

### Problem 1. The electric stress tensor

Consider the electric force per volume,  $\mathbf{f} = f^i \mathbf{e}_i$ ,

$$f_E^i = \rho E^i \quad (1)$$

Starting from Eq. (1), show that force can be written as

$$f_E^j = -\partial_i T_E^{ij} \quad (2)$$

where the electric stress tensor is

$$T_E^{ij} = -E^i E^j + \frac{1}{2} E^2 \delta^{ij} \quad (3)$$

Use the Maxwell equations,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho$  and  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$

$$\partial_i E^i = \rho \quad \partial_i E_j - \partial_j E_i = 0 \quad (4)$$