1 Problem 4.9

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Figure 1: Setup for problem 4.9

Using the fact that we have azimuthal symmetry, we have inside the sphere:

$$\Phi_{\rm in}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos\theta) \tag{1}$$

And outside the sphere:

$$\Phi_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}) = \Phi_q + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} B_l r^{-(l+1)} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

where Φ_q is the potential due to the charge q.

$$\Phi_q = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r'}|} = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} P_l(\cos\gamma)$$

Because r' only points to the single point charge along the z-axis, $\gamma = \theta$. Therefore:

$$\Phi_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} + B_l r^{-(l+1)} \right) P_l(\cos\theta)$$
(2)

Now, we need to apply the following boundary conditions:

$$-\frac{1}{a}\frac{\partial\Phi_{\rm in}}{\partial\theta}\Big|_{r=a} = -\frac{1}{a}\frac{\partial\Phi_{\rm out}}{\partial\theta}\Big|_{r=a}$$
(3)

$$-\varepsilon \frac{\partial \Phi_{\rm in}}{\partial r}\Big|_{r=a} = -\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \Phi_{\rm out}}{\partial r}\Big|_{r=a} \tag{4}$$

Applying equation (3) yields:

$$-\frac{1}{a}\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}A_{l}r^{l}\dot{P}_{l}(\cos\theta)(-\sin\theta)\bigg|_{r=a} = -\frac{1}{a}\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}\left(\frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}}\frac{r_{<}^{l}}{r_{>}^{l+1}} + B_{l}r^{-(l+1)}\right)\dot{P}_{l}(\cos\theta)(-\sin\theta)\bigg|_{r=a}$$
$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}A_{l}a^{l} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty}\left(\frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}}\frac{a^{l}}{d^{l+1}} + B_{l}a^{-(l+1)}\right)$$
$$A_{l} = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}}d^{-(l+1)} + B_{l}a^{-(2l+1)}$$
(5)

Applying equation (4) yields:

$$-\varepsilon \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l l r^{l-1} P_l(\cos \theta) \bigg|_{r=a} = -\varepsilon_0 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{l r^{l-1}}{d^{l+1}} + B_l(-l-1) r^{-(l+2)} \right) P_l(\cos \theta) \bigg|_{r=a}$$

$$\varepsilon \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l l a^{l-1} = \varepsilon_0 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{l a^{l-1}}{d^{l+1}} + B_l(-l-1) a^{-(l+2)} \right)$$

$$A_l = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon} d^{-(l+1)} - \frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon} B_l \frac{l+1}{l} a^{-(2l+1)}$$
(6)

Equating equations (5) and (6):

$$\frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}d^{-(l+1)} + B_l a^{-(2l+1)} = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon}d^{-(l+1)} - \frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon}B_l\frac{l+1}{l}a^{-(2l+1)}$$
$$B_l a^{-(2l+1)}\left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon}\frac{l+1}{l}\right) = \frac{q}{4\pi}d^{-(l+1)}\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0}\right)$$
$$B_l = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{a^{2l+1}}{d^{l+1}}\frac{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon} - 1\right)l}{l + \frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon}(l+1)}$$

Plugging B_l into equation (5):

$$A_{l} = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}}d^{-(l+1)} + \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}}d^{-(l+1)}\frac{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{0}}{\varepsilon} - 1\right)l}{l + \frac{\varepsilon_{0}}{\varepsilon}(l+1)}$$
$$A_{l} = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}}d^{-(l+1)}\left[1 + \frac{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{0}}{\varepsilon} - 1\right)l}{l + \frac{\varepsilon_{0}}{\varepsilon}(l+1)}\right]$$
$$A_{l} = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon}d^{-(l+1)}\frac{2l+1}{l + \frac{\varepsilon_{0}}{\varepsilon}(l+1)}$$

Plugging these expressions for A_l and B_l into equations (1) and (2):

$$\Phi_{\rm in}(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon d} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{d}\right)^l \frac{2l+1}{l+\frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon}(l+1)} P_l(\cos\theta)$$
$$\Phi_{\rm out}(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} + \frac{a^{2l+1}}{(rd)^{l+1}} \frac{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon} - 1\right)l}{l+\frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon}(l+1)}\right) P_l(\cos\theta)$$

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For $r/d \ll 1, l \ge 2$ terms are negligible. Thus, $\Phi_{in}(\vec{r})$ becomes:

$$\Phi_{\rm in}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 d} + \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon d^2} \frac{3}{1+2\frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon}} \underbrace{r\cos\theta}_z$$
$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 d} + \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon d^2} \frac{3}{1+2\frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon}} z$$

Because $\vec{E} = -\nabla \Phi$:

$$E = -\frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon d^2} \frac{3}{1+2\frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon}} \hat{z}$$

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Our solution for Φ_{in} in part a is:

$$\Phi_{\rm in}(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon d} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{d}\right)^l \frac{2l+1}{l+\frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon}(l+1)} P_l(\cos\theta)$$
$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 d} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{d}\right)^l \frac{2l+1}{\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0}l+(l+1)} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

For $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 \to \infty$, all the terms in the series go to zero, except for the l = 0 term:

$$\Phi_{\rm in} = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 d}$$

For $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 \to \infty$, our solution for Φ_{out} in part a becomes:

$$\Phi_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{a}{rd} + \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} - \frac{a^{2l+1}}{(rd)^{l+1}}\right) P_l(\cos\theta)$$

Note that the extra term out front comes due to the fact that $\varepsilon_0/\varepsilon$ doesn't vanish when it multiplies l when l = 0. However, $\varepsilon_0/\varepsilon$ vanishes for all other terms in the series.

$$\Phi_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{a}{rd} + \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \sum_{\substack{l=0\\ l=0}}^{\infty} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} P_l(\cos\theta) - \frac{qa}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \sum_{\substack{l=0\\ l=0}}^{\infty} \frac{a^{2l}}{(rd)^{l+1}} P_l(\cos\theta)$$
$$\underbrace{\int_{|a|^2\hat{z} - d\vec{r}|}^{\infty} \Phi_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \left[\frac{a}{rd} + \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - d\hat{z}|} - \frac{a/d}{|\frac{a^2}{d}\hat{z} - \vec{r}|} \right]$$

 $\Phi_{\rm out}(\vec{r})$ agrees with equation 2.8 in Jackson. Note that we have $\Phi_{\rm in}(a) = \Phi_{\rm out}(a)$, as expected, and $\Phi_{\rm in}(\vec{r})$ is constant, as expected, since the potential must remain constant inside a conductor. Hence, our solution for part a reduces to that of a conducting sphere in the limit $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 \to \infty$.

2 Problem 5.3



Figure 2: Single loop

Starting with the Biot-Savart Law for a loop with radius a and current I:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{l} \times \vec{R}}{|\vec{R}|^3}$$

Noting that $d\vec{l} \times \vec{R} = dlR \sin \theta = dlR(a/R) = dla$:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{a}{R^3} dl$$

= $\frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{a}{R^3} (2\pi a)$
= $\frac{\mu_0 I}{2} \frac{a^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$

For N loops squished together, B just becomes:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \frac{a^2}{\left(a^2 + b^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

To account for the rings to the left of the observation point, we integrate from 0 to c:

$$B_{\text{left}} = \int_0^c \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \frac{a^2}{\left(a^2 + b^2\right)^{3/2}} db$$



Figure 3:

Using the substitution $b = a \tan \theta$, $db = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$:

$$B_{\text{left}} = \int_{0}^{\arctan(c/a)} \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \frac{a^2}{a^3 \left(\frac{1 + \tan^2 \theta}{\sec^2 \theta}\right)^{3/2}} a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \int_{0}^{\arctan(c/a)} \cos \theta d\theta$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \sin \left[\arctan\left(\frac{c}{a}\right)\right]$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \cos \theta_1$$

To account for the right of the observation point, we integrate from 0 to d:

$$B_{\text{left}} = \int_0^d \frac{\mu_0 N I}{2} \frac{a^2}{\left(a^2 + b^2\right)^{3/2}} db$$

Using the substitution $b = a \tan \theta$, $db = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$:

$$B_{\text{left}} = \int_{0}^{\arctan(d/a)} \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \frac{a^2}{a^3 \left(\underbrace{1 + \tan^2 \theta}_{\sec^2 \theta}\right)^{3/2}} a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \int_{0}^{\arctan(d/a)} \cos \theta d\theta$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \sin \left[\arctan\left(\frac{d}{a}\right) \right]$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \frac{d}{\sqrt{a^2 + d^2}} = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \cos \theta_2$$

Finally, $B = B_{\text{left}} + B_{\text{right}}$:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2} \left(\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2 \right)$$

3 Problem 5.6



Figure 4: Setup for problem 5.6

We will consider two different systems and superimpose them (see figure 4).

- 1. A cylinder of radius a with current density $J\hat{z}$.
- 2. A cylinder of radius b with current density $-J\hat{z}$.

The B-field due to the cylinder in system 1 is:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \int \vec{J} \cdot dS$$
$$B2\pi r = \mu_0 J\pi r^2$$
$$\vec{B}_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{2} Jr\hat{\varphi}$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0}{2} Jr \left(\hat{z} \times \hat{r}\right)$$

The B-field due to the cylinder in system 2 is:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \int \vec{J} \cdot dS$$
$$B2\pi r' = \mu_0 (-J)\pi r'^2$$
$$\vec{B}_2 = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} Jr'\hat{\varphi}'$$
$$= -\frac{\mu_0}{2} Jr' (\hat{z} \times \hat{r}')$$

Superimposing these two systems yields $\vec{B} = \vec{B}_1 + \vec{B}_2$:

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{2} J \left(r\hat{z} \times \hat{r} - r'\hat{z} \times \hat{r}' \right)$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0}{2} J \hat{z} \times \underbrace{\left(r\hat{r} - r'\hat{r}' \right)}_{\vec{d}}$$
$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{2} J \hat{z} \times \vec{d}$$