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PHYS 6 Lec. 3 Green's Functions

Read Chap. 1

HW 1 Due 9/14/10

last time

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{\rho(x')}{R} d^3x' + \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \left[ \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n'} - \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial n'} \frac{1}{R} \right] da'$$

Used to prove uniqueness of solution  
 if  $\Phi$  specified on  $S$  Dirichlet b.c.  
 $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n}$  Neumann b.c.

Used

 $\nabla'^2$ 

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} = -4\pi \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

in general

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} + F(x, x')$$

$$\nabla'^2 G(x, x') = -4\pi \delta(x - x')$$

and  $\nabla'^2 F(x, x') = 0$

Can choose  $F$  to satisfy b.c.

Use Green's Thm from last lec.

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

$$+ \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S \left[ G(x, x') \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n'} - \Phi(x') \frac{\partial G(x, x')}{\partial n'} \right] da'$$

For Dirichlet b.c. choose G so that

$$G(x, x') = 0 \quad \text{for } x' \text{ on } S$$

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

$$- \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S \Phi(x') \frac{\partial G(x, x')}{\partial n'} da'$$

Given  $\Phi$  on  $S$  and  $G$  that satisfies b.c.  $G(x, x') = 0$   $x'$  on  $S \Rightarrow$  solve for  $\Phi(x)$  for all  $x$  inside  $S$

For Neuman b.c. little bit tricky because

$$\int_S \frac{\partial G}{\partial n'} da' = -4\pi$$

so can't make  $\frac{\partial G}{\partial n'} = 0$  for  $x'$  on  $S$

best one can do is try

$$\frac{\partial G(x, x')}{\partial n'} = -\frac{4\pi}{S}$$

$S$  = total area of surface

$$\Phi(x) = \langle \Phi \rangle_S + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(x') G_N(x, x') d^3x' + \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n'} G(x, x') da'$$

Need to know average value of  $\Phi$  on  $S$   
 Often have exterior problem where one surface goes to infinity with very large area on which  $\langle \Phi \rangle = 0$

### Electrostatic Potential Energy

$$W_i = q_i \Phi(x_i)$$

work needed to bring  $q_i$  in from infinity (where  $\Phi = 0$ ) given  $\Phi(x)$

$$\Phi(x_i) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{q_j}{|x_i - x_j|}$$

$$W_i = \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{q_j}{x_{ij}} \quad x_{ij} = |\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j|$$

Total pot. E. found by summing over all:

$$W = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j < i} \frac{q_i q_j}{x_{ij}}$$

Sum over  $i > j$  and multiply by  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $x_{ji}$  pair get since  $x_{ij}$  counted twice

$$W = \frac{1}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_j \frac{q_i q_j}{x_{ij}}$$

is assumed

$$W = \frac{1}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x \int d^3x' \frac{\rho(x) \rho(x')}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \rho(x) \Phi(x) d^3x$$

Now use Poisson eq.

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \rho / \epsilon_0$$

$$W = -\frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int \Phi(x) \nabla^2 \Phi(x) d^3x$$

Integrate by parts ( $\vec{E} = -\nabla \Phi$ )

$$W = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int |\nabla \Phi|^2 d^3x = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int |\vec{E}|^2 d^3x$$

can think of energy density in electrostatic field as  $w = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} |\vec{E}|^2$

For a system of  $n$  conductors each with potential  $V_i$  and charge  $Q_i$ :

$$V_i = \sum_{j=1}^n P_{ij} Q_j$$

where  $P_{ij}$  depend on geometry of conductors. This can be inverted

$$Q_i = \sum_{j=1}^n C_{ij} V_j$$

$C_{ii}$  are capacitances

$C_{ij}$  ( $j \neq i$ ) are coef. of inductances

Capacitance of a conductor is the total charge on the conductor when held at unit potential and all other conductors are at zero potential.

Pot. E. for system of conductors is

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n Q_j V_j = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n C_{ij} V_i V_j$$

~~Can think of energy density in electrostatic field as  $w = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} |E|^2$~~

~~Consider a system~~

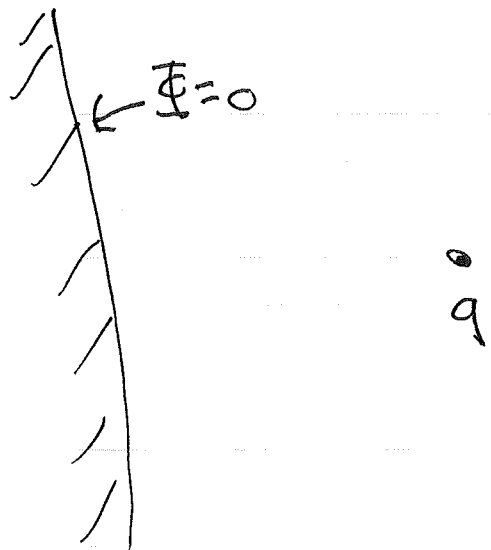
Variational Approach will be discussed in classical Mech.

Start reading Chap. 2 Boundary-Value Problems in Electrostatics: I

Discuss general methods for solving boundary value problems (1) Method of images  $\leftrightarrow$  closely related to our formal Green's func. method. (2) Expansion in orthogonal functions follows from dif. eq. ~~and (3)~~

# Method of images

Simple example  
infinite potential (grounded).  
conducting plane at  $y=0$   
charge at  $y=a$



Equivalent to  
problem with  
image charge

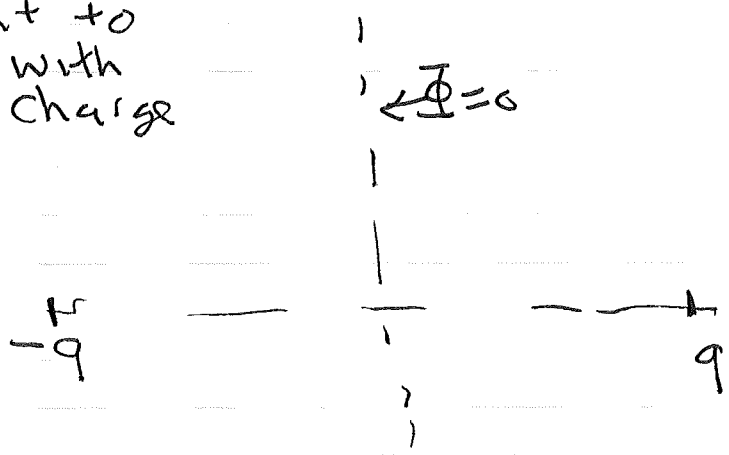
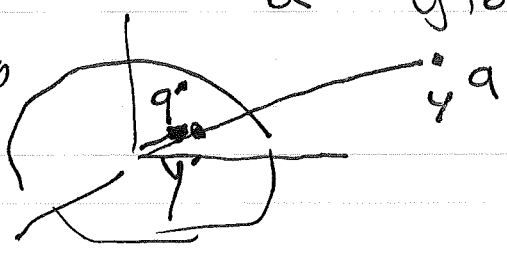


Image charge allows one to satisfy  
b.c. that  $\Phi=0$  on plane.

## 2nd example

Charge  $q$  at  $y$  and  
grounded sphere of radius  $a$

Conducting  
Sphere  
radius  
 $a$



If one image charge works it will be located on ray from origin to  $y$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{q}{|\vec{x} - \vec{y}|} + \frac{q'}{|\vec{x} - \vec{y}'|} \right]$$

Choose  $q'$  and  $|\vec{y}'|$  so that  $\Phi(|\vec{x}|=a) = 0$   
 If  $\hat{n}$  is in direction  $\vec{x}$

$$\Phi \cdot 4\pi\epsilon_0 = \frac{q}{|x\hat{n} - y n'|} + \frac{q'}{|x\hat{n} - y' n'|}$$

$$4\pi\epsilon_0 \Phi(x=a) = \frac{q}{a|n - \frac{y}{a} n'|} + \frac{q'}{y'|n' - \frac{a}{y'} n|}$$

$$\frac{q}{a} + \frac{q'}{y'} = 0 \qquad \frac{y}{a} = \frac{a}{y'}$$

$$q' = -\frac{a}{y} q \qquad y' = \frac{a^2}{y}$$

As  $q$  is brought near sphere  $q'$  grows in magnitude and is brought close to the sphere

Note  $|n - \frac{y}{a} n'| = \left( 1 - 2\frac{y}{a} n \cdot n' + \frac{y^2}{a^2} \right)^{1/2}$   
 $|n' - \frac{a}{y'} n| = \left( 1 - 2\frac{a}{y'} n \cdot n' + \frac{a^2}{y'^2} \right)^{1/2}$



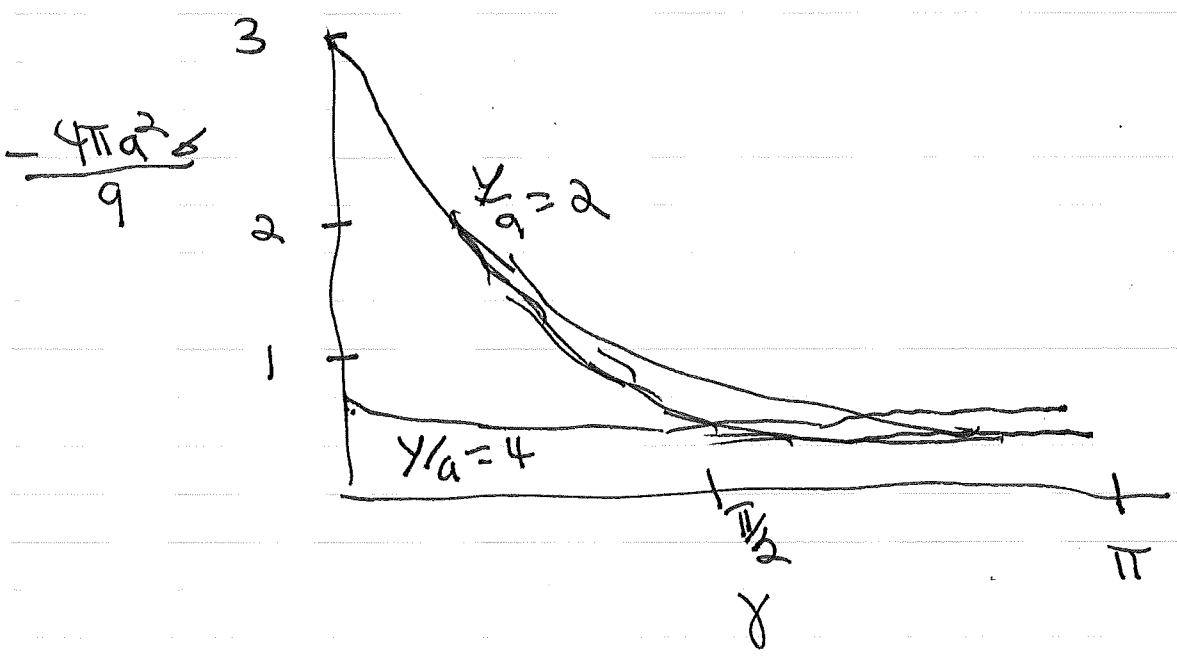
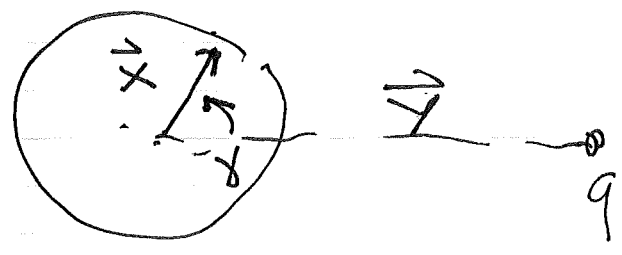
Actual charge density related to derivative of  $\Phi$  on sphere

$$(\vec{E}_2 - \vec{E}_1) \cdot \hat{n} = \sigma / \epsilon_0$$

and  $\vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n}$  and inside sphere  $E = 0$

$$\sigma = -\epsilon_0 \left. \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right|_{x=a} = -\frac{q}{4\pi a^2} \left(\frac{a}{y}\right) \frac{1 - \frac{a^2}{y^2}}{\left(1 + \frac{a^2}{y^2} - \frac{2a}{y} \cos \gamma\right)^{3/2}}$$

$\gamma$  is angle between  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$



The force on the charge  $q$  can be calculated just from the image charge

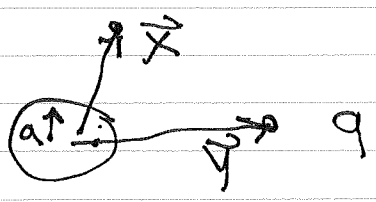
$$|F| = \frac{qq'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{y} - \vec{y}'|^2}$$

$$= + \frac{q}{y} \frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\left(y - \frac{q^2}{y}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{y^3} \frac{a}{\left(1 - \frac{q^2}{ya}\right)^2}$$

Now consider a charge, insulated conducting sphere. before had  $q' = -\frac{aq}{y}$  distributed about sphere in such a way that it was in equil. brum with zero net force. Now add extra charge  $Q$  to sphere. Extra charge will be distributed uniformly so

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{q}{|\vec{x} - \vec{y}|} - \frac{aq}{y} \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \frac{q^2}{ya}\vec{y}|} + \frac{Q + \frac{q}{y}q}{|\vec{x}|} \right]$$



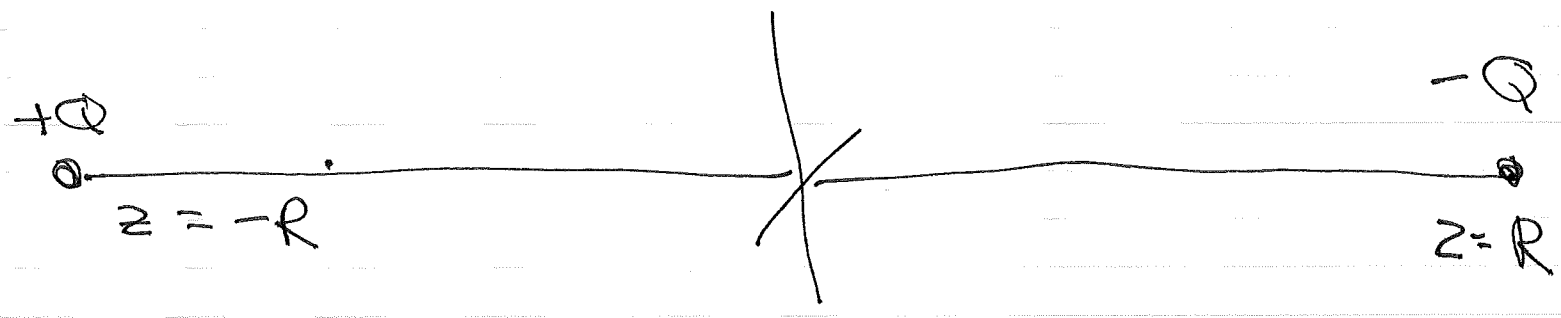
Potential of extra charge. Equivalent to pt. charge at origin

Finally consider a pt. charge held at pt. potential  $V$ , near conducting sphere

Extra charge on sphere  $\frac{Q'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a} = V$

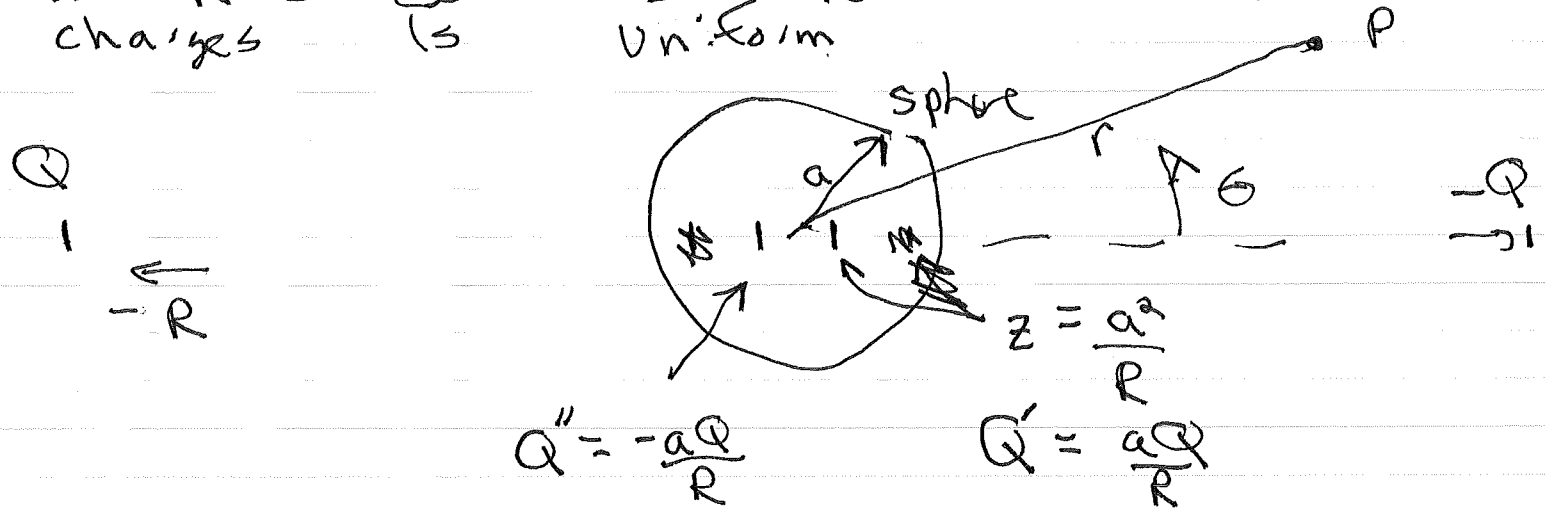
$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{q}{|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|} - \frac{q}{y} \frac{q}{|\vec{x}-\frac{a^2}{y^2}\vec{y}|} \right] + \frac{Va}{|\vec{x}|}$$

Conducting Sphere in a uniform E field



$E_0 \approx \frac{2Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$  parallel to z axis

as  $R \rightarrow \infty$  charges  $\rightarrow \infty$  E field from two uniform



Consider

$$4\pi\epsilon_0\Phi = \frac{Q}{(r^2 + R^2 + 2rR\cos\theta)^{1/2}} - \frac{Q}{(r^2 + R^2 - 2rR\cos\theta)^{1/2}}$$

$$- \frac{aQ}{R\left(r^2 + \frac{a^2}{R^2} + \frac{2a^2r}{R}\cos\theta\right)^{1/2}} + \frac{aQ}{R\left(r^2 + \frac{a^2}{R^2} - \frac{2a^2r}{R}\cos\theta\right)^{1/2}}$$

expand  $R \rightarrow \infty$  and work to order  $\frac{r^3}{R^2}$  as

$$4\pi\epsilon_0\Phi = -\frac{2Q}{R^2} r \cos\theta + \frac{2Q}{R^2} \frac{a^3}{r^2} \cos\theta + O\left(\frac{1}{R^3}\right)$$

In limit  $R \rightarrow \infty$   $E_0 = \frac{2Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$

$$\boxed{\Phi = -E_0 \left( r - \frac{a^3}{r^2} \right) \cos\theta}$$

First term is pot. from induced charge and 2nd term is un. form E pot. on sphere.