

A parallel plate capacitor is attached to a battery which maintains a constant voltage difference  $V$  between the capacitor plates. While the battery is attached, the plates are pulled apart. The electrostatic energy stored in the capacitor

- A. increases.
- B. decreases.
- C. stays constant.

I feel that Exam 1 was a fair assessment.

- A. Strongly Agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither Agree/Disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly Disagree

I feel that Exam 1 was aligned with what we have been doing  
(in class and on homework).

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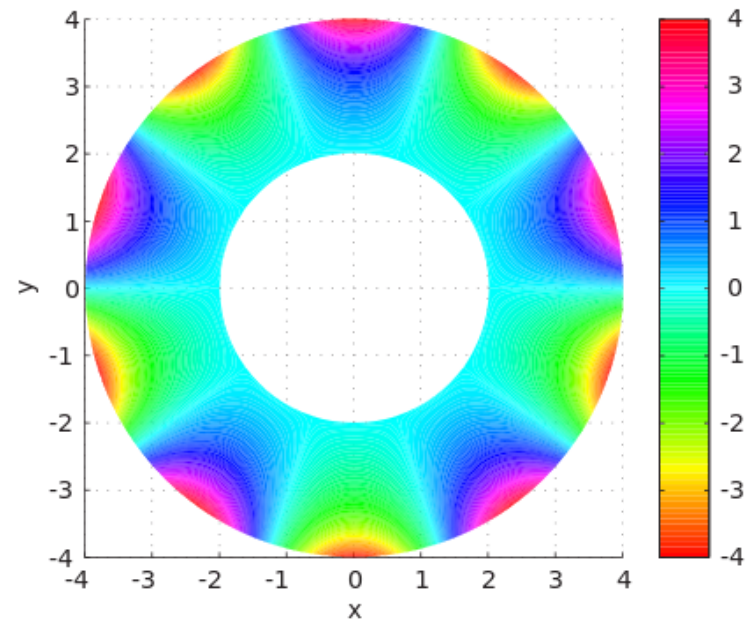
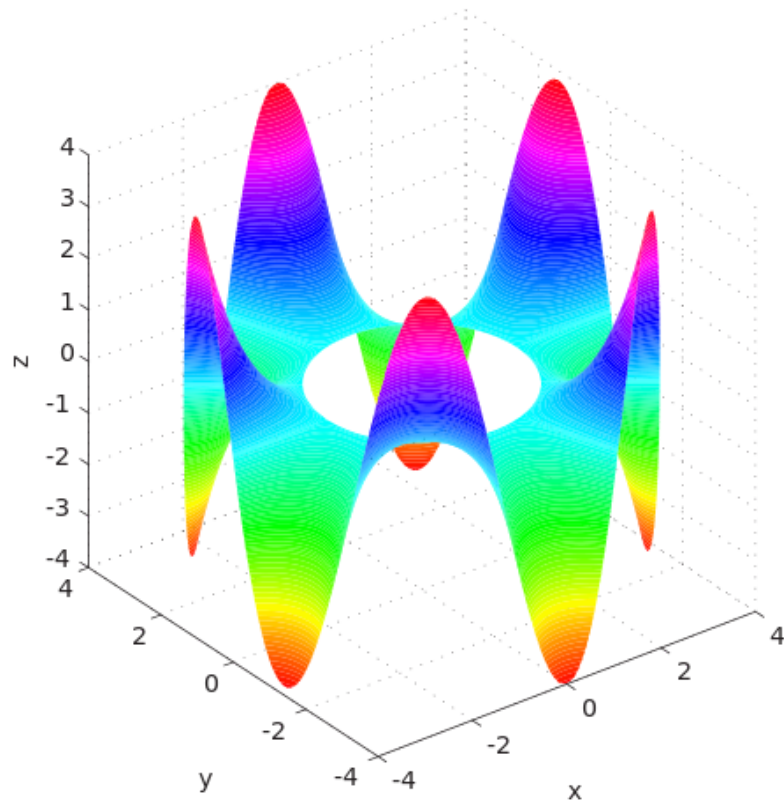
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C. Neither Agree/Disagree

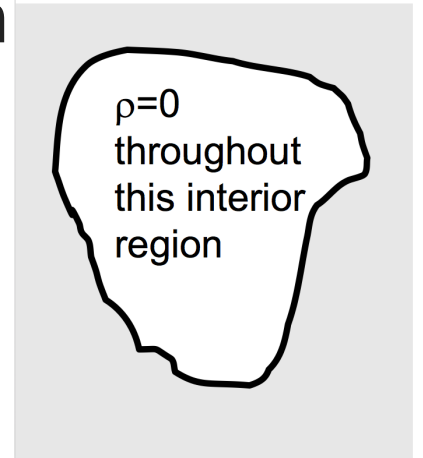
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# LAPLACE'S EQUATION

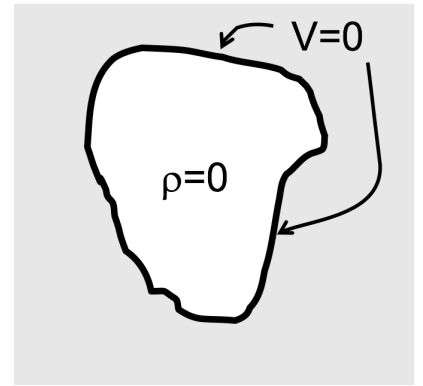


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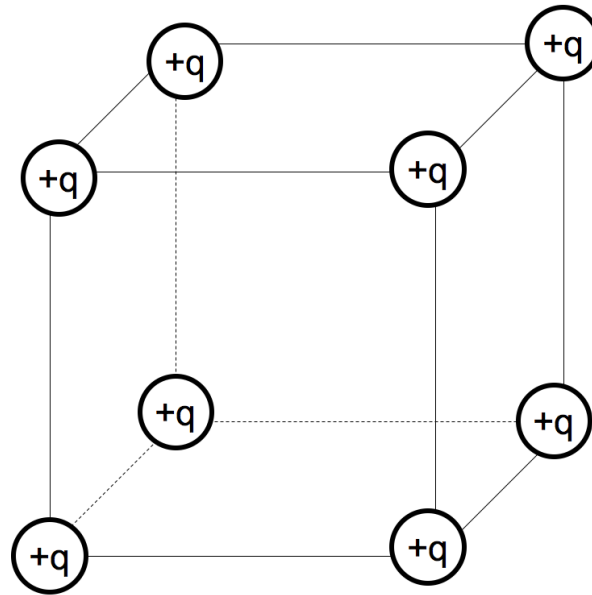


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- B.  $V(r) = 0$  everywhere in the interior.
- C.  $V(r) = \text{constant}$  everywhere in the interior

A region of space contains no charges. The boundary has  $V=0$  everywhere. What can I say about  $V$  in the interior?



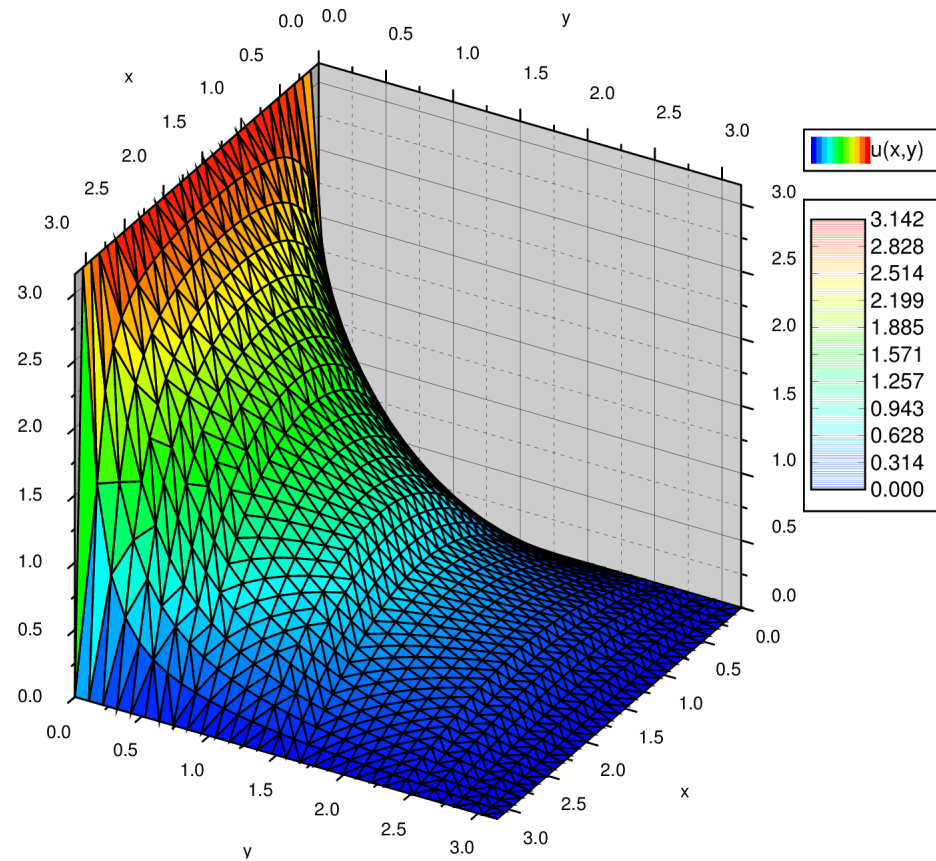
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If you put a positive test charge at the center of this cube of charges, could it be in stable equilibrium?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. ???

# SEPARATION OF VARIABLES (CARTESIAN)





Say you have three functions  $f(x)$ ,  $g(y)$ , and  $h(z)$ .  $f(x)$  depends on  $x$  but not on  $y$  or  $z$ .  $g(y)$  depends on  $y$  but not on  $x$  or  $z$ .  $h(z)$  depends on  $z$  but not on  $x$  or  $y$ .

If  $f(x) + g(y) + h(z) = 0$  for all  $x, y, z$ , then:

- A. All three functions are constants (i.e. they do not depend on  $x, y, z$  at all.)
- B. At least one of these functions has to be zero everywhere.
- C. All of these functions have to be zero everywhere.
- D. All three functions have to be linear functions in  $x, y$ , or  $z$  respectively (such as  $f(x) = ax + b$ )

If our general solution contains the function,

$$X(x) = Ae^{\sqrt{c}x} + Be^{-\sqrt{c}x}$$

What does our solution look like if  $c < 0$ ; what about if  $c > 0$ ?

- A. Exponential; Sinusoidal
- B. Sinusoidal; Exponential
- C. Both Exponential
- D. Both Sinusoidal
- E. ???

Our example problem has the following boundary conditions:

- $V(0, y > 0) = 0; V(a, y > 0) = 0$
- $V(x_{0 \rightarrow a}, y = 0) = V_0; V(x, y \rightarrow \infty) = 0$

If  $X'' = c_1 X$  and  $Y'' = c_2 Y$  with  $c_1 + c_2 = 0$ , which is constant is positive?

A.  $c_1$

B.  $c_2$

C. It doesn't matter either can be