

Lecture 14

I would like to start by saying that Dave's excellent coverage of topics has made by work today increasingly difficult. We shall therefore mostly review a few results and solve a few problems.

For a localized charge distribution ← discuss what that means



$$\phi = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{r} \int \rho dv' + \frac{1}{r^2} \int r' \cos\theta dv' + \dots \right]$$

r ← position of point where ϕ is being measured.

r' ← position of charge element

θ ← angle between r & r'

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{k_0}{r} + \frac{k_1}{r^2} + \frac{k_2}{r^3} + \dots \right]$$

(multipole expansion)

k_0 → monopole moment

k_1 → dipole moment

k_2 → quadrupole moment.

ϕ is dominated by the first non-zero term.

The method is essentially a leading order approximation.

We shall confine our discussion to the case of dipole moment

i.e. $k_0 = 0, k_1 \neq 0$



$$\phi = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \int \hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}' \rho dv' = \frac{\hat{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \cdot \int \vec{r}' \rho dv'$$

$$\therefore P = \int \vec{r}' \rho dv' \leftarrow \text{henceforth referred to as dipole moment}$$

∴ For our case

$$= \frac{\vec{r}}{2} q + (-\frac{\vec{r}}{2})(-q) = \vec{r} q$$

$$\phi = \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{p}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{p \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

Using $\vec{E} = -\nabla\phi$

$$E_r = \frac{p \cos \theta}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}, \quad E_\theta = \frac{p \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$

Under the influence of an electric field, force is zero, however

$$\tau = \vec{r}_{1/2} \times q\vec{E} + (-\vec{r}_{1/2}) \times (-q\vec{E})$$

$$= \vec{r} q \times \vec{E}$$

$$= \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$

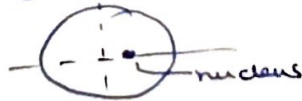
⊗ Calculate work done to rotate a dipole by 180° when \vec{p} & \vec{E} points in the same direction.

$$W = \int_0^\pi \vec{\tau} \cdot d\vec{\theta}$$

$$= \int_0^\pi pE \sin \theta d\theta = pE (-\cos \theta) \Big|_0^\pi = 2pE$$

Under a variable \vec{E} , $\vec{F} = (\vec{p} \cdot \nabla) \vec{E}$

And, finally, the dipole moment induced in molecule under the \vec{E} field is



$$p = e \Delta z$$

$$= 4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3 \vec{E}$$

We use a rule of thumb that $\vec{p} = \alpha \vec{E}$

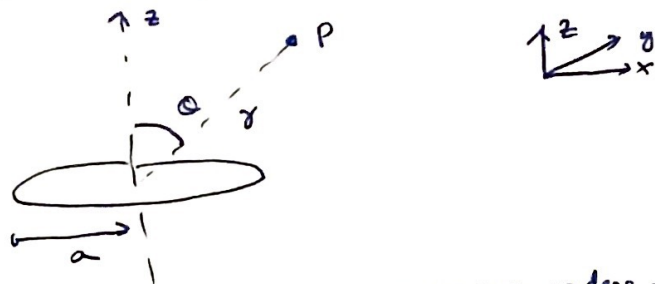
$$\therefore \alpha = 4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3$$

↑ discuss the issue of ambiguity here.

(where 'a' is the typical atomic radius)

Problem 2

Consider a ring of radius ' a ' with charge ' q '. A point P is located at a distance ' r ' from the center of ring and angle θ w.r.t the axis of the ring.



a) Express ϕ at P in terms of ~~moments of charge~~ increasing orders of $(\frac{a}{r})$. Use $r \gg a$.

$$\phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}') dV'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{r} = (r \sin \theta, 0, r \cos \theta)$$

$$\text{and } \vec{r}' = (a \cos \phi, a \sin \phi, 0)$$

$$\phi(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(q/2\pi r) r d\phi}{\sqrt{r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \cos(\phi) \sin \theta}}$$

For $r \gg a$

$$\phi(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\phi}{r \left(1 + \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2 - \frac{2a \cos \phi \sin \theta}{r}\right)^{1/2}}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 + O(x^3)$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int d\phi \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(-2 \left(\frac{a}{r}\right) \cos \phi \sin \theta + \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2 \right) + \frac{3}{8} \left(-2 \left(\frac{a}{r}\right) \cos \phi \sin \theta + \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2 \right)^2 \right]$$

After some algebra,

$$\phi = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left[1 - \frac{1}{4} (3\cos^2\theta - 1) \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2 + O\left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^3 \right]$$

b) Identify monopole, dipole & quadrupole terms.

$$\phi_{\text{monopole}} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\phi_{\text{dipole}} = 0$$

$$\phi_{\text{quadrupole}} = -\frac{q a^2}{16\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} (3\cos^2\theta - 1)$$

c) Estimate where the quadrupole term is 1% of the monopole term. (Use $\theta = 0$)

$$\left| \frac{\phi_{\text{quadrupole}}(r_2, 0)}{\phi_{\text{monopole}}(r_2, 0)} \right| = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q a^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r_2^3} \left(\frac{a}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_2} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_2 = 5\sqrt{2} a \\ = 7 a$$

Problem 2

According to QM, the e^- cloud for H atom (ground state) has density $\rho(r) = \frac{q}{\pi a^3} e^{-2r/a}$.

$q \rightarrow$ charge of e^-
 $a \rightarrow$ bohr radius.

Find atomic polarizability of the atom.

$|\vec{E}|$ at radius r

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{E}| &= \frac{Q_{enc}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\int \rho dV}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\int \left(\frac{q}{\pi a^3}\right) e^{-2r'/a} 4\pi r'^2 dr'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \\ &= \frac{q}{\epsilon_0 \pi a^3 r^2} \int e^{-2r'/a} r'^2 dr' \\ &= \frac{q}{\epsilon_0 \pi a^3 r^2} \left[-\frac{a}{2} e^{-2r'/a} \left(r'^2 + a r' + \frac{a^2}{2} \right) \right]_0^r \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \left[1 - \frac{a}{2} \frac{e^{-2r/a} \left(r^2 + a r + \frac{a^2}{2} \right)}{a^3/4} \right] \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \left[1 - e^{-2r/a} \left(1 + 2\frac{r}{a} + 2\left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^2 \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

expanding exponential

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \left[\frac{4}{3} \frac{r^3}{a^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q r}{3\pi\epsilon_0 a^3} \quad (\text{at equilibrium this equals the external field})$$

$$\alpha = 3\pi\epsilon_0 a^3$$

(Unfortunately, the classical uniform description is closer to the experimental value.)

Problem 3

$P = \alpha E$ is not fundamental relation.
Suppose, that $\alpha \propto r$ (upto R). What is the relation of P to E ?

$$As, S = Ar$$

$$E = \frac{\int S dV / \epsilon_0}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{\int Ar^3 dr 4\pi}{4\pi r^2 \epsilon_0} = \frac{Ar^4}{4r^2 \epsilon_0} = \frac{Ar^2}{4\epsilon_0}$$

When internal field balances the external field,

$$E = \frac{ad^2}{4\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \sqrt{\frac{4\epsilon_0 E}{A}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Induced dipole} = ed = 2e \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{A}} \sqrt{E}$$