

Boundary Value Problem with Dielectrics

A linear dielectric $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$ is curl free except at the interfaces. So away from the interfaces, the potential satisfies Laplace's eqn with the boundary conditions:

Continuous $V_i = V_o$

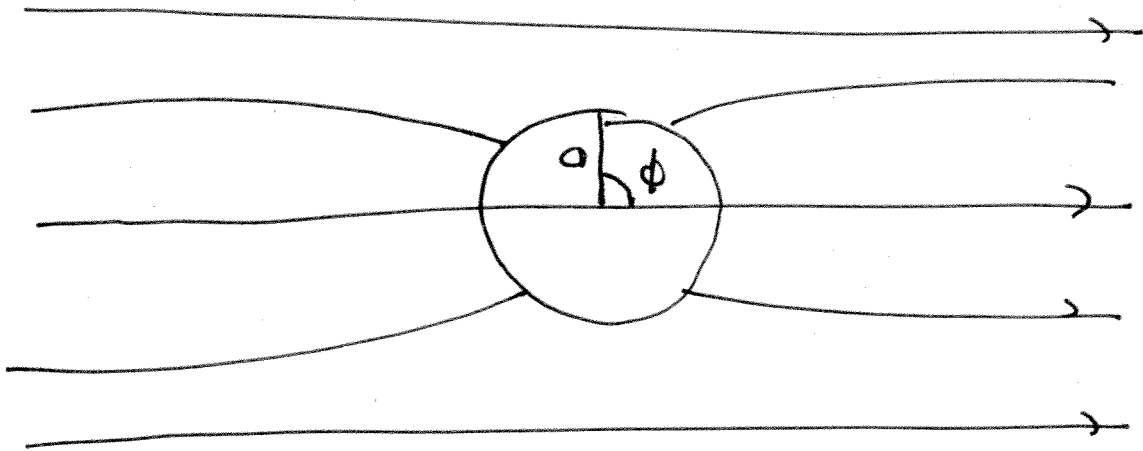
Electrostatic $D_o^\perp - D_i^\perp = \sigma_f$

which becomes

$$\kappa_o \left. \frac{\partial V_o}{\partial n} \right|_{\text{interface}} - \kappa_i \left. \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial n} \right|_{\text{interface}} = \frac{-\sigma_f}{\epsilon_o}$$

E_x Dielectric Cylinder in Uniform Field

$$\vec{E}(\pm\infty) = E_0 \hat{x}$$



As $s \rightarrow \infty$, $V \rightarrow -E_0 x = -E_0 s \cos \phi$

Potential Inside ($s < a$)

$$V_i = \sum_n A_n s^n \cos n\phi + B_n s^n \sin n\phi$$

Potential Outside

$$V_o = \sum_n C_n s^{-n} \cos n\phi + D_n s^{-n} \sin n\phi \\ + E_n s^n \cos n\phi + F_n s^n \sin n\phi$$

As $s \rightarrow \infty$, $V_o(s) \rightarrow -E_0 s \cos \phi$

$$\Rightarrow F_n = 0, E_n = 0 \quad n=0, n \geq 2$$

$$\boxed{E_i = -E_0}$$



$$V_o = \sum_n A_n s^{-n} \cos n\phi + B_n s^{-n} \sin n\phi - E_o s \cos \phi$$

Apply B.C. at surface of cylinder

$$V_i(a, \phi) = V_o(a, \phi) \quad \text{Continuity}$$

$$V_i(a, \phi) = \sum_n A_n a^n \cos n\phi + B_n a^n \sin n\phi$$

$$= V_o(a, \phi)$$

$$= \sum_n C_n a^{-n} \cos n\phi + D_n a^{-n} \sin n\phi$$

$$~~E_o a \cos \phi~~ - E_o a \cos \phi$$

Use orthogonality to match like terms

$$n=0, n \geq 2 \quad A_n a^n = C_n a^{-n}$$

$$n=1 \quad A_1 a = C_1 / a - E_o a$$

$$\text{All } n \quad B_n a^n = D_n a^{-n}$$

Electrostatic B.C.

$$\kappa_o \left. \frac{\partial V_o}{\partial s} \right|_a - \kappa_i \left. \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial s} \right|_a = \frac{-\sigma_f}{\epsilon_o} = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial V_o}{\partial s} \right|_a = \sum_n -n C_n a^{-(n+1)} \cos n\phi - n D_n a^{-(n+1)} \sin n\phi - E_o \cos\phi$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial s} \right|_a = \sum_n n A_n a^{n-1} \cos n\phi + n B_n a^{n-1} \sin n\phi$$

Apply BC ($\kappa_o = 1$) ($\kappa_i = \kappa$)

$$\left. \frac{\partial V_o}{\partial s} \right|_a = \sum_n -n C_n a^{-(n+1)} \cos n\phi - n D_n a^{-(n+1)} \sin n\phi - E_o \cos\phi$$

$$-\kappa \left. \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial s} \right|_a = - \left[\sum_n (n\kappa A_n a^{n-1} \cos n\phi + n\kappa B_n a^{n-1} \sin n\phi) \right] \quad \text{--- } E_o \cos\phi$$

$$= 0 \quad (\sigma_f = 0)$$

All n (smp)

$$-n D_n a^{-(n+1)} - n \kappa B_n a^{n-1} = 0$$

$$D_n = -\kappa B_n a^{2n}$$

$n=0, n \geq 2$

$$-n C_n a^{-(n+1)} - n \kappa A_n a^{n-1} = 0$$

$$C_n = -\kappa A_n a^{2n}$$

$n=1$

$$-(1) C_1 a^{-(1+1)} - E_0$$

$$-(1) \kappa A_1 a^{1-1} = 0$$

$$-C_1/a^2 - E_0 - \kappa A_1 = 0$$

Solve BC

All n (smp)

$$B_n a^n = D_n a^{-n}$$

$$D_n = -\kappa B_n a^{2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_n = D_n = 0$$

Likewise

$n=0, n \geq 2$

$$A_n = C_n = 0$$

$$\underline{n=1}$$

$$-\frac{C_1}{a^2} - E_0 - \kappa A_1 = 0$$

$$A_1 a = \frac{C_1}{a} - E_0 a$$

$$\frac{C_1}{a^2} - A_1 - E_0 = 0$$

Add

$$-E_0 - \kappa A_1 - A_1 - E_0 = 0$$

$$-(\kappa+1)A_1 = 2E_0$$

$$A_1 = \frac{-2E_0}{\kappa+1}$$

$$C_1 = a^2(A_1 + E_0)$$

$$= a^2 \left(\frac{-2E_0}{\kappa+1} + E_0 \right)$$

$$= a^2 E_0 \left(\frac{-2}{\kappa+1} + \frac{\kappa+1}{\kappa+1} \right)$$

$$= +a^2 E_0 \left(\frac{\kappa-1}{\kappa+1} \right)$$

Final Solution

$$\underline{\text{Inside}} \quad V(s, \phi) = \frac{-2\kappa E_0}{1+\kappa} s \cos \phi$$

$$= -\frac{2\kappa E_0}{1+\kappa} x$$

Field

$$\vec{E}_i = -\nabla V_i = \frac{2\kappa E_0}{1+\kappa} \hat{x}$$

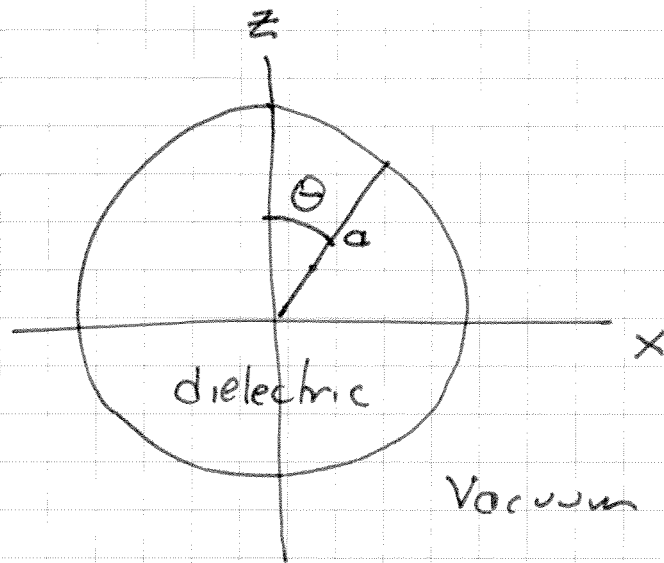
Outside

$$V_o = \frac{E_0 a^2}{s} \left(\frac{\kappa-1}{\kappa+1} \right) \cos \phi - E_0 s \cos \phi$$

From Griffiths

Ex Dielectric sphere $\kappa = \epsilon_r$ in uniform external field $\vec{E} = E_0 \hat{z}$

$$\Rightarrow V(r) \rightarrow -E_0 z \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty, \theta = 0$$



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Only actual charge is bound charge at surface,
so the potential satisfies Laplace's eqn inside and
outside sphere.

$$V_i = \sum r^n P_n(\cos\theta) A_n$$

$$V_o = \sum B_n r^{-(n+1)} P_n(\cos\theta) - \underbrace{E_0 r \cos\theta}_P$$

explosive term to
satisfy BC at ∞

V is continuous

$$V_i(a, \theta) = V_o(a, \theta)$$

$$\sum_n A_n a^n P_n(\cos\theta) = \sum B_n a^{-(n+1)} P_n(\cos\theta) - \underbrace{E_0 a \cos\theta}_P$$

Term by term

$$\underline{n \neq 1} \quad A_n a^n = B_n a^{-(n+1)}$$

$$B_n = A_n a^{2n+1}$$

$$\underline{n = 1} \quad A_1 a = \frac{B_1}{a^2} - E_0 a$$

Electrostatic B.C.

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$$\epsilon_{r,out} \frac{\partial V_o}{\partial r} \Big|_a = \epsilon_{r,in} \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial r} \Big|_a = -\sigma_f$$

$$\epsilon_{r,out} = 1 \quad \sigma_f = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial V_o}{\partial r} \Big|_a = \epsilon_r \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial r} \Big|_a$$

$$\frac{\partial V_o}{\partial r} \Big|_a = \sum_n -(n+1) B_n a^{-(n+2)} P_n(\cos\theta) - E_0 P_1$$

$$\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial r} \Big|_a = \sum_n A_n n a^{n-1} P_n(\cos\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial V_o}{\partial r} \Big|_a - \epsilon_r \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial r} \Big|_a = \sum_n P_n(\cos\theta) \left[-(n+1) B_n a^{-(n+2)} - \epsilon_r A_n n a^{n-1} \right]$$

$$- E_0 P_1$$

$$= \sum_n P_n(\cos\theta) \left[-(n+1) a^{n-1} - \epsilon_r n a^{n-1} \right] A_n$$

$$- E_0 P_1$$

for $n \neq 1$

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By orthogonality, $A_n \quad n \neq 1 = 0$

For $n = 1$,

$$-(1+1) B_1 a^{-3} - \epsilon_r A_1 (1) a^0 - E_0 = 0$$

and from earlier

$$A_1 a = \frac{B_1}{a^2} - E_0 a$$

$$A_1 = \frac{B_1}{a^3} - E_0$$

$$-\frac{2B_1}{a^3} - \epsilon_r \left(\frac{B_1}{a^3} - E_0 \right) - E_0 = 0$$

$$-\frac{B_1}{a^3} (\epsilon_r + 2) + \epsilon_r E_0 - E_0 = 0$$

$$B_1 = a^3 E_0 \left(\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} \right)$$

$$A_1 = \frac{B_1}{a^3} - E_0 = E_0 \left(\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} - 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{-3}{\epsilon_r + 2} E_0$$

So the full potential,

Inside

$$V_i = \cancel{A_1 r^2} A_1 r P_1(\cos\theta) = A_1 r \cos\theta$$

$$= A_1 z = -\frac{3z}{\epsilon_r + 2} E_0$$

Field

$$\vec{E}_i = -\nabla V = \frac{3}{\epsilon_r + 2} E_0 \hat{z}$$

Outside

$$V_o = B_1 r^{-2} P_1(\cos\theta) - E_0 r \cos\theta$$

$$= \left(\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} \right) \frac{a^3}{r^2} E_0 \cos\theta - E_0 z$$

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Note - Dipole field.