

Three concentric metal shells A, B and C of respectively radii a , b and c ($a < b < c$) have surface charge densities $+\sigma$, $-\sigma$ and $+\sigma$ respectively. The potential of shell B is?

A $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{b^2 - c^2}{b} + a \right]$

B $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{b^2 - c^2}{c} + a \right]$

C $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a} + c \right]$

D $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{a^2 - b^2}{b} + c \right]$

Correct option is D)

$$V_{\text{outer}} = \frac{KQ}{r}$$

where r is distance of point from the centre of shell

$$V_{\text{inside}} = \frac{KQ}{R}$$

where R is the radius of shell

$$V_B = \frac{Kq_A}{r_b} - \frac{Kq_B}{r_b} + \frac{Kq_C}{r_c}$$

$$V_B = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{\sigma 4\pi a^2}{b} - \frac{\sigma 4\pi b^2}{b} + \frac{\sigma 4\pi c^2}{c} \right]$$

$$V_B = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{a^2 - b^2}{b} + c \right]$$

