

A solid spherical ball of uniform charge density has total charge $Q_0 = 3.0 \times 10^{-12}$ C and radius $R = 0.010$ m.

As always, we're free to decide the "zero point" of potential energy. Please follow the usual textbook convention of saying a particle has zero potential energy when it is infinitely far away. Mathematically speaking, $V = 0$ at $r = \infty$.

Solve everything symbolically *before* plugging in numbers.

- What is the potential a distance $2R$ from the ball's center? Derive any formulas you use.
- A tiny particle of charge $q_1 = 4.0 \mu\text{C}$ and mass $m_1 = 2.0 \times 10^{-6}$ kg is released from rest from the surface of the ball. What velocity does the particle have when it reaches a distance $2R$ from the ball's center?
- (*Very hard*) What is the potential inside the ball, at radius $r_2 = 0.0075$ m from the ball's center? Remember to solve symbolically before cranking the numbers.
- (*Very hard*) What is the potential at the ball's center?

a) Apply howto to find $V(r)$

Step 1 Find $\vec{E}(r)$: use Gauss' Law howto

$r > R$ spherical symmetry

$$\text{LHS} = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E \int dA = E 4\pi r^2$$

$$\text{RHS} = q_{in}/\epsilon_0$$

$$E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = Q/\epsilon_0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$$

Step 2 Choose $V = 0$ @ ∞

Step 3

$$\Delta V = V_B - V_A = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

where you want $V(r)$

$A \rightarrow \infty$
 $B \rightarrow r$

choose path $\vec{E} \parallel d\vec{r} \Rightarrow \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = E dr$
(radial path)

Step 4

$$V(r) - V(\infty) = - \int_{\infty}^r \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r'^2} dr' \quad \leftarrow \text{plug in } \vec{E} \quad (2)$$

$$V(r) = -\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[-\frac{1}{r'} \right]_{\infty}^r$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right]$$

Step 5

Solve:

$$V(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{r} \right]$$

At P, $r = 2R$ ← plug in

$$V_P = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (2R)} = \underline{\underline{1.35 V}}$$

b)

$$q_1 = 4\mu\text{C}, \quad m_1 = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg}$$

Does the charge "fall" with constant acceleration?

No, the force is changing

⇒ use energy considerations

$$\Delta U_{S \rightarrow P} = U_P - U_S = qV_P - qV_S$$

$$= q \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} - \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (2R)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{2R} \right)$$

$$= \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{2R} \right)$$

$$\Delta U_{S \rightarrow P} = \Delta KE = \frac{1}{2} m v_p^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_s^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v_p = \sqrt{\frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m R}} = \underline{\underline{2.3 \text{ m/s}}}$$

c) Apply the how-to now for $r < R$

Step 1 Find $E(r)$ for $r < R$

G's Law LHS = $E \cdot 4\pi r^2$
 RHS = q_{in} / ϵ_0

how much charge is inside radius r ?



$$\frac{q_{in}}{Q} = \frac{V_{in}}{V}$$

$$q_{in} = \frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{Q r^3}{R^3}$$

$$\vec{E}(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{Q r^3}{\epsilon_0 R^3} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{R^3} r \hat{r}$$

Step 2

$$V = 0 \text{ @ } \infty$$

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We know V at the surface from part a:

$$V_S = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$$

Step 3

$$\Delta V = V_B - V_A = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

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 $V(r)$ at surface, $r=R$ radial path from step 1

$$\Delta V = V(r) - V_S = - \int_R^r \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Step 4

Plug in $E(r)$

$$= - \int_R^r \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} r' dr'$$

$$= - \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \left. \frac{r'^2}{2} \right|_R^r$$

$$V(r) - V_S = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \frac{1}{2} [R^2 - r^2]$$

Step 5

Solve for $V(r)$

$$V(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \frac{1}{2} [R^2 - r^2] + \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$$

$$V(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{R} - \frac{r^2}{R^3} \right]$$

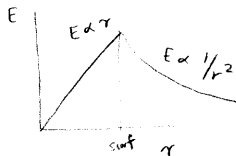
$$V(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{3}{2R} - \frac{r^2}{R^3} \right]$$

At $r = r_2$, $V = \underline{\underline{3.3 V}}$

d) At $r = 0$, $V(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{3}{2R}$ (same formula)

$$\underline{\underline{V = 4 V}}$$

Plot of E vs r



Plot of V vs r

