

HW2 Classical Electromagnetism, Fall 2016

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Jackson 1.14

Apply Green's theorem with $\phi = G(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$ and $\psi = G(\vec{x}', \vec{y})$,

$$\int_V -4\pi(G(\vec{x}, \vec{y})\delta(\vec{y} - \vec{x}') + G(\vec{x}', \vec{y})\delta(\vec{y} - \vec{x}))d^3y = \oint_S [G(\vec{x}, \vec{y})\frac{\partial G(\vec{x}', \vec{y})}{\partial n} - G(\vec{x}', \vec{y})\frac{\partial G(\vec{x}, \vec{y})}{\partial n}]da$$

Thus,

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') - G(\vec{x}', \vec{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S [G(\vec{x}, \vec{y})\frac{\partial G(\vec{x}', \vec{y})}{\partial n} - G(\vec{x}', \vec{y})\frac{\partial G(\vec{x}, \vec{y})}{\partial n}]da$$

(a).For the Dirichlet boundary conditions:

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\vec{x}')Gd^3x' - \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \Phi \frac{\partial G}{\partial n'} da'$$

For the Dirichlet boundary condition, the Green function $G_D = 0$ on the surface. We have

$$\begin{aligned} G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') - G(\vec{x}', \vec{x}) &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S [G(\vec{x}, \vec{y})\frac{\partial G(\vec{x}', \vec{y})}{\partial n} - G(\vec{x}', \vec{y})\frac{\partial G(\vec{x}, \vec{y})}{\partial n}]da \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S [0\frac{\partial G(\vec{x}', \vec{y})}{\partial n} - 0\frac{\partial G(\vec{x}, \vec{y})}{\partial n}]da \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The Green function G_D is symmetric.

(b).Eq(1.45) tells us that, for Neumann boundary condition,

$$\frac{\partial G_N}{\partial n'} = -\frac{4\pi}{S}$$

We find

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') - G(\vec{x}', \vec{x}) = \frac{1}{S} \oint_S [G_N(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) - G_N(\vec{x}', \vec{y})]da_y$$

And

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') - \frac{1}{S} \oint_S G_N(\vec{x}, \vec{y})da_y = G(\vec{x}', \vec{x}) - \frac{1}{S} \oint_S G_N(\vec{x}', \vec{y})da_y$$

Thus $G_N(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') - F(x)$ is symmetric.

(c).Add $F(x)$ to the solution under Neumann Boundary Condition:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi'(\vec{x}) &= \langle \phi \rangle_S + \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0}{\int_V} \rho(\vec{x}') (G_N + F) d^3x' + \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S (G_N + F) \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial n'} da' \\ &= \Phi(\vec{x}) + \frac{F(\vec{x})}{4\pi} \left(\frac{\int_V \rho(\vec{x}') d^3x'}{\epsilon_0} + \oint_S \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial n'} da' \right)\end{aligned}$$

With Gauss's law and $\partial\Phi/\partial n' = -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{n}'$, we find

$$\frac{\int_V \rho(\vec{x}') d^3x'}{\epsilon_0} + \oint_S \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial n'} da' = \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot \vec{n}' da' - \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot \vec{n}' da' = 0$$

Thus,

$$\boxed{\Phi'(\vec{x}) = \Phi(\vec{x})}$$

The addition of $F(\vec{x})$ does not affect the potential $\Phi(\vec{x})$

Jackson 2.2

(a). Let the center of the sphere lie on the origin. Consider an image charge q' outside the sphere at the position \vec{y}' , the potential due to the charges q and q' is:

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{q/4\pi\epsilon_0}{|\vec{x} - \vec{y}|} + \frac{q'/4\pi\epsilon_0}{|\vec{x} - \vec{y}'|}$$

Let \vec{n} be the unit vector in the direction \vec{x} and \vec{n}' in the direction \vec{y}' .

The sphere is conducting and grounded, thus the potential vanishes at $|\vec{x}| = a$. Make x out of the first term and y' the second, the potential at a is:

$$\Phi(x = a) = \frac{q/4\pi\epsilon_0}{a|\vec{n} - \frac{y}{a}\vec{n}'|} + \frac{q'/4\pi\epsilon_0}{y'|\vec{n}' - \frac{a}{y'}\vec{n}|} = 0$$

We find

$$q' = -\frac{a}{y}q, \quad y' = \frac{a^2}{y}$$

The result is same as when the charge is outside the sphere.

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{q/4\pi\epsilon_0}{|\vec{x} - \vec{y}|} - \frac{aq/4\pi y\epsilon_0}{|\vec{x} - (\frac{a}{y})^2\vec{y}|}$$

(b). For the case that charge q outside the sphere, the normal direction point inward the sphere, and we get $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{n} = \sigma/\epsilon_0$. When q inside the sphere, the normal direction outward and we have $-\vec{E} \cdot \vec{n} = \sigma/\epsilon_0$.

The induced charge density on the surface of sphere:

$$\sigma = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} \Big|_{x=a} = \frac{q}{4\pi a^2} \frac{a}{y} \frac{1 - a^2/y^2}{(1 + \frac{a^2}{y^2} - 2\frac{a}{y} \cos \gamma)^{3/2}}$$

Also γ is the angle between \vec{x} and \vec{y} .

(c). We can calculate the force on charge q due to the induced charges by calculate the force between q and the image charge q' instead. Since q and q' have different sign, the image charge "attract" q outward the sphere. So the direction of the force is the same as the normal direction \vec{n} . According to Coulomb's law,

$$\vec{F} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{a^2} \left(\frac{a}{y}\right)^3 \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{y^2}\right)^{-2} \vec{n}$$

Jackson 2.3

(a). Set three image charges λ_1 at $(-x_0, y_0)$, λ_2 at $(-x_0, -y_0)$ and λ_3 at $(x_0, -y_0)$. Remove the conducting boundary, the potential in the x-y plane

$$\Phi(x, y) = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{R^2}{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} + \frac{\lambda_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{R^2}{(x+x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} \\ + \frac{\lambda_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{R^2}{(x+x_0)^2 + (y+y_0)^2} + \frac{\lambda_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{R^2}{(x-x_0)^2 + (y+y_0)^2}$$

The potential vanishes at the intersecting planes:

$$\Phi(0, y) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left(\frac{R^2}{x_0^2 + (y-y_0)^2} \right)^{\lambda+\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left(\frac{R^2}{x_0^2 + (y+y_0)^2} \right)^{\lambda_2+\lambda_3} = 0 \\ \Phi(x, 0) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left(\frac{R^2}{(x-x_0)^2 + y_0^2} \right)^{\lambda+\lambda_3} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left(\frac{R^2}{(x+x_0)^2 + y_0^2} \right)^{\lambda_1+\lambda_2} = 0$$

To keep $\Phi = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda + \lambda_1 &= 0 & \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 &= 0 \\ \lambda + \lambda_3 &= 0 & \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = -\lambda \quad \lambda_2 = \lambda$$

So the potential in the first quadrant

$$\boxed{\Phi(x, y) = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon} \left(\ln \frac{R^2}{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} + \ln \frac{R^2}{(x+x_0)^2 + (y+y_0)^2} \right) \\ - \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\ln \frac{R^2}{(x+x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} + \ln \frac{R^2}{(x-x_0)^2 + (y+y_0)^2} \right)}$$

It's easy to find $\Phi = 0$ when $x = 0$ or $y = 0$. The tangential electric field on the boundary

$$E_x = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} [(-2x_0 + 2x_0)/[x_0^2 + (y-y_0)^2] + (2x_0 - 2x_0)/[x_0^2 + (y+y_0)^2]] = 0$$

Similarly the tangential electric field vanishes when $y = 0$.

(c). The charge density on the plane $y = 0, x \geq 0$

$$\sigma = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \left[\frac{-4y_0}{(x-x_0)^2 + y_0^2} + \frac{4y_0}{(x+x_0)^2 + y_0^2} \right]$$

Integral the charge density along the +x-axis,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_x &= -\frac{\lambda y_0}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \left[\frac{1}{(x-x_0)^2 + y_0^2} - \frac{1}{(x+x_0)^2 + y_0^2} \right] dx \\ &= -\frac{\lambda y_0}{\pi} \left[-\frac{\tan^{-1}(\frac{x_0-x}{y_0})}{y_0} + \frac{\tan^{-1}(\frac{x_0+x}{y_0})}{y_0} \right] \Big|_0^\infty \\ &= -\frac{2\lambda}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(x_0/y_0) \end{aligned}$$

The total charge on the plane $y = 0$ $x \geq 0$,

$$Q_x = \frac{2\lambda}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{x_0}{y_0}$$

(d).

Jackson 2.7

(a).The Green function:

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} + F(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')$$

With Dirichlet boundary conditions on the plan $z' = 0$, we have

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')|_{z=0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (z-z')^2}} + F(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = 0$$

$$F(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')| = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + z^2}}$$

$$\boxed{G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (z-z')^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + z^2}}}$$

(b).The potential for Dirichlet boundary conditions is:

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\vec{x}') G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') d^3x' - \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \Phi(\vec{x}') \frac{\partial G}{\partial n'} da'$$

The first term vanishes in free space for $\rho = 0$. In cylindrical coordinate, the second integral on plane $z' = 0$ can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\vec{x}) &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \Phi \frac{\partial G}{\partial n'} \rho' d\rho' d\varphi' \\ &= \frac{V}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \frac{\partial}{\partial z'} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos(\varphi - \varphi') + (z - z')^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos(\varphi - \varphi') + z^2}} \rho' d\rho' d\varphi' \\ &= \frac{V}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \frac{(z - z')}{(\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos(\varphi - \varphi') + (z - z')^2)^{3/2}} - \frac{z}{(\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos(\varphi - \varphi') + z^2)^{3/2}} \rho' d\rho' d\varphi' \end{aligned}$$

For $z' = 0$,

$$\boxed{\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{Vz}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \frac{\rho'}{(\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos(\varphi - \varphi') + z^2)^{3/2}} d\rho' d\varphi'}$$

(c).When $\rho = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\vec{x}) &= \frac{Vz}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \int_0^a \frac{\rho'}{(\rho'^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} d\rho' \\ &= Vz \int_0^a \frac{1}{2} (\rho'^2 + z^2)^{-3/2} d\rho'^2 \\ &= Vz (\rho'^2 + z^2)^{-1/2} \Big|_0^a \\ &= V \left(1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

The potential along the axis of the circle

$$\boxed{\Phi = V \left(1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}}\right)}$$

(d).