

Electric Potential.

\* Electric potential : The work done to bring a unit +ve charge from  $\infty$  to a given point is called EP at that point

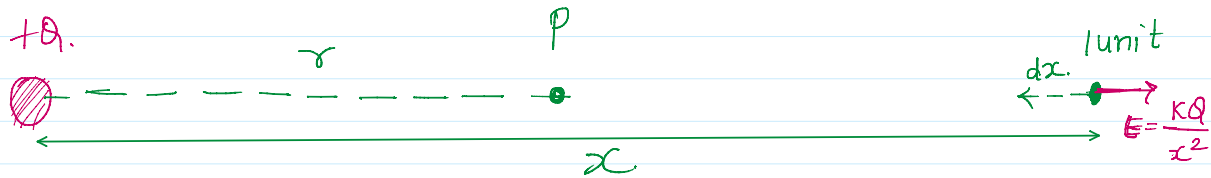
$$* V = \frac{\text{work}}{\text{charge}}$$

\* unit J/C (or) volt (V)

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{S} = FS \cos \theta$$

\* scalar quantity.

\* Potential at a point due to point charge



$\therefore$  small work done to move the unit +ve charge by a small dist  $dx$

$$dW = E(dx)$$

$$dW = -\frac{kQ}{x^2} (dx)$$

up on integrating from  $\infty$  to  $r$  we get net work done.

$$\therefore V = -\int_{\infty}^r \frac{kQ}{x^2} dx$$

$$= -kQ \int_{\infty}^r \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

$$= -kQ \int_{\infty}^r x^{-2} dx$$

$$= -kQ \left. \frac{x^{-2+1}}{-2+1} \right|_{\infty}^r$$

$$= kQ \frac{1}{x}$$

$r, \rightarrow 0$

$$= kQ \left[ \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right]$$

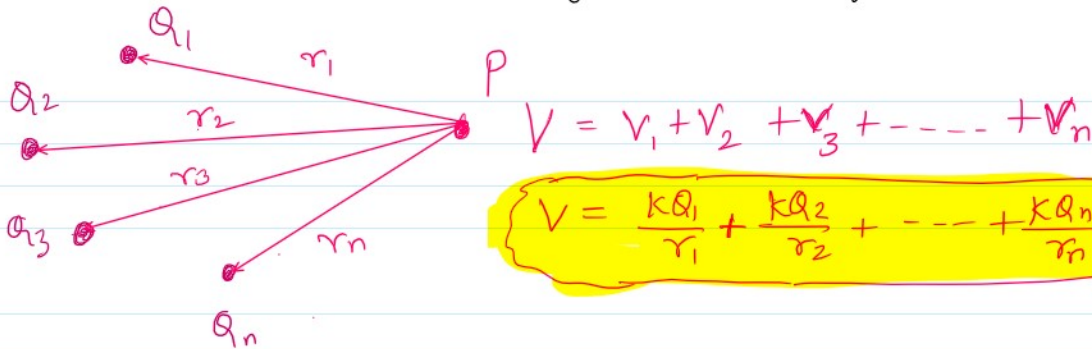
$$V = \frac{kQ}{r}$$

NOTE: ① potential at a point due to the charge is the  $E$  due to -ve charge it is -ve.

② If a charge "q" is kept at a point where the potential is V, then PE of the charge q is  $Vq$

\* V is work per unit  
 $\therefore$  to bring a charge "q" from  $\infty$  to a given point, the work done =  $Vq$

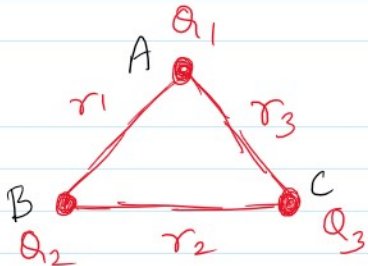
Potential at a point due to system of charges.



$$V = \frac{kQ_1}{r_1} + \frac{kQ_2}{r_2} + \dots + \frac{kQ_n}{r_n}$$

Potential Energy of system of charges

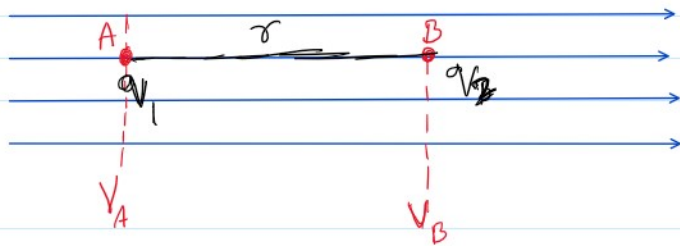
The amount of work done in order to assemble the charges is known as PES



$$PES = 0 + \frac{kQ_1 Q_2}{r_1} + \frac{kQ_1 Q_3}{r_3} + \frac{kQ_2 Q_3}{r_2}$$

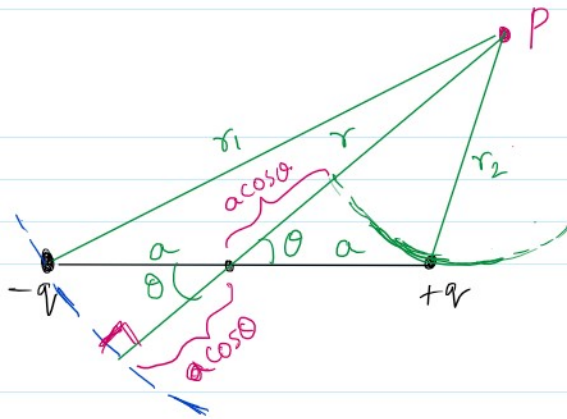
PE of system of 2 charges in External EF





$$PES = V_A q_1 + V_B q_2 + \frac{kq_1 q_2}{r_1}$$

### Potential at a point due to Electric dipole



$$V_p = \frac{k(-q)}{r_1} + \frac{k(+q)}{r_2}$$

$$V_p = kq \left[ \frac{1}{r_2} - \frac{1}{r_1} \right]$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} r_1 = r + a \cos \theta \\ r_2 = r - a \cos \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore V_p = kq \left[ \frac{1}{r - a \cos \theta} - \frac{1}{r + a \cos \theta} \right]$$

$$V_p = kq \left[ \frac{r + a \cos \theta - (r - a \cos \theta)}{(r - a \cos \theta)(r + a \cos \theta)} \right]$$

$$V_p = kq \left[ \frac{2a \cos \theta}{r^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta} \right]$$

for a short dipole  $a \ll r \quad \therefore r^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta \approx r^2$

$$V_p = \frac{kq (2a \cos \theta)}{r^2}$$

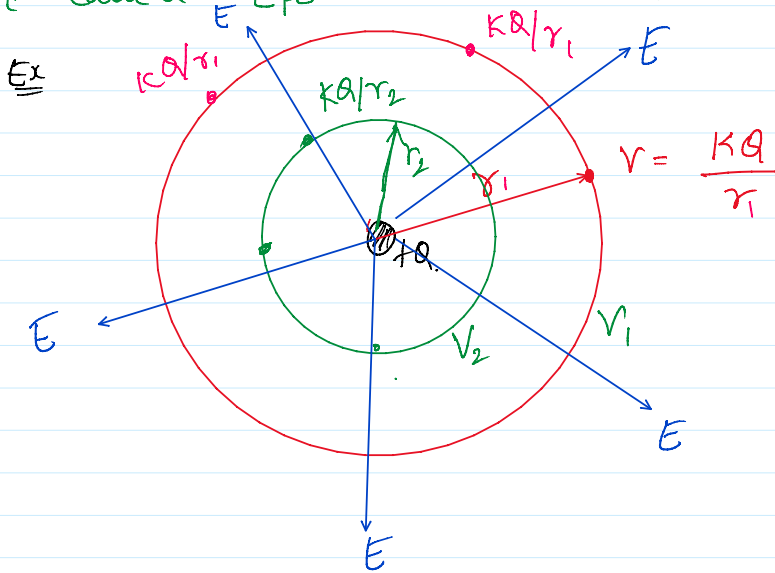
$$\rightarrow V_p = \frac{PK \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

#### NOTE

- \* if  $\theta < 90^\circ$  then potential is +ve
- \* if  $\theta > 90^\circ$  then potential is -ve
- \* if  $\theta = 90^\circ$  then potential = 0

## Equipotential Surface

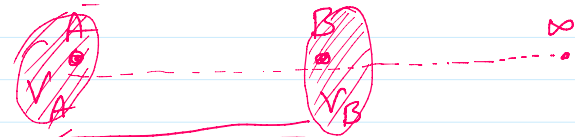
The surface passing through the points having same potential is called EPS.



The shape of EPS is spherical due to point charge.

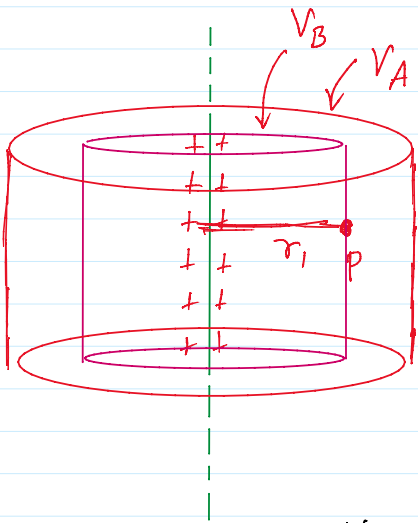
$$V_2 > V_1$$

## Potential difference

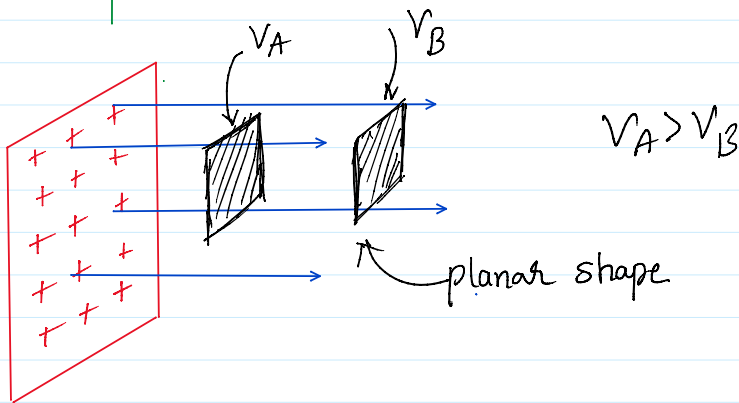


$$V_A - V_B = Pd$$

The shape of EPS due to long wire carrying charge is cylindrical.



$$V_B > V_A$$



## Properties of Equipotential Surface

\* EF is always  $\perp^{\text{ve}}$  to EPS.

\* Work done to move a charge on the surface of EPS = 0.

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\* Every surface of a charged conductor is an equipotential surface

Relationship b/w EF & P.d

$$E = -\frac{dv}{dx} \hat{i}$$

More general formulae

$$\vec{E} = -\left[ \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right]$$

$\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)$  Partial differentiation of V w.r.t x

Example

Let  $V = 3x^2y - 4zy^2 + 8xz^2$  be the potential in space. Find the magnitude of EF at (1, 1, 1).

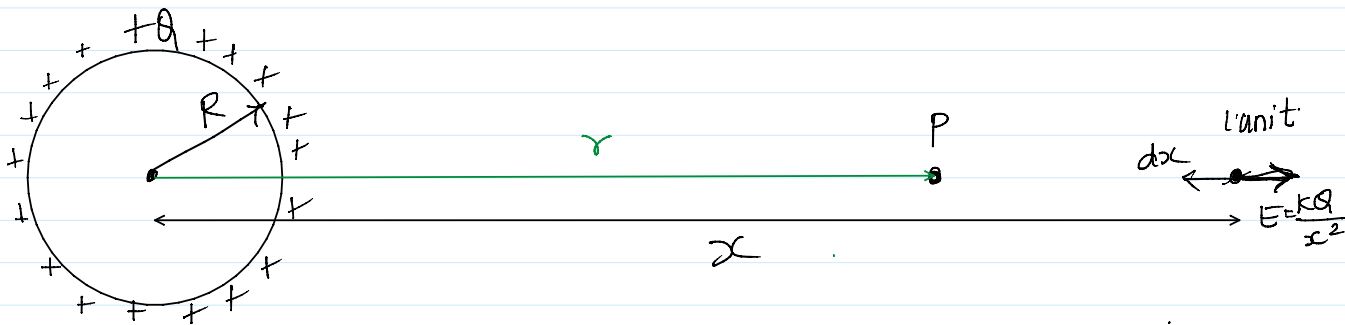
$$\vec{E} = -\left[ (3y \cdot 2x - 0 + 8z^2) \hat{i} + (3x^2 - 4z(2y) + 0) \hat{j} + (0 - 4y^2 + 16xz) \hat{k} \right]$$

$$\vec{E} = -\left[ (14) \hat{i} + (-5) \hat{j} + (12) \hat{k} \right]$$

$$\vec{E} = -14 \hat{i} + 5 \hat{j} - 12 \hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{E}| = \sqrt{(-14)^2 + (5)^2 + (-12)^2}$$

potential at a point due to sphere carrying a charge



$$dw = E(-dx)$$

$$W_{net} = -\int E dx$$

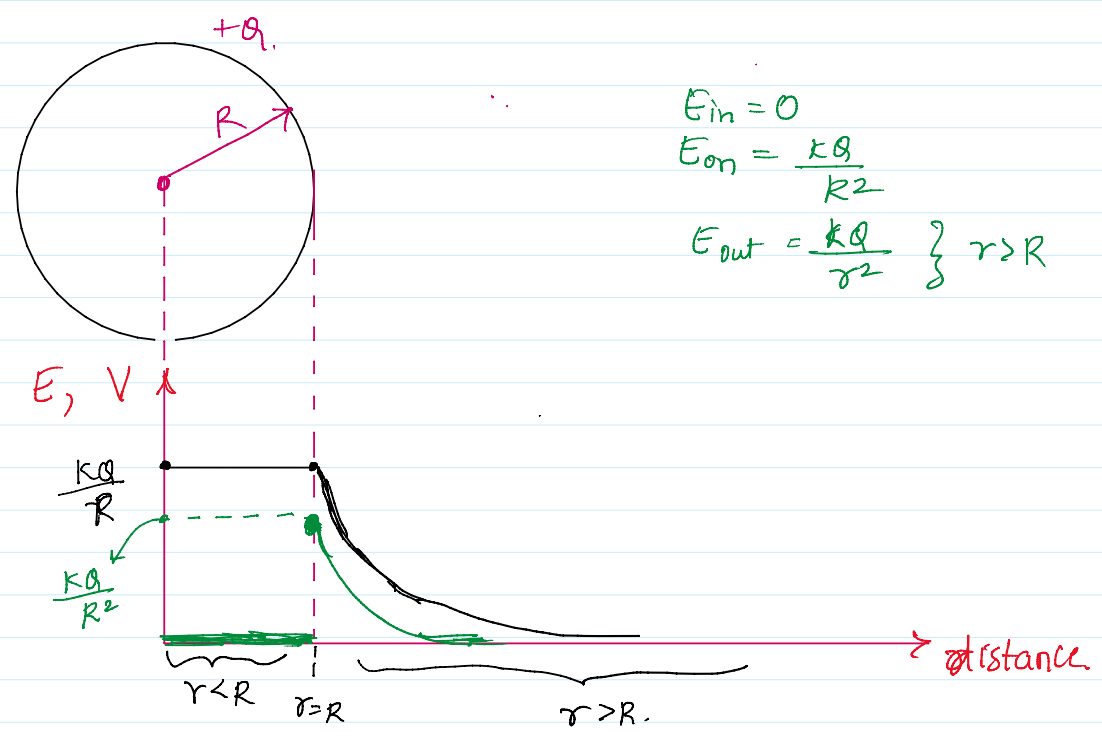
$$V = \frac{kQ}{r}$$

$$\therefore V_{\text{outside}} = \frac{kQ}{r}$$

$$V_{\text{on the surf}} = \frac{kQ}{R}$$

$$V_{\text{inside}} = V_{\text{on the surf}} = \frac{kQ}{R}$$

Graph of EP vs distance for a spherical body carrying charge.

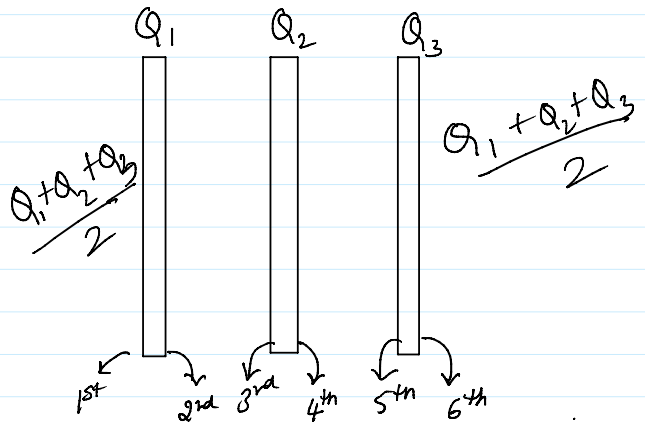


$$E_{\text{in}} = 0$$

$$E_{\text{on}} = \frac{kQ}{R^2}$$

$$E_{\text{out}} = \frac{kQ}{r^2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} r > R$$

Charge distribution on the charged plates



$$1^{\text{st}} = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3}{2}$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ surface} = Q_1 - \left[ \frac{Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{Q_1 - Q_2 - Q_3}{2}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ surface} = - \text{charge on } 2^{\text{nd}}$$

$$= \frac{Q_2 + Q_3 - Q_1}{2}$$

$$4^{\text{th}} \text{ Surface} = Q_2 - \left[ \frac{Q_2 + Q_3 - Q_1}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{Q_2 - Q_3 + Q_1}{2}$$

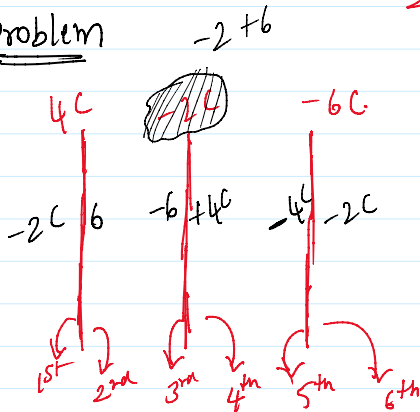
$$\rightarrow 5^{\text{th}} \text{ surface} = - \text{charge on } 4^{\text{th}}$$

$$= \frac{Q_3 - Q_2 - Q_1}{2}$$

$$6^{\text{th}} \text{ surface} = Q_3 - \left[ \frac{Q_3 - Q_2 - Q_1}{2} \right]$$

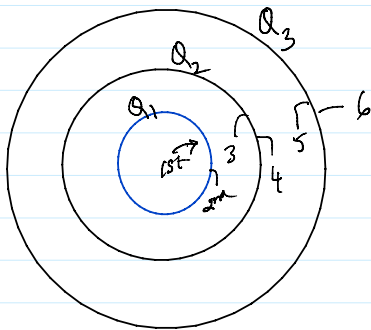
$$= \frac{Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3}{2}$$

Sample problem



$$1^{\text{st}} \& 6^{\text{th}} = -2C$$

Charge distribution in case of sphere

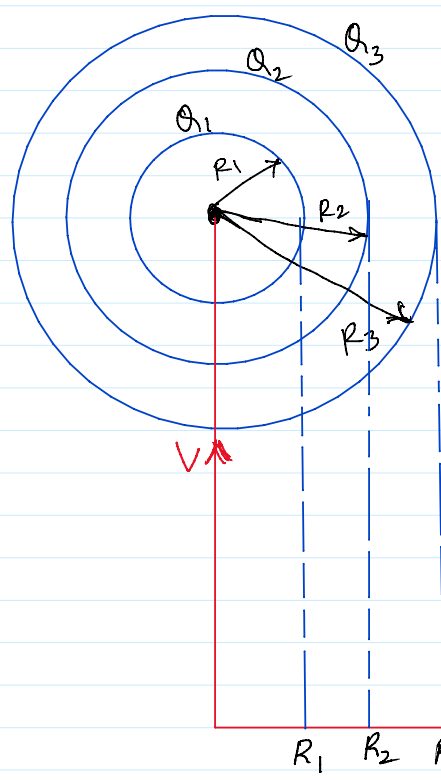


- 1st : 0
- 2nd :  $Q_1$
- 3rd :  $-Q_1$
- 4th :  $Q_2 - (-Q_1)$   
 $Q_2 + Q_1$
- 5th :  $-(Q_2 + Q_1)$
- 6th :  $Q_3 + [-(Q_1 + Q_2)]$   
 $Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$

Concept of Earthing (or) grounding

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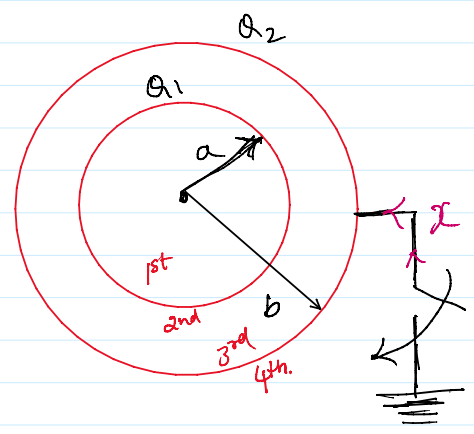
$$V_3 = \frac{kQ_3}{R_3} + \frac{kQ_2}{R_3} + \frac{kQ_1}{R_3}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{kQ_3}{R_3} + \frac{kQ_2}{R_2} + \frac{kQ_1}{R_2}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{kQ_3}{R_3} + \frac{kQ_2}{R_2} + \frac{kQ_1}{R_1}$$

Sample problem on grounding

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- \* Find the charge that flows through the switch after closing the switch.
- \* Also comment what flows from where to where.
- \* Write the charge on each surface of the sphere.

Solution.

Let  $x$  be the amount of charge that flows from the ground to the 2nd sphere to make the potential of 2nd sphere zero.

$$V_2 = \frac{k(Q_2 + x)}{b} + \frac{kQ_1}{b}$$

$$\therefore Q_2 + x = -Q_1$$



$$x = -Q_1 - Q_2$$

$$\therefore x = -(Q_1 + Q_2)$$

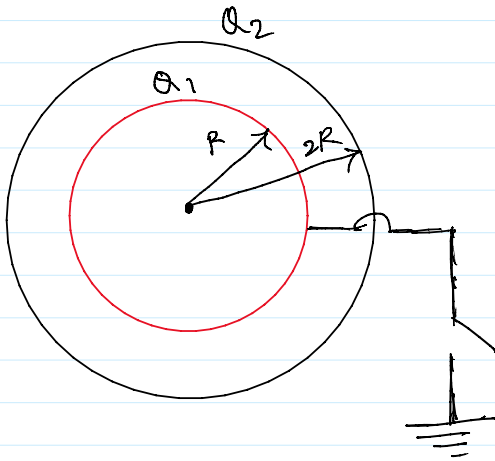
Charge on 1<sup>st</sup> surface = 0

2<sup>nd</sup> surface =  $Q_1$

3<sup>rd</sup> surface =  $-Q_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{4<sup>th</sup> surf} &= (Q_2 + x) - (-Q_1) \\ &= Q_2 - (Q_1 + Q_2) + Q_1 \\ &= \underline{\underline{0}} \end{aligned}$$

②



\* find charge the flow through the switch

\* what flow from where to where

\* Charge on each surface of the sphere.