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Physics 222 - Spring 2020 ★ Homework 3 ★ Chapter 15

- 1) Extending upon the derivation of a ring of mass via integrating the gravitational potential, calculate the gravitational field a distance, z, above an infinite plane of mass surface density, σ .
- Hint 1: think about how to extend the limits of integration to turn a ring solution into an infinite plane solution;
- Hint 2: only changes in potential are meaningful, so think about where to set the 'zero of the potential'.
- 2) Use Gauss' law to repeat the calculation of the gravitational field a height, z, above the same infinite sheet from problem 1). Confirm that the answers are identical.
- 3) 15.2
- 4) 15.3
- 5) 15.6
- 6) 15.8
- 7) 15.10
- 8) 15.11
- 9) 15.14