

Suppose a unit charge (q) is brought from infinity to a source charge (with intensity Q)...some work is done in this process...what will it be?

Suppose the instantaneous distance of the unit charge from the source charge is  $r_i$ , then the force at distance  $r$  will be –  $\frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon r_i^2}$

since work done = F times displacement, the work done for an infinitely small distance (with any value of instantaneous distance) will be  $\frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon r_i^2} dr_i$  ...where  $dr$  is the infinitely small change in distance (or the infinitely small section of the x axis).

Integrate this expression from infinity to  $r$  (the constant at which you need to find the potential) and you will get the total work done -

$$\int_{\infty}^r \frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon r_i^2} dr_i$$

now  $r$  is the final distance...what this function is doing is returning the sum of infinitely small work done for till the distances  $r$ , now cause  $r$  is the final distance this will yield the summation of all the work done till  $r$  for each infinitely small distance  $dr$ .

Since  $q$  is 1 -

$$\int_{\infty}^r \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon r_i^2} dr_i \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{\infty}^r E dr_i$$

$$v = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon r} \quad \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation A.}$$

So this expression is for the potential of a unit charge (generated from infinity) at a distance  $r$  from the source charge and relative to the source charge's frame of reference.

Now we're gonna derive a very useful expression (useful cause its used in many places and is popular)

We know  $E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2}$  ...This will be the E.F at a distance  $r$  from the charge  $Q$ .

Derive value of  $Q$  from the above.....

$$4\pi\epsilon r^2 E = Q$$

Substitute in equation A -

$$\frac{4\pi\epsilon r^2}{4\pi\epsilon r}$$

$$v = Er$$