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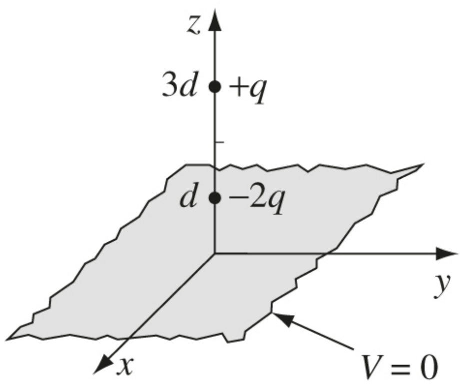
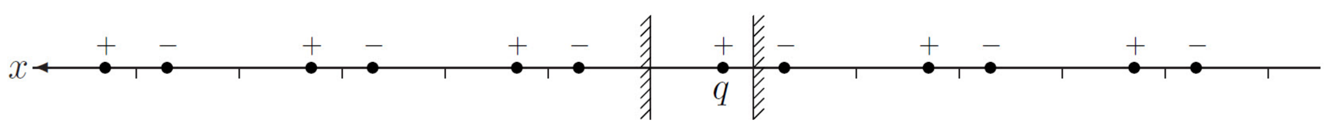
1. Find the force on the $+q$ charge in the figure below. A grounded ($V = 0$) conducting sheet fills the xy-plane.



2. Two infinite parallel grounded conducting planes are held a distance a apart. A point charge q is placed in the region between them, a distance x from one of the plates.

(a) Show that the equivalent image geometry is given by:



Hint: You need to consider images of the image charges!

(b) Find the force on q.

(c) Check that your answer to (b) is correct for the cases $x = a/2$ (i.e. q is midway between the plates) and $a \to \infty$ (i.e. q is a distance x from one plate).

3. A rectangular pipe, running parallel to the z-axis (from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$), has three grounded metal sides, at $y = 0$, $y = a$, and $x = 0$. The fourth side, at $x = b$, is maintained at a specified potential $V_0(y)$.

(a) Find the general formula for the potential inside the pipe.

(b) Find the specific potential inside the pipe for the case that $V_0(y) = V_0$ (i.e. the potential on the plate at $x = b$ is constant).

4. The potential at the surface of a sphere of radius R is given by:

$$V_0 = k \cos 3\theta,$$

where k is a constant. Find the potential inside the sphere, assuming there's no charge inside or outside the sphere. Start from the results obtained in class for the case of a spherical shell with a potential that has azimuthal symmetry:

$$V(r, \theta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left(A_\ell r^\ell + \frac{B_\ell}{r^{\ell+1}} \right) P_\ell(\cos\theta).$$

For convenience, here are the first few Legendre polynomials:

ℓ	$P_\ell(x)$	$P_\ell(\cos\theta)$
0	1	1
1	x	$\cos\theta$
2	$\frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$	$\frac{1}{2}(3\cos^2\theta - 1)$
3	$\frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$	$\frac{1}{2}(5\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta)$

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VECTOR DERIVATIVES

Cartesian. $d\mathbf{l} = dx\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + dy\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + dz\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$; $\quad d\tau = dx\,dy\,dz$

Gradient: $$\nabla t = \frac{\partial t}{\partial x}\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial y}\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial z}\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

Divergence: $$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$$

Curl: $$\nabla\times\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z}\right)\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \left(\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x}\right)\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y}\right)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

Laplacian: $$\nabla^2 t = \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial z^2}$$

Spherical. $d\mathbf{l} = dr\,\hat{\mathbf{r}} + r\,d\theta\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + r\sin\theta\,d\phi\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$; $\quad d\tau = r^2\sin\theta\,dr\,d\theta\,d\phi$

Gradient: $$\nabla t = \frac{\partial t}{\partial r}\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial t}{\partial\theta}\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial t}{\partial\phi}\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

Divergence: $$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}(\sin\theta\, v_\theta) + \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial\phi}$$

Curl: $$\nabla\times\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}(\sin\theta\, v_\phi) - \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial\phi}\right]\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r}\left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial\phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r v_\phi)\right]\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{r}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r v_\theta) - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial\theta}\right]\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

Laplacian: $$\nabla^2 t = \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r^2\frac{\partial t}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial t}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial\phi^2}$$

Cylindrical. $d\mathbf{l} = ds\,\hat{\mathbf{s}} + s\,d\phi\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + dz\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}$; $\quad d\tau = s\,ds\,d\phi\,dz$

Gradient: $$\nabla t = \frac{\partial t}{\partial s}\hat{\mathbf{s}} + \frac{1}{s}\frac{\partial t}{\partial\phi}\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial z}\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

Divergence: $$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{s}\frac{\partial}{\partial s}(s v_s) + \frac{1}{s}\frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial\phi} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$$

Curl: $$\nabla\times\mathbf{v} = \left[\frac{1}{s}\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial\phi} - \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial z}\right]\hat{\mathbf{s}} + \left[\frac{\partial v_s}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial s}\right]\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \frac{1}{s}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial s}(s v_\phi) - \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial\phi}\right]\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

Laplacian: $$\nabla^2 t = \frac{1}{s}\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\left(s\frac{\partial t}{\partial s}\right) + \frac{1}{s^2}\frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial\phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial z^2}$$

VECTOR IDENTITIES

Triple Products

(1) $\mathbf{A}\cdot(\mathbf{B}\times\mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B}\cdot(\mathbf{C}\times\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{C}\cdot(\mathbf{A}\times\mathbf{B})$

(2) $\mathbf{A}\times(\mathbf{B}\times\mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A}\cdot\mathbf{C}) - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\cdot\mathbf{B})$

Product Rules

(3) $\nabla(fg) = f(\nabla g) + g(\nabla f)$

(4) $\nabla(\mathbf{A}\cdot\mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A}\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{B}\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{B}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{A}$

(5) $\nabla\cdot(f\mathbf{A}) = f(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A}\cdot(\nabla f)$

(6) $\nabla\cdot(\mathbf{A}\times\mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B}\cdot(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A}\cdot(\nabla\times\mathbf{B})$

(7) $\nabla\times(f\mathbf{A}) = f(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A}\times(\nabla f)$

(8) $\nabla\times(\mathbf{A}\times\mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{A}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B}(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A})$

Second Derivatives

(9) $\nabla\cdot(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) = 0$

(10) $\nabla\times(\nabla f) = 0$

(11) $\nabla\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) = \nabla(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2\mathbf{A}$

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREMS

Gradient Theorem: $\int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}}(\nabla f)\cdot d\mathbf{l} = f(\mathbf{b}) - f(\mathbf{a})$

Divergence Theorem: $\int(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A})\,d\tau = \oint\mathbf{A}\cdot d\mathbf{a}$

Curl Theorem: $\int(\nabla\times\mathbf{A})\cdot d\mathbf{a} = \oint\mathbf{A}\cdot d\mathbf{l}$

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BASIC EQUATIONS OF ELECTRODYNAMICS

Maxwell's Equations

In general:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \dfrac{1}{\epsilon_0}\rho \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\dfrac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0\epsilon_0 \dfrac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \end{cases}$$

In matter:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_f \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\dfrac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f + \dfrac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \end{cases}$$

Auxiliary Fields

Definitions:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{H} = \dfrac{1}{\mu_0}\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{M} \end{cases}$$

Linear media:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{M} = \chi_m \mathbf{H}, \quad \mathbf{H} = \dfrac{1}{\mu}\mathbf{B} \end{cases}$$

Potentials

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}, \qquad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

Lorentz force law

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

Energy, Momentum, and Power

Energy: $U = \dfrac{1}{2}\displaystyle\int \left(\epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0}B^2\right) d\tau$

Momentum: $\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \int (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})\, d\tau$

Poynting vector: $\mathbf{S} = \dfrac{1}{\mu_0}(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})$

Larmor formula: $P = \dfrac{\mu_0}{6\pi c} q^2 a^2$

FUNDAMENTAL CONSTANTS

$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}\ \mathrm{C^2/Nm^2}$	(permittivity of free space)
$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}\ \mathrm{N/A^2}$	(permeability of free space)
$c = 3.00 \times 10^8\ \mathrm{m/s}$	(speed of light)
$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}\ \mathrm{C}$	(charge of the electron)
$m = 9.11 \times 10^{-31}\ \mathrm{kg}$	(mass of the electron)

SPHERICAL AND CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

Spherical

$$\begin{cases} x = r \sin\theta \cos\phi \\ y = r \sin\theta \sin\phi \\ z = r \cos\theta \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \sin\theta\cos\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \cos\theta\cos\phi\, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \sin\phi\, \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \sin\theta\sin\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \cos\theta\sin\phi\, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \cos\phi\, \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \cos\theta\, \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \sin\theta\, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\ \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}/z\right) \\ \phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x) \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \sin\theta\cos\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin\theta\sin\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \cos\theta\, \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \cos\theta\cos\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos\theta\sin\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \sin\theta\, \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = -\sin\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{y}} \end{cases}$$

Cylindrical

$$\begin{cases} x = s \cos\phi \\ y = s \sin\phi \\ z = z \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \cos\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{s}} - \sin\phi\, \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \sin\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{s}} + \cos\phi\, \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} s = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x) \\ z = z \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{s}} = \cos\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = -\sin\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos\phi\, \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{cases}$$