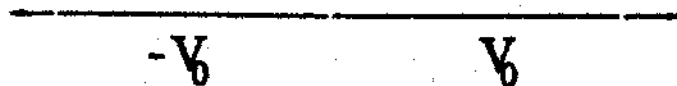


9. Electricity and Magnetism

Consider the infinite two-dimensional conducting plane depicted in the figure. The right half is maintained at electrostatic potential V_0 while the left half is maintained at potential $-V_0$. What is the potential above the plane?



$$\phi(r, \theta = 0) = V_0$$

$$\phi(r, \theta = \pi) = -V_0$$

$\alpha = 0$ is appropriate since the angular spread is less than 2π

$$\phi(r, \theta) = [a_0 + b_0 \ln r][c_0 + d_0 \theta]$$

$$\phi(r, \theta) = [a_0 r^\alpha - b_0 r^{-\alpha}][c_0 \cos \alpha \theta + d_0 \sin \alpha \theta]$$

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for $\alpha > 0$

$$\phi(0) = V_0 = [a_0 + b_0 \ln r][c_0] \quad V_0 = a_0 c_0 \quad d_0 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\pi) = -V_0 &= [a_0][c_0 + d_0 \pi] = a_0 c_0 + a_0 d_0 \pi \\ &= V_0 + a_0 d_0 \pi = -V_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_0 d_0 \pi = -2V_0$$

$$a_0 d_0 = \frac{-2V_0}{\pi}$$

$$\phi(r, \theta) = a_0 c_0 + a_0 d_0 \theta$$

$$= V_0 - \frac{2V_0 \theta}{\pi}$$