

Chapter 3 Boundary-Value Problems in Electrostatics II

- Solutions of the Laplace equation are represented by expansions in series of the appropriate orthonormal functions in various geometries.
- The construction of Green functions in terms of orthonormal functions arises in the attempt to solve the Poisson equation in the various geometries.

§3.1 Laplace Equation in Spherical Coordinates

- In spherical coordinates, the Laplace equation is as follows:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (r \Phi) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} = 0$$

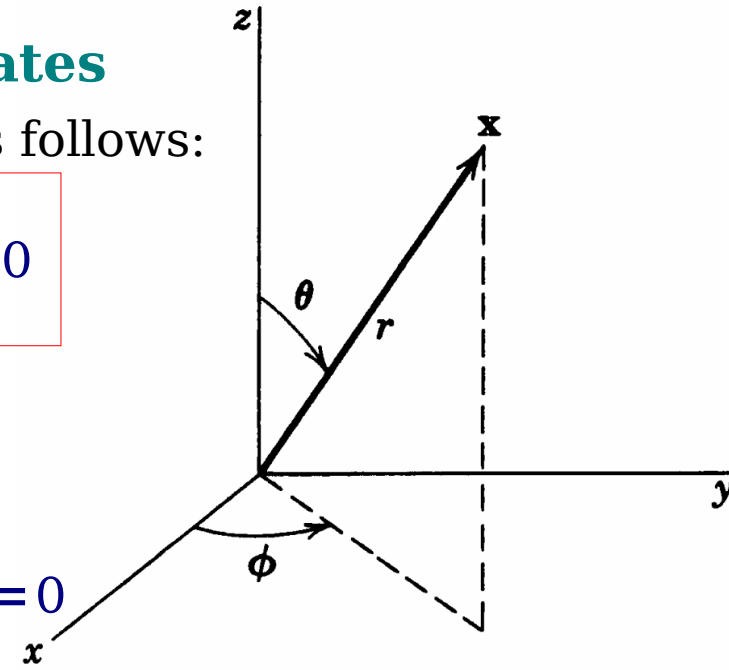
$$\Phi = \frac{U(r)}{r} P(\theta) Q(\phi) \quad \leftarrow \text{assuming a product form}$$

$$\Rightarrow P Q \frac{d^2 U}{d r^2} + \frac{U Q}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{d}{d \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d P}{d \theta} \right) + \frac{U P}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{d^2 Q}{d \phi^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta \left[\frac{r^2}{U} \frac{d^2 U}{d r^2} + \frac{1}{P \sin \theta} \frac{d}{d \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d P}{d \theta} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{Q} \frac{d^2 Q}{d \phi^2} = 0$$

- The ϕ dependence of the equation has now been isolated in the last term:

$$\frac{1}{Q} \frac{d^2 Q}{d \phi^2} = -m^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{constant} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Q = e^{\pm i m \phi} \quad \leftarrow m : \text{an integer for } Q \text{ being single-valued}$$



- By similar considerations

$$\frac{d^2 U}{d r^2} - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} U = 0 \quad \Leftarrow \quad \ell : \text{real constant} \quad \Rightarrow \quad U = A r^{\ell+1} + B r^{-\ell}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d P}{d \theta} \right) + \left[\ell(\ell+1) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right] P = 0$$

§3.2 Legendre Equation and Legendre Polynomials

- $x = \cos \theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[(1-x^2) \frac{dP}{dx} \right] + \left[\ell(\ell+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] P = 0$

This equation is called the generalized Legendre equation, and its solutions are the associated Legendre functions.

- consider the ordinary Legendre differential equation with $m^2 = 0$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[(1-x^2) \frac{dP}{dx} \right] + \ell(\ell+1) P = 0 \quad \text{where } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad P(x) = x^\alpha \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \{ (\alpha+j)(\alpha+j-1) a_j x^{\alpha+j-2} - [(\alpha+j)(\alpha+j+1) - \ell(\ell+1)] a_j x^{\alpha+j} \} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{j+2} = a_j \frac{(\alpha+j)(\alpha+j+1) - \ell(\ell+1)}{(\alpha+j+1)(\alpha+j+2)} \quad \text{for } j \geq 0 \quad \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \alpha(\alpha-1) = 0 \quad \text{for } a_0 \neq 0 \\ \alpha(\alpha+1) = 0 \quad \text{for } a_1 \neq 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{For } a_0 \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{even power series of } x \\ 1 & \text{odd power series of } x \end{cases}$$

- The two relations of α are equivalent, so choose one of a_0 and a_1 being nonzero.
- the series converges for $x^2 < 1$, regardless of the value of ℓ .

the series diverges at $x = \pm 1$, unless it terminates.

- Since we want a solution that is finite, we demand that the series terminate.
- Since α and j are positive integers or zero, the recurrence relation will terminate only if ℓ is zero or a positive integer.
- If ℓ is even (odd), then only the $\alpha=0$ ($\alpha=1$) series terminates.
- The polynomials in each case have x^ℓ as their highest power of x , the next highest being $x^{\ell-2}$, down to $x^0(x)$ for ℓ even (odd).
- these polynomials are normalized to be unity at $x=\pm 1$ and are called the *Legendre polynomials* of order ℓ ,

$$P_0(x) = 1, \quad P_1(x) = x, \quad P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1), \quad \dots$$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x), \quad P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_\ell(x) = \frac{1}{2^\ell \ell!} \frac{d^\ell}{dx^\ell} (x^2 - 1)^\ell$$

Rodrigues' formula

- The Legendre polynomials form a complete orthogonal set of functions on the interval $-1 \leq x \leq 1$.

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_{\ell'} \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} \left[(1-x^2) \frac{d P_\ell}{dx} \right] + \ell(\ell+1) P_\ell \right\} dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-1}^1 \left[(x^2 - 1) \frac{d P_\ell}{dx} \frac{d P_{\ell'}}{dx} + \ell(\ell+1) P_\ell P_{\ell'} \right] dx = 0$$

$$\ell \leftrightarrow \ell' \Rightarrow [\ell(\ell+1) - \ell'(\ell'+1)] \int_{-1}^1 P_{\ell'} P_{\ell} dx = 0 \Rightarrow \int_{-1}^1 P_{\ell'} P_{\ell} dx \begin{cases} = 0 & \text{for } \ell \neq \ell' \\ \neq 0 & \text{for } \ell = \ell' \end{cases}$$

- Use Rodrigues' formula to determine the value for $\ell = \ell'$

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\ell} &\equiv \int_{-1}^1 P_{\ell}^2 dx = \frac{1}{4^{\ell} (\ell!)^2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d^{\ell}}{dx^{\ell}} (x^2 - 1)^{\ell} \frac{d^{\ell}}{dx^{\ell}} (x^2 - 1)^{\ell} dx \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{\ell}}{4^{\ell} (\ell!)^2} \int_{-1}^1 (x^2 - 1)^{\ell} \frac{d^{2\ell}}{dx^{2\ell}} (x^2 - 1)^{\ell} dx = \frac{(2\ell)!}{4^{\ell} (\ell!)^2} \int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2)^{\ell} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$(1 - x^2)^{\ell} = (1 - x^2)(1 - x^2)^{\ell-1} = (1 - x^2)^{\ell-1} + \frac{x}{2\ell} \frac{d}{dx} (1 - x^2)^{\ell}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{\ell} = \frac{2\ell - 1}{2\ell} N_{\ell-1} + \frac{(2\ell - 1)!}{4^{\ell} (\ell!)^2} \int_{-1}^1 x d(1 - x^2)^{\ell} = \frac{2\ell - 1}{2\ell} N_{\ell-1} - \frac{1}{2\ell} N_{\ell}$$

$$(2\ell + 1) N_{\ell} = (2\ell - 1) N_{\ell-1} \Rightarrow \text{independent of } \ell \Rightarrow N_{\ell} = \frac{2}{2\ell + 1} \Leftarrow N_0 = 2 \Leftarrow P_0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\int_{-1}^1 P_{\ell} P_{\ell'} dx = \frac{2}{2\ell + 1} \delta_{\ell\ell'}} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{orthogonality} \\ \text{condition} \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow U_{\ell} = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell + 1}{2}} P_{\ell}$$

- For any function $f(x)$ on the interval $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$f(x) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} A_{\ell} P_{\ell}(x) \Leftarrow A_{\ell} = \frac{2\ell + 1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) P_{\ell}(x) dx$$

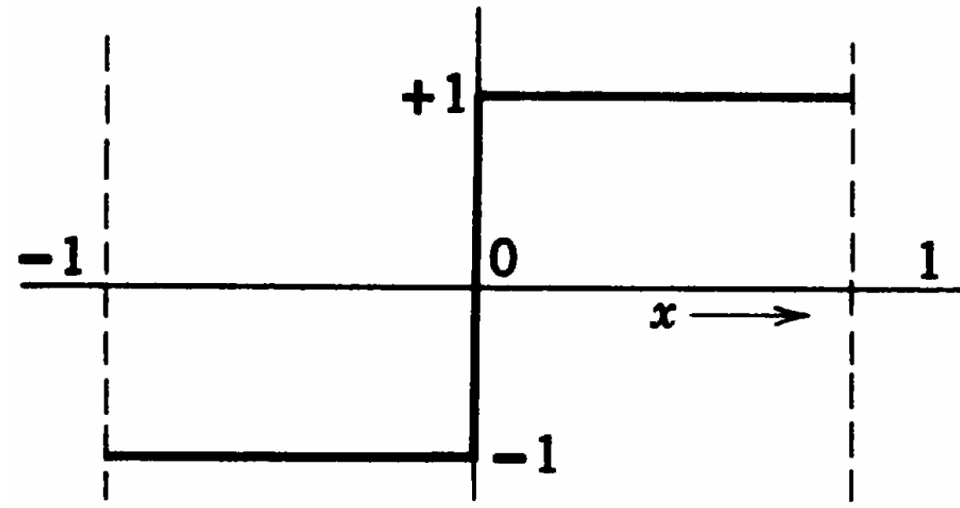
Ex: consider $f(x) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{for } x > 0 \\ -1 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$

$$A_\ell = \frac{2\ell + 1}{2} \left(\int_0^1 P_\ell dx - \int_{-1}^0 P_\ell dx \right)$$

$$= (2\ell + 1) \int_0^1 P_\ell dx \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{only odd } \ell \\ \text{coefficients survive} \end{array} \right]$$

$$= (-2)^{\frac{1-\ell}{2}} \frac{(2\ell + 1)(\ell - 2)!!}{2[(\ell + 1)/2]!} \quad \leftarrow \text{from Rodrigues' formula, and } (2n + 1)!! = (2n + 1)(2n - 1)(2n - 3) \cdots \times 5 \times 3 \times 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{3}{2} P_1 - \frac{7}{8} P_3 + \frac{11}{16} P_5 - \dots$$



• Some useful recurrence relations

$$\frac{d P_{\ell+1}}{d x} - \frac{d P_{\ell-1}}{d x} - (2\ell + 1) P_\ell = 0, \quad (\ell + 1) P_{\ell+1} - (2\ell + 1) x P_\ell + \ell P_{\ell-1} = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\frac{d P_{\ell+1}}{d x} - x \frac{d P_\ell}{d x} - (\ell + 1) P_\ell = 0, \quad (x^2 - 1) \frac{d P_\ell}{d x} - \ell x P_\ell + \ell P_{\ell-1} = 0$$

• $P_\ell(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{[\ell/2]} (-1)^n \frac{(2\ell - 2n)!}{2^\ell n! (\ell - n)! (\ell - 2n)!} x^{\ell - 2n} \quad \leftarrow \text{Mathematical methods for Physicists, Arfken}$

Ex: consider $I_1 = \int_{-1}^1 x P_\ell P_{\ell'} dx = \frac{1}{2\ell+1} \int_{-1}^1 P_{\ell'} [(\ell+1)P_{\ell+1} + \ell P_{\ell-1}] dx \Leftarrow (*)$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{2(\ell+1)}{(2\ell+1)(2\ell+3)}, & \ell' = \ell+1 \\ \frac{2\ell}{(2\ell-1)(2\ell+1)}, & \ell' = \ell-1 \end{cases} \Leftarrow \text{(orthogonality condition)}$$

Similarly,

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^2 P_\ell P_{\ell'} dx = \begin{cases} \frac{2(\ell+1)(\ell+2)}{(2\ell+1)(2\ell+3)(2\ell+5)}, & \ell' = \ell+2 \\ \frac{2(2\ell^2+2\ell-1)}{(2\ell-1)(2\ell+1)(2\ell+3)}, & \ell' = \ell \end{cases} \Leftarrow \text{assuming } \ell' \geq \ell$$

§3.3 Boundary- Value Problems with Azimuthal Symmetry

- The general solution for a problem possessing azimuthal symmetry $m = 0$

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} [A_{\ell} r^{\ell} + B_{\ell} r^{-(\ell+1)}] P_{\ell}(\cos \theta) \quad \Leftarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{determining } A_{\ell}, B_{\ell}, \text{ from} \\ \text{the boundary condition} \end{array}$$

$$\text{On the symmetric axis } z \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \Phi(\theta = 0) = \sum [A_{\ell} r^{\ell} + B_{\ell} r^{-(\ell+1)}] \\ \Phi(\theta = \pi) = \sum (-1)^{\ell} [A_{\ell} r^{\ell} + B_{\ell} r^{-(\ell+1)}] \end{cases}$$

- This expansion provides a means of obtaining the solution of potential problems from a knowledge of the potential in a limited domain, i.e., on the symmetry axis.

Ex: let $V(\theta)$ be the potential on the surface of a sphere of radius a , find the potential inside the sphere.

$$\text{No charge at the origin} \Rightarrow B_{\ell} = 0 \Rightarrow V(\theta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} A_{\ell} a^{\ell} P_{\ell}(\cos \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{\ell} = \frac{2\ell + 1}{2a^{\ell}} \int_0^{\pi} V(\theta) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta) \sin \theta \, d\theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{let } V(\theta) = \begin{cases} +V, & (0 \leq \theta < \pi/2) \\ -V, & (\pi/2 < \theta \leq \pi) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(r, \theta) = V \left[\frac{3}{2} \frac{r}{a} P_1(\cos \theta) - \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^3 P_3(\cos \theta) + \frac{11}{16} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^5 P_5(\cos \theta) + \dots \right] \quad \text{for } r < a$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(r, \theta) = V \left[\frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2 P_1(\cos \theta) - \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^4 P_3(\cos \theta) + \frac{11}{16} \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^6 P_5(\cos \theta) + \dots \right] \quad \text{for } r > a$$

- For the problem of the hemispheres at equal and opposite potentials. We have

$$\Phi(z=r) = V \left[1 - \frac{r^2 - a^2}{r \sqrt{r^2 + a^2}} \right] = \frac{V}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{j-1} \frac{(2j-1/2) \Gamma(2j-1/2)}{j!} \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^{2j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(r, \theta) = \frac{V}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{j-1} \frac{(2j-1/2) \Gamma(2j-1/2)}{j!} \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^{2j} P_{2j-1}(\cos \theta) \quad = (2.27)$$

$$\quad = (3.36)$$

- the potential at \mathbf{x} due to a unit point charge at \mathbf{x}' :

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma) \quad \Leftarrow \quad \begin{aligned} r_{<} &= \min(|\mathbf{x}|, |\mathbf{x}'|) \\ r_{>} &= \max(|\mathbf{x}|, |\mathbf{x}'|) \end{aligned}$$

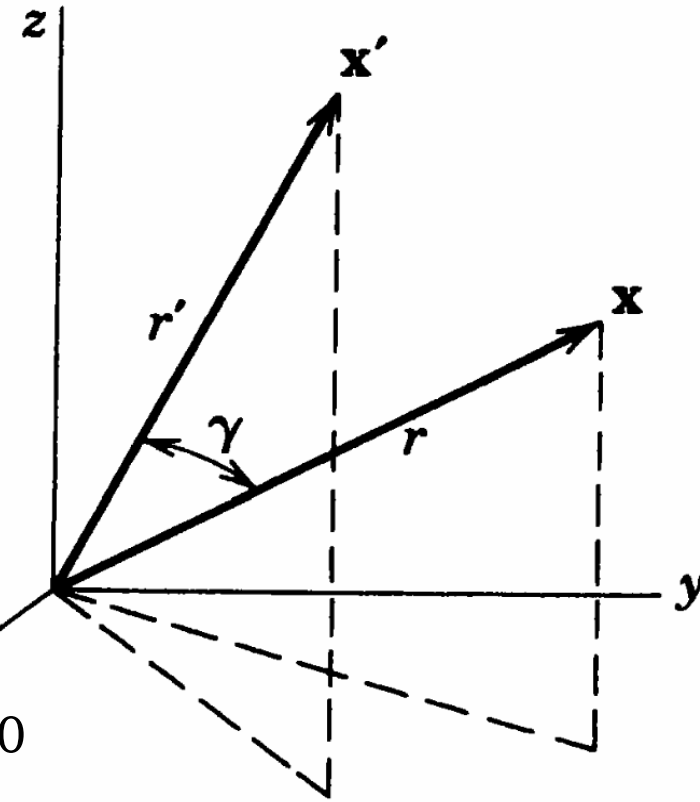
Proof: rotating axes so that \mathbf{x}' lies along the z axis

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} [A_{\ell} r^{\ell} + B_{\ell} r^{-(\ell+1)}] P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma)$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} [A_{\ell} r^{\ell} + B_{\ell} r^{-(\ell+1)}] \quad \Leftarrow \quad \gamma = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \gamma}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \quad \Leftarrow \quad \gamma = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}}, \quad \text{then multiply each term by } P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma) \text{ for points off the axis. QED}$$



- the potential due to a total charge uniformly distributed around a circular ring

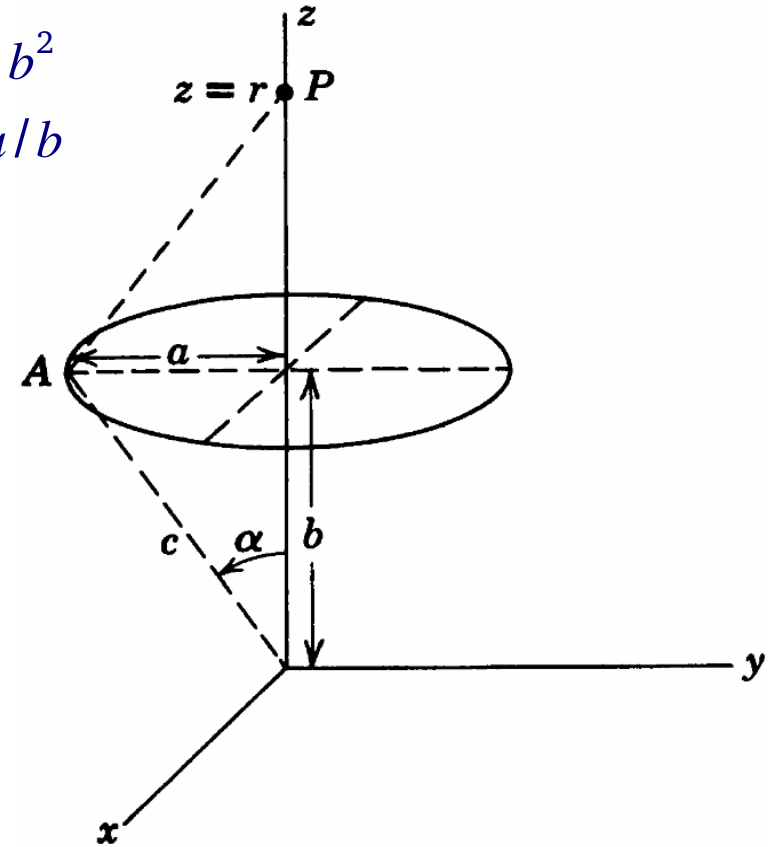
$$\Phi(z=r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{\sqrt{r^2 + c^2 - 2cr\cos\alpha}} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} c^2 = a^2 + b^2 \\ \cos\alpha = a/b \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^\ell}{r^{\ell+1}} P_\ell(\cos\alpha) \quad r > c$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{r^\ell}{c^{\ell+1}} P_\ell(\cos\alpha) \quad r < c$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(r, \theta) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{r_{<}^\ell}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} P_\ell(\cos\alpha) P_\ell(\cos\theta)$$

$$\text{where } r_{<} = \min(r, c), \quad r_{>} = \max(r, c)$$



§3.4 Behavior of Fields in a Conical Hole or Near a Sharp Point

- For $\beta < \pi/2$, the region is a deep conical hole in a conductor. For $\beta > \pi/2$, the region is that surrounding a pointed conical conductor.

- seek solutions finite and single-valued on the range of $x = \cos\theta$

$$\xi \equiv \frac{1}{2}(1-x) \leftarrow x \equiv \cos\theta \Rightarrow \cos\beta < x < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\xi} \left[\xi(1-\xi) \frac{dP}{d\xi} \right] + \nu(\nu+1)P = 0 \leftarrow \text{Legendre equation}$$

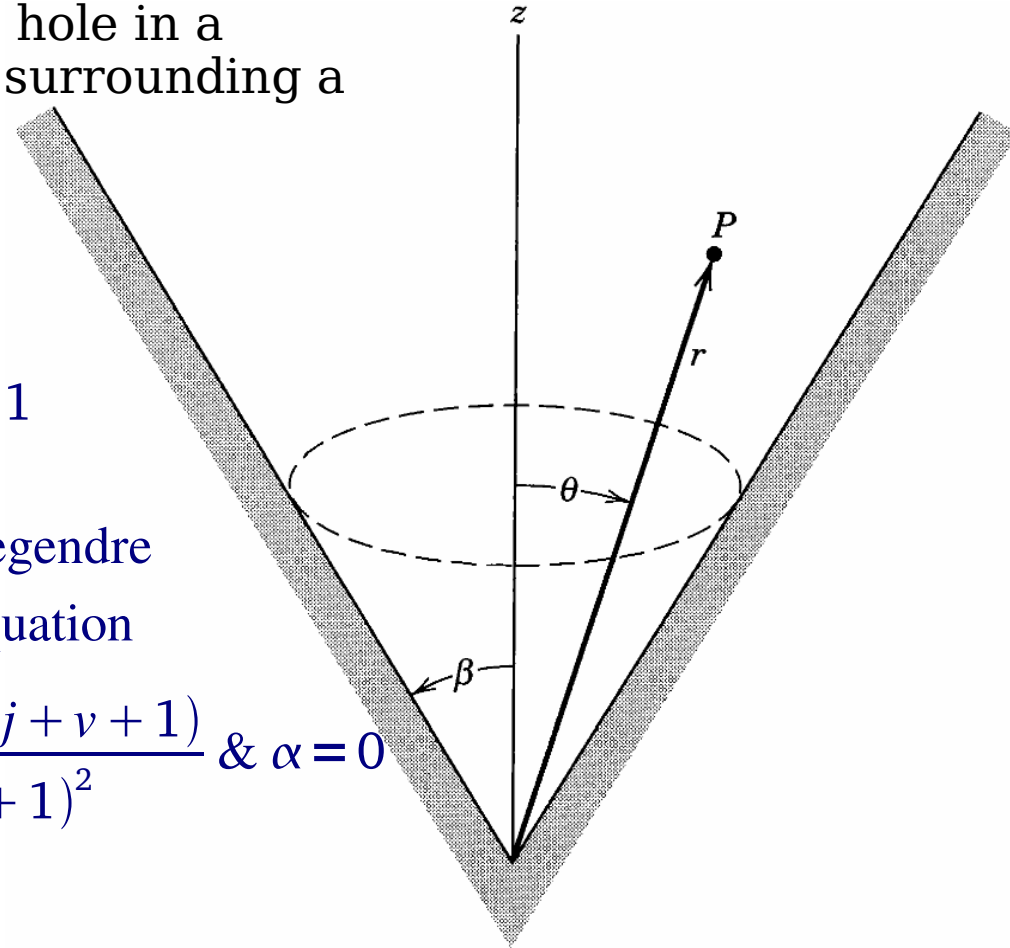
$$\Rightarrow P(\xi) = \xi^\alpha \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j \xi^j \leftarrow \frac{a_{j+1}}{a_j} = \frac{(j-\nu)(j+\nu+1)}{(j+1)^2} \text{ \& } \alpha = 0$$

$$\text{set } a_0 = 1 \Rightarrow P(\xi=0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow P_\nu(\xi) = 1 + \frac{(-\nu)(\nu+1)}{1!1!} \xi + \frac{(-\nu)(-\nu+1)(\nu+1)(\nu+2)}{2!2!} \xi^2 + \dots$$

- if ν is zero or a positive integer the series is exactly the Legendre *polynomials*.

- For ν not being an integer, the series is called a *Legendre function of the 1st kind and order ν* .



- hypergeometric function ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = 1 + \frac{a b}{c} \frac{z}{1!} + \frac{a(a+1)b(b+1)}{c(c+1)} \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots$

$$\Rightarrow P_\nu(x) = {}_2F_1\left(-\nu, \nu+1; 1; \frac{1-x}{2}\right)$$

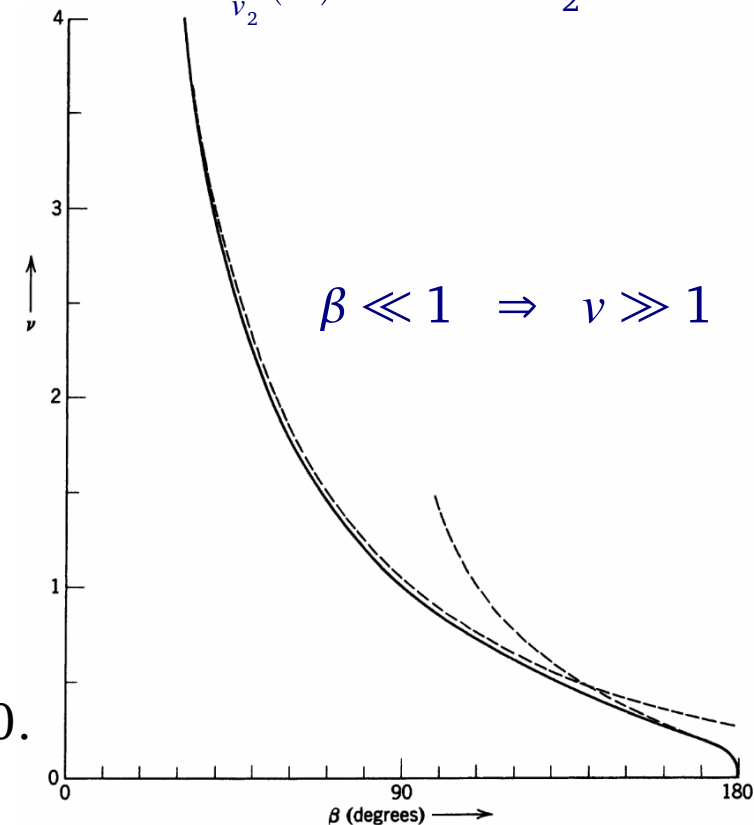
- The basic solution to the problem: $A r^\nu P_\nu(\cos \theta) \leftarrow \nu > 0$ for finite at the origin
- the potential vanishes at $\theta = \beta$: $P_\nu(\cos \beta) = 0$ an eigenvalue condition for ν .

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k r^{\nu_k} P_{\nu_k}(\cos \theta) \leftarrow \begin{cases} \cos \beta \text{ is the 1st zero for } P_{\nu_1}(x) & \text{for } \nu = \nu_1 \\ \cos \beta \text{ is the 2nd zero for } P_{\nu_2}(x) & \text{for } \nu = \nu_2 \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

$r \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \Phi \simeq A r^\nu P_\nu(\cos \theta) \leftarrow \nu$: the smallest root

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} E_r = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \simeq \nu A r^{\nu-1} P_\nu(\cos \theta) \\ E_\theta = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} \simeq A r^{\nu-1} P'_\nu(\cos \theta) \sin \theta \\ \sigma(r) = -\epsilon_0 E_\theta|_{\theta=\beta} \simeq -\epsilon_0 A r^{\nu-1} P'_\nu(\cos \beta) \sin \beta \end{cases}$$

- The fields and charge density all vary as $r^{\nu-1}$ as $r \rightarrow 0$.



- An approximate expression for ν can be from the Bessel function

$$P_\nu(\cos \theta) \simeq J_0 \left[(2\nu + 1) \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \quad \Leftarrow \quad \text{for large } \nu \text{ and } \theta < 1$$

- The 1st zero of $J_0(x)$ is at $x=2.405 \Rightarrow \nu \simeq \frac{2.405}{\beta} - \frac{1}{2}$
- $\beta \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow |\mathbf{E}|, \sigma \propto r^{\nu-1} \rightarrow 0$ small fields & little charge deep in a conical hole
- $\beta = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \nu = 1 \Rightarrow \sigma \propto 1$ (const) (plane)
- $\beta > \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \nu < 1 \Rightarrow$ singular at $r = 0$
- $\beta \rightarrow \pi \Rightarrow \nu \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \nu \simeq \left[2 \ln \frac{2}{\pi - \beta} \right]^{-1} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \nu \simeq 0.2 & \Leftarrow \pi - \beta \simeq 10^\circ \\ \nu \simeq 0.1 & \Leftarrow \pi - \beta \simeq 1^\circ \end{cases}$
- the fields near a narrow conical point vary $r^{-1+\epsilon}$, $\epsilon \ll 1$, and very high fields exist around the point.

§3.5 Associated Legendre Functions and the Spherical Harmonics

- The general potential problem can, however, have azimuthal variations.

- associated Legendre function: generalization of Legendre polynomial

$$P_\ell^m(x) = (-1)^m (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} P_\ell(x) \quad \Leftarrow \quad \ell \in \mathbb{N} \cup 0, \quad m = -\ell, \dots, 0, \dots, \ell$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^m}{2^\ell \ell!} (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^{m+\ell}}{dx^{m+\ell}} (x^2-1)^\ell \quad \Leftarrow \quad \text{Rodrigues' formula}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_\ell^{-m}(x) = (-1)^m \frac{(\ell-m)!}{(\ell+m)!} P_\ell^m(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-1}^1 P_{\ell'}^m(x) P_\ell^m(x) dx = \frac{2}{2\ell+1} \frac{(\ell+m)!}{(\ell-m)!} \delta_{\ell'\ell}$$

- *spherical harmonics* (tesseral harmonics)

$$Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi} \frac{(\ell-m)!}{(\ell+m)!}} P_\ell^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y_{\ell, -m}(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^m Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi Y_{\ell' m'}^*(\theta, \phi) Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = \delta_{\ell'\ell} \delta_{m'm} \quad \Leftarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{normalization} \\ \text{orthogonality} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) = \delta(\phi - \phi') \delta(\cos \theta - \cos \theta') \quad \Leftarrow \quad \text{completeness}$$

- $\ell = 0$

$$Y_{00} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}}$$
- $\ell = 1$

$$\begin{cases} Y_{11} = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin \theta e^{i\phi} \\ Y_{10} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta \end{cases} \quad \ell = 2$$

$$\begin{cases} Y_{22} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \sin^2 \theta e^{2i\phi} \\ Y_{21} = -\sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{i\phi} \\ Y_{20} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} (3\cos^2 \theta - 1) \end{cases}$$
- $\ell = 3$

$$\begin{cases} Y_{33} = -\frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{35}{4\pi}} \sin^3 \theta e^{3i\phi} \\ Y_{31} = -\frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{21}{4\pi}} \sin \theta (5\cos^2 \theta - 1) e^{i\phi} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} Y_{32} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{105}{2\pi}} \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta e^{2i\phi} \\ Y_{30} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{7}{4\pi}} (5\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta) \end{cases}$$

- For $m=0$,
$$Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} P_\ell(\cos \theta)$$

- For an arbitrary function

$$g(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} A_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad A_{\ell m} = \int g(\theta, \phi) Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta, \phi) d\Omega$$

- the expansion for $\theta=0$

$$[g(\theta, \phi)]_{\theta=0} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} A_{\ell 0} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad A_{\ell 0} = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} \int g(\theta, \phi) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta) d\Omega \quad (*)$$

All terms in the series with $m \neq 0$ vanish at $\theta = 0$

- The general solution

$$\Phi(r, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} [A_{\ell m} r^{\ell} + B_{\ell m} r^{-(\ell+1)}] Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

§3.6 Addition Theorem for Spherical Harmonics

• For $\mathbf{x} = (r, \theta, \phi)$, $\mathbf{x}' = (r', \theta', \phi')$ $\Rightarrow \cos \gamma = \cos \theta \cos \theta' + \sin \theta \sin \theta' \cos(\phi - \phi')$

$$\Rightarrow P_\ell(\cos \gamma) = \frac{4\pi}{2\ell + 1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

Proof: if let \mathbf{x}' be on the z-axis

$$\Rightarrow \nabla'^2 P_\ell(\cos \gamma) + \frac{\ell(\ell + 1)}{r^2} P_\ell(\cos \gamma) = 0$$

If rotate the axis to a new place

∇^2 : scalar operator \Rightarrow invariant under rotation $\Rightarrow \nabla'^2 = \nabla^2$

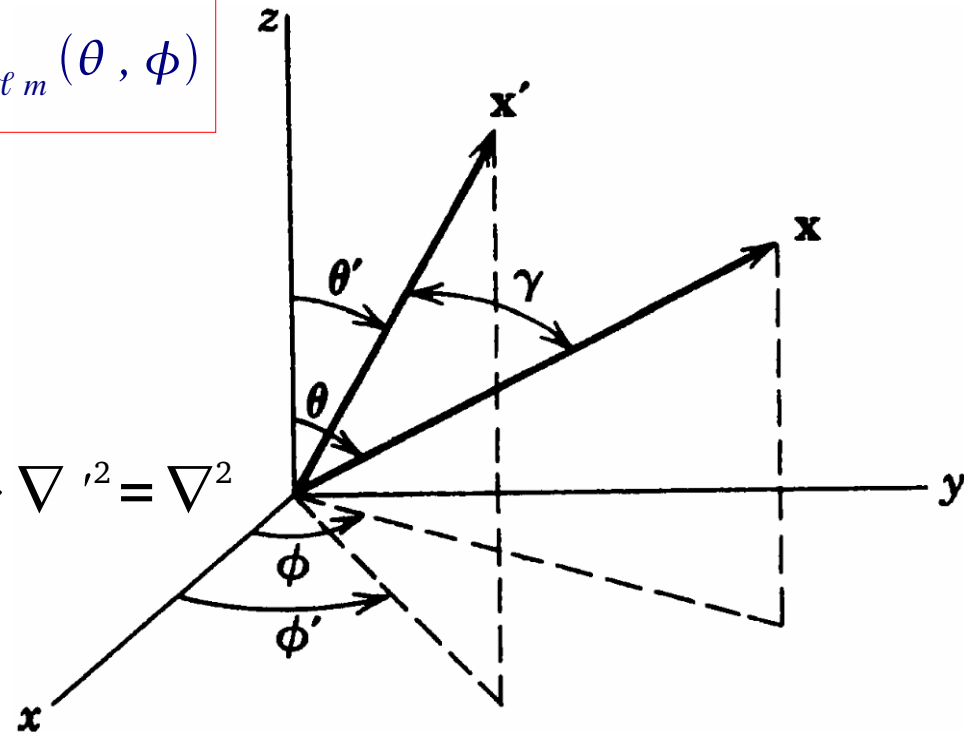
$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 P_\ell(\cos \gamma) + \frac{\ell(\ell + 1)}{r^2} P_\ell(\cos \gamma) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow P_\ell$ is a spherical harmonic of ℓ

$$\Rightarrow P_\ell = \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} A_m(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) \quad \Leftarrow \quad A_m(\theta', \phi') = \int Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta, \phi) P_\ell(\cos \gamma) d\Omega$$

$$g(\gamma, \beta) = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell + 1}} Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta, \phi) \quad \text{expanded with } Y_{\ell m'}(\gamma, \beta) \quad (\text{the prime axis}) \quad \text{and } m' = 0$$

$$\text{using } (*) \Rightarrow A_m(\theta', \phi') = \frac{4\pi}{2\ell + 1} Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta, \phi) \Big|_{\gamma=0} = \frac{4\pi}{2\ell + 1} Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') \quad \text{QED}$$



- Another theorem

$$P_\ell(\cos \gamma) = P_\ell(\cos \theta) P_\ell(\cos \theta') + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \frac{(\ell - m)!}{(\ell + m)!} P_\ell^m(\cos \theta) P_\ell^m(\cos \theta') \cos m(\phi - \phi')$$

- $\gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} |Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)|^2 = \frac{2\ell + 1}{4\pi}$

- A useful application of the addition theorem

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} P_\ell(\cos \gamma) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \frac{4\pi}{2\ell + 1} \frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

§3.7 Laplace Equation in Cylindrical Coordinates; Bessel Functions

• The Laplace equations: $\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \Phi = R(\rho) Q(\phi) Z(z)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} - k^2 Z = 0, \quad \frac{d^2 Q}{d\phi^2} + \nu^2 Q = 0, \quad \frac{d^2 R}{d\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dR}{d\rho} + \left(k^2 - \frac{\nu^2}{\rho^2}\right) R = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Z(z) = e^{\pm k z}, \quad Q(\phi) = e^{\pm i \nu \phi} \quad \leftarrow \nu \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad k \in \mathbb{R}(+)$$

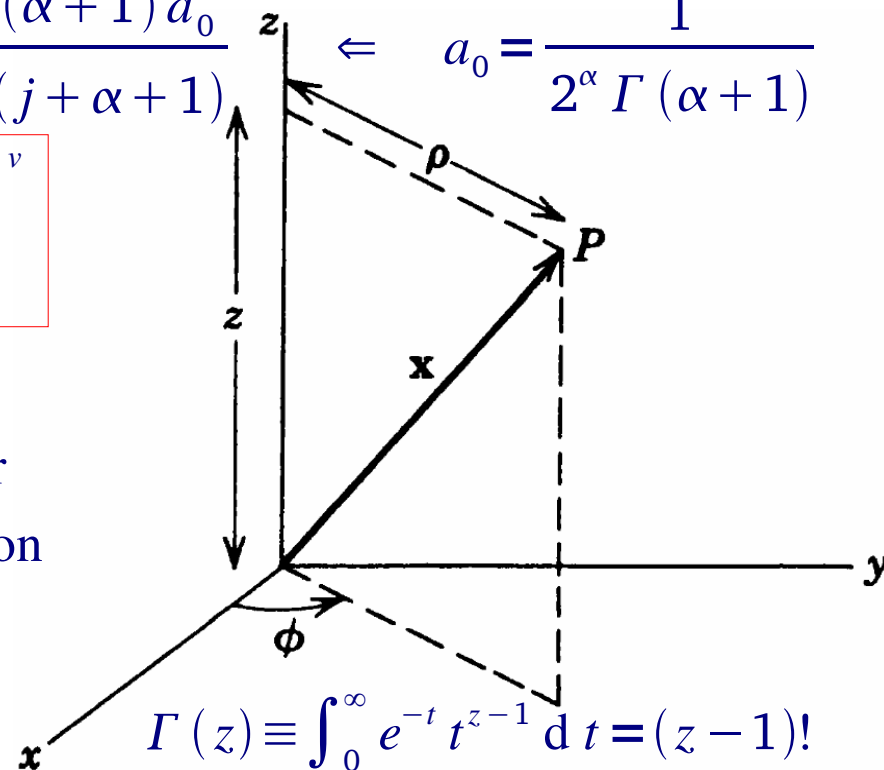
$$x \equiv k \rho \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 R}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{dR}{dx} + \left(1 - \frac{\nu^2}{x^2}\right) R = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Bessel equation} \Rightarrow R(x) = x^\alpha \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \pm \nu, \quad a_{\text{odd}} = 0, \quad a_{2j} = -\frac{a_{2j-2}}{4j(j+\alpha)} = \frac{(-1)^j \Gamma(\alpha+1) a_0}{2^{2j} j! \Gamma(j+\alpha+1)} \quad \leftarrow a_0 = \frac{1}{2^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ solutions: } J_{\pm \nu}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j! \Gamma(j \pm \nu + 1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2j \pm \nu}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nu \notin \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow J_{\pm \nu} \text{ are linearly independent} \\ \nu \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow J_{-\nu} = (-1)^\nu J_\nu \quad \leftarrow \text{need another linear independent solution} \end{array} \right.$

$$\Rightarrow N_\nu = \frac{J_\nu \cos \nu \pi - J_{-\nu}}{\sin \nu \pi} \quad \leftarrow \text{Neumann function}$$



- replace $J_{\pm\nu}$ with J_ν and N_ν no matter if ν is an integer or not.

- Hankel functions: $H_\nu^{(1)} \equiv J_\nu + i N_\nu, \quad H_\nu^{(2)} \equiv J_\nu - i N_\nu$

- $\Omega_\nu \in \{J_\nu, N_\nu, H_\nu^{(1)}, H_\nu^{(2)}\} \Rightarrow \Omega_{\nu-1} + \Omega_{\nu+1} = \frac{2\nu}{x} \Omega_\nu, \quad \Omega_{\nu-1} - \Omega_{\nu+1} = 2 \frac{d \Omega_\nu}{d x} \quad (\#)$

- $x \ll 1 \Rightarrow J_\nu \rightarrow \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^\nu, \quad N_\nu \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\ln \frac{x}{2} + 0.5772 \dots \right], & \nu = 0 \\ -\frac{\Gamma(\nu)}{\pi} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^\nu, & \nu > 0 \end{cases}$

$x \gg 1, \nu \Rightarrow J_\nu \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos\left(x - \frac{\nu\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \quad N_\nu \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin\left(x - \frac{\nu\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

- $J_\nu(x_{\nu n}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_{\nu n}$ is the n^{th} root \Rightarrow

$\nu = 0,$	$x_{0n} = 2.405,$	$5.520,$	$8.654, \dots$
$\nu = 1,$	$x_{1n} = 3.832,$	$7.016,$	$10.173, \dots$
$\nu = 2,$	$x_{2n} = 5.136,$	$8.417,$	$11.620, \dots$

$x_{\nu n} \simeq \frac{\pi}{4} (4n + 2\nu - 1) \Leftrightarrow$ asymptotic formula

• $\sqrt{\rho} J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a})$ for fixed $v \geq 0$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ form an orthogonal set on $0 \leq \rho \leq a$

proof:
$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d}{d\rho} \left[\rho \frac{d J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a})}{d\rho} \right] + \left(\frac{x_{vn}^2}{a^2} - \frac{v^2}{\rho^2} \right) J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^a J_v(x_{vn}, \frac{\rho}{a}) \left\{ \frac{d}{d\rho} \left[\rho \frac{d J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a})}{d\rho} \right] + \left(\frac{x_{vn}^2}{a^2} - \frac{v^2}{\rho^2} \right) \rho J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a}) \right\} d\rho = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho J_v(x_{vn}, \frac{\rho}{a}) \frac{d J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a})}{d\rho} \Big|_0^a \quad [= x_{vn} J_v(x_{vn}, \cdot) J'_v(x_{vn})]$$

$$+ \int_0^a \rho \left[- \frac{d J_v(x_{vn}, \frac{\rho}{a})}{d\rho} \frac{d J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a})}{d\rho} + \left(\frac{x_{vn}^2}{a^2} - \frac{v^2}{\rho^2} \right) J_v(x_{vn}, \frac{\rho}{a}) J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a}) \right] d\rho = 0 \quad (*')$$

write down the same equation, with n and n' interchanged, and subtract

$$\Rightarrow (x_{vn}^2 - x_{vn'}^2) \int_0^a \rho J_v(x_{vn}, \frac{\rho}{a}) J_v(x_{vn'} \frac{\rho}{a}) d\rho = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{orthogonality condition QED}$$

• The normalization integral:
$$\int_0^a \rho J_v(x_{vn}, \frac{\rho}{a}) J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a}) d\rho = \frac{a^2}{2} J_{v\pm 1}^2(x_{vn}) \delta_{n'n}$$

Proof: (#)
$$\Rightarrow J_{v\pm 1} = \frac{v}{x} J_v \mp J'_v \Rightarrow J_{v\pm 1}(x_{vn}) = \mp J'_v(x_{vn}) \Rightarrow J_v'^2(x_{vn}) = J_{v\pm 1}^2(x_{vn})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (*') - (n \leftrightarrow n') &\Rightarrow x_{vn} J_v(x_{vn'}) J'_v(x_{vn}) - x_{vn'} J_v(x_{vn}) J'_v(x_{vn'}) \\
 &= \frac{x_{vn'}^2 - x_{vn}^2}{a^2} \int_0^a \rho J_v(x_{vn'} \frac{\rho}{a}) J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a}) d\rho
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{vn'} = x_{vn} + \epsilon \Rightarrow J_v(x_{vn'}) \approx J_v(x_{vn}) + \epsilon J'_v(x_{vn})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow x_{vn} J_v(x_{vn'}) J'_v(x_{vn}) - x_{vn'} J_v(x_{vn}) J'_v(x_{vn'}) &\approx \epsilon x_{vn} J_v''(x_{vn}) \Leftrightarrow J_v(x_{vn}) = 0 \\
 \frac{x_{vn'}^2 - x_{vn}^2}{a^2} \int_0^a \rho J_v(x_{vn'} \frac{\rho}{a}) J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a}) d\rho &\approx \frac{2 x_{vn} \epsilon}{a^2} \int_0^a \rho J_v^2(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a}) d\rho
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^a \rho J_v^2(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a}) d\rho = \frac{a^2}{2} J_v''(x_{vn}) = \frac{a^2}{2} J_{v\pm 1}^2(x_{vn}) \quad \text{QED}$$

- Assuming the set of Bessel functions is complete, the Fourier-Bessel series of f

$$f(\rho) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{vn} J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a}), \quad \begin{matrix} 0 \leq \rho < a \\ v \geq -1 \end{matrix} \Leftrightarrow A_{vn} = \frac{2}{a^2 J_{v+1}^2(x_{vn})} \int_0^a \rho f(\rho) J_v(x_{vn} \frac{\rho}{a}) d\rho$$

- the Fourier-Bessel series is appropriate to functions vanishing at $\rho=a$, ie homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions on a cylinder.
- an alternative expansion is in a series of functions $\sqrt{\rho} J_v(y_{vn} \rho/a)$ where y_{vn} is the n^{th} root of $J'_v(x)=0$, and is useful for functions with vanishing slope at $\rho=a$.

- The reason is that, in proving the orthogonality of the functions, it needs

$$J_\nu(x_{\nu n}) \text{ or } J'_\nu(y_{\nu n}) = 0 \Rightarrow x J'_\nu(x) + \lambda J_\nu(x) = 0 \text{ at the endpoints} \Leftarrow \lambda = \begin{bmatrix} x_{\nu n} / a \\ y_{\nu n} / a \end{bmatrix}$$

- Some of the other possibilities

$$\text{Neumann series: } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n J_{\nu+n}(z), \quad \text{Schlomilch series: } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n J_\nu(nx)$$

$$\text{Kapteyn series: } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n J_{\nu+n}[(\nu+n)z] \Leftarrow \text{Kepler motion of planets and of radiation by moving charges}$$

- If $\frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} + k^2 Z = 0 \Rightarrow Z(z) = \sin kz, \cos kz$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 R}{d\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dR}{d\rho} - \left(k^2 + \frac{\nu^2}{\rho^2}\right) R = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 R}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{dR}{dx} - \left(1 + \frac{\nu^2}{x^2}\right) R = 0 \Leftarrow x = k\rho$$

$$\Rightarrow I_\nu(x) = i^{-\nu} J_\nu(ix), \quad K_\nu(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} i^{\nu+1} H_\nu^{(1)}(ix) \Leftarrow \text{modified Bessel functions}$$

$$v \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \ll 1 \Rightarrow I_\nu(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^\nu, \quad K_\nu(x) \rightarrow \begin{cases} -\left[\ln \frac{x}{2} + 0.5772 \dots\right], & \nu = 0 \\ \frac{\Gamma(\nu)}{2} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^\nu, & \nu \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$x \gg 1, \nu \Rightarrow I_\nu(x) \rightarrow \frac{e^x}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} [1 + O(x^{-1})], \quad K_\nu(x) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} e^{-x} [1 + O(x^{-1})]$$

§3.8 Boundary-Value Problems in Cylindrical Coordinates

• The potential on the side and the bottom is zero, the top is $\Phi = V(\rho, \phi)$

$$\Rightarrow Q(\phi) = A \sin m \phi + B \cos m \phi, \quad Z(z) = \sinh k z$$

$$\Rightarrow R(\rho) = C J_m(k \rho) + D N_m(k \rho) \leftarrow m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$R(0) = \text{finite} \Rightarrow D = 0 \leftarrow N_m(\rho=0) \rightarrow \infty$$

$$R(k a) = 0 \Rightarrow k_{m n} = x_{m n} / a, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \leftarrow J_m(x_{m n}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(k_{m n} \rho) \sinh k_{m n} z$$

$$(A_{m n} \sin m \phi + B_{m n} \cos m \phi)$$

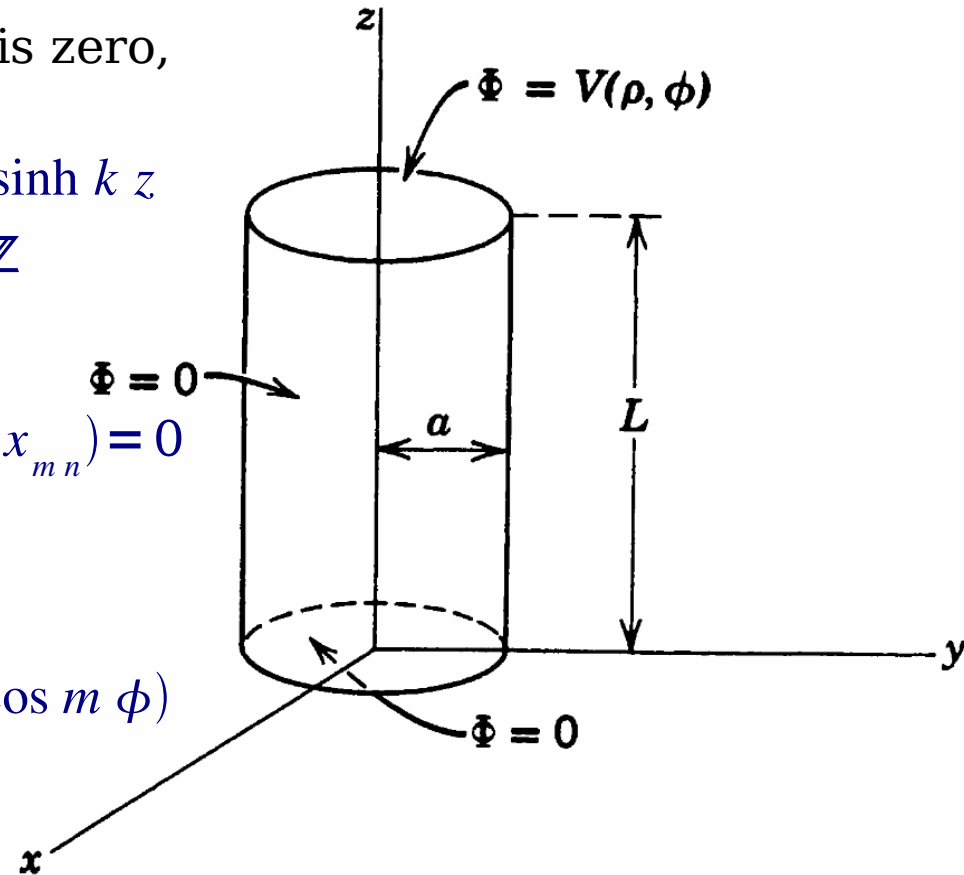
$$\Rightarrow V = \sum_{m, n} J_m(k_{m n} \rho) \sinh k_{m n} L$$

$$(A_{m n} \sin m \phi + B_{m n} \cos m \phi)$$

$$A_{m n} = \frac{2 \operatorname{csch} k_{m n} L}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(k_{m n} a)} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^a \rho V J_m(k_{m n} \rho) \sin m \phi d\rho$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{m n} = \frac{2 \operatorname{csch} k_{m n} L}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(k_{m n} a)} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^a \rho V J_m(k_{m n} \rho) \cos m \phi d\rho$$

using $B_{0 n} / 2$ for $m = 0$



- If $a \rightarrow \infty$ and $0 \leq z \rightarrow \infty$ $\Rightarrow \Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-kz} J_m(k\rho) [A_m(k) \sin m\phi + B_m(k) \cos m\phi] dk$

If $\Phi(z=0) = V \Rightarrow V(\rho, \phi) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} J_m(k\rho) [A_m(k) \sin m\phi + B_m(k) \cos m\phi] dk$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} J_m(k\rho) \begin{Bmatrix} A_m(k) \\ B_m(k) \end{Bmatrix} dk = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V(\rho, \phi) \begin{Bmatrix} \sin m\phi \\ \cos m\phi \end{Bmatrix} d\phi$$

- These radial integral equations of the 1st kind can be solved since they are *Hankel transforms*.

- Using the integral relation

$$\int_0^{\infty} x J_m(kx) J_m(k'x) dx = \frac{1}{k} \delta(k' - k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} A_m(k) \\ B_m(k) \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{k}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \rho d\rho \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi V(\rho, \phi) J_m(k\rho) \begin{Bmatrix} \sin m\phi \\ \cos m\phi \end{Bmatrix} \quad \& \text{ using } \frac{1}{2} B_0(k) \text{ for } m=0$$

- $J_\nu(kx)$'s for fixed ν , $\text{Re}(\nu) > -1$, form a complete, orthogonal (in k) set on the interval $0 < x < \infty$. For m fixed

$$A(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \tilde{A}(k) J_\nu(kx) dk \quad \Leftarrow \quad \tilde{A}(k) = k \int_0^{\infty} x A(x) J_\nu(kx) dx$$

- Spherical Bessel function $j_\ell(z) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2z}} J_{\ell+1/2}(z)$, $z \in \mathbb{N} \cup 0$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty r^2 j_\ell(kr) j_\ell(k'r) dr = \frac{\pi}{2k^2} \delta(k - k') \quad \Leftarrow \text{orthogonality relation}$$

$$\int_0^\infty k^2 j_\ell(kr) j_\ell(kr') dk = \frac{\pi}{2r^2} \delta(r - r') \quad \Leftarrow \text{completeness relation}$$

- The Fourier-spherical Bessel expansion for a given ℓ

$$A(r) = \int_0^\infty \tilde{A}(k) j_\ell(kr) dk \quad \Leftarrow \quad \tilde{A}(k) = \frac{2k^2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty r^2 A(r) j_\ell(kr) dr$$

- useful for current decay in conducting media or time-dependent magnetic diffusion with angular symmetry. [Chapter 9]

§3.9 Expansion of Green Functions in Spherical Coordinates

- To handle problems involving distributions of charge and boundary values for the solutions of the Poisson equation, it needs to determine the Green function that satisfies the appropriate boundary conditions.

- For the case of no boundary surfaces, the expansion of the Green function

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1} \frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

- to obtain a similar expansion for the Green function for the "exterior" problem with a spherical boundary at $r=a$, which is found from the image form method

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sum_{\ell, m} \frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1} \left[\frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} - \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{a^2}{r_{<} r_{>}} \right)^{\ell+1} \right] Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

where

$$\frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} - \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{a^2}{r_{<} r_{>}} \right)^{\ell+1} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} \left[r_{<}^{\ell} - \frac{a^{2\ell+1}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} \right], & r < r' \Rightarrow \text{vanishes for } r = a \text{ or } r' \rightarrow \infty \\ \frac{1}{r_{<}^{\ell+1}} \left[r_{>}^{\ell} - \frac{a^{2\ell+1}}{r_{<}^{\ell+1}} \right], & r > r' \Rightarrow \text{vanishes for } r' = a \text{ or } r \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

- symmetric in r and r' .

- The reason for different linear combinations for $r < r'$ and for $r > r'$ is connected with the fact that the Green function is a solution of the Poisson equation with a delta function inhomogeneity.

- From first principles, a Green function for a Dirichlet potential problem

$$\nabla_x^2 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = -4\pi \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = 0 \quad \text{for either } \mathbf{x} \text{ or } \mathbf{x}' \text{ on the boundary}$$

$$\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') = \frac{1}{r^2} \delta(r - r') \delta(\phi - \phi') \delta(\cos \theta - \cos \theta')$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \delta(r - r') \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} A_{\ell m}(r|r', \theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A_{\ell m}(r|r', \theta', \phi') = g_{\ell}(r, r') Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') \\ \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} [r g_{\ell}(r, r')] - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} g_{\ell}(r, r') = -\frac{4\pi}{r^2} \delta(r - r') \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_{\ell}(r, r') = \begin{cases} A r^{\ell} + B r^{-(\ell+1)} & \text{for } r < r' \\ A' r^{\ell} + B' r^{-(\ell+1)} & \text{for } r > r' \end{cases}$$

- A, B, A', B' are functions of r' to be determined by the boundary conditions, the requirement implied by $\delta(r-r')$, and the symmetry of $g_{\ell}(r, r')$ in r and r' .

- Suppose that the boundary surfaces are concentric spheres at $r=a$ and $r=b$

$$\Rightarrow g_\ell(a, r') = g_\ell(b, r') = 0 \Rightarrow g_\ell(r, r') = \begin{cases} A \left(r^\ell - \frac{a^{2\ell+1}}{r^{\ell+1}} \right), & \text{for } r < r' \\ B' \left(\frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}} - \frac{r^\ell}{b^{2\ell+1}} \right), & \text{for } r > r' \end{cases}$$

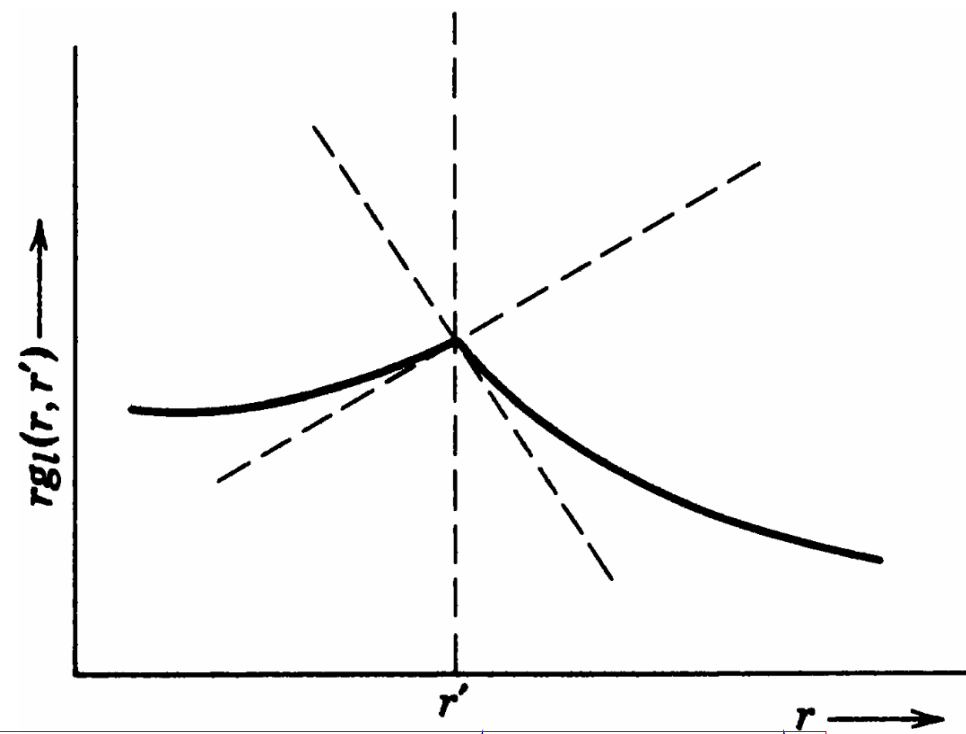
$$\Rightarrow g_\ell(r, r') = C \left(r_{<}^\ell - \frac{a^{2\ell+1}}{r_{<}^{\ell+1}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} - \frac{r_{>}^\ell}{b^{2\ell+1}} \right) \Leftarrow \text{symmetry in } r \text{ and } r'$$

$$\int_{r'-\epsilon}^{r'+\epsilon} \left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} [r g_\ell(r, r')] - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r} g_\ell(r, r') \right] dr = - \int_{r'-\epsilon}^{r'+\epsilon} \frac{4\pi}{r} \delta(r - r') dr$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dr} [r g_\ell(r, r')] \Big|_{r'+\epsilon} - \frac{d}{dr} [r g_\ell(r, r')] \Big|_{r'-\epsilon} = -\frac{4\pi}{r'}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dr} [r g_\ell(r, r')] \Big|_{r'+\epsilon} &= C \left(r'^\ell - \frac{a^{2\ell+1}}{r'^{\ell+1}} \right) \left[\frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{1}{r^\ell} - \frac{r^{\ell+1}}{b^{2\ell+1}} \right) \right]_{r=r'} \\ &= -\frac{C}{r'} \left[1 - \left(\frac{a}{r'} \right)^{2\ell+1} \right] \left[\ell + (\ell+1) \left(\frac{r'}{b} \right)^{2\ell+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dr} [r g_\ell(r, r')] \Big|_{r'=\epsilon} \\ &= \frac{C}{r'} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r'}{b}\right)^{2\ell+1} \right] \left[\ell + 1 + \ell \left(\frac{a}{r'}\right)^{2\ell+1} \right] \\ \Rightarrow C &= \frac{4\pi}{(2\ell+1) \left[1 - \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2\ell+1} \right]} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \frac{4\pi Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)}{(2\ell+1) [1 - (a/b)^{2\ell+1}]} \left(r_{<}^{\ell} - \frac{a^{2\ell+1}}{r_{<}^{\ell+1}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} - \frac{r_{>}^{\ell}}{b^{2\ell+1}} \right) \\ &\rightarrow \sum_{\ell, m} \frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1} \left[\frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} - \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{a^2}{r_{<} r_{>}}\right)^{\ell+1} \right] Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) \quad \text{for } b \rightarrow \infty \\ &\rightarrow \sum_{\ell, m} \frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1} \frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) \quad \text{for } a \rightarrow 0, b \rightarrow \infty \\ &\rightarrow \sum_{\ell, m} \frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1} \left[\frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} - \frac{1}{b} \left(\frac{r_{<} r_{>}}{b^2}\right)^{\ell} \right] Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) \quad \text{for } a \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

§3.10 Solution of Potential Problems with the Spherical Green Function Expansion

- The general solution to the Poisson eqn with specified values of the potential on the boundary surface

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\mathbf{x}') G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') d^3x' - \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \Phi(\mathbf{x}') \frac{\partial G}{\partial n'} da'$$

- consider the potential *inside* a sphere of radius b and set $a=0$

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial n'} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial r'} \Big|_{r'=b} = -\frac{4\pi}{b^2} \sum_{\ell, m} \left(\frac{r}{b}\right)^\ell Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi(\mathbf{x}') = V(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}') = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\ell m} \left[\int V(\theta', \phi') Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \phi') d\Omega' \right] \left(\frac{r}{b}\right)^\ell Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

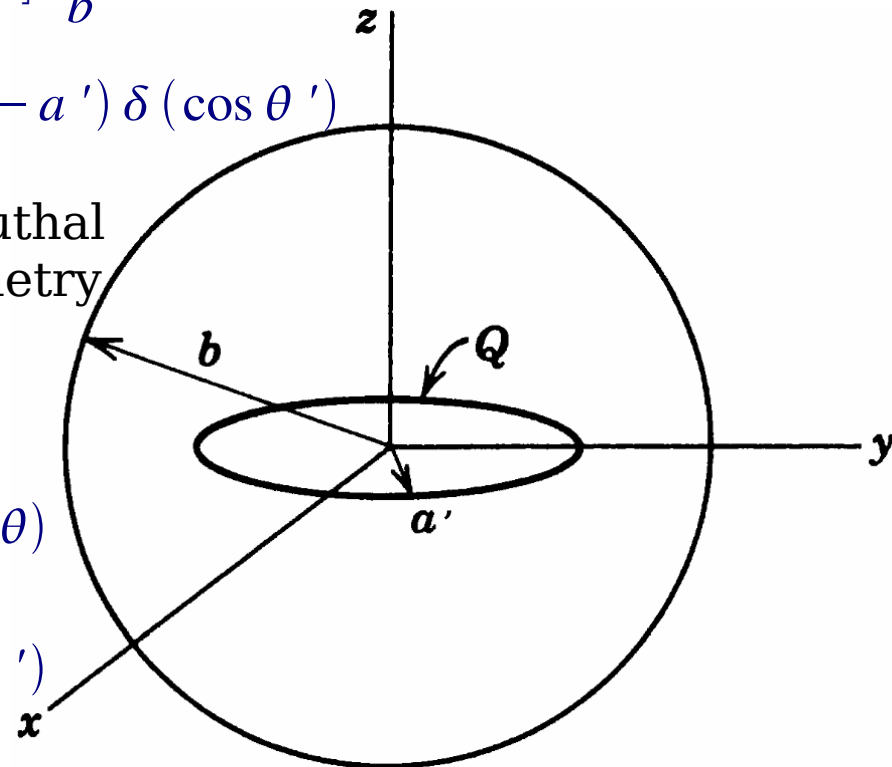
- Now consider $V=0$ & $\rho(\mathbf{x}') = \frac{Q}{2\pi a'^2} \delta(r' - a') \delta(\cos\theta')$

only terms with $m=0$ survive because of azimuthal symmetry

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

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} P_\ell(0) \left(\frac{r_{<}^\ell}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} - \frac{r_{<}^\ell r_{>}^\ell}{b^{2\ell+1}} \right) P_\ell(\cos\theta)$$

where $r_{<} = \min(r, a')$, $r_{>} = \max(r, a')$



$$P_{2n+1}(0) = 0, \quad P_{2n}(0) = \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{2^n n!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{2^n n!} \left(\frac{r_{<}^{2n}}{r_{>}^{2n+1}} - \frac{r_{<}^{2n} r_{>}^{2n}}{b^{4n+1}} \right) P_{2n}(\cos\theta)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{2^n n!} \frac{r_{<}^{2n}}{r_{>}^{2n+1}} P_{2n}(\cos\theta) \quad \Leftarrow \quad b \rightarrow \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Sec. III}$$

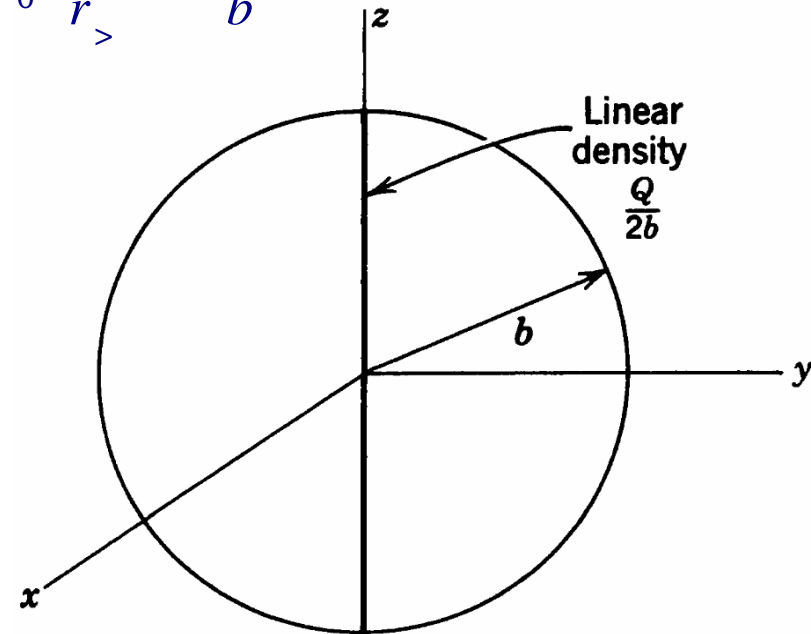
• 2nd example: $V=0$ & $\rho(\mathbf{x}') = \frac{Q}{4\pi b r'^2} [\delta(\cos\theta' - 1) + \delta(\cos\theta' + 1)]$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{Q}{8\pi\epsilon_0 b} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} [P_{\ell}(1) + P_{\ell}(-1)] P_{\ell}(\cos\theta) \int_0^b \left(\frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} - \frac{r_{<}^{\ell} r_{>}^{\ell}}{b^{2\ell+1}} \right) dr'$$

$$\int_0^b \left(\frac{r_{<}^{\ell}}{r_{>}^{\ell+1}} - \frac{r_{<}^{\ell} r_{>}^{\ell}}{b^{2\ell+1}} \right) dr' = \left(\frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}} - \frac{r^{\ell}}{b^{2\ell+1}} \right) \int_0^r r'^{\ell} dr'$$

$$+ r^{\ell} \int_r^b \left(\frac{1}{r'^{\ell+1}} - \frac{r'^{\ell}}{b^{2\ell+1}} \right) dr'$$

$$= \frac{2\ell+1}{\ell(\ell+1)} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{b} \right)^{\ell} \right]$$



special for $\ell=0$: $\int_0^b \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{b}\right) dr' = \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{b}\right) \int_0^r dr' + \int_r^b \left(\frac{1}{r'} - \frac{1}{b}\right) dr' = \ln \frac{b}{r}$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b} \left\{ \ln \frac{b}{r} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{4\ell+1}{2\ell(2\ell+1)} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{b}\right)^{2\ell} \right] P_{2\ell}(\cos\theta) \right\} \Leftarrow P_{\ell}(-1) = (-1)^{\ell}$$

- the potential diverges along the z axis for $\cos\theta = \pm 1$, except at $r=b$ exactly.
- The surface-charge density on the grounded sphere

$$\sigma(\theta) = \epsilon_0 \left. \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \right|_{r=b} = -\frac{Q}{4\pi b^2} \left[1 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{4\ell+1}{2\ell+1} P_{2\ell}(\cos\theta) \right]$$

- The leading term shows that the total charge induced on the sphere is $-Q$, the other terms integrating to zero over the surface of the sphere.

§3.11 Expansion of Green Functions in Cylindrical Coordinates

- the eqn for the Green function: $\nabla_x^2 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = -\frac{4\pi}{\rho} \delta(\rho - \rho') \delta(\phi - \phi') \delta(z - z')$
- The delta functions can be written in terms of orthonormal functions:

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

$$\delta(z - z') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ik(z - z')} dk = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \cos k(z - z') dk$$

$$\Rightarrow G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{im(\phi - \phi')} \cos k(z - z') g_m(k, \rho, \rho') dk$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d}{d\rho} \left(\rho \frac{d g_m}{d\rho} \right) - \left(k^2 + \frac{m^2}{\rho^2} \right) g_m = -\frac{4\pi}{\rho} \delta(\rho - \rho') \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} I_m(k\rho) \\ K_m(k\rho) \end{matrix} \text{ for } \rho \neq \rho'$$

Let $\begin{cases} \psi_1(k\rho) = A I_m(k\rho) + B K_m(k\rho) & \text{satisfies the boundary condition for } \rho < \rho' \\ \psi_2(k\rho) = C I_m(k\rho) + D K_m(k\rho) & \text{satisfies the boundary condition for } \rho > \rho' \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow g_m(k, \rho, \rho') = \psi_1(k\rho_{<}) \psi_2(k\rho_{>}) \leftarrow \text{the symmetry of the Green function}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{d g_m}{d\rho} \right|_{\rho'+\epsilon} - \left. \frac{d g_m}{d\rho} \right|_{\rho'-\epsilon} = k \begin{vmatrix} \psi_1 & \psi_2 \\ \psi_1' & \psi_2' \end{vmatrix} \left(= k \underbrace{W[\psi_1, \psi_2]}_{\text{Wronskian}} \right) = -\frac{4\pi}{\rho'}$$

- the Sturm-Liouville type equation: $\frac{d}{dx} \left[p(x) \frac{dy}{dx} \right] + g(x) y = 0$

- the Wronskian of 2 linearly independent solutions of a Sturm-Liouville type

eqn is proportional to $1/p(x) \Rightarrow W[\psi_1(x), \psi_2(x)] = -\frac{4\pi}{x}$

- $\begin{cases} g_m(k, 0, \rho') \text{ is finite} \\ g_m(k, \infty, \rho') = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \psi_1(k\rho) = A I_m(k\rho) \\ \psi_2(k\rho) = K_m(k\rho) \end{cases} \Rightarrow A = 4\pi \Leftarrow W[I_m(x), K_m(x)] = -\frac{1}{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} I_m(k\rho_{<}) K_m(k\rho_{>}) \cos k(z - z') e^{im(\phi - \phi')} dk$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} I_0(k\rho_{<}) K_0(k\rho_{>}) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} I_m(k\rho_{<}) K_m(k\rho_{>}) \cos m(\phi - \phi') \right] \cos k(z - z') dk$$

- $\mathbf{x}' \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$ only the $m=0$ term survives $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2}} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} K_0(k\rho) \cos kz dk$

$$\Rightarrow K_0(k \sqrt{\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos(\phi - \phi')})$$

$$= I_0(k\rho_{<}) K_0(k\rho_{>}) + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} I_m(k\rho_{<}) K_m(k\rho_{>}) \cos m(\phi - \phi')$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{1}{\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos(\phi - \phi')} = 2 \ln \frac{1}{\rho_{<}} + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\rho_{<}}{\rho_{>}} \right)^m \cos m(\phi - \phi') \Leftarrow k \rightarrow 0$$

§3.12 Eigenfunction Expansions for Green Functions

- Elliptic differential equation $\nabla^2 \psi(\mathbf{x}) + [f(\mathbf{x}) + \lambda] \psi(\mathbf{x}) = 0$
- If the solutions are required to satisfy homogeneous boundary conditions on the surface S of the volume of V , then the eqn will not in general have well-behaved solutions, except for certain values of λ .
- These values of λ , denoted by λ_n , are called *eigenvalues* (or *characteristic values*) and the solutions $\psi_n(x)$ are called *eigenfunctions* : $\nabla^2 \psi_n(\mathbf{x}) + [f(\mathbf{x}) + \lambda_n] \psi_n(\mathbf{x}) = 0$
- the eigenfunctions are orthogonal: $\int_V \psi_m^*(\mathbf{x}) \psi_n(\mathbf{x}) d^3 x = \delta_{mn}$ & assumed complete
- The spectrum of eigenvalues λ_n may be a discrete set, or a continuum, or both.
- To find the Green function: $\nabla_x^2 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') + [f(\mathbf{x}) + \lambda] G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = -4\pi \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$

$$\Rightarrow G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sum_n a_n(\mathbf{x}') \psi_n(\mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow \sum_m a_m(\mathbf{x}') (\lambda - \lambda_m) \psi_m(\mathbf{x}) = -4\pi \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n(\mathbf{x}') = 4\pi \frac{\psi_n^*(\mathbf{x}')}{\lambda_n - \lambda} \Leftarrow \int_V \psi_n^*(\mathbf{x}) \left[\sum_m a_m(\mathbf{x}') (\lambda - \lambda_m) \psi_m(\mathbf{x}) = -4\pi \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \right] d^3 x$$

$$\Rightarrow G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = 4\pi \sum_n \frac{\psi_n^*(\mathbf{x}') \psi_n(\mathbf{x})}{\lambda_n - \lambda} \rightarrow 4\pi \int \frac{\psi_n^*(\mathbf{x}', \lambda') \psi_n(\mathbf{x}, \lambda')}{\lambda' - \lambda} d\lambda' \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{for} \\ \text{continuous} \end{array}$$

- Consider $f(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla_x^2 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = -4\pi \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$

- the eigenfunctions for the wave equation: $(\nabla^2 + k^2) \psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow \psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \int \psi_{\mathbf{k}'}^*(\mathbf{x}) \psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}) d^3x = \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \Rightarrow G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')}}{k^2} d^3k$$

3d Fourier integration of $1/|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|$

- 2nd ex: a box defined with $x=y=z=0, x=a, y=b, z=c$: $(\nabla^2 + k_{\ell m n}^2) \psi_{\ell m n}(x, y, z) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_{\ell m n}(x, y, z) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{abc}} \sin \frac{\ell \pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m \pi y}{b} \sin \frac{n \pi z}{c} \Leftarrow k_{\ell m n}^2 = \pi^2 \left(\frac{\ell^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2} + \frac{n^2}{c^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \frac{32}{\pi abc} \sum_{\ell, m, n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \frac{\ell \pi x}{a} \sin \frac{\ell \pi x'}{a} \sin \frac{m \pi y}{b} \sin \frac{m \pi y'}{b} \sin \frac{n \pi z}{c} \sin \frac{n \pi z'}{c}}{\ell^2/a^2 + m^2/b^2 + n^2/c^2}$$

$$= \frac{16\pi}{ab} \sum_{\ell, m=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{\ell \pi x}{a} \sin \frac{\ell \pi x'}{a} \sin \frac{m \pi y}{b} \sin \frac{m \pi y'}{b} \frac{\sinh(K_{\ell m} z_{<}) \sinh[K_{\ell m}(c - z_{>})]}{K_{\ell m} \sinh(K_{\ell m} c)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sinh(K_{\ell m} z_{<}) \sinh[K_{\ell m}(c - z_{>})]}{K_{\ell m} \sinh(K_{\ell m} c)} = \frac{2}{c} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \frac{n \pi z'}{c}}{K_{\ell m}^2 + \left(\frac{n \pi}{c}\right)^2} \sin \frac{n \pi z}{c} \Leftarrow K_{\ell m} = \pi \sqrt{\frac{\ell^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2}}$$

§3.13 Mixed Boundary Conditions; Conducting Plane with a Circular Hole

• Mixed boundary conditions are more difficult to handle than the normal one.

• an infinitely thin, grounded, conducting plane with a circular hole of radius a , and with E far from the hole being normal to the plane, constant in magnitude, and having different values on either side.

$$E = \begin{cases} -E_0 & \text{for } z \rightarrow +\infty \\ -E_1 & \text{for } z \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi = \begin{cases} E_0 z + \Phi^{(1)} & \text{for } z > 0 \\ E_1 z + \Phi^{(1)} & \text{for } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

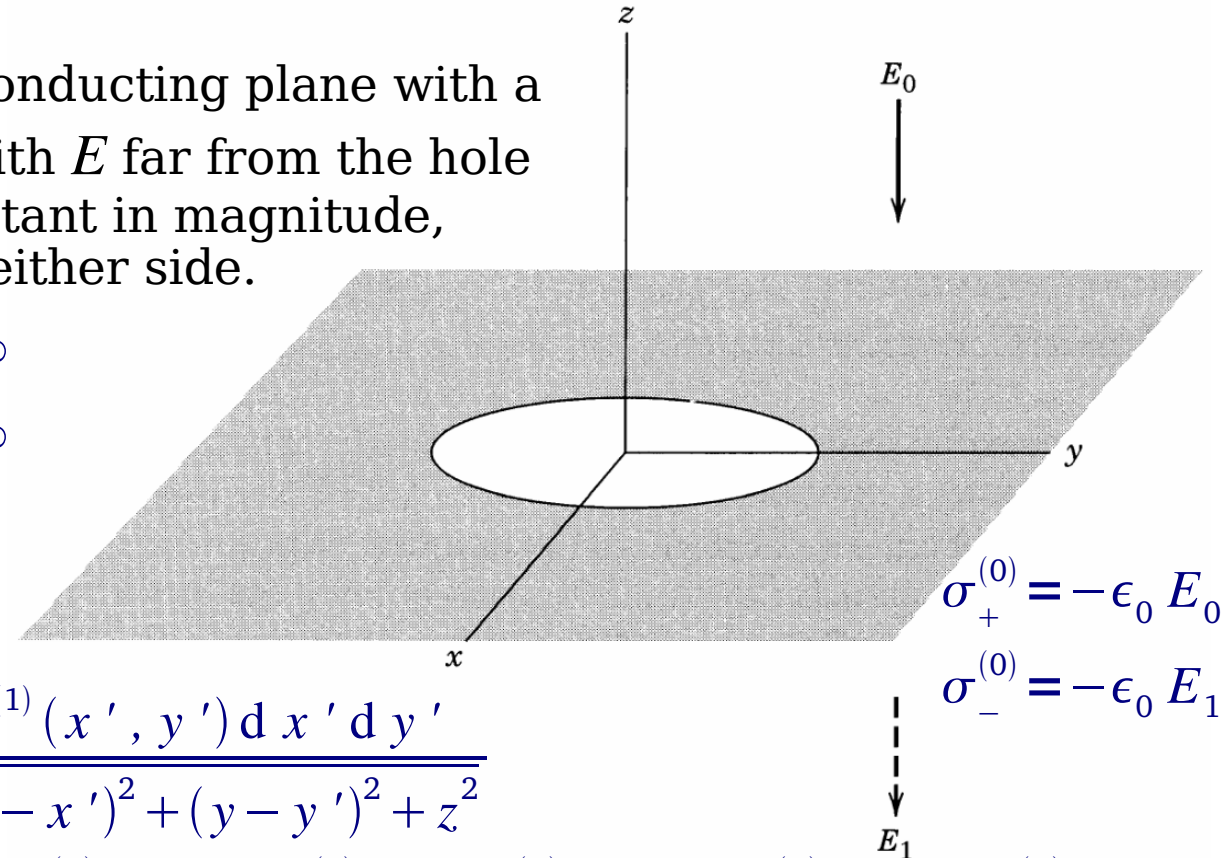
$$\Rightarrow \Phi^{(1)}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\sigma^{(1)}(x', y') dx' dy'}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + z^2}}$$

$$\Phi^{(1)}(z) = \Phi^{(1)}(-z) \Rightarrow E_x^{(1)}(z) = E_x^{(1)}(-z), \quad E_y^{(1)}(z) = E_y^{(1)}(-z), \quad E_z^{(1)}(z) = -E_z^{(1)}(-z)$$

• the *total* z -component of E field must be continuous across $z=0$ in the hole

$$-E_0 + E_z^{(1)} \Big|_{z=0^+} = -E_1 + E_z^{(1)} \Big|_{z=0^-} \quad \text{for } \rho < a \Rightarrow E_z^{(1)} \Big|_{z=0^+} = -E_z^{(1)} \Big|_{z=0^-} = \frac{E_0 - E_1}{2}$$

• the potential is zero on the surface by hypothesis: $\Phi(a \leq \rho < \infty, z=0) = 0$



$$\sigma_+^{(0)} = -\epsilon_0 E_0$$

$$\sigma_-^{(0)} = -\epsilon_0 E_1$$

E_1

- an electrostatic boundary-value problem with the *mixed boundary conditions*:

$$\left. \frac{\partial \Phi^{(1)}}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0^+} = \frac{E_1 - E_0}{2} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \rho < a \quad (\&) \Rightarrow \Phi^{(1)}(\rho, z) = \int_0^\infty A(k) J_0(k\rho) e^{-k|z|} dk$$

$$\Phi^{(1)} \Big|_{z=0} = 0 \quad \text{for } a \leq \rho < \infty$$

- For large ρ or $|z|$ the rapid oscillations of $J_0(k\rho)$ or the decrease of $e^{-k|z|}$ imply that the integral receives its important contributions from the region around $k=0$

$$A(k) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^\ell}{\ell!} \frac{d^\ell A}{d k^\ell}(0) \Rightarrow \Phi^{(1)} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{d^\ell A}{d k^\ell}(0) B_\ell \Leftarrow B_\ell = \frac{1}{\ell!} \int_0^\infty k^\ell J_0(k\rho) e^{-k|z|} dk$$

$$\Rightarrow B_\ell = \frac{(-1)^\ell}{\ell!} \frac{d^\ell}{d|z|^\ell} \int_0^\infty J_0(k\rho) e^{-k|z|} dk = \frac{(-1)^\ell}{\ell!} \frac{d^\ell}{d|z|^\ell} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2}} = \frac{P_\ell(|\cos \theta|)}{r^{\ell+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi^{(1)} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_\ell(\cos \theta)}{r^{\ell+1}} \frac{d^\ell A}{d k^\ell}(0) \Leftarrow \text{multipole expansion} \left[\begin{array}{l} A(0) \quad \text{total charge} \\ \frac{dA}{dk}(0) \quad \text{dipole moment} \\ \dots \end{array} \right.$$

- For the mixed boundary value problem

$$(\&) \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty k A(k) J_0(k\rho) dk = \frac{E_0 - E_1}{2} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \rho < a \quad \text{dual integral equations}$$

$$\int_0^\infty A(k) J_0(k\rho) dk = 0 \quad \text{for } a \leq \rho < \infty$$

- Consider the dual integral equations

$$\int_0^\infty y g(y) J_n(yx) dy = x^n \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x < 1 \Rightarrow g(y) = \frac{\Gamma(n+1) j_{n+1}(y)}{\Gamma(n+3/2) \sqrt{\pi}} = \frac{\Gamma(n+1) J_{n+3/2}(y)}{\Gamma(n+3/2) \sqrt{2y}}$$

$$\int_0^\infty g(y) J_n(yx) dy = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq x < \infty$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} n=0 \\ x=\rho/a \\ y=ka \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow A(k) = \frac{a^2}{\pi} (E_0 - E_1) j_1(ka) = \frac{E_0 - E_1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin ka}{k^2} - \frac{a \cos ka}{k} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow A(k \rightarrow 0) \simeq \frac{a^2 (E_0 - E_1)}{3\pi} \left[ka - \frac{(ka)^3}{10} + \dots \right] \Rightarrow A(0) = 0, \quad \frac{dA}{dk}(0) \neq 0$$

- The total charge with $\Phi^{(1)}$ is zero and the leading term is the $\ell=1$ contribution.

$$\Phi^{(1)} \rightarrow \frac{a^3 (E_0 - E_1)}{3\pi} \frac{|z|}{r^3} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p} = \mp \frac{4}{3} \epsilon_0 a^3 (\mathbf{E}_0 - \mathbf{E}_1) \quad \text{for } \begin{array}{l} z > 0 \\ < 0 \end{array} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{effective electric} \\ \text{dipole moment} \end{array}$$

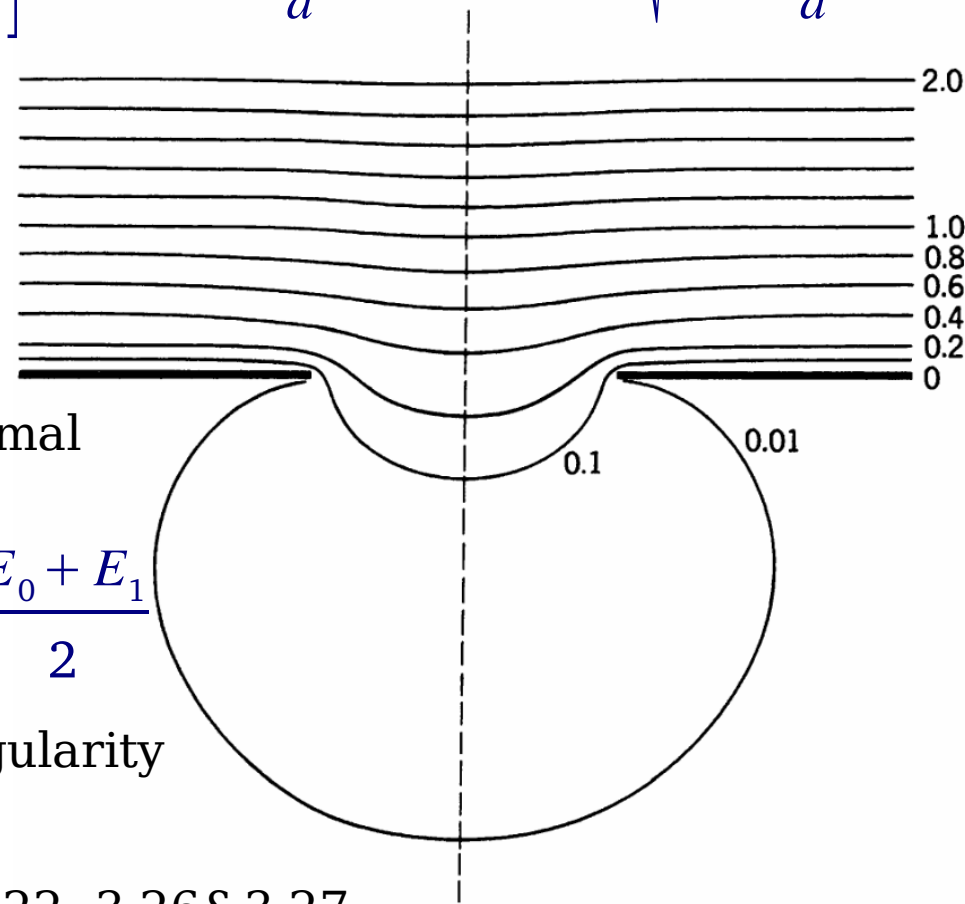
- The reversal of the effective dipole moment depending on whether the observer is above or below the plane is because that a true dipole potential is odd in z , whereas it is even here.
- The idea that a small hole in a plane conducting sheet is equivalent far from the opening to a dipole normal to the surface is important in discussing the consequences of such openings in the walls of waveguides and cavities.

- The added potential in the neighborhood of the opening

$$\Phi^{(1)} = \frac{a^2}{\pi} (E_0 - E_1) \int_0^\infty j_1(k a) J_0(k \rho) e^{-k|z|} dk = \frac{a}{\pi} (E_0 - E_1) \left[\sqrt{\frac{R - \lambda}{2}} - \frac{|z|}{a} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2}{R + \lambda}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi^{(1)}(\rho = 0) = \frac{a}{\pi} (E_0 - E_1) \left[1 - \frac{|z|}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{a}{|z|} \right] \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{\rho^2 + z^2}{a^2} - 1, \quad R = \sqrt{\lambda^2 + \frac{4z^2}{a^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{l} \Phi^{(1)} \rightarrow \frac{a^3}{3\pi z^2} (E_0 - E_1) \quad \text{for } |z| \gg a \\ \Phi^{(1)} \rightarrow \frac{E_0 - E_1}{\pi} \sqrt{a^2 - \rho^2} \quad \text{for } |z| \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right.$$



- The tangential (a radial field) and the normal electric field in the opening

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{tan}}(\rho, 0) = \frac{E_0 - E_1}{\pi} \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{a^2 - \rho^2}}, \quad E_z(\rho, 0) = -\frac{E_0 + E_1}{2}$$

- the magnitude of \mathbf{E} has a square root singularity at the edge of the opening.

- Selected problems: 3.3, 3.7, 3.12, 3.19, 3.22, 3.26&3.27