

**L15** Electric Displacement ( $\vec{D}$ )

Dielectric Materials  $\Rightarrow \sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} \quad \& \quad \rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}$   
*bound charges (immobile)*

Conductors  $\Rightarrow \sigma_f \quad \& \quad \rho_f$   
*free charges (mobile)*

$\therefore$  The total charge can be written

$$\rho = \rho_b + \rho_f$$

"Electric field produced by the total charge  $\rho$ "

the Gauss's Law:  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E}) = \rho / \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\rho_b + \rho_f)$   
 $= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} + \rho_f)$

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

$\vec{D}$ : electric displacement.

$$\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}}$$

"Gauss's law for free charge in a dielectric material"

$$\int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} \, d\tau = \oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_V \rho_f \, d\tau = Q_{free}$$

In high symmetry, we can calculate  $\vec{D}$  from  $\rho_f$  using Gauss's Law

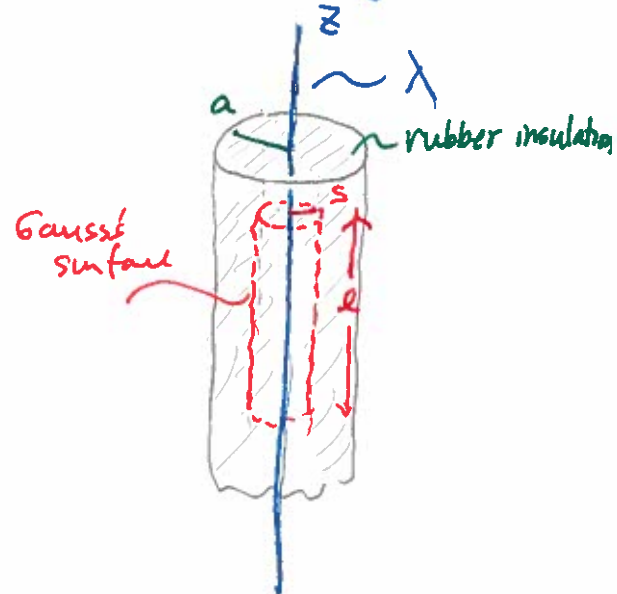
Ex Line charge of  $\lambda \Rightarrow$  free charge.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_{free}$$

$$\therefore \oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_0^l \lambda \, dl$$

$$2\pi s l D = \lambda l$$

$$\therefore \vec{D} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi s} \hat{s}$$



$\therefore$  For  $s > a$  (no insulation,  $\vec{P} = 0$ ),

$$\vec{E} = (\vec{D} - \vec{P}) / \epsilon_0 = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 s} \hat{s}$$

For  $s < a$  (inside the insulation,  $\vec{P} \neq 0$ )

$$\vec{E} = (\vec{D} - \vec{P}) / \epsilon_0.$$

**HW** 4.15.  $\vec{P} = \frac{k}{r} \hat{r}$ .

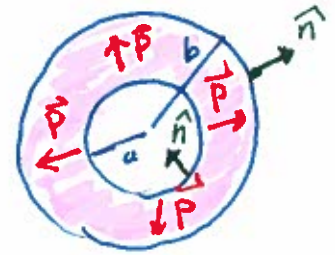
(a) Use  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\rho_b + \rho_f)$

$$\rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = -k \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \frac{\hat{r}}{r} \right)$$

$$= -k \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \frac{1}{r})$$

$$= -\frac{k}{r^2}$$

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = \begin{cases} \vec{P} \cdot \hat{r} & (\text{at } r=b) = \frac{k}{b} \\ \vec{P} \cdot (-\hat{r}) & (\text{at } r=a) = -\frac{k}{a} \end{cases}$$



(i)  $r < a$ ,  $Q_{en} = 0 \quad \therefore \vec{E} = 0$

(ii)  $a < r < b$ ,  $Q_{en} = \sigma_b (4\pi a^2) + \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho_b$

$$= \left(-\frac{k}{a}\right) 4\pi a^2 + \int_a^r 4\pi r'^3 \left(-\frac{k}{r'^2}\right) dr'$$

$$= -4\pi k a - 4\pi k (r-a) = -4\pi k r.$$

$$\therefore 4\pi r^2 E = -4\pi k r / \epsilon_0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\frac{k}{\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r}.$$

(ii)  $r > b$ .  $Q_{en} = \sigma_b(r=a)(4\pi a^2) + \sigma_b(r=b)(4\pi b^2) + \int_a^b 4\pi(r')^2 \left(-\frac{k}{r'^2}\right) dr'$

$$= -4\pi k a + 4\pi k b - 4\pi(b-a)k$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{E} = 0.$$

(b) Use  $\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$ .

$\therefore Q_f = 0$  (no free charge).

$\therefore \vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = 0 \quad \therefore \vec{E} = -\vec{P}/\epsilon_0$ .

(i) For  $r < a$  and  $r > b$ ,  $\vec{P} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = 0$   
 For  $a < r < b$ ,  $\vec{E} = -\frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r}$

**HW** 4.16

►  $\vec{E}$ ,  $\vec{D}$ , and Gauss' Law.

$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0 \rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{r^2} \hat{r} d\tau'$  (Coulomb's Law)

$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f \Rightarrow \vec{D} \neq \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_V \frac{\rho_f(\vec{r}')}{r^2} \hat{r} d\tau'$

In  $\vec{E}$ , there is another condition required to satisfy the Coulomb's law:  $\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$

With  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$  &  $\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$ ,  $\vec{E}$  is uniquely determined?

However,  $\nabla \times \vec{D} = \nabla \times (\epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}) = \cancel{\epsilon_0 \nabla \times \vec{E}} + \nabla \times \vec{P} = \nabla \times \vec{P} \neq 0$  in general!

Therefore,  $\nabla \times \vec{D} \neq 0$  and there is no corresponding potential for  $\vec{D}$ .

► Boundary Conditions (review how we extracted B.C. for  $\vec{E}$ ).

$E_{above}^\perp - E_{below}^\perp = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$ ;  $E_{above}^\parallel - E_{below}^\parallel = 0$ .

But

$D_{above}^\perp - D_{below}^\perp = \frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon_0}$ ;  $D_{above}^\parallel - D_{below}^\parallel = P_{above}^\parallel - P_{below}^\parallel$

► Susceptibility ( $\chi_e$ ), Permittivity ( $\epsilon$ ), Dielectric Const. ( $\epsilon_r$ ).

$\vec{P} = \alpha \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}$  ( $\vec{P} \parallel \vec{E}$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Linear Dielectrics.

$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \vec{E} = \epsilon \vec{E}$   $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$

*polarizability*  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\rho_f + \rho_b)$

*vacuum permittivity* *Permittivity*

where  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e)$ ,

$\epsilon_r \equiv \epsilon / \epsilon_0 = 1 + \chi_e$  : Relative permittivity / Dielectric Const.

$\epsilon_r$	Vacuum	He	Ne	H <sub>2</sub> O (v)	Diamond	Ice (thd)
	1	1.000065	1.00013	1.00589	5.7-59	104

EX  $V(r=0) = ?$  need to know  $\vec{E}$

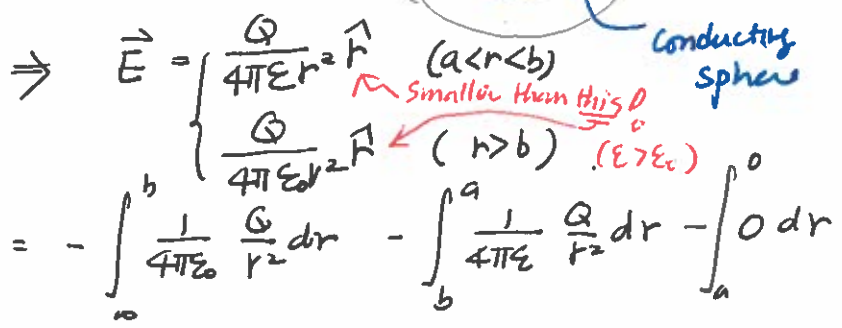
$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$  (Linear dielectrics).

(i) We know  $\vec{E} = 0$  for  $r < a$ .

(ii)  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$

$\therefore 4\pi r^2 D = Q$

$\therefore \vec{D} = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r}$



$\therefore V(0) = - \int_{\infty}^0 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \int_b^{\infty} \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2} dr - \int_a^b \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon} \frac{Q}{r^2} dr - \int_0^a 0 dr$

$= \frac{Q}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 b} + \frac{1}{\epsilon a} - \frac{1}{\epsilon b} \right)$

And.  $\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \chi_e Q}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$

$\rho_b = - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = 0$

$\sigma_b(r=a) = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = \vec{P} \cdot (-\hat{r}) = - \frac{\epsilon_0 \chi_e Q}{4\pi \epsilon_0 a^2}$

$\sigma_b(r=b) = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = \vec{P} \cdot (+\hat{r}) = + \frac{\epsilon_0 \chi_e Q}{4\pi \epsilon_0 b^2}$

\* When the whole space where  $\vec{E}$  is present is filled with a linear dielectric medium with  $\epsilon$ , the resulting electric field can be obtained by replacing  $\epsilon_0$  with  $\epsilon$  in  $\vec{E}$  evaluated in vacuum (free space).

EX Electric field from a point charge  $+q$  placed at the origin inside a dielectric medium w/  $\epsilon$ .

linea

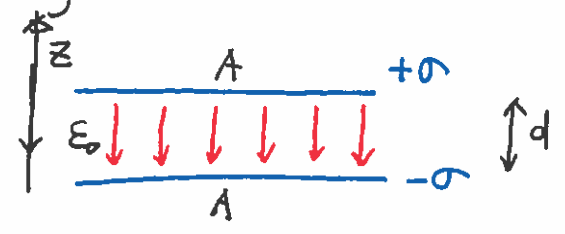
$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r} \Rightarrow \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

free space                      dielectric medium

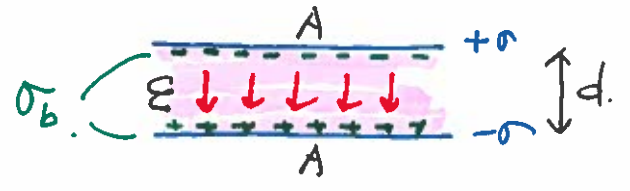
EX  $\vec{E}$  between two parallel conducting plates

$$\vec{E}_v = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} (-\hat{z}) \quad \text{in vacuum}$$

$$\vec{E}_d = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} (-\hat{z}) \quad \text{in dielectric M.}$$



$|\vec{E}_v| > |\vec{E}_d|$   
 reduction due to  $\sigma_b$



$$\therefore C_v = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \quad \text{but} \quad C_d = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$$

$$\therefore C_d = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = \epsilon_r C_v$$

**HW** 4.18, 4.21.