

UPS tutoring 2321 Stirling

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W 9:55 1:20 2:25

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# Potential

last time:

uniform electric field



$$V = Ed$$

Sphere

field outside  
sphere is same  
as for point  
charge

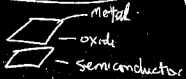
$$\vec{E} = \frac{kq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

charged conducting  
sphere of radius R

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{kq}{r} \text{ (outside)}$$



CMOS  
logic computers  
capacitors



inside sphere

$$\vec{E} = 0$$

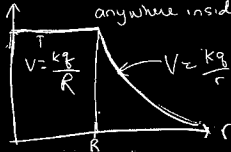


$$V_b - V_a = - \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

↑  
zero

$$V_b = V_a$$

anywhere inside



outside the sphere

$$r > R$$

charged sphere  
yields same  
potential as

point charge at  $r=0$

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inside sphere, field is zero  
potential is constant  
(can be large)

Given potential  $V(r)$

What is field?



$$E = \sigma / \epsilon_0 \quad (\text{from Gauss' law})$$

rewrite it in terms of voltage  $V$

move charge  $q_f$  from <sup>plate</sup> A to plate B

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d} = q_f E d = \sigma q_f d / \epsilon_0$$

$$\text{Potential } V = W/q_f = V_A - V_B = V_{AB} = \frac{W}{q_f} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} d = E d.$$

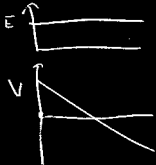
So in terms of  $V$

$$E = V/d \quad \text{parallel plates}$$



constant field  $\Rightarrow$

$V$  is linear in position



Units

charge  $q$ .

what is change in Potential energy when accelerated by a voltage  $V_{ab}$ ?

$$\Delta U = q(V_{ab})$$

for  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q = e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \\ V_{ab} = 1 \text{ Volt} \end{array} \right.$

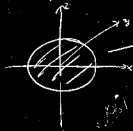
$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \Delta U &= qV = (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(1 \text{ V}) \\ &= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \quad (\text{Unit of energy})$$

Calculate potential for continuous charge distribution

e.g. disk  
in  $x$ - $y$  plane

potential  
along axis



divide the  
disk into rings





radius =  $s$   
width =  $ds$

total potential  
is sum of potentials  
from all the rings

find potential from 1 ring.

area of ring at radius  $s$   
with width  $ds$

$$= 2\pi s ds$$

charge of ring =  $\sigma 2\pi s ds$

distance from ring to point in question =  $\sqrt{s^2 + z^2}$

So ring contribution is  $k(2\pi\sigma s ds) / \sqrt{s^2 + z^2}$

add contributions from rings..

$$V = \int_0^R k\sigma \frac{2\pi s}{\sqrt{s^2 + z^2}} ds = 2\pi k\sigma \int_0^R \frac{s ds}{\sqrt{s^2 + z^2}}$$
$$= 2\pi k\sigma \left[ \sqrt{z^2 + s^2} \right]_0^R$$

$$V(z) = 2\pi k\sigma \left[ \sqrt{z^2 + R^2} - z \right]$$

Now calculate  $\vec{E}(\vec{r})$  given  $V(\vec{r})$

recall

$$V_b - V_a = \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

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

1st example

parallel plates



$$E_x \neq 0$$



$$E_y = 0$$

$$E_z = 0$$

$$V_b - V_a = - \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\text{define } E_{||} = E \cos \theta$$

$$V_b - V_a = - \int_a^b E_{||} ds$$

$$E_{||} = - \frac{dV}{ds} = \text{rate of change of potential in direction } ds.$$

angle between E and ds.

$$E_x = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x}, \quad E_y = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}, \quad E_z = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{so } \vec{E} = - \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) = - \vec{\nabla} \cdot V$$

$$\text{disk: potential } V = 2\pi K \sigma (\sqrt{z^2 + R^2} - z)$$

$$E_x = E_y = 0$$

$$E_z = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} 2\pi K \sigma (\sqrt{z^2 + R^2} - z)$$

$$= 2\pi K \sigma \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right)$$