Special cases:

(i) $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2$ (no boundary) $\Rightarrow q' = 0$, $q'' = q$.

(ii) $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_0$, $\varepsilon_2 \to \infty \Rightarrow q' = -q$, $q'' \to 2q$

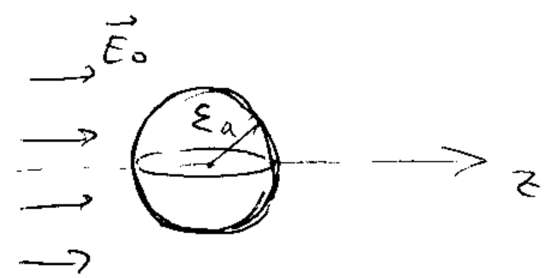
$\Rightarrow$ just like outside of conductor

$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_2 \to \infty \Rightarrow \Phi_2 \to 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E}_2 = 0$

$\vec{E}_1$ is just like outside a conductor.

$\Rightarrow$ Images are not created by surface charges, like it was with conductors. Instead, they are due to jumps in polarization.

<u>Example 2:</u> dielectric sphere in external $\vec{E}$-field.



no free charges $\Rightarrow$

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = 0$ inside & outside

$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$ inside & outside

$\vec{D}_{out} = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E}_{out}$, $\vec{D}_{in} = \varepsilon \vec{E}_{in}$

$\Rightarrow$ as $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E}_{out} = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi_{out}$, $\vec{E}_{in} = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi_{in}$

$0 = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D}_{out} = \varepsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}_{out} = -\varepsilon_0 \nabla^2 \Phi_{out} \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \Phi_{out} = 0$

$$0 = \vec{\nabla}\cdot\vec{D}_{in} = \varepsilon\,\vec{\nabla}\cdot\vec{E}_{in} = -\varepsilon\nabla^2\Phi_{in} \Rightarrow \nabla^2\Phi_{in} = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$ We have $\nabla^2\Phi = 0$ everywhere (no free charges)

$\Rightarrow$ using the general solution of Laplace equation for problems with azimuthal symmetry in sphericall coordinates $\sum_\ell \left(A_\ell r^\ell + B_\ell r^{-\ell-1}\right) P_\ell(\cos\theta)$

we write:

$$\Phi_{in} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} A_\ell r^\ell P_\ell(\cos\theta) \quad , \; r<a$$

$$\Phi_{out} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left(B_\ell r^\ell + C_\ell r^{-\ell-1}\right) P_\ell(\cos\theta) \; , \; r>a.$$

We know that at $r\to\infty$ the potential should map onto that for the external field:

$$\Phi_{out}(r\to\infty) = -E_0 z = -E_0 r\cos\theta \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow$ can fix B_ℓ's to write

$$\Phi_{out} = -E_0 r\cos\theta + \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} C_\ell r^{-\ell-1} P_\ell(\cos\theta).$$

Boundary conditions at the surface of the spere:

(1) $E_{in,t} = E_{out,t} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{a} \left.\frac{\partial \Phi_{in}}{\partial \theta}\right|_{r=a} = -\frac{1}{a} \left.\frac{\partial \Phi_{out}}{\partial \theta}\right|_{r=a}$.

(2) $D_{in,n} = D_{out,n} \Rightarrow -\varepsilon \left.\frac{\partial \Phi_{in}}{\partial r}\right|_{r=a} = -\varepsilon_0 \left.\frac{\partial \Phi_{out}}{\partial r}\right|_{r=a}$

(1) $$\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} A_\ell a^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} P_\ell(\cos\theta) = -E_0 a \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} P_\ell(\cos\theta) + \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} C_\ell a^{-\ell-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} P_\ell(\cos\theta)$$

as $P_\ell'(\cos\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} P_\ell(\cos\theta)$ and P_ℓ''s are all orthogonal $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} A_\ell a^\ell = C_\ell a^{-\ell-1}, & \ell \neq 1 \\ A_1 a = -E_0 a + C_1 a^{-2} \end{cases}$$

(2) $$\varepsilon \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} A_\ell \cdot \ell \cdot a^{\ell-1} P_\ell(\cos\theta) = -\varepsilon_0 E_0 P_1(\cos\theta) + \varepsilon_0 \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} C_\ell (-\ell-1) a^{-\ell-2} P_\ell(\cos\theta)$$

$\Rightarrow P_\ell$'s are orthogonal $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon A_\ell \cdot \ell\, a^{\ell-1} = -\varepsilon_0 C_\ell (\ell+1) a^{-\ell-2}, & \ell \neq 1 \\ \varepsilon A_1 = -\varepsilon_0 E_0 - \varepsilon_0\, 2\, C_1 a^{-3} & \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_\ell = C_\ell = 0, \quad \text{for } \ell \neq 1.$$

$$\begin{cases} A_1 = -E_0 + C_1 a^{-3} \\ A_1 = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(\varepsilon_0 E_0 + \varepsilon_0 \cdot 2 C_1 a^{-3} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$C_1 a^{-3} \left(1 + 2 \frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon} \right) = E_0 \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon} \right)$$

$$C_1 = E_0 a^3 \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon_0}$$

$$A_1 = -E_0 \frac{3\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi_{in} = -E_0 \frac{3\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon_0} r \cos\theta$$

$$\Phi_{out} = \underbrace{-E_0 r \cos\theta}_{\text{external field}} + \underbrace{E_0 \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon_0} \frac{a^3}{r^2} \cos\theta}_{\text{"image" dipole } \vec{p} = 4\pi\varepsilon_0 \frac{\varepsilon-\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon+2\varepsilon_0} \vec{E}_0 a^3}$$

Electric fields are $\vec{E}_{in} = \dfrac{3\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon_0}\vec{E}_0$

$$\vec{D}_{in} = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E}_{in} + \vec{P} = \varepsilon \cdot \vec{E}_{in}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{P} = (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0)\,\vec{E}_{in} \Rightarrow \vec{P} = \frac{3\varepsilon_0(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0)}{\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon_0}\vec{E}_0$$

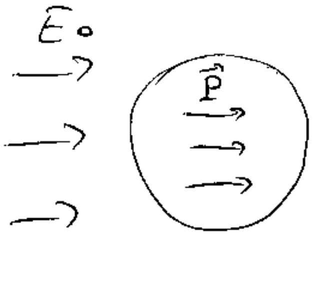
$\Rightarrow$ total dipole moment of the sphere is

$\vec{P} \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 = 4\pi\varepsilon_0 \dfrac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon_0} a^3 \vec{E}_0$ ~ same as above.

Polarization surface-charge density:

$$D_{in,n} = D_{out,n} \Rightarrow \varepsilon_0 E_{in,n} + P_{in,n} = \varepsilon_0 E_{out,n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{pol} = \varepsilon_0 (E_{out,n} - E_{in,n}) = P_{in,n} = \frac{3\varepsilon_0(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0)}{\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon_0} E_0 \cdot \cos\theta$$



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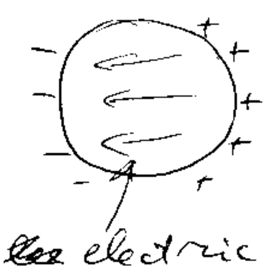

~~the~~ electric field due to σ_{pol}.

$E_{in} < E_0$ (!)

Finally, $\varepsilon \to \infty$ $\vec{E}_{in} = 0$,

$\Phi_{out} \to -E_0 r \cos\theta \left(1 - \dfrac{a^3}{r^3}\right)$ ~ vacuum result with conducting sphere.