

PHY 712 Electrodynamics
9-9:50 AM MWF Olin 105

Plan for Lecture 9:

Continue reading Chapter 4

Dipolar fields and dielectrics

A. Electric field due to a dipole

B. Electric polarization P

C. Electric displacement D and dielectric functions

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Two colloquia this week:

Colloquium: "Novel Material Platforms and Transdimensional Lattices for Metaphotonic Devices" – February 5, 2019, at 2:00 PM

Posted on [January 30, 2019](#)
 Viktoria Babicheva, PhD,
 College of Optical Sciences, University of Arizona
 George P. Williams, Jr. Lecture Hall, (Olin 101)
 Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 2:00 PM

Colloquium: "Light-Driven Self-Organization of Nanoparticles into Artificial Materials" Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Posted on [January 30, 2019](#)
 Zijie Yan, PhD,
 Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, Clarkson University
 George P. Williams, Jr. Lecture Hall, (Olin 101)
 Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 4:00 PM

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Course schedule for Spring 2019

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

Lecture date	JDJ Reading	Topic	HW	Due date
1 Mon: 01/14/2019	Chap. 1 & Appen.	Introduction, units and Poisson equation	#1	01/23/2019
2 Wed: 01/16/2019	Chap. 1	Electrostatic energy calculations	#2	01/23/2019
3 Fri: 01/18/2019	Chap. 1	Electrostatic potentials and fields	#3	01/23/2019
Mon: 01/21/2019	No class	Martin Luther King Holiday		
4 Wed: 01/23/2019	Chap. 1 - 3	Poisson's equation in 2 and 3 dimensions		
5 Fri: 01/25/2019	Chap. 1 - 3	Brief introduction to numerical methods	#4	01/28/2019
6 Mon: 01/28/2019	Chap. 2 & 3	Image charge constructions	#5	01/30/2019
7 Wed: 01/30/2019	Chap. 2 & 3	Cylindrical and spherical geometries		
8 Fri: 02/01/2019	Chap. 3 & 4	Spherical geometry and multipole moments	#6	02/04/2019
9 Mon: 02/04/2019	Chap. 4	Dipoles and Dielectrics	#7	02/06/2019
10 Wed: 02/06/2019				
11 Fri: 02/08/2019				
12 Mon: 02/11/2019				
13 Wed: 02/13/2019				
14 Fri: 02/15/2019				
15 Mon: 02/18/2019				

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Review: General results for a multipole analysis of the electrostatic potential due to an isolated charge distribution:

General form of electrostatic potential with boundary value $\Phi(r \rightarrow \infty) = 0$ for confined charge density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \left(\sum_{lm} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{r^l}{r'^{l+1}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') \right)$$

Suppose that $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{lm} \rho_{lm}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{lm} \frac{1}{2l+1} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \left(\frac{1}{r'^{l+1}} \int_0^r r'^{2+l} dr' \rho_{lm}(r') + r^l \int_r^\infty r'^{l-1} dr' \rho_{lm}(r') \right)$$

For $r \rightarrow \infty$: $\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{lm} \frac{1}{2l+1} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \underbrace{\frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \int_0^\infty r'^{2+l} dr' \rho_{lm}(r')}_{q_{lm}}$

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Notion of multipole moment:

In the spherical harmonic representation --
define the moment q_{lm} of the (confined) charge distribution $\rho(\mathbf{r})$:

$$q_{lm} \equiv \int d^3r' r'^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') \rho(\mathbf{r}')$$

In the Cartesian representation --
define the monopole moment q :

$$q \equiv \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}')$$

define the dipole moment \mathbf{p} :

$$\mathbf{p} \equiv \int d^3r' \mathbf{r}' \rho(\mathbf{r}')$$

define the quadrupole moment components Q_{ij} ($i, j \rightarrow x, y, z$):

$$Q_{ij} \equiv \int d^3r' (3r'_i r'_j - r'^2 \delta_{ij}) \rho(\mathbf{r}')$$

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General form of electrostatic potential in terms of multipole moments:

For r outside the extent of $\rho(\mathbf{r})$:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{lm} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)}{r^{l+1}} \left(\int d^3r' r'^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') \rho(\mathbf{r}') \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{lm} \frac{4\pi q_{lm}}{2l+1} \frac{Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)}{r^{l+1}}$$

In terms of Cartesian expansion:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q}{r} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r^3} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} Q_{ij} \frac{r_i r_j}{r^5} \dots \right)$$

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Focus on dipolar contributions:

For r outside the extent of $\rho(\mathbf{r})$:

Electrostatic potential:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

Electrostatic field:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2\mathbf{p}}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3} \mathbf{p} \delta^3(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

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Poorly defined for $r \rightarrow 0$ Correct value for $r \rightarrow 0$

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“Justification” of surprising δ -function term in dipole electric field -- Assuming dipole is located at $r=0$, we need to evaluate the electrostatic field near $r=0$:

We will use the approximation:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r} \approx \mathbf{0}) \approx \left(\int_{\text{sphere}} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) d^3r \right) \delta^3(\mathbf{r}).$$

First we note that:

$$\int_{r \leq R} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) d^3r = -R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega.$$

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Some details:

$$\int_{r \leq R} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) d^3r = -R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega.$$

This result follows from the divergence theorem:

$$\int_{\text{vol}} \nabla \cdot \mathcal{V} d^3r = \int_{\text{surface}} \mathcal{V} dA.$$

In our case, this theorem can be used for each cartesian coordinate if we choose $\mathcal{V} \equiv \hat{\mathbf{x}}\Phi(\mathbf{r})$ for the x component, etc.

$$\int_{r \leq R} \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r}) d^3r = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \int_{r \leq R} \nabla \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{x}}\Phi) d^3r + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \int_{r \leq R} \nabla \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{y}}\Phi) d^3r + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_{r \leq R} \nabla \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{z}}\Phi) d^3r,$$

which is equal to:

$$\int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) R^2 d\Omega ((\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{x}} + (\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{y}} + (\hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) R^2 d\Omega \hat{\mathbf{r}}.$$

Therefore --

$$\int_{r \leq R} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) d^3r = - \int_{r \leq R} \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r}) d^3r = -R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega.$$

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More details

$$\int_{r < R} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) d^3r = -R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega$$

Now, we notice that the electrostatic potential can be determined from the charge density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ according to:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_m \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{r'^l}{r^l} Y_m^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) Y_m(\hat{\mathbf{r}}')$$

We also note that the unit vector can be written in terms of spherical harmonic functions:

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{cases} \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \cos(\theta) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3}} \left(Y_{1-1}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} + i\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{\sqrt{2}} + Y_{11}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{x}} + i\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{\sqrt{2}} + Y_{10}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega = \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{r'_z}{r'^3} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3}} \left(Y_{1-1}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} + i\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{\sqrt{2}} + Y_{11}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{x}} + i\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{\sqrt{2}} + Y_{10}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{r'_z}{r'^3} \hat{\mathbf{r}}'$$

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More details continued --

When we evaluate the integral over solid angle $d\Omega$, only the $l = 1$ terms contribute, and the result of the integration reduces to:

$$-R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4\pi R^2}{3} \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{r'_z}{r'^3} \hat{\mathbf{r}}'$$

The choice of $r_<$ and $r_>$ is a choice between the integration variables r' and the sphere radius R . If the sphere encloses the charge distribution, $\rho(\mathbf{r}')$, then $r_< = r'$ and $r_> = R$ so that the result is:

$$-R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4\pi R^2}{3} \frac{1}{R^2} \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') r' \hat{\mathbf{r}}' \equiv -\frac{\mathbf{p}}{3\epsilon_0}$$

Otherwise, if the charge distribution $\rho(\mathbf{r}')$ lies outside of the sphere, then $r_< = R$ and $r_> = r'$ and the result is:

$$-R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4\pi R^2}{3} R \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{r'^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}' \equiv \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} \mathbf{E}(0)$$

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In summary --

Electrostatic dipolar field for dipole moment \mathbf{p} at $\mathbf{r}=0$:

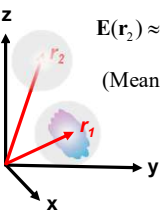
$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{3\mathbf{r} (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2 \mathbf{p}}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3} \mathbf{p} \delta^3(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

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Summary of key argument:



$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_2) \approx \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} \int_{r \leq R} d^3r \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_2)$$

(Mean value theorem for Laplace equation)

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_1) \approx \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} \int_{r \leq R} d^3r \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r})$$

$$\approx \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} \left(-\frac{\mathbf{p}}{3\epsilon_0} \right) \approx -\frac{\mathbf{p}}{3\epsilon_0} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1)$$

Summary:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2\mathbf{p}}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3}\mathbf{p}\delta^3(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

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Coarse grain representation of macroscopic distribution of dipoles:

Electric polarization $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r})$ due to collection of dipoles:

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \sum_i \mathbf{p}_i \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i)$$

Monopole electric charge density $\rho_{\text{mono}}(\mathbf{r})$:

$$\rho_{\text{mono}}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \sum_i q_i \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i)$$

Electrostatic potential for a single monopole charge q and a single dipole \mathbf{p} :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q}{r} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

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Coarse grain representation of macroscopic distribution of dipoles -- continued:

Electrostatic potential for a single monopole charge q and a single dipole \mathbf{p} :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q}{r} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

Electrostatic potential for collections of monopole charges q_i and dipoles \mathbf{p}_i :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\int d^3r' \frac{\rho_{\text{mono}}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \int d^3r' \frac{\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}') \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} \right)$$

Note: $\int d^3r' \frac{\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}') \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} = \int d^3r' \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}') \cdot \nabla' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = - \int d^3r' \frac{\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$

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Coarse grain representation of macroscopic distribution of dipoles -- continued:

Electrostatic potential for collections of monopole charges q_i and dipoles \mathbf{p}_i :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\int d^3r' \frac{\rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} - \int d^3r' \frac{\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \right)$$

$$-\nabla^2 \Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r}) - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}))$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r})) = \rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r})$$

Define Displacement field : $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r})$

Macroscopic form of Gauss's law : $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r})$

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Coarse grain representation of macroscopic distribution of dipoles -- continued:

Many materials are polarizable and produce a polarization field in the presence of an electric field with a proportionality constant χ_e :

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \epsilon \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

ϵ represents the dielectric function of the material

Boundary value problems in dielectric materials

For $\rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$

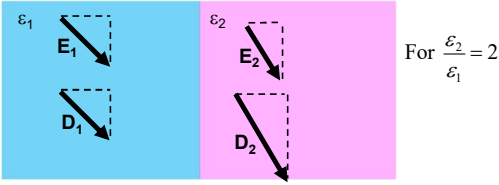
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

\Rightarrow At a surface between two dielectrics, in terms of surface normal $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$:

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = \text{continuous} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics -- example:



For isotropic dielectrics:

$$D_{1n} = D_{2n} \quad \epsilon_1 E_{1n} = \epsilon_2 E_{2n}$$

$$E_{1t} = E_{2t} \quad \frac{D_{1t}}{\epsilon_1} = \frac{D_{2t}}{\epsilon_2}$$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics
 – example:

$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r})=0$ and $\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})=0$ At $r = a$: $\epsilon \frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r}$
 For $r \leq a$ $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = -\epsilon \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r})$ $\frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta}$
 For $r > a$ $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = -\epsilon_0 \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r})$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics
 – example -- continued:

$\Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta)$ At $r = a$: $\epsilon \frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r}$
 $\Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(B_l r^l + \frac{C_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) P_l(\cos \theta)$ $\frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta}$
 For $r \rightarrow \infty$ $\Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = -E_0 r \cos \theta$

Solution -- only $l = 1$ contributes
 $B_1 = -E_0$
 $A_1 = -\left(\frac{3}{2 + \epsilon / \epsilon_0} \right) E_0$ $C_1 = \left(\frac{\epsilon / \epsilon_0 - 1}{2 + \epsilon / \epsilon_0} \right) a^3 E_0$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics
 – example -- continued:

$\Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r}) = -\left(\frac{3}{2 + \epsilon / \epsilon_0} \right) E_0 r \cos \theta$
 $\Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = -\left(r - \left(\frac{\epsilon / \epsilon_0 - 1}{2 + \epsilon / \epsilon_0} \right) \frac{a^3}{r^2} \right) E_0 \cos \theta$

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