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Quiz #5-1, Open books, notes (31 points), due 11 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
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1. What are the two postulates and their physical meaning for electrostatics? Define all the symbols in your answers (8 points)

① Faraday's law of electrostatics:

$\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow$  Physical meaning = A static electric field is irrotational.  
↓ Stokes' theorem

$\int \nabla \times \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \oint_C \frac{\vec{F}}{q} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0 \Rightarrow \oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Physical meaning = The work done on a charge is independent of path.

$\vec{E}$  = electric field,  $\nabla \times$  = curl

② Gauss law:

$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \epsilon_0 (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) = \rho$   
↓ divergence theorem

$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{D} dV = \epsilon_0 \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_V \rho dV = Q \Rightarrow \epsilon_0 \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Physical meaning = The total outward electric flux of  $V$  equals total enclosed charge in  $V$ .

$\vec{D}$  : electric flux density,  $\nabla \cdot$  : divergence,  $\rho$  : volume charge density  
 $\epsilon_0$  : vacuum permittivity,  $Q$  : total charge

2. What happens if you define the electric field intensity as  $\vec{E} = +\nabla V$ , where  $V$  is the electric potential? Is there a way to rescue the definition "work done externally ...." for  $V$ ? (3 points)

Set  $\vec{E} = \pm \nabla V$ ,  $\Rightarrow V(R_0) - V(\infty) = \int_{\infty}^{R_0} \nabla V \cdot d\vec{l} = \pm \int_{\infty}^{R_0} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$

$$V(R_0) - V(\infty) = \pm \int_{\infty}^{R_0} \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} dR = \mp \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_0}$$

Then, move on to the definition. We modify it as shown:

Work done externally by moving a unit positive(negative) charge  $q$  from infinity to a positive(negative) charge  $q$  is "negative."

$\Rightarrow$  Since the work should be negative,  $\mp \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_0}$  will become  $-\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_0}$ .

Corresponding to  $\vec{E}$ ,  $\vec{E} = \pm \nabla V$  should become  $\vec{E} = +\nabla V$ .

$\Rightarrow$  If we define  $\vec{E} = +\nabla V$ , it means the work should be negative.

3. Would a lightning rod attract or avoid catastrophic discharge from a high cloud?  
View the following film to explain it

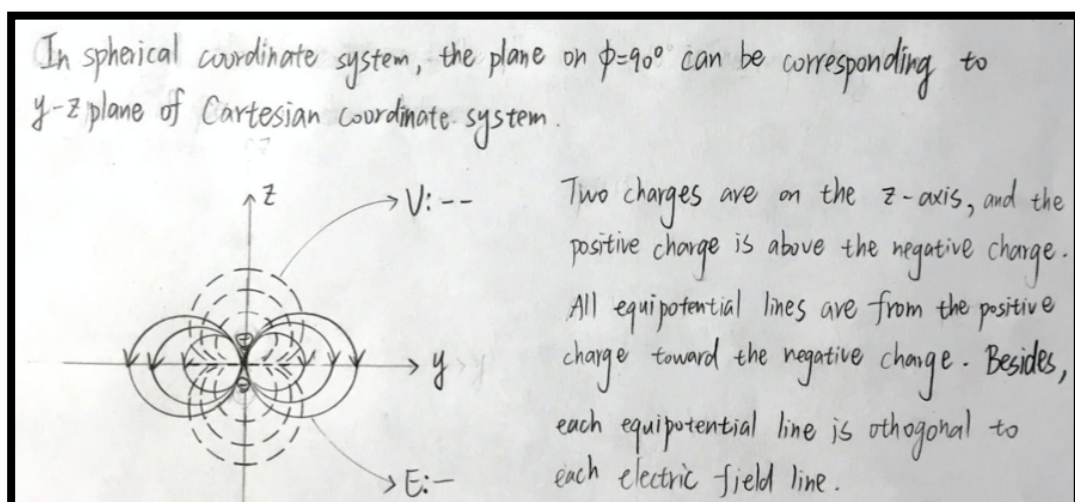
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGc3q4dVOS0> (5 points)

The lightning rod can avoid catastrophic discharge from a high cloud.  
It can provide a conductive pathway of the charge to the Earth, and its tip can ionize the surrounding air to make it more conductive.  
That's why the lightning rod can protect the building from being destroyed.

4. What is the  $R$  dependence of the field and potential of an electric dipole in the far zone? (2 points) Explain why the field and potential have a weak dependence on  $R$  in comparison with those of a monopole charge? (3 points)

① for electric dipole potential:  $V(R, \theta) = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{a}_R}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \propto \frac{1}{R^2}$   
 for electric dipole field:  $\vec{E}(R, \theta) = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} (\hat{a}_R 2\cos\theta + \hat{a}_\theta \sin\theta) \propto \frac{1}{R^3}$   
 ② Compared with monopole charge, the electric dipole is always influenced by its positive charge and negative charge, which means that they will cancel out their electric dipole potential and electric dipole field.  
 That's why the field and potential have a weak dependence on  $R$ .

5. Draw the equipotential lines and electric field lines of an electric dipole on the plane of  $\phi = 90^\circ$ ? The two dipole charges are aligned along the  $z$  axis. Show the directions of the electric field lines with reference to the polarity of the charges. (5 points)

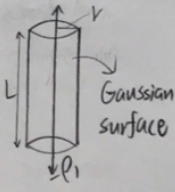


6. What is the Gaussian surface of an infinite straight line charge? (2 points) Use it to derive the electric field (magnitude and direction) intensity at  $r$ . Assume a line charge density of  $-\rho_l$  on the line. (3 points)

① The Gaussian surface of an infinite straight line charge is a cylinder, which has radius  $r$  and length  $L$ .  $L$  is infinite for this infinite straight line.

②  $E_r(z=0, r) = \frac{-\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \frac{\frac{L}{2}}{\sqrt{(\frac{L}{2})^2 + r^2}} \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$

By Gauss law:  $\epsilon_0 \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \epsilon_0 E_r 2\pi r L = L(-\rho_l) \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{-\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \hat{a}_r$



The diagram shows a vertical cylinder representing the Gaussian surface. The radius is labeled  $r$  and the length is labeled  $L$ . A line charge with density  $-\rho_l$  is shown passing through the center of the cylinder. An arrow points to the cylinder with the label "Gaussian surface".