- 1. The upper and lower conducting plates of a large parallel-plate capacitor are separated by a distance d and maintained at potentials V_0 and 0, respectively. A dielectric slab of dielectric constant 6.0 and uniform thickness 0.8d is placed over the lower plate. Assuming negligible fringing effect, determine
 - (a) the potential and electric field distribution in the dielectric slab.
 - (b) the potential and electric field distribution in the air space between the dielectric slab and the upper plate.
 - (c) the surface charge densities on the upper and lower plates.
 - (d) Compare the results in part (b) with those without the dielectric slab
- 2. Assume a point charge Q above an infinite conducting plane at y = 0.
 - (a) Prove that V(x,y,z) in Equation $V(x,y,z) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon}(\frac{1}{R_+} \frac{1}{R_-})$ satisfies Laplace's equation if the conducting plane is maintained at zero potential.
 - (b) What should the expression for V(x, y, z) be if the conducting plane has a nonzero potential V_0 ?
 - (c) What is the electrostatic force of attraction between the charge Q and the conducting plane?
- 3. A very long two-wire transmission line, each wire of radius a and separated by a distance d, is supported at a height h above a flat conducting ground. Assuming both d and h to be much larger than a, find the capacitance per unit length of the line.
- 4. A long wire of radius a_1 lies inside a conducting circular tunnel of radius a_2 , as shown in Fig.1. The distance between their axes is D.
 - (a) Find the capacitance per unit length.
 - (b) Determine the force per unit length on the wire if the wire and the tunnel carry equal and opposite line charges of magnitude ρ_l .

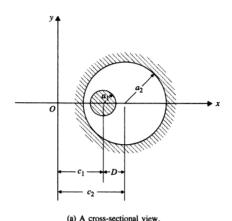


Figure 1: HW4-4

5. Two dielectric media with dielectric constants ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 are separated by a plane boundary at x = 0, as shown in Fig.4-23. A point charge Q exists in medium 1 at distance d from the boundary.

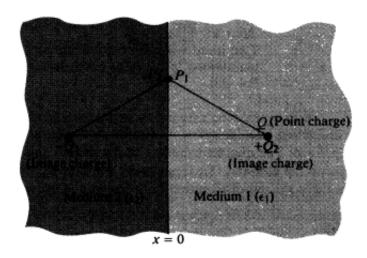


FIGURE 4-23 Image charges in dielectric media (Problem P.4-17).

- (a) Verify that the field in medium 1 can be obtained from Q and an image charge $-Q_1$, both acting in medium 1.
- (b) Verify that the field in medium 2 can be obtained from Q and an image charge $+Q_2$ coninciding with Q, both acting in medium 2.
- (c) Determine Q_1 and Q_2 . (*Hint*: Consider neighboring points P_1 and P_2 in media 1 and 2, respectively, and require the continuity of the tangential component of the E-field and of the normal component of the D-field.)
- 6. Two infinite insulated conducting planes maintained at potentials 0 and V_0 form a wedge-shaped configuration, as shown in Fig.4-24. Determine the potential distributions for the regions: (a) $0 < \phi < \alpha$, and (b) $\alpha < \phi < 2\pi$.

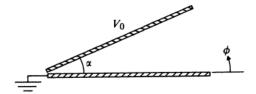


FIGURE 4-24
Two infinite insulated conducting planes maintained at constant potentials (Problem P.4-23).