

Chapter 3 - special Remington section

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

$$f''(x) = -k \cdot f(x)$$

$$f(x) = A \sin(\omega x)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}} = 0$$

Let's stick w/ two dimensions, no dependence in the z -direction
→ Assume $\phi = f(x) \cdot g(y)$

$$\frac{\partial^2 (f \cdot g)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (f \cdot g)}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$g \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + f \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}} \right\} \text{divide this equation by } f \cdot g$$

$$\frac{1}{f} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{f} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = k^2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = k^2 \cdot f$$

$$f(x) = A e^{kx}$$

or
 $B e^{-kx}$

So

$$f(x) = A e^{kx} + B e^{-kx}$$

$$\frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} = -k^2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} = -k^2 g$$

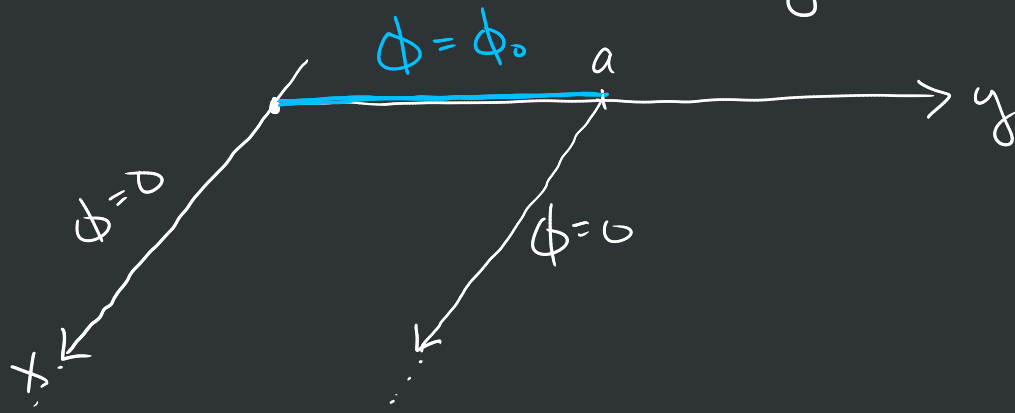
$$g(y) = \left. \begin{aligned} &C \sin(ky) \\ \text{or} \\ &D \cos(ky) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

linear combination

So

$$g(y) = C \sin(ky) + D \cos(ky)$$

So now we need Boundary Conditions



last B.C. to use

$$x=0, \phi = \phi_0$$

$$\checkmark x \rightarrow \infty, \phi \rightarrow 0$$

$A e^{kx}$ blows up

w/ $x \rightarrow \infty$, $\therefore A=0$

$$\checkmark y=0, \phi=0$$

$$\checkmark y=a, \phi=0$$

$\cos(ky) \neq 0$, when $y=0$, $\therefore D=0$

$$\text{so } \phi = f(x) \cdot g(y) = B e^{-kx} \cdot C \sin(ky)$$

$\uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow$
 absorb constants

$$= B e^{-kx} \cdot \sin(ky)$$

now $y=a, \phi=0 \checkmark$

$$0 = \sin(k \cdot a)$$

$$k \cdot a = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, \dots$$

$$= n\pi \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$k = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

now $\phi(x, y) = B e^{-\frac{n\pi}{a}x} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right)$

Since this is a valid solution for infinitely many n ,
 we need a weighted sum of the individual solutions

↳ linear combination

$$\phi = \alpha_1 \phi_1 + \alpha_2 \phi_2 + \alpha_3 \phi_3 + \dots$$

So that:

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \nabla^2 (\alpha_1 \phi_1 + \alpha_2 \phi_2 + \alpha_3 \phi_3 + \dots) = \alpha_1 \nabla^2 \phi_1 + \alpha_2 \nabla^2 \phi_2 + \dots = 0$$

I'll absorb each α into $B \rightarrow B_n$

$$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n e^{\frac{-n\pi}{a} x} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right)$$

So now we apply the last BC. ($x=0, \phi = \phi_0$)

$$\phi(0, y) = \phi_0(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{B_n e^{\frac{-n\pi}{a} \cdot 0}}_1 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right)$$

$$\phi_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right)$$

Fourier series!

Multiply both sides of the equation by $\sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a} y\right)$
where n' is another constant. And then integrate!

$$\int_0^a \phi_0 \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a} y\right) dy = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \underbrace{\int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a} y\right) dy}_{=\frac{a}{2} \text{ only when } n=n'}$$

$$\int_0^a \phi_0 \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a} y\right) dy = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \frac{a}{2} \delta_{nn'} = B_{n'} \frac{a}{2}$$

$$B_{n'} = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a \phi_0 \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a} y\right) dy$$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a \phi_0 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right) dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_n &= \frac{2\phi_0}{a} \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right) dy \\ &= \frac{2\phi_0}{a} \cdot \left(\frac{a}{n\pi}\right) \left(-\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right)\right) \Big|_0^a \end{aligned}$$

$$\hookrightarrow B_n = \frac{2\phi_0}{a} \cdot \left(\frac{a}{n\pi}\right) \cdot 2$$

for odd values of n

$$B_n = \frac{4\phi_0}{n\pi} \text{ where } n \text{ is odd.}$$

$$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n e^{-\frac{n\pi}{a}x} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right)$$

$$\phi(x, y) = \frac{4\phi_0}{\pi} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot e^{-\frac{n\pi}{a}x} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right)$$

lets plot in mathematica!

$$n \rightarrow 2n+1$$

$$-\left[\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}a\right) - \cos(0)\right]$$

$$-\left[\cos(n\pi) - 1\right]$$

$$-\cos(n\pi) + 1$$

-1 for odd n

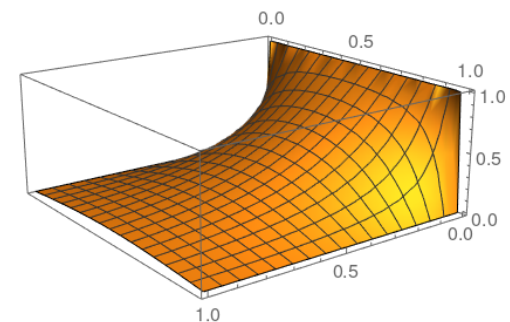
+1 for even n

+2 for odd n

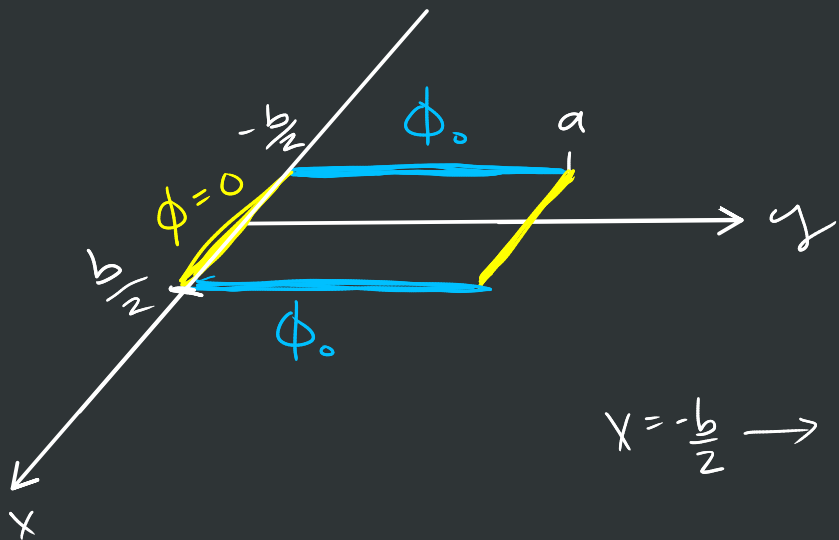
0 for even n

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  4 * 1 / Pi *
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    Sin[(2 n + 1) * Pi / 1 * y], {n, 0, 1000}],
  {x, 0, 1}, {y, 0, 1}]
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Out[20]=



Now for another example:



$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = k^2 f$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} = -k^2 g$$

$$f = A e^{kx} + B e^{-kx}$$

$$g = C \sin(ky) + \underbrace{D \cos(ky)}_{D=0}$$

since $\phi = 0$
at $y = 0$

$$x = -\frac{b}{2} \rightarrow \phi_0 = A e^{-kb/2} + B e^{+k \cdot b/2}$$

and

$$x = +\frac{b}{2} \quad \phi_0 = A e^{+kb/2} + B e^{-kb/2}$$

so this can only
be true if

$$A = B$$

$$f = A (e^{kx} + e^{-kx})$$

$$g = C \sin ky$$

$$\phi = 0, y = a$$

$$\text{so } 0 = C \sin(ka)$$

$$0 = \sin(ka)$$

$$ka = 0\pi, 1\pi, 2\pi, 3\pi$$

$$ka = n\pi \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$k = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

$$\text{So ... } \phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \underbrace{(e^{kx} + e^{-kx})}_{\uparrow} \sin(ky)$$

$$2 \cdot \cosh(kx) \quad \rightarrow \quad \cosh(kx) = \frac{e^{kx} + e^{-kx}}{2}$$

$$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cosh(kx) \sin(ky)$$

$$\sinh(kx) = \frac{e^{kx} - e^{-kx}}{2}$$

So now, last BC.

$$\rightarrow \phi = \phi_0 \text{ at } x=b$$

$$\phi_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cosh(kb) \sin(ky)$$

$$\cos(kx) = \frac{e^{ikx} + e^{-ikx}}{2}$$

$$\sin(kx) = \frac{e^{ikx} - e^{-ikx}}{2i}$$

now we apply Fourier's trick

$$\int_0^a \phi_0 \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a} y\right) dy = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} b\right) \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right) \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a} y\right) dy$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} b\right) \cdot \frac{a}{2} \delta_{nn'}$$

$$A_{n'} \cosh\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a} b\right) \cdot \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\phi_0\left(\frac{a}{n'\pi}\right) \underbrace{\left(-\cos\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a} y\right)\right)_0^a}_{\substack{=2 \text{ odd } n' \\ =0 \text{ even } n'}} =$$

$$\phi_0 \cdot \frac{2a}{n\pi} = A_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} b\right) \cdot \frac{a}{2} \quad \text{drop primes}$$

solve for A_n

$$A_n = \frac{4\phi_0}{n\pi \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} b\right)} \quad \text{for odd } n$$

$$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cosh(kx) \sin(ky)$$

$$\phi(x, y) = \frac{4\phi_0}{\pi} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} x\right)}{\cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} b\right)} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right)$$

Now for 3-d

list the BC's

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \phi = 0, x=0 \\ x=b \end{array} \right\} \text{sin/cos}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y=0 \\ y=a \end{array} \right\} \text{sin/cos}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} z \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \right\} \text{exp}$$

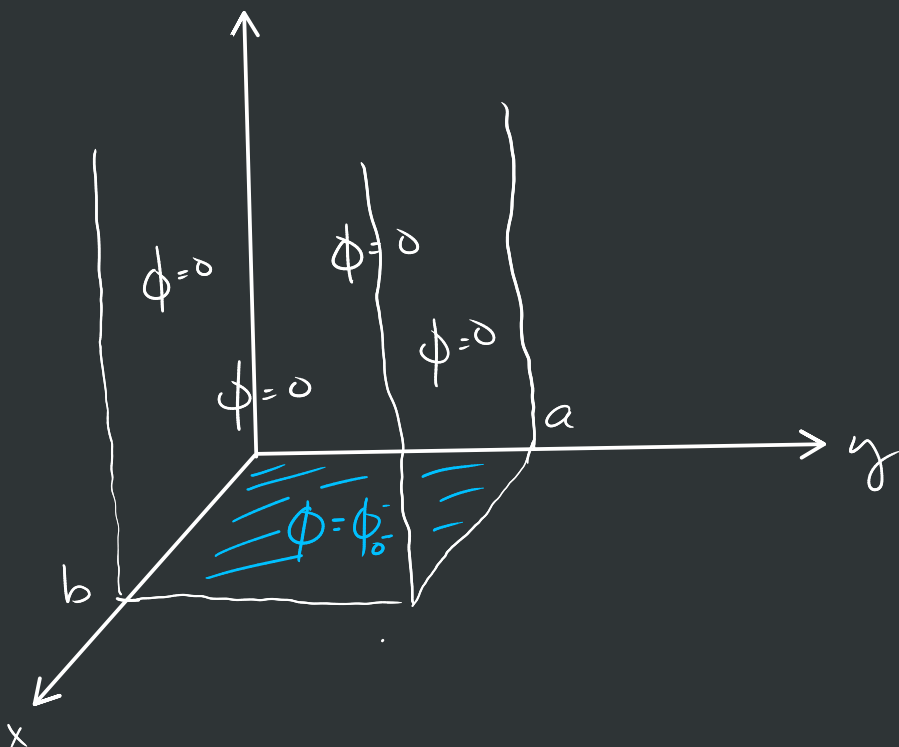
$$\phi = \phi_0, z=0$$

separated variable
for 3D Laplace
equation

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{f} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}}_{=-k^2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2}}_{=-l^2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{h} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2}}_{=k^2+l^2} = 0$$

← b/c of
BC's

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 f \right) \left| \begin{array}{l} x=0 \\ B=0 \end{array} \right. \quad \left(g(y) = C \sin(ly) + D \cos(ly) \right) \left| \begin{array}{l} y=0 \\ D=0 \end{array} \right. \quad \left(h(z) = F e^{\sqrt{k^2+l^2} z} + G e^{-\sqrt{k^2+l^2} z} \right) \left| \begin{array}{l} z \rightarrow \infty \\ F=0 \end{array} \right.$$



So now \rightarrow $\left| \begin{array}{l} kb = n\pi \\ k = \frac{n\pi}{b} \\ n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{l} l = \frac{m\pi}{a} \\ m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{array} \right| \sqrt{k^2 + l^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2}$

$$\phi(x, y, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_{nm} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{b} x\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a} y\right) e^{-\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2} z}$$

$$\phi(x, y, 0) = \phi_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_{nm} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{b} x\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a} y\right)$$

$$= \sum_n \sum_m A_{nm} \underbrace{\int_0^b \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{b} x\right) \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{b} x\right) dx}_{= \frac{b}{2} \delta_{nn'}} \underbrace{\int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a} y\right) \sin\left(\frac{m'\pi}{a} y\right) dy}_{= \frac{a}{2} \delta_{mm'}}$$

$$\underbrace{\phi_0 \int_0^b \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{b} x\right) dx}_{\text{}} \underbrace{\int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{m'\pi}{a} y\right) dy}_{\text{}} = A_{n'm'} \left(\frac{b}{2}\right) \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{2b}{n\pi} \quad n=1,3,5,\dots \quad \frac{2a}{m\pi} \quad m=1,3,5,\dots$$

drop primes

$$A_{nm} = \frac{16\phi_0}{nm\pi^2} \quad \underline{\underline{n+m \text{ are odd}}}$$

$$\phi(x,y,z) = \frac{16\phi_0}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{nm} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{b}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}y\right) e^{-\pi\sqrt{\left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2}z}$$

Spherical Separation of Variables

- Separation of variables

① completeness $\rightarrow g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n f_n(x)$

\uparrow any function

\uparrow "complete set"

② orthogonality

\hookrightarrow "Fourier's trick"

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\uparrow \text{assume azimuthal} \\ \text{symmetry}}} = 0$$

Assume $\Phi(r, \theta) = R(r) \cdot \Theta(\theta)$ \uparrow capital theta

plug this in for Φ and divide by Φ
and multiply by r^2 on both sides.

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right)}_{= l(l+1)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right)}_{= -l(l+1)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) = R \cdot l \cdot (l+1)$$

Guess: $R(r) = A r^l + B r^{-(l+1)}$

$$\boxed{\phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (A_l r^l + B_l r^{-(l+1)}) P_l(\cos \theta)}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) = -l(l+1) \cdot \sin \theta$$

I'll give the solution

$$\Theta(\theta) = P_l(\cos \theta)$$

↑ "Legendre polynomial"

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = x$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 1}{2}$$

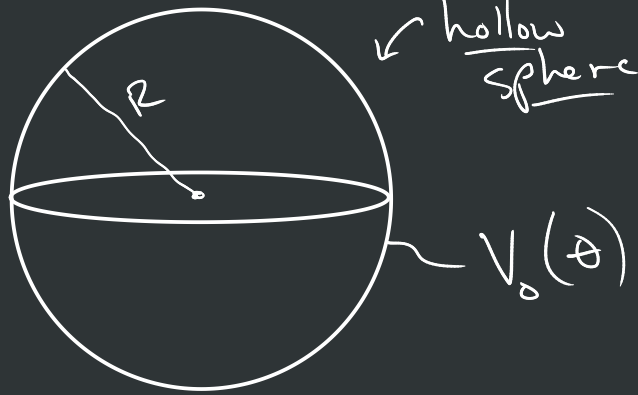
$$P_3(x) = \frac{5x^3 - 3x}{2}$$

$$P_4(x) = \frac{35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3}{8}$$

What is the pattern?

$$P_l(x) \equiv \frac{1}{2^l l!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^l (x^2 - 1)^l$$

So lets do an example:



What is the potential inside the sphere?

$$\phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (A_l r^l + B_l r^{-(l+1)}) P_l(\cos \theta)$$

$B_l = 0$, otherwise this blows up at origin

$$\phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta)$$

