

**1.13** Solution: To apply the Green's reciprocity theorem from Problem 1.12, consider two separate charge-potential configurations.

(i) As described, there are two infinite grounded parallel conducting planes located at  $z = 0$  and  $z = d$ , with a point charge  $a$  located at  $z = z_0$  on the  $z$ -axis. In this case, we have charge configuration as

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) = q\delta(x)\delta(y)\delta(z - z_0), \quad \sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma_U(x, y)\delta(z - d) + \sigma_L(x, y)\delta(z),$$

where  $\sigma_U$  and  $\sigma_L$  are unknown surface charge densities on the upper and lower planes. For the potential,

$$\Phi(z_0), \quad \Phi(d) = \Phi(0) = 0,$$

where  $\Phi(z_0)$  is unknown.

(ii) For the same two infinite parallel conducting planes located at  $z = 0$  and  $z = d$ , set  $\Phi'(0) = 0$  and  $\Phi'(d) = V$ . Then, it is obvious that  $\Phi'(z_0) = (z_0/d)V$ . In the meantime, no charge is introduced into this configuration, *i.e.*,  $\rho'(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  and  $\sigma'(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ .

Now, apply the Green's reciprocity theorem,

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

we can see that the left hand side is

$$q\Phi'(z_0) + \int \int \sigma_U(x, y)\Phi'(d)dx dy = q\frac{z_0}{d}V + Q_U V,$$

where  $Q_U = \int \int \sigma_U(x, y)(d)dx dy$  is the total charge induced on the upper plane, and the right hand side is simply 0, as there is no charge at all. Therefore,

$$q\frac{z_0}{d}V + Q_U V = 0,$$

which yields

$$Q_U = -q\frac{z_0}{d}.$$