

A point charge q is located in free space at distance d from the center of a dielectric sphere of radius a ($a > d$) and dielectric constant ε .

(a) Which one of the following three functions is a suitable Green's function, describing the electrostatic potential? (Only one function is correct – all others are fake). Explain.

$$G^{(1)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{(2l+1)} \times \begin{cases} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{<}^{l+1}} - \frac{(\varepsilon-1)l}{[(\varepsilon+1)l+1]} \frac{a^{2l+1}}{(r_{>} r_{<})^{l+1}} & \text{outside the sphere} \\ \frac{1}{[(\varepsilon+1)l+1]} \frac{r^l}{r'^{l+1}} & \text{inside } (r < a, r' > a) \end{cases}$$

$$G^{(2)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{(2l+1)} \times \begin{cases} \frac{r_{<}^{2l+1}}{r_{>}^{l+1}} - \frac{(\varepsilon-1)l}{[(\varepsilon+1)l+1]} \frac{a^{2l+1}}{r_{<}^{l+1}} & \text{outside the sphere} \\ \frac{1}{[(\varepsilon+1)l+1]} \frac{r^l}{r'^{l+1}} & \text{inside } (r < a, r' > a) \end{cases}$$

$$G^{(3)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{(2l+1)} \times \begin{cases} \frac{(\varepsilon-1)l}{(\varepsilon+1)l+1} \left[\frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{<}^{l+1}} - \frac{a^{2l+1}}{(r_{>} r_{<})^{l+1}} \right] & \text{outside the sphere} \\ \frac{1}{[(\varepsilon+1)l+1]} \frac{r'^l}{r^{l+1}} & \text{inside } (r < a, r' > a) \end{cases}$$

(b) Calculate the field near the center of the sphere. Verify that, in the limit of $\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$ your result is the same as that for the conducting sphere.

(c) Calculate something else?