

**2.20** Solution: (a) Using Eq. (1.42), the potential can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(\rho, \phi) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \int_0^\infty \rho' d\rho' \cdot \sigma(\rho', \phi') G(\rho, \phi; \rho', \phi') \\
&= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \int_0^\infty \rho' d\rho' \cdot \frac{\lambda}{a} \sum_{n=0}^3 (-1)^n \delta(\rho' - a) \delta\left(\phi' - \frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \\
&\quad \times \left( -\log \rho_{>}^2 + 2 \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}}\right)^m \cos[m(\phi - \phi')] \right) \\
&= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \sum_{n=0}^3 (-1)^n \delta\left(\phi' - \frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \\
&\quad \times \left( -\log \rho_{>}^2 + 2 \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}}\right)^m \cos[m(\phi - \phi')] \right) \\
&= \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}}\right)^m \left( \cos(m\phi) - \cos\left(m\phi - \frac{m\pi}{2}\right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \cos(m\phi - m\pi) - \cos\left(m\phi - \frac{3m\pi}{2}\right) \right) \\
&= \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}}\right)^m \left[ (1 + (-1)^m) \cos(m\phi) - (1 + (-1)^m) \cos\left(m\phi - \frac{m\pi}{2}\right) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

It can be easily shown that only  $m = 4k + 2$  terms with  $k > 0$  contribute to the sum. The final result reads

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(\rho, \phi) &= \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{1}{4k+2} \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}}\right)^m \cdot 4 \cos[(4k+2)\phi] \\
&= \frac{\lambda}{\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{1}{2k+1} \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}}\right)^m \cos[(4k+2)\phi],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\rho_{>} = a$  ( $\rho_{<} = a$ ) for potential inside (outside) the circle.  
(b)