

BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

* So far, we considered the Electric field \vec{E} in a homogeneous medium.

* If field \vec{E} exists in a region consisting of two different media, the condition that the field must satisfy at the interface separating the media is called boundary conditions.

* These conditions are helpful in determining the field on one side of the boundary if the field on the other side is known.

- 1) Dielectric (ϵ_1) and Dielectric (ϵ_2)

2) Conductor and Dielectric

3) Conductor and feedspace

→ To determine the boundary conditions,
we use Maxwell's Eqs.

and $\left. \begin{aligned} \oint_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} &= 0 \\ \oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} &= Q_{enc} \end{aligned} \right\}$

$E =$ Electric field intensity
 $D =$ Electric field flux Density

→ Also, decompose the electric field intensity \vec{E} into two Orthogonal components.

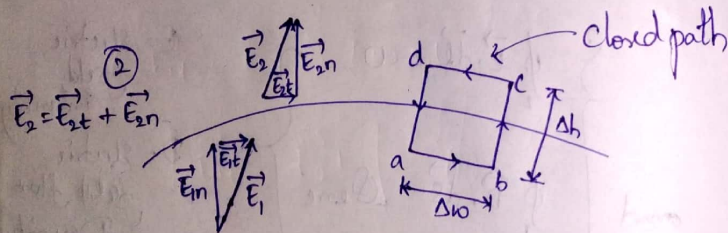
$$\left\{ \vec{E} = \vec{E}_t + \vec{E}_n \right\}$$

Similarly, electric flux density \vec{D}

$$\vec{D} = \vec{D}_t + \vec{D}_n$$

Dielectric - Dielectric Boundary Conditions

$$\epsilon_2 = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2}$$



$$\vec{E}_2 = \vec{E}_{2t} + \vec{E}_{2n}$$

$$\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1}$$

Consider two dielectric mediums with permittivities ϵ_1 & ϵ_2 such that

$$\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1}$$

$$\epsilon_2 = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2}$$

Let \vec{E}_1 and \vec{E}_2 be the field strengths of medium 1 and 2 respectively. Let \vec{E}_{1t} and \vec{E}_{2t} be the tangential components of electric fields and \vec{E}_{1n} and \vec{E}_{2n} be normal components of electric fields in medium 1 & 2 respectively.

\therefore we can write

$$\vec{E}_1 = \vec{E}_{1t} + \vec{E}_{1n}$$

$$\vec{E}_2 = \vec{E}_{2t} + \vec{E}_{2n}$$

Consider a closed path A-B-C-D-A with Δl and Δh as length and height of considered path w.r.t boundary

Now if we apply Maxwell's 2nd eqn to closed path, we get

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$\int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_b^c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_c^d \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_d^a \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_{1t} \cdot \Delta w + \vec{E}_{1n} \frac{\Delta h}{2} + \vec{E}_{2n} \frac{\Delta h}{2} - \vec{E}_{2t} \Delta w - \vec{E}_{2n} \frac{\Delta h}{2} - \vec{E}_{1n} \frac{\Delta h}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_{1t} \cdot \Delta w - \vec{E}_{2t} \Delta w = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{E}_{1t} - \vec{E}_{2t}) \Delta w = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{E}_{1t} = \vec{E}_{2t}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

This is 1st boundary condition.

$$\because \vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} \Rightarrow \vec{D}_{1t} = \epsilon_1 \vec{E}_{1t}$$

$$\vec{E}_{1t} = \frac{\vec{D}_{1t}}{\epsilon_1} \quad \& \quad \vec{E}_{2t} = \frac{\vec{D}_{2t}}{\epsilon_2}$$

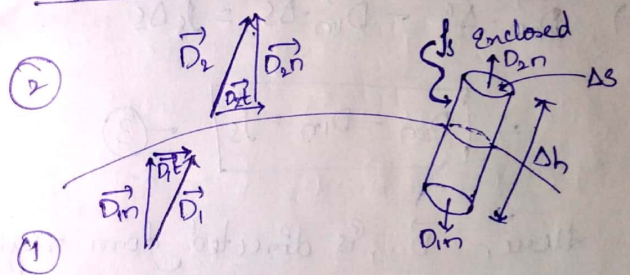
\therefore From (1)

$$\boxed{\frac{D_{1t}}{\epsilon_1} = \frac{D_{2t}}{\epsilon_2}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from (1) & (2)

Tangential Components of Electric field intensity \vec{E} are continuous along boundary while tangential components of Electric flux density are discontinuous along boundary.

To get normal Components



→ Consider, cylindrical gaussian surface.

Apply Maxwell 1st Eq. $\oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{S} = Q_{enc}$ In which S is surface charge density and it's cross sectional area is ΔS .

Cancel due to symmetry

$$\int_{\text{top}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{\text{bottom}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{\text{side}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q_{\text{enc}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\text{top}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{\text{bottom}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q_{\text{enc}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{D}_{2n} \cdot \Delta s - \vec{D}_{1n} \cdot \Delta s = \int_s \Delta s$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{D_{2n} - D_{1n} = \rho_s} \quad (3)$$

Here, \vec{D} is directed from region 1 to region 2.

NOTE: (1) If no free charges at interface
i.e. $\rho_s = 0$

So, Eq (3) becomes

$$\boxed{D_{1n} = D_{2n}} \quad (4)$$

Normal component of \vec{D} is continuous across the interface.

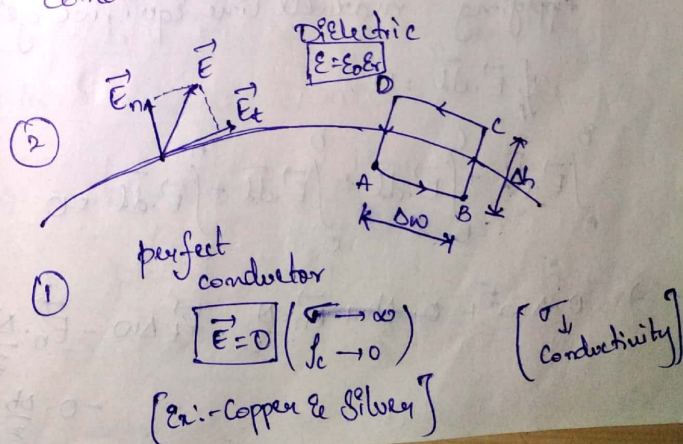
(2) Since, $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_1 E_{1n} = \epsilon_2 E_{2n}} \quad (5)$$

Normal component of \vec{E} is discontinuous at the boundary/interface.

Conductor - Dielectric Boundary Conditions

Here we take two regions conductor and dielectric.



Apply Maxwell

In this case we assume a perfect conducting medium i.e. $\rho_v = 0$ and conductivity tends to ∞

$$\sigma \rightarrow \infty, \rho_v = 0.$$

And w.k.T along the conductor field components are zeros i.e. \vec{E} and $\vec{D} = 0$ at conductor boundary.

Applying maxwell line Equ., we get

$$\oint_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0.$$

$$\int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_B^C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_C^D \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_D^A \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

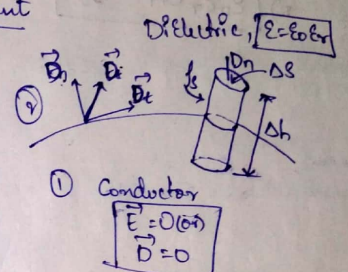
$$\Rightarrow 0 \cdot \Delta w + 0 \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{2} + \vec{E}_n \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{2} - \vec{E}_t \Delta w - \vec{E}_n \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{2} - 0 \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{2} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + 0 + \vec{E}_n \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{2} - \vec{E}_t \Delta w - \vec{E}_n \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{2} - 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_t \cdot \Delta w = 0$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\vec{E}_t = 0} \rightarrow \text{or } \boxed{\frac{D_t}{\epsilon} = 0}$$

To get normal component



Apply Maxwell Surface Equ.

$$\oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q_{enc}$$

$$\int_{\text{top}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{\text{bottom}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{\text{surface}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q_{enc}$$

Cancel due to symmetry

$$\Rightarrow D_n \cdot \Delta S - 0 \cdot \Delta S = \int_S \Delta S$$

$$\Rightarrow D_n \Delta S = \int_S \Delta S$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{D_n = \int_S \Delta S} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

As, we know

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint \epsilon \vec{E} \cdot \vec{n} = \int \rho$$

\therefore The following Conclusions can be made out of these boundary conditions.

(1) No Electric field exist in conductor

(2) As \vec{E} is 0 then potential difference b/w any two points in conductor is 0. So conductor is an equipotential body.

(3) Electric field is external to conductor & it must be normal to the surface.

MAGNETIC BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

$$\oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0 \quad \text{--- Gauss's Law of Magnetic field}$$

$$\oint_L \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I \quad \text{--- Ampere's Circuit Law}$$

Boundary Conditions b/w two Magnetic

media:

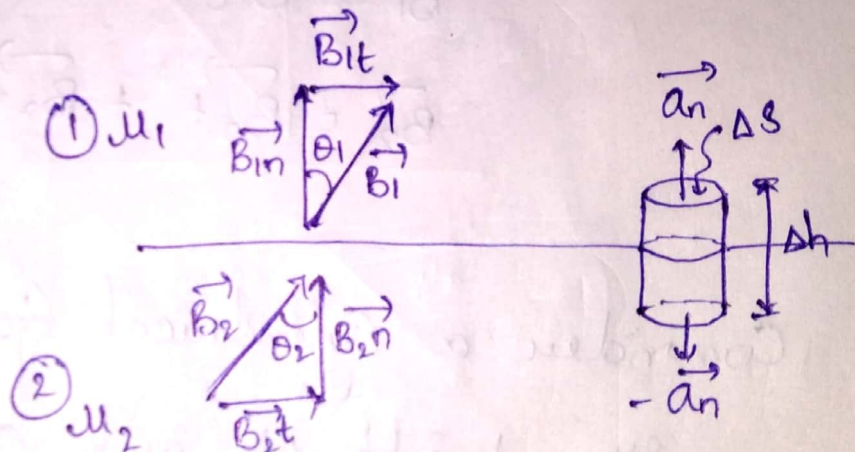


Fig: Boundary b/w two Magnetic media 1 & 2.

Consider two magnetic mediums with permeability μ_1 & μ_2 .

Let \vec{B}_1 & \vec{B}_2 be the magnetic flux density of medium 1 & 2, and

Let \vec{B}_{1t} & \vec{B}_{2t} be the tangential components of magnetic flux densities \vec{B}_1 & \vec{B}_2 , and \vec{B}_{1n} & \vec{B}_{2n} be the normal components.

\therefore we can write

$$\vec{B}_1 = \vec{B}_{1t} + \vec{B}_{1n}$$

$$\vec{B}_2 = \vec{B}_{2t} + \vec{B}_{2n}$$

Consider a cylindrical Gaussian surface with height Δh and cross section area of ΔS , ~~where~~

Now by apply Maxwell's closed surface integration.

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\text{top}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{\text{bottom}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{\text{side}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

Cancel due to symmetrical surface

$$\Rightarrow B_{1n} \Delta S - B_{2n} \Delta S + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{B_{1n} = B_{2n}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

\therefore Normal Component of \vec{B} is continuous at the boundary.

from (1).

$$\therefore \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$

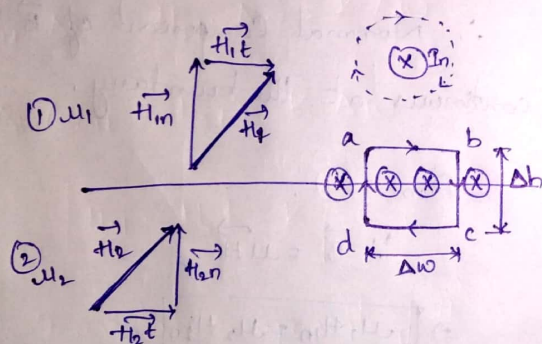
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mu_1 H_{1n} = \mu_2 H_{2n}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{H_{1n}}{H_{2n}} = \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}}$$

\therefore Normal Component of \vec{H} is discontinuous at the boundary.

To find tangential Component

Consider a two magnetic media with permeability μ_1 & μ_2 media 1 & 2 respectively.



Let \vec{H}_1 & \vec{H}_2 be the magnetic field densities of media 1 & 2 respectively.

Let \vec{H}_{1t} & \vec{H}_{2t} be the tangential components and \vec{H}_{1n} & \vec{H}_{2n} be the

normal components of Magnetic field densities \vec{H}_1 & \vec{H}_2 .

$$\therefore \vec{H}_1 = \vec{H}_{1t} + \vec{H}_{1n}$$

$$\vec{H}_2 = \vec{H}_{2t} + \vec{H}_{2n}$$

Consider a closed path A-B-C-D-A with length Δw and height Δh .

Now apply Maxwell's closed line integration.

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_b^c \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_c^d \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_d^a \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{1t} \cdot \Delta w + \left[-H_{1n} \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{2} - H_{2n} \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{2} \right] + \left[-H_{2t} \cdot \Delta w \right] + \left[H_{2n} \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{2} + H_{1n} \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{2} \right] = I$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{1t} \cdot \Delta w - H_{1n} \frac{\Delta h}{2} - H_{2n} \frac{\Delta h}{2} - H_{2t} \cdot \Delta w$$

$$+ H_{2n} \frac{\Delta h}{2} + H_{1n} \frac{\Delta h}{2} = K \cdot \Delta w$$

$$\left[\because K = \frac{I}{b} \right]$$

↪ \perp distance

$$\Rightarrow H_{1t} \cdot \Delta w - H_{2t} \cdot \Delta w = K \cdot \Delta w$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta w (H_{1t} - H_{2t}) = K \cdot \Delta w$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{H_{1t} - H_{2t} = K} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

\therefore Tangential Component of \vec{H} is discontinuous at the boundary.

NOTE: If boundary is free of current, or media are not conductors.
i.e. $K = 0$.

So, Equ. (2) becomes

$$\boxed{H_{1t} = H_{2t}} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

\therefore Tangential Component of \vec{H} is continuous at the boundary.

from (3).

$$\because B = \mu H$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{B}{\mu}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{B_{1t}}{\mu_1} = \frac{B_{2t}}{\mu_2}}$$

\therefore Tangential Component of \vec{B} is discontinuous at the boundary.