

1. Potential at large ρ due to the electric field will be $-E_o x = -E_o \rho \cos \phi$. We have solutions of type

$$V(\rho, \phi) = -E_o \rho \cos \phi + \sum_m A_m \rho^{-m} \cos(m\phi)$$

outside of the cylinder. Other ρ^{+m} and $\ln \rho$ solutions are not appropriate because they would not satisfy the BC at large ρ , and $\sin(m\phi)$ solutions are not present because they are odd in ϕ and the source (the external field) produces only an even term in ϕ . The BC at $\rho = R$ results in $E_o R \cos \phi + \sum_m A_m R^{-m} \cos(m\phi) = 0$ so that we have

$$\begin{aligned} -E_o + A_1/R &= 0 & \text{for } m = 1 \\ A_m/R^m &= 0 & \text{for } m > 1 \end{aligned} \implies \text{all } A_m = 0 \text{ for } m > 1.$$

So, the solution for the potential is $V(\rho, \phi) = E_o(R^2/\rho - \rho) \cos \phi$.

2. See first exam solutions.

3. Remember that $1/(1 + \epsilon) = 1 - \epsilon + \epsilon^2 - \epsilon^3 + \epsilon^4 \dots$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } V(z) &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left(-\frac{2}{z} + \frac{1}{z+a} + \frac{1}{z-a} \right) \\ \text{(b)} &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_o z} \left(-2 + \frac{1}{1+a/z} + \frac{1}{1-a/z} \right) \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_o z} \left(-2 + \left[1 - \frac{a}{z} + \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^4 + \dots \right] + \left[1 + \frac{a}{z} + \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^4 + \dots \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_o z} \left(\left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^4 + \dots \right) \\ \text{(c) } V(r, \theta) &= \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_o r} \left(\left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2 P_2(\cos \theta) + \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^4 P_4(\cos \theta) + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

Note that the first term in the expansion corresponds to the quadrupole term.