Opti 501

Solutions

Problem 4.46) a) Because of symmetry, the *E*-field is independent of ϕ and *z*. Take a cylinder of radius ρ and height *h*, and write the integral form of Maxwell's first equation, $\nabla \cdot \varepsilon_0 E = \rho_{\text{free}}$, for this cylinder. The contributions to the integral of the top and bottom surfaces of the cylinder cancel out, leaving only the contribution of the cylindrical side-wall, which is $2\pi\rho h \varepsilon_0 E_{\rho}(\rho)$. Therefore, $2\pi\rho h \varepsilon_0 E_{\rho}(\rho) = 2\pi R h \sigma_{so}$, where the right-hand-side of the equation gives the total electrical charge inside the cylinder of radius ρ , provided, of course, that $\rho > R$. Consequently, $E_{\rho}(\rho) = R \sigma_{so}/(\rho \varepsilon_0)$ when $\rho > R$, and $E_{\rho}(\rho) = 0$ when $\rho < R$. From



Maxwell's 3^{rd} equation, $\nabla \times E = 0$, we conclude that $E_{\phi}=0$, otherwise a circular loop of radius ρ , parallel to the *xy*-plane and centered on the *z*-axis, will have a nonzero line integral. As for E_z , consider the rectangular loop $\ell_{\rho} \times \ell_z$ shown in the figure. The contributions of ℓ_{ρ} to the line-integral of the *E*-field around the loop cancel out because E_{ρ} is independent of *z*. For the contributions of the vertical legs, ℓ_z , to also cancel out, it is necessary for E_z to be independent of ρ . We thus see that E_z must be constant through the entire space. In fact, because of the system's up-down symmetry, it is not difficult to see that E_z must be identically zero everywhere: There is as much reason for the *E*-field to point up as there is for it to point down. Therefore $E_z=0$ and we have

$$\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \begin{cases} (R \,\sigma_{so} / \varepsilon_o \rho) \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}; & \rho > R, \\ 0; & \rho < R. \end{cases}$$

b) The Fourier transform of the electric charge-density, $\rho(\mathbf{r},t) = \sigma_{so}\delta(\rho - R)$, is given by

$$\rho(\mathbf{k},\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma_{so} \delta(\rho - R) \exp[-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] d\mathbf{r} dt$$

$$= (2\pi)^{2} \sigma_{so} \delta(k_{z}) \delta(\omega) \int_{\rho=0}^{\infty} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \delta(\rho - R) \exp(-ik_{\parallel}\rho\cos\phi)\rho d\rho d\phi$$

$$= (2\pi)^{2} R \sigma_{so} \delta(k_{z}) \delta(\omega) \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \exp(-ik_{\parallel}R\cos\phi) d\phi$$

$$= (2\pi)^{3} R \sigma_{so} \delta(k_{z}) \delta(\omega) J_{0}(k_{\parallel}R).$$

The *E*-field is thus obtained as follows:

$$E(\mathbf{r},t) = -\nabla \psi(\mathbf{r},t) = -(2\pi)^{-4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{i}\mathbf{k}\rho(\mathbf{k},\omega)}{\varepsilon_{0}[k^{2}-(\omega/c)^{2}]} \exp[\mathrm{i}(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}-\omega t)]\mathrm{d}\mathbf{k}\mathrm{d}\omega$$
$$= -\frac{\mathrm{i}R\sigma_{so}}{2\pi\varepsilon_{0}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbf{k}\delta(k_{z})\delta(\omega)J_{0}(k_{\parallel}R)}{k^{2}-(\omega/c)^{2}} \exp[\mathrm{i}(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}-\omega t)]\mathrm{d}\mathbf{k}\mathrm{d}\omega$$

$$= -\frac{\mathrm{i}R\sigma_{\mathrm{so}}}{2\pi\varepsilon_{\mathrm{o}}}\int_{k_{\parallel}=0}^{\infty}\int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi}\frac{k_{\parallel}\cos\phi\hat{\rho}J_{0}(k_{\parallel}R)}{k_{\parallel}^{2}}\exp(\mathrm{i}k_{\parallel}\rho\cos\phi)k_{\parallel}dk_{\parallel}d\phi$$
$$= -\frac{\mathrm{i}R\sigma_{\mathrm{so}}\hat{\rho}}{2\pi\varepsilon_{\mathrm{o}}}\int_{k_{\parallel}=0}^{\infty}J_{0}(k_{\parallel}R)\int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi}\cos\phi\exp(\mathrm{i}k_{\parallel}\rho\cos\phi)d\phi dk_{\parallel}$$
$$= \frac{R\sigma_{\mathrm{so}}\hat{\rho}}{\varepsilon_{\mathrm{o}}}\int_{0}^{\infty}J_{0}(k_{\parallel}R)J_{1}(k_{\parallel}\rho)dk_{\parallel} = \begin{cases} (R\sigma_{\mathrm{so}}/\varepsilon_{\mathrm{o}}\rho)\hat{\rho}; & \rho > R, \\ 0; & \rho < R. \end{cases}$$