

L12

① $\nabla^2 V = 0$ in (r, θ, φ) with azimuthal symm. $V = V(r, \theta)$ no φ .

$$\nabla^2 V(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \varphi^2} = 0.$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0.$$

$V(r, \theta) = R(r) \Theta(\theta) \Rightarrow$ separation of variables

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{\Theta \sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) = 0.$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right)}_{l(l+1)} = - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\Theta \sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right)}_{l(l+1)} \quad (\text{const}).$$

(i) $\frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) = l(l+1) \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) = l(l+1)R.$
2nd order ordinary diff. eq.

Expanding the derivative

$$r^2 \frac{d^2 R}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{dR}{dr} - l(l+1)R = 0. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

* The order of derivatives is compensated by multiplying the same order of r^n ! $\Rightarrow R$ should be $\sim r^n$ ~~and not r^{n-1}~~

Try $R \sim r^n$, for $n \geq 1$

$$r^2 n(n-1)r^{n-2} + 2r n r^{n-1} - l(l+1)r^n = 0.$$

$$\{n(n-1) + 2n - l(l+1)\} r^n = 0 \Rightarrow n = l.$$

$$\therefore R \sim r^l$$

Try $R \sim r^{-n}$ for $n \geq 1$

$$r^2 (-n)(-n-1)r^{-n-2} + 2r(-n)r^{-n-1} - l(l+1)r^{-n} = 0$$

$$\{n(n+1) - 2n - l(l+1)\} r^{-n} = 0 \Rightarrow n = l+1$$

$$\therefore R \sim r^{-(l+1)}.$$

The general solution should be

$$R_l(r) = Ar^l + \frac{B}{r^{l+1}}$$

= index.

(ii) $\frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) = -l(l+1)\sin\theta \Theta$ (2)

$\Theta(\theta) = P_l(\cos\theta)$: Legendre Polynomials

Let's $x \equiv \cos\theta$ ($-1 \leq x \leq 1$)

$$P_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^l (x^2-1)^l$$

for $l=0,1,2,\dots$

* $P_l(-x) = (-1)^l P_l(x)$.

* $P_l(x)$ has x^l the highest order term.

* $P_l(x) = 0$ has l solutions.

* $P_l(x)$ is one sol. for Eq (2)

2nd order D.E. . There should be other solutions. But they diverge at $\theta=0$, or π .

$P_0(x) = 1$
 $P_1(x) = x$
 $P_2(x) = (3x^2-1)/2$
 $P_3(x) = (5x^3-3x)/2$
 $P_4(x) = (35x^4-30x^2+3)/8$
 $P_5(x) = (63x^5-70x^3+15x)/8$

∴ $V(r,\theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(A_l r^l + \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) P_l(\cos\theta)$ with azimuthal sym.

P_l 's are orthogonal functions

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} P_l(x) P_{l'}(x) dx = \frac{2}{2l+1} \delta_{l,l'}$$

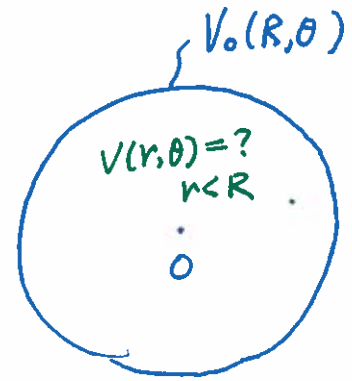
EX

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

(i) $V(r \rightarrow 0)$ should be finite (no singular).

∴ $B_l = 0$

(ii) $V(R,\theta) = V_0(\theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l R^l P_l(\cos\theta)$



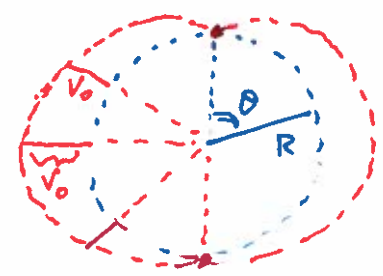
One can determine A_ℓ using the orthogonality of $P_\ell(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^{+1} P_{\ell'}(x) V_0 dx &= \int_{-1}^{+1} P_{\ell'}(x) \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} A_\ell R^\ell P_\ell(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} R^\ell \int_{-1}^{+1} P_{\ell'}(x) P_\ell(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} R^\ell A_\ell \cdot \frac{2}{2\ell+1} \delta_{\ell,\ell'} \\ &= \frac{2}{2\ell'+1} A_{\ell'} R^{\ell'} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A_{\ell'} = \frac{2\ell'+1}{2R^{\ell'}} \int_{-1}^{+1} P_{\ell'}(x) V_0 dx = \frac{2\ell'+1}{2R^{\ell'}} \int_0^\pi P_{\ell'}(\cos\theta) V_0(\theta) \frac{d(\cos\theta)}{\sin\theta} d\theta$$

For $V_0(\theta) = k \sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2})$.

$$= \frac{k}{2} (1 - \cos\theta)$$



$$\begin{aligned} A_\ell &= \frac{2\ell+1}{2R^\ell} \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{k}{2} (1-x) P_\ell(x) dx \\ &= \frac{2\ell+1}{2R^{\ell+1}} \left(\frac{k}{2}\right) \int_{-1}^{+1} (P_0 P_\ell - P_1 P_\ell) dx \\ &= \frac{2\ell+1}{2R^\ell} \left(\frac{k}{2}\right) \cdot \left[2\delta_{\ell,0} - \frac{2}{3}\delta_{\ell,1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

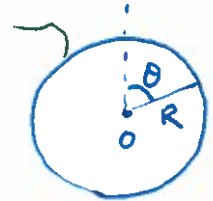
$$\therefore \left. \begin{aligned} A_0 &= \frac{k}{2R^0} = \frac{k}{2} \\ A_1 &= \frac{k}{2R} \end{aligned} \right) \underline{\underline{\text{all other } A_{\ell'} = 0}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V(r, \theta) &= \frac{k}{2} \left\{ P_0(\cos\theta) - \frac{r}{R} P_1(\cos\theta) \right\} \\ &= \frac{k}{2} \left(1 - \frac{r}{R} \cos\theta \right) \end{aligned}$$

EX

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

$$V(R, \theta) = k \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$



$$V(r, \theta) = ?$$

(i) $V(r \rightarrow \infty, \theta) = 0$.

(ii) $V(r=R, \theta) = k \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$.

(i) $A_l = 0$ ($\because \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^l = \infty$).

(ii) $V(R, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_l}{R^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \theta) = k \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{k}{2} (P_0(\cos \theta) - P_2(\cos \theta))$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\pi} V(R, \theta) P_l'(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_l}{R^{l+1}} \int_0^{\pi} P_l(\cos \theta) P_l'(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\frac{2}{2l+1} \delta_{l,l'}$$

$$\therefore B_l = \frac{2l+1}{2} R^{l+1} \int_0^{\pi} V(R, \theta) P_l(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\frac{1}{2} k \{P_0 - P_2\}}$

* Finish the calculation!

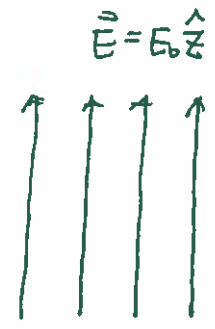
EX $V(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (A_l r^l + \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}}) P_l(\cos \theta)$

(i) $V(r=R, \theta) = 0$

(ii) For $r \gg R$, $\vec{E} \rightarrow E_0 \hat{z}$

$\therefore V \rightarrow -E_0 z + \text{const.}$
 $\rightarrow -E_0 r \cos \theta$

this should be 0
 $\because V=0$ for all
 $r=R$ ($\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$)



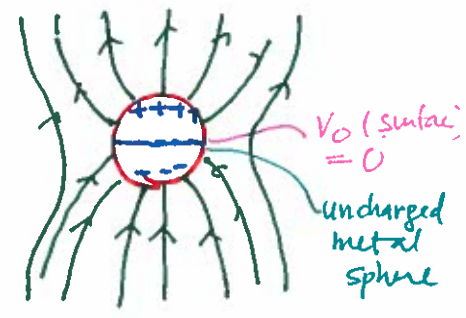
(i) $V(R, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (A_l R^l + \frac{B_l}{R^{l+1}}) P_l(\cos \theta) = 0$

should be zero for each l.

$$A_l R^l + \frac{B_l}{R^{l+1}} = 0 \Rightarrow B_l = -A_l R^{2l+1}$$

$$\therefore V(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l (r^l - \frac{R^{2l+1}}{r^{l+1}}) P_l(\cos \theta)$$

(ii) $r \gg R \Rightarrow \frac{R^{2l+1}}{r^{l+1}} \rightarrow 0$



$$V(r \gg R, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta) = -E_0 r \cos \theta P_1(\cos \theta)$$

$$\therefore A_1 = -E_0 \text{ and } A_l = 0 \text{ for } l \geq 2$$

Finally,

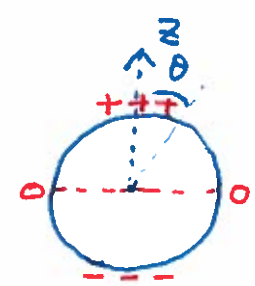
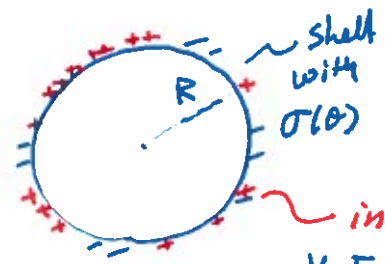
$$V(r, \theta) = -E_0 \left(r - \frac{R^3}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta$$

$$= \underbrace{-E_0 r \cos \theta}_{\text{from } \vec{E} = E_0 \hat{z}} + \underbrace{E_0 \frac{R^3}{r^2} \cos \theta}_{\text{from } \vec{E} \text{ induced charge}}$$

$$\sigma(\theta) = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial n} = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R}$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \left(E_0 \cos \theta + 2 \frac{E_0 R^3}{R^3} \cos \theta \right) = 3 \epsilon_0 E_0 \cos \theta$$

Ex



- (i) $V \rightarrow 0$ for $r \gg R$
 V should be regular for $r \rightarrow 0$ ($r < R$).

in general non-uniform $\sigma(\theta)$
 * For uniform σ , it is Gauss's law problem and simple ϕ

- (ii) $V(R, \theta)$: probe B.C.

(i) For $r > R$, $V(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(A_l r^l + \frac{B_l}{r^{2l+1}} \right) P_l(\cos \theta)$
 $A_l = 0 \Rightarrow V_{>}(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_l}{r^{2l+1}} P_l(\cos \theta)$
 But for $r < R$, $B_l = 0 \Rightarrow V_{<}(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta)$

" \vec{E} is discontinuous at $r=R$ but V should be continuous."

$$\therefore \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_l}{R^{2l+1}} P_l(\cos \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l R^l P_l(\cos \theta)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{B_l = A_l R^{2l+1}} \quad (*)$$

And also

$$\left. \frac{\partial V_s}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial r} \right|_{r=R} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sigma(\theta)$$

$$V_s = V(r > R, \theta) ; V_i = V(r < R, \theta)$$

$$-\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (l+1) \frac{B_l}{R^{l+2}} P_l(\cos\theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} l A_l R^{l-1} P_l(\cos\theta) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sigma(\theta)$$

Using (*),

$$-\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (l+1) A_l R^{l-1} P_l(\cos\theta) - \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} l A_l R^{l-1} P_l(\cos\theta) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sigma(\theta)$$

$$\therefore \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) A_l R^{l-1} P_l(\cos\theta) = +\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sigma(\theta)$$

Again using the orthogonality condition, we can get this

$$\sum_{l'=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\pi} (2l'+1) A_{l'} R^{l'-1} P_{l'}(\cos\theta) P_l(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta = +\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_0^{\pi} \sigma(\theta) P_l(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta$$

$$\sum_{l'=0}^{\infty} (2l'+1) A_{l'} R^{l'-1} \int_0^{\pi} \underbrace{P_{l'}(\cos\theta) P_l(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta}_{\frac{2}{2l'+1} \delta_{l,l'}} = +\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_0^{\pi} \sigma(\theta) P_l(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta$$

$$\cancel{(2l'+1)} A_{l'} R^{l'-1} \cdot \frac{2}{2l'+1} = +\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_0^{\pi} \sigma(\theta) P_l(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta$$

$$\therefore A_l = \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0 R^{l-1}} \int_0^{\pi} \sigma(\theta) P_l(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta$$

For example, if $\sigma(\theta) = k \cos\theta = k P_1(\cos\theta)$

$$\therefore A_l = \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0 R^{l-1}} k \underbrace{\int_0^{\pi} P_1(\cos\theta) P_l \sin\theta d\theta}_{\frac{2}{3} \delta_{l,1}} = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{3\epsilon_0} & \text{for } l=1 \\ 0 & \text{for all other } l \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \text{for } r < R, \quad V(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta) = \frac{k}{2\epsilon_0} r P_1(\cos \theta)$$

$$= \frac{k}{3\epsilon_0} r \cos \theta$$

$$\text{For } r > R, \quad V(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l \frac{R^{2l+1}}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \theta) = \frac{k}{3\epsilon_0} \frac{R^3}{r^2} \cos \theta$$

HW 3.18, 3.19, 3.23, & 3.25.

(s, φ, z) with cylindrical symm. \Rightarrow no z -dependence!

$$\frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left(s \frac{\partial V}{\partial s} \right) + \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

$$V(s, \varphi, z) = S(s) \Phi(\varphi)$$

$$\frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left(s \frac{\partial S \Phi}{\partial s} \right) + \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{\partial^2 S \Phi}{\partial \varphi^2} = \Phi \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left(s \frac{\partial S}{\partial s} \right) + \frac{\Phi}{s^2} \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \varphi^2} = 0$$

\therefore Multiply $\frac{s^2}{S \Phi}$ on both sides.

$$\underbrace{\frac{s}{S} \frac{d}{ds} \left(s \frac{dS}{ds} \right)}_{k^2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\varphi^2}}_{-k^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left(s \frac{dS}{ds} \right) = k^2 S \quad \Rightarrow \quad S' \sim s^n \quad (n \neq 0)$$

$$\therefore s \frac{d}{ds} (s \cdot n s^{n-1}) = n^2 s^n = k^2 s^n \quad \therefore n = \pm k$$

$$\therefore S' = A s^n + B s^{-n} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$$\text{for } n=0, \quad \frac{d}{ds} \left(s \frac{dS}{ds} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow s \frac{dS}{ds} = C \quad \therefore S' = C \ln s + D$$

$$\text{then } \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\varphi^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \Phi(\varphi) = E\varphi + F$$

* $E=0$ because $\varphi = \varphi + m2\pi$, ELP solution is not allowed!

Therefore,

$$V(s, \varphi) = C \ln s + D + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [S^n (a_n \cos n\varphi + b_n \sin n\varphi) + \bar{S}^n (c_n \cos n\varphi + d_n \sin n\varphi)]$$

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