

2.19 Solution: Similar to Problem 2.17, the Green function should be in the form of

$$G(\rho, \rho') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} g_m(\rho, \rho') e^{im(\phi-\phi')},$$

where g_m must satisfy the following differential equation,

$$\frac{1}{\rho'} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho'} \left(\rho' \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial \rho'} \right) - \frac{m^2}{\rho'^2} g_m = -4\pi \frac{\delta(\rho - \rho')}{\rho}.$$

Due to the Dirichlet boundary condition at $\rho = b$ and $\rho = c$, g_m must have the following symmetric forms,

$$g_0 = C_0 \log \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{b} \right) \log \left(\frac{\rho_{>}}{c} \right),$$

and

$$g_m = C_m \left(\rho_{<}^{|m|} - \frac{b^{2|m|}}{\rho_{<}^{|m|}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\rho_{>}^{|m|}} - \frac{\rho_{>}^{|m|}}{c^{2|m|}} \right),$$

for $m \neq 0$. Again, use the condition connecting the derivatives of g_m at $\rho = \rho'$, we can determine the constants as

$$C_0 = -\frac{4\pi}{\log(c/b)},$$

and

$$C_m = \frac{2\pi}{|m|} \left(1 - \left(\frac{b}{c} \right)^{2|m|} \right)^{-1},$$

for $m \neq 0$. Finally, the Green function becomes

$$\begin{aligned} G(\rho, \phi; \rho', \phi') &= -2 \frac{\log(\rho_{<}/b) \log(\rho_{>}/c)}{\log(c/b)} + \sum_{m \neq 0} \frac{e^{im(\phi-\phi')}}{|m| [1 - (b/c)^{2|m|}]} \left(\rho_{<}^{|m|} - \frac{b^{2|m|}}{\rho_{<}^{|m|}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\rho_{>}^{|m|}} - \frac{\rho_{>}^{|m|}}{c^{2|m|}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\log(\rho_{<}^2/b^2) \log(c^2/\rho_{>}^2)}{\log(c^2/b^2)} + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos[m(\phi - \phi')]}{m [1 - (b/c)^{2m}]} \left(\rho_{<}^m - \frac{b^{2m}}{\rho_{<}^m} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\rho_{>}^m} - \frac{\rho_{>}^m}{c^{2m}} \right). \end{aligned}$$