

13.10 (a) Using the expression (13.25),  $\Phi(\vec{k}, \omega) = \frac{ze}{\epsilon(\omega)} \frac{\delta(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v})}{k^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon(\omega)}$ , and taking the Fourier transform, we have

$$\underline{\Phi}(\omega, \vec{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \Phi(\vec{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{ze}{\epsilon(\omega)} \int dk_x \int dk_y \int dk_z e^{i(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)} \frac{\delta(\omega - k_z v)}{k^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon(\omega)}$$

$$= \frac{ze}{v\epsilon(\omega)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^3}} \int dk_x \int dk_y e^{i\omega z/v} \frac{e^{i(k_x x + k_y y)}}{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon(\omega)}$$

$$= \frac{ze}{v\epsilon(\omega)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^3}} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^{+\infty} k_\perp dk_\perp \frac{e^{ik_\perp \rho \cos \theta}}{k_\perp^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} (1 - \beta^2 \epsilon(\omega))} e^{i\omega z/v}$$

$$= \frac{ze}{v\epsilon(\omega)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{k_\perp J_0(k_\perp \rho)}{k_\perp^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} (1 - \beta^2 \epsilon(\omega))} dk_\perp \cdot e^{i\omega z/v} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{ze}{v\epsilon(\omega)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} K_0\left(\frac{|\omega| \rho}{v} \sqrt{1 - \beta^2 \epsilon(\omega)}\right) e^{i\omega z/v}, \quad (2)$$

where we have used the series  $e^{i\theta \cos \theta} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} i^n J_n(\theta) e^{in\theta}$  to obtain (1), and

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\pi J_0(\alpha x)}{x^2 + \beta^2} dx = K_0(\alpha \beta) \text{ to obtain (2).}$$

(b) If  $\epsilon(\omega)$  is a constant and  $1 - \beta^2 \epsilon > 0$ , then

$$\underline{\Phi}(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \underline{\Phi}(\omega, \vec{x}) e^{-i\omega t} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \frac{ze}{v\epsilon} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} K_0\left(\frac{|\omega| \rho}{v} \sqrt{1 - \beta^2 \epsilon}\right) e^{i\omega(z/v - t)}$$

$$= \frac{2ze}{v\epsilon\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} d\omega K_0\left(\frac{\omega \rho}{v} \sqrt{1 - \beta^2 \epsilon}\right) \cos\left(\omega\left(\frac{z}{v} - t\right)\right)$$

$$= \frac{2ze}{v\epsilon\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{\rho^2}{v^2} (1 - \beta^2 \epsilon) + \left(\frac{z}{v} - t\right)^2 \right]^{-1/2}$$

$$= \frac{ze}{\epsilon} \frac{1}{\left[ (z - vt)^2 + \rho^2 (1 - \beta^2 \epsilon) \right]^{1/2}},$$

where we have used the identity  $\int_0^{+\infty} dx K_0(\alpha x) \cos(\beta x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}}$ . Define

$\Gamma = (1 - \beta^2 \epsilon)^{1/2}$ , we can write the potential as

$$\underline{\Phi}(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{ze\Gamma}{\epsilon \left[ \rho^2 + \Gamma^2 (z - vt)^2 \right]^{1/2}}.$$

This result is almost identical to (11.152), except the inclusion of the dielectric constant, which redefines  $\gamma$ . The result also reduces to (11.152) as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 1$ .

(c) When  $\beta^2 \epsilon > 1$ , we have

$$\underline{\Phi}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \frac{ze}{v\epsilon(\omega)} \sqrt{\frac{z}{\pi}} e^{i\omega z/v} K_0\left(\pm \frac{i|\omega|p}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1}\right)$$

for  $\omega \geq 0$ . The choice of the phase factor is to ensure that  $\underline{\Phi}(\vec{r}, \omega)^* = \underline{\Phi}(\vec{r}, -\omega)$ . Notice that

$$K_0(\pm ix) = \frac{\pi}{2} [-N_0(ix) \mp iJ_0(x)], \text{ we have}$$

$$\underline{\Phi}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \frac{ze}{v\epsilon(\omega)} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{i\omega z/v} \left[ -N_0\left(\frac{|\omega|p}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1}\right) \mp iJ_0\left(\frac{|\omega|p}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1}\right) \right], \quad \omega \geq 0$$

Applying the Fourier transform, the scalar potential can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\Phi}(\vec{r}, t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underline{\Phi}(\vec{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega \\ &= \frac{ze}{2v\epsilon} \left\{ \int_0^{+\infty} \left[ -N_0\left(\frac{\omega p}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1}\right) - iJ_0\left(\frac{\omega p}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1}\right) \right] e^{i\omega(z/v - t)} d\omega \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{-\infty}^0 \left[ -N_0\left(-\frac{\omega p}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1}\right) + iJ_0\left(-\frac{\omega p}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1}\right) \right] e^{i\omega(z/v - t)} d\omega \right\} \\ &= \frac{ze}{v\epsilon} \int_0^{+\infty} \left[ -N_0\left(\frac{\omega p}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1}\right) \cos\left(\omega\left(\frac{z}{v} - t\right)\right) + J_0\left(\frac{\omega p}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1}\right) \sin\left(\omega\left(\frac{z}{v} - t\right)\right) \right] d\omega \end{aligned}$$

Using the identities

$$\int_0^{+\infty} J_0(ax) \sin(bx) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 < b < a \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}}, & 0 < a < b \end{cases} \quad \int_0^{+\infty} N_0(ax) \cos(bx) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 < b < a \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}}, & 0 < a < b \end{cases}$$

$$\text{we have } \underline{\Phi}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{2ze}{v\epsilon} \left[ \left(\frac{z}{v} - t\right)^2 - \frac{p^2}{v^2} (\beta^2 \epsilon - 1) \right]^{-1/2} = \frac{2ze/\epsilon}{\sqrt{(z-vt)^2 - (\beta^2 \epsilon - 1)p^2}} \quad (*)$$

for  $z-vt > \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1} p$ , and 0 otherwise. This is consistent with the result for vector potential in section 13.4, where the potential is zero outside the Cherenkov cone and non-zero inside. Also, from Eq. (13.25), if the  $\epsilon(\omega)$  is a constant, the scalar and vector potentials are related by

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \epsilon \vec{\beta} \underline{\Phi}(\vec{r}, t), \text{ which is also satisfied, comparing } (*) \text{ and Eq. (13.51).}$$