

Green's Functions - Delta-Functions

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CONSIDER POISSON'S EQUATION

$$\epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi = - \rho(\underline{x})$$

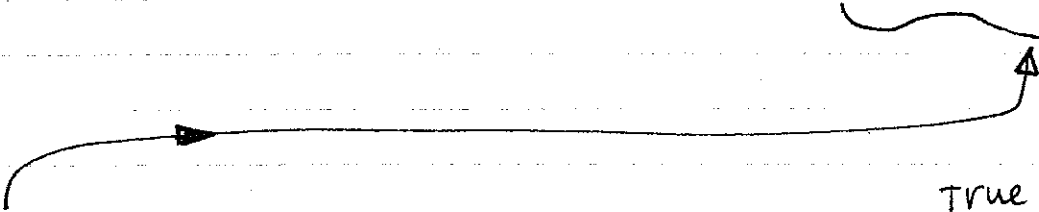
which has the solution

$$\phi(\underline{x}) = \int d^3x' \frac{\rho(\underline{x}')}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|}$$

THIS MEANS

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \phi(\underline{x}) &= \int d^3x' \frac{\rho(\underline{x}')}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \nabla^2 \frac{1}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|} \\ &= - \frac{4\pi\rho(\underline{x})}{\epsilon_0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \rho(\underline{x}) = \int d^3x' \rho(\underline{x}') \left[-\frac{1}{4\pi} \nabla^2 \frac{1}{|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'|} \right]$$


 true for any $\rho(\underline{x})$

A VERY SPECIAL FUNCTION

$$\delta(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \nabla^2 \frac{1}{|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'|}$$

OK!

$$\delta(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \underline{x} \neq \underline{x}' \\ \infty & \text{if } \underline{x} = \underline{x}' \end{cases}$$

DIRAC DELTA FUNCTION

$$\int d^3x \delta(\underline{x}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \underline{x} \neq 0 \\ \infty & \text{if } \underline{x} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\delta(\underline{x}) =$$

$$\text{but } \int d^3x \delta(\underline{x}) = 1$$

TWO USEFUL RELATIONS

$$\nabla_x \frac{1}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|} = \frac{-\underline{(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')}}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|^3}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \frac{1}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|} = \nabla \cdot \left(-\frac{(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|^3} \right) = -4\pi \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') \quad \text{- vector}$$

Boundary Conditions on ϕ surfaces~~consider~~

$$\phi(\underline{x}) = \int \frac{d^3x' \rho(\underline{x}')}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|}$$

$$\underline{E} = -\nabla\phi(\underline{x}) \Rightarrow \oint \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{a} = 0$$

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1.11

represents a complete solution
~~for~~ for the electric field given
the charge density. Problem
is we do not always know
the charge density before
hand, but we must sometimes
determine it as part of
the solution of the problem.

~~To do this we then require~~

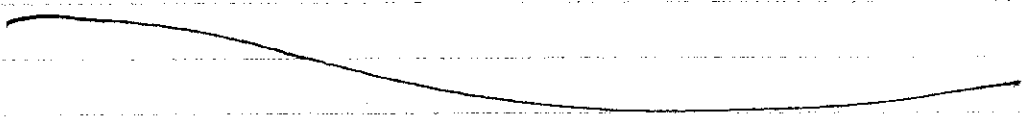
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For example suppose we introduce an ^{perfect} electrical conductor into our problem. Charge on such a conductor is free to move and arrange it self such that $\vec{E} = 0$ within the conductor. Once $\vec{E} = 0$ there no longer will be any electrical force on a free charge within the conductor inducing the charge to move.

(This does not imply that there is no force on the conductor as we shall see)

vacuum

$$\vec{E} \neq 0$$



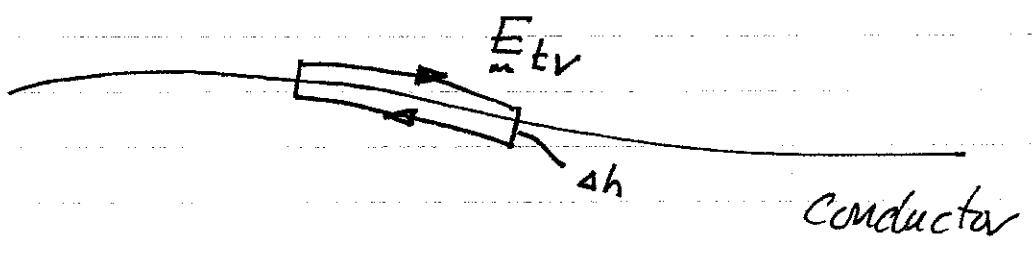
conductor

$$\vec{E} = 0$$

In conductor $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \nabla \cdot \vec{0} = 0$

no net charge density inside conductor

At boundary



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

closed loop

tangential component

This implies $\vec{E}_{tv} - \vec{E}_{tc} = 0$

but $\vec{E}_{tc} = 0$ ($\vec{E} = 0$ in cond.)

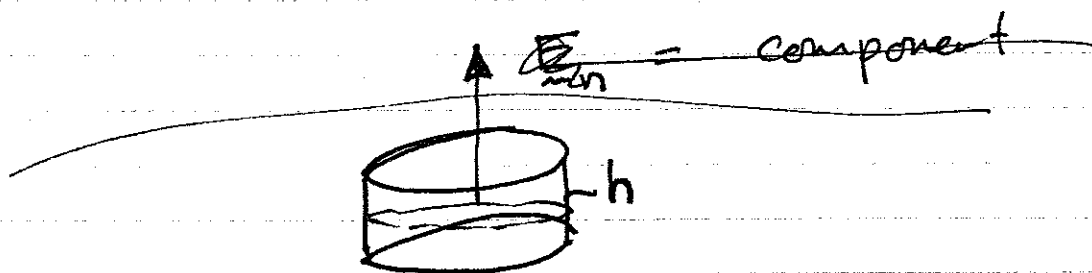
thus $\vec{E}_{tv} = 0$ (two components)

$$\phi(1) - \phi(2) = - \int_1^2 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

taking path to lie in the surface implies that $\boxed{\phi = \text{const}}$
on surface of conductor.

~~this will be used to determine surface d~~

Normal Component



$$\epsilon_0 \int da \vec{n} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi q_{\text{enclosed}}$$

$\vec{E} = 0$ inside

outward

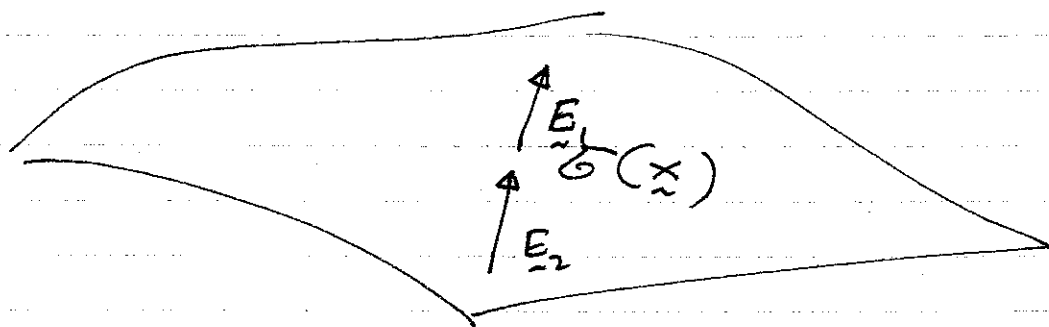
$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi \left(\frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0 da} \right)$$

surface charge density

$h \rightarrow 0$
 $da \rightarrow 0$

$\sigma =$ surface charge density

~~Thus,~~



In general there is a discontinuity
 in \rightarrow normal component of \underline{E} field
 at a surface with surface charge
 density

$$\nabla \cdot (\underline{E}_1 - \underline{E}_2)_{\text{tangent}} = 0$$

$$(\underline{E}_1 - \underline{E}_2) \cdot \underline{n} = 4\pi\sigma/\epsilon_0$$

normal pointing from 2 to 1

σ for surface charge density at a $\underline{E}_2 = 0$ conduct

Skip

Potential due to surface

Charge density

$$\phi(x) = \int_s \frac{\sigma(x') da'}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|}$$

~~Dipo~~ Continuous

~~Other special charge distributions~~

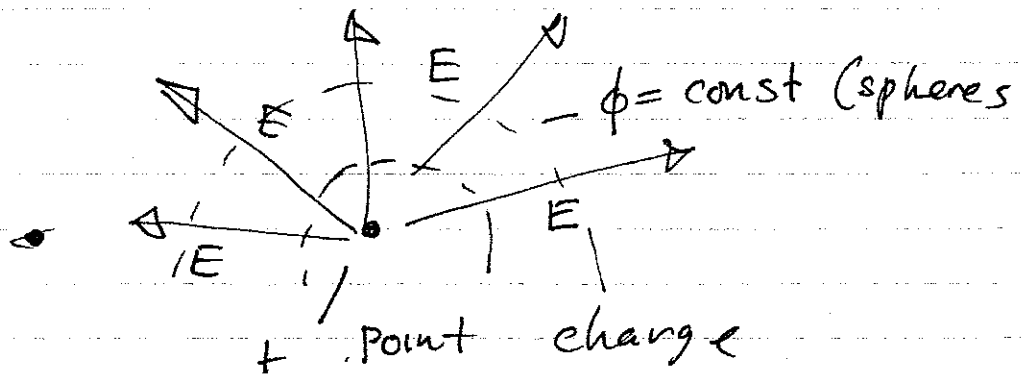
OTHER distributions dipole we will come to this,

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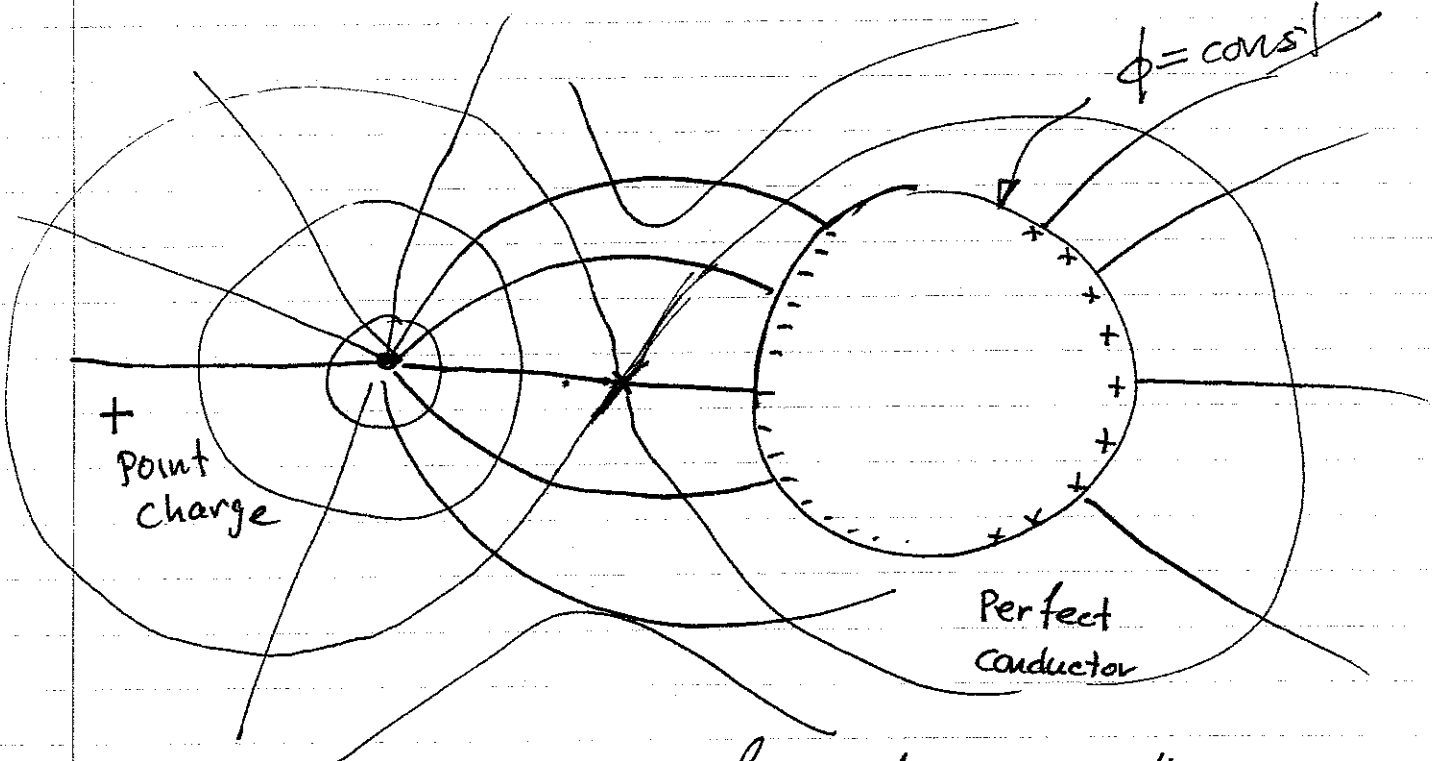
while above is true you almost never know $\sigma(x')$ a priori

We have already seen that with conductors present ~~the~~ surface charge density appears on the conductors so that $\vec{E} = 0$ in the conductor. The form of this surface charge density is not known a priori but must be determined ~~along~~ as part of the solution.

1 Schematic Example



suppose we move a perfect conductor into the picture



free charge within conductor arranges it self so that $\vec{E} = 0$ inside conductor

Thus what we want to solve is

$$\epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi = -4\pi \rho(\underline{x})$$

everywhere but in conductor in vacuum

~~with $\phi = \text{const}$ on conductor total charge on~~

CONSIDER

with ~~ε~~ ε₁

Thus, the kind of problem we want to solve is

$$\epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi = - \cancel{4\pi} \rho(\underline{x})$$

specified charge
does not include surface charge on boundary →

along with certain boundary conditions on ϕ or ∇ normal derivative on given surfaces

ϕ specified on surface

"DIRICHLET" (usual case if conductors) present

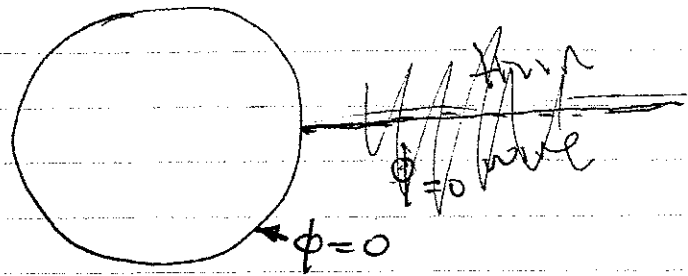
$$\underline{n} \cdot \nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} \text{ specified "Neumann"}$$

if surface charge
Caution

FOR POISSON can not specify

both on all surfaces.
switch to uniqueness

"point charge"
or $\rho(x)$



metal
conductor
moved in
~~slowly~~
from $\phi=0$

What boundary conditions?

$\phi = \text{const}$ potential held at fixed

$$\int_S da \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \phi = \text{specified (no net surface charge)}$$

fixed charge on sphere

Uniqueness of solutions

consider

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\rho/\epsilon_0$$

subject to boundary conditions
on enclosing surface

suppose we have found a
solution satisfying the equation
and all B.C.'s. Is that
solution unique? ans. yes

Proof by contradiction

suppose ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are two
different solutions then $U = \phi_1 - \phi_2$
satisfies

$$\nabla^2 U = 0$$

with B.C.'s $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} U = 0 \\ \text{if } \phi \text{ satisfies} \\ \text{Dirichlet} \end{array} \right.$

$\frac{\partial U}{\partial n} = 0$ if ϕ
satisfies Neumann
B.C.

$$\int d^3x \underbrace{u}_{0} \nabla^2 u = \int_V d^3x [(\nabla \cdot u \nabla u) - |\nabla u|^2] = 0$$

$$\text{THUS } \int_V d^3x |\nabla u|^2 = \int_S da (\underline{n} \cdot \nabla u) u$$

if either u or $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0$ on S then we must have

$$\int_V d^3x |\nabla u|^2 = 0$$

$$u = \text{const}$$

for dirichlet $u = 0$

for neumann constant is unimportant.

From this it follows that

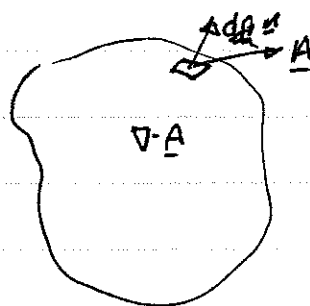
we can't specify both ϕ

and $\underline{n} \cdot \nabla \phi$

Green's Theorem

Follows from divergence theorem

$$\int_V d^3x \nabla \cdot \underline{A} = \int_S \underline{A} \cdot \underline{n} da$$



Let $\underline{A} = \phi \nabla \psi$

ϕ & ψ are two arbitrary scalars

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{A} = \nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi) = \phi \nabla^2 \psi + \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \psi \quad \text{product rule}$$

$$\int_V [\phi \nabla^2 \psi + \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \psi] d^3x = \int_S \phi \underline{n} \cdot \nabla \psi da$$

interchange ϕ & ψ

$$\int_V (\psi \nabla^2 \phi + \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla \phi) d^3x = \int_S \psi \underline{n} \cdot \nabla \phi da$$

subtract

$$\int_V [\phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi] d^3x = \int_S [\phi \underline{n} \cdot \nabla \psi - \psi \underline{n} \cdot \nabla \phi] da$$

~~change~~

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TRUE FOR ANY CHOICE OF $\phi \neq \psi$

NOW LET ϕ BE THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WE ARE INTERESTED.

$$-\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\rho(\underline{x})}{\epsilon} \quad (\text{haven't specified BC's})$$

LET $\psi(\underline{x})$ BE THE SOLUTION TO

$$\nabla^2 \psi = -4\pi \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') \quad (\text{haven't specified BC's})$$

$$(\text{example } \psi = \frac{1}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|})$$

$$\int_V d^3x \left[\phi(\underline{x}) (-4\pi \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')) + \psi(\underline{x}, \underline{x}') \frac{\rho(\underline{x})}{\epsilon_0} \right]$$

$$= \int_S da [\phi \underline{n} \cdot \nabla \psi - \psi \underline{n} \cdot \nabla \phi]$$

FIRST TERM = $-4\pi \phi(\underline{x}')$ if \underline{x}' is in V

= 0 otherwise

assume x' in V

$$\phi(x') = \int \frac{d^3x \rho(x)}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \psi(x, x')$$

$$- \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S da [\phi n \cdot \nabla \psi - \psi n \cdot \nabla \phi]$$

~~pick~~ ~~boundary~~ ~~condition~~

Boundary Conditions

(Dirichlet problem)

suppose $\phi(x)$ is known on boundary
(then $n \cdot \nabla \phi$ is unknown)

~~pick~~ pick $\psi = G(x, x')$

so that $G|_{x=\text{Boundary}} = 0$

call G_0

$$\phi(x') = \int \frac{d^3x \rho(x)}{4\pi\epsilon_0} G_0(x, x')$$

particular solution
satisfying

$\phi = 0$ on
boundary

$$- \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S da \phi(x) n \cdot \nabla G_0(x, x')$$

↳ Homogeneous

term from potential
on boundary

Prove Symmetry of G

Symmetry of

$$+\nabla^2 G_D = -4\pi \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

$$G_D(\underline{x}, \underline{x}') \Big|_{\underline{x} = \text{Boundary}} = 0$$

Consider the problem

$$\triangleright -\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\rho(\underline{x})}{\epsilon_0} \quad \phi = 0 \text{ on } B$$

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

Now suppose $\rho(\underline{x}) = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}'')$

$$\triangleright \text{ THEN } \phi(\underline{x}) = G_D(\underline{x}, \underline{x}'')$$

$$\phi(\underline{x}') = G_D(\underline{x}'', \underline{x}')$$

eliminate prime

$$\phi(\underline{x}) = G_D(\underline{x}'', \underline{x}) = G_D(\underline{x}, \underline{x}'')$$

arguments reversed (reciprocity)

* Poisson Equation with Neumann boundary conditions

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\frac{\rho(\underline{x})}{\epsilon} \quad \text{in Volume } V$$

$$n \cdot \nabla \phi \Big|_S \quad \text{specified on surface of } V$$

First: do solutions exist?

Ans: not necessarily.

~~From divergence~~

From Gauss's Law

$$\epsilon_0 \int_S d\mathbf{a} \cdot \underline{E} = -\epsilon_0 \int_S d\mathbf{a} (n \cdot \nabla \phi) = q = \int_V d^3x \rho(\underline{x})$$

Thus, in order for a solution to exist one must specify values of $n \cdot \nabla \phi \Big|_S$ that are consistent with Gauss's Law

Suppose this is the case. Then are solutions unique?

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Ans: No they are not.

Suppose $\phi(x)$ satisfies equations + BC.

Then $\phi(x) + C$ also satisfies equation & BC's.

So to make solution unique we must add an additional condition.

Example
$$\int_S da \phi = 0$$

The average value of ϕ on the surface is zero.

How to use Green's Theorem

$$-\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\rho(\underline{x})}{\epsilon_0} \quad n \cdot \nabla \phi \text{ specified}$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi = -4\pi \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

$$\phi(\underline{x}') = \frac{\int d^3x \rho(\underline{x}) \psi(\underline{x}, \underline{x}')}{4\pi\epsilon_0} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S da [\phi n \cdot \nabla \psi - \psi n \cdot \nabla \phi]$$

Now to pick the BC's for ψ equation.

Let's pick $n \cdot \nabla \psi = K$ a constant

What is K ?

$$\int_S da \underbrace{n \cdot \nabla \psi}_K = -4\pi \int_V d^3x \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = -4\pi$$

$$K = \frac{-4\pi}{A} \quad A \leftarrow \text{area of bounding surface}$$

(4)

$$\phi(x') = \int \frac{d^3x \rho(x) \psi}{4\pi\epsilon_0} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S da \left[\overset{\text{const.}}{\phi} k - \underbrace{\psi n \cdot \nabla \phi}_{\text{known}} \right]$$

But $\int_S da \phi = 0$ to make solution unique

$$\phi(x') = \int \frac{d^3x \rho(x) \psi}{4\pi\epsilon_0} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int da n \cdot \nabla \phi \psi(x, x')$$