

$$a^2 = 3x^2$$

$$x^2 = \frac{a^2}{3} \quad x = \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{3}} \quad a = 2R$$

1) Three spheres of identical radius R (but different, uniform charge densities ρ_1 , ρ_2 and ρ_3) are arranged so that they touch one another as shown in the diagram above. [The diagram at the right is a hint for later].

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- 1a) (10 points) How much work will it take to assemble these spheres into the arrangement shown? [Assume the spheres themselves have already been assembled - that is, neglect the self-energy of each sphere].

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \Rightarrow W_{\text{ext}} = U_{\rho_2} + U_{\rho_3} \\
 Q_i &= \rho_i \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \\
 &= \frac{\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3\right)^2 \rho_1 \rho_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (2R)} + \frac{\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3\right)^2 \rho_1 \rho_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (2R)} + \frac{\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3\right)^2 \rho_2 \rho_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (2R)} \\
 &= \frac{\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3\right)^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (2R)} [\rho_1 \rho_2 + \rho_1 \rho_3 + \rho_2 \rho_3] = \boxed{\frac{2\pi R^5}{9\epsilon_0} [\rho_1 \rho_2 + \rho_1 \rho_3 + \rho_2 \rho_3]}
 \end{aligned}$$

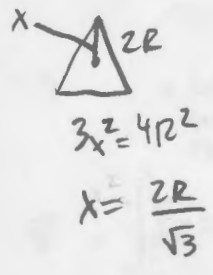
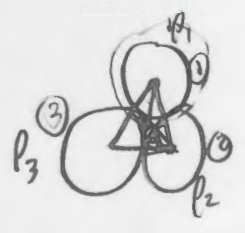
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- 1b) (10 points) What is the electric potential at the center of the arrangement?

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \sum \frac{Q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_i} = \sum \frac{\rho_i \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{4R^2}{3}}\right)} = \sum \frac{\rho_i R^3}{\frac{(2R)(3\epsilon_0)}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{\rho_i R^2 \sqrt{3}}{2\epsilon_0 \sqrt{3}} \\
 Q_i &= \rho_i \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \\
 \Rightarrow V_{\text{total}} &= \boxed{\frac{R^2 \sqrt{3}}{2\epsilon_0} (\rho_1 + \rho_2 + \rho_3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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1c) (10 points) What is the electric field at the center of the arrangement?



$E_{tot} = \sum E_i \hat{r}$ NO $\frac{4R^2}{3}$

①: $E_1 = \frac{P_1}{3\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{R}{3} \right) \Rightarrow \vec{E}_1 = -\frac{P_1 R}{3\epsilon_0} \hat{j}$

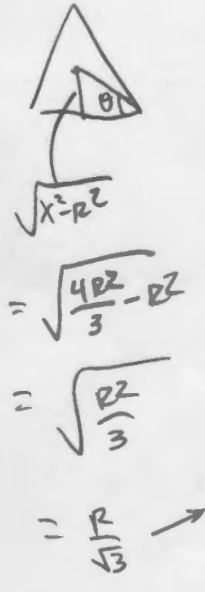
②: $\vec{E}_2 = \frac{P_2 R}{3\epsilon_0} (-\cos\theta \hat{i} + \sin\theta \hat{j})$

③: $\vec{E}_3 = \frac{P_3 R}{3\epsilon_0} (\cos\theta \hat{i} + \sin\theta \hat{j})$

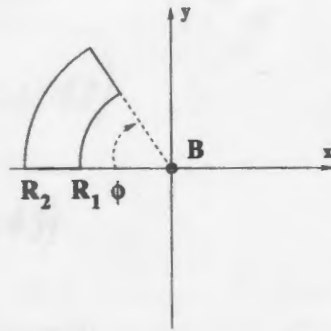
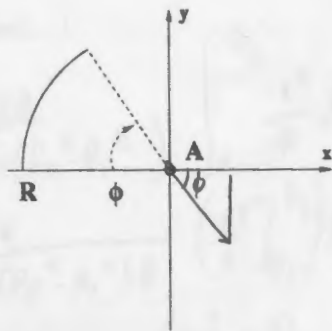
$\vec{E}_{tot} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 + \vec{E}_3$

$\left[-\frac{P_1 R}{3\epsilon_0} + \frac{P_2 R}{3\epsilon_0} \sin\theta + \frac{P_3 R}{3\epsilon_0} \sin\theta \right] \hat{j}$

$= \left(-\frac{P_1 R}{3\epsilon_0} + \frac{P_2 R}{6\epsilon_0} + \frac{P_3 R}{6\epsilon_0} \right) \hat{j}$



$\sin\theta = \frac{R/\sqrt{3}}{2R} = \frac{1}{2}$



$$\frac{q}{s} = \lambda = \lambda$$

- 2a) (10 points) A thin nonconducting rod that carries an electric charge q (uniformly distributed) is bent to form a circular arc of radius R that subtends an angle ϕ as shown in the diagram on the left. Find the electric field (vector) at point A (located at the center of curvature of the arc).

$$\vec{E} = \int d\vec{E} = \int \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \int \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^\phi \frac{1}{R^2} \cdot R d\phi \hat{r} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \int_0^\phi d\phi \hat{r}$$

$r = R$
 $dq = \lambda ds = \lambda R d\phi$
 $s = 2\pi R \cdot \frac{\phi}{2\pi} = R\phi$
 $\lambda = \frac{q}{s} = \frac{q}{R\phi}$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (\phi) \hat{r} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (R\phi)} \cdot \phi [\cos\phi \hat{i} - \sin\phi \hat{j}] = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} [\cos\phi \hat{i} - \sin\phi \hat{j}]$$

- 2b) (10 points) Now consider the diagram shown on the right. Charge is spread over a wedge defined by the angle ϕ between the radial distances R_1 and R_2 (as shown) with an area charge density

$$\sigma(r) = \frac{4Q}{\phi(R_2^4 - R_1^4)} r^2$$

where r is the radial distance from the B (located at the center of curvature of the defining arcs). Find the electric field (vector) at B.

$$\vec{E} = \int \vec{E} = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} d\vec{E}_{arc} = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} (\cos\phi \hat{i} - \sin\phi \hat{j}) = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \frac{\sigma(r)}{2\epsilon_0} (\cos\phi \hat{i} - \sin\phi \hat{j}) dr$$

$$dq = \sigma(r) dA = \sigma(r) \cdot 2\pi r dr$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \frac{4Q}{\phi(R_2^4 - R_1^4)} r^2 dr (\cos\phi \hat{i} - \sin\phi \hat{j}) = \frac{2Q}{\epsilon_0 (R_2^4 - R_1^4)} \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \frac{r^2}{\phi} dr (\cos\phi \hat{i} - \sin\phi \hat{j})$$

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• 2b) (continued...)

$$\vec{E} = \frac{2Q}{\epsilon_0(R_2^4 - R_1^4)} \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \frac{r^2}{\phi} dr (\cos\phi \hat{e} - \sin\phi \hat{j})$$

$$= \frac{2Q}{\epsilon_0(R_2^4 - R_1^4)\phi} \left(\frac{r^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{R_1}^{R_2} (\cos\phi \hat{e} - \sin\phi \hat{j})$$

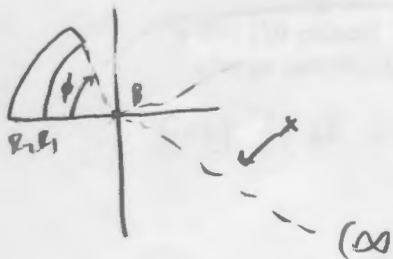
$$R_2^3 - R_1^3 = (R_2 - R_1)(R_2^2 + R_2R_1 + R_1^2)$$

$$R_2^4 - R_1^4 = (R_2^2 - R_1^2)(R_2^2 + R_1^2)$$

$$= \frac{2Q}{\epsilon_0(R_2^4 - R_1^4)} \frac{(R_2^3 - R_1^3)}{3} (\cos\phi \hat{e} - \sin\phi \hat{j})$$

$$= \frac{2Q (R_2^2 + R_2R_1 + R_1^2)}{3\epsilon_0(R_2 + R_1)(R_2^2 + R_1^2)} (\cos\phi \hat{e} - \sin\phi \hat{j})$$

• 2c) (10 points) Find the electric potential produced by the wedge at point B relative to a point infinitely-distant from the wedge.



$$V(B) = V_r - V_{r_{ref}} = V(B) - V(\infty)$$

$$= - \int_{\infty}^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \int_{\infty}^B E dr = - \int_{\infty}^0 \frac{2Q(R_2^2 + R_2R_1 + R_1^2)}{\epsilon_0(R_2 + R_1)(R_2^2 + R_1^2)} dr$$

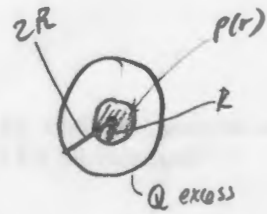
$$dE_r = dE_{wedge}$$

$$E(r) = \frac{2Q [(R_2 + r)^3 - (R_1 + r)^3]}{\epsilon_0 [(R_2 + r)^4 - (R_1 + r)^4]} (\cos\phi \hat{e} - \sin\phi \hat{j})$$

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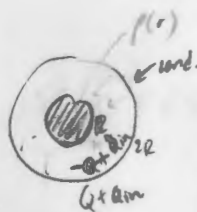
3) A spherical charge distribution of radius R carries a volume charge density

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^3}{R^3}\right)$$



It is surrounded by a concentric spherical conducting shell that extends from $r = R$ to $r = 2R$ and carries an excess charge Q .

- 3a) (10 points) Find the charge inside a concentric sphere of radius r , for all values of r . Also, find the surface charge densities on the inner and outer surfaces of the conducting shell.



$$[r < R] \quad Q_{enc}(r) = \int_0^r \rho(r) dV = 4\pi\rho_0 \int_0^r r^2 - \frac{r^5}{R^3} dr$$

$$= 4\pi\rho_0 \left(\frac{r^3}{3} - \frac{r^6}{6R^3} \right) \quad 2$$

$$[R < r < 2R] \quad Q_{enc}(r) = \int_0^R \rho(r) dV = 4\pi\rho_0 \left(\frac{R^3}{6} \right) \quad 0$$

$$[r > 2R] \quad Q_{enc}(r) = 4\pi\rho_0 \left(\frac{R^3}{6} \right) + Q \quad 2$$

$$\sigma(r) \begin{cases} \sigma(r) = \frac{-Q + 4\pi\rho_0 \left(\frac{R^3}{6} \right)}{4\pi r^2} & \text{[inside]} \\ \sigma(r) = \frac{Q + 4\pi\rho_0 \left(\frac{R^3}{6} \right)}{4\pi r^2} & \text{[outside]} \end{cases} \quad 1$$

$$\int \rho(r) \cdot 4\pi r^2 dr = 4\pi\rho_0 \int_0^R \left(r^2 - \frac{r^5}{R^3} \right) dr = 4\pi\rho_0 \left(\frac{r^3}{3} - \frac{r^6}{6R^3} \right) \Big|_0^R$$

$$Q_{tot} = 4\pi\rho_0 \left(\frac{R^3}{3} - \frac{R^3}{6} \right) = 4\pi\rho_0 \left(\frac{R^3}{6} \right)$$

- 3b) (10 points) Find the electric field as a function of the radial distance from the center of the charge distribution (r) for all values of r .

$$[r < R] \quad \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}(r)}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \vec{E}(4\pi r^2) = \frac{\int_0^r \rho(r) \cdot 4\pi r^2 dr}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{r^3}{3} - \frac{r^4}{6R^3} \right] \hat{r} \quad 1$$

$$[R < r < 2R] \quad \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}(r)}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0 (4\pi r^2)} = \frac{\rho_0}{3} \left[\frac{R}{3} - \frac{R}{6} \right] = \frac{\rho_0 R}{6\epsilon_0} \hat{r} \quad 3$$

$$[r > 2R] \quad \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}(r)}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{4\pi\rho_0 \left(\frac{R^3}{6} \right) + Q}{\epsilon_0 (4\pi r^2)} = \frac{\rho_0 R^3 + 6Q}{6\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \quad 0$$

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- 3c) (10 points) If the electric potential within the conductor is given as V_0 , find the potential as a function of the radial distance from the center of the charge distribution (r) for all values of r .

$$[r > 2R] \quad V = - \int_{\infty}^r E \cdot dr = - \int_{\infty}^r \frac{\rho_0 R^3 + 6Q}{6\epsilon_0 r^2} dr$$

0

$$[R < r < 2R] \quad V = - \int_{\infty}^{2R} \frac{\rho_0 R^3 + 6Q}{6\epsilon_0 r^2} dr + \int_{2R}^r \frac{\rho_0 R}{6\epsilon_0} dr$$

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Problem	Grade
1	25/30
2	13/30
3	1/30
Total	40/90

- Do not peek at the exam until you are told to begin. You will have approximately 45 minutes to complete the exam.
- There will be three times to ask the proctor for a "flag" problem first. Do not peek!
- If you do not see the answer to any of the problems, please do not peek, and the answer. If you see three flags, do not peek at any more.
- Have fun!