

Electric Potential Energy

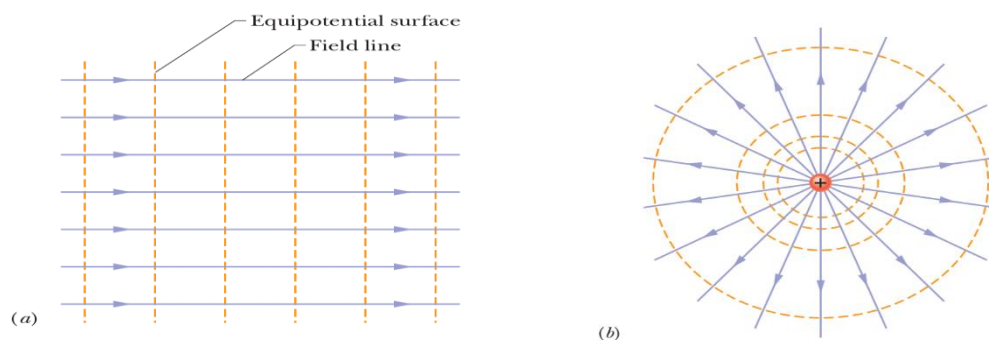
- “Energy of charged particle (body) in an electric field is called Electric Potential Energy.”
- It is denoted by “U”.
- Its unit is **joule, J**.

Q. Derive newton/coulomb from volt/meter.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\text{volt}}{\text{meter}} \left(\frac{V}{m} \right) &= \frac{\text{joule/coulomb}}{\text{meter}} \left(\frac{J/C}{m} \right) \\ &= \frac{\text{newton} \times \text{meter}}{\text{meter} \times \text{coulomb}} \left(\frac{N \times m}{m \times C} \right) \\ &= \frac{\text{newton}}{\text{coulomb}} \left(\frac{N}{C} \right)\end{aligned}$$

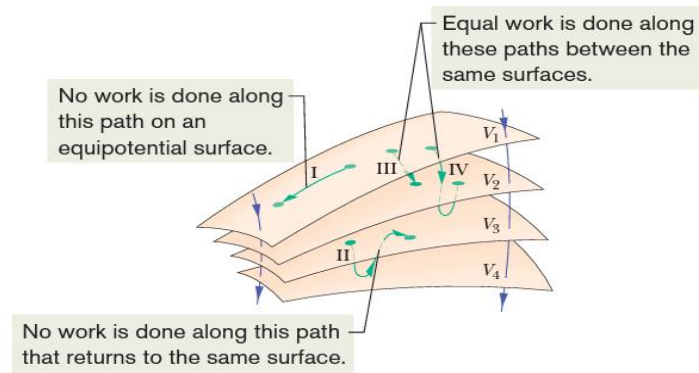
Equipotential Surface

- “A surface on which potential has the same value everywhere is called an equipotential surface”.



- Electric field lines must everywhere be perpendicular to the equipotential surfaces.
- No net work is done by electric forces, when we move a test charge from one point on equipotential surface to another point on the same surface because $\Delta V = 0$.
- Some work is done when test charge moves from one equipotential surface to another equipotential surface.

$$W_{AB} = -q(V_B - V_A)$$



Q. Prove $1\text{eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$.

$$1\text{eV} = e (1\text{V})$$

$$= (1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}) (1 \text{ J/C})$$

$$= 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

Hence Proved.