

BRIEF ARTICLE

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Let Cylinder axis on z direction and E field points at \hat{x} direction. By symmetry, potential depends on (r, θ) . The solutions to Poisson equation are:

$$(1) \quad V(r > R) = \sum_n (A_n \cos(k_n \theta) + B_n \sin(k_n \theta)) r^{k_n}$$

$$(2) \quad V(r < R) = \sum_n (C_n \cos(k_n \theta) + D_n \sin(k_n \theta)) \frac{1}{r^{k_n}} - E_0 r \cos \theta$$

And their derivatives are:

$$(3) \quad dV/dr(r > R) = \sum_n (A_n \cos(k_n \theta) + B_n \sin(k_n \theta)) k_n r^{k_n-1}$$

$$(4) \quad dV/dr(r < R) = \sum_n (C_n \cos(k_n \theta) + D_n \sin(k_n \theta)) \frac{-k_n}{r^{k_n+1}} - E_0 \cos \theta$$

$$(5) \quad \frac{dV}{d\theta}(r > R) = \sum_n (-A_n \sin(k_n \theta) + B_n \cos(k_n \theta)) k_n r^{k_n}$$

$$(6) \quad \frac{dV}{d\theta}(r < R) = \sum_n (-C_n \sin(k_n \theta) + D_n \cos(k_n \theta)) k_n \frac{1}{r^{k_n}} + E_0 r \cos \theta$$

Boundary Condition: $k_n = 1$., matching radial part gives $A_1 = (-\epsilon_0 C_1 / R^2) / \epsilon$ and $\epsilon B_1 = -D_1 / R$

matching angular part gives $-A_1 R = -C_1 / R + E_0 R$ and $-B_1 R = -D_1 / R$

$k_n! = 1$., radial part gives $\epsilon A_n R^{2k_n} = -C_n$ and $\epsilon B_n R^{2k_n} = -D_n$

angular part gives $A_n R^{k_n} = C_n$ and $B_n R^{2k_n} = D_n$

If $k! = 1$ and $\epsilon! = -1$, then $A_n = B_n = C_n = D_n = 0$

if $k = 1$ and $\epsilon! = -1$, then $B_1 = D_1 = 0$. And $A_1 = -E_0 + C_1 / R^2 = 1 / \epsilon (-E_0 - C_1 / R^2) \rightarrow C_1 = E_0 R^2 (\frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon+1})$ and $A_1 = -E_0 \frac{2}{\epsilon+1}$

Now plug everything back in:

$$(7) \quad V(r > R) = -E_0 r \frac{2}{\epsilon+1} \cos \theta$$

$$(8) \quad V(r < R) = E_0 R^2 / r (\frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon+1}) \cos \theta - E_0 r \cos \theta$$

And E field are:

$$(9) \quad E(r < R) = E_0 \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon + 1} \right) \hat{x}$$

$$(10) \quad E(r < R) = E_0 (R/r)^2 \left(\frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \right) (\cos \theta \hat{r} + \sin \theta \hat{\theta}) + E_0 \hat{x}$$