

Physics 412: Introduction to Electrodynamics

Homework 5

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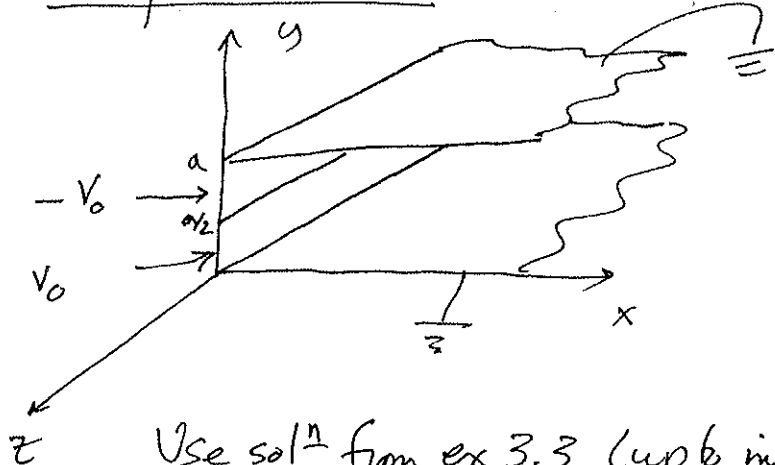
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### Prob 3.12

Find  $V$  in the infinite slot if the boundary at  $x=0$  consists of 2 strips: one from  $y=0$  to  $y=a/2$ , is held at constant potential  $V_0$ , and the other, from  $y=a/2$  to  $a$ , is at potential  $-V_0$ .



Use sol<sup>n</sup> from ex 3.3 (upb imposition of  $x=0$  BC)

$$V(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n e^{-\frac{n\pi}{a}x} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right) \quad (3.30)$$

at  $x=0$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right) = V_0(x=0, y)$$

multiply by  $\sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) dy$  and integrate over  $y = [0, a]$

$$\int_0^a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right) \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) dy = \int_0^{a/2} V_0 \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) dy = \int_{a/2}^a V_0 \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) dy$$

$$\frac{a}{2} C_{n'} = V_0 \frac{a}{n'\pi} \left[ -\cos\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) \Big|_0^{a/2} + \cos\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) \Big|_{a/2}^a \right]$$

$$= \frac{aV_0}{n'\pi} \left[ (-\cos(n'\pi/2) + 1) + (\cos(n'\pi) - \cos(n'\pi/2)) \right]$$

$$= \frac{aV_0}{n'\pi} \left[ 1 + \cos(n'\pi) - 2\cos\left(\frac{n'\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\frac{a}{2} C_{n'} = \frac{aV_0}{n'\pi} \left[ (\cos(n'\pi) + 1) - 2\cos\left(\frac{n'\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{aV_0}{n'\pi} \begin{cases} 0 & n' = \text{odd}; 4, 8, 12, 16, \dots \\ 4 & n' = 2, 6, 10, \dots \\ & = (4n+2), n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{n'} = \frac{8V_0}{n'\pi}, \quad n' = (4n+2) \text{ where } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\text{or } C_n = \frac{8V_0}{(4n+2)\pi}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$V(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8V_0}{(4n+2)\pi} e^{-\frac{n\pi}{a}x} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right)$$

### Prob 3.13

For the infiniteslbt in Ex 3.3, determine  $\sigma(y)$  at  $x=0$  assuming it has a constant potential  $V_0$

Use the "summed" sol<sup>n</sup> for Ex 3.3

$$V(x,y) = \frac{2V_0}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin(\pi y/a)}{\sinh(\pi x/a)} \right)$$

to find  $\vec{E}(x=y)$  and  $\sigma(y) = \epsilon_0 E_x$

$$E_x = -\frac{\partial V(x,y)}{\partial x} = -\frac{2V_0}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{1 + \left\{ \frac{\sin(\pi y/a)}{\sinh(\pi x/a)} \right\}^2} \right] \times \left[ \frac{-\sin(\frac{\pi y}{a})}{\sinh^2(\frac{\pi x}{a})} \frac{\pi}{a} \cosh \frac{\pi x}{a} \right]$$

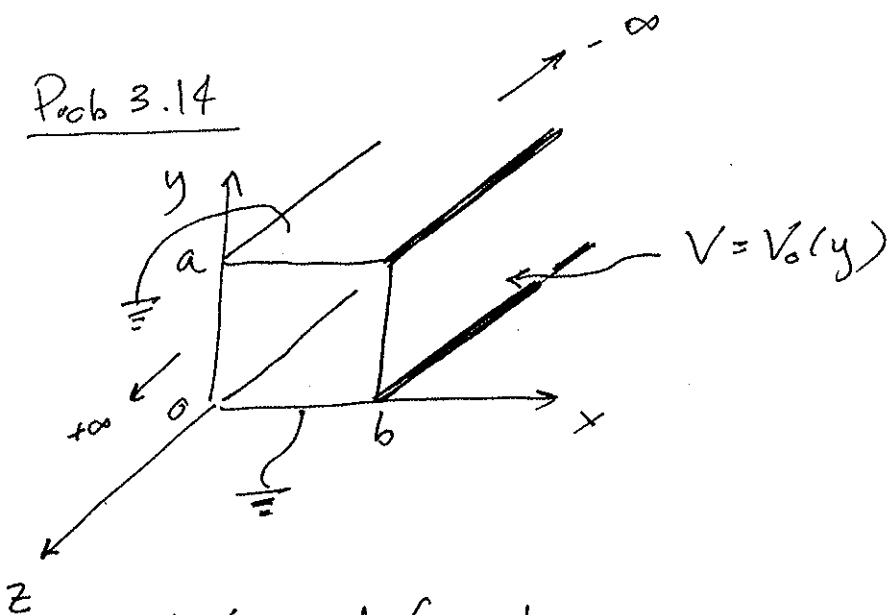
at  $x=0$

$$E_x = \frac{2V_0}{a} \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{a}\right) \frac{1}{1 + \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi y}{a}\right)}$$

and

$$\sigma(y) = \frac{2V_0 \epsilon_0}{a} \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{a}\right)}{1 + \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi y}{a}\right)} \right]$$

Prob 3.14



B.C.'s

- ①  $V = V_0(y)$  at  $x = b$
- ②  $V = 0$  at  $y = 0, a$   
 $x = 0$

a) General formula

"Basic" Solution is

$$V(x, y, z) = (C e^{+\gamma_{\alpha\beta} x} + D e^{-\gamma_{\alpha\beta} x}) (A \cos(\alpha y) + B \sin(\alpha y)) \times (E \cos(\beta z) + F \sin(\beta z))$$

Now consider BC's and symmetries

(i) Because the pipe is infinite in  $z \Rightarrow \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = 0, E = 1$

$$V(x, y) = (A \cos(\alpha y) + B \sin(\alpha y)) (C e^{\gamma_{\alpha} x} + D e^{-\gamma_{\alpha} x})$$

note:  $\beta = 0 \rightarrow \gamma_{\alpha} = \alpha$

(ii) at  $x = 0, V = 0 \Rightarrow C = -D$  and let  $C = 1$

$$V(x, y) = (A \cos \alpha y + B \sin \alpha y) \sinh(\alpha x)$$

(iii) at  $y = 0, V = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$

at  $y = a, V = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{n\pi}{a}$

$$V(x, y) = A \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} x\right)$$

(iv) at  $x=b$ ,  $V = V_0(y)$

$$V_0(y) = A \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)$$

multiply by  $\sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) dy$  and integrate over  $y = [0, a]$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^a V_0(y) \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) dy &= \int_0^a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right) \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) dy \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \\ &= \frac{a}{2} C_n' \sinh\left(\frac{n'\pi b}{a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_n' = \frac{2}{a \sinh\left(\frac{n'\pi b}{a}\right)} \int_0^a V_0(y) \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) dy$$

$$\text{and } \boxed{V(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right)}$$

b) let  $V_0(y) = V_0 \equiv \text{constant}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} C_n' \sinh\left(\frac{n'\pi b}{a}\right) &= V_0 \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi}{a}y\right) dy \\ &= -V_0 \left[ \cos(n'\pi) - 1 \right] \frac{a}{n'\pi} \\ &= -V_0 \left[ \begin{array}{ll} -2 & n' \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n' \text{ even} \end{array} \right] \frac{a}{n'\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_n' = \begin{cases} \frac{2V_0}{n'\pi \sinh\left(\frac{n'\pi b}{a}\right)}, & n' \text{ odd} \\ 0, & n' \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{V(x, y) = \sum_{n \text{ odd}}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right)}$$

Prob 3.16

Derive  $P_3(u)$  from the Rodrigues formula & check that  $P_3(u)$  satisfies the angular portion of the Laplace equation. Verify that  $P_3(u)$  and  $P_1(u)$  are orthogonal.

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$$a) P_2(u) = \frac{1}{2^2 2!} \left( \frac{d}{du} \right)^2 (u^2 - 1)^2$$

$$P_3(u) = \frac{1}{2^3 3!} \frac{d^3}{du^3} (u^2 - 1)^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{8 \times 6} \frac{d^2}{du^2} \left( 3 [u^2 - 1]^2 2u \right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{48} \frac{d}{du} \left[ 2(u^2 - 1)^2 + 4u(u^2 - 1) 2u \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[ 2(u^2 - 1) 2u + 8u(u^2 - 1) + 4u^2(2u) \right]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{2}(u^2 - 1)u + (u^2 - 1)u + (u^3) \right]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{5}{2}u^3 - \frac{3}{2}u \right]$$

$$\boxed{P_3(u) = \frac{1}{2}(5u^3 - 3u)}$$

$$b) \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \sin\theta \frac{d}{d\theta} \right) + \lambda(\lambda+1) \sin\theta \cos\theta = 0 \quad (3.60)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \sin\theta \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \frac{5}{2} \cos^3\theta - \frac{3}{2} \cos\theta \right) \right) + 12 \sin\theta \left( \frac{5}{2} \cos^3\theta - \frac{3}{2} \cos\theta \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \sin\theta \left\{ -\frac{15}{2} \cos^2\theta \sin\theta + \frac{3}{2} \sin\theta \right\} \right) + 30 \sin\theta \cos^3\theta - 18 \sin\theta \cos\theta = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left( -\frac{15}{2} \cos^2\theta \sin^2\theta + \frac{3}{2} \sin^2\theta \right) + 30 \sin\theta \cos^3\theta - 18 \sin\theta \cos\theta = 0$$

$$+ 15 \cos\theta \sin^3\theta - 15 \cos^3\theta \sin\theta + 3 \sin\theta \cos\theta + 30 \sin\theta \cos^3\theta - 18 \sin\theta \cos\theta = 0$$

$$\sin \theta \cos \theta (15 \sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta + 3 + 30 \cos^2 \theta - 18) = 0$$

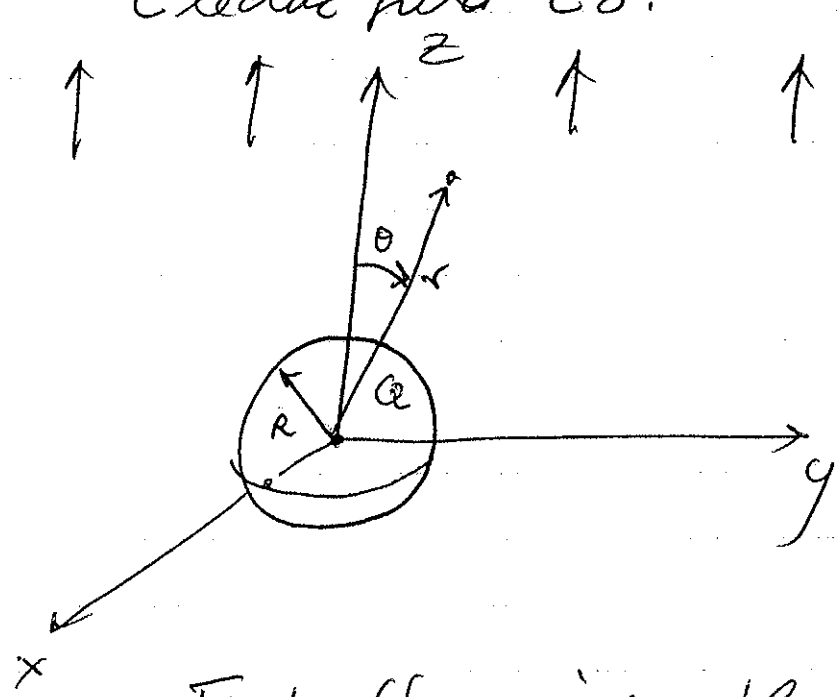
$$\sin \theta \cos \theta \left[ \underbrace{15 - 15 \cos^2 \theta - 15 \cos^2 \theta + 3 + 30 \cos^2 \theta - 18}_{\rightarrow 0, \text{ as required}} \right] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } & \int_{-1}^1 P_1(y) P_3(y) dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 y \frac{1}{2} (5y^3 - 3y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 (5y^4 - 3y^2) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{5}{5} y^5 - \frac{3}{3} y^3 \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1 - (-1) - 1 + (-1)) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



Prob 3.20

Find  $\Phi$  outside a charged metal sphere, (charge  $Q$ , Radius  $R$ ) placed in an otherwise uniform Electric field  $E_0$ .



$$\vec{E}_z = E_0 \hat{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi_{\infty} = -E_0 z + \Phi_0$$

First off, consider the grounded metal sphere case  $\Rightarrow \Phi = \Phi_0$  at  $r=R$ .

$$\Phi = \sum_l \left( A_l r^l + \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) P_l(\mu)$$

at  $r=\infty$

$$\Phi = -E_0 z + \Phi_0 = -E_0 r \mu + \Phi_0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_l = 0 \quad \text{if } l > 1$$

$$\text{and so, } \Phi = \left( A_0 + E_0 r \mu \right) + \sum_l \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\mu)$$

at  $r=R$ ,  $\Phi = \Phi_R$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi = (A_0 - E_0 R \mu) + \sum_{l \neq 1} \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\mu) = \Phi_R$$

so, (i)  $B_l = 0$ ,  $l > 1$

(ii)  $A_0 + \frac{B_0}{R} = \Phi_R \Rightarrow A_0 = \Phi_R - \frac{B_0}{R}$

(iii)  $-E_0 R + \frac{B_1}{R^2} = 0 \Rightarrow B_1 = E_0 R^3$

and

$$\Phi = \left[ \Phi_R - \frac{B_0}{R} - E_0 r \mu \right] + \frac{B_0}{r} + \frac{E_0 R^3}{r^2} \mu$$

Q: what is  $B_0$ ?

A: Use charge on sphere  $Q$  to set  $B_0$ .

at  $r=R$ ,  $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = E_n$

$$\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = - \left[ -E_0 \mu - \frac{B_0}{R^2} - 2 \frac{E_0 R^3}{R^3} \mu \right] = 3E_0 \mu + \frac{B_0}{R^2}$$

$$\sigma = \epsilon_0 \left[ 3E_0 \mu + \frac{B_0}{R^2} \right] \text{ integrates to } 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q = \oint \sigma dS &= 4\pi R^2 \epsilon_0 \int \left( 3E_0 \mu + \frac{B_0}{R^2} \right) d(-\mu) \\ &= 4\pi \epsilon_0 B_0 \Rightarrow B_0 = (Q/4\pi\epsilon_0) \end{aligned}$$

So, the solution becomes

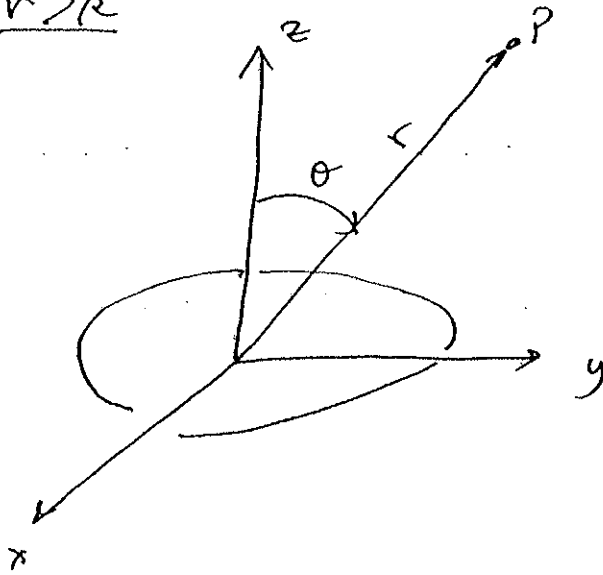
$$\Phi = \left[ \Phi_R - \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} - E_0 r \mu \right] + \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + \frac{E_0 R^3}{r^2 \mu}$$

if we gauge the  $\Phi$  of the charged sphere to 0 at  $\infty$ ,  $\Phi_R = (Q/4\pi\epsilon_0 R)$  and

$$\Phi = \left( \frac{R^3}{r^3} - 1 \right) E_0 r \mu + \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

Prob 3.21

a) Find the  $V(r, \theta)$  for a charged disk off axis. Assume  $r > R$



Use:

$$V(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \theta)$$

and  $\theta=0$

$$V(r, \theta) = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \sqrt{r^2 + R^2} - r \right]$$

to find the lowest order terms.

Solution:

(i) note:  $P_l(\eta=1) = 1$ , where  $\eta = \cos \theta$

$\Rightarrow V(r, \theta) = V(r, \theta=0) = V(r, \eta=1)$  and so,

$$V(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\theta=0) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}}$$

(ii) we also have

$$V(r, \theta=0) = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \sqrt{r^2 + R^2} - r \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ r \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2} - r \right]$$

$$\approx \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ r \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{r^2} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{R^4}{r^4} + \frac{1}{16} \frac{R^6}{r^6} \right) - r \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{r} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{R^4}{r^3} + \frac{1}{16} \frac{R^6}{r^5} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sigma R^2}{4\epsilon_0} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{R^2}{r^2} + \frac{1}{8} \frac{R^4}{r^4} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow B_0 = \frac{\sigma R^2}{4\epsilon_0}$$

$$B_2 = -\frac{\sigma R}{16\epsilon_0}$$

$$B_4 = \frac{\sigma R^6}{32\epsilon_0}$$

⋮

and  $B_l = 0$ ,  $l$  odd

so that

$$V(r, \theta) \approx \sum_{l \text{ even}}^{\infty} \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\theta)$$

b) Find  $V(r, \theta)$  for  $r < R$

(i) given,  $V(r, \theta=0) = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \sqrt{r^2 + R^2} - r \right]$

$$\approx \frac{\sigma R}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{r^2}{R^2} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{r^4}{R^4} + \frac{1}{16} \frac{r^6}{R^6} + \dots - \frac{r}{R} \right]$$

(ii)  $V(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\theta)$

let  $\theta = 0 \Rightarrow P_l(1) = 1$

above  
xy  
plane

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_0 = \frac{\sigma R}{2\epsilon_0} \\ A_1 = -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \\ A_2 = \frac{\sigma R}{4\epsilon_0 R^2} = \frac{\sigma}{4\epsilon_0 R} \\ A_3 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$A_4 = -\frac{\sigma}{16\epsilon_0 R^3}$$

⋮

$$\text{let } \theta = \pi \rightarrow P_l(-1) = (-1)^l$$

below  
xy  
plane

$$A_0^< = \frac{\sigma R}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$A_1^< = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$A_2^< = \frac{\sigma}{4\epsilon_0 R}$$

$$A_3^< = 0$$

$$A_4^< = -\frac{\sigma}{16\epsilon_0 R^3}$$

⋮

Sol<sup>n</sup> are

$$V(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \begin{pmatrix} A_l^> \\ A_l^< \end{pmatrix} r^l P_l(\theta)$$

Prob 3.23Solve Laplace's Eqn. by separation of Variables

$$\nabla^2 V = \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right] V = 0$$

let  $V = R(r) \Phi(\phi)$

$$\nabla^2 V = \left[ \frac{\Phi(\phi)}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) R(r) + \frac{R(r)}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} \right] = 0$$

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

multiply by  $r^2$

$$\underbrace{\frac{r}{R(r)} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial R(r)}{\partial r} \right)}_{+m^2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\Phi(\phi)} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2}}_{-m^2} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{A} \text{ and } \frac{1}{\Phi(\phi)} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} = -m^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} + m^2 \Phi(\phi) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\Phi(\phi) = A \cos m\phi + B \sin m\phi}$$

$$\textcircled{B} \frac{r}{R(r)} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial R(r)}{\partial r} \right) = +m^2$$

let  $R(r) = C r^\alpha$

$$\frac{r}{R(r)} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ \alpha C r^\alpha \right] = m^2$$

$$C \alpha^2 r^\alpha = m^2 C r^\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha^2 = m^2 \rightarrow \alpha = \pm m$$

$$\text{and } \boxed{R(r) = C r^m + D r^{-m}}$$

(c) Consider case when  $m=0$

$$(i) \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\Phi(\phi) = a\phi + b}$$

$$(ii) \frac{r}{R(r)} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial R(r)}{\partial r} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow r \frac{\partial R(r)}{\partial r} = c$$

$$\boxed{R(r) = c \ln r + d}$$

(d) Total solution is

$$V(r, \phi) = \left[ \cancel{2 \ln r + d} + C r^m + D r^{-m} \right] \\ (c \ln r + d)(a\phi + b) + (C r^m + D r^{-m})(A \cos m\phi + B \sin m\phi)$$

(e) General Solution is then

$$V(r, \phi) = (a\phi + b)(c \ln r + d) \\ + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( C_m r^m + \frac{D_m}{r^m} \right) (A_m \cos m\phi + B_m \sin m\phi)$$