

# EMT Homework 4

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## 1 Problem 4.10

A sphere of radius  $R$  carries a polarization

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}) = k\mathbf{r} \quad (1)$$

where  $k$  is a constant and  $\mathbf{r}$  is the vector from the center

a) Calculate the bound charges  $\sigma_b$  and  $\rho_b$ .

$$\hat{n} = \hat{r} \quad (2)$$

$$\sigma_b = \mathbf{P} \cdot \hat{n} \quad (3)$$

$$\sigma_b = kR\hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} = kR \quad (4)$$

**Surface bound charge =  $kR$ ;**

$$P(r) = r^2kr \quad (5)$$

We can then use the equation 4.12 to define the volume bound charge as:

$$\rho_b = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} \quad (6)$$

$$\rho_b = -\left\{\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} P\right\} \quad (7)$$

Sub  $r^2kr$  into P;

$$\rho_b = -\left\{\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr}(r^2kr)\right\} \quad (8)$$

Then simplify;

$$\rho_b = -\left\{\frac{k}{r}(3r^2)\right\} \quad (9)$$

**Volume bound charge = -3k;**

b) Find the field inside and outside the plane.

For  $r < R$ ;

$$E = \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \rho r \hat{r} \quad (10)$$

Using Gauss's Law and having  $4\pi r^2$  as the surface area of the sphere of radius  $r$

$$E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{q_{enclosed}}{\epsilon_0} \quad (11)$$

Sub in  $(3k)(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3)$  for  $q_{enclosed}$  and Solve for E

So the E-field in the sphere is:

$$E = \frac{-kr}{\epsilon_0} \hat{r} \quad (12)$$

To figure out the total, we add the volume and the surface;

$$q_{total} = q_{volume} + q_{surface} \quad (13)$$

Using the answers we got before will result in:

$$q_{total} = 0 \quad (14)$$

Since  $q_{total} = 0$ , then;

$$E = 0 \quad (15)$$

## 2 Problem 4.14

When you polarize a neutral dielectric, the charge moves a bit, but the total remains zero. This fact should be reflected in the bound charges  $\sigma_b$  and  $\rho_b$ . Prove from Eqs. 4.11 and 4.12 that the total bound charge vanishes.

Stated in Prob. 4.10:

$$\sigma_b = P \cdot \hat{n}$$

$$\rho_b = -\nabla \cdot P$$

$$Q_b = \oint_{\text{surface}} \sigma_b da + \oint_{\text{volume}} \rho_b d\tau \quad (16)$$

Sub in  $\sigma_b = P \cdot \hat{n}$  and  $\rho_b = -\nabla \cdot P$ ;

$$\oint_V \rho_b d\tau = - \oint_V (\nabla \cdot P) da = - \oint_S P \cdot da \quad (17)$$

Eventually will result in;

$$Q_b = \oint_S P \cdot da - \oint_S P \cdot da = 0 \quad (18)$$

## 3 Problem 4.15

A thick spherical shell (inner radius a, outer radius b) is made of dielectric material with a "frozen-in" polarization

$$P(r) = \frac{k}{r} \hat{r} \quad (19)$$

where k is a constant and r is the distance from the center (Fig. 4.18). (There is no free charge in the problem.) Find the electric field in all three regions by two different methods.

**Method 1:)**

$$\rho_b = -\nabla \cdot P = -\left\{\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr}(r^2 kr)\right\} \quad (20)$$

$$\sigma_b = P \cdot \hat{n} = \{+P \cdot \hat{r} = k/b(\text{at } r = b), -P \cdot \hat{r} = -k/a(\text{at } r = a)\} \quad (21)$$

Using Gauss's Law:  $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_{enc}}{r^2}$

From Problem 4.14:

For  $r < a$ ,

$$Q_{enc} = 0, \text{ so } E = 0 \quad (22)$$

For  $r > b$ ,

$$Q_{enc} = 0, \text{ so } E = 0 \quad (23)$$

By this then, for  $a < r < b$  then the result would be,

$$Q_{enc} = \left(\frac{k}{a}\right)(4\pi a^2) + \int_a^r \left(\frac{-k}{\bar{r}^2}\right)4\pi \bar{r}^2 d\bar{r}, \text{ Simplified } = -4\pi kr \quad (24)$$

Due to this then the E-field:

$$E = -\frac{k}{\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r} \quad (25)$$

**Method 2:)**

$$\oint D \cdot da = Q_{fenc} = 0 \quad (26)$$

By this then:

$$D = 0 \text{ everywhere} \quad (27)$$

For  $r < a$  and  $r > b$ :

$$D = \epsilon_0 E + P = 0 \text{ So, } E = \frac{-1}{\epsilon_0} P \quad (28)$$

Therefore:  $E = 0$

For  $a < r < b$ :

$$E = -\frac{k}{\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r} \quad (29)$$

## 4 Problem 4.18

The space between the plates of parallel-plate capacitor (Fig. 4.24) is filled with two slabs of linear dielectric material. Each slab has thickness  $a$ , so the total distance between the plates is  $2a$ . Slab 1 has a dielectric constant of 2, and slab 2 has a dielectric constant of 1.5. The free density on the top plate is  $\sigma$  and on the bottom plate  $-\sigma$

a) Find the electric displacement  $\mathbf{D}$  in each slab.

$$\text{Apply } \int D \cdot da = Q_{f_{enc}} \text{ to the Gaussian Surface} \quad (30)$$

$$DA = \sigma A \Rightarrow D = \sigma \quad (31)$$

$D = 0$  in both metal places, therefore;

**D points down**

b) Find the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  in each slab.

**Slab 1)**

$$D = \epsilon E \Rightarrow E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_1} \quad (32)$$

**Slab 2)**

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_2} \quad (33)$$

Since  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$ , so therefore:

$$E_1 = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \quad (34)$$

and

$$E_2 = \frac{2\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \quad (35)$$

c) Find the polarization  $\mathbf{P}$  in each slab.

Since we got  $E$  from b)

$$P = \frac{\epsilon_0 \chi_e d}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} = \left(\frac{\chi_e}{\epsilon_r}\right)\sigma, \quad (36)$$

Then,

$\chi_e = \epsilon_r - 1$ , therefore;

$$P = (1 - \epsilon_r^{-1})\sigma \quad (37)$$

In result,

$$P_1 = \frac{\sigma}{2} \quad (38)$$

and

$$P_2 = \frac{\sigma}{3} \quad (39)$$

d) Find the potential difference between the plates.

Knowing  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , then we know;

$$V = E_1 a + E_2 a = \left(\frac{\sigma a}{6\epsilon_0}\right)(3 + 4) \quad (40)$$

Solving this, we know that  $V$  is equal to;

$$V = \left(\frac{7\sigma a}{6\epsilon_0}\right) \quad (41)$$

e) Find the location and the amount of all bound charges

Summarized:  $\rho_b = 0$ , therefore:

$$\sigma_b = +P_1 \text{ at the bottom slab of (1)} = \frac{\sigma}{2}$$

$$\sigma_b = -P_1 \text{ at the top slab of (1)} = \frac{-\sigma}{2}$$

$$\sigma_b = +P_2 \text{ at the bottom slab of (2)} = \frac{\sigma}{3}$$

$$\sigma_b = -P_2 \text{ at the top slab of (2)} = \frac{-\sigma}{3}$$

f) Now that you know all the charge (free and bound), recalculate the field in each slab, and confirm your answer to (b)

**In Slab 1)**

$$\{Total\ Surface\ Charge\ Above : \sigma - \frac{\sigma}{2} = \frac{\sigma}{2}, Total\ Surface\ Charge\ Below : \frac{\sigma}{2} - \frac{\sigma}{3} + \frac{\sigma}{3} - \sigma = -\frac{\sigma}{2}\} \quad (42)$$

Therefore:

$$E_1 = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \quad (43)$$

**In Slab 2)**

$$\{Total\ Surface\ Charge\ Above : \sigma - \frac{\sigma}{2} + \frac{\sigma}{2} - \frac{\sigma}{3} = \frac{2\sigma}{3}, Total\ Surface\ Charge\ Below : \frac{\sigma}{3} - \sigma = -\frac{2\sigma}{3}\} \quad (44)$$

Therefore:

$$E_2 = \frac{2\sigma}{3\epsilon_0} \quad (45)$$

## 5 Problem 4.26

A spherical conductor, of radius  $a$ , carries charge  $Q$  (Fig. 4.29). It is surrounded by linear dielectric material of susceptibility  $\chi_e$ , out to radius  $b$ . Find the energy of this configuration (Eq. 4.58).

We are given the following variables:

a = Radius of the Spherical Conductor

Q = Charge of the Spherical Conductor

$\chi_e$  = Susceptibility of the dielectric material

b = Radius of the surrounding dielectric material

To find Energy, we must find W (from 4.58):

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \int_{enc} D \cdot E \quad (46)$$

$$D = \{0 \text{ at } (r < a), \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r} \text{ at } (r > a)\} \quad (47)$$

$$E = \{0 \text{ at } (r < a), \frac{Q}{4\pi \epsilon r^2} \hat{r} \text{ at } (a < r < b), \frac{Q}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \text{ at } (r > b)\} \quad (48)$$

Plugging into the Work equation:

$$\frac{1}{2} \int (\frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r})(0 + \frac{Q}{4\pi \epsilon r^2} \hat{r} + \frac{Q}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}) 4\pi r^2 dr \quad (49)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (\frac{Q}{4\pi})^2 (4\pi) \left[ \int_a^b \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon r^2} r^2 dr + \int_b^\infty \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 r^2} r^2 dr \right] \quad (50)$$

Reduces to:

$$W = \frac{Q^2}{8\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 b} \right] \quad (51)$$

From earlier, we sub  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e)$  in:

$$W = \frac{Q^2}{8\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e)} \left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 b} \right] \quad (52)$$

Which reduces the energy to:



$$W = \frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e)} \left[ \frac{1}{a} + \frac{\chi_e}{b} \right] \quad (53)$$

## 6 Problem 4.35

A point charge  $q$  is imbedded at the center of a sphere of linear dielectric material (with susceptibility  $\chi_e$  and radius  $R$ ). Find the electric field, the polarization, and the bound charge densities,  $\rho_b$  and  $\sigma_b$ . What is the total bound charge on the surface? Where is the compensating negative bound charge located?

Using Gauss's Law in Dielectrics;

$$\oint D \cdot da = Q_{enc} \Rightarrow D = \frac{q}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r} \quad (54)$$

Then we have the E-field:

$$(E) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} D = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \hat{r} \quad (55)$$

Therefore the E-field is:

$$(E) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e)r^2} \hat{r}, \epsilon = \epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e) \quad (56)$$

Polarization:

$$(P) = \epsilon_0\chi_e E = \frac{q\chi_e}{4\pi(1 + \chi_e)r^2} \hat{r} \quad (57)$$

Using  $\rho_b = -\nabla \cdot P$  and  $\sigma_b = P \cdot \hat{r}$ :

$$\rho_b = -\frac{q\chi_e}{4\pi(1 + \chi_e)} (\nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}) = -q \frac{\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \delta^3(r) \quad (58)$$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{q\chi_e}{4\pi(1 + \chi_e)r^2} \quad (59)$$

$Q_{surface}$  = Charge of the Spherical Conductor, is solved with  $\sigma_b$

$$Q_{surface} = \sigma_b(4\pi r^2) = \frac{q\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \quad (60)$$

Then the Compensatory negative charge towards the center:

$$\int \rho_b d\tau = \frac{-q\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \int \delta^3(r) d\tau \quad (61)$$

Which in the end simplifies Negative Bound Charge to:

$$\int \rho_b d\tau = \frac{-q\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \quad (62)$$

located in all space