



Jackson 3.1

$$\phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( A_n r^n + \frac{B_n}{r^{n+1}} \right) P_n(\cos \theta) \quad (1)$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\phi(a, \theta) = V H(\pi/2 - \theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (A_n a^n + B_n/a^{n+1}) P_n(\cos \theta) \quad (2)$$

step function ←

$$\phi(b, \theta) = V H(\theta - \pi/2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (A_n b^n + B_n/b^{n+1}) P_n(\cos \theta) \quad (3)$$

Multiplying (2) by  $P_\ell(\cos \theta) \sin \theta$  & integrating over  $\theta$ :

$$\int_0^\pi P_\ell(\cos \theta) \sin \theta V H(\pi/2 - \theta) d\theta = \frac{2}{2\ell+1} (A_\ell a^\ell + B_\ell/a^{\ell+1})$$

$$\frac{2V}{2\ell+1} \int_0^{\pi/2} P_\ell(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta = A_\ell a^\ell + B_\ell/a^{\ell+1} \quad (4)$$

Similarly for (3):

$$\int_0^\pi P_\ell(\cos \theta) \sin \theta V H(\theta - \pi/2) d\theta = \frac{2}{2\ell+1} (A_\ell b^\ell + B_\ell/b^{\ell+1})$$

$$\frac{2V}{2\ell+1} \int_{\pi/2}^\pi P_\ell(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta = A_\ell b^\ell + B_\ell/b^{\ell+1} \quad (5)$$

Evaluating the integrals:

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} P_\ell(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^1 P_\ell(x) dx, \quad x = \cos \theta$$

if  $\ell$  is even:

$$= 1/2 \int_{-1}^1 P_\ell(x) P_0(x) dx, \quad \text{since } P_0(x) = 1 \text{ \& } P_\ell(x) \text{ is even}$$

$$= \delta_{\ell 0}$$

if  $l$  is odd

$$= (-1/2)^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \frac{(l-2)!!}{2(\frac{l+1}{2})!} \quad (\text{From an example done in class})$$

$$\int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} P_l(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta = \int_{-1}^0 P_l(x) dx, \quad x = \cos\theta$$

if  $l$  is even

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 P_l(x) P_0(x) dx, \quad \text{since } P_0(x) = 1 \text{ \& } P_l(x) \text{ is even}$$

$$= \delta_{l0} \quad \checkmark$$

if  $l$  is odd

$$= -\int_0^1 P_l(x) dx$$

$$= -(-1/2)^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \frac{(l-2)!!}{2(\frac{l+1}{2})!} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\pi/2} P_l(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta = \begin{cases} \delta_{l0} & , \text{ if } l \text{ is even} \\ (-1/2)^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \frac{(l-2)!!}{2(\frac{l+1}{2})!} & , \text{ if } l \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$$\int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} P_l(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta = \begin{cases} \delta_{l0} & , \text{ if } l \text{ is even} \\ -(-1/2)^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \frac{(l-2)!!}{2(\frac{l+1}{2})!} & , \text{ if } l \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

From (4), (5), (6) & (7):

$$A_l a^l + B_l / a^{l+1} = \frac{V(2l+1)}{2} \delta_{l0}, \quad \text{for } l = \text{even}$$

$$A_0 + B_0/a = V/2$$

$$A_l a^l + B_l / a^{l+1} = 0, \quad l = 2, 4, 6, \dots$$

$$A_l a^l + B_l / a^{l+1} = V \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \frac{(2l+1)(l-2)!!}{4 \left(\frac{l+1}{2}\right)!}, \quad l=1, 3, 5, \dots$$

$$A_0 + B_0/b = V/2$$

$$A_l b^l + B_l / b^{l+1} = 0, \quad l=2, 4, 6, \dots$$

$$A_l b^l + B_l / b^{l+1} = -V \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \frac{(2l+1)(l-2)!!}{4 \left(\frac{l+1}{2}\right)!}, \quad l=1, 3, 5, \dots$$

⇒ For  $l=0$ :

$$A_0 + B_0/a = V/2$$

$$A_0 + B_0/b = V/2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)A_0 = (a-b)V/2$$

$$A_0 = V/2, \quad B_0 = 0 \quad (8)$$

For  $l=1$ :

$$A_1 a + B_1/a^2 = \frac{3V}{4}$$

$$A_1 b + B_1/b^2 = -\frac{3V}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^3 - b^3)A_1 = \frac{3V}{4} (a^2 + b^2)$$

$$A_1 = -\frac{3V}{4} \frac{(a^2 + b^2)}{(b^3 - a^3)}, \quad B_1 = \frac{3V}{4} \frac{(ab)^2 (a+b)}{b^3 - a^3} \quad (9)$$

For  $l=2$ :

$$A_2 a^2 + B_2/a^3 = 0$$

$$A_2 b^2 + B_2/b^3 = 0$$

$$(a^5 - b^5)A_2 = 0$$

$$A_2 = 0, \quad B_2 = 0 \quad (10)$$

For  $l=3$ :

$$A_3 a^3 + B_3 / a^4 = V(-1/2) \frac{7}{4} \frac{!!!}{(4/2)!} = \frac{-7V}{16}$$

$$A_3 b^3 + B_3 / b^4 = \frac{7V}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow (a^7 - b^7) A_3 = \frac{-7V}{6} (a^4 + b^4)$$

$$A_3 = \frac{7}{16} V \frac{(b^4 + a^4)}{(b^7 - a^7)}, \quad B_3 = -\frac{7}{16} V (ab)^4 \frac{a^3 + b^3}{b^7 - a^7} \quad (11)$$

For  $l=4$ :

$$A_4 a^4 + B_4 / a^5 = 0$$

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$$(a^4 - b^4) A_4 = 0$$

$$A_4 = 0, \quad B_4 = 0 \quad (12)$$

(8), (9), (10), (11), (12)  $\rightarrow$  (1):

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(r, \theta) = & \left\{ \frac{V}{2} - \frac{3V}{4} \frac{(a^2 + b^2)}{(b^3 - a^3)} r P_1(\cos\theta) + \frac{3V}{4} (ab)^2 \frac{(a+b)}{b^3 - a^3} \frac{P_1(\cos\theta)}{r^2} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{7}{16} V \frac{(b^4 + a^4)}{(b^7 - a^7)} r^3 P_3(\cos\theta) - \frac{7V}{16} (ab)^4 \frac{(a^3 + b^3)}{b^7 - a^7} \frac{P_3(\cos\theta)}{r^4} + \dots \right\} \end{aligned}$$

good enough!! ✓

$$= \left\{ \frac{V}{2} - \frac{3}{4} V \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^3 - a^3} r - \frac{(ab)^2 (a+b)}{b^3 - a^3} \frac{1}{r^2} \right) P_1(\cos\theta) \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{7}{16} V \left( \frac{a^4 + b^4}{b^7 - a^7} r^3 - \frac{(ab)^4 (a^3 + b^3)}{b^7 - a^7} \frac{1}{r^4} \right) P_3(\cos\theta) + \dots \right\}$$

$$\phi(r, \theta) = \frac{V}{2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left[ \frac{(a^2 + b^2)r}{b^3 - a^3} - \frac{(ab)^2 (a+b)}{r^2} \right] P_1(\cos\theta) \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{7}{8} \left[ \frac{(b^4 + a^4)r^3}{b^7 - a^7} - \frac{(ab)^4 (a^3 + b^3)}{r^4} \right] P_3(\cos\theta) + \dots \right\}$$

when  $a \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\phi(r, \theta) \rightarrow \frac{V}{2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{r}{b} \right) P_1(\cos \theta) + \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{r}{b} \right)^3 P_3(\cos \theta) + \dots \right\}$$

when  $b \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\phi(r, \theta) \approx \frac{V}{2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left[ b^2 r - \frac{(ab)^2 b}{r^2} \right] \frac{P_1(\cos \theta)}{b^3} \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{7}{8} \left[ b^4 r^3 - \frac{(ab)^4 b^3}{r^4} \right] \frac{P_3(\cos \theta)}{b^7} + \dots \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{V}{2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{a}{r} \right)^2 P_1(\cos \theta) - \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{a}{r} \right)^4 P_3(\cos \theta) + \dots \right\}$$

very nice