The conducting disk

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Consider a circular disk of radius b and let r denote the distance from the center. If the disk is conducting, the charge distribution s(r), r < b, may be found by taking the disk as a limiting case of a spheroid. Conversely, given the function s(r), can one prove that the potential is independent of r for r < b, such that the disk may indeed be taken as a conductor? It will be shown that this can be done by using suitable properties of hypergeometric functions.