

Midterm 2 Review

The potential for a solid, ungrounded, conducting sphere of radius R in an external electrical field $\vec{E} = E_0 \hat{z}$ is given by $V(r > R) = \frac{A}{r} - E_0 \cos \theta \left(r - \frac{R^3}{r^2} \right)$. This is slightly modified from the form given in lecture. Answer all parts of this problem in terms of E_0, R, θ, A and physical constants as needed.

- a) Find the electric field on the surface of the sphere. Be rather careful here since the rest of the problem depends on \vec{E} .
- b) Find the surface charge density as a function of θ .
- c) Find the total charge on the sphere.
- d) Find the total force (which is in the z direction) on the sphere by integrating the pressure on the sphere's surface. Hint--Is your answer consistent with the total charge you found in part c) and the fact that the sphere is in an external \vec{E} field?