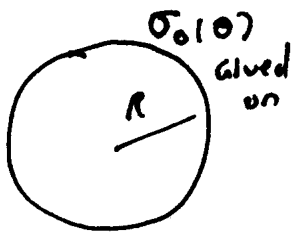


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One last example:



$$V_{out}(r, \theta) = \sum_l \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

$$V_{in}(r, \theta) = \sum_l A_l r^l P_l(\cos\theta)$$

Continuity says $A_l R^l = \frac{B_l}{R^{l+1}}$ (each term matches!)

$$\left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right|_{out, R} - \left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right|_{in, R} = -\frac{\sigma_0}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \sum_l \left. \frac{-(l+1) B_l}{r^{l+2}} \right|_{r=R} P_l - \sum_l \left. 2 A_l R^{l-1} \right|_{r=R} P_l = -\frac{\sigma_0}{\epsilon_0}$$

If know σ_0 , then 2nd eq'n tells you about

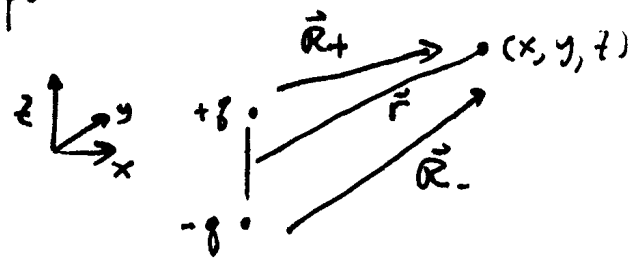
$$-\frac{(l+1) B_l}{R^{l+2}} - 2 A_l R^{l-1} = \dots \left(\text{whatever the } l^{\text{th}} \text{ coeff of } -\frac{\sigma_0}{\epsilon_0} \text{ is} \right)$$

2 eq'ns in 2 ~~un~~knowns A_l, B_l !

("Done")

Dipoles & Multipoles

$\begin{matrix} +q \\ \uparrow \\ \vec{d} \\ \uparrow \\ \vec{p} \\ \uparrow \\ -q \end{matrix}$
 This is an electric dipole: 0 net charge.
 we define $\vec{p} = q \vec{d}$ = "the dipole moment". (We'll see why right away)



• Consider $V(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{R_+} - \frac{1}{R_-} \right]$

with $R_{\pm} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (z \mp \frac{d}{2})^2} = \sqrt{r^2 \mp dz + \frac{d^2}{4}}$

If $d \ll r$, $R \approx r \sqrt{1 \mp \frac{dz}{r^2} + \dots} \approx r \left(1 \mp \frac{1}{2} \frac{dz}{r^2} \right)$

so $V(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dz}{r^2} \right) - \frac{1}{r} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{dz}{r^2} \right) \right] \approx \frac{q dz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$

← Approximation!

But note that $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r} = p_z \cdot r_z = (q d)(z)$ so.

$V(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$

Not Coulomb, it drops like $\frac{1}{r^2}$, not $\frac{1}{r}$.

→ Note that this is "coordinate free", we can now choose any axes we like!

• Consider $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = -\vec{\nabla} V$

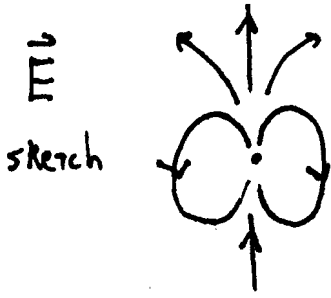
Moving to spherical coords $V(\vec{r}) = \frac{p \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$

$E_r = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{2 p \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$

$E_{\theta} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} = \frac{p \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$

so $\vec{E} = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \left(2 \cos \theta \hat{r} + \sin \theta \hat{\theta} \right)$

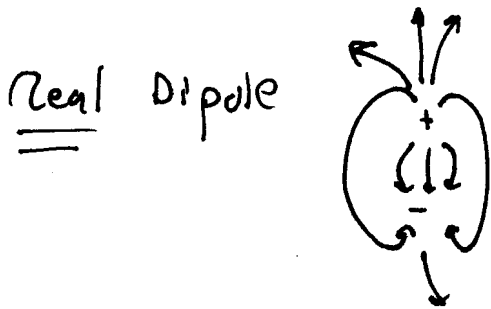
dies fast.



Note: $\theta = \pi/2 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} (\hat{\theta})$ points "down"

$\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \cdot 2r^1$ " up.

It's an ideal or pointlike dipole. ($d \rightarrow 0$, but $p = qd$ is finite)



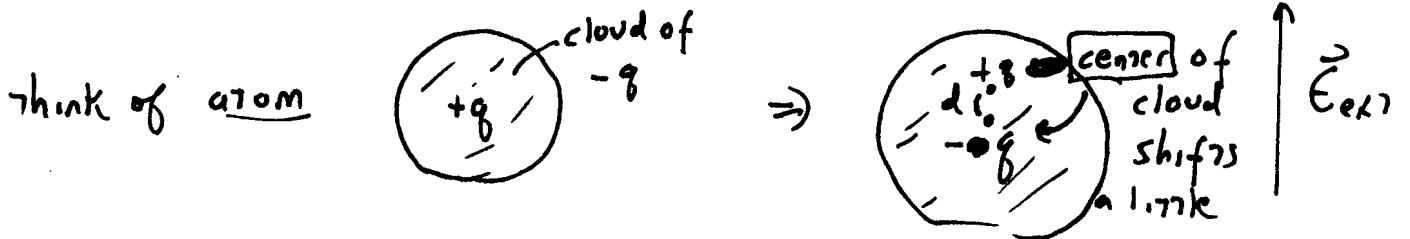
Looks like ^{above} \odot , (+ looks a lot like it far away!)
 (But not right up close)
 (Need more terms in that expansion!)

Where do dipoles come from?

- 1) Natural (polar molecules) e.g. H_2O : $\begin{matrix} +H & H+ \\ \ominus & \approx & + \\ & & - \end{matrix}$

(Typical "d" = ~Angstroms $\sim 10^{-10}$ m
 "q" = e, so $p \approx 10^{-26}$ C m)

- 2) INDUCED: Put neutral object in an \vec{E} field,



How much shift? $\vec{p} = q \vec{d}$ attraction = $q \vec{E}_{ext}$ "repulsion"

so, at equilibrium, pull on $+q$ to center = push from \vec{E}_{ext}

NOT $\frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2}$! Need field inside "sphere of charge", which by Gauss'

law is $E = \frac{q r}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3}$ ← remember this? If not, work it out!
uniform sphere

so $q \frac{q d}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} = E_{ext} q$

which means $p = q d = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3 E_{ext}$.

• polarization is linear in E_{ext} !

• Estimate "polarizability" $\equiv p/E \equiv \alpha \approx 4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3$
 works pretty well, see Griffiths p. 161!

"size of atom" about 10^{-10} m.

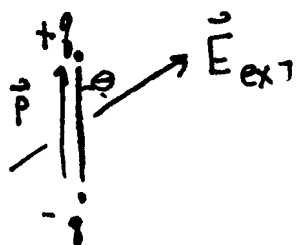
Once you have a dipole: It creates \vec{E} field

" has nonzero $V(r) \Rightarrow$ potential energy associated

It can create torque on other dipoles!

Even though it's neutral, and "tiny".

It feels a torque if put in an E -field, + force too!



$$\vec{\tau} = \sum \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = 2 q E_{ext} \frac{d}{2} \sin\theta$$

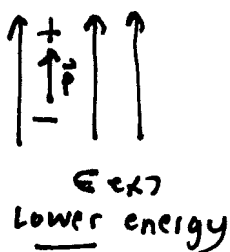
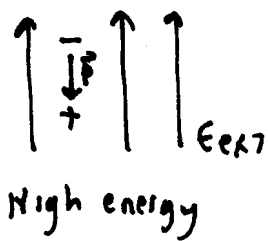
about origin

$$= q d E_{ext} \sin\theta$$

$$= \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$

into the page

It has energy associate with orientation in external field



$$U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$$

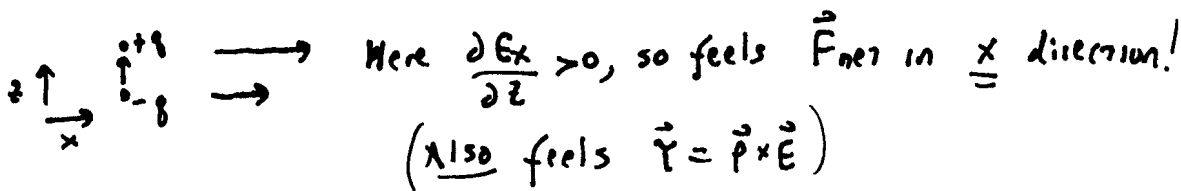
lowest when \vec{p} points in \vec{E} direction

It feels force if \vec{E} bigger on one side than other,

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net on dipole}} = (\vec{p} \cdot \nabla) \vec{E} \rightarrow \text{For a Dipole } \uparrow \text{ in } z \text{ direction}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net on dipole}} = p \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{E} = \left(p \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z}, p \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z}, p \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right) \quad (\text{yuck!})$$

Ex:



Let's go back to dipole as source:

We found $V(\vec{r}) = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$ ← dies like $\frac{1}{r^2}$ [Simple "pattern", $\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r} = p \cos \theta$ for $\vec{p} \uparrow = r \hat{z}$, e.g.]

Recall $V(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$ ← dies like $\frac{1}{r}$ [No "pattern", same at all θ]

$(+q)$ = "Monopole". $V \sim 1/r$ \rightarrow (only exactly true if q is pointlike & spherically symm)

$(+q) (-q)$ = "Dipole" $V \sim 1/r^2$ * (simple angular dependence)

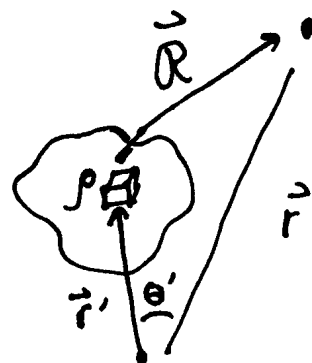
only exactly true if $+q -q$ are very close

Leads us to a method to estimate / approximate $V(r)$ when get far from a bunch of charges.

[If $q_{net} \neq 0$, $V \sim 1/r$ "dominates".]

Multipole Expansion.

Go back to $V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(r')}{R}$



If $r \gg$ all R 's, "far away", this complex $\rho(r')$ looks simple.

(like a point charge! or, if $q_{net} = 0$, like a dipole.)

or, if e.g. $\begin{matrix} + \\ \uparrow \\ - \\ \downarrow \end{matrix}$ like this, two canceling dipoles, it's a "quadrupole", and $V \sim 1/r^3$)

we can be more explicit:

$$R^2 = r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \theta' \approx r^2 \left(1 + \frac{r'^2}{r^2} - \frac{2r'}{r} \cos \theta' \right)$$

pull this out, it's big, (or will be ...)

~~$R = r \sqrt{1 + \epsilon}$ with $\epsilon = \frac{r'^2}{r^2} - \frac{2r'}{r} \cos \theta$ (will be small)~~

Let's call $\epsilon = \frac{r'}{r}$, which will be small when we're far from the charge distribution

$$R = r \sqrt{1 - 2\epsilon \cos\theta' + \epsilon^2} \quad (\text{and we'll need } \frac{1}{R})$$

Recall $(1 + \eta)^{-1/2} = 1 + \frac{(-1/2)\eta}{1!} + \frac{(-1/2)(-1/2-1)\eta^2}{2!} + \frac{(-1/2)(-1/2-1)(-1/2-2)\eta^3}{3!} + \dots$

so $\frac{1}{R} \approx \frac{1}{r} (1 - 2\epsilon \cos\theta' + \epsilon^2)^{-1/2}$
 $\approx \frac{1}{r} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} [-2\epsilon \cos\theta' + \epsilon^2] + \left(\frac{3}{8}\right) [-2\epsilon \cos\theta' + \epsilon^2]^2 + \dots \right)$

collect all terms with $(\epsilon, \epsilon^2, \text{etc})$

$$\approx \frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \epsilon \cos\theta' - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^2 + \frac{3}{8} 4 \cos^2\theta' \epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \epsilon \cos\theta' + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \cos^2\theta'\right) \epsilon^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(r') d\tau'}{r} \left(1 + \epsilon \cos\theta' + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \cos^2\theta'\right) \epsilon^2 + \dots \right)$$

Look at the terms one at a time
 leading smaller smaller still

Leading: $V(r) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \underbrace{\iiint \rho(r') d\tau'}_{\text{This is just } Q_{\text{TOT}}}$
 came out of integral!

so $V(r) \approx \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$, the "monopole term", just potential of point charge.

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Next term: $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(r') d\tau'}{r} \left(\frac{r'}{r} \cos\theta' \right)$

drops off faster. $\leftarrow \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \iiint \rho(r') r' d\tau' \cos\theta'$

Note: This integral is a number, independent of r . It's a property of the charge distribution! It's called "the dipole moment".

Note: $\cos\theta' = P_1(\cos\theta')$ is the first Legendre polynomial.

Next term: $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint \rho(r') \frac{d\tau'}{r} \cdot \frac{r'^2}{r^2} \left(\frac{3}{2} \cos^2\theta' - \frac{1}{2} \right)$

$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \iiint \rho(r') d\tau' r'^2 \cdot P_2(\cos\theta')$

And so it goes... the "quadrupole moment"

$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{Q_{tot}}{r} + \frac{\text{Dipole moment}}{r^2} + \frac{\text{Quad moment}}{r^3} + \dots \right)$

• When r is big, leading term dominates.

so eg. If $Q_{tot} = 0$, Dipole term " "

• Note that $\cos\theta'$ appears, which does involve relative direction of \vec{r} & \vec{r}' , so these moments do depend on location/orientation of ρ and \vec{r} (but not on $|r|$)

Nice: we can approximate $V(r)$ far away without fussing about the details,

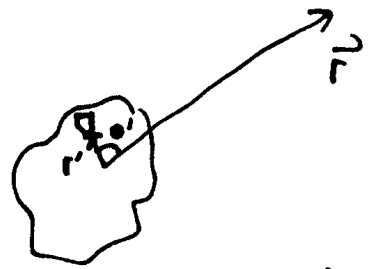
one number will likely tell us how $V(r)$ behave far away.

Let's look at the dipole term. (e.g. imagine $Q_{tot} = 0$)

$$V_{Dip}(r) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \iiint \rho(r') r' \cos\theta' d\tau'$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \iiint \rho(r') \vec{r}' \cdot \hat{r} d\tau'$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \left(\iiint \rho(r') \vec{r}' d\tau' \right) \cdot \hat{r}$$



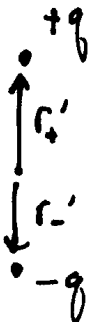
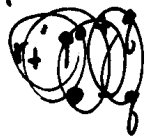
Note: $r' \cos\theta' = \vec{r}' \cdot \hat{r}$

Recall $V_{\text{pure dip}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}$

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In general, $\vec{p} = \text{"dipole moment"} \equiv \iiint \rho(r') \vec{r}' d\tau'$

For point charges: $\iiint q \delta^{(3)}(r'_+) \vec{r}' d\tau' + \iiint -q \delta^{(3)}(r'_-) \vec{r}' d\tau'$
 $= q \vec{r}'_+ + (-q) \vec{r}'_-$

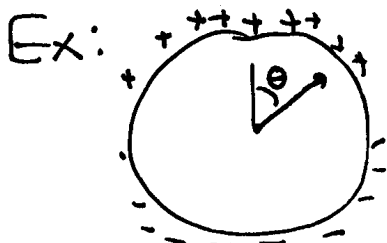


$$\vec{p} = \sum_i q_i \vec{r}'_i$$

In our case, pure dipole, $q \frac{d}{2} \hat{z} + -q \left(-\frac{d}{2} \hat{z}\right) = qd \hat{z} = \vec{p} \checkmark$

Bottom line: The dipole term, for a dipole, is everything! ☺

The dipole moment of any distribution can be computed.



shell, $\rho = \sigma_0 \delta(r-R) \cdot \cos\theta$ has a dipole moment:

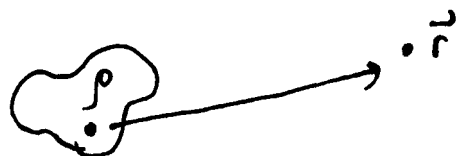
$$p_z = \iiint \rho(r') z' d\tau' = \iiint \sigma_0 \delta(r'-R) \cos\theta' \cdot r' \cos\theta' \cdot r'^2 \sin\theta' d\theta' d\phi'$$

$$= \sigma_0 \cdot R^3 \left. \frac{-\cos^3}{3} \right|_0^\pi = \frac{2}{3} \sigma_0 R^3$$

(Convince yourself, ϕ integral kills off p_x and p_y .)

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Summary: Finite charge distributions



can be characterized by "numbers, 'moments'".

(which depend on direction you're "looking from")

$$\text{Then } V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{Q}{r} + \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2} + \frac{\text{Quadrupole term}}{r^3} + \dots \right]$$

\uparrow
 Monopole
term

\uparrow
 Quadrupole
term

These moments are easy to compute, given ρ .

The dipole moment \vec{p} is just what it should be, $\sum_i q_i \vec{r}_i$

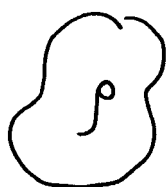
we talked about "dipole moments" of neutral molecules earlier,

so the $V(\vec{r})$ will depend on $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2}$ + higher order terms that drop off faster

so \vec{p} , a "property of the dipole" (like the charge, but a vector) is

the key information we need to know $V(r)$ (+ thus \vec{E} , and forces, etc)

In general:



has a dipole moment

$$\vec{p} = \iiint \rho(\vec{r}') \vec{r}' d\tau'$$

(It depends on your choice of origin ... unless $q_{tot} = 0$,
 then it turns out, (like $\vec{p} = q\vec{d}$) to be "universal".)