}}, \quad r \rightarrow \infty \quad (4)$$

(C) As usual, the surface charge density on a conductor obeys:  $4\pi\sigma = -\hat{n} \cdot \nabla \phi|_{\text{surface}}$ , or

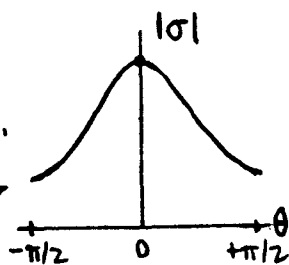
$$\sigma(b, \theta) = -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \ln\left[\left(\frac{R}{b}\right) \frac{\rho'}{\rho}\right] \Big|_{r=b} = \dots$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\sigma(b, \theta) = -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi b} \frac{N^2 - 1}{N^2 + 1 - 2N \cos \theta}}, \quad N = \frac{R}{b}.$$

for  $N=2$ , have...

$$|\sigma| = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi b} \left( \frac{3}{5 - 4 \cos \theta} \right).$$

(5) Sketched



(D) The force between the lines  $\lambda$  &  $\lambda'$  is attractive, and of size  $F = \lambda |E_x|$ , per unit length. Since the distance between  $\lambda$  &  $\lambda'$  is  $R - R'$ , have:  $\boxed{F = -[2\lambda^2 R / (R^2 - b^2)] \hat{x}}.$

See any elementary E&M text. The field is:  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \phi = (2\lambda/\rho) \hat{\rho}.$