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Assignment 2

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$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\nabla^2 \Phi}{\Phi} r^2 = 0$$

Taking $\Phi(r, \theta) = \frac{R(r)}{r} T(\theta)$ (The system is symmetrical in the phi direction)

In spherical coordinates this gives us:

$$\frac{1}{R(r)} \frac{\partial^2 R(r)}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{T(\theta) \sin(\theta)} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin(\theta) \frac{dT(\theta)}{d\theta} \right) = 0$$

Since both terms are independent of each other, we must get that:

$$\frac{r^2}{R(r)} \frac{\partial^2 R(r)}{\partial r^2} = - \frac{1}{T(\theta) \sin(\theta)} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin(\theta) \frac{dT(\theta)}{d\theta} \right) = \text{Constant} = l(l+1)$$

Solving for $R(r)$ we get:

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

Which has solutions:

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

Solving for $T(\theta)$ we get:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin(\theta) \frac{dT(\theta)}{d\theta} \right) + l(l+1) T(\theta) \sin(\theta) = 0$$

Let $x = \cos(\theta) \Rightarrow dx = -\sin(\theta) d\theta$ (Note: $0 < \theta < \pi \Rightarrow -1 < x < 1$)

Substituting in for x we get:

$$-\sin(\theta) \frac{d}{dx} (-\sin^2(\theta) T'(x)) + l(l+1) T(x) \sin(\theta) = 0$$

Since $1 - x^2 = 1 - \cos^2(\theta) = \sin^2(\theta)$ we get:

$$\frac{d}{dx} ((1 - x^2) T'(x)) + l(l+1) T(x) = 0$$

This has solutions $U_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2 - 1)^l$, where l is a non-negative integer.

So we can write the general solution as:

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (A_l r^l + B_l r^{-l-1}) U_l = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (A_l r^l + B_l r^{-l-1}) \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2 - 1)^l$$

If we multiply both sides by $U_l(x)$ and integrate over x (using the orthogonality of the solution):

$$A_l r^l + B_l r^{-l-1} = \frac{2^{l+1}}{2} \int_{-1}^1 V(r, x) \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2 - 1)^l dx$$

$$V(a, x) = \begin{cases} V & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

And hence:

$$A_l a^l + B_l a^{-l-1} = V \frac{2^{l+1}}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2 - 1)^l dx$$

$$V(b, x) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x < 1 \\ V & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

And hence:

$$A_l b^l + B_l b^{-l-1} = \frac{2^{l+1}}{2} V \int_{-1}^0 \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2 - 1)^l dx$$

Solving the for a and b with mathematica we get:

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AB[1_] := FullSimplify[
  Solve[{{A a^1 + B a^-1-1 == v \frac{2 l + 1}{2} Integrate[\frac{1}{2^1 l!} D[(x^2 - 1)^1, {x, 1}], {x, 0, 1}],
    A b^1 + B b^-1-1 == \frac{2 l + 1}{2} v Integrate[\frac{1}{2^1 l!} D[(x^2 - 1)^1, {x, 1}], {x, 0, 1}]}], {A, B}]]
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$$\left\{ \left\{ A \rightarrow \frac{v}{2}, B \rightarrow 0 \right\} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \left\{ A \rightarrow \frac{3(a+b)v}{4(a^2+ab+b^2)}, B \rightarrow \frac{3a^2b^2v}{4(a^2+ab+b^2)} \right\} \right\}$$

$$\{ \{ A \rightarrow 0, B \rightarrow 0 \} \}$$

$$\left\{ \left\{ A \rightarrow \frac{7(a^4-b^4)v}{16(-a^7+b^7)}, B \rightarrow -\frac{7a^4b^4(a^2+ab+b^2)v}{16(a^6+a^5b+a^4b^2+a^3b^3+a^2b^4+ab^5+b^6)} \right\} \right\}$$

$$\{ \{ A \rightarrow 0, B \rightarrow 0 \} \}$$

As $a \rightarrow 0$ and $b \rightarrow \infty$ we get:

$l=0$:

$$A = \frac{v}{2}, B = 0$$

$l=1$:

$$A = \frac{3bv}{4b^2} = 0, B = \frac{3a^2b^2v}{4b^2} = 0$$

$l=2$:

$$A=0, B=0$$

$l=3$:

$$A = \frac{-7b^4v}{16b^7} = 0, B = -\frac{7a^4b^6v}{16b^6} = 0$$

Remember that we have $\Phi \propto \frac{R(r)}{r} = A_l r^l + B_l r^{-l-1}$

In order to stop Φ becoming infinite, we need $B_l \rightarrow 0$ (when r is small)

and $A_l \rightarrow 0$ for $l \geq 1$. This only leaves one term remaining, A_0 .

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$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\nabla^2 \Phi}{\Phi} = 0$$

$$\Phi(s, \phi, z) = R(s) T(\phi) Z(z)$$

$$\frac{1}{s R(s)} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s R'(s)) + \frac{1}{s^2 T(\phi)} \frac{\partial^2 T(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{1}{Z(z)} \frac{\partial^2 Z(z)}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 Z(z)}{\partial z^2} = -a^2 Z(z), \text{ for some constant } a.$$

This gives solutions

$$Z(z) = A e^{iaz} + B e^{-iaz}$$

The potential is zero when $z=0,L$

$$\Rightarrow A = -B$$

$$Ae^{iaL} - Ae^{-iaL} = 0 \Rightarrow e^{2iaL} = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{k\pi}{L}, \text{ for a positive integer } k$$

$$\Rightarrow Z(z) = A e^{ik\pi z/L} - A e^{-ik\pi z/L} = 2A \sin(k\pi z/L)$$

Rearranging the laplacian again:

$$\frac{s}{R(s)} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s R'(s)) + \frac{1}{T(\phi)} \frac{\partial^2 T(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} + s^2 a^2 = 0$$

And so we get:

$$\frac{\partial^2 T(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} = -d^2 T(\phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\phi) = C e^{id\phi} + D e^{-id\phi}$$

From continuing of the laplacian:

$$T(0) = T(2\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow C + D = C e^{id2\pi} + D e^{-id2\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow C(e^{id2\pi} - 1) - D(e^{-id2\pi} - 1) = 0$$

$$e^{id2\pi} = \frac{C + D \pm \sqrt{C^2 + D^2 + 2CD - 4CD}}{2C}$$

$$e^{id2\pi} = \frac{C + D \pm (C - D)}{2C} = 1 \text{ OR } \frac{D}{C}$$

Using $e^{id2\pi} = \frac{D}{C}$ (As we can take $D=C$ to get the other solution)

$$\Rightarrow T(\phi) = C e^{id\phi} + C e^{-id(\phi-2\pi)}$$

From the continuity of the laplacian:

$$T(\pi) = T(-\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow C e^{id\pi} + C e^{-id\pi} = C e^{-id\pi} + C e^{id3\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{e^{-id2\pi} + e^{id2\pi}}{2} = \cos(2\pi d)$$

$\Rightarrow d$ is a positive integer.

$$\Rightarrow T(\phi) = C e^{id\phi} + C e^{-id\phi} = 2C \cos(d\phi)$$

Rearranging the Laplacian Once More:

$$\frac{s}{R(s)} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s R'(s)) + d^2 + s^2 a^2 = 0$$

$$s^2 R''(s) + s R'(s) + (s^2 a^2 + d^2) R(s) = 0$$

Solving with mathematica:

$$\text{DSolve}[s^2 R''[s] + s R'[s] + (s^2 a^2 + d^2) R[s] == 0, R[s], s]$$

$$\{\{R[s] \rightarrow \text{BesselJ}[id, a s] C[1] + \text{BesselY}[id, a s] C[2]\}\}$$

$$R(s) = E J_{id}(as) + F Y_{id}(as)$$

Since the potential is finite, we must have $F=0$

Hence we get:

$$\Phi(s, \phi, z) = \sum_{d,k=1}^{\infty} G_{dk} J_{id}(k\pi s/L) \cos(d\phi) \sin(k\pi z/L)$$

Since $\Phi(b, \phi, z) = V(\phi, z)$, if we multiply both sides by $\cos(d'\phi) \sin(k'\pi z/L)$ and integrate we get (note that we get delta functions):

$$G_{dk} J_{id}(k\pi b/L) \frac{\pi L}{2} = \int_0^L dz \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi V(\phi, z) \cos(d\phi) \sin(k\pi z/L)$$

Rearranging:

$$G_{dk} = \frac{2}{\pi L J_{id}(k\pi b/L)} \int_0^L dz \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi V(\phi, z) \cos(d\phi) \sin(k\pi z/L)$$

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$$G_{dk} = \frac{2}{\pi L J_0(k\pi b/L)} \int_0^L dz \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi V(\phi, z) \cos(d\phi) \sin(k\pi z/L)$$

FullSimplify[Integrate[Integrate[V Cos[d ϕ] Sin[k π z / L], {z, 0, L}], {ϕ, -π / 2, π / 2}] -
Integrate[Integrate[V Cos[d ϕ] Sin[k π z / L], {z, 0, L}], {ϕ, π / 2, 3 π / 2}]]

$$\frac{8 L V \sin\left[\frac{d\pi}{2}\right]^3 \sin\left[\frac{k\pi}{2}\right]^2}{dk\pi}$$

And so we get the coefficients to be:

$$G_{dk} = \frac{2}{\pi L J_0(k\pi b/L)} \frac{8 L V \sin\left[\frac{d\pi}{2}\right]^3 \sin\left[\frac{k\pi}{2}\right]^2}{dk\pi} = \frac{16 V \sin\left[\frac{d\pi}{2}\right]^3 \sin\left[\frac{k\pi}{2}\right]^2}{dk\pi^2 J_0(k\pi b/L)}$$