If you put a dielectric in an external field  $\mathbf{E}_e$ , it polarizes, adding a new field,  $\mathbf{E}_p$  (from the bound charges). These superpose, making a total field,  $\mathbf{E}_T$ . What is the vector equation relating these three fields?

A. 
$$\mathbf{E}_{T} + \mathbf{E}_{e} + \mathbf{E}_{p} = 0$$
  
B.  $\mathbf{E}_{T} = \mathbf{E}_{e} - \mathbf{E}_{p}$ 

$$c. \mathbf{E}_T = \mathbf{E}_e + \mathbf{E}_p$$

$$D. \mathbf{E}_T = -\mathbf{E}_e + \mathbf{E}_p$$

E. Something else

We define  $\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}$ , with

$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = Q_{free}$$

A point charge +q is placed at the center of a dielectric sphere (radius R). There are no other free charges anywhere. What is  $|\mathbf{D}(r)|$ ?



- A.  $q/(4\pi r^2)$  everywhere
- B.  $q/(4\varepsilon_0\pi r^2)$  everywhere
- C.  $q/(4\pi r^2)$  for r < R, but  $q/(4\varepsilon_0\pi r^2)$  for r > R
- D. None of the above, it's more complicated
- E. We need more info to answer!

We define "Electric Displacement" or "D" field,

$$\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}$$

If you put a dielectric in an **external** field, it polarizes, adding a new **induced** field (from the bound charges). These superpose, making a **total** electric field. Which of these three E fields is the "E" in the formula for D above?

A.  $\mathbf{E}_{ext}$ 

B.  $\mathbf{E}_{induced}$ 

 $\mathsf{C}.\,\mathbf{E}_{tot}$ 

A solid non-conducting dielectric rod has been injected ("doped") with a fixed, known charge distribution  $\rho(s)$ . (The material responds, polarizing internally.)

ρ**(s)** 

When computing D in the rod, do you treat this  $\rho(s)$  as the "free charges" or "bound charges"?

- A. "free charge"
- B. "bound charge"
- C. Neither of these  $\rho(s)$  is some combination of free and bound
- D. Something else.

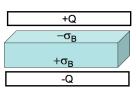
For linear dielectrics the relationship between the polarization,  $\mathbf{P}$ , and the total electric field,  $\mathbf{E}$ , is given by:

$$\mathbf{P} = \varepsilon_0 \chi_e \mathbf{E}$$

where  $X_e$  is typically a known constant. Think about what happens if (1)  $X_e \to 0$  or if (2)  $X_e \to \infty$ . What do each of these limits describe?

- A. (1) describes a metal and (2) describes vacuum
- B. (1) describes vacuum and (2) describes a metal
- C. Any material can gave either  $X_e \to 0$  or  $X_e \to \infty$

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Which equation would you head to first?

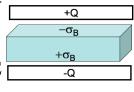
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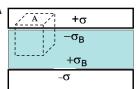
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- D. More than one of these would work
- E. Can't solve unless we know the dielectric is linear.

An ideal (large) capacitor has charge Q. A neutral linear dielectric is inserted into the gap. We want to find  $\mathbf D$  in the dielectric.



$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = Q_{free}$$

For the Gaussian pillbox shown, what is  $Q_{free,enclosed}$ ?

A. 
$$\sigma A$$

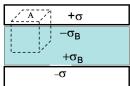
B. 
$$-\sigma_R A$$

C. 
$$(\sigma - \sigma_B)A$$

D. 
$$(\sigma + \sigma_R)A$$

E. Something else

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Is **D** zero INSIDE the metal? (i.e., on the top face of our cubical Gaussian surface)

A. It must be zero in there.

B. It depends.

C. It is definitely not zero in there.

An ideal (large) capacitor has charge Q. A neutral linear dielectric is inserted into the gap. Now that we have  $\mathbf{D}$  in the dielectric, what is  $\mathbf{E}$  inside the dielectric?

+Q	
-σ <sub>B</sub>	
+σ <sub>B</sub>	
-Q	

A. 
$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}\varepsilon_0\varepsilon_r$$

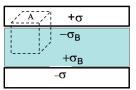
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$$\mathbf{C}.\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}\varepsilon_0$$

D. 
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E. Not so simple! Need another method

An ideal (large) capacitor has charge Q. A neutral linear dielectric is inserted into the gap. We want to find  $\mathbf D$  in the dielectric.



$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = Q_{free}$$

What is |**D**| in the dielectric?

A.  $\sigma$ 

B.  $2\sigma$ 

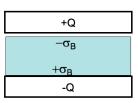
 $C. \sigma/2$ 

D.  $\sigma + \sigma_h$ 

E. Something else

An ideal (large) capacitor has charge Q. A neutral linear dielectric is inserted into the gap (with given dielectric constant)

Now that we have  $\mathbf{D}$  in the dielectric, what is  $\mathbf{E}$  in that small gap above the dielectric?



A. 
$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}\varepsilon_0\varepsilon_r$$

B. 
$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}/\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r$$

c. 
$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}\varepsilon_0$$

D. 
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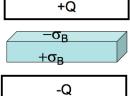
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+Q	
$-\sigma_{B}$	
+σ <sub>B</sub>	
-Q	

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  - ii) near the bound charges on the dielectric surface
    - A. i only
    - B. ii only
    - C. both i and ii (but nowhere else)
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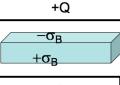
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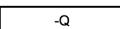
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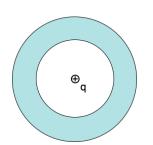


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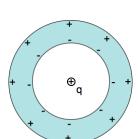
$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = Q_{free}$$

A. Yes

B. No

C. Depends on other things not given

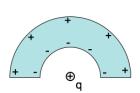
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$$\oint \mathbf{P} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 \text{ for every loop?}$$

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Depends on other things not given

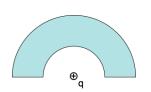
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$$\oint \mathbf{P} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 \text{ for every loop?}$$

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Depends on the inner radius of the dielectric.

A point charge +q is placed at the center of a neutral, linear, dielectric **hemispherical** shell. Can  $\mathbf D$  be computed from its divergence?



$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = Q_{free}$$

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Depends on the inner radius of the dielectric