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# ELEC 318 – *Electromagnetic Fields*

## Lecture 4(x)

Exam #1

Discussion

# ELEC 318 Exam #1: Problem #1

1. A sphere of radius 6 cm contains a volume charge density equal to  $\frac{1}{\pi} \cos^2 \theta$  (C/m<sup>3</sup>).

Determine the total charge contained in the sphere.

## Example: Volume Charge Density

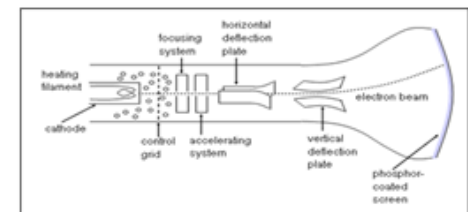
An electron beam shaped like a circular cylinder of radius  $r_0$  carries a charge density

$$\rho_v = -\frac{\rho_0}{1+r^2} \left( \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}^3} \right)$$

where  $\rho_0$  is a positive constant and the beam is along the  $z$  axis.

Determine the total charge contained in length  $L$  of the beam.

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_V \rho_v dv \\ &= \int_{z=0}^{z=L} \int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} \int_{r=0}^{r=r_0} \left( -\frac{\rho_0}{1+r^2} \right) r dr d\phi dz \\ &= -2\pi \cdot L \cdot \rho_0 \cdot \int_{r=0}^{r=r_0} r(1+r^2)^{-1} dr \\ &= -2\pi \cdot L \cdot \rho_0 \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+r^2) \right]_0^{r_0} = -\pi L \rho_0 \ln(1+r_0^2) \end{aligned}$$



Cathode-Ray-Tube (CRT) television

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## Example 3-6: Charge in a Sphere

A sphere of radius 2 cm contains a volume charge density  $\rho_v$  given by

$$\rho_v = 4 \cos^2 \theta \quad (\text{C/m}^3).$$

Find the total charge  $Q$  contained in the sphere.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_V \rho_v dV \\ &= \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{R=0}^{2 \times 10^{-2}} (4 \cos^2 \theta) R^2 \sin \theta dR d\theta d\phi \\ &= 4 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left( \frac{R^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^{2 \times 10^{-2}} \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta d\theta d\phi \\ &= \frac{32}{3} \times 10^{-6} \int_0^{2\pi} \left( -\frac{\cos^3 \theta}{3} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} d\phi \\ &= \frac{64}{9} \times 10^{-6} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \\ &= \frac{128\pi}{9} \times 10^{-6} = 44.68 \quad (\mu\text{C}). \end{aligned}$$

# ELEC 318 Exam #1: Problem #2

2. A positive 490-nC charge is located at (12 m, 5 m, 0).  
A positive 334-nC charge is located at (8 m, -6 m, 0).

Determine the force experienced by a negative 2- $\mu$ C charge located at the origin, in free space.

Write your answer with appropriate units, in the appropriate direction.

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## Example: Linear Superposition

Three infinitely-long lines of charge, each with density 445 pC/m, are parallel to the z axis.

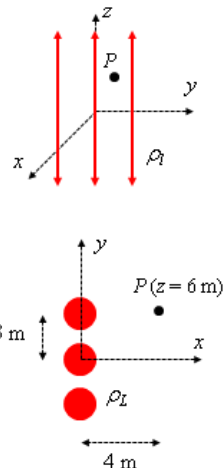
One is on the z-axis ( $x=0, y=0$ ). The second is at  $x=0, y=-3$  m.

The third is at  $x=0, y=3$  m.

Determine  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $P(x=4 \text{ m}, y=3 \text{ m}, z=6 \text{ m})$ , in free space.

Prior result: For a single line charge along the z axis...  $\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{E}_{\rho_{l1}} + \mathbf{E}_{\rho_{l2}} + \mathbf{E}_{\rho_{l3}} \\ &= \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{r_1} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{r_2} [\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cos(\phi_1) + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \sin(\phi_1)] + \frac{1}{r_3} [\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cos(\phi_2) + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \sin(\phi_2)] \right\} \\ &= \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{5} \left[ \hat{\mathbf{x}} \left( \frac{4}{5} \right) + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{52}} \left[ \hat{\mathbf{x}} \left( \frac{4}{\sqrt{52}} \right) + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \left( \frac{6}{\sqrt{52}} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \left[ \hat{\mathbf{x}} \left( \frac{4}{25} \right) + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \left( \frac{3}{25} \right) \right] + \left[ \hat{\mathbf{x}} \left( \frac{4}{52} \right) + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \left( \frac{6}{52} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{445 \cdot 10^{-12}}{2\pi(8.854 \cdot 10^{-12})} \{ 0.49\hat{\mathbf{x}} + 0.24\hat{\mathbf{y}} \} \approx 3.9\hat{\mathbf{x}} + 1.9\hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}\end{aligned}$$



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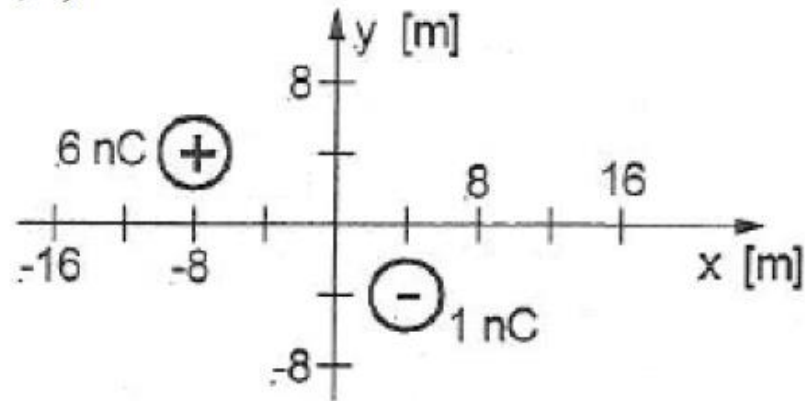
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Given the point charge distribution below (in the  $x$ - $y$  plane), compute the electric field vector that would be measured at the observation point (8, 0, 1).



# ELEC 318 Exam #1: Problem #3

3. An electric field intensity is equal to 
$$\begin{cases} 5 e^{-y} \hat{x} \text{ V/m} & y \geq 0 \\ 5 \hat{x} \text{ V/m} & y < 0 \end{cases}.$$

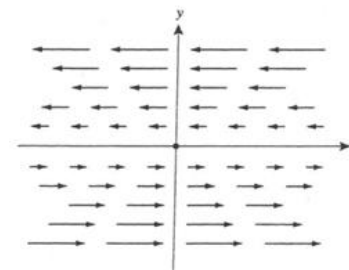
- (a) Sketch this field in the  $x$ - $y$  plane. Clearly indicate where the field is strongest and where the field is weakest. Account for all four quadrants and the axes.
- (b) Determine the amount of work required to move a positive 7-mC charge from  $P(r = 4 \text{ cm}, \phi = -60^\circ, z = 0)$  to  $Q(r = 8 \text{ cm}, \phi = -120^\circ, z = 0)$  in this field.

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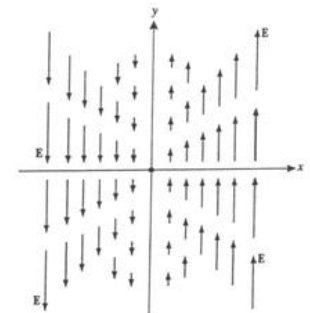
## Examples: Cartesian Coordinates

Sketch the following vector fields:

$$\mathbf{H} = -y \hat{x} \left( \frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}} \right)$$



$$\mathbf{E} = x \hat{y} \left( \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}} \right)$$



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HW #3

6. The electric field as a function of location is  $20R \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{R}} + 10R \cos \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \text{ V/m}$ . Calculate the work required to move a charge of 10 nC...
- (a) from  $A(5, 30^\circ, 0^\circ)$  to  $B(5, 90^\circ, 0^\circ)$ , and
- (b) from  $C(10, 30^\circ, 0^\circ)$  to  $A(5, 30^\circ, 0^\circ)$ .

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Calculate the work required to bring a 2- $\mu\text{C}$  charge from  $(r = 5 \text{ m}, \phi = \pi/4, z = 3 \text{ m})$  to  $(r = 1 \text{ m}, \phi = \pi/2, z = 6 \text{ m})$  in the presence of this field:  $\mathbf{E} = \frac{30}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}} \right)$ . Express your answer in Joules.

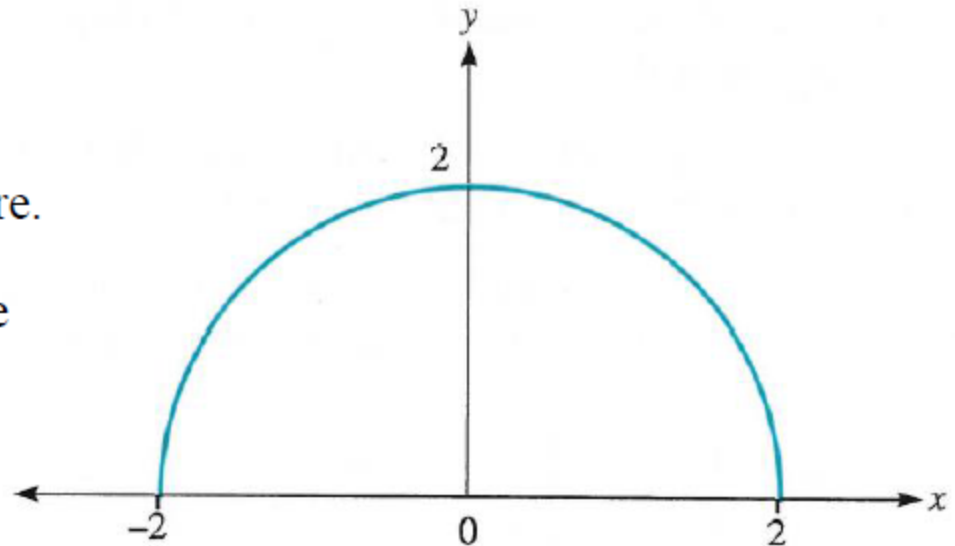
4. A circular ring of radius  $b = 4$  m , in the  $x$ - $y$  plane and centered on the origin, carries a uniform line charge density of  $2.77$  nC/m .

Calculate the electric field intensity directly above the center of the ring, at a height  $h = 3$  m .

## Homework #3

1. A point charge  $Q$  is located at point  $P(0, -4, 0)$ , while a  $10$  nC charge is uniformly distributed along a semicircular ring as shown in the figure.

Determine the value of  $Q$  such that the electric field at the origin is zero.





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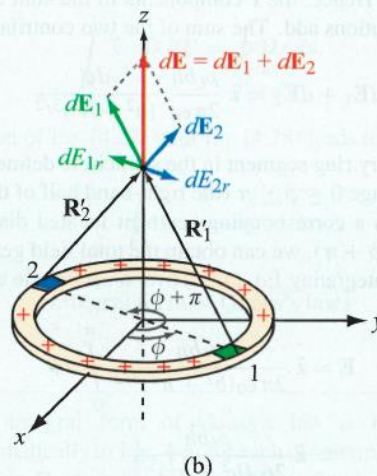
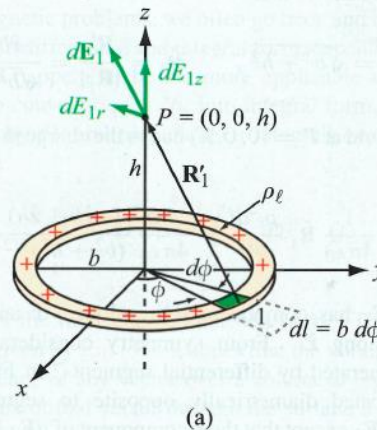
## Example 4-4: Electric Field of a Ring of Charge

A ring of charge of radius  $b$  is characterized by a uniform line charge density of positive polarity  $\rho_\ell$ . The ring resides in free space and is positioned in the  $x$ - $y$  plane as shown in Fig. 4-6. Determine the electric field intensity  $\mathbf{E}$  at a point  $P = (0, 0, h)$  along the axis of the ring at a distance  $h$  from its center.

**Solution:** We start by considering the electric field generated by a differential ring segment with cylindrical coordinates

$(b, \phi, 0)$  in Fig. 4-6(a). The segment has length  $dl = b d\phi$  and contains charge  $dq = \rho_\ell dl = \rho_\ell b d\phi$ . The distance vector  $\mathbf{R}'_1$  from segment 1 to point  $P = (0, 0, h)$  is

$$\mathbf{R}'_1 = -\hat{\mathbf{r}}b + \hat{\mathbf{z}}h,$$



**Figure 4-6** Ring of charge with line density  $\rho_\ell$ . (a) The field  $d\mathbf{E}_1$  due to infinitesimal segment 1 and (b) the fields  $d\mathbf{E}_1$  and  $d\mathbf{E}_2$  due to segments at diametrically opposite locations (Example 4-4).

from which it follows that

$$R'_1 = |\mathbf{R}'_1| = \sqrt{b^2 + h^2}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{R}}'_1 = \frac{\mathbf{R}'_1}{|\mathbf{R}'_1|} = \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{r}}b + \hat{\mathbf{z}}h}{\sqrt{b^2 + h^2}}.$$

The electric field at  $P = (0, 0, h)$  due to the charge in segment 1 therefore is

$$d\mathbf{E}_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \hat{\mathbf{R}}'_1 \frac{\rho_\ell dl}{R'^2_1} = \frac{\rho_\ell b}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(-\hat{\mathbf{r}}b + \hat{\mathbf{z}}h)}{(b^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} d\phi.$$

The field  $d\mathbf{E}_1$  has component  $dE_{1r}$  along  $-\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  and component  $dE_{1z}$  along  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ . From symmetry considerations, the field  $d\mathbf{E}_2$  generated by differential segment 2 in Fig. 4-6(b), which is located diametrically opposite to segment 1, is identical to  $d\mathbf{E}_1$  except that the  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  component of  $d\mathbf{E}_2$  is opposite that of  $d\mathbf{E}_1$ . Hence, the  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  components in the sum cancel and the  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  contributions add. The sum of the two contributions is

$$d\mathbf{E} = d\mathbf{E}_1 + d\mathbf{E}_2 = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_\ell b h}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{d\phi}{(b^2 + h^2)^{3/2}}. \quad (4.22)$$

Since for every ring segment in the semicircle defined over the azimuthal range  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$  (the right-hand half of the circular ring) there is a corresponding segment located diametrically opposite at  $(\phi + \pi)$ , we can obtain the total field generated by the ring by integrating Eq. (4.22) over a semicircle as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_\ell b h}{2\pi\epsilon_0(b^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^\pi d\phi \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_\ell b h}{2\epsilon_0(b^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} \end{aligned}$$

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5. A spherical shell extending from inner radius  $a = 12$  m to outer radius  $b = 30$  m surrounds a charge-free cavity. The shell contains a constant volume charge density of  $44.27$  pC/m<sup>3</sup>.

Determine the electric field intensity at  $P(24$  m,  $70^\circ$ ,  $40^\circ)$ . Assume  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$ .

## Homework #3

4. A volume charge density as a function of location is  $\frac{50e^{-R}}{R} \frac{\text{nC}}{\text{m}^3}$ .  
Solve for the electric field everywhere, **in free space**.

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A spherical shell extending from inner radius  $a$  to outer radius  $b$  surrounds a charge-free cavity.

If this geometry contains a volume charge density given by  $\rho_v = \begin{cases} -\frac{\rho_0}{R^2} & a \leq R \leq b \\ 0 & R < a, R > b \end{cases}$ ,

determine  $\mathbf{E}$  everywhere. Assume  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$ .



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**Lecture 4(e)**

**The Laplacian &  
Laplace's Equation**

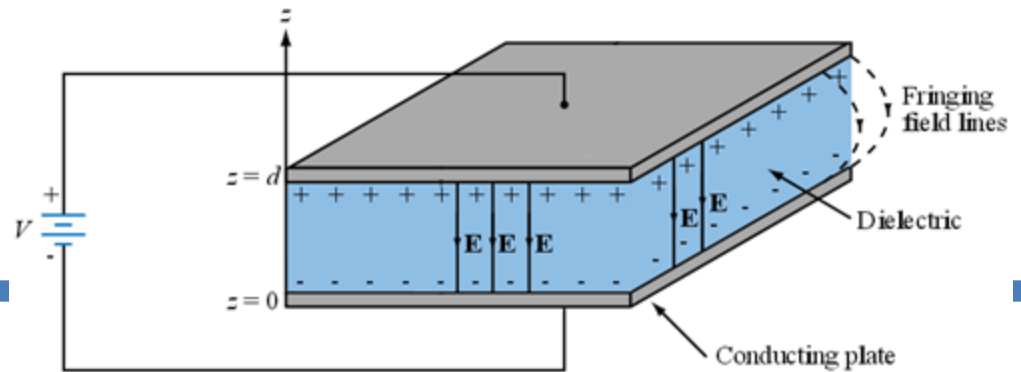
# Laplacian

**Laplacian** of a *scalar* field ( $V$ ) at a point ( $P$ )

-- a *scalar field*; a measure of the *curvature* of  $V$   
summed along all three dimensions

$$\nabla^2 V$$

-- equals the divergence  
of the gradient of  $V$



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

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

$$= \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( R^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} \right) + \frac{1}{R^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{R^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2}$$

-- most useful for determining  
electric potential in space

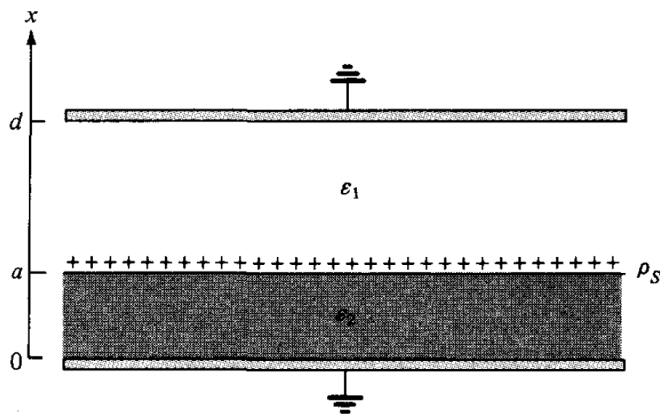
# Poisson's Equation, Laplace's Equation

starting with Gauss' Law,  
substituting  $\mathbf{E}$  for  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  
substituting  $V$  for  $\mathbf{E}$ , and  
taking the divergence of the gradient...

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

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho_v / \epsilon$$

$$\nabla \cdot (-\nabla V) = \rho_v / \epsilon$$



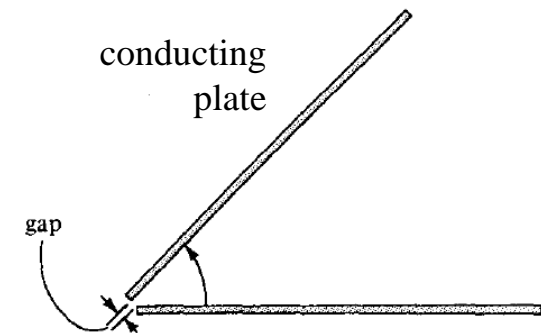
$$\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}$$

**Poisson's Equation**  
(charge present)

$$\nabla^2 V = 0$$

**Laplace's Equation**  
(charge-free)

- another way to solve for potential, electric field, work
- useful for more complicated EM geometries
  - (e.g. capacitors containing multiple dielectrics)
  - (e.g. capacitors that are *not* parallel plates)

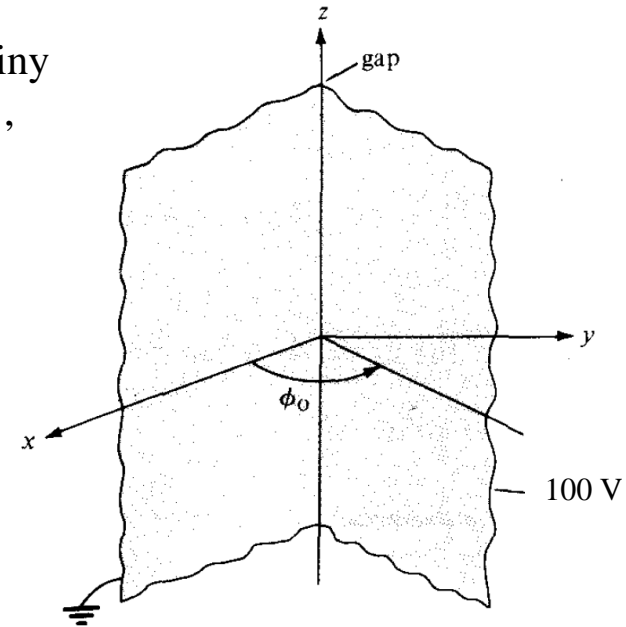


# Example: Laplace's Equation

Semi-infinite conducting plates at  $\phi = 0$  and  $\phi = \pi/6$  are separated by a tiny insulating gap along  $z = 0$ . If  $V(\phi = 0) = 0$  and  $V(\phi = \pi/6) = 100 \text{ V}$ , calculate  $V$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  everywhere between the plates.

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

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





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**Lecture 4(f)**

**Electrostatic Energy  
& Capacitance**



# Electrostatic Energy Storage

Derivation of the total energy stored  
in an electrostatic field:

- (1) Assume no charge exists in a region of space, then bring charges in, one at a time. Calculate the work required to bring each new charge into that space:

$$\begin{aligned}W_E &= W_1 + W_2 + W_3 \\&= 0 + q_2 V_{21} + q_3 (V_{31} + V_{32})\end{aligned}$$

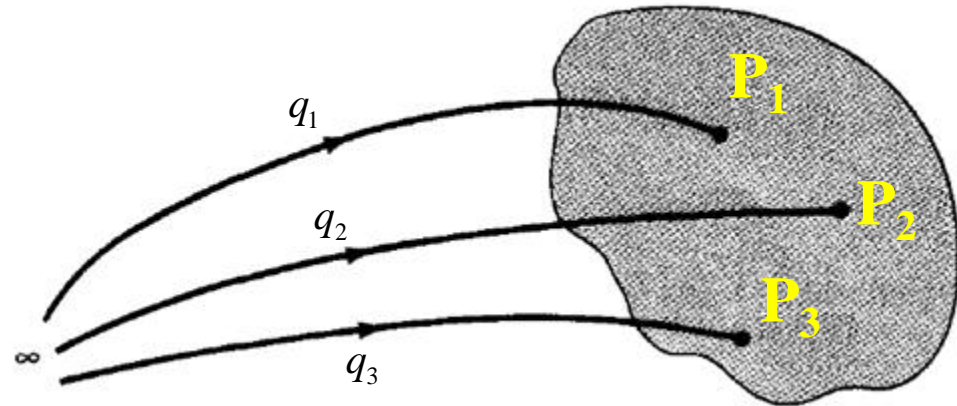
In reverse order,  $W_E = 0 + q_2 V_{23} + q_1 (V_{12} + V_{13})$

- (2) Add these two equations for  $W_E$ , divide by 2...

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} [q_1 V_1 + q_2 V_2 + q_3 V_3]$$

For more than 3 charges,

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N q_k V_k$$



$V_{MN}$  = potential of  $q_M$  in the presence of  $q_N$

- (3) Rewriting this result for  $W_E$   
in integral form (derived in your book)...

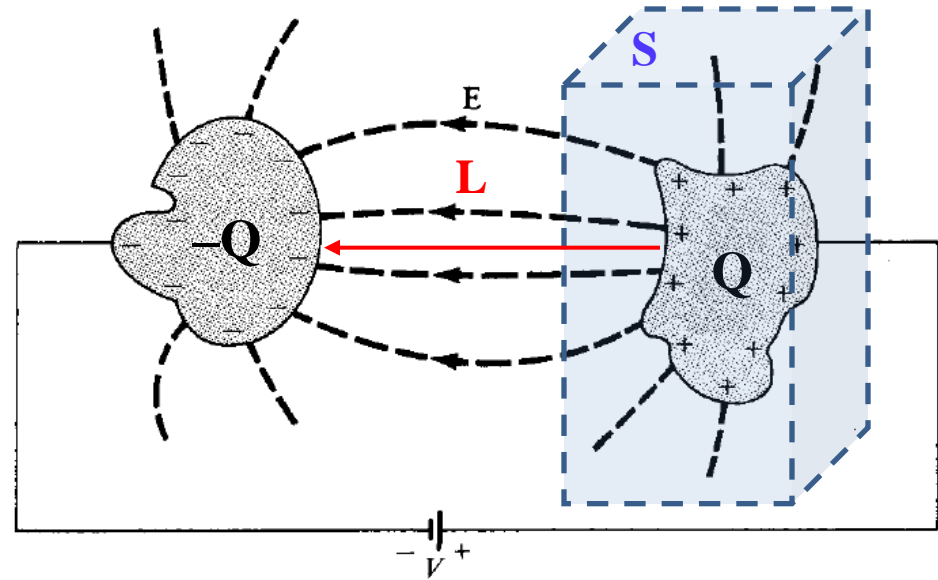
$$\begin{aligned}dW_E &= \frac{1}{2} dq \cdot V \Rightarrow W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_v \rho_v \cdot V dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_v (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) V dv \\&= \frac{1}{2} \int_v (\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E}) dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_v \epsilon_0 |\mathbf{E}|^2 dv\end{aligned}$$



# Capacitance

## capacitance

- a measure of the ability of a structure to store electrostatic energy
- computed as the ratio of *charge induced* ( $Q$ ) on the *positive* conductor to the *voltage applied* ( $V$ ) across the two conductors



$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\varepsilon \oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{\int_L \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}}$$

Gauss' Law, applied to the conductor holding  $Q$

line integral of  $\mathbf{E}$ , from  $Q$  to  $-Q$

Note: For the same applied voltage, if  $Q$  induced is larger,  $|\mathbf{E}|$  is larger, and  $W_E$  is larger.  
 i.e. For a higher capacitance, when  $V$  is applied,  $W_E$  is larger.

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int dq \cdot V = \frac{1}{2} V \int_v \rho_v dv = \frac{1}{2} V \cdot Q = \frac{1}{2} V(CV) = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

# Example: Capacitance, Planar

Determine the capacitance of this planar structure (in terms of  $d$ ,  $A$ , and  $\epsilon$ ).

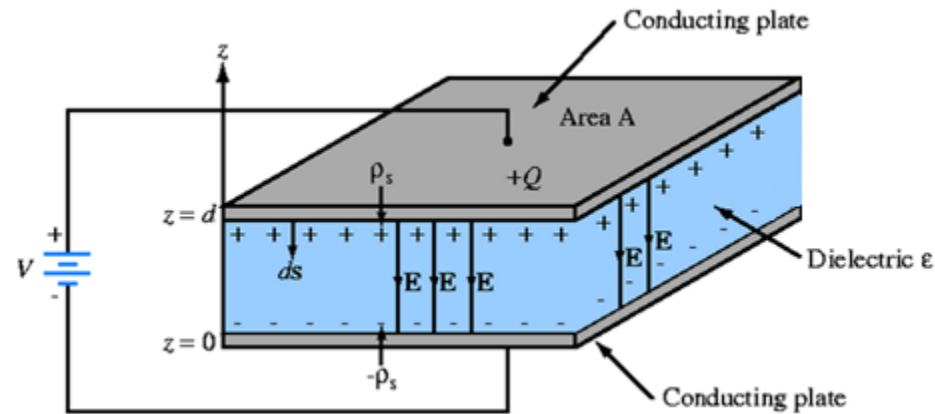
Assume that the plates are large enough to neglect fringing.

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\epsilon \oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{\int_L \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}}$$

Method 1:

Assume  $Q$  on each plate,  
solve for  $V$ , take the ratio.

$$C = \frac{Q}{\int_L \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}}$$



Method 2:

Assume  $V$  applied,  
solve for  $Q$  on each plate,  
take the ratio.

$$C = \frac{\epsilon \oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{V}$$