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From Maxwell's eq<sup>n</sup>  $\rho_v = \nabla \cdot \vec{D}$  — (1)

but  $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$  — (2)

we also know,

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$\nabla V$  is called potential gradient.

using (2) & (3) in (1).

$$\rho_v = \nabla \cdot (\epsilon \vec{E})$$

$$= \nabla \cdot (\epsilon (-\nabla V))$$

$$= -\epsilon (\nabla \cdot \nabla V)$$

$$\rho_v = -\epsilon (\nabla^2 V)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}}$$

— (4). This is called Poisson's equation where charges exist in free space.

If the region is charge free, then  $\rho_v = 0$ .

eq (4) becomes  $\boxed{\nabla^2 V = 0}$  — (5) This is called Laplace equation.

Laplacian is a scalar quantity obtained by taking divergence of the operator  $\nabla$  with the gradient of  $V$ .

$\nabla \cdot (\nabla V)$  where  $\nabla$  is del,  $\nabla V$  is gradient & it is defined as  $\nabla^2 V = \nabla \cdot (\nabla V)$ .

In Cartesian,

$$\nabla^2 v = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2}.$$

In Cylindrical,

$$\nabla^2 v = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{1}{r^2} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \phi^2} \right] + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} = 0.$$

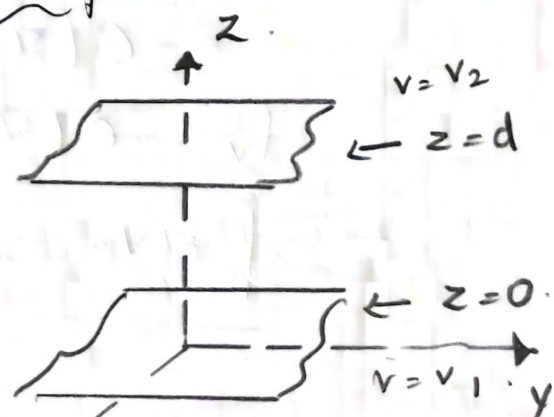
In Spherical,

$$\nabla^2 v = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \phi^2}.$$

## Applications of Laplace Equation

- Two infinitely charged parallel planes of infinite extent (case of parallel plate capacitors).

Consider two infinitely charged planes M and N of infinite extent extending in parallel x-y planes and separated by a distance 'd' along the 'z' direction as in Fig.



Plane M is located at \$z=0\$ with potential \$v\_1\$.

Plane N is located at \$z=d\$ with potential \$v\_2\$.

Region between two planes is free of charges \$\therefore \rho\_v = 0\$.

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} = 0. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 0. \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

using (2) in (1)

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} = 0. \quad \text{--- (3)}$$



Integrate,  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = \int 0 dz + C_1 = C_1$

(2)

Integrate,  $V = \int C_1 dz + C_2$

$$\boxed{V = C_1 z + C_2} \quad - (4)$$

At  $z=0, V=0$

$V = C_1(0) + C_2$   
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{C_2 = 0} \quad - (5)$

At  $z=0, V=V_1$

$V_1 = C_1(0) + C_2$

$$\boxed{C_2 = V_1} \quad - (5)$$

At  $z=d, V=V_2$

$V_2 = C_1(d) + C_2$

$C_1 = \frac{V_2 - C_2}{d} \quad - (6)$

using (5) in (6)

$$\boxed{C_1 = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{d}} \quad - (7)$$

use (5) & (7) in (4)

$$\boxed{V = \left(\frac{V_2 - V_1}{d}\right) z + V_1} \quad - (8)$$

$\vec{E} = -\nabla V = -\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\hat{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\hat{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z}\hat{a}_z\right)$

$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 0$

$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z}\hat{a}_z \quad - (9)$

from eq (8)

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{d} \quad (10)$$

use (10) in (9)

$$\vec{E} = - \frac{(V_2 - V_1)}{d} \hat{a}_z = - \frac{V_1 - V_2}{d} \hat{a}_z$$

$$\vec{E} = - \frac{V_0 \hat{a}_z}{d}, \quad \vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = - \frac{V_0 \epsilon}{d} \hat{a}_z \text{ C/m}^2$$

$$|S| = |\vec{D}_n| = \frac{V_0 \epsilon}{d} \text{ C/m}^2$$

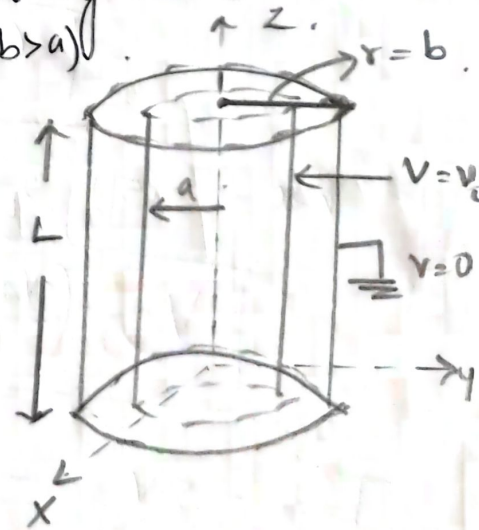
$Q = |S| \times A$  ;  $A = \text{cross sectional area of each plate}$   
 $V = V_0 = \text{potential difference between the plates}$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{|S| \times A}{V} = \frac{V_0 \epsilon \times A}{d V_0} = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} \text{ F}$$

2. Two concentric cylinders of infinite length co-axial cable :-

→ Considering two conducting right-circular cylinders 'M' and 'N' of radii 'a' and 'b' respectively ( $b > a$ ).

→ Let inner cylinder be uniformly charged and outer cylinder be earthed.



$$\rightarrow \nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

→ potential remains constant for  $\phi$  and  $z$  and varies along  $r$  co-ordinate

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right] = 0 \quad (1) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right] = 0$$



Integrating on both sides

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right] = 0.$$

$$r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = A \quad ; \quad A = \text{constant}.$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = \frac{A}{r}.$$

Integrate again

$$\boxed{v = A \ln r + B} \quad - (1); \quad B = \text{constant}.$$

Apply boundary condition to evaluate A & B.

Let  $v = V_0$  at  $r = a$ .

and  $v = 0$  at  $r = b$ .

using these boundary condition in eq (1).

$$V_0 = A \ln a + B \quad - (2)$$

$$0 = A \ln b + B.$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -A \ln b \quad - (3)$$

using (3) in (2).

$$V_0 = A \ln a - A \ln b.$$

$$= A (\ln a - \ln b)$$

$$V_0 = A \ln(a/b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A = \frac{V_0}{\ln(a/b)}} \quad - (4)$$

using (4) in (3).

$$B = - \frac{V_0}{\ln(a/b)} \ln b \quad - (5)$$

using (4) & (5) in (1).

$$v = \frac{V_0}{\ln(a/b)} \ln r - \frac{V_0}{\ln(a/b)} \ln b = \frac{V_0}{\ln(a/b)} [\ln r - \ln b]$$

$$\boxed{V = \frac{V_0}{\ln(a/b)} \ln(r/b)} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

$$= - \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} V \right] \hat{a}_r$$

$$= - \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ \frac{V_0}{\ln(a/b)} \ln(r/b) \right] \right] \hat{a}_r$$

$$= - \frac{V_0}{\ln(a/b)} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [\ln(r/b)] \hat{a}_r$$

$$= - \frac{V_0}{\ln(a/b)} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [\ln r - \ln b] \hat{a}_r$$

$$= - \frac{V_0}{\ln(a/b)} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \hat{a}_r$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = - \frac{V_0}{r \ln(b/a)} \hat{a}_r} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon}$$

$$\text{N.B.T: } \vec{D} = \frac{P}{S} = \frac{Q}{S} = \frac{Q}{2\pi a L} \hat{a}_r$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{2\pi \epsilon a L} \hat{a}_r} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

equating (7) & (8)

$$\frac{V_0}{r \ln(b/a)} \hat{a}_r = \frac{Q}{2\pi \epsilon a L} \hat{a}_r$$

$$\frac{Q}{V_0} = \frac{2\pi \epsilon a L}{r \ln(b/a)}$$

[ $r = a = \text{inner cylinder radius}$ ]



$$\frac{Q}{V_0} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon aL}{a \ln(b/a)}.$$

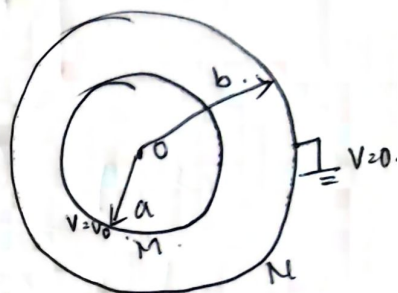
(4).

$$C = \frac{Q}{V_0} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon aL}{a \ln(b/a)} \quad (F)$$

$$\boxed{C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon L}{\ln(b/a)}} \quad f.$$

3. Two concentric spheres.

→ Consider two concentric spherical shells M and N of radii  $a$  &  $b$  respectively. ( $b > a$ ).



$$\rightarrow \nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin\theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} = 0.$$

potential remains constant for  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ , so.

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) = 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) = 0. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Integrating,

$$r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = A.$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{A}{r^2}.$$

Integrating again.

$$\boxed{V = -\frac{A}{r} + B} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Boundary Conditions,

$$V = V_0 \quad \text{at} \quad r = a$$

$$V = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad r = b.$$

using B.C.s in eq (2).

$$0 = -\frac{A}{b} + B.$$

$$\boxed{B = \frac{A}{b}} \quad - (3)$$

$$V_0 = -\frac{A}{a} + B.$$

$$V_0 = -\frac{A}{a} + \frac{A}{b} \Rightarrow V_0 = A \left( \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right).$$

$$\boxed{A = \frac{V_0}{\left( \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right)}} \quad - (4)$$

using (4) in (3).

$$\boxed{B = \frac{V_0}{b \left( \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right)}} \quad - (5)$$

using (4) & (5) in (2).

$$V = \frac{-V_0}{r \left( \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right)} + \frac{V_0}{b \left( \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right)}.$$

$$V = \frac{V_0}{\left( \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right)} \left[ \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{r} \right].$$

$$\boxed{V = \frac{V_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{b} \right)}{\left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)}} \quad - (6)$$

Since the potential is independent of  $\phi$  &  $z$ ,  
radial direction and independent of  $\phi$  &  $z$ .

$$\vec{E} = - \left( \frac{d}{dr} V \right) \hat{a}_r$$

$$= - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ \frac{V_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{b} \right)}{\left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)} \right] \hat{a}_r$$

$$= \frac{-V_0}{\left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{b} \right) \hat{a}_r = \frac{-V_0}{\left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)} \left( -\frac{1}{r^2} \right) \hat{a}_r.$$



$$\left| \vec{E} = \frac{V_0}{r^2(\epsilon_a - \epsilon_b)} \hat{a}_1 \right| \quad - (7)$$

(5)

$$\vec{D} = \frac{Q}{S} = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \hat{a}_0$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon} = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2 \epsilon} \hat{a}_1 \quad - (8)$$

equating (7) & (8).

$$\frac{V_0}{r^2(\epsilon_a - \epsilon_b)} \hat{a}_1 = \frac{Q}{4\pi \epsilon r^2} \hat{a}_1$$

$$\frac{Q}{V_0} = \frac{\epsilon_a - \epsilon_b}{4\pi \epsilon}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V_0} = \frac{4\pi \epsilon}{(\epsilon_a - \epsilon_b)} f$$

## Uniqueness Theorem

Uniqueness Theorem :- This theorem exhibits the uniqueness to the solution of Laplace equation. "Under the given boundary conditions Laplace equation has one and only one solution".

W.O.T  $\nabla^2 V = 0$  (Laplace equation)

Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be the two solutions that obey the above equation and satisfies the boundary conditions for the given case.

$$\nabla^2 V_1 = 0 \quad - (1)$$

$$\nabla^2 V_2 = 0 \quad - (2)$$

$$(1) - (2), \quad \nabla^2 (V_1 - V_2) = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 f = 0 \quad - (3)$$

$$f = V_1 - V_2$$

Let the potential at the boundary be  $V_b$ .  
Let the values of the solution at the boundary be  $V_{1b}$  and  $V_{2b}$  respectively &  $f = f_b$ .

$$\Rightarrow f - f_b = V_{1b} - V_{2b} = 0. \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

If  $\vec{A}$  is any vector and  $f$  as a scalar function must obey

$$\nabla \cdot (f\vec{A}) = f(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + \vec{A} \cdot (\nabla f) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$\nabla f$  is a vector

$$\text{Let } \vec{A} = \nabla f$$

Then eqn (5) becomes

$$\nabla \cdot f(\nabla f) = f[\nabla \cdot (\nabla f)] + (\nabla f) \cdot (\nabla f) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Integrating the above equation over the entire volume  $V$  enclosed by the surface defined by boundary condition, then

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot f(\nabla f) dv = \int_V f[\nabla \cdot (\nabla f)] dv + \int_V (\nabla f)^2 dv \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

we have from divergence theorem

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{A} dv = \oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\text{or } \int_V \nabla \cdot (\nabla f) dv = \oint_S \nabla f \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

multiply both sides by  $f$

$$\int_V (\nabla \cdot f)(\nabla f) dv = \oint_S f \cdot \nabla f \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

The right side of the above equation is an integral over a closed surface that surrounds the volume. This surface involves the boundaries at which we know  $f - f_b = 0$ .

$\therefore$  R.H.S of eq (9) is zero.

L.H.S of eq (9) is also zero.

Similarly, L.H.S of eq (8) is zero.

Now, as per vector algebra

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla f) = \nabla^2 f$$



Since  $\nabla^2 f = 0$ .

∴ first term in the R.H.S of eq (9) is zero.

Thus,

$$\int_V (\nabla f)^2 dv = 0.$$

$$\int_V [\nabla (v_1 - v_2)]^2 dv = 0 \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

An integral over a certain volume can be zero under two conditions.

- i) If the integrand has the values at some parts and -ve at some other parts of the volume so that the sum could be zero.
- ii) If the integrand is zero at every point in the volume.

In eq (10) since the integrand consists of a square term it cannot be -ve at any point which rules out the first possibility.

Hence,  $\nabla (v_1 - v_2)^2 = 0$ .

$$(v_1 - v_2)^2 = a = \text{constant}$$

ie  $v_1 - v_2 = a = \text{constant}$  over the entire volume. It implies that the value it has at the boundary and that inside the volume should be equal.

$$\therefore v_1 - v_2 = V_{1b} - V_{2b} = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{v_1 = v_2}$$

Thus the two solutions are identical & hence the uniqueness theorem.

① Verify the potential field given below satisfies the Laplace equation a)  $V = 2x^2 - 3y^2 + z^2$ . ④

∴ - given  $V = 2x^2 - 3y^2 + z^2$

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 4x \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = 4$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = -6y \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} = -6$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = 2z \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 2$$

$$\nabla^2 V = 4 - 6 + 2 = 0$$

∴ Since  $\nabla^2 V = 0$ ; the given potential field satisfies the Laplace equation.

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b)  $\vec{E} = 5\cos z \hat{a}_z$

∴ -  $\vec{E} = -\nabla V$

$$-\nabla V = 5\cos z \hat{a}_z$$

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla V = -\nabla \cdot (5\cos z \hat{a}_z)$$

$$\nabla^2 V = -\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (5\cos z \hat{a}_z) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (5\cos z)$$

$$\nabla^2 V = 5\sin z \neq 0$$

∴ Hence the given region is not free of charges

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c)  $V = r\cos\phi + z$

∴ - cylindrical co-ordinate system

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$



$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [r \cos \phi + z] = \cos \phi$$

$$r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = + r \cos \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right] = \cos \phi$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right] = \frac{1}{r} \cos \phi} \quad - (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} [r \cos \phi + z] = -r \sin \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \phi^2} = -r \cos \phi$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \phi^2} = -\frac{1}{r} \cos \phi} \quad - (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [r \cos \phi + z] = 1$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} = 0} \quad - (4)$$

use eqn (2), (3) & (4) in (1).

$$\nabla^2 v = \frac{1}{r} \cos \phi - \frac{1}{r} \cos \phi + 0$$

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 v = 0} \quad \text{hence satisfies Laplace equation}$$

a)  $v = r \cos \phi$   $v = r \cos \theta + \phi$

spherical coordinate system.

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

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [r \cos \theta + \phi] = \cos \theta$$

$$r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = r^2 \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right] = 2r \cos \theta$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right] = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} [r \cos \theta + \phi] = -r \sin \theta$$

$$\sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right] = -2r \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right] = \frac{-2r \sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} = \frac{-2 \cos \theta}{r} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} [r \cos \theta + \phi] = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} = 0} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

we use (2) (3) (4) in (1)

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r} - \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r} + 0 = 0 \quad \text{hence satisfies Laplace equation.}$$

- ② Given the potential field  $V = [Ar^4 + Br^{-4}] \sin 4\phi$ .  
 S.T  $\nabla^2 V = 0$ , Select A and B so that  $V = 100$  volt  
 &  $|E| = 500$  V/m at  $P(r=1, \phi=22.5^\circ, z=2)$ .

$$\therefore \nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$



$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [Ar^4 + Br^{-4}] \sin 4\phi$$

$$= (4Ar^3 - 4Br^{-5}) \sin 4\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [r (4Ar^3 - 4Br^{-5}) \sin 4\phi]$$

$$= (16Ar^3 + 16Br^{-5}) \sin 4\phi$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}) = 16(Ar^2 + Br^{-6}) \sin 4\phi \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (Ar^4 + Br^{-4}) \sin 4\phi$$

$$= (Ar^4 + Br^{-4}) 4 \cos 4\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} = (Ar^4 + Br^{-4}) (-16 \sin 4\phi) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} = -16(Ar^2 + Br^{-6}) \sin 4\phi \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

using (2), (3) & (4) in (1)

$$\nabla^2 V = 16(Ar^2 + Br^{-6}) \sin 4\phi - 16(Ar^2 + Br^{-6}) \sin 4\phi + 0$$

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 V = 0}$$

$$V = [Ar^4 + Br^{-4}] \sin 4\phi$$

$$100 = [A(1)^4 + B(1)^{-4}] \sin(4 \times 22.5^\circ)$$

$$\boxed{100 = A + B} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Given  $|E| = 500 \text{ V/m}$

$$\nabla V = \left[ \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \hat{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \hat{a}_\phi + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \hat{a}_z \right]$$

$$\nabla V = [4Ar^3 - 4Br^{-5} \sin 4\phi] \hat{a}_1 + [(Ar^3 + Br^{-5}) 4 \cos \phi] \hat{a}_\phi \quad (9)$$

$$r=1, \quad \phi = 22.5^\circ$$

$$\nabla V = (4A - 4B) \hat{a}_1$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V = -(4A - 4B) \hat{a}_1$$

$$|E| = 500 = 4A - 4B$$

$$\boxed{125 = A - B} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Solving (1) and (2)

$$\boxed{A = 112.5}$$

$$\boxed{B = -12.5}$$

(3) A sphere of radius 'a' has the charge distribution  $\rho(r)$   $\text{C/m}^3$  which produces an electric field intensity given by,

$$E_r = Ar^4 \quad \text{for } r \leq a$$

$$= Ar^{-2}, \quad \text{for } r > a$$

where A is a constant. Find the corresponding charge distribution  $\rho(r)$ .

$$\therefore \nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right] = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} \quad (\text{spherical}) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Case i).  $r \leq a$ .

$$E_r = Ar^4$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = Ar^4$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = -Ar^4$$

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right] = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [r^2 (-Ar^4)] = -\frac{A}{r^2} 6r^5$$

$$\nabla^2 V = -6Ar^3 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

from (1) & (3)  $-\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} = -6Ar^3 \Rightarrow \boxed{\rho_v = 6\epsilon Ar^3}$



Case iv) : -  $r > a$  .

$$E_r = \frac{A}{r^2} .$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla v = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = \frac{A}{r^2} .$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right] = 0 .$$

$$\boxed{\rho = 0}$$

④ In a certain region the volume charge density is constant and is equal to  $1 \mu\text{C/m}^3$  in the  $x$ -direction at-

i)  $x = 0.1\text{m}$  ,  $v = 100\text{V}$

ii)  $x = 0\text{m}$  ,  $v = 0\text{V}$  . Determine the expression for potential.

:- By Poisson's equation -

$$\nabla^2 v = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}$$

Since it is a function of  $x$  only we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}$$

Integrating w.r.t  $x$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} x + A$$

Again integrating

$$\boxed{v = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} \frac{x^2}{2} + Ax + B} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Boundary Condition -

i)  $x = 0.1$  ,  $v = 100\text{V}$  }  
ii)  $x = 0\text{m}$  ,  $v = 0\text{V}$  }

using these in eq (1)

$$\boxed{B = 0}$$

and

$$\boxed{100 = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{0.1^2}{2} \right) + 0.1A + B}$$

on solving,  $A = 6647.16$ ,  $B = 0$ .

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$$V = -56470.4x^2 + 6647.16x$$

- 5 Find the potential at  $(2, 1, 3)$  m for the field of two co-axial cylindrical conductors.
- G.T  $V = 50V$  at  $r = 2m$   
 $V = 20V$  at  $r = 3m$ .

$\therefore - \nabla^2 V = 0$ .

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 2.23$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x) = 0.463 \text{ rad}$$

$$z = 3$$

Since potential is a function of 'r' only

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right] = 0$$

Integrating w.r.t. 'r'

$$r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = A$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{A}{r}$$

Integrating,

$$V = A \ln r + B$$

using B.C,

$$A = -73.9, \quad B = 101.25$$

$$V = -73.9 \ln r + 101.25$$

$$V(2, 1, 3) = 41.75$$

- 6 G.T  $V = C/R$  where 'C' is a constant and R is a variable. Check whether 'V' satisfies Laplace equation.



! -  $\nabla^2 V = 0$ .

Let us check for all 3 coordinate system.

a) Cartesian system

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

here  $x=R$ ,  $y=z=0$ .

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial R^2}, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} = -\frac{C}{R^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial R^2} = \frac{2C}{R^3} \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  the given function does not satisfy in Cartesian system.

b) Cylindrical coordinate system

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = -C/r^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-C/r) = C/r^2$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}) = C/r^3 \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  the expression for potential doesn't satisfy in cylindrical.

c) Spherical coordinate system

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( R^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial R} = -\frac{C}{R^2}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( R^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} \right) = 0$$

$\therefore$  the given function satisfies

⑦ Find the potential at (2, 1, 3) m for the field of a radial conducting planes with

$V = 50V$  at  $\phi = 10^\circ$   
 $V = 20V$  at  $\phi = 30^\circ$

Also find the E.F.S and E.F.D at the same point.

Assuming Cylindrical system and  $r = 0$ .

(11)

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \phi^2} = 0.$$

$$v = A\phi + B.$$

$$50 = A \times \frac{10 \times \pi}{180} + B.$$

on solving

$$20 = A \times 30 \times \frac{\pi}{180} + B.$$

$$A = -86.8, B = 65.$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla v.$$

$$= -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} \hat{a}_\phi = -\frac{1}{8} (-86.8) \hat{a}_\phi = 38.4.$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = 3.4 \times 10^{10} \hat{a}_\phi.$$

$$v = -86.8 \phi + 6409.$$

$$= -86.8 (0.46) + 6409.$$

$$v = 24.972.$$

⑧ Find  $v$  at  $P(2, 1, 3)$  for the field of two coaxial conducting cones with  $v = 50V$  at  $\theta = 30^\circ$  and  $v = 20V$  at  $\theta = 50^\circ$ .

$v$  is a function of  $\theta$  only

$$\therefore \nabla^2 v = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0.$$

Integrating  $\sin \theta \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = A$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = \frac{A}{\sin \theta} = A \csc \theta.$$

Integrating

$$v = A \ln(\tan \theta / 2) + B.$$



using B.C. and solving

$$A = -54.152, \quad B = -21.3125$$

$$V = -54.152 \ln(\tan \theta_2) = 21.3125$$

$$\text{For } P(2, 1, 3) \quad \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 36.669^\circ}$$

$$\boxed{V_p = 38.4489 \text{ V.}}$$