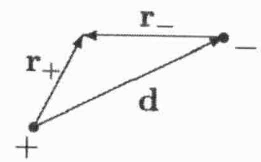
Problem 2.18

From Prob. 2.12, the field inside the positive sphere is $\mathbf{E}_+ = \frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0}\mathbf{r}_+$, where $\mathbf{r}_+$ is the vector from the positive center to the point in question. Likewise, the field of the negative sphere is $-\frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0}\mathbf{r}_-$. So the *total* field is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0}(\mathbf{r}_+ - \mathbf{r}_-)$$



But (see diagram) $\mathbf{r}_+ - \mathbf{r}_- = \mathbf{d}$. So $\boxed{\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0}\mathbf{d}.}$

Problem 2.20

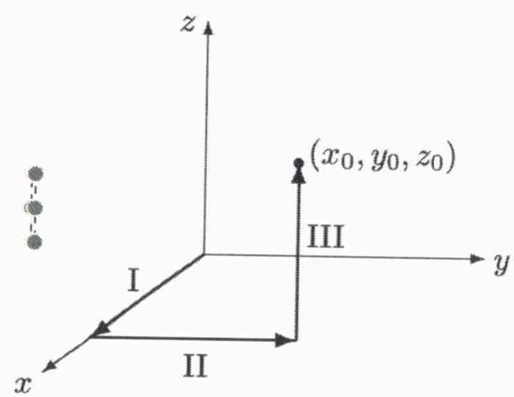
(1) $\nabla\times\mathbf{E}_1 = k\begin{vmatrix}\hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xy & 2yz & 3zx\end{vmatrix} = k\left[\hat{\mathbf{x}}(0-2y) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(0-3z) + \hat{\mathbf{z}}(0-x)\right] \neq \mathbf{0},$

so $\mathbf{E}_1$ is an *impossible* electrostatic field.

(2) $\nabla\times\mathbf{E}_2 = k\begin{vmatrix}\hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y^2 & 2xy+z^2 & 2yz\end{vmatrix} = k\left[\hat{\mathbf{x}}(2z-2z) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(0-0) + \hat{\mathbf{z}}(2y-2y)\right] = \mathbf{0},$

so $\mathbf{E}_2$ is a *possible* electrostatic field.

Let's go by the indicated path:



$$\mathbf{E}\cdot d\mathbf{l} = (y^2\,dx + (2xy+z^2)dy + 2yz\,dz)k$$

Step I: $y = z = 0$; $dy = dz = 0$. $\mathbf{E}\cdot d\mathbf{l} = ky^2\,dx = 0$.

Step II: $x = x_0$, $y: 0 \to y_0$, $z = 0$. $dx = dz = 0$.
$\mathbf{E}\cdot d\mathbf{l} = k(2xy+z^2)dy = 2kx_0 y\,dy$.
$\int_{II}\mathbf{E}\cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2kx_0\int_0^{y_0} y\,dy = kx_0y_0^2$.

Step III: $x = x_0$, $y = y_0$, $z: 0 \to z_0$; $dx = dy = 0$.
$\mathbf{E}\cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2kyz\,dz = 2ky_0z\,dz$.

$\int_{III}\mathbf{E}\cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2y_0k\int_0^{z_0} z\,dz = ky_0z_0^2$.

$$V(x_0,y_0,z_0) = -\int_0^{(x_0,y_0,z_0)}\mathbf{E}\cdot d\mathbf{l} = -k(x_0y_0^2 + y_0z_0^2),\text{ or }\boxed{V(x,y,z) = -k(xy^2+yz^2).}$$

Check: $-\nabla V = k[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xy^2+yz^2)\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xy^2+yz^2)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xy^2+yz^2)\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}] = k[y^2\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + (2xy+z^2)\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + 2yz\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}] = \mathbf{E}$ ✓

Problem 2.34

(a) $W = \frac{1}{2}\int \rho V\,d\tau$. From Prob. 2.21 (or Prob. 2.28): $V = \frac{\rho}{2\epsilon_0}\left(R^2 - \frac{r^2}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q}{2R}\left(3 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)$

$$W = \frac{1}{2}\rho\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q}{2R}\int_0^R\left(3 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)4\pi r^2 dr = \frac{q\rho}{4\epsilon_0 R}\left[3\frac{r^3}{3} - \frac{1}{R^2}\frac{r^5}{5}\right]\Bigg|_0^R = \frac{q\rho}{4\epsilon_0 R}\left(R^3 - \frac{R^3}{5}\right)$$

$$= \frac{q\rho}{5\epsilon_0}R^2 = \frac{qR^2}{5\epsilon_0}\frac{q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\left(\frac{3}{5}\frac{q^2}{R}\right).}$$

(b) $W = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}\int E^2 d\tau$. *Outside* $(r > R)$ $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q}{r^2}\hat{\mathbf{r}}$; *Inside* $(r < R)$ $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q}{R^3}r\hat{\mathbf{r}}$.

$$\therefore W = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}\frac{1}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2}q^2\left\{\int_R^\infty \frac{1}{r^4}(r^2 4\pi\,dr) + \int_0^R\left(\frac{r}{R^3}\right)^2(4\pi r^2 dr)\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q^2}{2}\left\{\left(-\frac{1}{r}\right)\Big|_R^\infty + \frac{1}{R^6}\left(\frac{r^5}{5}\right)\Big|_0^R\right\} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q^2}{2}\left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{5R}\right) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{3}{5}\frac{q^2}{R}.\checkmark$$

(c) $W = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}\left\{\oint_S V\mathbf{E}\cdot d\mathbf{a} + \int_{\mathcal{V}} E^2 d\tau\right\}$, where $\mathcal{V}$ is large enough to enclose all the charge, but otherwise arbitrary. Let's use a sphere of radius $a > R$. Here $V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q}{r}$.

$$W = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}\left\{\int_{r=a}\left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q}{r}\right)\left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q}{r^2}\right)r^2\sin\theta\,d\theta\,d\phi + \int_0^R E^2 d\tau + \int_R^a\left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q}{r^2}\right)^2(4\pi r^2 dr)\right\}$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}\left\{\frac{q^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2}\frac{1}{a}4\pi + \frac{q^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2}\frac{4\pi}{5R} + \frac{1}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2}4\pi q^2\left(-\frac{1}{r}\right)\Big|_R^a\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q^2}{2}\left\{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{5R} - \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{R}\right\} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{3}{5}\frac{q^2}{R}.\checkmark$$

As $a \to \infty$, the contribution from the surface integral $\left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q^2}{2a}\right)$ goes to zero, while the volume integral $\left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q^2}{2a}\left(\frac{6a}{5R} - 1\right)\right)$ picks up the slack.