

Electrodynamics-II

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Example 4.2

Find the electric field produced by a uniformly polarized sphere of radius R .

Sphere is polarized means it has net dipole moment per unit volume.

We take the polarization along z axis.

The volume bound charge density

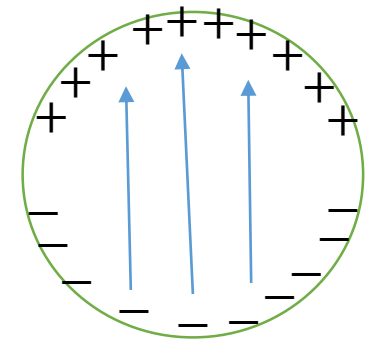
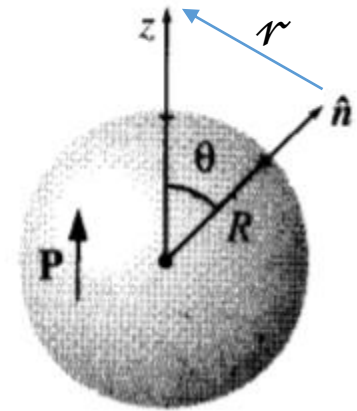
Because \vec{P} is uniform ρ_b

So

$$\rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = 0$$

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = P \cos\theta$$

Where θ is usual spherical coordinate.



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$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oint \frac{\sigma_b}{r} da'$$

Using Law of Cosines

$$r = \sqrt{R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz\cos\theta}$$

$$r^2 = R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz\cos\theta$$

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oint \frac{\sigma_b R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz\cos\theta}}$$

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$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{PR^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oint \frac{\cos\theta \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz\cos\theta}}$$

$$V(r, \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} r \cos\theta & \text{For } r \leq R \\ \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} \frac{R^3}{r^2} \cos\theta & \text{For } r \geq R \end{cases}$$

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$$r \cos \theta = z$$

$$V(r, \theta) = \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} r \cos \theta = \frac{Pz}{3\epsilon_0} \quad \text{For } r \leq R$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V = -\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\hat{x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\hat{y} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z}\hat{z}\right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left(\frac{Pz}{3\epsilon_0}\right)\hat{z} = \frac{-P}{3\epsilon_0}\hat{z} = \frac{-\vec{P}}{3\epsilon_0}$$

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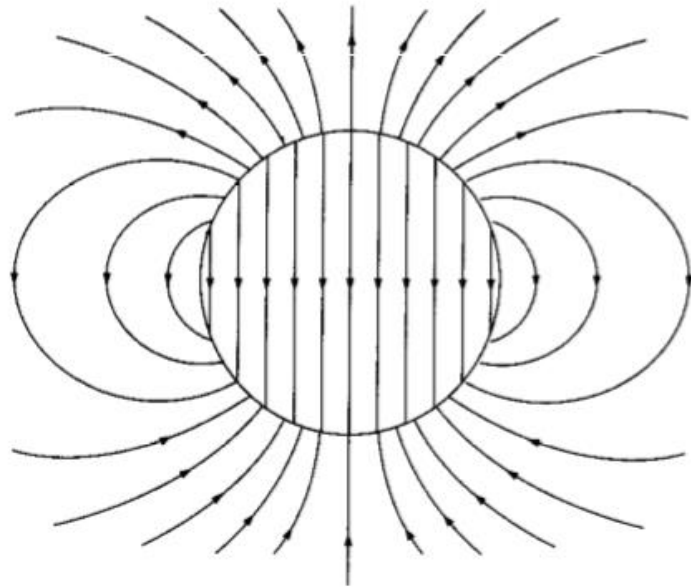
Now For $r \geq R$

$$\frac{\vec{p}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = \vec{P}$$

$$V(r, \theta) = \frac{P R^3}{3\epsilon_0 r^2} \cos\theta = \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \hat{r} R^3}{3\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\vec{p}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} \cdot \frac{\hat{r} R^3}{3\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

Which is the potential for dipole

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Graph represents the electric field of dipole.