

Gauss  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho$

Poisson  $\nabla^2 \phi = -\rho$

Laplace  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$

Today: Uniqueness

Solution of Laplace equation

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### Integral form of Gauss law

$$\int_V dV \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \int_V dV 4\pi\rho$$

$$\int_{\partial V} da \vec{n} \cdot \vec{E}$$

### e) Poisson Law

$$\begin{cases} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho \\ \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi \end{cases} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla}^2 \phi = -4\pi\rho$$

Poisson equation

$\rho = 0 \quad \vec{\nabla}^2 \phi = 0$  Laplace eq  
 solutions are called harmonic functions

### f) Uniqueness

A vector field that satisfies

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$$

and vanishes at least as  $1/r^2$  for  $r \rightarrow \infty$   
 vanishes everywhere

This follows from Liouville's theorem;  
 if  $F$  is a harmonic function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
 and  $F$  is bounded from above or below  
 then  $F$  is constant

Reason  $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi$   
 $\vec{\nabla}^2 \phi = 0$

$\vec{E} \sim \frac{1}{r^2}$  for  $r \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \phi \sim \frac{1}{r}$  for  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \exists$  no singularities

$\Rightarrow \phi$  is bounded  $\Rightarrow \phi = \text{constant}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = 0$

Consequence: uniqueness theorem

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}_1 = 4\pi \rho_1$  }  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E}_1 - \vec{E}_2) = 0$   
 $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}_2 = 4\pi \rho_2$  }

status  $\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{E}_1 - \vec{E}_2) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_1 - \vec{E}_2 = 0$

Solutions of the Laplace eq

$\vec{\nabla}^2 \phi = 0$

$z = r \cos \theta$   
 $x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$   
 $y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$

Spherical coordinates

$\vec{\nabla}^2 \phi = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (r \phi) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \phi^2}$

$\phi = \frac{u(r)}{r} P(\theta) Q(\phi)$   
 separation of variables

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{P Q}{r} \partial_r^2 u + \frac{u Q}{r r^2 \sin \theta} \partial_\theta (\sin \theta \partial_\theta P) = 0$$

$$+ \frac{u P}{r r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial \varphi^2} = 0$$

divide by  $u P Q$

$$\frac{u^{-1}}{r} \partial_r^2 u + \frac{P^{-1}}{r r^2 \sin \theta} \partial_\theta (\sin \theta \partial_\theta P)$$

$$+ \frac{Q^{-1}}{r r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial \varphi^2} = 0$$

$\times r^3$

$$r^2 u^{-1} \partial_r^2 u + \frac{P^{-1}}{\sin \theta} \partial_\theta (\sin \theta \partial_\theta P)$$

$$+ \frac{Q^{-1}}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial \varphi^2} = 0$$

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only  
depends on  $r$

↗  
only depends on  $\theta, \varphi$

⇒ both should be constant  
because the equation is valid for  
all  $r, \theta, \varphi$

$$r^2 u^{-1} \partial_r^2 u = c \Rightarrow \partial_r^2 u = c \frac{u}{r^2}$$

$$u = \alpha r^{l+1} \Rightarrow l(l+1) r^{l-2} = c r^{l-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = l(l+1)$$

then  

$$l(l+1) \sin^2 \theta + P^{-1} \partial_\theta (\sin \theta \partial_\theta P)$$

$$+ Q^{-1} \frac{\partial^2 Q^2}{\partial \varphi^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow l(l+1) \sin^2 \theta + P^{-1} \partial_\theta (\sin \theta \partial_\theta P)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial^2 Q^2}{\partial \varphi^2} \right) Q^{-1}$$

↑  
function of  $\theta$

↑  
function of  $\varphi$

equal  $\forall \theta, \varphi \Rightarrow$  they have to be constant

$$\Rightarrow Q^{-1} \frac{\partial^2 Q^2}{\partial \varphi^2} = -m^2 \Rightarrow Q = e^{\pm i m \varphi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overset{\sin \theta}{\downarrow} \partial_\theta (\sin \theta \partial_\theta P) = l(l+1) \sin^2 \theta P^{-1} m^2 P$$

This equation is known as the Legendre equation.

$$P = P(\cos \theta)$$

The solutions are given by the associated Legendre polynomials

The combination  $PQ$  is given 11  
 by  $PQ = c' P_{em}(\cos\theta) e^{im\varphi} \equiv c' Y_{em}(\theta, \varphi)$

The constant  $c'$  is fixed by the spherical harmonics normalization sum rule

$$\sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{em}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{em}^*(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{2l+1}{4\pi}$$

$$Y_{00} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}}$$

$$Y_{11} = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin\theta e^{i\varphi} = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \frac{x+iy}{r}$$

$$Y_{10} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos\theta = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \frac{z}{r}$$

$$Y_{1-1} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin\theta e^{-i\varphi} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \frac{x-iy}{r}$$

We have found an infinite set of harmonic functions

$$\nabla^2 r^e Y_{em}(\theta, \varphi) = 0$$

$$e(e+1) = (-e-1)(-e-1) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow u(r) = \frac{1}{r^e} \text{ is also solution}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}} Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi) = 0$$

Most general solution of the Laplace eq.

$$\phi(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} (A_{\ell m} r^{\ell} + B_{\ell m} r^{-\ell-1}) Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

This is a complete set of functions

Strategy for solution of Poisson eq

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -4\pi\rho$$

then  $\nabla^2(\phi + \phi_h) = -4\pi\rho$

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special solution

$$\nabla^2 \phi_h = 0$$

Generally we have a charge distribution and boundary conditions. The  $\phi_h$  are determined by the boundary conditions.

outside charge distribution:  $\rho=0$   
 $\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \phi = 0$   $\phi \rightarrow 0$  for  $r \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow A_{\ell m} = 0$

inside charge distribution: solution should be regular  $\Rightarrow B_{\ell m} = 0$

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$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{1}{r} \partial_r^2 (r\phi) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \partial_\theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \phi^2}$$

$$\phi = \frac{u(r)}{r} P(\theta) Q(\varphi)$$

$$u(r) = \begin{cases} r^{l+1} \\ \frac{1}{r^l} \end{cases}$$

$$Q(\varphi) = e^{im\varphi}$$

$$+ \sin \theta \partial_\theta (\sin \theta \partial_\theta P) + l(l+1) \sin^2 \theta P - m^2 P = 0$$

$P = P(\cos \theta)$  is equation for Legendre polynomials.

$$P = \cos \theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta \partial_\theta (\sin \theta \partial_\theta P) = -2 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta$$

$\Rightarrow$  solution for  $l=1$  and  $m=0$ .

Today :- Uniqueness  
- Examples.



Some properties of spherical harmonics

$$Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} P_{lm}(\cos\theta) e^{im\varphi}$$

$$r^2 \nabla^2 Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = -l(l+1) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$Y_{l,-m}(\theta, \varphi) = (-1)^m Y_{lm}^*(\theta, \varphi)$$

orthogonality

$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta Y_{l'm'}^*(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

completeness

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = \delta(\varphi - \varphi') \times \delta(\cos\theta - \cos\theta')$$

⇒ An arbitrary function of  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$  can be expressed as

$$f(\theta, \varphi) = \sum a_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

same rule

$$\sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{2l+1}{4\pi}$$

$$r < a \quad \phi = \sum A_{e0} r^e Y_{e0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$r > a \quad \phi = \sum B_{e0} \frac{1}{r^{e+1}} Y_{e0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$Y_{e0}(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{2e+1}{4\pi}}$$

$$r < a \quad \text{on } z \text{ axis} \quad \phi(z) = \frac{q}{a-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q}{a} \left(\frac{z}{a}\right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{e0} = \frac{q}{a^{e+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2e+1}}$$

$$r > a \quad \text{on } z \text{ axis} \quad \phi(z) = \frac{q}{z-a} = q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^n}{z^{n+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{e0} = q a^e \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2e+1}}$$

potential in entire space is then given by

$$\phi(r < a) = \sum_{e=0}^{\infty} \frac{q r^e}{a^{e+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2e+1}} Y_{e0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$\phi(r > a) = \sum_{e=0}^{\infty} \frac{q a^e}{r^{e+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2e+1}} Y_{e0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

do not depend on  $\varphi$

Example 1charge  $q$  at  $r=0$ 

$$\rho(r) = q \delta^3(r)$$

potential is spherically symmetric

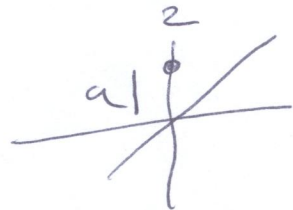
 $\Rightarrow$  only  $l=0$  and  $m=0$  are allowed

$$\Rightarrow \phi = A_{00} + \frac{B_{00}}{r}$$

$$\phi \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } r \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow A_{00} = 0$$

Example 2charge  $q$  at  $z=a$ 

$$\phi = \sum \left( A_{em} r^e + \frac{B_{em}}{r^{e+1}} \right) Y_{em}(\theta, \varphi)$$

axial symmetry  $\Rightarrow m=0$ We split the space in  $r < a$  and  $r > a$  $r < a$  ; potential is finite  $\Rightarrow B_{em} = 0$  $r > a$  ; potential vanishes for  $r \rightarrow \infty$ 

$$\Rightarrow A_{em} = 0$$

we are going to determine the coefficients

from the potential on the  $z$ -axiswhere it is given by  $\phi(z) = \frac{q}{|z-a|}$

$$r < a \quad \phi = \sum A_{\ell 0} r^{\ell} Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$r > a \quad \phi = \sum B_{\ell 0} \frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}} Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}}$$

$$r < a \quad \text{on } z \text{ axis} \quad \phi(z) = \frac{q}{a-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q}{a} \left(\frac{z}{a}\right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{\ell 0} = \frac{q}{a^{\ell+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}}$$

$$r > a \quad \text{on } z \text{ axis} \quad \phi(z) = \frac{q}{z-a} = q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^n}{z^{n+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{\ell 0} = q a^{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}}$$

potential in entire space is then given by

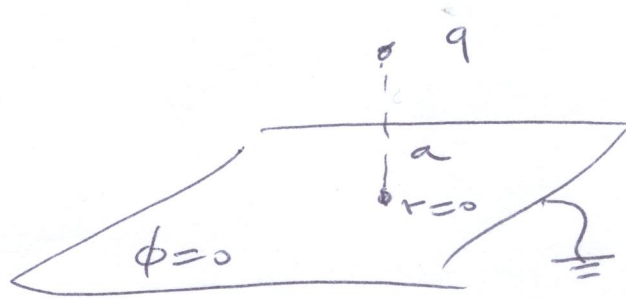
$$\phi(r < a) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{q r^{\ell}}{a^{\ell+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$\phi(r > a) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{q a^{\ell}}{r^{\ell+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

do not depend on  $\varphi$

### Example 3

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$\phi$  is axially symmetric  $\Rightarrow m=0$

again split space in  $r < a$  and  $r > a$

$r < a$  potential is finite  $\Rightarrow B_{lm} = 0$

$$\phi = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} A_{\ell 0} r^{\ell} Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$r > a$   $\phi \rightarrow 0$  for  $r \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow A_{\ell m} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} B_{\ell 0} \frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}} Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

Potential vanishes on the plane

$$\text{so } \phi(\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$$

$$Y_{\ell 0}(\frac{\pi}{2}, \varphi) = (1 + (-1)^{\ell}) (-1)^{\ell/2} c_{\ell}$$

$\Rightarrow \ell$  must be odd

$$\Rightarrow r < a \quad \phi = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} A_{\ell 0} (1 - (-1)^{\ell}) r^{\ell} Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

on z axis  $z \rightarrow a$  then  $\phi \rightarrow \frac{q}{a-z} = \sum_n \frac{q z^n}{a^{n+1}}$

$$\Rightarrow A_{\ell 0} = \frac{q}{a^{\ell+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} \quad (Y_{\ell 0}(\theta=0, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}})$$

$$\Rightarrow r < a \quad \phi(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{q}{a^{2\ell+1}} r^{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} (1 - (-1)^{\ell}) Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$r > a$  on  $z$  axis  $\phi \rightarrow \frac{q}{z-a} = \sum_n \frac{q a^n}{z^{n+1}}$

$$\Rightarrow A_{\ell 0} = q a^{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}}$$

$$\phi(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{q a^{\ell}}{r^{\ell+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} (1 - (-1)^{\ell}) Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

The first term is exactly the potential of a charge at  $r=a$ .

What about the  $(-1)^{\ell}$  term

$$(-1)^{\ell} Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi) = Y_{\ell 0}(\pi - \theta, \varphi)$$

$$r < a \quad \phi(r) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-q)}{a^{2\ell+1}} r^{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} Y_{\ell 0}(\pi - \theta, \varphi)$$

$$r > a \quad \phi(r) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-q)}{r^{2\ell+1}} a^{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} Y_{\ell 0}(\pi - \theta, \varphi)$$

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potential of charge  $-q$  at  $z = -a$

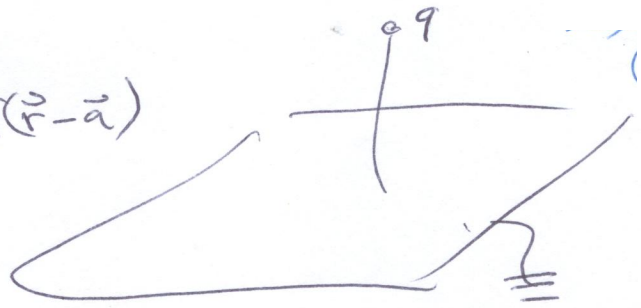
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# Alternate Method

$$\nabla^2 (\phi_q + \phi_H) = -4\pi \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{a})$$

$$\phi_q = \frac{q}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}|}$$



$$\nabla^2 \phi_H = 0 \Rightarrow \phi_H = \sum_l (A_{l0} r^l + \frac{B_{l0}}{r^{l+1}}) Y_{l0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_q &= q \sum_{r < a} a^{-l-1} r^l \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}} Y_{l0} \\ &= q \sum_{r > a} r^{-l-1} a^l \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}} Y_{l0} \end{aligned}$$

$\phi_q + \phi_H = 0$  on  $z=0$  plane i.e. for  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$Y_{l0}(\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \varphi) = (1 + (-1)^l) C_l$$

Vanishes for odd  $l$ .

$\Rightarrow A_{l0}$  and  $B_{l0}$  for odd  $l$  are not determined by the boundary conditions

$$r < a \quad A_{l0} = -q \frac{1}{a^{l+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}}$$

$l$  is even

$$\text{on } z \text{ axis} \quad \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} -q \frac{r^{2l}}{a^{2l+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{4l+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{4l+1}} = -\frac{q}{a(1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2})}$$

$$= -\frac{qa}{a^2 - r^2} = -\frac{qa}{2a} \left( \frac{1}{a-r} + \frac{1}{a+r} \right)$$

There can be no singularity at  $r = a$

This has to be cancelled by the odd  $l$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_{2l+1,0} r^{2l+1} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{4l+2}} & \left| A_{2l+1,0} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2(2l+1)}} \frac{1}{a^{2l+2}} q \right. \\ \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{q r^{2l+1}}{a^{2l+2}} &= \frac{qr}{a^2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2}} = \frac{qr}{a^2 - r^2} \end{aligned}$$

combining even and odd gives

$$A_{\ell 0} = -q \frac{(-1)^\ell}{a^{\ell+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}}$$

on the z axis this gives  $\frac{q(r-a)}{a^2-r^2} = \frac{-q}{a+r}$

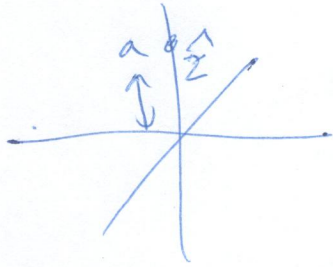
this is the potential of charge  $-q$  at  $z=a$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{r < a}^H = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (-q) \frac{(-1)^\ell r^\ell}{a^{\ell+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

The analysis for  $r > a$  is completely analogous.



## Lecture #6



$$\phi(r < a) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{q r^{\ell}}{a^{\ell+1}} V_{\ell}$$

$$\phi(r > a) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{q a^{\ell}}{r^{\ell+1}}$$

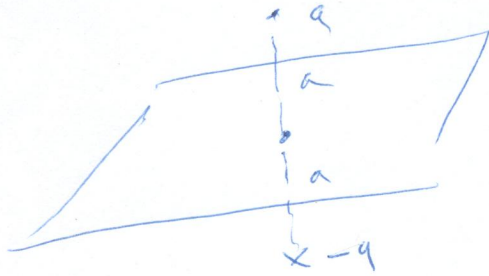


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To day :

- Uniqueness theorem
- general proper
- image charges

This problem can be solved

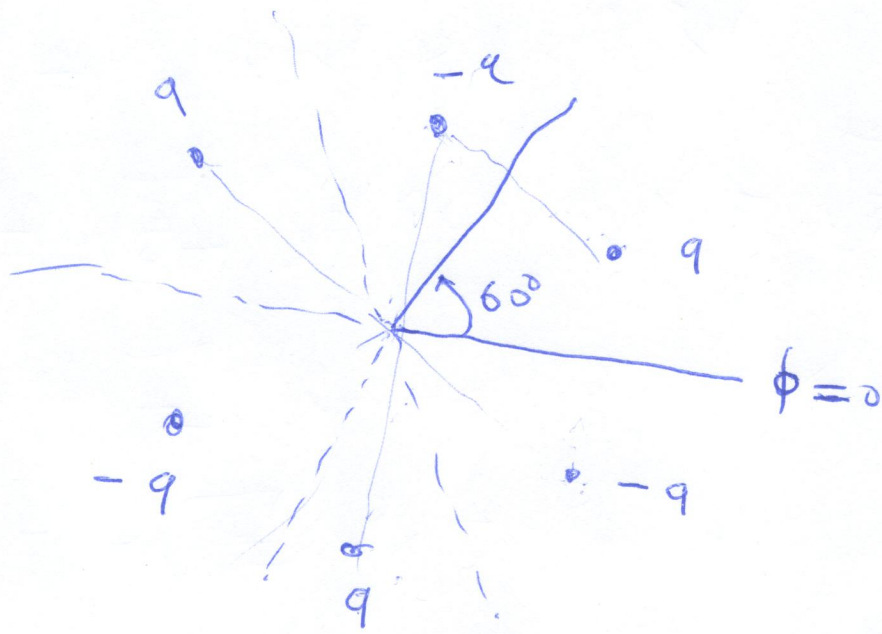
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The trick is to find other charges that give the same boundary conditions



$\Rightarrow$  Solution on the right of the plane is the same, not <sup>on</sup> the left

$$\phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}|} - \frac{q}{|\vec{r} + \vec{a}|}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> Example of image charges

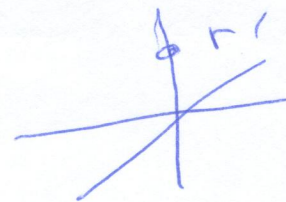
# Expansion of $\frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$ in spherical harmonics

choose  $(\vec{r} > r')$

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} = \sum \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} A_{lm} P_l^m Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

choose  $\vec{r}'$  on z axis

on z axis:  $\frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{r'^k}{r^{k+1}}$



no dependence on  $\varphi \Rightarrow m=0$

$$\Rightarrow A_{l0} = \frac{r'^l}{Y_{l0}(\theta, \varphi)} = r'^l \left(\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}\right)^{1/2} Y_{l0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} = \sum \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} r'^l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} Y_{l0}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{l0}(\theta', \varphi)$$

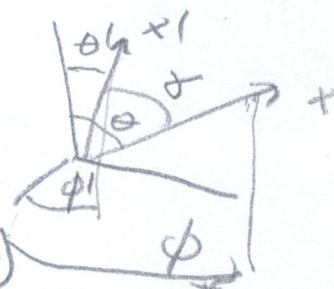
only depends on angle between  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{r}'$

$$Y_{l0}(\theta, 0) = \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

$$Y_{l0}(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

addition theorem

$$P_l(\cos\theta) = \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi')$$

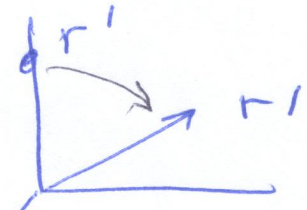


$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{r'^l}{r^{l+1}} Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} = \sum_{\ell} \frac{r'^{\ell}}{r^{\ell+1}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} Y_{\ell 0}(\theta, \varphi)$$

↑  
on z-axis

now rotate  $r' \rightarrow (\theta', \varphi')$



then

$$Y_{\ell m}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{m''} D_{m'' m}^{\ell} Y_{\ell m''}(R_{\theta', \varphi'}(\theta, \varphi))$$

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 new  $\theta, \varphi$  coordinates of  $\vec{r}$

Wigner D matrices

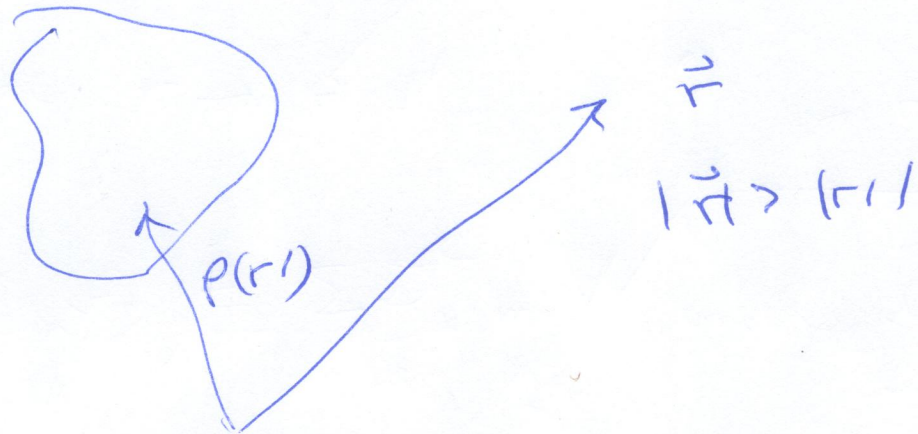
$$D_{m'' 0}^{\ell} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} Y_{\ell m''}^*(\theta', \varphi')$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} = \sum_{\ell m''} \frac{r'^{\ell}}{r^{\ell+1}} \frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1} Y_{\ell m''}^*(\theta', \varphi') Y_{\ell m''}(\theta, \varphi)$$

note that  $r > r'$

# Multipole expansion

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$$\phi(r) = \int d^3r' \rho(r') \frac{1}{|\vec{r}' - \vec{r}|}$$

$$= \int d^3r' \rho(r') \sum_{lm} \frac{r'^l}{r^{l+1}} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \rho(r') Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') \times Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

multipole moment

$$Q_{lm} = \int d^3r' r'^l \rho(r') Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi')$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(r) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Q_{lm}$$

$l=0$  monopole

$l=1$  dipole

$l=2$  quadrupole

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} = \sum_{em} \frac{r'^e}{r^{e+1}} \frac{4\pi}{2e+1} Y_{em}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{em}(\theta, \phi)$$

$r > r'$  then  $r' < r$

multipole expansion

$$Q_{em} = \int d^3r' r'^e \rho(r') Y_{em}^*(\theta', \phi')$$

$$\phi(r) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) Q_{lm}$$

 $l=0$  monopole $l=1$  dipole $l=2$  quadrupoleToday - image charges

- Dipole moment

- Electrostatics of conductors

2d Gauss theorem

$$\int_{\partial V} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} d^2a = \int_{\partial V} \vec{A} \cdot \hat{n} ds$$

Stokes theorem

$$\int_{\partial D} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} d^2a = \int_{\partial D} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

2d E field

$$\vec{E} = q \frac{\vec{x}}{r^2} + q \frac{\vec{y}}{r^2}$$

$$\int_{\partial D} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \int_{\partial D} q \left( \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}}{r^2} + \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{y}}{r^2} \right) ds = q \frac{2\pi r}{r} = 2\pi q$$

b) Dipole moment

$$\vec{p} = \int d^3x' \rho(x') \vec{x}'$$

$$Q_{10} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \int z' \rho(x') d^3x' = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} P_z$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{11} &= -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \int (x' - iy') \rho(x') d^3x' \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} (P_x - iP_y) \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_{1-1} = -Q_{11}^* = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} (P_x + iP_y)$$

The potential of a dipole is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(r) &= \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{r^2} \left( Y_{11} \left( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \right) (P_x - iP_y) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + Y_{10} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} P_z \right. \\ &\quad \left. + Y_{1-1} \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} (P_x + iP_y) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{11} &= -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \frac{(x + iy)}{r} & Y_{10} &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \frac{z}{r} \\ Y_{1-1} &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \frac{(x - iy)}{r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(r) &= \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{r^3} \left( (x + iy)(P_x - iP_y) \frac{3}{8\pi} + z P_z \frac{3}{4\pi} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (x - iy)(P_x + iP_y) \frac{3}{8\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r^3} (x P_x + y P_y + z P_z) = \frac{1}{r^3} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{p}) \end{aligned}$$



# Electrostatics of conductors

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$$\vec{E} = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \rho = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  we can only have a surface charge density on a conductor.

$$\vec{E} = 0 \quad \vec{E} = \nabla \phi \Rightarrow$$

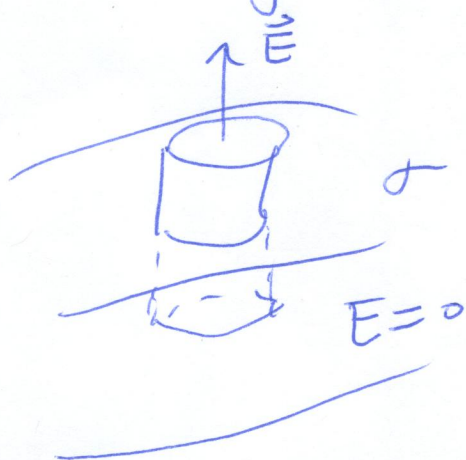
• conductor is an equipotential surface

$$\phi_{12} = - \int_1^2 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$



•  $\vec{E} \perp$  surface, otherwise the electrons will rearrange

• Surface charge density



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{n} \, da = 4\pi \sigma A$$
$$\Rightarrow E \perp A = 4\pi \sigma A$$

$$E_{\perp} = 4\pi \sigma$$

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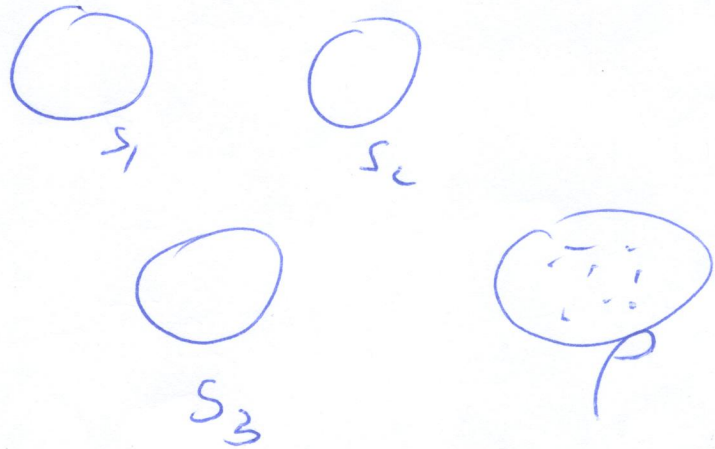
Today: Uniqueness Theorem  
Green's Function  
Application

# Uniqueness theorem

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give  $\rho$ , conducting surfaces  $S_i$  with charge  $Q_i$  or potential  $\phi_i$ , then the electric field is determined uniquely

Proof



Suppose we have two different potentials

$$\vec{E}_1 = -\vec{\nabla}\psi_1, \quad \vec{E}_2 = -\vec{\nabla}\psi_2$$

then 
$$I = \int_V d^3r (\vec{\nabla}\psi_1 - \vec{\nabla}\psi_2)^2 \neq 0$$
  
 $V = \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \cup S_i$

$$= \int_V d^3r \vec{\nabla}(\psi_1 - \psi_2) \cdot \vec{\nabla}(\psi_1 - \psi_2)$$

*apply Gauss theorem to  $\vec{\nabla}[(\psi_1 - \psi_2) \vec{\nabla}(\psi_1 - \psi_2)]$*

$$= \sum_i \int_{S_i} da \vec{n} (\psi_1^i - \psi_2^i) \vec{\nabla}(\psi_1^i - \psi_2^i) - \int_V d^3r (\psi_1 - \psi_2) \times \vec{\nabla}^2(\psi_1 - \psi_2)$$

$\psi_k^i$  is constant on  $S_i$

$$= \sum_i \int_{S_i} (\psi_1^i - \psi_2^i) \vec{n} \cdot (\vec{E}_{1i} - \vec{E}_{2i})$$

$\vec{\nabla}^2 \psi_1 = \rho$      $\vec{\nabla}^2 \psi_2 = \rho$

$$= \sum_i (\psi_1^i - \psi_2^i) (Q_1^i - Q_2^i) \Rightarrow \text{qed}$$

# Green's function

Definition  $\nabla_{x'}^2 G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = -4\pi \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$

So  $G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} + F(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')$

with  $\nabla_{x'}^2 F(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = 0$

$F$  is determined by the boundary conditions

for a single charge in vacuum

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

↑  
is potential at  $x$  from unit charge at  $x'$

Green's function is symmetric

$$\int d^3r G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_1) \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_2) = \int d^3r \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_1) G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_2)$$

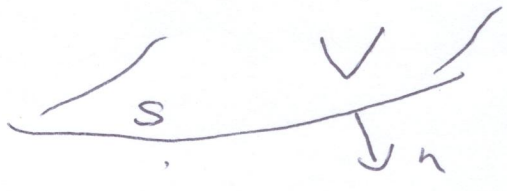
$$\Rightarrow -4\pi G(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1) = -4\pi G(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$$

# Application of Green's Function

Gauss: 
$$\int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} d^3x = \oint_S \vec{A} \cdot \vec{n} da$$

choose  $\vec{A} = \phi \vec{\nabla} \psi$

↑ arbitrary



Then 
$$\vec{\nabla} \vec{A} = \phi \vec{\nabla}^2 \psi + \vec{\nabla} \phi \vec{\nabla} \psi$$

$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{n} = \phi \vec{\nabla} \psi \cdot \vec{n} \equiv \phi \partial_n \psi$

$$\Rightarrow \int_V (\phi \vec{\nabla}^2 \psi + \vec{\nabla} \phi \vec{\nabla} \psi) d^3x = \int_S \phi \vec{\nabla} \psi \cdot \vec{n} da$$

Green I

subtract same eq with  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  interchanged

Green II: 
$$\int_V (\phi \vec{\nabla}^2 \psi - \psi \vec{\nabla}^2 \phi) d^3x = \oint_S (\phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} - \psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n}) da'$$

choose  $\phi$  a potential  $\vec{\nabla}^2 \phi = -4\pi\rho$   
 and  $\psi$  a Green's function  $\psi = G(x', x)$   

$$\nabla_{x'}^2 G(\vec{x}', \vec{x}) = -4\pi \delta^3(x', x)$$

$$-4\pi \phi(x) + 4\pi \int \rho(x') G(x', x) d^3x'$$

$$= \oint_S \phi(x') (\vec{\nabla}_{x'} G(x', x) - G(x', x) \vec{\nabla} \phi) \cdot \vec{n} da$$

choose Green's function such that  $G(x', x) = 0$  if  $x' \in S$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x) = \int \rho(x') G(x', x) d^3x' - \oint_S \phi(x') \vec{\nabla}_{x'} G(x', x) \cdot \vec{n} da$$

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Green's function  $\vec{\nabla}_{x'}^2 G(\vec{x}, x') = -4\pi\delta^3(x-x')$

$$G(x, y) = G(y, x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &= \int \rho(x') G(x', x) d^3x' \\ &\quad - \oint_S \phi(x') \vec{\nabla}_{x'} G(x', x) \cdot \hat{n} da \end{aligned}$$


Today

- Energy
- stress tensor
- Example

# 4. Energy and stress in an electrostatic Field

## c) Energy

Work done to bring a small charge  $dq_i$  from  $\infty$  to  $r_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \delta W_i &= (\phi(r_i) - \phi(\infty)) \delta q_i \\ &= - \int_{\infty}^{r_i} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \delta q_i \end{aligned}$$


total work for many charges brought from infinity

$$\begin{aligned} \delta W &= \sum_i \delta W_i = \sum_i \phi(r_i) \delta q_i \\ &= \int d^3r \phi(r) \delta \rho(r) \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = -4\pi \rho \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \rho = \frac{1}{4\pi} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta \vec{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta W = \int d^3r \phi(r) \frac{1}{4\pi} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta \vec{E}$$

$$= - \int d^3r \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \frac{1}{4\pi} \delta \vec{E}$$

partial integration

we integrate over all space  $\Rightarrow$  surface term vanishes

$$\Rightarrow \delta W = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r \vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{E}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r \delta \vec{E}^2$$

work done to change the field strength from  $E_0 \rightarrow E_F$

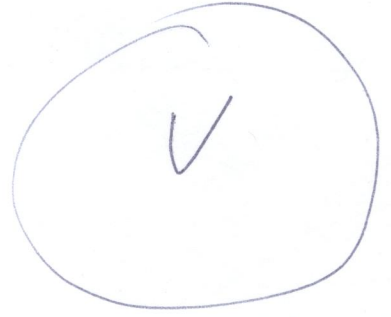
$$W = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r (E_F^2 - E_0^2)$$

$\vec{E}$  is changed by taking charges from  $\infty$  to  $r_i$

$\Rightarrow$  energy density  $\bar{u} = \frac{\vec{E}^2}{8\pi}$

b) stress tensor

Force on charges inside  $S$



$$F_i = \int_V d^3r \rho(\vec{r}) E_i(\vec{r})$$

$i=1,2,3$   $\leftarrow$   $i$ th component of  $\vec{E}$   $\partial V = S$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_V d^3r \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} E_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_V d^3r (\partial_j (E_j E_i) - E_j \partial_j E_i)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j E_k - \partial_k E_j) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_j E_k - \partial_k E_j = 0 \quad k \neq j$$

and trivially  $= 0$  for  $k=j$

$$\Rightarrow E_j \partial_j E_i = E_j \partial_i E_j + \underbrace{E_j \partial_j E_i - E_j \partial_i E_j}_{=0} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_i E_j^2$$

$$\Rightarrow F_i = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_V d^3r \partial_j (E_j E_i - \delta_{ij} \frac{\vec{E}^2}{2})$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gauss}}{\Rightarrow} = \int_S dS_j T_{ji}$$

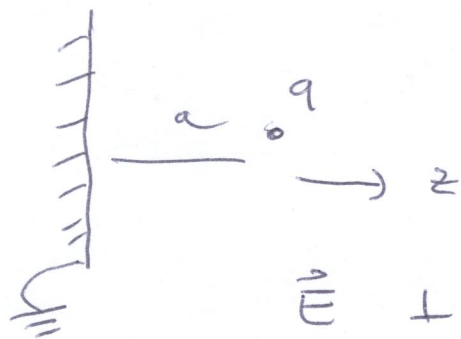
Maxwell stress tensor

$$T_{ji} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (E_j E_i - \delta_{ij} \frac{\vec{E}^2}{2})$$



# Example

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$\vec{E} \perp$  surface at surface

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = (0, 0, E_z)$$

$$T_{jil_s} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} E_z^2 & & \\ & -\frac{1}{2} E_z^2 & \\ & & \frac{1}{2} E_z^2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

$$F_i = \int ds_i T_{ji}$$

$$= \int \vec{n} ds T_{33} = - \int \frac{1}{8\pi} E_z^2 ds$$

normal to the outside From the point of view of the charge

$E$  is the field due to the charge and image charge

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{q}{(a^2 + \rho^2)^{3/2}} \cos \vartheta$$

$$= -\frac{2qa}{(a^2 + \rho^2)^{3/2}} \text{ at } \vartheta = 0$$



$$\vec{F}_z = - \int ds \frac{1}{8\pi} E_z^2 = - \int_{\text{Spapdy}} ds \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{4q^2 a^2}{(a^2 + \rho^2)^3}$$

$$= -\frac{2\pi}{8\pi} 4 \int_0^\infty \rho d\rho \frac{q^2 a^2}{(a^2 + \rho^2)^3} = -\frac{q^2}{a^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho d\rho}{(1 + \rho^2)^3}$$

$$= -\frac{q^2}{4a^2} \text{ correct}$$

Energy in terms of charges

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_E &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_V \vec{E}^2 d^3r \\
 &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_V \vec{\nabla}\phi \cdot \vec{\nabla}\phi d^3r \\
 &= -\frac{1}{8\pi} \int_V \phi \nabla^2 \phi d^3r \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \phi(r) \rho(r) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r d^3r' \frac{\rho(r) \rho(r')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}
 \end{aligned}$$

↑  
factor  $\frac{1}{2}$  because this is the work energy to bring charges from infinity.

for a collection of point charge

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{q_i q_j}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|}$$

the energy is always because of the field from another charge.

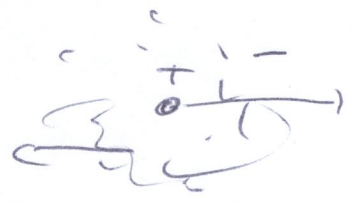
We see later that the energy of a magnetic field is  $W_B = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r \vec{B}^2$

$$T + W_E + W_B = \text{constant}$$

↑ Kinetic energy

### 5) Electrostatics in matter

- in conductors electrons can move freely
- in dielectric the electrons are bound to the atoms



in electric field the charge distribution of the electrons gets displaced wrt the nucleus and the atom gets a dipole moment.

model This effect can be approximated by a dipole density  $\vec{p}(r)$

This gives the potential

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(r) &= \sum_i \frac{\vec{p}_i \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i|^3} \\
 &= \sum_i p_i \vec{\nabla}_r \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i|} \\
 &= \int d^3r' \vec{p}(r') \vec{\nabla}_r \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \\
 &= \int d^3r' \left( \nabla_{r'} \left( p(r') \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) - \frac{(\nabla_{r'} p(r'))}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_{S=\partial V} \frac{\vec{p}(r') \cdot d\vec{a}}{|r-r'|} + \int d^3r' \frac{(-\vec{\nabla}_{r'} \cdot \vec{p}(r'))}{|r-r'|}$$

potential of surface charge density on S

induced charge density

$$\sigma = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$\rho_b = -\vec{\nabla}_{r'} \cdot \vec{p}(r')$$

- if the dipole density is constant then  $\vec{\nabla}_{r'} \cdot \vec{p}(r') = 0$  and we only have a surface charge density

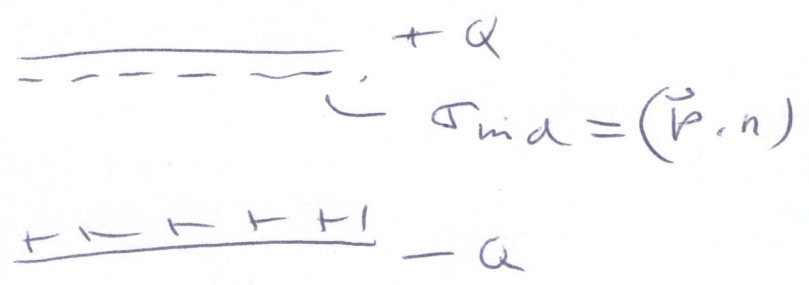
effect of induced charge density

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= 4\pi(\rho + \rho_{ind}) \\ &= 4\pi(\rho - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{p}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} + 4\pi\vec{p})}_{\equiv \vec{D}} = 4\pi\rho \quad \uparrow \text{free charges}$$

For linear media we have  $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$

For a surface charge density we have.



$$\vec{E} = 4\pi(\sigma - \sigma_{ind}) \cdot \vec{n}$$

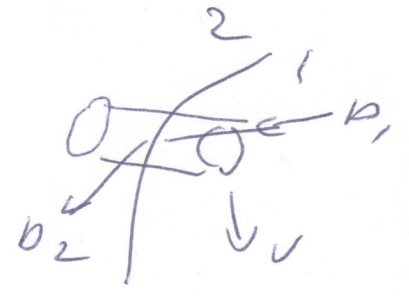
$$= 4\pi(\sigma - (\vec{P} \cdot \vec{n})) \vec{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{E} + 4\pi\vec{P}) = 4\pi\sigma\vec{n}$$

5b) Boundary conditions in a medium

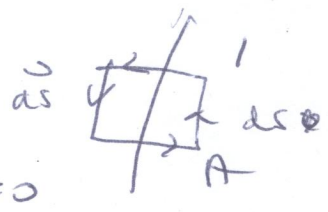
$$\int_{\partial V} \vec{D} \cdot \vec{n} da = 4\pi\sigma A$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{2n} - D_{1n} = 4\pi\sigma$$



$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\int_{\partial A} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{ds} = \int \nabla \times \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dA} = 0$$

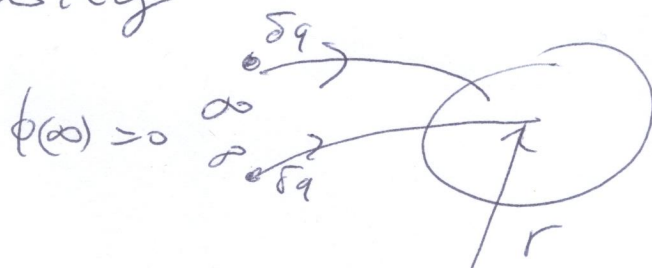


$$E_{tang}^1 - E_{tang}^2 = 0$$

# Electrostatic energy in a medium

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We do this again by building up a charge density



Work done

$$\begin{aligned} \delta W &= \sum_i \delta q_i \phi(\vec{r}_i) \\ &= \int d^3r \delta \rho(\vec{r}) \phi(\vec{r}) \\ &= \int d^3r \frac{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta \vec{D}}{4\pi} \phi(\vec{r}) \\ &= - \int d^3r \frac{\delta \vec{D}}{4\pi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi \\ &\doteq \int d^3r \frac{\delta \vec{D}}{4\pi} \cdot \vec{E} \end{aligned}$$

For a linear medium

$$\vec{D}_i = \epsilon_{ij} E_j$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r \epsilon_{ij} \delta E_j E_i$$

$$\epsilon_{ij} = \epsilon_{ij}^S + \epsilon_{ij}^A$$

$$\epsilon_{ij}^S = \epsilon_{ji}^S$$

$$\epsilon_{ij}^A = -\epsilon_{ji}^A$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r \epsilon_{ij}^S \delta E_j E_i &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r \epsilon_{ij}^S \frac{1}{2} \delta (E_i E_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r \delta (\vec{D}^S \cdot \vec{E}) \end{aligned}$$

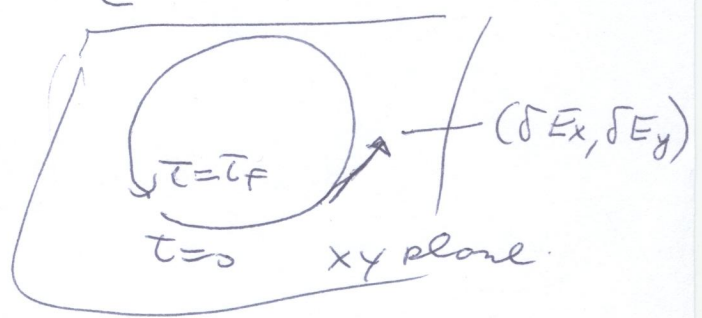
$$\Rightarrow W = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r \vec{D}^S \cdot \vec{E}$$

For the anti-symmetric part of the dielectric constant we obtain

$$\delta W = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r \epsilon_{ij}^A \frac{1}{2} (\delta E_j \cdot E_i - \delta E_i \cdot E_j)$$

We now let the electric field depend on a parameter  $\tau$

$$\vec{E} \rightarrow \vec{E}(\tau)$$



and calculate the work after  $\vec{E}$  returns again to the same value.

$$\oint \delta W d\tau = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r \frac{\epsilon_{ij}^A}{2} \oint d\tau (\delta E_j E_i - \delta E_i E_j)$$

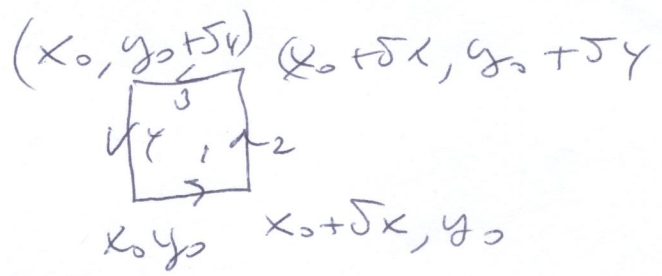
We consider  $\vec{E}$  in the xy plane.

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r \frac{\epsilon_{xy}^A}{2} \oint d\tau (\delta E_y E_x - \delta E_x E_y)$$
  
$$\oint (E_x dE_y - E_y dE_x)$$

This is in  $E_x, E_y$  space  
Let's look how this work for

$$x, y \quad \oint (x dy - y dx)$$

We consider an infinitesimal loop



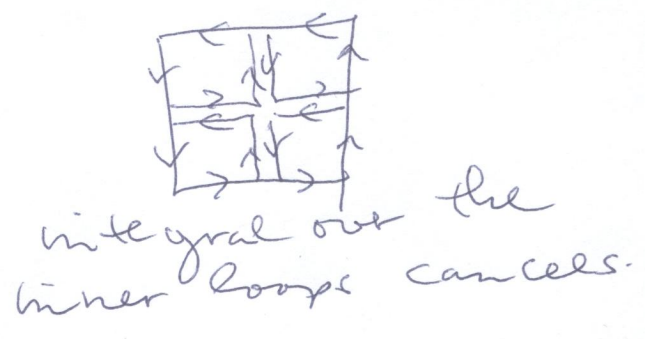
$$\frac{1}{2} \int (x dy - y dx)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (-y_0 \overset{\textcircled{1}}{\delta x} + (x_0 + \delta x) \overset{\textcircled{2}}{\delta y}$$

$$- (x_0 + \delta x) \overset{\textcircled{3}}{\delta y} - x_0 \overset{\textcircled{4}}{\delta y}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} 2 \delta x \delta y = \text{area of loop}$$

For bigger loop



$\Rightarrow \delta W \neq 0$  when  $\vec{E}$  returns to its original values.

$\Rightarrow \sum_{ij}^A$  describes absorption