

# *Static Electric Fields*

## Introduction to Electromagnetism with Practice Theory & Applications

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# Remind: Electrostatics – Maxwell's Equations



# Remind: Postulates: Differential Form

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$\epsilon_r = 1$  in the Vacuum

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E}$$



$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$



# Remind: Postulates: Integral Form

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$\epsilon_r = 1$  in the Vacuum

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

Gauss & Stokes



$$\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

$$\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$



# Gauss's Law



# Gauss's Law

$\epsilon_r = 1$  in the Vacuum

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

**Total outward flux** over any closed surface  
= **Total charge** enclosed in the surface (divided by  $\epsilon_0$ )



# Applying Gauss's Law

$\epsilon_r = 1$  in the Vacuum

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

*The key is on estimating the surface integral...  
Symmetry is necessary for analytical solutions!*

*It is relatively easy to estimate the total Q  
Usually simple volume integral...*

$$Q = \int_V \rho dv$$



# *Special Topic:* What is “symmetry”?





# The Principle of Least Action I

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We'd like to express the equations of motion  
with *a single real-valued function*

*Lagrangian Function*  $L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, t)$  Kinetic Energy – Potential Energy

*'Action'*

$$S = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, t) dt$$



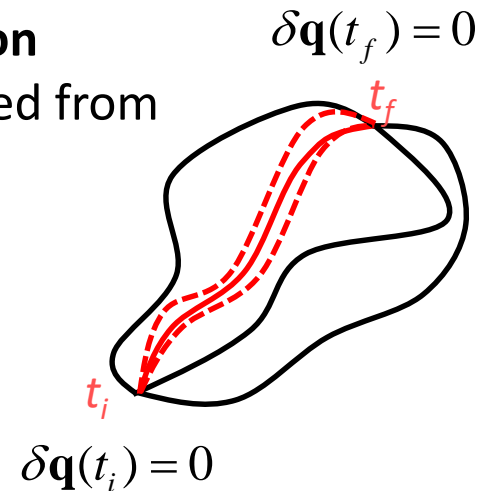
# The Principle of Least Action II

## The Principle of Least (or stationary) Action

: The equation of motion of the system is obtained from

$$\delta S = 0$$

*Small change of 'Action' to First Order = 0*



$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= \int_{t_i}^{t_f} L(\mathbf{q} + \delta \mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \delta \dot{\mathbf{q}}, t) dt - \int_{t_i}^{t_f} L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, t) dt \\ &\approx \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \sum_k \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} \delta q_k + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \delta \dot{q}_k \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

*First Order*



# The Principle of Least Action III

$$\begin{aligned}\delta S &= \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \sum_k \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} \delta q_k + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \delta \dot{q}_k \right) dt \\ &= \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \sum_k \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} \delta q_k dt + \sum_k \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \delta q_k \right]_{t_i}^{t_f} - \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \sum_k \left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) \delta q_k dt \\ &= \sum_k \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \delta q_k \right]_{t_i}^{t_f} + \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \sum_k \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} - \left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) \right] \delta q_k dt = 0\end{aligned}$$

*Integrating by parts*

$$\delta \mathbf{q}(t_i) = 0$$

$$\delta \mathbf{q}(t_f) = 0$$



# Lagrangian Mechanics

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## Euler–Lagrange equation

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} - \left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) = 0$$

Lagrangian Function

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 - mgx$$

$$q = x$$

$$-mg - \left( \frac{d}{dt} m \dot{x} \right) = 0$$

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -mg$$

Newtonian Mechanics



# Noether's Theorem

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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} - \left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = 0$$

**Symmetry = Conserved Quantity**

A certain “***symmetry***” leads to  
the ***conservation of the corresponding physical quantity***

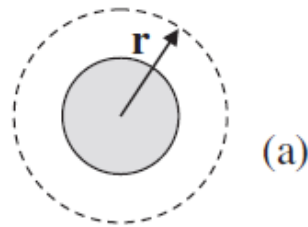


# Symmetry for Gauss's Law

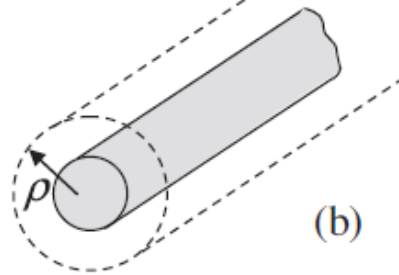


# Examples of Gaussian Surfaces from Symmetries

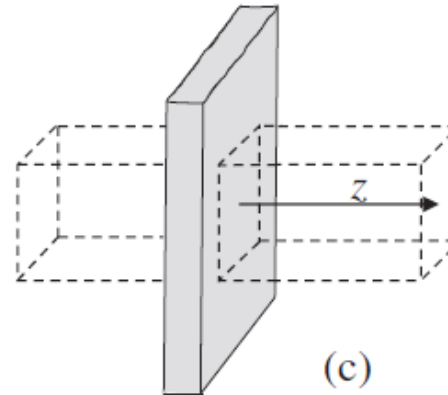
*Spherical Symmetry*



*Cylindrical Symmetry*



*Cartesian Symmetry*

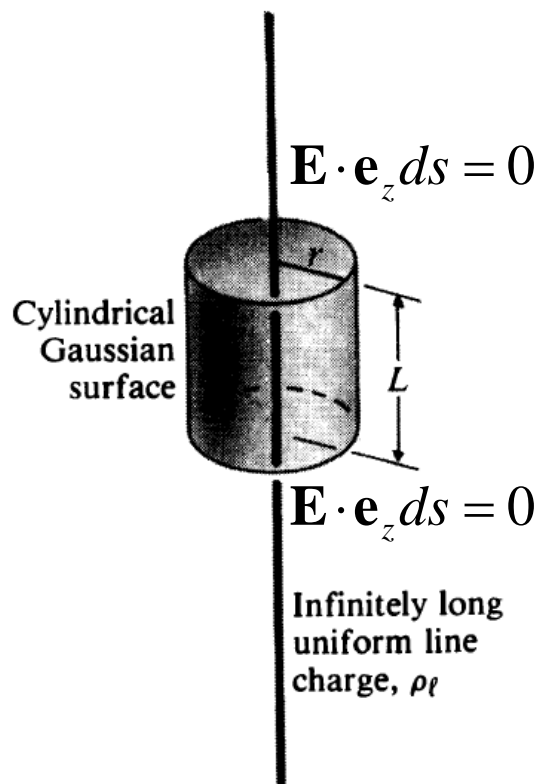


**Figure 3.8:** Shaded areas are highly symmetrical distributions of charge: (a)  $\rho_0(r, \theta, \phi) = \rho_0(r)$ ; (b)  $\rho_0(\rho, \phi, z) = \rho_0(\rho)$ ; (c)  $\rho_0(x, y, z) = \rho_0(z)$ . Dashed lines outline possible choices for Gaussian surfaces.



## Example 003

**EXAMPLE 3-5** Use Gauss's law to determine the electric field intensity of an infinitely long, straight, line charge of a uniform density  $\rho_l$  in air.



Due to the symmetry

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e}_\rho E_\rho$$

We use  $r$  instead of  $\rho$  here...

$$\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 2\pi r L E_\rho = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho_l dv = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho_l L$$

$$E_\rho = \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e}_\rho \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$





# Example 004

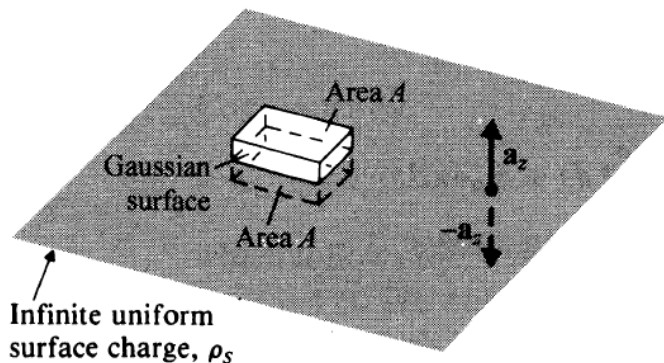
**EXAMPLE 3-6** Determine the electric field intensity of an infinite planar charge with a uniform surface charge density  $\rho_s$ .

Due to the symmetry

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e}_z E_z \quad E_z(z > 0) = -E_z(z < 0)$$

$$\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = AE_z(z > 0) - AE_z(z < 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho_s dv = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho_s A$$



$$E_z(z > 0) = \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \rho_s$$

$$\mathbf{E} = +\mathbf{e}_z \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \quad (z > 0), \quad \mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{e}_z \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \quad (z < 0)$$



# Remind: Example 002

**Example 3.1** (a) Find  $\mathbf{E}$  on the symmetry axis of a ring with radius  $R$  and uniform charge per unit length  $\lambda$ . (b) Use the results of part (a) to find  $\mathbf{E}$  on the symmetry axis of a disk with radius  $R$  and uniform charge per unit area  $\sigma$ . (c) Use the results of part (b) to find  $\mathbf{E}$  for an infinite sheet with uniform charge density  $\sigma$ . Discuss the matching condition at  $z = 0$ .

*If applicable, Gauss's law is significantly useful!*

(c) Consider some interesting cases... ( $z > 0$ )

Ring

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\lambda R}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{e}_z$$

Disk

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right)$$

*Discontinuity! (Discussed later)*

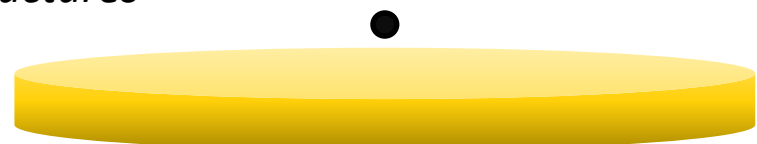
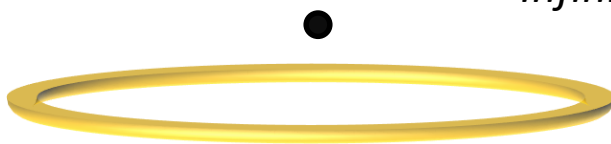
$R \rightarrow \infty$

$\mathbf{E} \sim 0$

$$\mathbf{E} \sim +\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \quad (z > 0), \quad \mathbf{E} \sim -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \quad (z < 0)$$

*Infinite structures*

*Uniform*



# Example 005

**EXAMPLE 3-7** Determine the  $\mathbf{E}$  field caused by a spherical cloud of electrons with a volume charge density  $\rho = -\rho_0$  for  $0 \leq R \leq b$  (both  $\rho_0$  and  $b$  are positive) and  $\rho = 0$  for  $R > b$ .

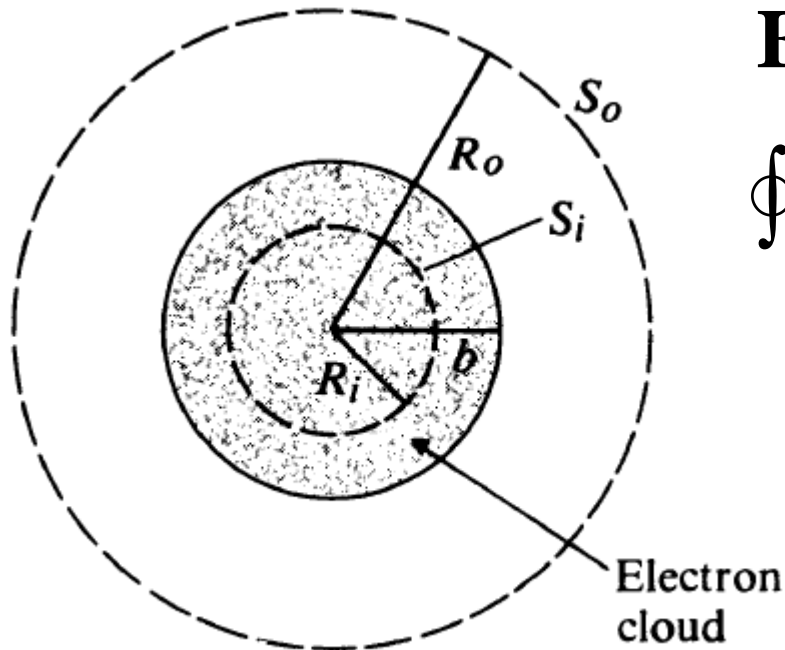
Due to the symmetry

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e}_r E_r$$

$$\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 4\pi R^2 E_r = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(R) dv$$

$$0 \leq R \leq b \quad \int_V \rho(R) dv = -\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho_0$$

$$R > b \quad \int_V \rho(R) dv = -\frac{4}{3} \pi b^3 \rho_0$$

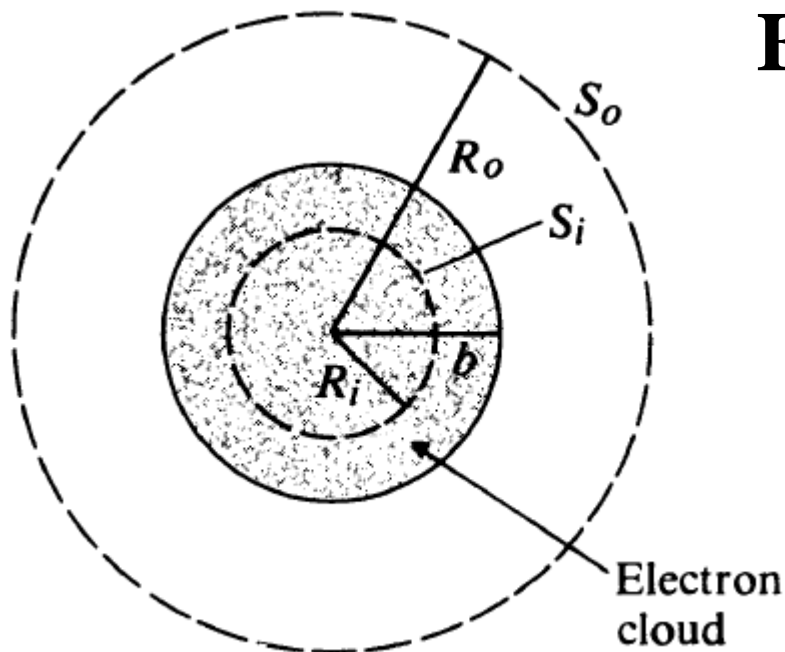


## Example 005

**EXAMPLE 3-7** Determine the  $\mathbf{E}$  field caused by a spherical cloud of electrons with a volume charge density  $\rho = -\rho_o$  for  $0 \leq R \leq b$  (both  $\rho_o$  and  $b$  are positive) and  $\rho = 0$  for  $R > b$ .

Due to the symmetry

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e}_r E_r$$



$$0 \leq R \leq b$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\rho_o R}{3\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$R > b$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\rho_o b^3}{3\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{e}_r$$



## Example 005

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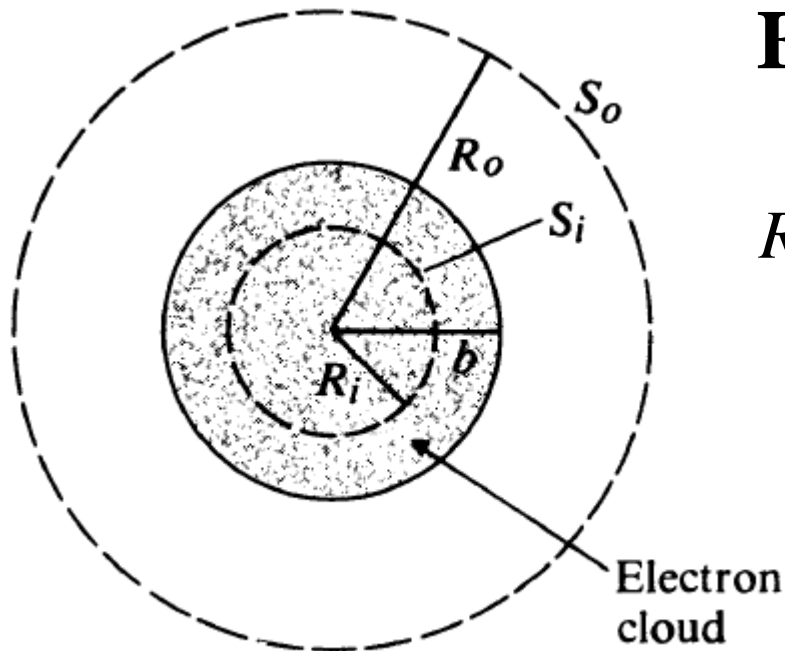
Due to the symmetry

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e}_r E_r$$

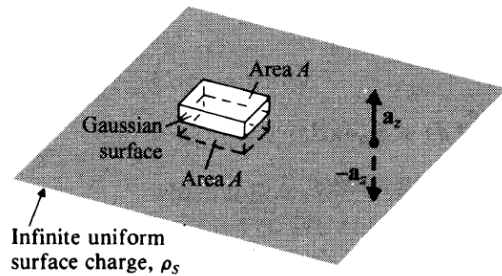
$$R > b: \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\rho_0 b^3}{3\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$= \left( -\frac{4\pi b^3}{3} \rho_0 \right) \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{e}_r \sim \text{Point Charge}$$



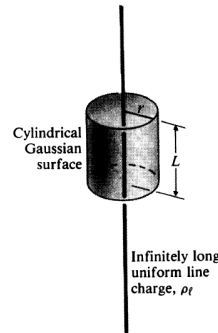
# Geometry Effect on Electric Fields



$$z > 0$$

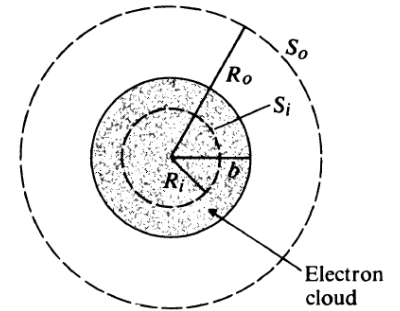
$$\mathbf{E} = +\mathbf{e}_z \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$= +\mathbf{e}_z \frac{2\pi\rho_s z^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z^2}$$



$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e}_\rho \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$= \mathbf{e}_\rho \frac{2\rho_l r}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$



$$R > b$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\rho_0 b^3}{3\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$= \mathbf{e}_r \frac{\left( -\frac{4\pi b^3}{3} \rho_0 \right)}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$$



# Concept of Effective Media & Metamaterials

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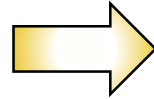
## *Meta-materials: “Meta” ~ “Beyond”*

1. Focusing on ***the property “A”*** among the entire material properties (A & B)
2. We can find “several” different candidates of materials, which provide ***the identical A property***, while allowing ***the distinctions in the B property***
3. This degrees of freedom can impose uniqueness on the “B” property, even allowing for “unnatural” behaviors: ***Beyond natural materials***



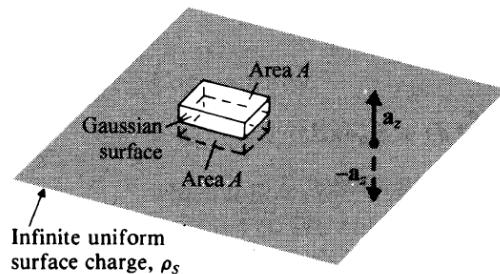
# Example of a Concept of “Meta”

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{|\mathbf{r}|^2}$$



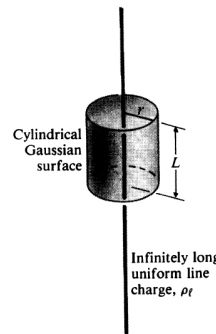
$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{q_{\text{eff}}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\text{Directional Vector}}{\text{Distance}^2}$$

Interpreting Coulomb's law in **a narrow (pointwise) sense**



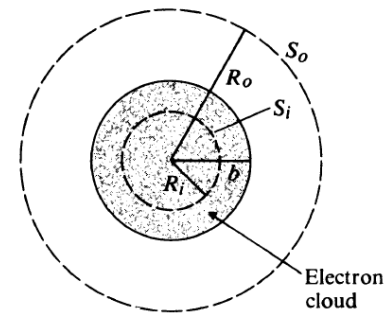
$$q_{\text{eff}} \sim 2\pi\rho_s z_0^2$$

near  $z = z_0$



$$q_{\text{eff}} \sim 2\rho_l r_0$$

near  $r = r_0$



$$q_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4\pi b^3}{3} \rho_0$$

for  $R > b$

By controlling geometric parameters, we can manipulate  $q_{\text{eff}}$  & the other properties





# Electric Potential



# Remind: Helmholtz Theorem

## Helmholtz Theorem (or Helmholtz Decomposition)

An arbitrary vector field can always be decomposed into the sum of two vector fields:  
*one with zero divergence* and *one with zero curl*

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_D + \mathbf{E}_C$$

*Solenoidal (divergence-free)*

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}_D = 0$$

*Irrotational (curl-free)*

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}_C = 0$$

Remembering Null Identities

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = 0$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla f) = \mathbf{0}$$

We can write  $\mathbf{E}$  as follow:

$$\mathbf{E} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} + \nabla f$$

The proper boundary condition (B.C.) allows the unique  $\mathbf{E}$



# Helmholtz Theorem for Electrostatics

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_D + \mathbf{E}_C$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}_D = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}_C = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E}_D + \mathbf{E}_C)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{E}_D + \mathbf{E}_C)$$

$$= \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}_C = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$= \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_D = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_D = \mathbf{0}$$



# Helmholtz Theorem for Electrostatics: Electric Potential

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$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_C \qquad \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_C = 0$$

Let's assign  $\mathbf{E}_C$  for the conventional notation

$$\mathbf{E}_C = -\nabla V$$

Electric Potential (or Scalar Potential)  $V$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$$



# Electric Field to Electric Potential – Path Invariance

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$$

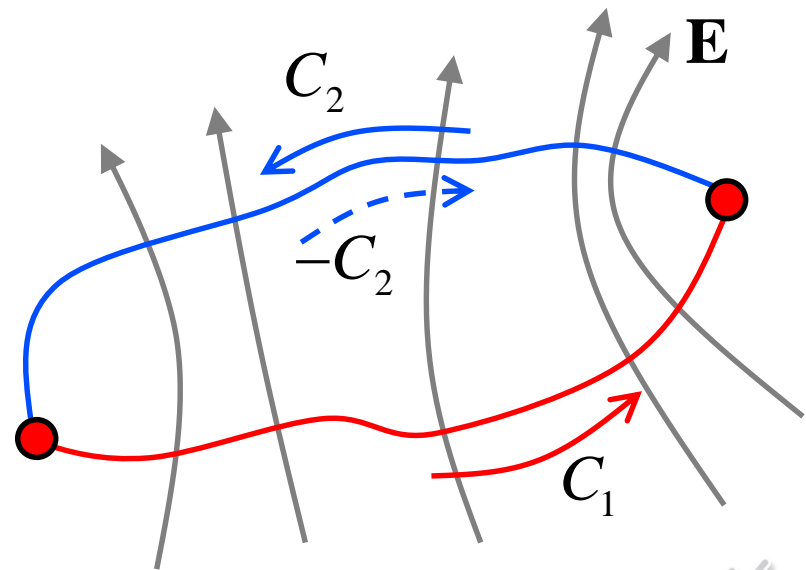
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \times \nabla V = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

$$\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_{C_1+C_2} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_{C_1-(-C_2)} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_{C_1} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} - \int_{-C_2} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

*Path-invariant integral!*

$$\int_{C_1} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_{-C_2} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$



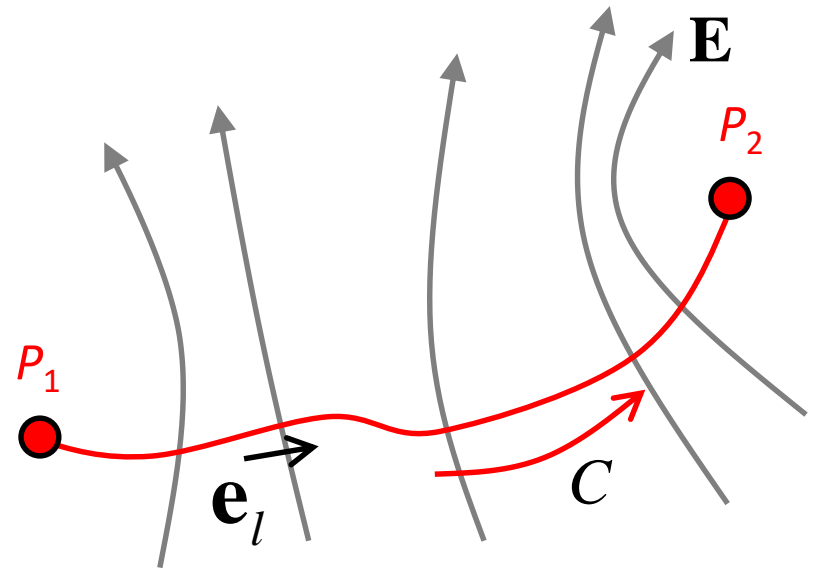
# Electric Field to Electric Potential – Path Invariance

$$\int_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\int_C \nabla V \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

$$\nabla V \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \nabla V \cdot \mathbf{e}_l dl = dV$$

$$-\int_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_C dV = V_2 - V_1$$

$$V_2 - V_1 = -\int_{P_1}^{P_2} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$



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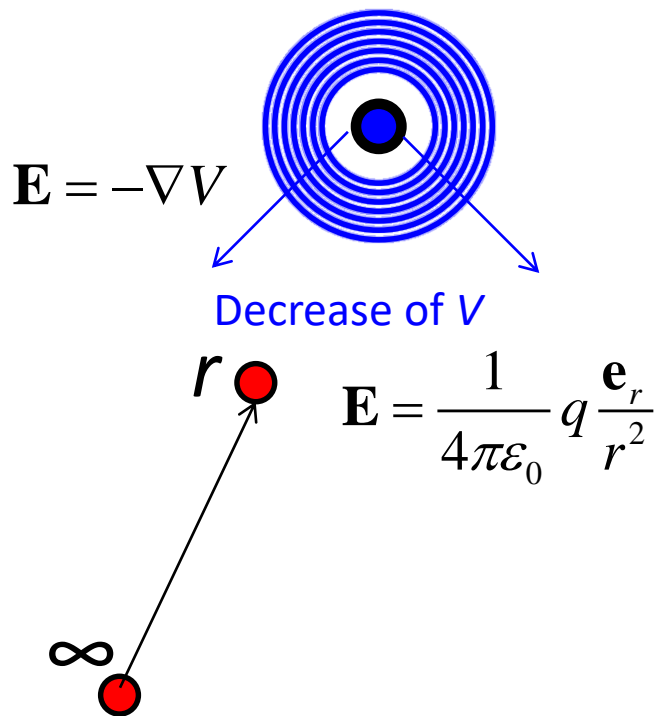


# Electric Potential (cont.)





# Electric Potential – Point Charge



$$V_2 - V_1 = -\int_{P_1}^{P_2} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

$$V(r) - V(\infty) = -\int_{\infty}^r \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(r) - V(\infty) &= -\int_{P_\infty}^{P_r} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} q \frac{\mathbf{e}_r}{r^2} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \\ &= -\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{\infty-r} \frac{\mathbf{e}_r}{r'^2} \cdot (-\mathbf{e}_r dl) \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_\infty^r \frac{1}{r'^2} (-dr') \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l = \infty - r' \\ dl = -dr' \end{array} \right. \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r} \end{aligned}$$

If we set  $V(\infty) = 0$

$$V(r) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r}$$



# Superposition for Electric Potentials

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$$

$$\sum_k \mathbf{E}_k = -\nabla \sum_k V_k$$

The superposition principle is also valid for the potential  $V$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} q \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r^3} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} q \frac{\mathbf{e}_r}{r^2}$$

$$V = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^N q_k \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k|^3}$$

$$\nabla \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = -\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^N q_k \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k|}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} \rho(\mathbf{x}') d^3x'$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \rho(\mathbf{x}') d^3x'$$

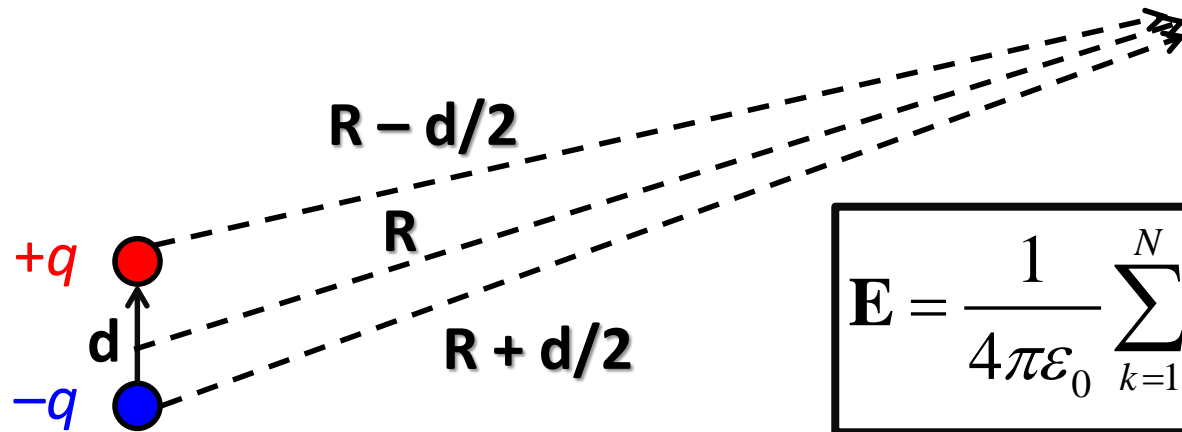


# Electric Potential: Exercises



# Remind: Example 001

## *Electric Dipole: Estimating an electric field far from the dipole?*



$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^N q_k \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k|^3}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( q \frac{\mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2}}{\left| \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2} \right|^3} - q \frac{\mathbf{R} + \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2}}{\left| \mathbf{R} + \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2} \right|^3} \right)$$

*We cannot learn a lot from accurate but too complex equations!*



# Remind: Example 001

## ***Electric Dipole: Estimating an electric field far from the dipole?***

$$\left| \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2} \right|^{-3} = \left| \left( \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2} \right) \cdot \left( \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2} \right) \right|^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \left( R^2 + \frac{d^2}{4} - \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d} \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \left[ R^2 \left( 1 - \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{R^2} + \frac{d^2}{4R^2} \right) \right]^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= R^{-3} \left( 1 - \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{R^2} + \frac{d^2}{4R^2} \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sim R^{-3} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{R^2} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{E} \sim \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \left( \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2} \right) R^{-3} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{R^2} \right) - \left( \mathbf{R} + \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2} \right) R^{-3} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{R^2} \right) \right]$$

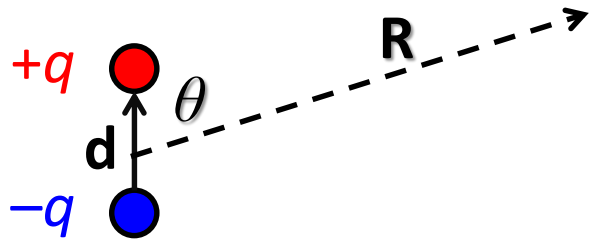
$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \left[ \left( \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{R^2} \right) - \left( \mathbf{R} + \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{R^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \left[ 3 \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{R^2} \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{d} \right]$$



# Remind: Example 001

**Electric Dipole: Estimating an electric field far from the dipole?**



**Electric Dipole Moment**

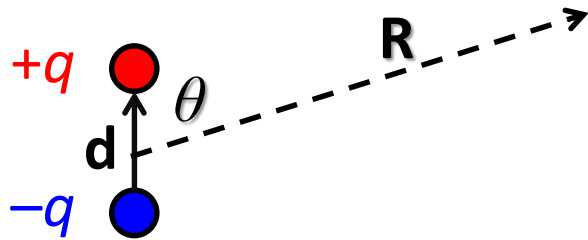
$$\mathbf{p} = q\mathbf{d}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E} &\sim \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \left[ 3 \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{R^2} \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{d} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \left[ 3 \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{R^2} \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{p} \right] = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \left[ 3 \frac{Rp \cos \theta}{R^2} R \mathbf{e}_r - \mathbf{e}_z p \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \left[ 3 \frac{Rp \cos \theta}{R^2} R \mathbf{e}_r - (\mathbf{e}_r \cos \theta - \mathbf{e}_\theta \sin \theta) p \right] \\ &= \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} (\mathbf{e}_r 2 \cos \theta + \mathbf{e}_\theta \sin \theta)\end{aligned}$$



# Remind: Example 001

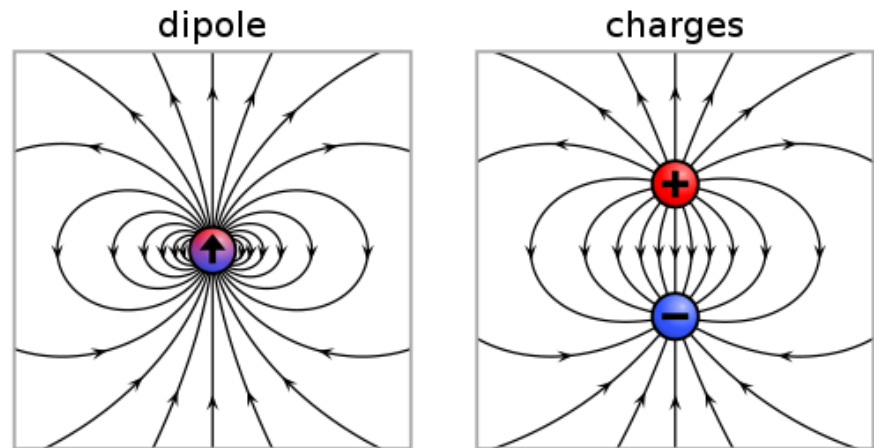
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$$\text{Electric Dipole Moment}$$
$$\mathbf{p} = q\mathbf{d}$$

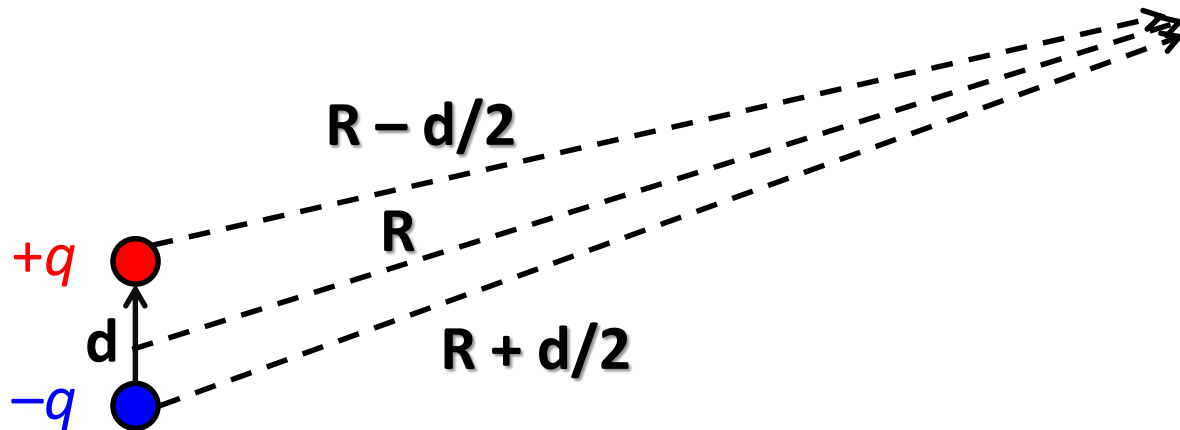
$$\mathbf{E} \sim \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \left[ 3 \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{R^2} \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{p} \right] = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} (\mathbf{e}_r 2 \cos \theta + \mathbf{e}_\theta \sin \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta = 0 & \quad \mathbf{E} \sim \frac{2p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \mathbf{e}_r \\ \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} & \quad \mathbf{E} \sim \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \mathbf{e}_\theta \\ \theta = \pi & \quad \mathbf{E} \sim -\frac{2p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \mathbf{e}_r \end{aligned}$$



## Example 006: Revisiting a Dipole

**Electric Dipole:** Estimating an electric field far from the dipole?



$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^N q_k \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k|}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^N q_k \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k|} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{|\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{d}/2|} - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{d}/2|} \right)$$





## Example 006: Revisiting a Dipole

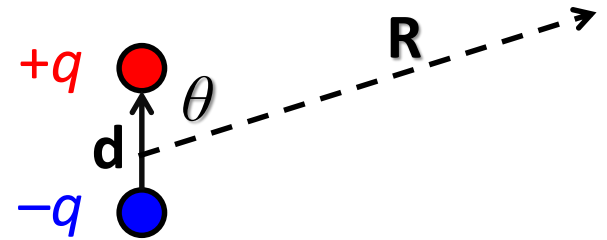
$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{d} / 2|^{-1} &= \left[ (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{d} / 2) \cdot (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{d} / 2) \right]^{-1/2} \\ &= \left[ |\mathbf{R}|^2 - \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d} + |\mathbf{d}|^2 / 4 \right]^{-1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{|\mathbf{R}|} \left[ 1 - \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{|\mathbf{R}|^2} + \frac{|\mathbf{d}|^2}{4|\mathbf{R}|^2} \right]^{-1/2} \sim \frac{1}{|\mathbf{R}|} \left( 1 + \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{2|\mathbf{R}|^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$V = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{|\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{d} / 2|} - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{d} / 2|} \right) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{|\mathbf{R}|^3}$$



## Example 006: Revisiting a Dipole

$$V = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{|\mathbf{R}|^3} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{d \cos \theta}{R^2}$$



**Electric Dipole Moment**

$$\mathbf{p} = q\mathbf{d}$$

$$V = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\cos \theta}{R^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= -\nabla V = -\mathbf{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( \frac{p \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \right) - \mathbf{e}_\theta \frac{\partial}{R \partial \theta} \left( \frac{p \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \right) \\ &= \mathbf{e}_r 2 \frac{p \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} + \mathbf{e}_\theta \frac{p \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} (\mathbf{e}_r 2 \cos \theta + \mathbf{e}_\theta \sin \theta) \end{aligned}$$

**Same result through a simpler process!**

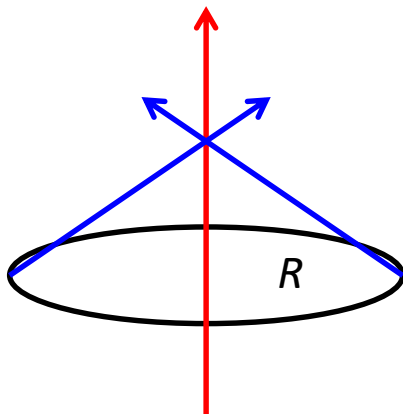


# Remind: Example 002

**Example 3.1** (a) Find  $\mathbf{E}$  on the symmetry axis of a ring with radius  $R$  and uniform charge per unit length  $\lambda$ . (b) Use the results of part (a) to find  $\mathbf{E}$  on the symmetry axis of a disk with radius  $R$  and uniform charge per unit area  $\sigma$ . (c) Use the results of part (b) to find  $\mathbf{E}$  for an infinite sheet with uniform charge density  $\sigma$ . Discuss the matching condition at  $z = 0$ .

(a) 
$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} \rho(\mathbf{x}') d^3x'$$

In 1D: 
$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_C \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} \rho(\mathbf{x}') dx'$$



z-component

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \mathbf{e}_z \frac{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2} \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}}}{\left(\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}\right)^3} \lambda R d\phi \\ &= \frac{2\pi R \lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \frac{z}{\left(\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}\right)^3} = \frac{\lambda R}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{\left(z^2 + R^2\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \mathbf{e}_z \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\lambda R}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{\left(z^2 + R^2\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \mathbf{e}_z$$

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(b)

Electric Field induced by  $q = 2\pi R\lambda$

$$\text{Ring: } \mathbf{E} = \frac{\lambda R}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \mathbf{e}_z \quad \Rightarrow$$

Electric Field induced by the unit charge

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \mathbf{e}_z$$

Disk: Integration of rings  $\rightarrow$  *Superposition Principle*

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^R \frac{2\pi r \sigma z}{(z^2 + r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \mathbf{e}_z dr = \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \int_0^R \frac{r}{(z^2 + r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dr$$

$$= \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \int_0^R \frac{r}{(z^2 + r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dr = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right),$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right)}$$



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(c) Consider some interesting cases... ( $z > 0$ )

Ring

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\lambda R}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{e}_z$$

Disk

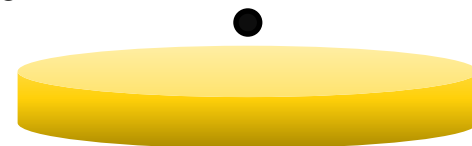
$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right)$$

$R \gg z$

$$\mathbf{E} \sim \frac{\lambda}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{R^2} \mathbf{e}_z = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{R^3} \mathbf{e}_z$$

$$\mathbf{E} \sim \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \left( 1 - \frac{z}{R} \right)$$

*Near the structures*



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Ring

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\lambda R}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{e}_z$$

Disk

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right)$$

*Discontinuity! (Discussed later)*

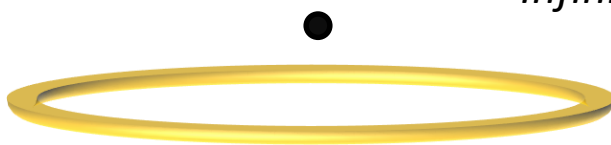
$R \rightarrow \infty$

$\mathbf{E} \sim 0$

$$\mathbf{E} \sim +\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \quad (z > 0), \quad \mathbf{E} \sim -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \quad (z < 0)$$

*Infinite structures*

*Uniform*



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Ring

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\lambda R}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{e}_z$$

$R \ll z$

$$\mathbf{E} \sim \frac{\lambda}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{R}{z^2} \mathbf{e}_z = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{z^2} \mathbf{e}_z$$



*Far from the structures  
~ Point-like behaviors!*



Disk

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{e}_z \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{E} \sim \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{z^2} \mathbf{e}_z$$



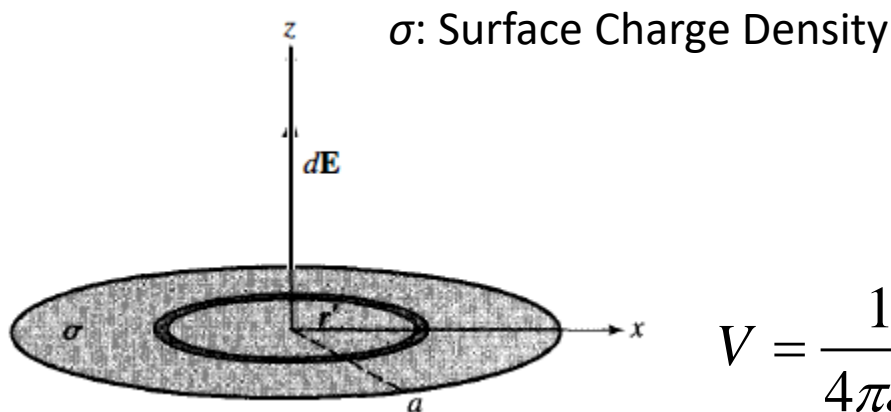
$$\sim 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R}{z} \right)^2$$

Taylor Expansion  $\frac{R}{z}$



## Example 007: Revisiting a Disk

**EXAMPLE 9** What is the electrostatic potential, and electric field, above a uniformly charged circular plate of radius  $a$ , on the axis of symmetry?



$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \rho(\mathbf{x}') d^3x'$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \frac{1}{\sqrt{r'^2 + z^2}} \sigma r' dr' d\phi \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \int_0^a \frac{r'}{\sqrt{r'^2 + z^2}} dr' = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \int_{z^2}^{a^2+z^2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} dt \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left( \sqrt{a^2 + z^2} - |z| \right) \end{aligned}$$





## Example 007: Revisiting a Disk

$$V = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left( \sqrt{a^2 + z^2} - |z| \right)$$

$$z > 0: \quad V = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left( \sqrt{a^2 + z^2} - z \right)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -\mathbf{e}_z \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \sqrt{a^2 + z^2} - z \right) = \mathbf{e}_z \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} \right)$$

**Same result through a simpler process!**

$$z < 0: \quad V = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left( \sqrt{a^2 + z^2} + z \right)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -\mathbf{e}_z \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \sqrt{a^2 + z^2} + z \right) = \mathbf{e}_z \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left( -1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} \right)$$



# Electrostatics – Poisson's Equation & More



# Remind: Postulates: Differential Form

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$\epsilon_r = 1$  in the Vacuum

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}$$



$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$



# Poisson's Equation in a Vacuum

$\epsilon_r = 1$  in the Vacuum

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0} \qquad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

Already related...  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$  Need to be related...

$$\nabla \cdot (-\nabla V) = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$



*Poisson's Equation*

$$-\nabla^2 V = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

**Governing Eq. for Electrostatics in a vacuum (with B.C.)**

Discussed later...But, B.C.?



# Poisson's Equation in a Homogeneous Material

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0} & & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \\ \text{Already related...} \nearrow & \mathbf{E} = -\nabla V & \nwarrow \text{Need to be related...} \\ & & \mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} \end{array}$$

*Poisson's Equation*

$$\nabla \cdot (-\nabla V) = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \quad \longrightarrow \quad -\nabla^2 V = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

**Governing Eq. for Electrostatics in a Homogeneous Material (with B.C.)**

Discussed later...But, B.C.?



# Governing Equation in an Inhomogeneous Material

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0} & & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \\ \text{Already related...} \swarrow & & \searrow \text{Need to be related...} \\ \mathbf{E} = -\nabla V & & \mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{E} \end{array}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon_r(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{E}) = \epsilon_r(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} + (\nabla \epsilon_r(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

$$-\epsilon_r(\mathbf{x}) \nabla^2 V - (\nabla \epsilon_r(\mathbf{x})) \cdot (\nabla V) = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

Governing Eq. for Electrostatics in an Inhomogeneous Material (with B.C.)



Mathematical View

# Electrostatics – Boundary Conditions



# Maxwell's Equations: Electrostatics

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

Gauss & Stokes



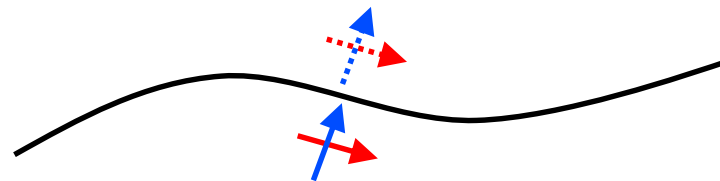
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$$

$$\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

$$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = Q$$

$\mathbf{D}$  will be discussed later...

Boundary Conditions: Connecting "Fields" across the boundary



*Tangential* & *Normal* Fields!





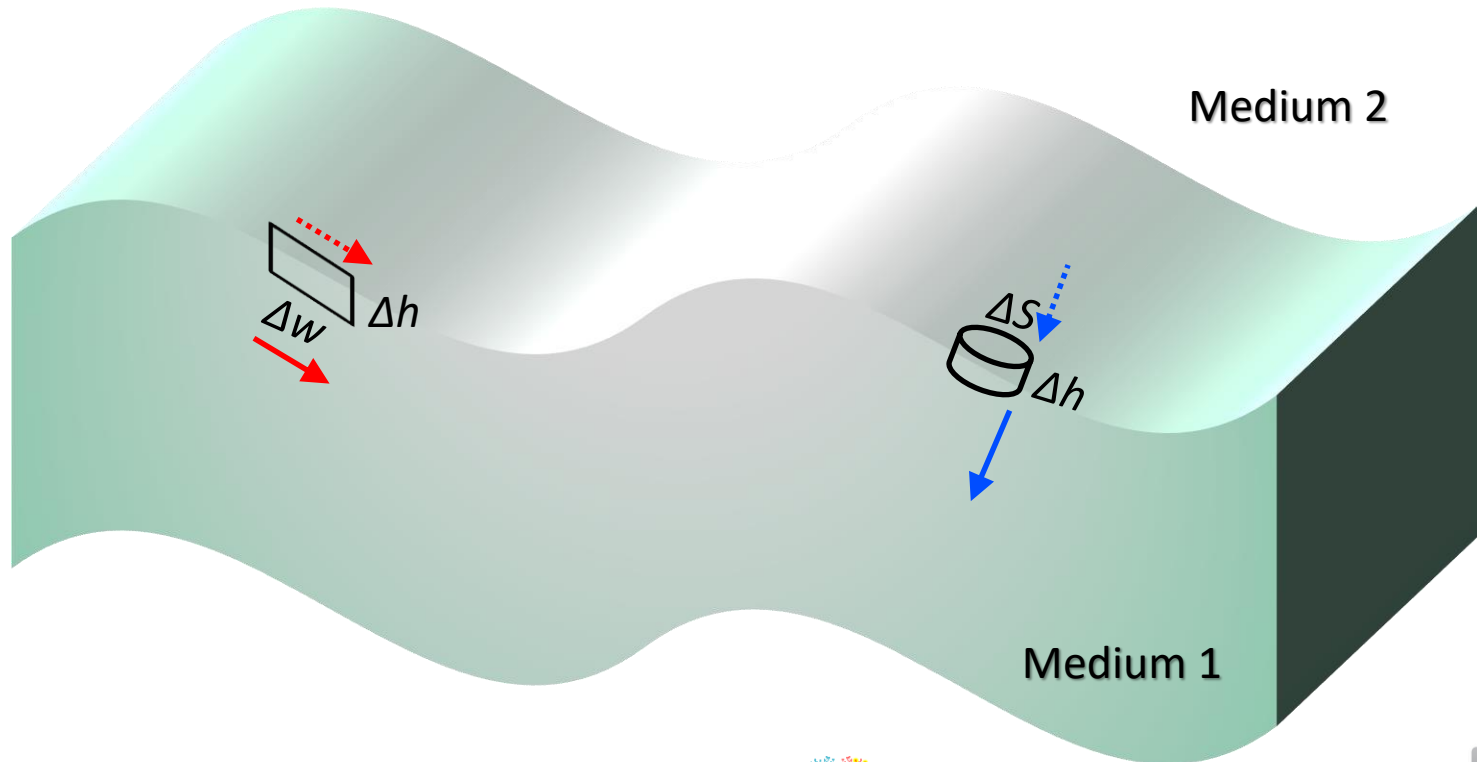
# Strategy for Boundary Conditions

I. Boundary includes “different” materials → Integral forms are proper

II. Stokes → Closed “Loop” across materials  
Gauss → “Closed Surface” across materials

$$\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 \quad \oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = Q$$

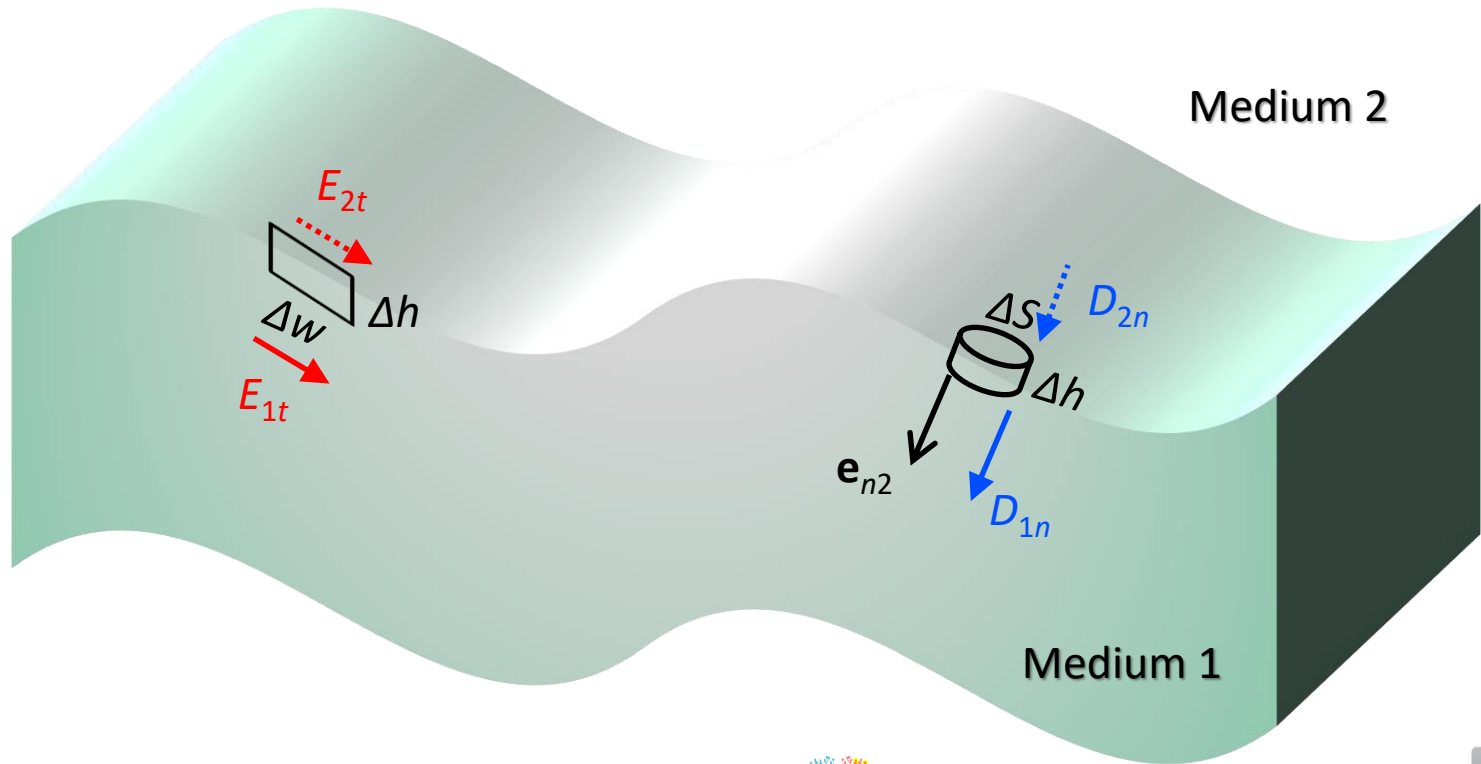
III. Loop measures tangential fields & Surface measures normal fields



# Analyzing Boundary Conditions

$\Delta h \rightarrow 0$  to characterize the “boundary”

$$\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \Big|_{\Delta h=0} = E_{1t} \Delta w - E_{2t} \Delta w = 0 \quad \oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{e}_{n2} \cdot (\mathbf{D}_1 - \mathbf{D}_2) \Delta S = \rho_s \Delta S$$



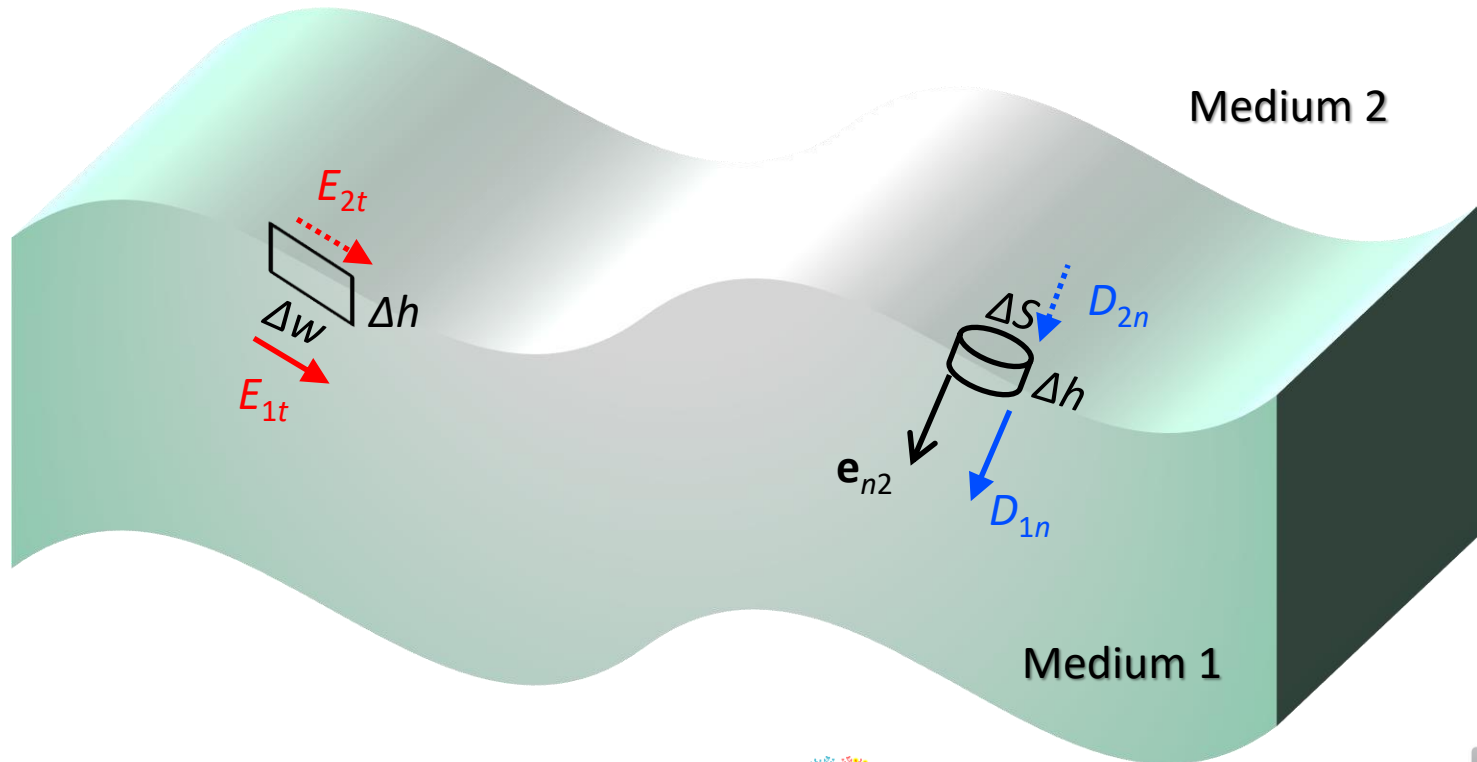
# Boundary Conditions: Electrostatics

## Tangential Fields

$$E_{1t} = E_{2t}$$

## Normal Fields

$$\mathbf{e}_{n2} \cdot (\mathbf{D}_1 - \mathbf{D}_2) = \rho_s$$



## Special Topic: What if $E_{1t} \neq E_{2t}$ ?

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$$E_{1t} \neq E_{2t} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \Big|_{\Delta h=0} = E_{1t} \Delta w - E_{2t} \Delta w \neq 0$$

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} \Big|_{\Delta h=0} \neq 0$$

*Singular Existence of  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E}$*



# Special Topic: What if $E_{1t} \neq E_{2t}$ ?

*Now, look at more general Maxwell's equations*

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

*Singular Existence of  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \rho_M \neq 0$  &  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{J}_M \neq 0 - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$*

$\therefore$  **Magnetic Charges** or **Magnetic Currents** should exist for the discontinuity in the tangential component of an electric field!

- I. *Until now, a magnetic monopole has not been discovered!*
- II. *Magnetic multipoles (dipoles, quadrupoles, ...) require spatial "distances", prohibiting the singular existence at the boundary*

$\therefore$  **The tangential component of an electric field should be continuous (until now!)**

