

# Homework #5 Solutions

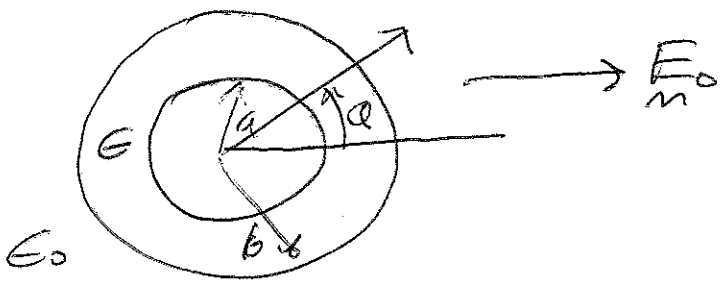
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(2.8) Long, cylindrical shell of dielectric constant  $\epsilon$

$r > b$

$$\Phi = \sum_n a_n \left(\frac{b}{r}\right)^n \cos n\phi - E_0 r \cos\phi$$

$\Rightarrow$  even in  $\phi$   
 $\Rightarrow$  symmetry



$a < r < b$

$$\Phi = \sum_n \left[ b_n \left(\frac{r}{b}\right)^n + c_n \left(\frac{b}{r}\right)^n \right] \cos n\phi$$

$0 < r < a$

$$\Phi = \sum_n d_n \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^n \left[ b_n \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n + c_n \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^n \right] \cos n\phi$$

For  $n \neq 1$  have 2 BCs at "a" and "b"  
 $\Rightarrow$  over constrained  
 $\Rightarrow a_n, b_n, c_n, d_n = 0$

For  $n=1$

radial  $D$

at  $b$ : ①  $\epsilon \left( -a_1 \frac{1}{b} - E_0 \right) = \left( \frac{b_1}{b} - c_1 \frac{1}{b} \right) \epsilon$

at  $a$ : ②  $d_1 \frac{E_0}{a} \left[ b_1 \frac{a}{b} + c_1 \frac{b}{a} \right] = \left( b_1 \frac{1}{b} - c_1 \frac{b}{a^2} \right) \epsilon$

## Azimuthal $E_\phi$

at  $b$ : (3)  $a_1 - E_0 b = b_1 + c_1$

at  $a$ :  $b_1 \left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + c_1 \left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = d_1 \left[ b_1 \left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + c_1 \left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \right]$   
 $\Rightarrow d_1 = 1$

Eqn (2) becomes

$$b_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_0}{b} - \frac{\epsilon}{b} \right) = -c_1 \frac{b}{a^2} (\epsilon + \epsilon_0)$$

$$\frac{b_1}{b} (\epsilon - \epsilon_0) = c_1 \frac{b^2}{a^2} (\epsilon + \epsilon_0)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{a^2}{b^2} \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0} b_1$$

Eq (3) becomes

$$(4) \quad a_1 = E_0 b + b_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2} \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0} \right]$$

Eq. (1) becomes

$$(5) \quad a_1 + E_0 b = -\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2} \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0} \right) b_1$$

subtract (5) from (4). Let  $h \equiv \frac{a^2}{b^2} \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0}$

$$-2E_0 b = b_1 \left[ 1 + h + \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} (1 + h) \right]$$

~~$$-2E_0 b = b_1 \left[ \epsilon - \epsilon_0 + h(\epsilon + \epsilon_0) \right]$$~~

~~$$= b_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2} \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0} (\epsilon - \epsilon_0) \right]$$~~

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$$b_1 = -2E_0 b \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{a^2 \epsilon - \epsilon_0}{b^2 \epsilon + \epsilon_0}}$$

~~note for~~  $c_1 = \frac{a^2}{b^2} \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0} b_1$

Add (4) and (5)

$$2a_1 = b_1 (1 + \mu) \left(1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}\right)$$

$$a_1 = + \frac{1}{\cancel{\mu}} \left(\frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon_0}\right) \left(+ \frac{2E_0 b \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0}\right)$$

$$a_1 = \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0} E_0 b$$

note for  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \Rightarrow b_1 = -E_0 b$   
 ~~$c_1 = a_1 = 0$~~   
 $\Rightarrow$  uniform field

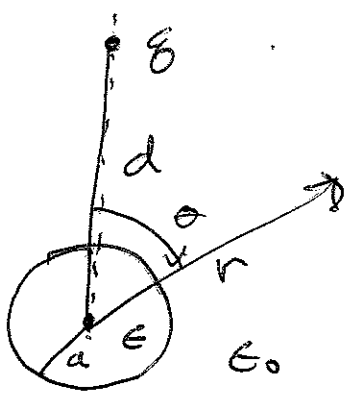
$r > b$   $\Phi = a_1 \frac{b}{r} \cos \varphi - E_0 r \cos \varphi$

$a < r < b$   $\Phi = \left(b_1 \frac{r}{b} + c_1 \frac{b}{r}\right) \cos \varphi$

$r < a$   $\Phi = \frac{r}{a} \left[b_1 \frac{a}{b} + c_1 \frac{b}{a}\right] \cos \varphi$

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a)



You could solve this by expanding in spherical harmonics for  $r > d$ ,  $a < r < d$  and  $r < a$  and doing the jump conditions at  $r = d$  and  $r = a$  but since you know the solution for  $q$  in the absence of the sphere, it is easier to write the potential in terms of that due to  $q$ ,  $\Phi_q$ , and that due to the sphere,  $\Phi_\epsilon$ . Then you only ~~have~~ have to do matching at  $r = a$ .

charge  $q$        $\Phi_q = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_l \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} P_l(\cos\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  note  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = 0$        $r_{<} = \text{smaller of } r, d$   
     $r_{>} = \text{larger of } r, d$

dielectric  $\epsilon$

$r > a$        $\Phi_\epsilon = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_l a_l \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^{l+1} P_l(\cos\theta)$

$r < a$        $\Phi_\epsilon = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_l b_l \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^l P_l(\cos\theta)$

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BCs at  $r=a$ continuity of  $E_\theta$   $\Rightarrow$   $\Phi_\theta$  already continuous

$$-\frac{\sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \equiv \frac{1}{r} \sum a_l P_l'(\cos\theta) \sin\theta$$

$$= -\frac{\sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \equiv \frac{1}{r} \sum b_l P_l'(\cos\theta) \sin\theta$$

note:  $\int_{-1}^1 \left[ \frac{d}{d\cos\theta} P_l(\cos\theta) \right] \sin\theta \sim P_l'(\cos\theta)$

 $\Rightarrow$  orthogonal $\Rightarrow$  can reduce series to single

$$\boxed{a_l = b_l} \quad P_l$$

continuity of  $D_r$  :  $\Phi_\theta = \frac{\sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum \frac{r^l}{a^{l+1}} P_l$

 $\Rightarrow$  project to single  $l \Rightarrow P_l$  orthogonal

$$\epsilon_0 \left[ l \frac{a^{l-1}}{a^{l+1}} - a_l(l+1) \frac{1}{a} \right]$$

$$= \epsilon \left[ l \frac{a^{l-1}}{a^{l+1}} + l \frac{b_l}{a} \right]$$

$$a_l (l\epsilon + (l+1)\epsilon_0) = -\frac{l a^l}{a^{l+1}} (\epsilon - \epsilon_0)$$

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$$b_l = a_l = - \frac{a^l}{d^{l+1}} \frac{l(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)}{l\epsilon + (l+1)\epsilon_0}$$

b) near center of sphere

$$\Phi = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_l \left[ \frac{r^l}{d^{l+1}} + b_l \frac{r^l}{a^l} \right] P_l(\cos\theta)$$

$\Rightarrow$  only  $l=1$  contributes as  $r \rightarrow 0$

$$\Phi = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} z \left[ \frac{1}{d^2} + \frac{b_1}{a} \right]$$

$$b_1 = - \frac{a}{d^2} \frac{(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)}{\epsilon + 2\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Phi = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} z \left[ \frac{1}{d^2} - \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + 2\epsilon_0} \right]$$

$$E_z = - \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{d^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + 2\epsilon_0} \right]$$

c) As  $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$

$$= - \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{d^2} \frac{3\epsilon_0}{\epsilon + 2\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_z \rightarrow 0$$

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Have long cylindrical capacitor of inner radius "a" and outer radius "b". Applied voltage V. How far up ~~the~~ will a fluid of dielectric constant  $\epsilon$  move?

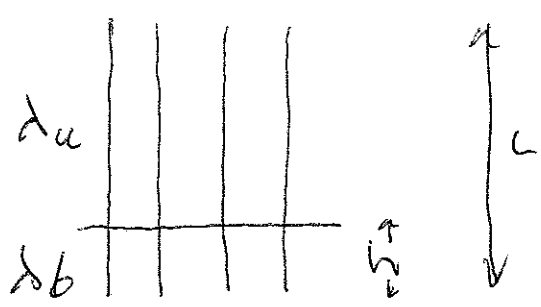
First consider the energy ~~per~~ per unit length in capacitor ~~with~~ with charge/length  $\lambda$

$$E = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon} \lambda \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \int dx E^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \int_a^b dr 2\pi r \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi^2 \epsilon^2 r^2} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi\epsilon} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Now consider a capacitor of length L and charge Q ~~with~~. What is the energy ~~with~~ with a dielectric  $\epsilon$  with ~~the~~ the dielectric in a distance h.

$\Rightarrow$  the free charge moves so E is a constant along the entire capacitor  
 $\lambda_a =$  charge/length in vacuum  
 $\lambda_b =$  " " in dielectric



$$\lambda_a(L-h) + \lambda_b h = Q$$

$$\frac{\lambda_a}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda_b}{\epsilon} \Rightarrow E \text{ const.}$$

$$\lambda b = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \lambda a$$

$$\lambda a \left[ L - h + \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} h \right] = Q$$

$$W_{\text{tot}} = \frac{\ln(b/a)}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{\lambda a^2}{\epsilon_0} (L-h) + \frac{\lambda b^2}{\epsilon} h \right]$$

$$= \frac{\ln(b/a)}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \left[ L - h + \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} h \right] \lambda a^2$$

$$= \frac{\ln(b/a)}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{Q^2}{\left( L - h + \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} h \right)}$$

take  $L$  large and define  $\lambda_0 = Q/L$

$$W_{\text{TOT}} \approx \frac{\ln(b/a)}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{Q^2}{L} \left[ 1 - \frac{h}{L} \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} - 1 \right) \right]$$

$$F_{\text{em}} = \frac{\partial W_{\text{TOT}}}{\partial h} = - \frac{\ln(b/a)}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \lambda_0^2 \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} - 1 \right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  energy decreases for  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$

$\Rightarrow$  upward force

$$F_g = \pi (b^2 - a^2) \rho g h \quad \epsilon = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi (b^2 - a^2) \rho g h = \frac{\ln(b/a)}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \lambda_0^2 \chi_e$$

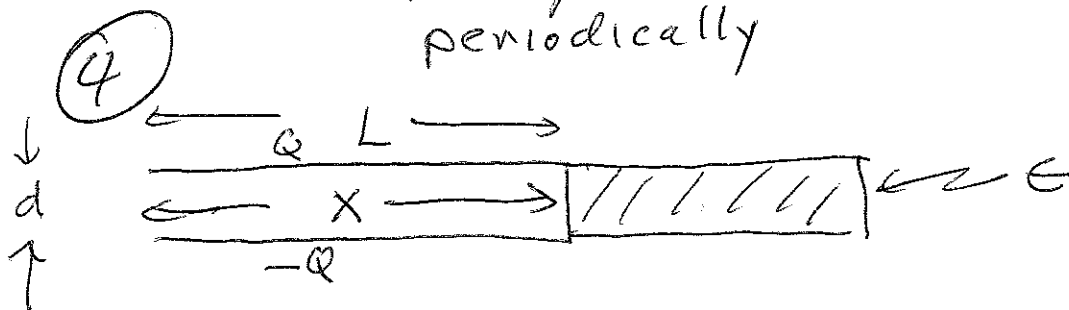
$$V = \int_a^b dr E = \frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi \epsilon_0} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_e = \frac{(b^2 - a^2) \rho g h \ln(b/a)}{\epsilon_0 V^2}$$



a) The dielectric is pulled into the capacitor and oscillates periodically

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b) Find stored energy for  $0 < x < L$ .  
 Charge moves so  $E$  is a constant along the capacitor  $\Rightarrow \sigma/\epsilon$  is constant  
 $\Rightarrow \sigma_{\epsilon_0}, \sigma_{\epsilon}$

$$\sigma_{\epsilon_0} xL + \sigma_{\epsilon} L(L-x) = Q = \sigma_0 L^2$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\epsilon_0}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma_{\epsilon}}{\epsilon}$$

$$\sigma_{\epsilon_0} [xL + \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} (L-x)L] = \sigma_0 L^2 = Q$$

$$W_{TOT} = \frac{1}{2} \int dx \epsilon E^2 \quad E = \frac{\sigma_{\epsilon_0}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} E^2 [\epsilon(L-x) + \epsilon_0 x] Ld$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} Q^2 \frac{Ld}{[\epsilon(L-x) + \epsilon_0 x] L^2}$$

$$W_{TOT} = \frac{1}{2} Q^2 \frac{d}{L} \frac{1}{\epsilon(L-x) + \epsilon_0 x}$$

$$F = - \frac{\partial W_{TOT}}{\partial x} = - \frac{1}{2} Q^2 \frac{d}{L} \frac{(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)}{[\epsilon(L-x) + \epsilon_0 x]^2}$$

$$m \ddot{x} = - \frac{1}{2} Q^2 \frac{d}{L} \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{[\epsilon(L-x) + \epsilon_0 x]^2}$$

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c)

Use energy conservation

 $\Delta W = \text{change in electric field energy}$ 

$$= W_{\text{TOT}}(x=0) - W_{\text{TOT}}(x=L)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} Q^2 \frac{d}{L} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon L} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 L} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} Q^2 \frac{d}{L^2} \frac{\epsilon_0 - \epsilon}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = -\Delta W$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{Q^2 d}{m L^2} \frac{\epsilon_0 - \epsilon}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon}}$$

d) ~~Let~~

$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = W_{\text{TOT}}(x=L) - W_{\text{TOT}}(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} Q^2 \frac{d}{L} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 L} - \frac{1}{\epsilon(L-x) + \epsilon_0 x} \right]$$

$$r = 4 \int_L^0 \frac{dr}{dx} dx = 4 \int_L^0 \frac{dx}{v}$$

$$\text{For } \epsilon = \epsilon_0(1 + \delta)$$

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For  $s \ll 1$ , easier to go back to equation of motion

$$m\ddot{x} \approx -\frac{1}{2} Q^2 \frac{d}{L} \frac{\epsilon_0 s}{\epsilon_0^2 L^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ddot{x} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2 d}{m \epsilon_0 L^3} s$$

= const.

$$\text{Let } a_x = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2 d}{m \epsilon_0 L^3} s$$

To go a distance  $x = L$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma = 4t$$

$$\gamma = 4 \sqrt{\frac{2L}{a_x}}$$

$$= 4 \sqrt{\frac{2L \epsilon_0 L^3 m}{\frac{1}{2} Q^2 d s}}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = \frac{8L^2}{Q} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0 m}{d s}}}$$

For  $s \gg 1$ ,  $w_{\text{TOT}}$  quickly drops to zero so the dielectric has a constant velocity

$$v \approx \frac{Q}{L} \sqrt{\frac{d}{m\epsilon_0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow vt = L \quad \gamma = 4t$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = 4 \frac{L^2}{Q} \sqrt{\frac{m\epsilon_0}{d}}}$$