

# Electrostatic Potential

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

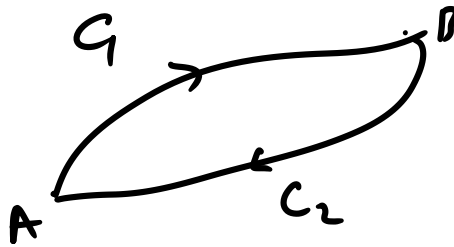
Q. Consider a uniformly charged sphere of radius  $R$  carrying a charge  $Q$ .  
What is the value of  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}$  at  $r = R/2$  &  $r = 2R$ ?

a)  $r = R/2$       $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} =$   ~~$0$~~ ;  ~~$\frac{Q}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$~~ ;  $\frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \epsilon_0}$  ✓

b)  $r = 2R$       $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$  ✓

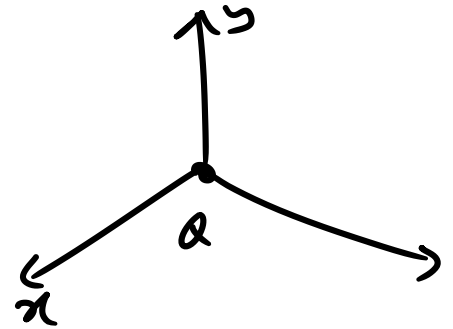
$$\nabla \times \vec{E} \Big|_{r=R/2} = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{u} = 0 \quad \text{Conservative force}$$

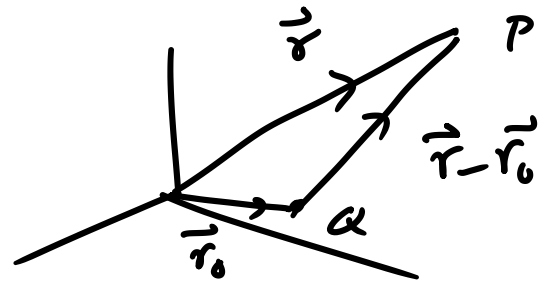


Point charge

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$



$$V(x, y, z) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|}$$



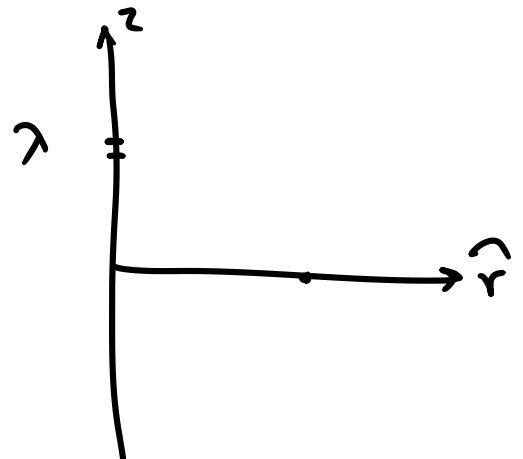
$$\vec{r} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}_0$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

Example

- Line charge
- Cylindrical Coordinate System



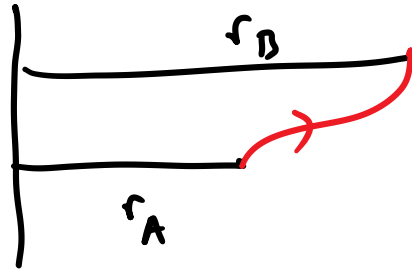
$$\vec{E} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r}$$

$$V = - \int_{r_A}^{r_B} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

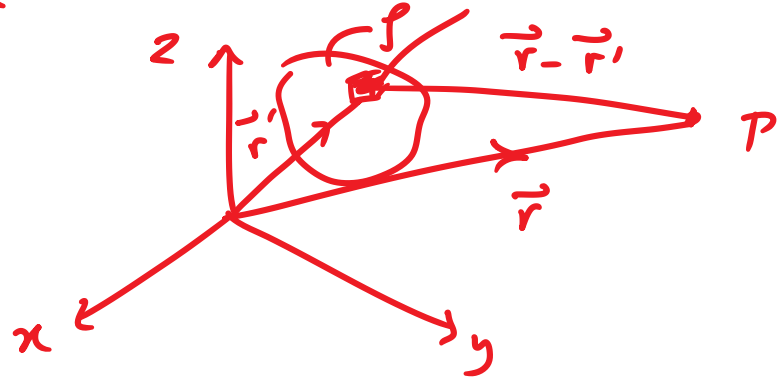
$$d\vec{l} = \hat{r} dr + r d\phi \hat{\phi} + dz \hat{z}$$

$$= - \int_{r_A}^{r_B} \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} dr$$

$$= - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left( \frac{r_B}{r_A} \right) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left( \frac{r_A}{r_B} \right)$$



Volume, Surface & line charge  $dz'$



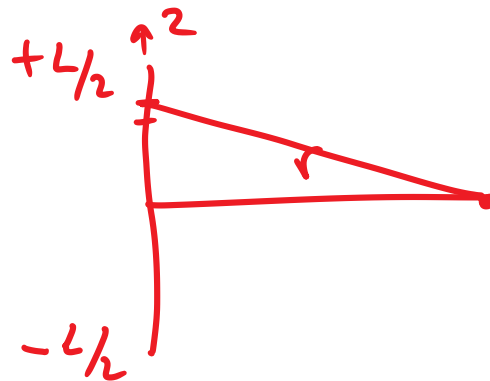
$$dV = \frac{\rho(\vec{r}') dz'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(\vec{r}') dz'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iint \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}') da'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\lambda \, dl'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$V_A - V_B = ?$$



$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla V) = -\rho/\epsilon_0$$

$$\nabla^2 V = -\rho/\epsilon_0$$

LAPLACIAN

$$\nabla^2 = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

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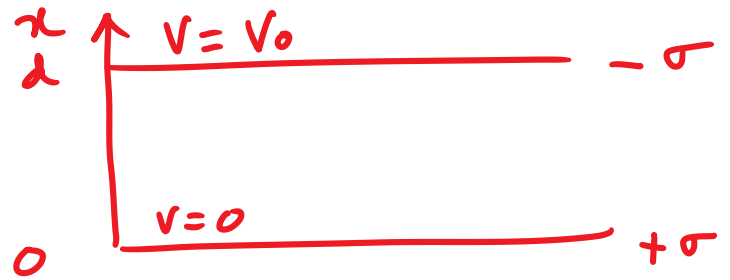
$$\nabla^2 V = 0$$

LAPLACE EQUATION

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

# ○ Parallel plate Capacitor

$V(x)$



$$\frac{d^2 V}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dV}{dx} \right) = 0$$

$$V(x=0) = 0$$

$$V(x=d) = V_0$$

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = C_1$$

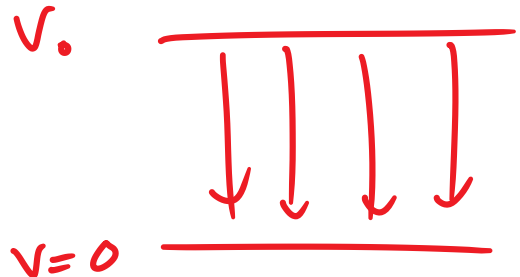
$$V(x) = C_1 x + C_2$$

$$V(0) = C_2 = 0$$

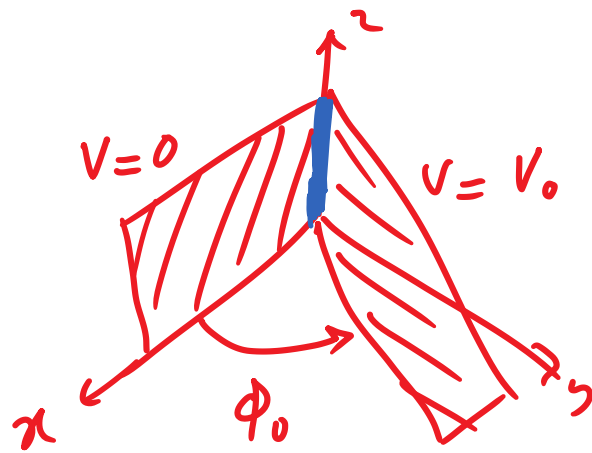
$$V(x=d) = C_1 d = V_0 \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{V_0}{d}$$

$$V(x) = \frac{V_0 x}{d}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V = -\frac{V_0}{d}$$



$$V(\phi)$$



$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 V}{d\phi^2} = 0$$

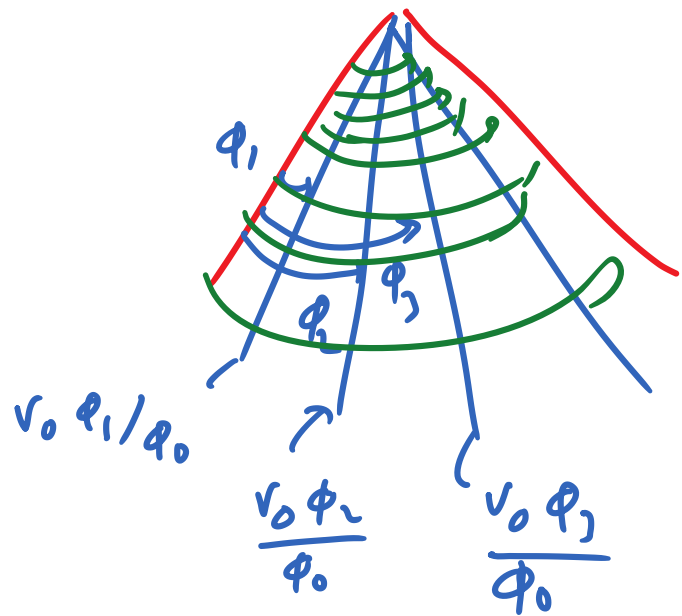
$$r \neq 0$$

$$V = C_1 \phi + C_2$$

$$V(\phi=0) = C_2 = 0$$

$$V(\phi=\phi_0) = C_1 \phi_0 = V_0$$

$$V = \frac{V_0 \phi}{\phi_0}$$

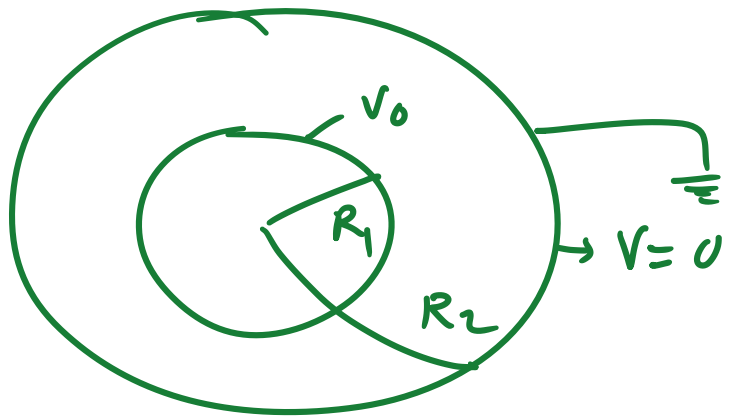
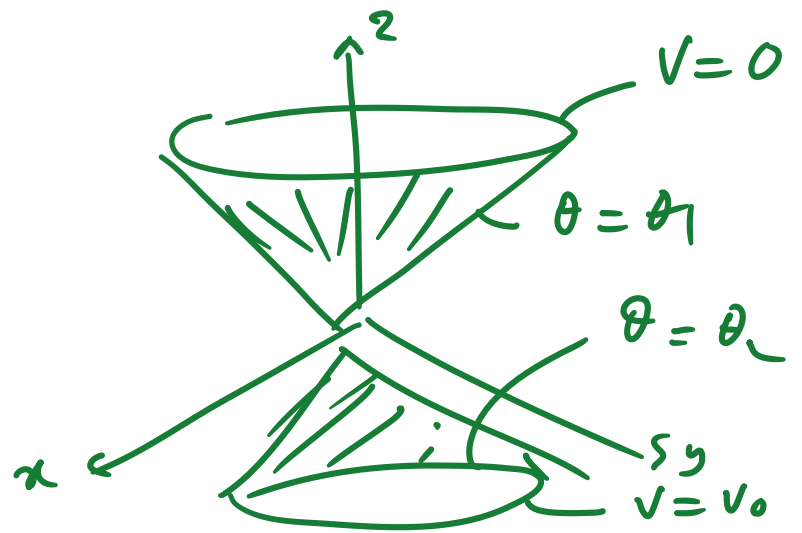


$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{V_0}{\phi_0} \hat{\phi}$$

Spherical Polar  
 $\theta = \text{Constant}$



$\nabla^2 V = 0$  Laplace's equation

