

* Poisson's and Laplace's Equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_v$$

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

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

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$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} V = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} \quad // \text{ for a homogeneous region in which } \epsilon \text{ is constant}$$

↳ Poisson's equation

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \vec{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \vec{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \vec{a}_z$$

$$\therefore \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} V = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} //$$

$$\text{if } \rho_v = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 V = 0 //$$

↳ Laplace's equation

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} \quad (\text{cartesian})$$

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 V = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} \quad (\text{cylindrical})$$

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} \quad (\text{spherical})$$