

1. Find the capacitance per unit length of two coaxial metal cylindrical tubes of radii  $a$  and  $b$ .
2. A chargeless region is bounded by two conducting surfaces.
  - (a) If conductor 1 is maintained at potential  $V_1$  and 2 is grounded the potential in the region is given by the function  $\Phi_1(x, y, z)$ . If conductor 2 is maintained at potential  $V_2$  and 1 is grounded the potential in the region is given by the function  $\Phi_2(x, y, z)$ . Now if conductor 1 is maintained at potential  $V_1$  and conductor 2 is maintained at potential  $V_2$  prove that the potential in the region will be given by the function  $\Phi = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2$ .
  - (b) If a charge  $Q_1$  is placed on conductor 1 while 2 is chargeless the potential in the region is given by the function  $\Phi_1(x, y, z)$ . If a charge  $Q_2$  is placed on conductor 2 while 1 is chargeless the potential in the region is given by the function  $\Phi_2(x, y, z)$ . Now if charge  $Q_1$  is placed on conductor 1 and charge  $Q_2$  is placed on 2 prove that the potential in the region will be given by the function  $\Phi = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2$ .

This result can be extended to a region bounded by any number of conductors.

3. A point charge  $q$  is placed a distance  $a$  from the center of a grounded conducting sphere of radius  $R$ ,  $a > R$ .
  - (a) In the method of images find the quantity and the position of the image charge. Justify that this image charge makes the potential of the whole conductor 0.
  - (b) Find the force of attraction between the point charge and the sphere.

- (c) If the sphere was not grounded, what would be the potential of the sphere when the charge  $q$  is placed at the distance  $a$  from the center of the sphere?
4. A metal sphere of radius  $R$  carrying a charge  $q$  is surrounded by a thick concentric metal shell of inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$ . The shell carries no net charge.
- (a) Find the surface charge density  $\sigma$  at radius  $R, a$  and  $b$ .
- (b) Find the potential at the center, using infinity as the reference point.
- (c) If the outer surface  $r = b$  is grounded how do the answers to part (a) and (b) change ?
5. The points on the  $xy$  plane is maintained at potential  $V_0 \sin(\alpha x + \beta y)$ . The potential goes to 0 as  $z \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . Find the potential at all the points above and below the  $xy$  plane.
6. Find the electric potential for  $z \neq 0$  due to the infinite  $xy$  plane carrying a uniform charge density  $\sigma$ .  
How can we get this potential by solving the two dimensional Laplace's equation
- $$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$
- by the variable separation method ?  
(We can also start with the three dimensional Laplace's equation. But two is good enough to demonstrate the process.)