

Chapter 5 (Electricity)

□ The Coulomb's Law:

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \quad (\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ coul}^2/\text{nt-m}^2)$$

There are two types electric charge: (i) positive charge (+)
(ii) negative charge (-)

The coulomb's law states that if there two charges q_1, q_2 separated by a distance r , then the force between these two charges

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

Coulomb: The quantity of electricity transported in one second by a current of one Amperre (A). The unit of charge (q) is coulomb.

□ Charge is quantized:

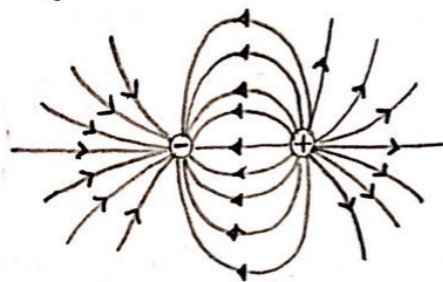
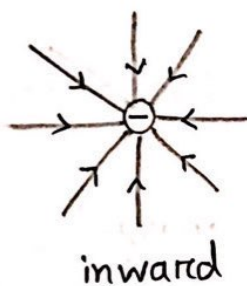
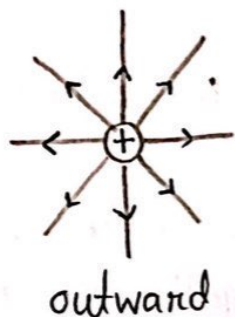
charge is not continuous. It exists in discrete "packetes", so the property is called 'quantized'. It is made up of integral multiples of certain minimum electric charge ($e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ coul}$)

$$q = ne \quad (n = \text{integer '+ or -'})$$

□ Electric Field: An invisible field created by attraction and repulsion of electrical charges.

Electric field strength, $E = \frac{F}{q}$ (N/Coul)

Lines of Force : Lines of force are path followed by an electric charge. (imaginary)

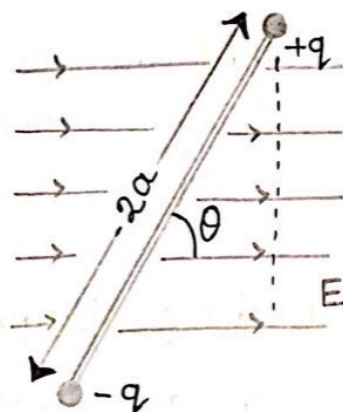


A Dipole in an Electric Field:

two equal and opposite charges ($+q$ and $-q$) and separated by a small distance $2a$ constitute an electric dipole.

\therefore dipole moment is, $p = 2aq$

The arrangement is placed in a uniform external electric field E . Two opposite and equal forces F and $-F$ act, where, $F = qE$. The net force is clearly 0, but the net Torque



$$\begin{aligned} \text{is, } \tau &= F(2a \sin \theta) \\ &= 2aF \sin \theta \\ &= 2aqE \sin \theta \quad [F = qE] \\ &= pE \sin \theta \quad [p = 2aq] \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau = p \times E$$

The work done is, $W = \int dW = \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} \tau d\theta = U$

$$\begin{aligned} [W &= Fd] \\ &\downarrow \downarrow \\ &\tau \quad \theta \end{aligned}$$

Uniform electric field:

A field in which the lines of force are parallel.

Here, Work done, $W = \int dW = \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} \tau d\theta = U$ (potential energy)

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore U &= \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} \tau d\theta = \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} pE \sin\theta d\theta \quad [\tau = pE \sin\theta] \\ &= pE \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} \sin\theta d\theta \\ &= -pE [\cos\theta]_{\theta_0}^{\theta} = -pE [\cos\theta - \cos\theta_0]\end{aligned}$$

Let, $\theta_0 = 90^\circ \quad \therefore U = -pE \cos\theta - 0$
 $= -pE \cos\theta = -p \cdot$

in vector form, $\boxed{U = -p \cdot E}$

□ **Electric flux:** The measure of flow of the electric field through a given area (hypothetical/imaginary) which maybe closed or open.

$$\boxed{\phi_E \approx \sum E \cdot \Delta S = \iint E \cdot dS}$$
$$\boxed{= ES \cos\theta}$$

S = area of surface
 ϕ_E = Electric flux
 E = Electric field

Unit: $N \cdot m^2 / \text{coul}$

□ **Gauss's Law:** It is applied to any closed hypothetical surface (called Gaussian surface) which gives connection between electric flux (ϕ_E) for the surface and net charge (q) enclosed by the surface.

$$\boxed{\epsilon_0 \phi_E = q}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_0 \iint E \cdot dS = q}$$

It shows the relation/connection between ϕ_E and q .

□ Prove Coulomb's Law from Gauss's Law

We know, the Gauss's law is,

$$\epsilon_0 \oint E ds = q$$

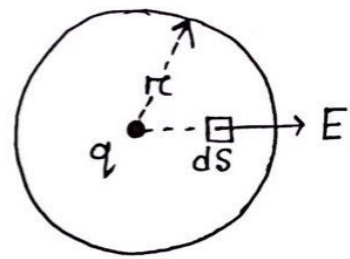
$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_0 E \oint dS = q \quad [E \text{ will be same on all points}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_0 E (4\pi r^2) = q \quad [\text{Area of sphere} = 4\pi r^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \cdot \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \quad \therefore E = \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{r^2}$$

We know, $F = q_0 E$

$$\therefore F = \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{q_0 q}{r^2} \quad [\text{proved}]$$



A Gaussian surface

□ Electric Potential:

electric potential energy difference $V_B - V_A = \frac{W_{AB}}{q_0}$

$W_{AB} \rightarrow$ (a) positive (+) \rightarrow B will be higher than A

(b) negative (-) \rightarrow B will be lower " A

(c) zero (0) \rightarrow B " " same as A

SI unit of potential is Volt (V).

1 volt = 1 Joule/coul.

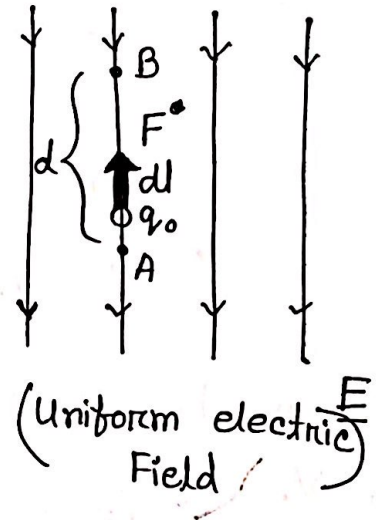
electric potential at a point, $V = \frac{W}{q}$

□ Work done in Electric Field is Path-independent.

Equipotential surface: The locus which have same electric potential at all points.

□ Relation between Electric potential (V) and Electric Field (E) (uniform)

Let, A and B are two points in a uniform Electric Field E . The distance between A and B is d . Assuming that, a positive charge q_0 is moved by an external agent from A to B along straight line connecting them. Since, the direction of the electric field is downward, There will be a Force,



$$(\underline{F}' = q_0 \underline{E}) \text{ on } q_0 \text{ charge}$$

The Force applied by the external agent,

$$\underline{F}'' = -q_0 \underline{E}$$

$$W_{AB} = \underline{F} \cdot \underline{d} = -q_0 \underline{E} \cdot \underline{d} = -q_0 E d \cos 180^\circ$$

$$= -q_0 E d (-1)$$

$$W_{AB} = q_0 E d$$



$$\therefore \text{The potential difference, } V_B - V_A = \frac{W_{AB}}{q_0} = E d$$

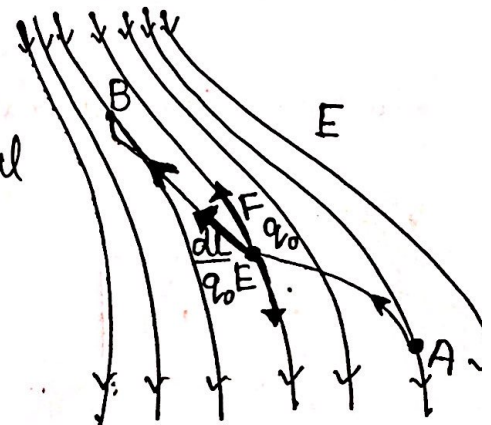
$$\therefore E = \frac{V_B - V_A}{d} \quad (\text{unit: } Vm^{-1})$$

□ When, the electric Field is not-uniform (non-uniform):

$$\underline{F} = q_0 \underline{E}$$

~~dW~~ Element of work done by an external agent to move a displacement $d\mathbf{l}$,

$$dW = \underline{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -q_0 \underline{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$



The total work done by the external agent to move the charge particle q_0 from A to B,

$$W_{AB} = \int dW = \int_A^B (-q_0 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l})$$

$$W_{AB} = -q_0 \int_A^B \underline{E} \cdot \underline{dl}$$

Potential Energy, $V_B - V_A = \frac{W_{AB}}{q_0} = - \int_A^B \underline{E} \cdot \underline{dl}$

If we take point A to infinity distance and $V_A = 0$, let $V_B = V$; So, $\therefore V_B - V_A = - \int_A^B \underline{E} \cdot \underline{dl}$

$$\Rightarrow V - 0 = - \int_{\infty}^B \underline{E} \cdot \underline{dl}$$

$$\therefore V = - \int_{\infty}^B \underline{E} \cdot \underline{dl}$$

potential energy at any point

Electric Potential due to a Point Charge:

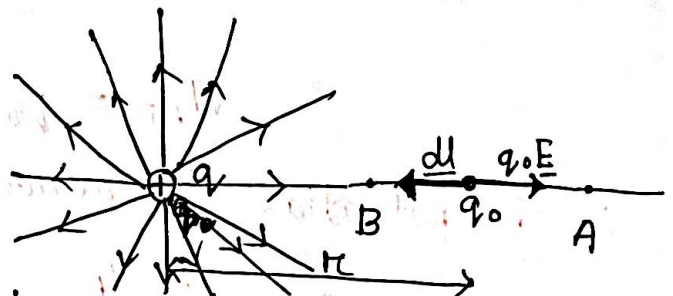
work done by an external force to have the distance dl . (In the figure)

$$E \cdot dl = E dl \cos 180 = -E dl$$

increasing l decreasing r

$$\therefore dl = -dr$$

$$\underline{E} \cdot \underline{dl} = E dr$$



a test charge q_0 is moved by an external agent from A to B in the field set up by a point charge q

$$\therefore \text{Potential Energy } V_B - V_A = - \int_A^B E dl = - \int_A^B E dr = - \int_A^B \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \cdot dr$$

We know,

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2}$$

$$= - \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dr}{r^2} = - \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[-\frac{1}{r} \right]_{\infty}^{r_B}$$

$$\therefore V_B - V_A = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{r_B} - \frac{1}{r_A} \right) \quad \text{[isolated situation]} \quad \square$$

let, point A to be at infinity (letting $r_A \rightarrow \infty$) and $V_A = 0$ at this position, $V_B = V$,

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{r}$$

So, equipotential surfaces are for an isolated point charge are spheres concentric with point charge.

Potential Due to Dipole:

Potential at P, $V = V_+ + V_-$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{+q}{r_+} \right) + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{-q}{r_-} \right)$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{r_+} - \frac{1}{r_-} \right)$$

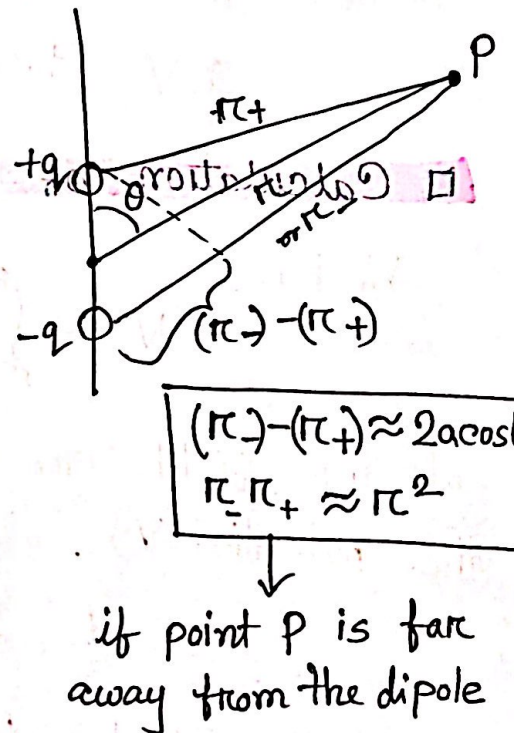
$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{r_- - r_+}{r_+ r_-} \right)$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{2a \cos \theta}{r^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{2aq \cos \theta}{r^2} \right)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{p \cos \theta}{r^2} \right) \quad [2aq = p]$$

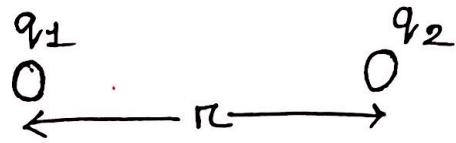
Potential at point P due to an electric dipole.



□ Electrostatic Potential Energy.

$$U = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}} = W$$

Electrostatic potential energy is ~~written~~ denoted by U



□ Electron volt: $V_A - V_B = 1V$

then, $1 \text{ eV} =$ work done by external agent to move an electron from higher potential to lower potential.

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

□ Calculation of \underline{E} from V :

We have,

$$V_B = - \int_{\infty}^B \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{l}$$

electric field can be obtained by the gradient of the potential (V).

$$\underline{E} = -\underline{\nabla} V \quad [\underline{\nabla} = \text{partial differential operator}]$$

So, "The Electric Field Strength is the negative of the gradient of electric potential."

$$E_x = -\frac{dV}{dx}$$

$$\underline{\nabla} = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$