

Surface charge density is $E_r(r=a) = 4\pi S_s$

used $(\epsilon_2 E_2 - \epsilon_1 E_1) \cdot n = 4\pi S_s$ $S_s = \frac{3}{4\pi} E_0 \cos\theta$

& the fact that E_1 inside sphere is zero & $\epsilon_2 = 1$

$$\Phi = \underbrace{-E_0 r \cos\theta}_{\text{External Contribution}} + \underbrace{\frac{E_0 a^3 \cos\theta}{r^2}}_{\text{Local induced Contribution}} \quad r > a$$

Φ induced is just the dipole potential with $\vec{P} = \vec{E}_0 a^3$

Ex 2 lets repeat this for a ^{linear} dielectric sphere

a) axial symmetry $\Rightarrow \Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (A_l r^l + B_l \frac{1}{r^{l+1}}) P_l(\cos\theta)$

b) for $r \rightarrow \infty$ $\vec{E} = E_0 \hat{e}_z \Rightarrow \Phi = -E_0 z = -E_0 r \cos\theta$

c) Guess: need $l=1$ only

$r > a$: $\Phi(r, \theta) = -E_0 r \cos\theta + \frac{B_1}{r^2} \cos\theta$

This time dipole will not completely cancel field inside

$r < a$: $\Phi(r, \theta) = A'_1 r \cos\theta$

Here we have assumed that the applied field does not lead to a charge density inside the sphere (i.e. polarization of sphere is uniform). Otherwise Φ does not obey the Laplace eq for $r < a$

b.c. at $r=a$

- $D_{\perp} = D_r$ Continuous
- $E_{\parallel} = E_{\theta}$ Continuous
- Φ Continuous

Φ at a

$$-E_0 a \cos\theta + \frac{B_1}{a^2} \cos\theta = A'_1 a \cos\theta$$

Φ continuous ensures E_{\parallel} continuous

$$D_{\perp} = \epsilon E_r = -\epsilon \frac{d\Phi}{dr} \quad \text{if } r < a$$

$$D_{\perp} = E_r = -\frac{d\Phi}{dr} \quad \text{if } r > a$$

$$E_0 \cos\theta + \frac{2B_1 \cos\theta}{a^3} = -\epsilon A_1' \cos\theta$$

$$\text{Solve: } A_1' = \frac{-3E_0}{2+\epsilon} \quad B_1 = \frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon+2} a^3 E_0$$

$$\Phi = \begin{cases} -E_0 r \cos\theta + \frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon+2} \frac{a^3}{r^2} E_0 \cos\theta & r > a \\ \frac{-3E_0 r \cos\theta}{2+\epsilon} & r < a \end{cases}$$

- Notes:
- if $\epsilon = 1$ $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0$ or $\Phi = -E_0 z$ for all space
 - for $r > a$ $\Phi = \Phi_{\text{external}} + \Phi_{\text{locally induced}}$

Φ_{induced} is potential of dipole $\vec{p} = \frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon+2} a^3 \vec{E}_0$

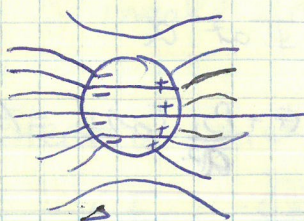
- if $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$ recover dipole of conducting sphere
- for $r < a$ $\Phi = \frac{-3E_0 z}{2+\epsilon} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{3\vec{E}_0}{2+\epsilon}$

For linear dielectric

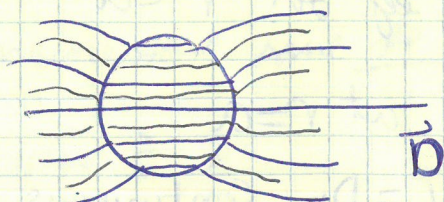
$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = \frac{3\epsilon E_0}{2+\epsilon} \quad \text{if } r < a \quad \vec{P} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\vec{D} - \vec{E}) = \frac{3}{4\pi} \frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon+2} \vec{E}_0$$

$$= \frac{\vec{p}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3}$$

dielectric cannot conceal all the E field lines



Polarization Charges are sources & sinks for E



all field lines are continuous & do not terminate

Remark: The fact that we found a solution confirms our assumption that there is no bound charge density inside sphere. This is not general for arbitrary shapes. It only works for ellipsoids

Laplace Eq in Cylindrical Coordinates r, θ, z

$$\Delta \Phi = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

a) Look for special solutions $\Phi(r, \theta, z) = R(r) Q(\theta) Z(z)$
just like before:

$$Q(\theta) = e^{in\theta} \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$$Z(z) = e^{kz}$$

remaining eq for $R(r)$

$$r \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + (k^2 r^2 - n^2) R = 0$$

b) First $k=0$ case. Translational symmetry in z direction

$$R_n(r) = \begin{cases} A_0 + B_0 \ln r & \text{if } n=0 \\ A_n r^n + \frac{B_n}{r^n} & \text{if } n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

General Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(r, \theta) = & A_0 + B_0 \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[A_n r^n + \frac{B_n}{r^n} \right] \cos(n\theta) \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[C_n r^n + D_n \frac{1}{r^n} \right] \sin(n\theta) \end{aligned}$$

note: This is different from eq. 3.79 in Heald & Marion
their expression does not span the space of all solutions

aside:

$$A_n C_n = a$$

$$B_n D_n = b$$

$$B_n C_n = c$$

$$A_n D_n = d$$

ratios give you only three parameters

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \text{ so there is a dependence.}$$

c) General case $b \neq 0$

define $u = |k|r$ then $\frac{d}{dr} = |k| \frac{d}{du}$

$$\frac{1}{u} \frac{d}{du} \left(u \frac{dR}{du} \right) + \left(1 - \frac{n^2}{u^2} \right) R = 0$$

$$u^2 \frac{d^2 R}{du^2} + u \frac{dR}{du} + (u^2 - n^2) R = 0 \quad \text{Bessel's eq.}$$

Solution: Ansatz $R(u) = u^b \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m u^m$ w/ $a_0 \neq 0$

plug into diff eq collect powers of u & get recursion relation for the a_m

$$((m+b)^2 - n^2) a_m = -a_{m-2}$$

Analyze recursion relation

$m=0$: $(b^2 - n^2) a_0 = a_{-2}$ but $a_0 \neq 0$ while $a_{-2} = 0$

must have $b = \pm n$ we choose $b = n$ & allow for positive & negative n

$m=1$: $((b+1)^2 - n^2) a_1 = a_{-1}$ but $a_{-1} = 0$ $(b+1)^2 - n^2 \neq 0$
if $b = \pm n \Rightarrow a_1 = 0$ similarly all a_m w/ m odd are 0

Even m $a_m = \frac{-a_{m-2}}{(m+b)^2 - n^2} = \frac{-a_{m-2}}{m(2n+m)}$ with $b = n$

Convention: Take $a_0 = \frac{1}{2^n n!}$