

Dielectrics in Static Electric Field

- ❖ No free charge in dielectrics to make interior charge density and electric field vanish
- ❖ Dielectrics contain bound charge
 - effect on the electric field
- ❖ E-field → small displacement of positive and negative charges (bound charge) → polarize a dielectric material
 - a. Polar molecules : permanent dipole moments
 - ex) H₂O (two or more dissimilar atoms) → $P \sim 10^{-30}$ (C·m)
 - ☞ Individual dipoles are randomly oriented
 - macroscopically no net dipole
 - ☞ Some have a permanent dipole moment even in the absence of external field → electrets
 - b. nonpolar molecules : no permanent dipole moments

Equivalent Charge Distribution of Polarized Dielectrics

❖ Define polarization vector, \vec{P}

$$\vec{P} = \lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n\Delta v} \vec{p}_k}{\Delta v} \quad [\text{C}/\text{m}^2] \quad : \text{volume density of electric dipole moment}$$

$d\vec{P}$ of an elemental volume $d\vec{p} = \vec{P}dv'$

$$dV = \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \hat{R}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} dv' \quad \left(\text{cf) potential due to a dipole } V = \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \hat{R}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \right)$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{v'} \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \hat{R}}{R^2} dv', \quad \text{where } R \text{ is the distance from } dv' \text{ to a fixed field point.}$$

cf) $R^2 = (x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + (z - z')^2$ in Cartesian coordinate.

$$\nabla' \left(\frac{1}{R} \right) = \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (z-z')^2}} \right) = \frac{\vec{R}}{R^3} = \frac{\hat{R}}{R^2}$$

$$\vec{R} = (x - x') \hat{x} + (y - y') \hat{y} + (z - z') \hat{z}$$

Equivalent Charge Distribution of Polarized Dielectrics

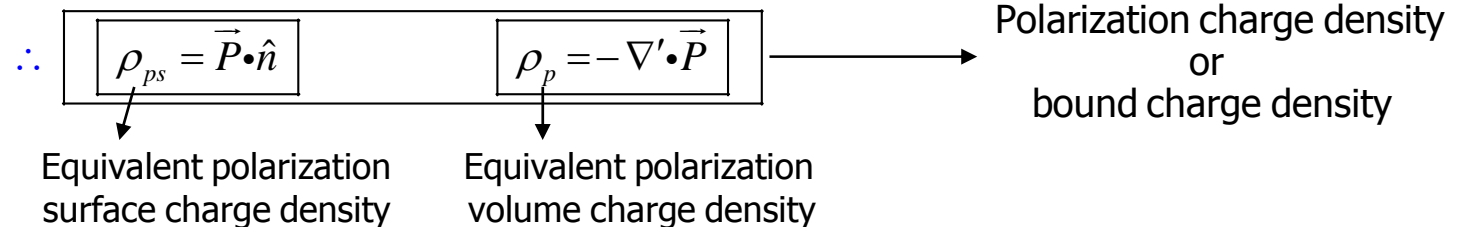
$$\therefore V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{v'} \vec{P} \cdot \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{R} \right) dv'$$

cf) $\nabla' \cdot (f \vec{A}) = f \nabla' \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{A} \cdot \nabla' f \Rightarrow \therefore \vec{P} \cdot \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{R} \right) = \nabla' \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{P}}{R} \right) - \frac{1}{R} (\nabla' \cdot \vec{P})$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\int_{v'} \nabla' \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{P}}{R} \right) dv' - \int_{v'} \frac{\nabla' \cdot \vec{P}}{R} dv' \right] \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oint_{s'} \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}'}{R} ds'}_{\text{surface}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{v'} \frac{(-\nabla' \cdot \vec{P})}{R} dv'}_{\text{volume}} \end{aligned}$$

cf) potential due to surface and volume charge

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{v'} \frac{\rho_v}{R} dv' \quad (3-61), \quad V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{s'} \frac{\rho_s}{R} ds' \quad (3-62)$$



Equivalent Charge Distribution of Polarized Dielectrics

cf) Imaginary elemental surface Δs of a nonpolar dielectric, net charge crossing the surface Δs is,

$\Delta Q = nq(\vec{d} \cdot \hat{n})\Delta s$, where n is the number of molecules per unit volume

$nq\vec{d}$: dipole moment per unit volume \Rightarrow polarization vector \vec{P}

$$\Delta Q = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}(\Delta s) \Rightarrow \rho_{ps} = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta s} = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} \quad \text{outward normal}$$

cf) For a surface S bounding a volume V ,
the net total charge flowing out of V
= negative of the net charge remaining within the volume V

$$Q = -\oint_S \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} ds = \int_V -(\nabla \cdot \vec{P}) dv = \int_V \rho_p dv$$

Electric Flux density and Dielectric Constant

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\rho + \rho_p)$$

$$\rho_p = -\nabla \cdot \vec{P}$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot (\epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}) = \rho$$

equivalent volume charge
density of polarization

❖ Define new fundamental quantity

$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$ (C/m²): electric flux density or electric displacement

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \text{ (C/m}^3\text{)}$$

→ valid everywhere

→ free charge density note no ϵ_0 appear

cf) $\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$

→ Two of static maxwell equations

$$\therefore \oint_s \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q \Rightarrow \text{Gauss's law} \left(\oint_s \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \right)$$

Electric Flux density and Dielectric Constant

❖ Permittivity of dielectric material

➤ linear and isotropic dielectric media :

☞ Polarization is directly proportional to the electric field intensity

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

where χ_e : electric susceptibility (dimensionless quantity)

cf) medium is linear if χ_e is independent of \vec{E}

medium is homogeneous if χ_e is independent of space coordinate.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{D} &= \varepsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E} + \varepsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E} \\ &= \varepsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \vec{E} \\ &= \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r \vec{E} = \varepsilon \vec{E} \end{aligned}$$

$\varepsilon_r = 1 + \chi_e = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0}$: relative permittivity or dielectric constant of the medium

$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r$: absolute permittivity (permittivity)

Electric Flux density and Dielectric Constant

- anisotropic medium

- ☞ Dielectric constant is different for different directions of the electric field

- ⇒ \vec{D} and \vec{E} vectors generally have different directions.

- ⇒ permittivity is a tensor.

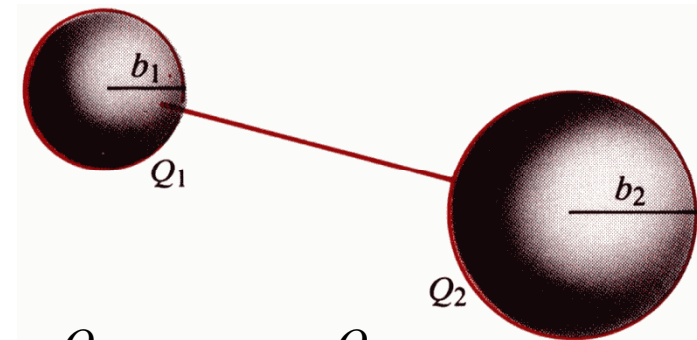
$$\begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \\ D_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} & \epsilon_{12} & \epsilon_{13} \\ \epsilon_{21} & \epsilon_{22} & \epsilon_{23} \\ \epsilon_{31} & \epsilon_{32} & \epsilon_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- ❖ Dielectric strength

- Maximum electric field intensity that dielectric material can withstand without breakdown.

Ex) 3-13. Two connected conducting spheres

- ✓ Two spherical conductors with radius b_1 and b_2 ($b_2 > b_1$)
- ✓ Connected by a conducting wire
- ✓ Distance is large enough to ignore influence of each sphere on the other
- ✓ Total charge Q is deposited on the sphere



sol) Two conductors are at the same potential

$$a) \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b_1} = \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b_2}$$

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2}, \quad Q_1 + Q_2 = Q$$

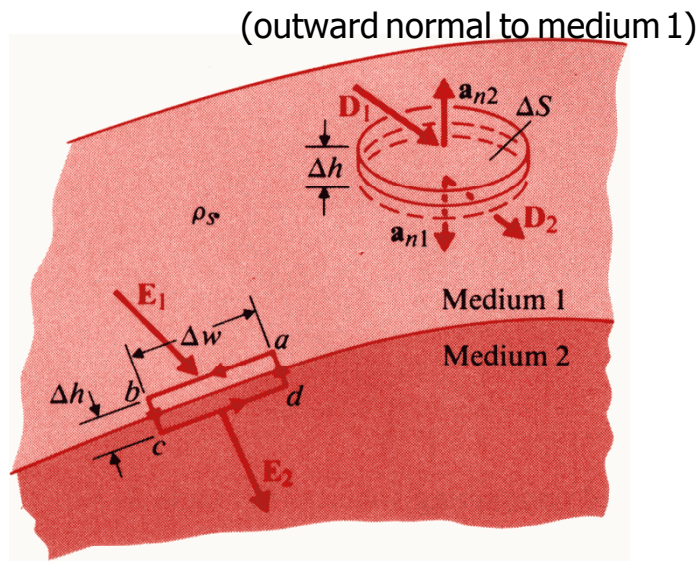
$$Q_1 = \frac{b_1}{b_1 + b_2} Q, \quad Q_2 = \frac{b_2}{b_1 + b_2} Q$$

$$b) E_{1n} = \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b_1^2}, \quad E_{2n} = \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b_2^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{E_{1n}}{E_{2n}} = \left(\frac{b_2}{b_1}\right)^2 \frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{b_2}{b_1}$$

larger curvature \Rightarrow smaller sphere : higher electric field intensity

Boundary Conditions for Electrostatic Fields



① $\Delta h \rightarrow 0$

$$\oint_{abcd} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \vec{E}_1 \cdot \Delta \vec{w} + \vec{E}_2 \cdot (-\Delta \vec{w})$$

$$= E_{1t} \Delta w - E_{2t} \Delta w = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{E_{1t} = E_{2t}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{D_{1t}}{\epsilon_1} = \frac{D_{2t}}{\epsilon_2}$$

☞ the tangential component of an \vec{E} field is continuous across an interface

② Cylinder $\Delta h \rightarrow 0$

$$\oint_s \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = (\vec{D}_1 \cdot \hat{n}_2 + \vec{D}_2 \cdot \hat{n}_1) \Delta S = \hat{n}_2 \cdot (\vec{D}_1 - \vec{D}_2) \Delta S = Q = \rho_s \Delta S$$

$$\therefore \hat{n}_2 \cdot (\vec{D}_1 - \vec{D}_2) = \rho_s \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{n}_1 \cdot (\vec{D}_2 - \vec{D}_1) = \rho_s$$

i.e., $\boxed{D_{1n} - D_{2n} = \rho_s \text{ (C/m}^2\text{)}} \quad \text{reference normal is } \hat{n}_2$

Ex) 3-15 Boundary conditions

- ❖ Tangential \vec{E} should be continuous at boundary.

$$E_2 \sin \alpha_2 = E_1 \sin \alpha_1$$

- ❖ Normal \vec{D} should be continuous at boundary.

$$\epsilon_2 E_2 \cos \alpha_2 = \epsilon_1 E_1 \cos \alpha_1$$

$$\therefore E_2 = \sqrt{E_{2t}^2 + E_{2n}^2} = \sqrt{(E_2 \sin \alpha_2)^2 + (E_2 \cos \alpha_2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(E_1 \sin \alpha_1)^2 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} E_1 \cos \alpha_1 \right)^2} = E_1 \left[\sin^2 \alpha_1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \cos \alpha_1 \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

note 1

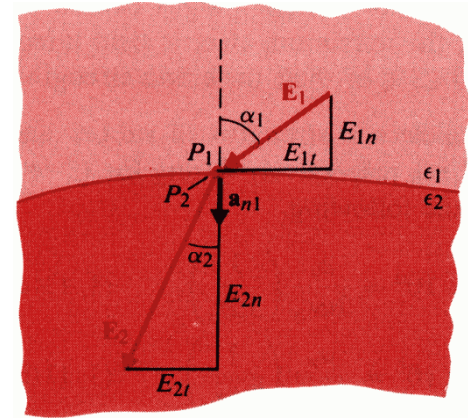
The normal component of \vec{D} field is discontinuous across an interface where a surface charge exists.

note 2

If, $\rho_s = 0$, then $D_{1n} = D_{2n}$

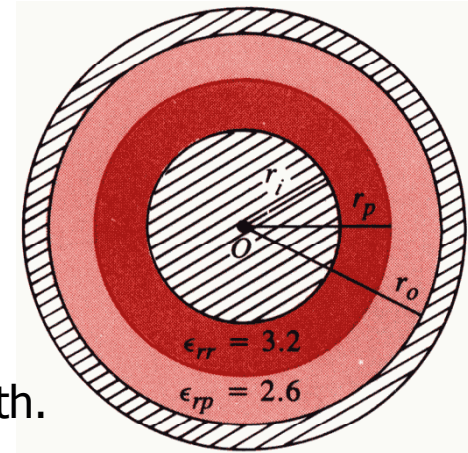
Summary :

$$\begin{array}{l} E_{1t} = E_{2t} \\ \hat{n}_1 \cdot (\vec{D}_2 - \vec{D}_1) = \rho_s \end{array}$$



Ex) 3-16. coaxial cable

- ✓ The radius of the inner conductor : 0.4 cm
 - ✓ Concentric layers of rubber $\epsilon_{rr} = 3.2$
 - ✓ Polystyrene , $\epsilon_{rp} = 2.6$
- Design a cable that is to work at a voltage rating of 20kV.
→ E field are not to exceed 25% of their dielectric strength.



sol) Dielectric strength of rubber : 25×10^6 V/m

Dielectric strength of polystyrene : 20×10^6 V/m

Cylindrical symmetry → Consider only E_r component

$$\max E_r = 0.25 \times 25 \times 10^6 = \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{3.2 r_i} \right)$$

$$\max E_p = 0.25 \times 20 \times 10^6 = \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{2.6 r_p} \right)$$

$$r_p = 1.54 r_i = 0.616 \text{ [cm]}$$

Ex) 3-16. coaxial cable

Potential difference

$$-\int_{r_o}^{r_p} E_p dr - \int_{r_p}^{r_i} E_r dr = 20,000$$

$$\frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon_{rp}} \left(-\int_{r_o}^{r_p} \frac{1}{r} dr \right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{rr}} \left(-\int_{r_p}^{r_i} \frac{1}{r} dr \right) \right] = \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{2.6} \ln \frac{r_o}{r_p} + \frac{1}{3.2} \ln \frac{r_p}{r_i} \right) = 20,000$$

$$r_i = 0.4, \quad r_p = 0.616,$$

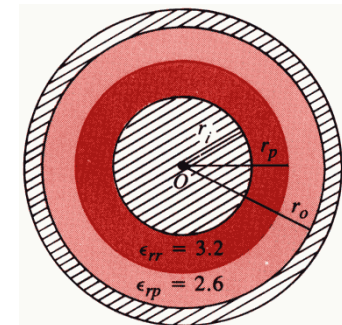
$$\therefore \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} = 0.25 \times 20 \times 10^6 \times 2.6 r_p = 8 \times 10^4, \quad \therefore r_o = 2.08 r_i = 0.832 \text{ [cm]}$$

$$\text{cf) } \frac{5}{4} = \frac{2.6 r_p}{3.2 r_i} \Rightarrow r_p = \frac{5}{4} \times \frac{3.2}{2.6} r_i$$

if order is reversed,

$$0.25 \times 20 \times 10^6 = \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{2.6} \cdot \frac{1}{r_i}, \quad 0.25 \times 25 \times 10^6 = \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{3.2} \cdot \frac{1}{r_r}$$

$$\frac{4}{5} = \frac{3.2 r_r}{2.6 r_i}, \quad \therefore r_r = \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{2.6}{3.2} r_i = \frac{10.4}{16} r_i, \quad r_r < r_i \Rightarrow \text{Non sense}$$



Homework

- ✓ (Cheng 3 - 6) Two very small conducting spheres, each of a mass 1.0×10^{-4} (kg), are suspended at a common point by very thin nonconducting threads of a length 0.2 (m). A charge Q is placed on a each sphere. The electric force of repulsion separates the spheres, and an equilibrium is reached when the suspending threads make an angle of 10° . Assuming a gravitational force of 9.90 (N/kg) and a negligible mass of the threads, find Q

- ✓ (Cheng 3 - 12) Two infinitely long coaxial cylindrical surfaces, $r = a$ and $r = b$ ($b > a$), carry surface charge densities ρ_{sa} and ρ_{sb} , respectively.
 - a) Determine \bar{E} everywhere.
 - b) What must be the relation between a and b in order that E vanishes for $r > b$?

Homework

- ✓ (Cheng 3 - 27) What are the boundary conditions that must be satisfied by the electric potential at an interface between two perfect dielectrics with dielectric constants ϵ_{r1} and ϵ_{r2} ?
- ✓ A point charge q is enclosed in a linear, isotropic, and homogeneous dielectric medium of infinite extent. Calculate the \bar{E} field, the \bar{D} field, the polarization vector \bar{P} , the bound surface charge density ρ_{sb} , and the bound volume charge density ρ_{vb} .
- ✓ A very thin, finite and uniformly charged line of length 10 m carries a charge of $10 \mu\text{C/m}$. Calculate the electric field intensity in a plane bisecting the line at $\rho = 5\text{m}$.
- ✓ Show that the magnitude of the electric field intensity of an electric dipole is

$$E = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} [1 + 3\cos^2 \theta]^{1/2}$$