

Last Time

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c} \vec{j} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{E}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$-\nabla \times \vec{E} = \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{B}$$

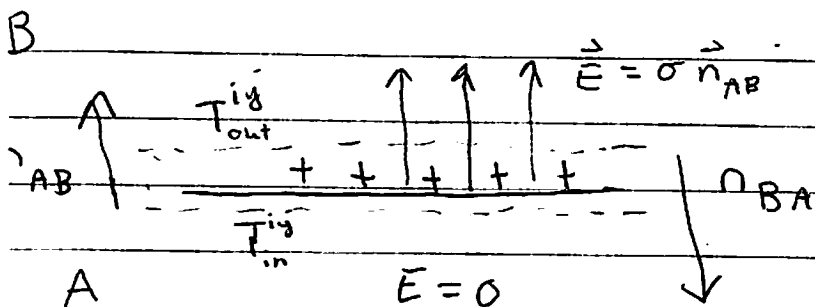
Taking $c \rightarrow \infty$ we found, electrostatics:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ and } \vec{B} = 0, \text{ or } \begin{array}{l} -\nabla^2 \psi = \rho \\ \vec{E} = -\nabla \psi \end{array}$$

Discussed the boundary conditions of electrostatics

$$\begin{array}{l} \vec{n} \cdot (\vec{E}_{\text{out}} - \vec{E}_{\text{in}}) = \sigma \\ \vec{n} \times (\vec{E}_{\text{out}} - \vec{E}_{\text{in}}) = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vec{E}_{\text{in}} \quad + \\ | \\ \vec{E}_{\text{out}} \end{array}$$

Then discussed the forces on metal

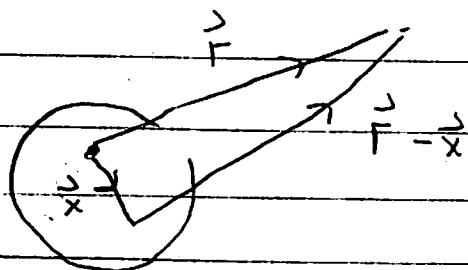


$$\frac{\text{net force}}{\text{area}} = \underbrace{(n_{AB})_i T_{ij}}_{\text{force from inner surf A on B}} + \underbrace{(n_{BA})_i T_{ij}}_{\text{force from out B on A}} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} (n_{AB})_i$$

force
from inner
surf
A on B

force from
out
B on A

Multipole Expansion



find potential for
 $r \gg x$

$$\star \varphi(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{\rho(\vec{x}) d^3\vec{x}}{4\pi |\vec{r} - \vec{x}|}$$

$$(1+u)^\alpha = 1 + \alpha u + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!} u^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{x}|} = \frac{1}{(r^2 + x^2 - 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{x})^{-1/2}} = \frac{1}{r} \left(1 - 2\frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{x}}{r^2} + \frac{x^2}{r^2}\right)^{-1/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{x}|} \approx \frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{x}}{r^2} + \left(\frac{3}{2} \frac{(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{x})(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{x})}{r^4} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{r^2}\right) + \dots\right)$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\hat{r}^i x_i}{r^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{r}^i \hat{r}^j}{r^3} (3x_i x_j - \delta_{ij} x^2) + \dots$$

Now take this expression and substitute into \star

$$\varphi(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\frac{Q_{\text{Tot}}}{r} + \frac{\hat{r}^i p_i}{r^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{r}^i \hat{r}^j}{r^3} Q_{ij} + O\left(\frac{1}{r^4}\right) \right]$$

So

$$Q_{\text{TOT}} = \int d^3x \rho(x) \quad \leftarrow \text{monopole moment scalar}$$

$$(\vec{p})^i = \int d^3x \rho(x) x^i \quad \leftarrow \text{dipole moment vector}$$

$$Q_{ij} = \int d^3x \rho(x) (3x_i x_j - \delta_{ij} x^2)$$

\swarrow Symmetric traceless quadrupole tensor

Fields

$$\vec{E}_{\text{mono}} = \frac{Q_{\text{TOT}}}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r} \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{dipole}} = \frac{3(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{p}}{4\pi r^3} \propto \frac{1}{r^3}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{quad}} \sim \text{dont know} \propto \frac{1}{r^4}$$

How to solve the Poisson Equation

Want to solve:

$$-\nabla^2 \varphi(x) = \rho(x)$$

First limit ourselves to free space $\mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} 0$

Then a modest amount of intuition says

$$\varphi(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}_0)}{4\pi|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0|}$$

That's right. Formally compute a green fcn:

$$-\nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \delta^3(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0)$$

(Aside:

infinitely narrow spike
in 3D

$$\int d^3r \delta^3(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0) f(\vec{r}) = f(\vec{r}_0)$$

$$\int d^3r \delta^3(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0) = 1$$

Then solution is the convolution of the Green fcn

$$\varphi(\vec{r}) = \int d^3r_0 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) \rho(\vec{r}_0)$$

and the charge density

Since

$$-\nabla^2 \varphi = \int d^3x_0 \underbrace{-\nabla_x^2 G(x, x_0)}_{\delta^3(x-x_0)} \rho(x_0)$$

$$-\nabla^2 \varphi = \rho(x)$$

$G(x, x_0)$

More physically, the Green-fcn $\hat{=}$ is the potential at x due to a unit point charge at x_0 .

For free space we know the answer:

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_0) = \frac{1}{4\pi |\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0|}$$

Verify that:

$$-\nabla^2 \frac{1}{4\pi r} = 0 \quad \text{except at } r=0$$

and check:

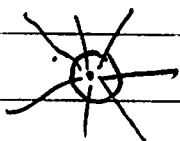
$$E = \frac{\hat{r}}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$\int_{\text{Vol}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\underbrace{-\vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{4\pi r}}_{\text{Small ball}} \right) d^3r = \int_{\text{area}} \vec{E} \cdot \underbrace{\hat{r} r^2 d\Omega}_{\text{ball}}$$

Vol Small ball

area

$$= 1$$



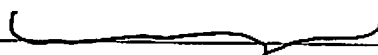
So

$$-\nabla^2 \frac{1}{4\pi r} = \delta^3(\vec{r})$$

Now

$$\varphi(x) = \int d^3x_0 G(x, x_0) \rho(x_0)$$

$$\varphi(x) = \int d^3x_0 \frac{\rho(x_0)}{4\pi |\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0|}$$



perhaps clear'

Solving for Green-fcn (Images)

$$\varphi(\vec{x}) = ?$$

$$+1 \cdot \vec{x}_0$$

} $a = y_0$

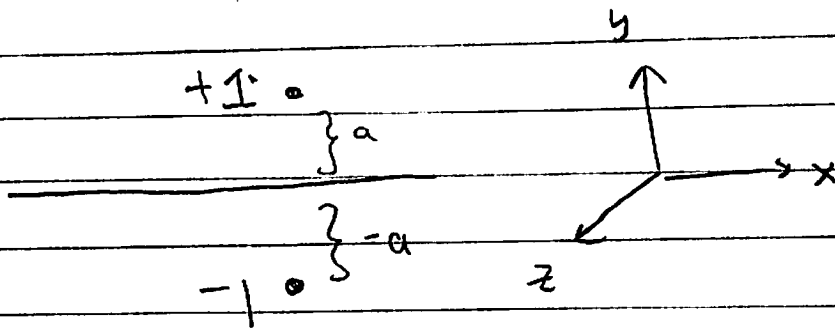
/// /// - $\varphi = 0$
metal sheet

- Want to solve for $G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_0)$

$$-\nabla^2 G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_0) = \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0)$$

- Together with BC $\varphi = 0$ at $z = 0$

Solution - place an "image" charge at $y_I = -a$ with opposite sign



The potential G_0 free green fcn \leftarrow This is the self field

regular in upper region

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'|} + \frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'_{\perp}|}$$

$\vec{x}' = (x', y', z')$ $\vec{x}'_{\perp} = (x', y', z')$ \leftarrow only this φ_{ind} part is responsible for the force on charge

Note that one always finds:

$$G(x, \vec{x}') = G_0(x, \vec{x}') + \varphi_{\text{ind}}(\vec{x})$$

Where $-\nabla^2 G = -\nabla^2 G_0(x, \vec{x}') = \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$, implying

that $-\nabla^2 \varphi_{\text{ind}}(x) = 0$ obeys the homogeneous equation.

$U_{\text{int}} =$ interaction energy between plane and charge q at x'

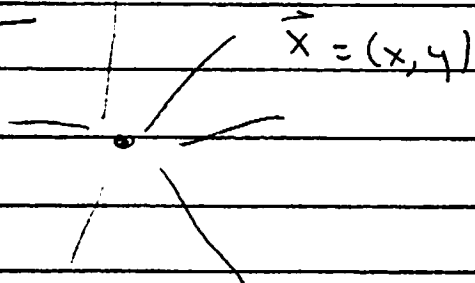
$$= q \varphi_{\text{ind}}(x')$$

$$U_{\text{int}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x'} q [G(x, x') - G_0(x, x')]$$

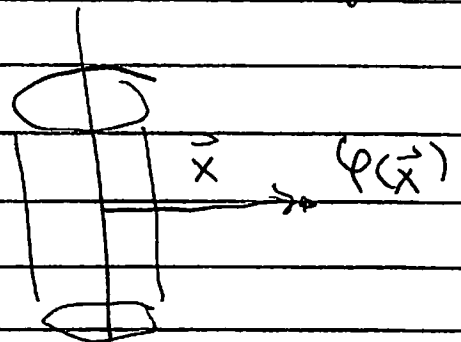
Similarly Force is:

$$\vec{F} = q \vec{E}_{\text{ind}}(x') = q \lim_{x \rightarrow x'} [-\nabla_x G(x, x') - (-\nabla_x G_0(x, x'))]$$

In 2D Free Space



line of charge



Use Gauss law to show: $\vec{x}' = a$

$$\varphi(\vec{x}) = -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \log(|\vec{x}|) + \text{Const}$$

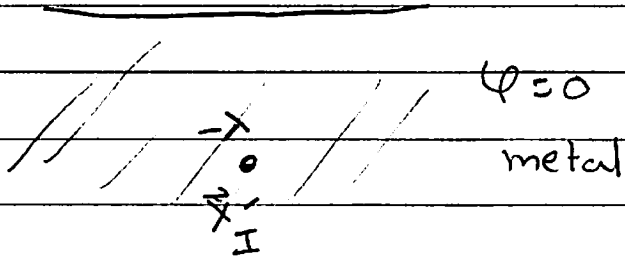
Since the green fcn is the potential at \vec{x} due to a point charge at x'

$$G(x, x') = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|$$

$$\varphi(\vec{x}) = -\int d^2\vec{x}' \rho(x') \frac{1}{2\pi} \log |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|$$

In 2D

$\varphi(\vec{x}) = ?$ ← λ ← line of charge at \vec{x}'



$$\varphi(\vec{x}) = G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{-1}{2\pi} \log |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'| + \frac{1}{2\pi} \log |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'_{\text{I}}|$$

↑ potential at \vec{x} due to a point charge at \vec{x}'