

III (c) : Relativistically Corrected Scalar Potential of the Coulomb Law.

Start with :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{\rho_e}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(1 + \frac{2mG}{rc^2} \right) \quad - (1)$$

The solution is :

$$\phi = \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left(1 + \frac{mG}{rc^2} \right) \quad - (2)$$

where

$$\rho_e = \frac{e}{r^3} \quad - (3)$$

Proof

Write $\phi = \phi_0 + \phi_1 \quad - (4)$

where: $\phi_0 = \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}, \phi_1 = \frac{C}{r}, \quad - (5)$

$$C = \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{mG}{c^2} \quad - (6)$$

Then: $\frac{\partial \phi_0}{\partial r} = -\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}, \frac{\partial^2 \phi_0}{\partial r^2} = \frac{3e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$

and $\frac{\partial^2 \phi_0}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial \phi_0}{\partial r} = \left(\frac{e}{r^3} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = \frac{\rho_e}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \checkmark$

Similarly: $\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial r} = -\frac{2C}{r^2}, \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial r^2} = \frac{6C}{r^3} \quad - (6)$

and $\frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial r} = \frac{2C}{r^3} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \quad - (7)$

$$= \frac{\rho_e}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{2mG}{rc^2} \checkmark$$