

## Tutorial 5 Solution

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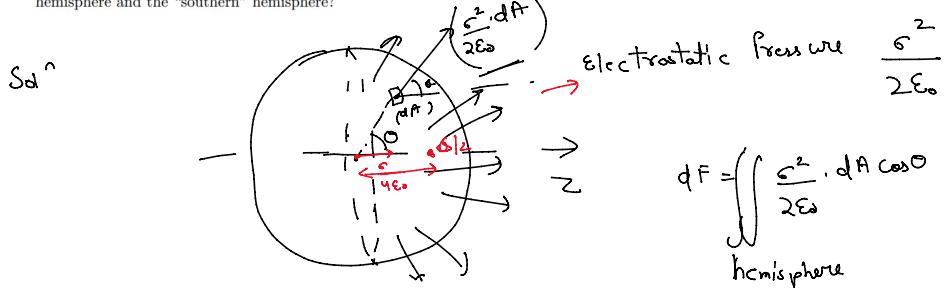
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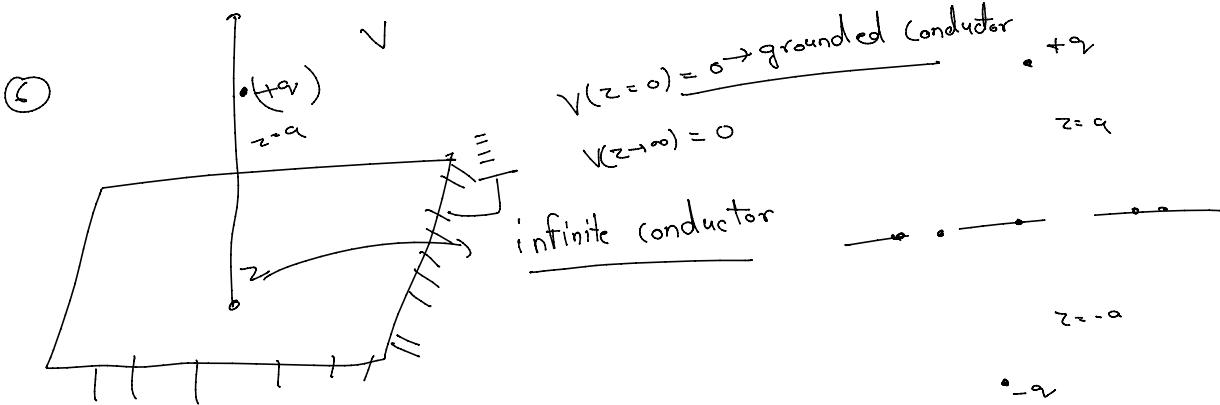
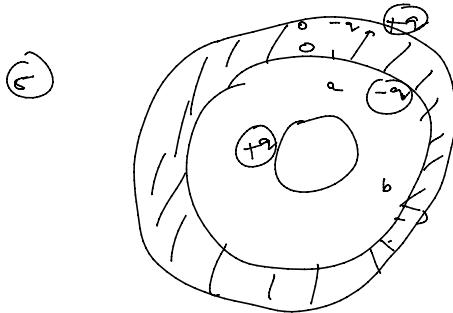
where  $V_{center}$  is the potential at the center due to all the external charges and  $Q_{enc}$  is the total enclosed charge.

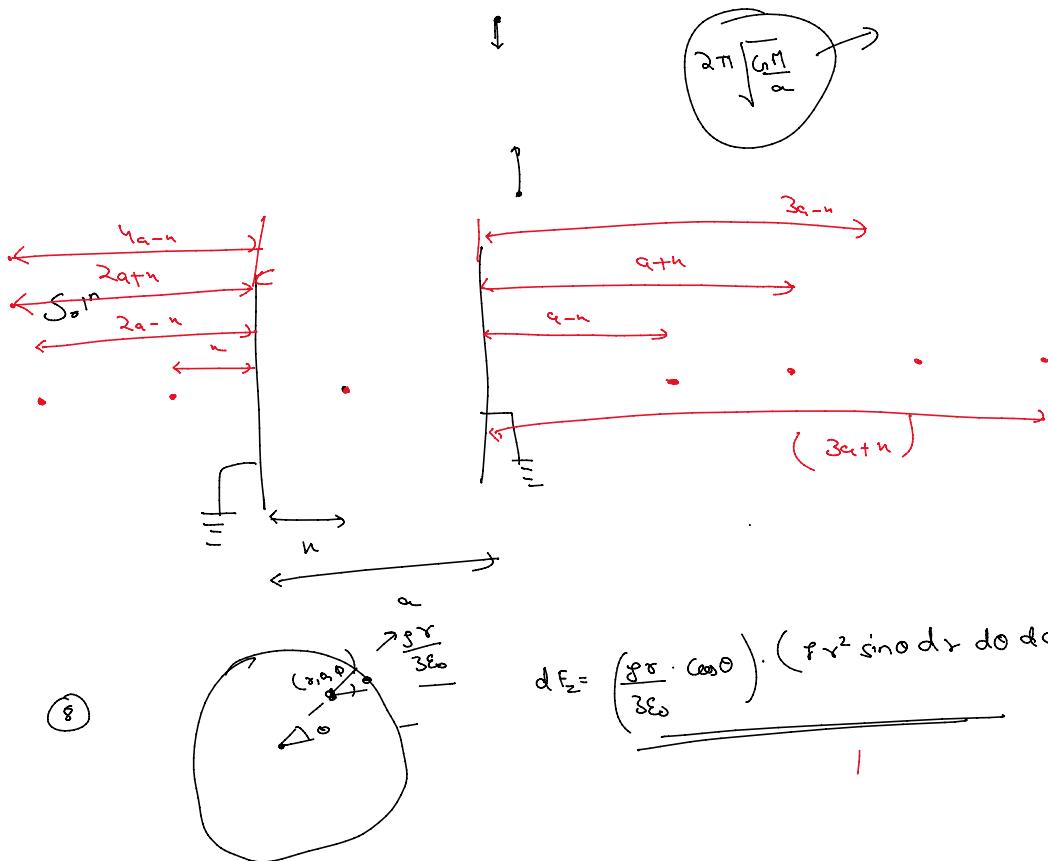
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3. A metal sphere of radius  $R$  carries a total charge  $Q$ . What is the force of repulsion between the "northern" hemisphere and the "southern" hemisphere?



$$\begin{aligned} dF &= \int \int \frac{\sigma^2}{2\epsilon_0} dA \cos\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left(\frac{\sigma}{4\pi R^2}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} (R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi) \cos\theta \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{16\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \times \frac{2\pi}{R^2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin\theta \cos\theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{16\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \times \frac{1}{4} \times 2 = \boxed{\frac{\sigma^2}{32\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}} \end{aligned}$$





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$\text{Sol}^n$  (a)

$\Rightarrow (V_{avg})_{\text{inside}} = \iint \frac{|K_r|}{|\vec{r}|} dA = \iint \frac{K_r \cdot R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi}{4\pi R^2}$

$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2$

$(r_0, \theta_0, \phi_0)$

$(0, 0, r_0)$

$\vec{r}_1 = \vec{PS} + \vec{CP}$

$\vec{r}_2 = \vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2$

$\vec{r}_2 = (R \sin\theta \cos\phi, R \sin\theta \sin\phi, R \cos\theta)$

For simplicity we assume the charge to be located on  $z$ -axis.

$\Rightarrow (V_{avg})_{\text{inside}} = \iint \frac{K_r \cdot R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi}{\sqrt{(R \sin\theta \cos\phi - r_0)^2 + (R \sin\theta \sin\phi - r_0)^2 + (R \cos\theta - r_0)^2}}$

$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint \frac{K_r \sin\theta d\theta d\phi}{\sqrt{(R^2 + r_0^2) - 2Rr_0 \cos\theta}}$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \int \sqrt{(R^2 + r_0^2) - 2Rr_0 \cos \theta}$$

$\theta \rightarrow 0, \pi$

Substitute  $R^2 + r_0^2 - 2Rr_0 \cos \theta = +$   
 $+ 2Rr_0 \sin \theta d\theta = dt$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{(R-r_0)^2}^{(R+r_0)^2} \frac{Kq}{2Rr_0} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{+}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{Kq}{Rr_0} \left( \sqrt{(R+r_0)^2} - \sqrt{(R-r_0)^2} \right)$$

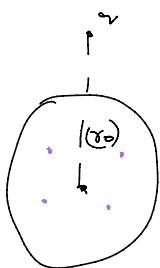
$$= \boxed{\frac{Kq}{R}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{(R+r_0) - (r_0-R)} \\ \xrightarrow{\frac{Kq}{2Rr_0} \cdot 2R = \frac{Kq}{r_0}} \end{array}$$

avg. potential due to  
inside charge

For acc  
 $r_0 > R$

(avg. pot.  
due to out  
side charges)

Avg. pot due to outside charge  $\rightarrow ??$



$$V_{avg} = \frac{K(q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_n)}{R} = \frac{Kq_{enc}}{R} + \frac{Kq_{outside}}{R_0}$$

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(b)  $\nabla^2 v(r) = 0$

3D Laplacian (spherical)

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin(\theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin(\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2(\theta)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}$$

$$\perp \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial v(r)}{\partial r} \right) = 0$$

$$r^2 \frac{\partial v(r)}{\partial r} = C$$

$$\frac{\partial v(r)}{\partial r} = \frac{C}{r^2}$$

$$v(r) = -\frac{C}{r} = \frac{k}{r}$$

$\nabla^2 v(s) = 0$   
3D Laplacian (cylindrical)

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial^2 v(s)}{\partial s^2} = 0$$

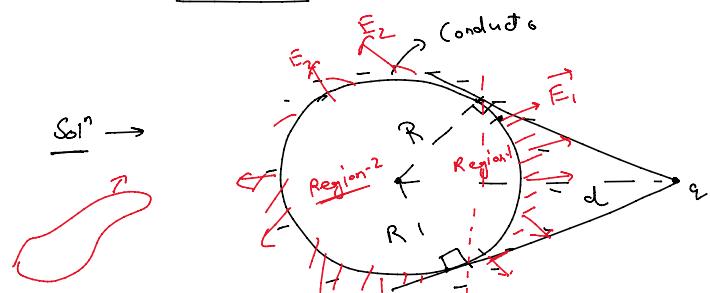
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left[ s \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial s} \right] = 0$$

$$s \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial s} = k$$

$$\frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial s} = \frac{k}{s}$$

(10)

- 10.\* A point charge  $+q$  is placed at a distance  $d$  from the centre of a conducting sphere of radius  $R$  ( $d > R$ ). Show that if the sphere is grounded, the ratio of the charge on the part of the sphere visible from  $+q$  to that on the rest is  $\sqrt{\frac{d+R}{d-R}}$ .



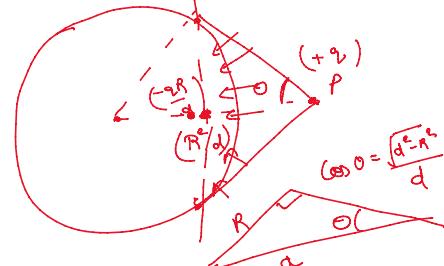
$$q_1 = \int \sigma_1 \cdot dS \quad q_2 = \int \sigma_2 \cdot dS$$

$$q_1 = \int \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_1 \cdot d\vec{S}_1 \quad q_2 = \int \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_2 \cdot d\vec{S}_2$$

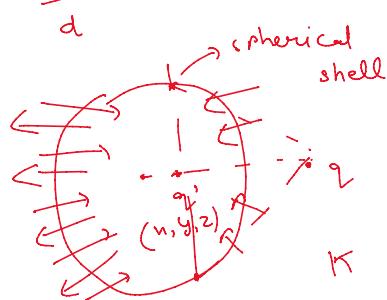
$$= \epsilon_0 \Phi_1 \quad q_2 = \epsilon_0 \Phi_2$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma \hat{n}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{mag. of induced charge} \rightarrow -\frac{qR}{d}$$



$$\frac{q_1}{q_2} = \frac{\Phi_1}{\Phi_2} = \left( -\frac{qR}{d(2\epsilon_0)} \right) - \frac{q}{2\epsilon_0} (1 - \cos \theta)$$



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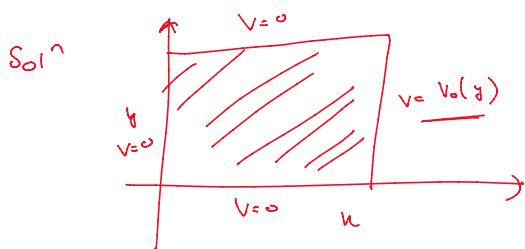
$$\text{flun} = \frac{q}{2\epsilon_0} (1 - \cos \theta) \quad (\theta = \pi)$$

$$= \frac{q}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{2\pi(1 - \cos \theta)}{4\pi} \quad (\text{circ})$$

- 12.\* A rectangular pipe running parallel to the  $z$ -axis (from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ ) has three grounded metal sides at  $y = 0$ ,  $y = a$  and  $x = 0$ . The fourth side at  $x = b$  is maintained at a specified potential  $V_0(y)$ .

- (a) Develop a general formula for the potential within the pipe.

- (b) Find the potential explicitly, for the case  $V_0(y) = V_0$  (a constant).



$$\nabla^2 V(u, y) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V(u, y)}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V(u, y)}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$V(u, y) = f(u) \cdot g(y)$$

$$g''(y) \frac{d^2 f^2(u)}{du^2} + f(u) \frac{d^2 g^2(y)}{dy^2} = 0$$

$$V(n=0, y) = 0$$

$$V(n, y=0) = 0$$

$$V(n, y=a) = 0$$

$$V(n=b, y) = V_b(y)$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{f(n)} \frac{d^2 f(n)}{dn^2}}_{\text{---}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{g(y)} \frac{d^2 g(y)}{dy^2}}_{\text{---}} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{f(n)} \frac{d^2 f(n)}{dn^2} = k^2 \quad \frac{1}{g(y)} \frac{d^2 g(y)}{dy^2} = -k^2$$

$$\frac{d^2 f(n)}{dn^2} = k^2 f(n) \quad \frac{d^2 g(y)}{dy^2} = -k^2 g(y)$$

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$$f(n) = A e^{kn} + B e^{-kn} \quad g(y) = C \sin ky + D \cos ky$$



$$V(n, y) = (A e^{kn} + B e^{-kn})(C \sin ky + D \cos ky)$$

$$V(n=0, y) = (A+B)(C \sin ky + D \cos ky) = 0 \quad \forall y$$

$$(A+B=0)$$

$$V(n, y) = A (e^{kn} - e^{-kn}) (C \sin ky + D \cos ky)$$

$$V(n, y=0) = A (e^{kn} - e^{-kn}) (D) = 0 \quad \forall n$$

X

$$A \sin kn (e^{ky} - e^{-ky})$$

$$V(n, y=a) = A \sin kn (e^{ka} - e^{-ka}) = 0$$

$$\frac{k=0}{\boxed{k=0}}$$

$$\boxed{V(n, y) = 0}$$

Trivial

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$$D=0$$

$$V(n, y) = A (e^{kn} - e^{-kn}) (\sin ky) = A \sinh kn \cdot \sin ky$$

$$V(n, y=a) = A (e^{kn} - e^{-kn}) (\sin ka) = 0 \quad \forall n$$

$$k = n\pi/a$$

$$\boxed{k = n\pi/a}$$

$$V(n, y) = A \sinh kn \cdot \sin ky \quad \boxed{k = n\pi/a}$$

$$V(n=b, y) = V_b(y) = A \sinh kb \sin ky$$

$$V(n, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right)$$

$$\therefore V_a = V_b(y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right)$$

$$V_0(y) = V(b, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right)$$

$$\int_0^a V_0(y) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}y\right) dy = \int_0^a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}y\right) dy$$

if  $V_0 \rightarrow \text{const.}$

$$\int_0^a V_0(y) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}y\right) dy = \underbrace{\left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \right)}_{\sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots} \frac{2a}{n\pi} \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \left( \sinh\frac{n\pi y}{a} \right)}$$

$$\frac{1}{n\pi/a} \left( 1 - \cos(n\pi) \right) = \frac{2a}{n\pi} \quad \text{if } n \rightarrow \text{odd}$$

o if  $n \rightarrow \text{even}$