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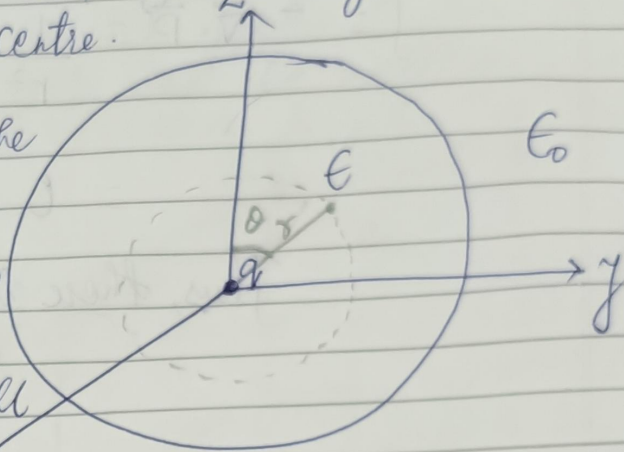
Q.

A point charge is placed at the center of a spherical Tank of water with permittivity ϵ . The spherical Tank of water is placed in free space. Find the ^{induced} surface and volume charge densities.

Let us take a spherical tank of water of radius 'a' of permittivity ϵ and a charge 'q' is placed at its centre.

Using Gauss law to get the electric displacement in water. The electric displacement is radial and independent of angle.

Let us assume a small spherical shell centred \vec{n} on the charge.



$$\therefore \oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{A} = Q_{\text{free}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{D} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\frac{q}{r^2} \right) \hat{r} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\therefore \vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

\therefore polarisation is,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{P} &= \epsilon_0 (\epsilon - 1) \vec{E} \\ &= \epsilon_0 (\epsilon - 1) \left(\frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon} \right) \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r} \end{aligned}$$

∴ The surface charge density at $r=a$ is,
 $\sigma = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{r} = \epsilon_0 (\epsilon_r - 1) \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 (\epsilon_r - 1) \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q}{a^2} \right)$

∴ Volume charge density,
 $\rho = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 P) \right)$
 $= 0$

Thus, there is no volume charge density.

Q. In a vacuum diode, electrons are 'boiled' off a hot cathode at potential zero and accelerated across a gap to the anode, held at positive potential V_0 . The cloud of moving electrons within the gap quickly builds up to the point where it reduces the field at the surface of the cathode to zero. From then, a steady current I flows in between the plates. Suppose $A \gg d^2$ so that edge effects can be neglected. Find the potential $V(x)$ as a function of distance x .

Let,
 $v(x)$ = speed of e^- at a distance x from the cathode,
 $V(x)$ = potential at ' x ' from cathode

$$\therefore eV(x) = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

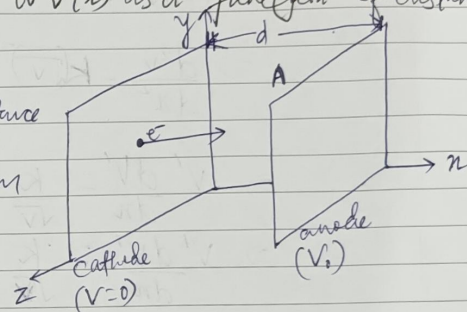
$$\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{2e}{mV}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

a small charge dq in Vacuum;
 $dq = \rho A dx$

$$\therefore I = \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{\rho A dx}{dt}$$

$$I = \rho AV \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

now, from Poisson's equation, we have
 $\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$



$$\Rightarrow p = - \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{d^2 V}{dn^2} \right) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Putting eqn (1) + (3) in eqn (2), we get,

$$I = - \epsilon_0 A \sqrt{V} \sqrt{\frac{2e}{m}} \frac{d^2 V}{dn^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-I}{\epsilon_0 A \sqrt{2e}} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2e}} \frac{d^2 V}{dn^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 V}{dn^2} = K (\sqrt{V})^{-1} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{where,} \\ K = - \frac{I}{\epsilon_0 A} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2e}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow V' \frac{dV'}{dn} = \frac{K}{\sqrt{V}} V'$$

$$\Rightarrow V' \frac{dV'}{dn} = \frac{K}{\sqrt{V}} \left(\frac{dV}{dn} \right) \quad \left\{ \because V' = \frac{dV}{dn} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int V' dV' = \int \frac{K}{\sqrt{V}} dV$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V'^2}{2} = 2K\sqrt{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow V' = 2\sqrt{K} (V^{\frac{1}{4}})$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dV}{V^{\frac{3}{4}}} = \int 2\sqrt{K} dn$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} V^{\frac{3}{4}} = 2\sqrt{K} n$$

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$$\Rightarrow V^{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{K} n$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \left(\frac{3}{2} \sqrt{K} n \right)^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$V = \left(\frac{81 I^2 m}{32 \epsilon^2 e A^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} n^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

\therefore potential is a function of 'n'.