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1. Find the potential inside and outside a uniformly charged solid sphere whose radius is R and whose charge is q . Use infinity as your reference point.

$$r > R \quad V(r) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$r < R$$

Since the charge appears to be concentrated at the origin

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi r^2 E_r = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$Q_{enc} = \rho \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$\rho = \frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3}$$

$$Q_{enc} = Q \frac{r^3}{R^3}$$

$$E = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0 4\pi r^2} = \frac{Q r}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3}$$

$$V(r) - V(R) = \frac{-Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \int_R^r r' dr' = \frac{-Q}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} (r^2 - R^2)$$

$$V(R) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$$

$$V(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r^2}{R^2} - 1 \right) \right]$$

$$V(r) = \frac{Q}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R} \left(3 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right) \quad r < R$$

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2. Three charges are situated at the corners of a square (side a), as shown in Figure 2. How much work does it take to bring in another charge, $+q$, from far away and place it in the fourth corner?

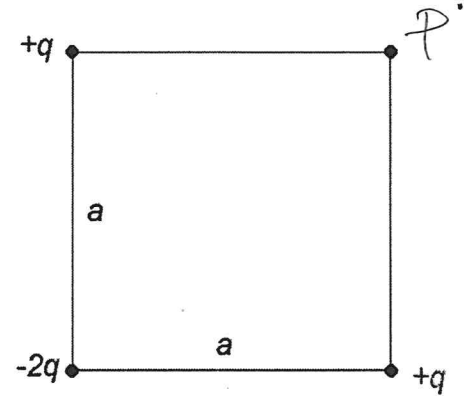


Figure 2

$$W = q V(P)$$

$$V(P) = \frac{2q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a} \left[1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$$W = q V(P) = \frac{q^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0 a} \left[1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

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3. Find the potential $V(x,y)$ in the region $0 < y < a$ and $x > 0$, (between the two lines) shown in Figure 3.

- $V = 0$ $y = 0$
- $V = 0$ $y = a$
- $V = 0$ $x = \text{infinity}$
- $V = V_0 = \text{constant}$ $x = 0$

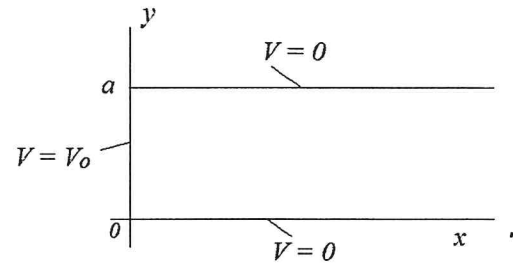


Figure 3

$$V(x,y) = X(x) Y(y) = (A_1 e^{kx} + A_2 e^{-kx}) (B_1 \cos ky + B_2 \sin ky)$$

Since $V = 0$ @ $x = \infty$ $A_1 = 0$

$V = 0$ @ $y = 0$ $B_1 = 0$

$V = 0$ @ $y = a$ $k = \frac{n\pi}{a}$

$$V(x,y) = C e^{-\frac{n\pi}{a}x} \sin(\frac{n\pi}{a}y)$$

To satisfy the boundary condition at $x=0$
Sum solutions

$$V(0,y) = V_0 = \sum C_n \sin(\frac{n\pi}{a}y)$$

$$C_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a V_0 \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} y dy = \frac{4V_0}{a \frac{n\pi}{a}} = \frac{4V_0}{n\pi}$$

odd n

$C_n = 0$ for even

$$V(x,y) = \frac{4V_0}{\pi} \sum_{\text{odd } n} \frac{e^{-\frac{n\pi}{a}x}}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} y$$