

99(2) : Expression for the Vacuum Electric Field in Terms of the Material Electric Field.

In electrostatics the screened potential is:

$$\phi(\underline{r} + \delta \underline{r}) = \phi(\underline{r}) + \phi(\text{vac}) \quad - (1)$$

$$\phi(\text{vac}) = \phi(\underline{r} + \delta \underline{r}) - \phi(\underline{r}) \quad - (2)$$

$$= \Delta \phi$$

Using the tensor Taylor series and isotropic averaging:

$$\langle \Delta \phi \rangle = \langle \Delta \phi \rangle^{(2)} + \langle \Delta \phi \rangle^{(4)} + \langle \Delta \phi \rangle^{(6)} \quad - (3)$$

Note:  $\langle \Delta \phi \rangle^{(2)} = \frac{1}{6} \langle \delta \underline{r} \cdot \delta \underline{r} \rangle \nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r}) \quad - (4)$

$$\langle \Delta \phi \rangle^{(4)} = \frac{1}{216} \langle (\delta \underline{r} \cdot \delta \underline{r})^2 \rangle \left( \frac{\partial^4 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\partial^4 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial y^4} + \frac{\partial^4 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial z^4} \right.$$

$$\left. + 6 \left( \frac{\partial^4 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial y^2 \partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^4 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial x^2 \partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^4 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} \right) \right) \quad - (5)$$

$$\langle \Delta \phi \rangle^{(6)} = \frac{\langle (\delta \underline{r} \cdot \delta \underline{r})^3 \rangle}{19440} \left( \frac{\partial^6 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial x^6} + \frac{\partial^6 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial y^6} + \frac{\partial^6 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial z^6} \right.$$

$$\left. + 15 \left( \frac{\partial^6 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial y^4 \partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^6 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial y^2 \partial z^4} + \frac{\partial^6 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial x^4 \partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^6 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial x^2 \partial z^4} + \frac{\partial^6 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial x^2 \partial y^4} + \frac{\partial^6 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial x^4 \partial y^2} \right) + 90 \frac{\partial^6 \phi(\underline{r})}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2 \partial z^2} \right) \quad - (6)$$

Similarly:

$$\underline{E}(\text{vac}) = \underline{E}(\underline{r} + \delta \underline{r}) - \underline{E}(\underline{r}) \quad - (7)$$

$$= \Delta \underline{E}$$

So

$$\underline{E}(\text{vac}) = \langle \Delta \underline{E} \rangle^{(2)} + \langle \Delta \underline{E} \rangle^{(4)} + \langle \Delta \underline{E} \rangle^{(6)} + \dots - (8)$$

For simplicity of argument consider the sum to second order:

$$\phi(\text{vac}) = \frac{1}{6} \langle \delta \underline{r} \cdot \delta \underline{r} \rangle \nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r}) - (9)$$

$$\underline{E}(\text{vac}) = \frac{1}{6} \langle \delta \underline{r} \cdot \delta \underline{r} \rangle \left( \nabla^2 E_x(\underline{r}) \underline{i} + \nabla^2 E_y(\underline{r}) \underline{j} + \nabla^2 E_z(\underline{r}) \underline{k} \right) - (10)$$

So:

$$\underline{E}(\text{vac}) = \frac{\phi(\text{vac})}{\nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r})} \left( \nabla^2 E_{ox} \underline{i} + \nabla^2 E_{oy} \underline{j} + \nabla^2 E_{oz} \underline{k} \right) - (11)$$

i.e

$$E_x(\text{vac}) = \frac{\phi(\text{vac})}{\nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r})} \nabla^2 E_x(\underline{r}) - (12)$$

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$$\frac{E_x(\text{vac})}{\phi(\text{vac})} = \frac{\nabla^2 E_x(\underline{r})}{\nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r})} - (13)$$

$$\frac{E_y(\text{vac})}{\phi(\text{vac})} = \frac{\nabla^2 E_y(\underline{r})}{\nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r})} - (14)$$

$$\frac{E_z(\text{vac})}{\phi(\text{vac})} = \frac{\nabla^2 E_z(\underline{r})}{\nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r})} - (15)$$

The ratios (13) to (15) do not require knowledge of  $\langle \delta \underline{r} \cdot \delta \underline{r} \rangle$ .

1) In ECE theory:

$$\underline{E} = -\underline{\nabla} \phi + \underline{\omega} \phi \quad - (16)$$

It can be separated as:

$$\underline{E}(\underline{r} + \delta \underline{r}) = \underline{E}(\underline{r}) + \underline{E}(\text{vac}) \quad - (17)$$

which:

$$\underline{E}(\underline{r}) = -\underline{\nabla} \phi(\underline{r}) \quad - (18)$$

and

$$\underline{E}(\text{vac}) = \underline{\omega} \phi(\text{vac}) \quad - (19)$$

It follows from eq. (19) that:

$$\omega_x = \frac{E_x(\text{vac})}{\phi_x(\text{vac})} = \frac{\nabla^2 E_x(\underline{r})}{\nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r})} \quad - (20)$$

$$\omega_y = \frac{E_y(\text{vac})}{\phi_y(\text{vac})} = \frac{\nabla^2 E_y(\underline{r})}{\nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r})} \quad - (21)$$

$$\omega_z = \frac{E_z(\text{vac})}{\phi_z(\text{vac})} = \frac{\nabla^2 E_z(\underline{r})}{\nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r})} \quad - (22)$$

it which:

$$\underline{E}(\underline{r}) = -\underline{\nabla} \phi(\underline{r}) \quad - (23)$$

Now use the Poisson equation:

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad - (24)$$

where  $\rho$  is the material charge density. Eq. (24)

is represented as:

$$\nabla^2 \phi(\underline{r}) = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad - (25)$$

where  $\phi(\underline{r})$  is the potential in the absence of vacuum.

The highly developed subject that analyses solutions of the Poisson equation means that  $\phi(\underline{r})$  can be found for a given charge density  $\rho$ . Finally:

$$\underline{E}(\underline{r}) = -\underline{\nabla} \phi(\underline{r}) \quad - (26)$$

can be found, and the three scalar components (26) to (22) can be found.

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