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[**Question.1**] (70/100 Pnts) A (perfect) dipole $\mathbf{p}$ is situated a distance z above an infinite grounded conducting plane (in the following Figure). The dipole makes an angle θ with the perpendicular to the plane.

Find the torque on $\mathbf{p}$.

Hint-1: Use the image method, sketch the figure.

Hint-2: Remember! the perfect dipole important property to express its electric field.

Hint-3: Express the perfect dipole in the polar coordinate.

Hint-4: Take the direction out of page for torque with $-\hat{\phi}$ (by taking $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$).

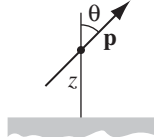


FIG. 1: perfect dipole configuration in the system

[**Answer.1**] With the help of Hint-1,2,3,4:

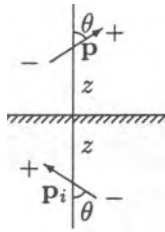


FIG. 2: perfect dipole image configuration in the system

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{E}_{\text{image}}, \quad (1)$$

here, the electric field expression for perfect dipole image and the perfect dipole expression in the polar coordinate are given, respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_{\text{image}} &= k_e \frac{p}{(2z)^3} (\hat{\mathbf{r}} 2\cos\theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sin\theta), \\ \mathbf{p} &= p (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cos\theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sin\theta). \end{aligned}$$

By substituting these into eq.(1),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N} &= \frac{k_e p^2}{8z^3} ((\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \cos\theta \sin\theta + (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}) 2 \sin\theta \cos\theta), \\ \therefore \mathbf{N} &= -\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \frac{k_e p^2}{16z^3} \sin 2\theta. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

here we used the trigonometrical identity as $2\sin\theta \cos\theta = \sin 2\theta$ and $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$.

The direction of torque is out of the page.

[Question.2] (30/100 Pnts) A sphere of radius R carries a polarization $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}) = \alpha \mathbf{r}$, where α is a constant and $\mathbf{r}$ is the vector from the center. Calculate the expressions σ_b and ρ_b for the bound charges.

Hint-5: Remember! Divergence operator for spherical coordinates.

[Answer.2] We know that

$$\sigma_b = \mathbf{P} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \text{ and } \rho_b = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} . \quad (3)$$

Then for this question, by applying Hint-5 we obtain their values as

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_b &= \alpha R (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_b = -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \alpha r) (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}), \\ \therefore \sigma_b &= \alpha R \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_b = -3 \alpha . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$