PHYS 380 Online Evaluation 2, 15August 2020, 14:00-15:30

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Before 15:30

1. The three dimensional Dirac delta function satisfies the differential equation

$$\Delta \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} = -4\pi \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

Explain how this equation is related to Maxwell's equations and to the formula $V(\vec{r}) = 1/4\pi\varepsilon_0|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|$ which gives the electric potential of a point charge.

- **2.** An infinite slab of thickness 2a lies along the xy plane from z=-a to z=a and carries volume charge density ρ . Calculate the electric field and the electric potential as a function of z.
- **3.** A line charge along the x-axis lies from x=-a to x=a. The charge distribution on it is given by $\lambda = \lambda_0 |x|$.
- (a) Find the total charge.
- (b) Calculate the potential V(x) at all points x. Express your result neatly.
- (c) Plot V(x) as a function of x.
- **4.** Four concentric metal spherical sheets with radii a, 2a, 3a, 4a each have charge Q on them.
- (a) Find the potential of each spherical sheet.
- (b) If the innermost sphere is grounded, make a list showing the charge and potential of each spherical sheet.
- **5.** A wire has length L, radius r, resistance R and carries current I. Calculate the electric field inside the wire in terms of these given quantities.