

Surface charge density of the

insulated sphere :-

From the definition of surface charge density, the charge ~~density~~ per unit area is known as its surface charge density.

Now, (Surface) charge density =  $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{Area}}$

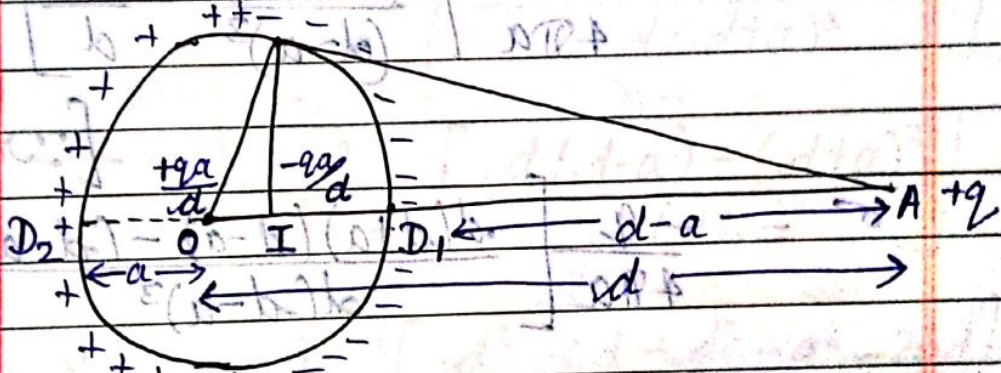
Now, the surface charge density (due to) the image charge at the centre is  $(+q_a/d)$



(d) of sphere can be expressed as

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{qa}{4\pi a^2} = \frac{q}{4\pi a d} \quad (4)$$

Now, the surface charge density due to the point charge  $+q$  and image charge  $-q\frac{a}{d}$  at external point can be expressed as :-



$$\sigma_2 = - \frac{(d^2 - a^2)q}{4\pi a^3} \quad (5)$$

Now, the total surface charge density of insulated sphere can be expressed as

$$\sigma = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2$$

$$\sigma = \frac{q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{1}{d} - \frac{(d^2 - a^2)}{a^3} \right]$$



$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{(d^2 - a^2)}{r^3} - \frac{1}{d} \right] \quad (6)$$

Now, if the point charge is connected with the first boundary of the sphere i.e;

Then total conductivity can be expressed as

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{(d^2 - a^2)}{(d-a)^3} - \frac{1}{d} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{d(d+a)(d-a) - (d-a)^3}{d(d-a)^3} \right] \quad [\because r = d-a]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{d(d+a) - (d-a)^2}{d(d-a)^2} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{d^2 + da - d^2 - a^2 + 2ad}{d(d-a)^2} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{3ad - a^2}{d(d-a)^2} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{3d - a}{d(d-a)^2} \right]$$



$$\sigma = -ve \quad (7)$$

If the pt. charge is connected with second boundary of sphere i.e.,  $D_2$  then conductivity can be expressed as:

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{(d^2 - a^2)}{(d+a)^3} - \frac{1}{d} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{d(d^2 - a^2) - (d+a)^3}{d(d+a)^3} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{d(d-a) - (d+a)^2}{d(d+a)^2} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{d^2 - ad + d^2 + a^2 - 2ad}{d(d+a)^2} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{-3ad - a^2}{d(d+a)^2} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{q}{4\pi a} \left[ \frac{3ad + a^2}{d(d+a)^2} \right] = \frac{q}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{3d+a}{d(d+a)^2} \right]$$

$$\sigma = +ve \quad (8)$$

From eq<sup>n</sup> (7) and (8), it is clear



that the surface charge density at I boundary remains -ve while at II boundary the surface charge density remains +ve.

Hence, the total density of the insulated sphere remains zero. Then from eqn (6), we get

$$0 = \frac{-q}{4\pi a^2} \left[ \frac{d^2 - a^2}{-r^3} - \frac{1}{d} \right]$$

$$\frac{d^2 - a^2}{-r^3} = \frac{1}{d} \Rightarrow \boxed{d(d^2 - a^2) = r^3}$$

This is the required eqn for insulated sphere & also known as line of nil electrification.

i) Force of charges in the insulated sphere :-

From the def<sup>n</sup> of Coulomb's force we know that

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} = \dots$$