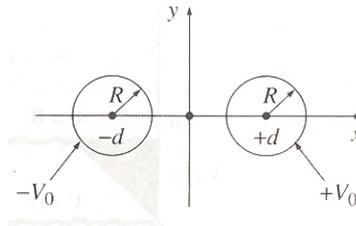


[Note: Only the first four problems will be discussed in the tutorial class. You must attempt the remaining problems, and if you are stuck, ask your tutor.]

1. [G 3.11] Two long, straight copper pipes, each of radius R , are held a distance $2d$ apart. One is at potential V_0 , the other at $-V_0$ (Fig.). Find the potential everywhere.

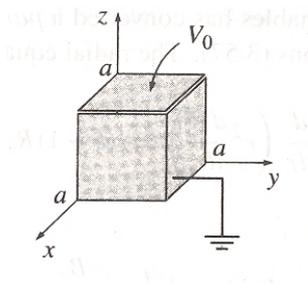


2. [G 3.14] A rectangular pipe, running parallel to the z -axis (from $-\infty$ to ∞), has three grounded metal sides, at $y = 0$, $y = a$, and $x = 0$. The fourth side, at $x = b$, is maintained at a specific potential $V_0(y)$.
- Develop a general formula for the potential within the pipe.
 - Find the potential explicitly, for the case $V_0(y) = V_0$ (a constant).
3. [G 3.1] Find the average potential over a spherical surface of radius R due to a point charge q located *inside*. Show that in general,

$$V_{\text{ave}} = V_{\text{center}} + \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R},$$
where V_{center} is the potential at the center due to all the *external* charges, and Q_{enc} is the total enclosed charge.
4. [G 3.3] Find the general solution to Laplace's equation in spherical coordinates, for the case where V depends only on r . Do the same for cylindrical coordinates, assuming V depends only on s .
5. [G 3.7]
- Using the law of cosines, show that $V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q}{r} + \frac{q'}{r'} \right)$ (where r and r' are the distances from q and q' respectively) can be written as follows:

$$V(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q}{\sqrt{r^2 + s^2 - 2rs \cos \theta}} - \frac{q}{\sqrt{R^2 + (rs/R)^2 - 2rs \cos \theta}} \right],$$
where r and θ are the usual spherical polar coordinates, with the z -axis along the line through q . In this form it is obvious that $V = 0$ on the sphere, $r = R$.
 - Find the induced surface charge on the sphere, as a function of θ . Integrate this to get the total induced charge.
 - Calculate the energy of this configuration.
6. [G 3.8] Consider a point charge q situated at a distance a from the center of a grounded conducting sphere of radius R . The same basic model will handle the case of a sphere at *any* potential V_0 (relative to infinity) with the addition of a second image charge. What charge should you use, and where should you put it? Find the force of attraction between a point charge q and a *neutral* conducting sphere.
7. [G 3.12] Two infinite grounded metal plates lie parallel to the xz plane, one at $y = 0$, the other at $y = a$. The left end, at $x = 0$, consists of two metal strips: one, from $y = 0$ to $y = a/2$, is held at a constant potential V_0 , and the other, from $y = a/2$ to $y = a$, is at potential $-V_0$. Find the potential in the infinite slot.

8. [G 3.15] A cubical box (sides of length a) consists of five metal plates, which are welded together and grounded. The top is made of a separate sheet of metal, insulated from the others, and held at a constant potential V_0 . Find the potential inside the box.



Additional Problem:

1. Consider an insulated spherical conductor with radius a and net charge q . Another point charge q is placed outside the conductor at a distance d from the center of the conductor. Show that if $d/a = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$, the point charge is in equilibrium. [Hint: Show that d/a must be the solution of the quintic equation $x^5 - 2x^3 - 2x^2 + x + 1 = 0$. There are three real and two imaginary solutions. Verify that $x^2 - x - 1$ is a factor of the quintic polynomial.]