

3.19 Solution: (a) Similar to Problem 1.13, we can use the Green's reciprocity theorem to find the total charge induced. Following the same argument present in the solution to Problem 1.13, we have:

(i) For the unprimed configuration, everything will be the same;

(ii) For the primed configuration, we have no charge, but at $z = z_0$, the potential is $\Phi(z_0, 0)$, and on the upper plane, $\Phi(L) = VI_{\rho \leq a}$.

Then, from the Green's reciprocity theorem

$$\int_V \rho \Phi' d^3x + \oint_S \sigma \Phi' da = \int_V \rho' \Phi d^3x + \oint_S \sigma' \Phi da,$$

the left hand side is

$$q\Phi(z_0, 0) + V \int \int_{\rho \leq a} \sigma_L(x, y) dx dy = q\Phi(z_0, 0) + VQ_L(a),$$

where σ_L and Q_L are the surface charge density and the total charge on the $z = L$ plane, and the right hand side is, again, 0. Then,

$$q\Phi(z_0, 0) + VQ_L(a) = 0,$$

or,

$$Q_L(a) = -\frac{q}{V}\Phi(z_0, 0).$$

(b) For this problem, we can use the Green function from Problem 3.17 (b),

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = 2 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} dk e^{im(\phi-\phi')} J_m(k\rho) J_m(k\rho') \frac{\sinh(kz_{<}) \sinh[k(L-z_{>})]}{\sinh(kL)},$$

and Eq. (1.42),

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\mathbf{x}') G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') d^3x'.$$

Here, in this problem, the charge density $\rho(\mathbf{x}')$ is a point charge located at $z' = z_0$, so the potential at $z > z_0$ can be directly written down as

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{\infty} dk J_0(k\rho) \frac{\sinh(kz_0) \sinh[k(L-z)]}{\sinh(kL)},$$

which clearly vanishes at $z = L$. To determine the charge density of the upper plane, we need to evaluate the normal derivative $\partial\Phi/\partial n$, where the normal direction is in the $-\hat{z}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_L(\rho) &= -\epsilon_0 \left. \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial n} \right|_{z=L} = \epsilon_0 \left. \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial z} \right|_{z=L} \\ &= -\frac{q}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dk \left. \frac{\sinh(kz_0) \cosh[k(L-z)]}{\sinh(kL)} \right|_{z=L} \cdot k J_0(k\rho) \\ &= -\frac{q}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dk \frac{\sinh(kz_0)}{\sinh(kL)} k J_0(k\rho). \end{aligned}$$

Using the identity (see, *e.g.*, Gradshteyn and Ryzhik, 7th ed., p. 715, formula 6.666)

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{\nu+1} \frac{\sinh(\alpha x)}{\sinh(\pi x)} J_{\nu}(\beta x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n^{\nu+1} \sin(n\alpha) K_{\nu}(n\beta),$$

and making the change of integration variable, $k \rightarrow k\pi/L$, in the expression for the charge density, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_L(\rho) &= -\frac{q\pi}{2L^2} \int_0^\infty k \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi z_0}{L}k\right)}{\sinh(\pi k)} J_0\left(\frac{\pi\rho}{L}k\right) dk, \\ &= -\frac{q}{L^2} \sum_{n=1}^\infty (-1)^{n-1} n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}z_0\right) K_0\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\rho\right).\end{aligned}$$

For large argument,

$$K_\nu(x) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} e^{-x} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right],$$

we can see that the charge density falls off as $\rho^{-1/2}e^{-\pi\rho/L}$, from the first term in the series when ρ is large, while other terms falls off even more quickly, as $\rho^{-1/2}e^{-n\pi\rho/L}$, $n > 1$. The asymptotic behavior is dominated by the first term.

With the charge density, the total charge inside a circle of radius a can be directly calculated,

$$\begin{aligned}Q_L(a) &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^a d\rho \rho \sigma_L(\rho) \\ &= -q \int_0^\infty dk \frac{\sinh(kz_0)}{\sinh(kL)} k \int_0^a d\rho \rho J_0(k\rho) \\ &= -q \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{k} \frac{\sinh(kz_0)}{\sinh(kL)} \int_0^{ka} d\lambda \lambda J_0(\lambda) \\ &= -q \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{k} \frac{\sinh(kz_0)}{\sinh(kL)} ka J_1(ka) \\ &= -qa \int_0^\infty dk \frac{\sinh(kz_0)}{\sinh(kL)} J_1(ka) \\ &= -q \int_0^\infty d\lambda \frac{\sinh(\lambda z_0/a)}{\sinh(\lambda L/a)} J_1(\lambda)\end{aligned}$$

In Problem 3.18 (a), setting $\rho = 0$ and noticing $J_0(0) = 1$,

$$\Phi(z_0, 0) = V \int_0^\infty d\lambda \frac{\sinh(\lambda z_0/a)}{\sinh(\lambda L/a)} J_1(\lambda).$$

Therefore,

$$Q_L(a) = -\frac{q}{V} \Phi(z_0, 0).$$

(c) At $\rho = 0$, the charge density is

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(0) &= -\frac{q}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{\sinh(kz_0)}{\sinh(kL)} k \\ &= -\frac{q}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{e^{kz_0} - e^{-kz_0}}{e^{kL} - e^{-kL}} k \\ &= -\frac{q}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{e^{kz_0} - e^{-kz_0}}{1 - e^{-2kL}} k e^{-kL}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{q}{2\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} dk \left[e^{kz_0} - e^{-kz_0} \right] \cdot k e^{-(2n+1)kL} \\
&= -\frac{q}{2\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} dk k \left[e^{-k((2n+1)L-z_0)} - e^{-k((2n+1)L+z_0)} \right] \\
&= -\frac{q}{2\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{((2n+1)L-z_0)^2} - \frac{1}{((2n+1)L+z_0)^2} \right] \\
&= -\frac{q}{2\pi L^2} \sum_{n>0, \text{ odd}}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{(n-z_0/L)^2} - \frac{1}{(n+z_0/L)^2} \right].
\end{aligned}$$