

1. Dielectric Sphere

A dielectric sphere of radius R is polarized so that $\mathbf{P} = (K/r)\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ where $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ is the unit radial vector. Assume the sphere is in an empty vacuum and that the sphere's dielectric material is linear and isotropic, calculate

- (a) (3 pts) the volume and the surface densities of bound charge,
- (b) (2 pts) the volume density of free charge,
- (c) (2 pts) the electric field inside the sphere,
- (d) (3 pts) the electric field outside the sphere.

Your answers should be given in terms of K , χ_E , ϵ_0 , ϵ , and/or ϵ_r . Recall that for linear isotropic materials:

In SI units,

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_E \mathbf{E}$$

$$\epsilon_r \equiv \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \chi_E$$

In Gaussian units,

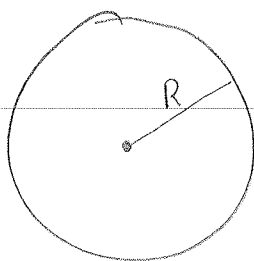
$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E} + 4\pi \mathbf{P}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \chi_E \mathbf{E}$$

$$\epsilon = 1 + 4\pi \chi_E = \epsilon_r$$

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$$\vec{P} = \frac{K}{r} \hat{r}$$

Given a polarized, dielectric sphere (dielectric is linear + isotropic) in a vacuum;

a) Our surface charge density is:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_b &= \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} \text{ | surface} \\ &= \frac{K}{r} \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} \text{ | } r=R \\ &= \frac{K}{R}\end{aligned}$$

The volume bound charge density is:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_b &= -\nabla \cdot \vec{P} \\ &= -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{K}{r} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (Kr) \\ &= -\frac{K}{r^2}\end{aligned}$$

b) We can determine the volume density of free charge by:

$$-\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_f}{\epsilon_0}$$

⇒ To determine the electric field inside the material, we use

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{D} &= \epsilon \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} \\ (\epsilon - \epsilon_0) \vec{E} &= \vec{P} \\ \vec{E} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon - \epsilon_0} \vec{P} \\ &= \frac{K}{r(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)} \hat{r}\end{aligned}$$

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$$b) -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_f}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$-\nabla \cdot \frac{k}{(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)r} \hat{r} = \frac{\rho_f}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{kr}{\epsilon - \epsilon_0} \right) = \frac{\rho_f}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\frac{k}{r^2(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)} = \frac{\rho_f}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \rho_f &= \frac{k\epsilon_0}{r^2(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)} \\ &= \frac{k}{r^2(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0})} \\ &= \frac{k}{r^2(\epsilon_r - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

d) From Gauss' Law, we know

$$\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

To get q_{enc} :

$$q_{enc} = \int \sigma_b da + \int \rho_f dV + \int \rho_b dV$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^R \frac{k}{R} \sin^2 \theta dr d\theta d\phi + \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{k}{r^2(\epsilon_r - 1)} r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi + \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{-k}{r^2} r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

$$= KR \cdot 4\pi + \frac{KR}{\epsilon_r - 1} \cdot 4\pi - 4\pi KR$$

$$= \frac{4\pi KR}{\epsilon_r - 1}$$

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{4\pi KR}{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}$$

$$4\pi r^2 E = \frac{4\pi KR}{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{KR}{R(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)} \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{r}$$