

Electricity 2022

- Coulombs law $\vec{F} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qQ}{r^2} \hat{r}$ 

ϵ_0 - permittivity of free space

- Principle of superposition

↳ force on q due to charges $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 \dots$ can be written as

$$\vec{F} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{r}_i$$

↳ this implies that charges exert forces on each other and is incorrect

- Electric fields

↳ the charges create a field which then exerts a force on the charge q

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \vec{F} = q\vec{E}$$

$$\text{superposition: } \vec{E} = \sum_i \vec{E}_i$$



- Field lines

↳ a line tangent to \vec{E} at every point

↳ field \vec{E} and line element $d\vec{l}$ must be parallel

$$\text{so } dx = E_x \quad dy = E_y \quad dz = E_z \quad \text{solved as: } \frac{dx}{E_x} = \frac{dy}{E_y} = \frac{dz}{E_z}$$

↳ don't actually exist, only used to represent the field and can not be superimposed

- Potential energy

↳ apply a force \vec{F}_{ext} to move q from A to B at a constant speed in the field due to Q

work done by \vec{F}_{ext} $W_{ext} = \int_A^B \vec{F}_{ext} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_A^B \vec{F}_q \cdot d\vec{l}$

$W_{ext} = \Delta U$

↳ since \vec{E} field is conservative ΔU is path independent

Potential energy

$$W_{ext} = - \int_A^B \vec{F}_q \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \vec{F}_q = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qQ}{r^2} \hat{r} \Rightarrow \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = dr \quad \text{work done by external force}$$

$$W_{ext} = \Delta U_{AB} = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{r_A} - \frac{1}{r_B} \right)$$

with the sign of potential energy

$$\Delta V_{AB} = - \int_A^B \frac{\vec{F}_q \cdot d\vec{l}}{q} = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \Delta V_{AB} = \frac{\Delta U_{AB}}{q} = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{r_A} - \frac{1}{r_B} \right)$$

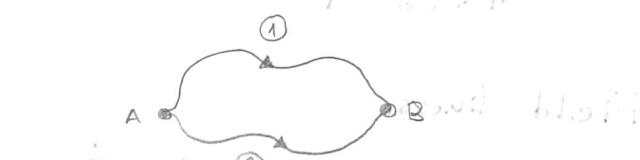
is also path independent

↳ $V=0$ can be chosen arbitrarily (adding constant = gauge transformation)

- Potential at a point P

$$V = - \int_{\infty}^P \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad V(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

↳ gives a scalar field



- Electrostatic circulation law

$$\Delta V_{AB} = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_{\text{loop}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$$

using Stokes theorem

↳ for any closed loop, only true in electrostatics!

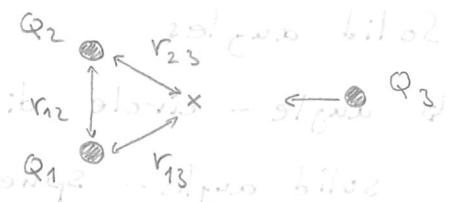
- Binding energy of 2 charges $U = Q_1 Q_2 / (4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{12})$

↳ U is the property of the whole system and is always contained within the electric field

- electron volts $1 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

↳ change in energy when charge of one e^- is accelerated through a potential difference of 1V

- potential energy of a set of charges
- ↳ move Q_3 from ∞ to point P with a constant force \vec{F}_{ext} at a constant speed
- ↳ overall we get $U = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} Q_i V_i$



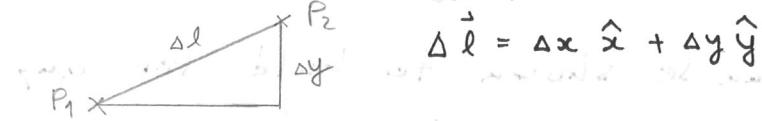
- equipotential surfaces

$$\Delta V_{AB} = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \text{so if } d\vec{l} \text{ is } \perp \text{ to } \vec{E} \quad \Delta V_{AB} = 0$$

↳ equipotential surface is perpendicular to field \vec{E}

- 1D potential

$$V(P_2) = V(x + \Delta x) = V(P_1) + \Delta x \frac{dV}{dx} + \dots$$



- 2D potential

$$V(P_2) = V(P_1) + \Delta x \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \Delta y \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}$$

- 3D potential

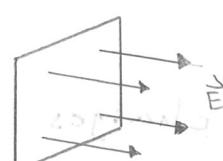
$$\Delta \vec{l} = \Delta x \hat{x} + \Delta y \hat{y} + \Delta z \hat{z} \quad V(P_2) = V(P_1) + \Delta x \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \Delta y \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \Delta z \frac{\partial V}{\partial z}$$

$$\Delta V = -\vec{E} \cdot \Delta \vec{l} = -E_x \Delta x - E_y \Delta y - E_z \Delta z \quad \text{and} \quad E_x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}, \quad E_y = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}, \quad \dots$$

$$\text{so } \vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

↳ Now identity $\nabla \times (\nabla V) = 0$ gives electrostatic circulation law

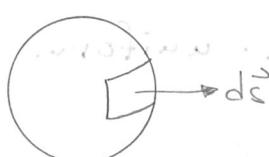
- Electric flux $\phi_E = \iint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$



↳ can be interpreted as the no. of field lines passing through the surface

↳ by convention ϕ_E for closed surface

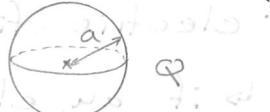
$$d\vec{s} \text{ points out } \Rightarrow \phi_E = \rho$$



- Solid angles
 - ↳ angle - circle divided into 2π radians
 - solid angle - sphere divided into 4π steradians
- ↳ for a spherical surface where $d\vec{s}$ is // to \hat{r}
- ↳ for a general surface where $d\vec{s}$ and \hat{r} are not aligned
- electric flux through a closed surface due to point charge

$$\Phi_E = 4\pi r^2 \frac{\sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$
 - ↳ can be shown to hold for any surface
 - ↳ folds in surface are ok since normals to surface are in opposite directions so cancel out
- Gauss's law
 - ↳ use superposition to find Φ_E through an arbitrary closed surface containing charges $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 \dots$
 - $$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$
 charge density
divergence theorem $\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$ use to find \vec{E}
 - ↳ all charges contribute to electric field \vec{E} but only charges inside closed surface contribute to flux
 - non-uniform charge density $Q = \iiint_S \rho dV$
 - surface charge density $Q = \iint_S \sigma dS$

- inside a uniformly charged sphere



\rightarrow charge Q and radius a

$S = \frac{4}{3}\pi a^2$ $q \text{ enclosed: } q(r) = \frac{Qr^3}{a^3}$ $E(r) = \frac{Qr}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3}$ for $r < a$

\rightarrow so inside $E(r) \propto r$

- outside a uniformly charged sphere



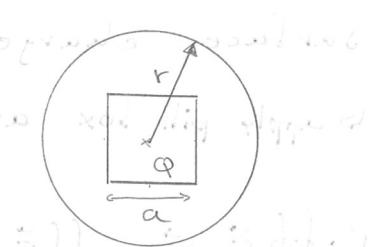
$q(r) = Q$ $E(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$ for $r > a$

\rightarrow so outside $E(r) \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$

- non-uniform surface

\rightarrow surface integral $= \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$

$\rightarrow \vec{E}$ is not uniform \rightarrow stronger near corners



- Poisson's equation

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

\rightarrow alternative way of writing Gauss law

rewrite \vec{E} in terms of potential V $\vec{E} = -\nabla V$

$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = -\nabla \cdot (\nabla V) = -\nabla^2 V$

\rightarrow if there is no charge density $\rho = 0$ becomes Laplace eqn $\nabla^2 V = 0$

- Uniqueness theorem

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

\rightarrow electrostatics can be written in two forms

- conductor

\rightarrow has free moving charged particles

\rightarrow electric field inside is always 0

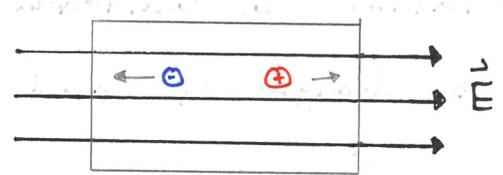
- insulator

\rightarrow no free moving charged particles

- electric field inside conductor $E = 0$

↳ if an electric field \vec{E} is applied

e^- move in response



↳ this creates a surface charge

due to e^- moving to one side

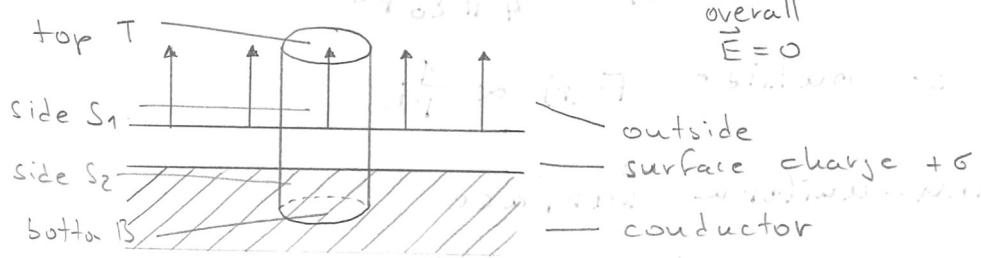
↳ the \vec{E} due to surface charge

is equal and opposite to applied \vec{E}

↳ overall $\vec{E} = 0$

- Surface charge

↳ apply pill box analysis



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \iint_T \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} + \iint_{S_1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} + \iint_{S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} + \iint_B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = EA$$

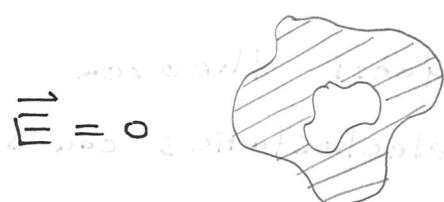
T: non zero since $\phi_E = EA$ B: zero since $\vec{E} = 0$ in conductor

; S_1 : zero since $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$ S_2 : zero since $\vec{E} = 0$ in conductor

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \quad \sigma - \text{surface charge density}$$

↳ for curved surface use pill box infinitesimal $A \rightarrow dA$

- electrostatic shielding (Faraday cage)



↳ inside empty cavity of conductor $\vec{E} = 0$

for any electric field $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \underbrace{\int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}_{\text{conductor}} + \underbrace{\int_B^A \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}_{\text{cavity}}$$

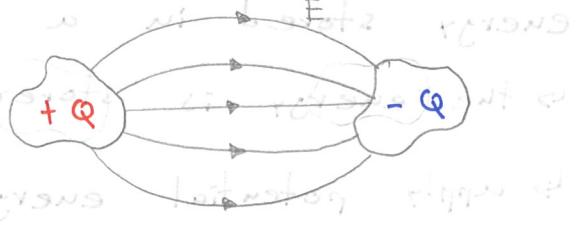
solving, separate curves implies an object inside conductor

$$\sigma = \sigma + \int_B^A \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \text{so } \vec{E} = 0$$

1st integral is 0 since \vec{E} is inside conductor

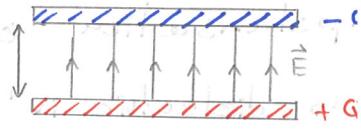
- capacitor basics

- ↳ consider an isolated pair of conductors A, B charged to $\pm Q$
- ↳ isolated so all field lines from A end at B
- ↳ all charge is confined to the surface
- ↳ conductor A has potential V_A and B V_B $V = V_A - V_B = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A}$
- ↳ if Q is doubled $\rightarrow V_A, B \rightarrow 2V_A, B$ so $V \rightarrow 2V$
- Q is proportional to V $\propto V$
- ↳ define capacitance $C = CV$ $C = \frac{Q}{V}$



- parallel plate capacitor

- ↳ 2 large plates area A separated by d
- ↳ ignore edge effects charge $\pm Q$ uniformly spread on surface

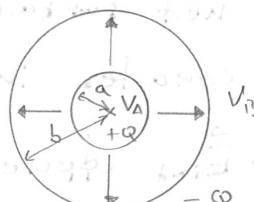


$$E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} \quad V = \frac{Qd}{\epsilon_0 A}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} \quad \text{so} \quad C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

- spherical capacitor

- ↳ apply gauss law to get $V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)$
- $$C = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0}{\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)}$$



- capacitance of a single conductor

- ↳ let $b \rightarrow \infty$ $C = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0}{\frac{1}{a} - 0}$ $C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 r$
- ↳ energy is stored in the field surrounding the conductor

$$3-2=3$$

$$\frac{224^2}{3} = \frac{224^2}{3 \cdot 2} = 3$$

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- energy stored in a capacitor
 - ↳ the energy is stored in form of \vec{E} field between plates
 - ↳ apply potential energy of set of charges $V = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} Q_i V_i$
 - $V = \frac{1}{2} Q_A V_A - \frac{1}{2} Q_B V_B = \frac{1}{2} Q (V_A - V_B)$
 - ↳ $E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} \Rightarrow Q = \epsilon_0 A E$
 - ↳ $V = Ed$
 - ∴ $U = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_0 A E) (Ed) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 (Ad)$

↳ define energy density $u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$ - for any field

- polarisation of dielectric

↳ dielectric is an insulator with polar molecules free to move around

↳ apply external electric field \vec{E}_{ext} which causes dipoles to align

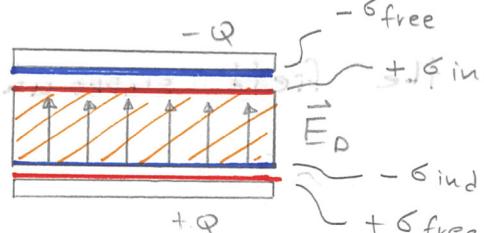
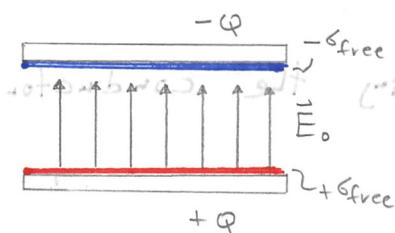
↳ net surface charge established

creates induced field in dielectric \vec{E}_{ind} all occurs within dielectric

↳ \vec{E}_{ind} opposes \vec{E}_{ext} so overall field is weaker than it would be in a vacuum

$$\vec{E}_D = \frac{\vec{E}_0}{k} \quad k - \text{dielectric constant usually } k > 1$$

- dielectrics in capacitors



$$E_0 = \frac{e^{free}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_D = \frac{e^{free}}{k \epsilon_0} = \frac{e^{free}}{\epsilon}$$

$$\epsilon = k \epsilon_0$$

↳ apply pill box analysis and Gauss's law

$$E_0 A = \frac{Q_{\text{free}} - Q_{\text{ind}}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{so} \quad E_0 = \frac{Q_{\text{free}} - Q_{\text{ind}}}{\epsilon_0 A} \quad \text{and} \quad E_0 = \frac{Q_{\text{free}}}{k \epsilon_0 A}$$

$$Q_{\text{ind}} = Q_{\text{free}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)$$

↳ procedure for analysis: charge + isolate capacitor then introduce dielectric

- effects of dielectric on capacitor properties

↳ capacitance $C_D = k C_0$ so increases $\propto k$

↳ same charge can be displaced with a smaller pd

↳ energy stored $U_D = k U_0$ so increases $\propto k$