PHY 712 – Problem Set #6

Continue reading Chapters 1-3 in Jackson

1. Consider a static charge distribution of cylindrical symmetry extended uniformly along the z-axis. In term the cylindrical radius ρ and angle ϕ the charge density is given by

$$d(\rho, \phi) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \le \rho < a \\ d_0 & \text{for } a \le \rho \le b \\ 0 & \text{for } \rho > b \end{cases}$$
(1)

Here d_0 represents a charge density constant and a and b represent constant lengths with b > a. Find the corresponding electrostatic potential $\Phi(\rho, \phi)$ and electrostatic electric field which are well behaved for $\rho \to \infty$, by directly solving the differential equation or by using the appropriate Green's function.