

Problem 1. Symmetry property for the Dirichlet Green's function.

Use the equations satisfied by $G_D(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}')$ and $G_D(\vec{x}_2, \vec{x}')$ and Green's theorem with primed variables, to show that $G_D(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2) = G_D(\vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_1)$.

Problem 2. Images and Green functions.

An infinite conducting plane (in the xy plane) with a hemispherical boss of radius a is at zero potential. A charge q is put on the axis of the boss (which can be taken to be the z -axis) at a distance z from the plate.

(i) Find a suitable set of images for this problem. Show that the charge is attracted toward the plate with a force

$$\frac{q^2}{4z^2} + \frac{4q^2 a^3 z^3}{(z^4 - a^4)^2}.$$

(ii) Suppose we now have an arbitrary potential $\Phi_0(\vec{x}')$ on the two dimensional surface which is not a conductor anymore, and the original charge is removed (the potential is taken to be zero at infinity.) Write an integral expression for the potential anywhere in the z -axis ($z > a$) using a Dirichlet Green function. (you need not grind the normal derivatives of G , just find G and set up the integral.)

Problem 3 Jackson 2.8 (see next page). Do not do part (d).

2.8 A two-dimensional potential problem is defined by two straight parallel line charges separated by a distance R with equal and opposite linear charge densities λ and $-\lambda$.

- (a) Show by direct construction that the surface of constant potential V is a circular cylinder (circle in the transverse dimensions) and find the coordinates of the axis of the cylinder and its radius in terms of R , λ , and V .
- (b) Use the results of part a to show that the capacitance per unit length C of two right-circular cylindrical conductors, with radii a and b , separated by a distance $d > a + b$, is

$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0}{\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{d^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2ab}\right)}$$

- (c) Verify that the result for C agrees with the answer in Problem 1.7 in the appropriate limit and determine the next nonvanishing order correction in powers of a/d and b/d .
- (d) Repeat the calculation of the capacitance per unit length for two cylinders inside each other ($d < |b - a|$). Check the result for concentric cylinders ($d = 0$).