



Lecture (1) Electrostatics
Simple Story

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Introduction

Text Books:

- *College Physics, Serway / Vuille, Eight Edition, Chapters 15-18.*
- *Sadiku, Elements of Electromagnetics, Oxford University.*
- *Griffiths, Introduction to Electrodynamics, Prentice Hall.*
- *Jackson, Classical Electrodynamics, New York: John Wiley & Sons.*
- *Open sources: MIT open courses,*





Electric Charges

- After running a plastic comb through your dry hair, you will find that the comb attracts bits of paper.

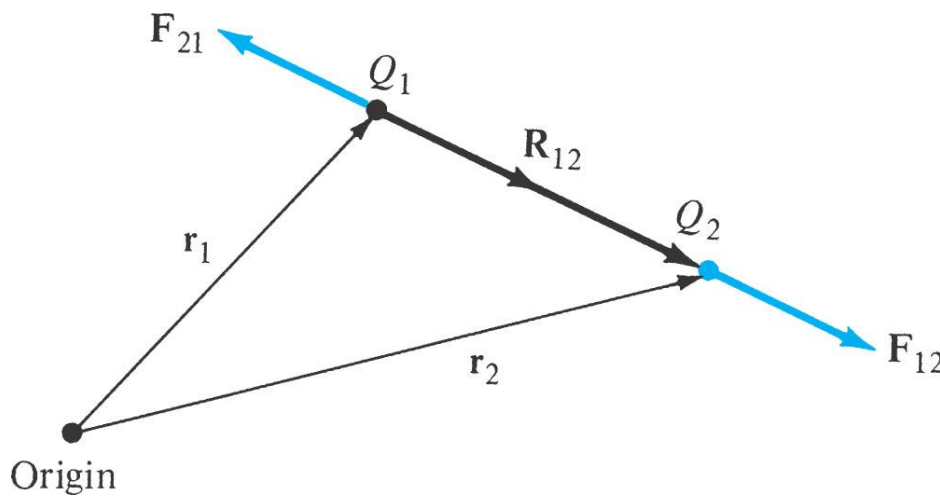


- *Positive charges repel each others & Negative Charges repel each others*
- *Positive and negative charges attract each others*



Electric Force

- **Coulomb's law:** *The electric force is directly proportional to the product of the charges and inversely proportional to squared distance between the charges*



$$\vec{F} = k \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2} \vec{a}_r$$

$$\mathbf{F} = k \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

$$r = |\mathbf{R}_{12}| \quad k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon}$$

- **The proportionality constant depends on the medium between the charges.**

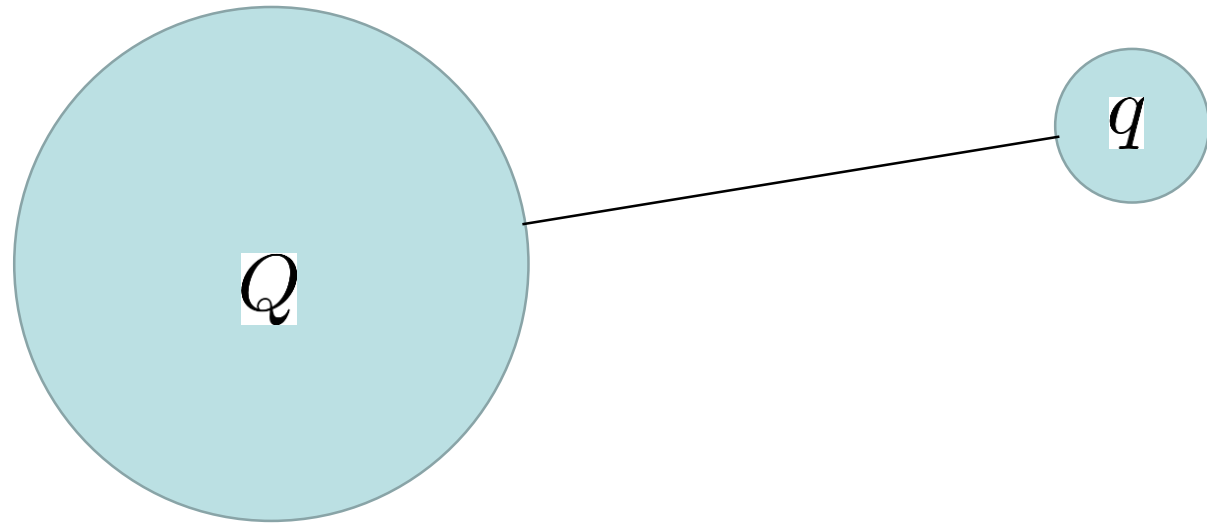


$$k_{\text{Vacuum}} = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ m/F}$$

$$k_{\text{Water}} \approx 1.11 \times 10^8 \text{ m/F}$$



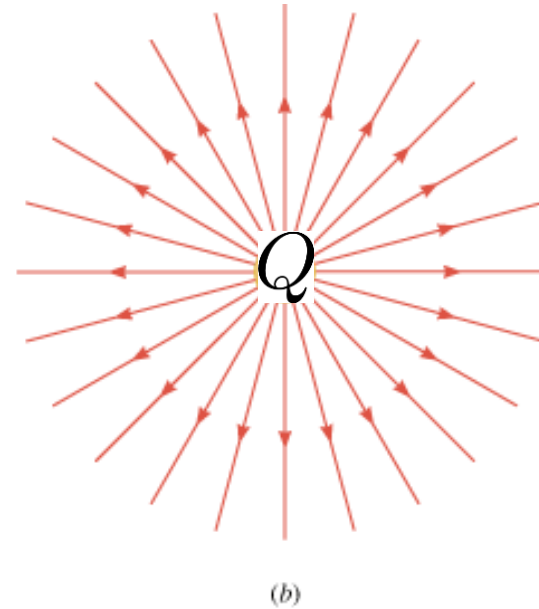
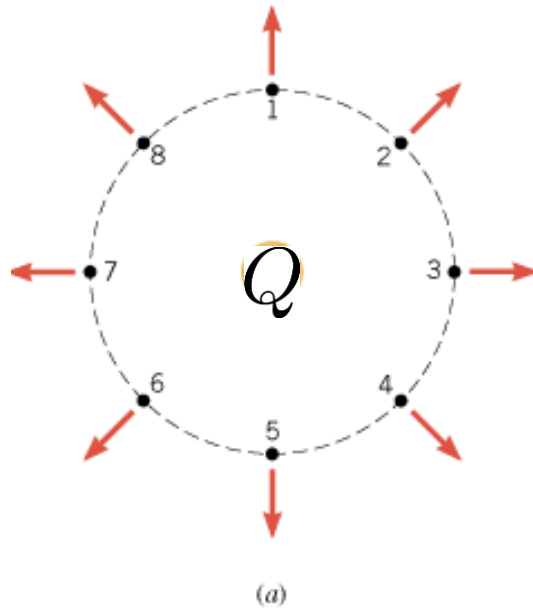
The area around a charge



➤ *Examine the area around a charge using a test charge*



The area around a charge

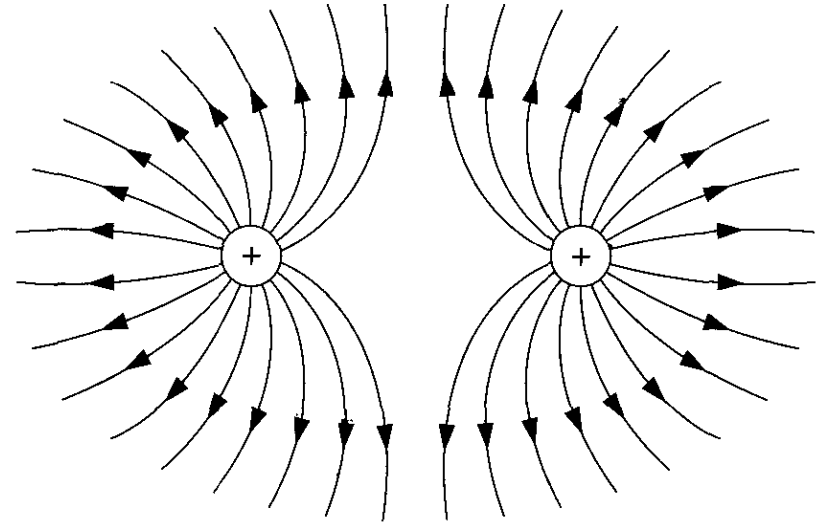
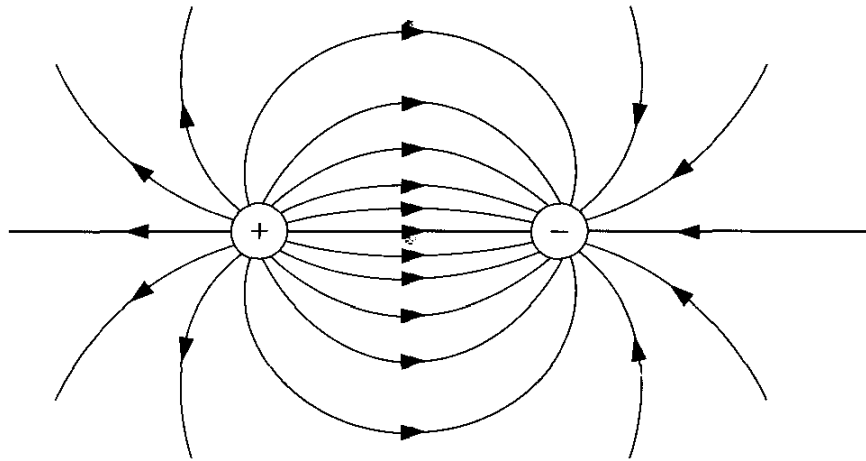


➤ *The electric field of a charge is the force affect the test charge*

➤
$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{q} = k \frac{Qq}{r^2} \mathbf{a}_r = k \frac{Q}{r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$



non-uniform electric field



- *What about the divergence and the curl of the electric field?*
- *The electric field lines does not form circular shapes, then the curl of the field is zero*

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

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \text{Value}$$



Field lines

- *Field lines are imaginary lines that show the direction of the electric field*
- *Electric flux density is the number of electric flux lines per unit area.*

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\psi}{\mathbf{S}}$$

$$\psi = \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

$$\mathbf{D} \propto \mathbf{E}$$

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

$$\psi = \epsilon \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

- *The intensity of the field is related to the number of the lines and the density of the lines.*



Field lines of a point charge

➤ *The lines are uniform and perpendicular to a closed spherical surface*



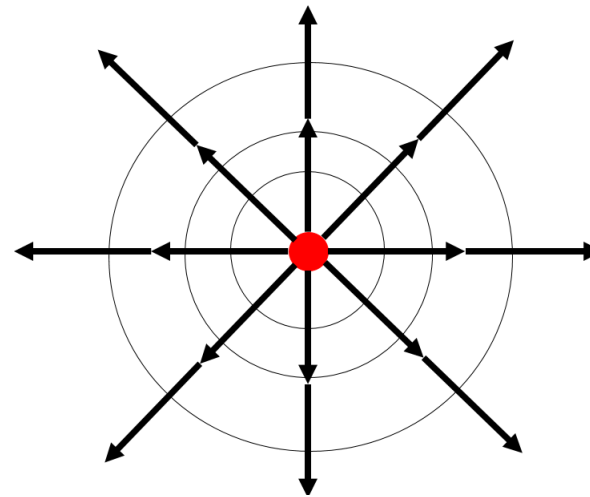
$$\psi = \epsilon \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

$$\psi = \epsilon_0 E S$$

$$\psi = \epsilon_0 \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} 4\pi r^2$$



$$\psi = Q \quad Q = \epsilon \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} \quad \text{Gauss's law}$$

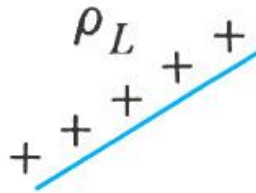




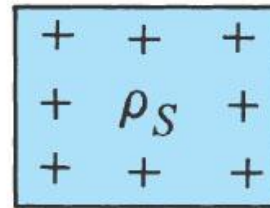
Gauss's law



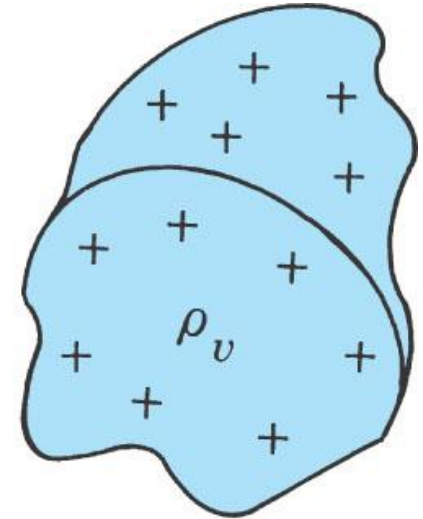
Point charge



Line charge



Surface charge



Volume charge

$$Q = \epsilon \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

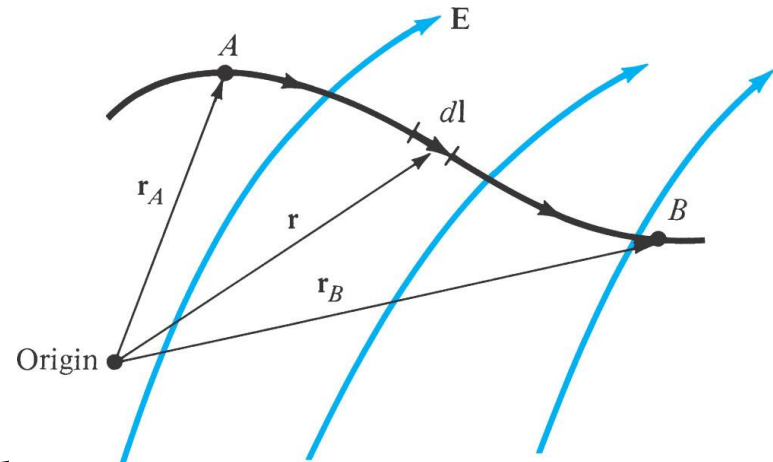


Potential Energy

➤ *When a charge move in an electric field;*

$$dW = -\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad dW = -q\mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

$$W = -q \int_A^B \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$



- *The negative sign mean that the field is done by the field.*
- *The amount of energy depends only on the A & B and does not depend on the path between A & B.*
- *The work done in a closed path is zero.*
- *The potential is the energy done per unite charge*

$$V = \frac{W}{q} = - \int_A^B \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$



Potential vs Electric Field

➤ *The gradient of the potential*

$$V = - \int_A^B \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad dV = -d \int_A^B \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad E = -dV/dl$$

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

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = -\nabla^2 V$$

➤ *Remember that* $Q = \epsilon \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} \quad \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} \, d\tau$

$$Q/\epsilon = \int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} \, d\tau$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}$$

$$\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}$$



Maxwell's equations

➤ *Stock's Theory*

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} d\tau$$

➤ *Green's Theory*

$$\oint (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

➤ *Maxwell's equations*
Point Form

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}$$

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

Integral Form

$$Q/\epsilon = \int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} d\tau$$

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



Capacitors and energy storage

➤ *Static charges are accumulated on the capacitor plates.*

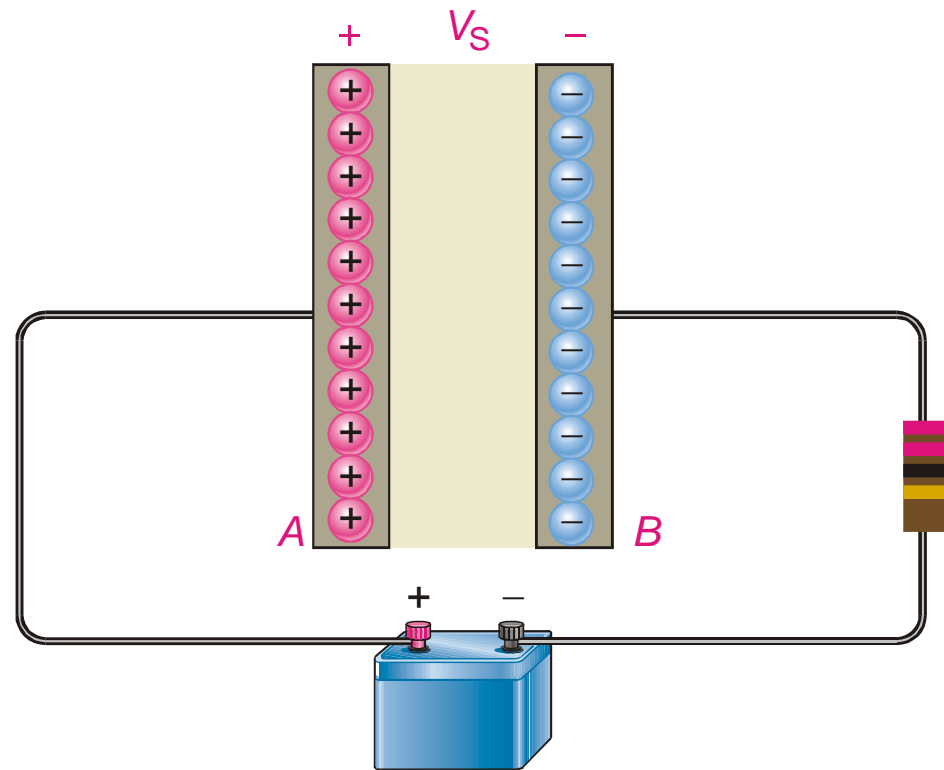
➤ *The energy stored*

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

➤ *The charged capacitor may work as a battery.*

The discharge time depends on

$$\tau = RC$$





Current density

❖ The **current** (in amperes) through a given area is the electric charge passing through the area per unit time. $1 \text{ A} = 1 \text{ C/s}$

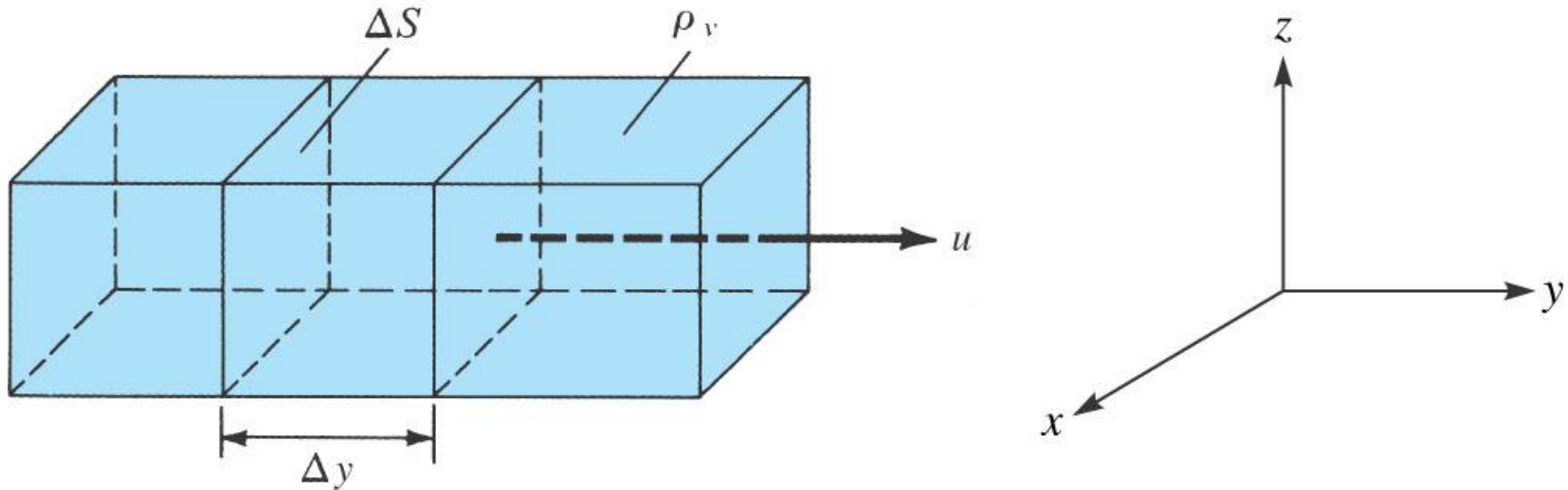
$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

Current density $J = \frac{\Delta I}{\Delta S}$ or $I = \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$

❖ What is the unit of **J**? Is it scalar quantity?



Current density

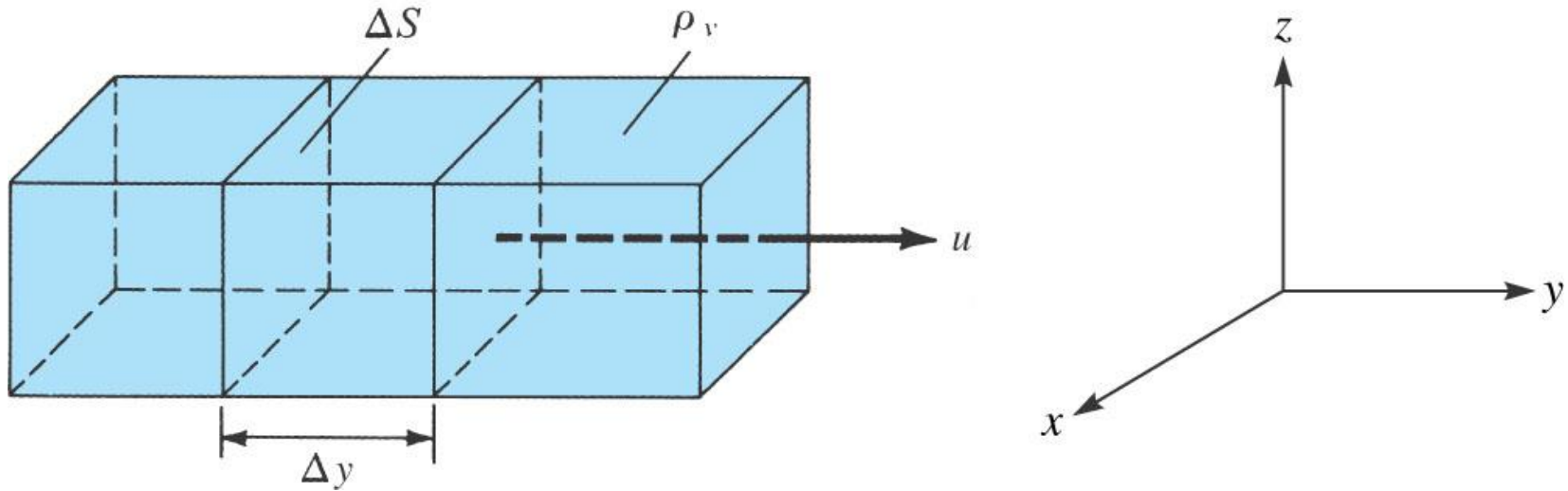


- The current density passing along the conductor is $J_y \propto \rho_v$ and $J_y \propto u_y$
- By using physical units, we can show that

$$J_v = \rho_v u_v$$



Current density



$$\Delta I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = \frac{\rho_v \Delta V}{\Delta t} = \frac{\rho_v \Delta S \Delta y}{\Delta t} = \rho_v \Delta S u_y$$

$$J_y = \frac{\Delta I}{\Delta S} = \rho_v u_y$$



Current density

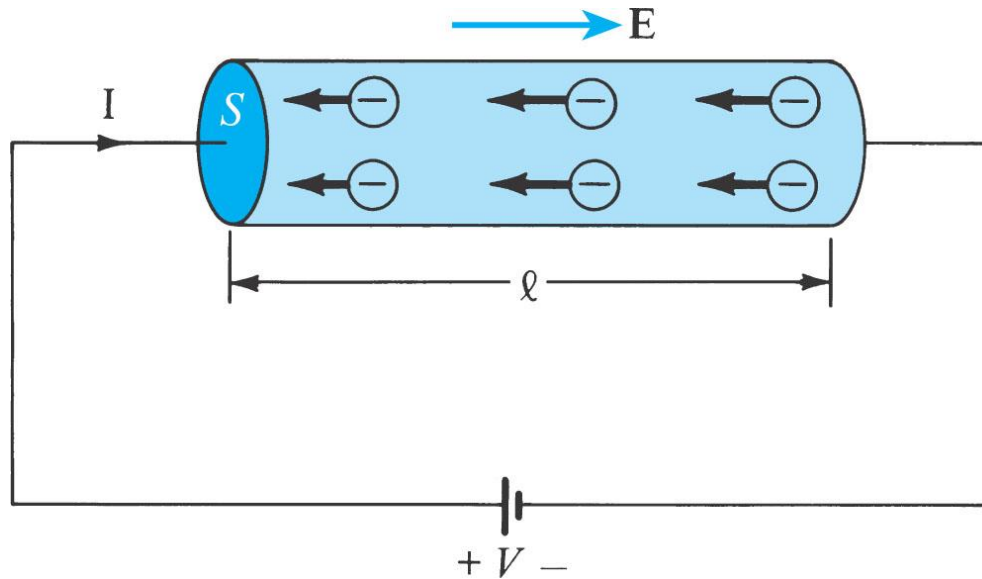
- In general: $\mathbf{J} = \rho_v \mathbf{u}$ this equation is the general form of both **convection** and **conduction** current density
- In conductors: the charge density ρ_v is defined as

$$\rho_v = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta V} = -n e$$

Where n is the electron density and e is the electron charge. **Why does negative charge exist in the equation?**



Conduction Current density



- Electrons move opposite to the field direction

$$\mathbf{F} = -e\mathbf{E}$$

From momentum
$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{m \, du}{dt} = \frac{m (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{0})}{(\tau - 0)} = -e\mathbf{E}$$

τ : the average time interval between collisions – The time required to reach speed of \mathbf{u} .



Generalized Ohm's law

- Therefore, $\mathbf{u} = -\frac{e\tau}{m}\mathbf{E}$

If there are n electrons per unit volume

$$\rho_V = -ne$$

So

$$\mathbf{J} = \rho_V \mathbf{u} = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}\mathbf{E}$$

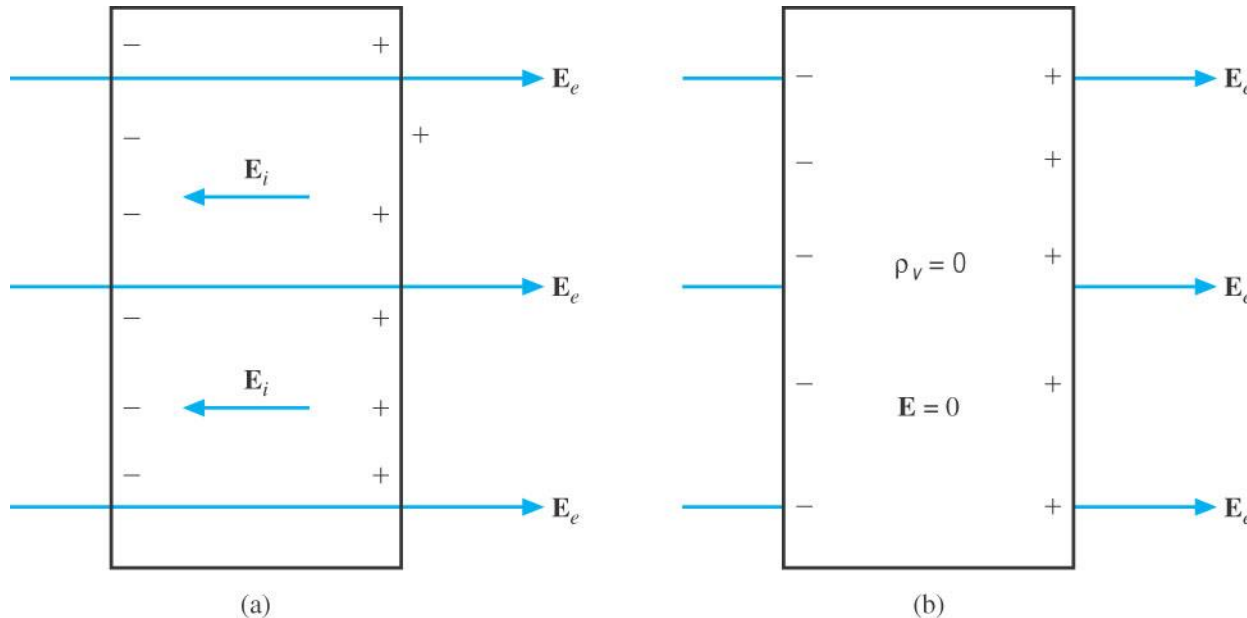
or

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma\mathbf{E}$$

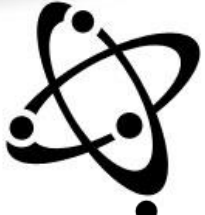


Conductors

- A perfect conductor ($\sigma = \infty$) cannot contain E-field within it.



E_e is applied external field, E_i is internal field--
isolated conductor: $V = \text{constant}$



Ohm's law

- For a conductor whose ends are maintained at potential difference V

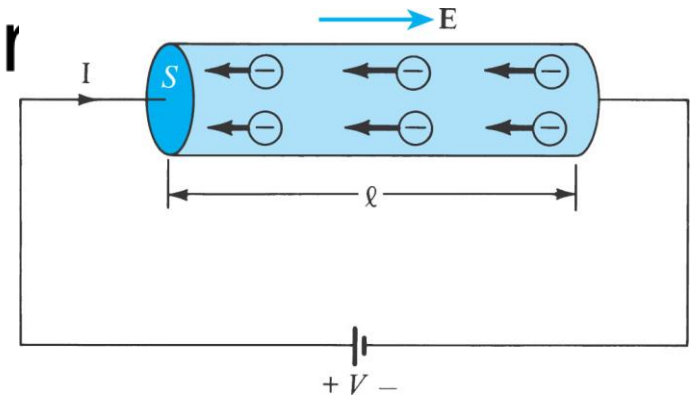
$E \neq 0$ inside the conductor

$$E = \frac{V}{l}$$

$$J = \frac{I}{S} = \sigma E = \sigma \frac{V}{l}$$

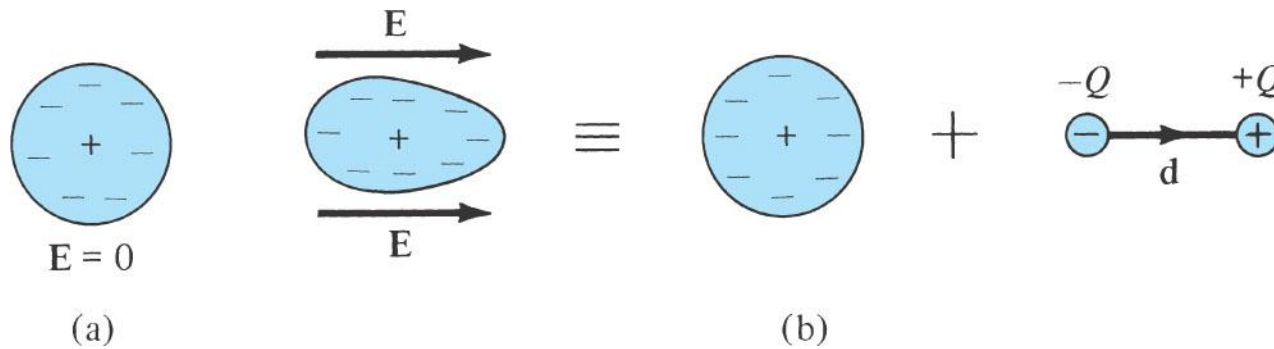
$$\frac{I}{S} = \sigma \frac{V}{l} \rightarrow R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{l}{\sigma S} \text{ or } R = \frac{\rho_c l}{S}$$

Where $\rho_c = 1/\sigma$ is the resistivity





Polarization in Dielectrics

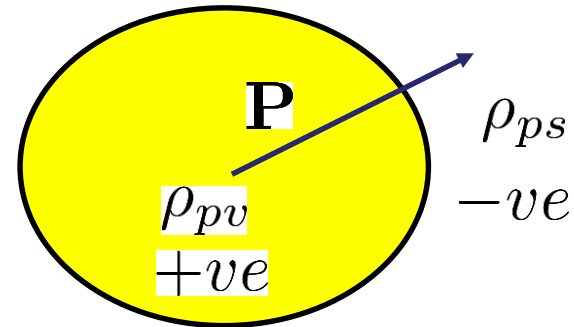


When an electric field is applied to a dielectric material, the positive and negative charges are displaced from their equilibrium. In the polarized state, the electron cloud is distorted.

Dipole moment: $\mathbf{p} = Q\mathbf{d}$

Polarization in dielectrics $\mathbf{P} = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N Q_k \mathbf{d}_k}{\Delta V}$

This is **dipole moment per unit volume** 23

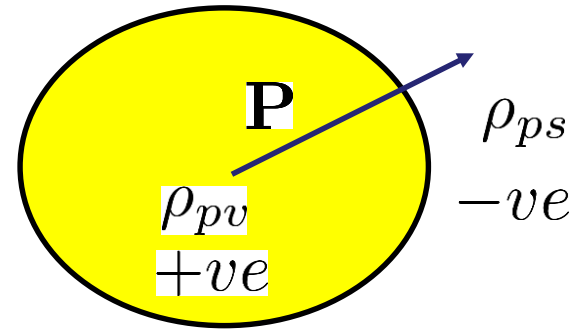


- ❖ The polarization leads to the accumulation of a negative charge on the body surface:

$$Q_b = \oint \rho_{ps} ds$$

- ❖ The polarization leads to the accumulation of a positive charge inside the body

$$-Q_b = \int_v \rho_{pv} dv$$



❖ From Gauss theory

$$\oint \mathbf{P} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_v \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} dv$$

$$Q_b = \oint \rho_{ps} ds = - \int_v \rho_{pv} dv$$

❖ Then the charge surface density

$$\rho_{ps} = \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{a}_n$$

❖ The volume charge density

$$\rho_{pv} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}$$



Displacement field

- When an electric field affect a dielectric, a polarization gives rise; therefore

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

- \mathbf{D} is the displacement field. In free space, the electric displacement field is equivalent to flux density ($\text{C}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$).
- In a dielectric material the displacement field is greater than its value in vacuum for the same electric field due to polarization.



Susceptibility

- Susceptibility is the ability of material to be polarized or the sensitivity of the material to the external electric field.
- Linear materials: materials where the polarization increases linearly with increasing the external electric field

$$\mathbf{P} \propto \mathbf{E} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{P} = \chi_e \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}$$

- Therefore:

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \chi_e \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = (1 + \chi_e) \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$



Dielectric constant

- **Dielectric constant** is the ratio between the permittivity of the dielectric to that of free space

$$\epsilon_r = 1 + \chi_e = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$$

- By increasing the external field affect a dielectric material, free charges may generated and the matter becomes conductor; such as arc discharge and lightning.
- **The dielectric strength** is the maximum electric field that a dielectric can stay without electrical breakdown

Properties of dielectric materials



- **Linear material:** when the displacement field and the polarization vary linearly with the applied field
- **Homogeneous material:** The conductivity and the dielectric constant do not depend on the space coordinate; i.e., independent of x, y, z .
- **Isotropic materials:** when the material has the same properties in all directions, i.e., the electric field and the displacement field have the same directions.



Dielectric tensor

- **Anisotropic material:** When the dielectric constant depends on direction. The dielectric constant or the susceptibility has nine components.

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \\ D_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} & \epsilon_{xy} & \epsilon_{xz} \\ \epsilon_{yx} & \epsilon_{yy} & \epsilon_{yz} \\ \epsilon_{zx} & \epsilon_{zy} & \epsilon_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix}$$

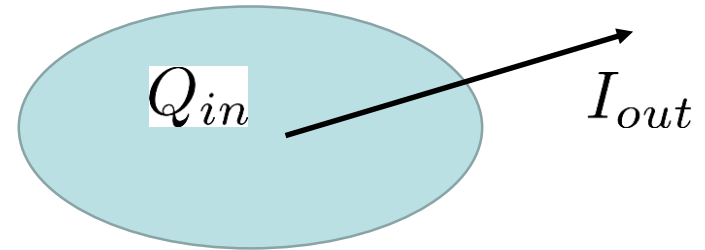
- A dielectric with ($D = \epsilon E$) is linear ϵ does not change with the applied field, homogeneous if ϵ does not change from point to point, and isotropic if ϵ does not change with directions.

Continuity equation



- When a current coming out a body, then

$$I_{out} = \oint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \frac{-dQ_{in}}{dt}$$



- From Gauss theory

$$\oint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_v \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} dv \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{-dQ_{in}}{dt} = \int_v \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} dv$$

$$Q_{in} = \int_v \rho_v dv \quad \longrightarrow \quad -\frac{d}{dt} \int_v \rho_v dv = \int_v \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} dv$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{d}{dt} \rho_v = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}}$$

Continuity equation



- From the continuity equation $-\frac{d}{dt}\rho_v = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}$
- Use $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$, then $-\frac{d}{dt}\rho_v = \sigma \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}$
- Use $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon_0}$, then $-\frac{d}{dt}\rho_v = \sigma \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon_0}$
- Then $\rho_v = \rho_{v0} e^{-\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} t}$, where $T_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma}$ is relaxation time; the time it takes a charge placed in the interior of a material to drop to 0.37 of its initial value.

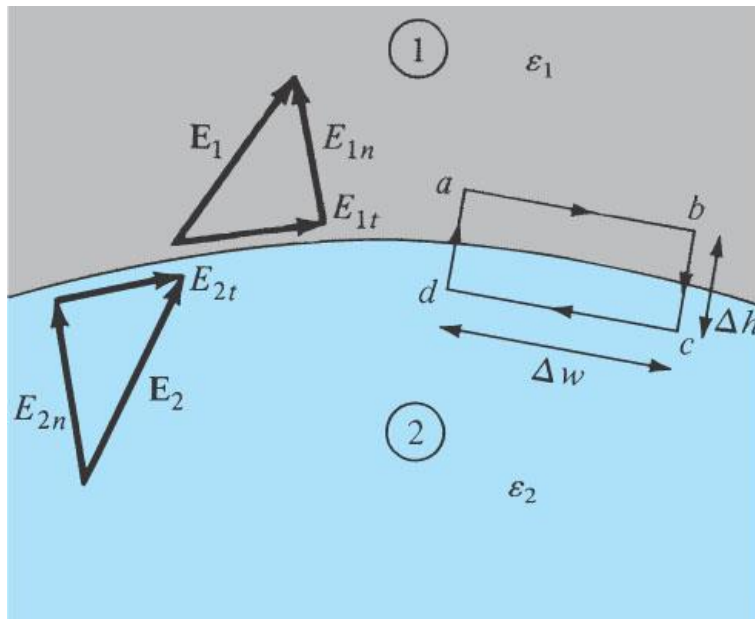
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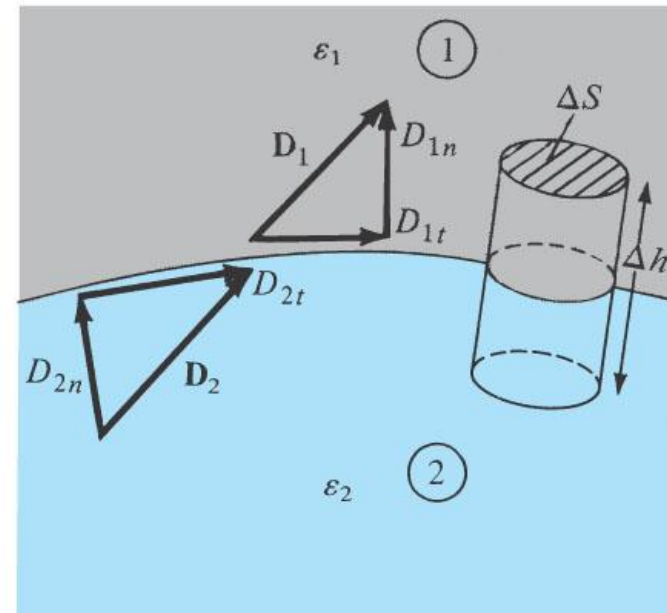
- From the integral form at D-D interface

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

$$Q = \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$



(a)



(b)

Boundary Conditions



- When the free charge density at the interface=0

$$E_{1t} = E_{2t} \quad \frac{D_{1t}}{\epsilon_1} = \frac{D_{2t}}{\epsilon_2}$$

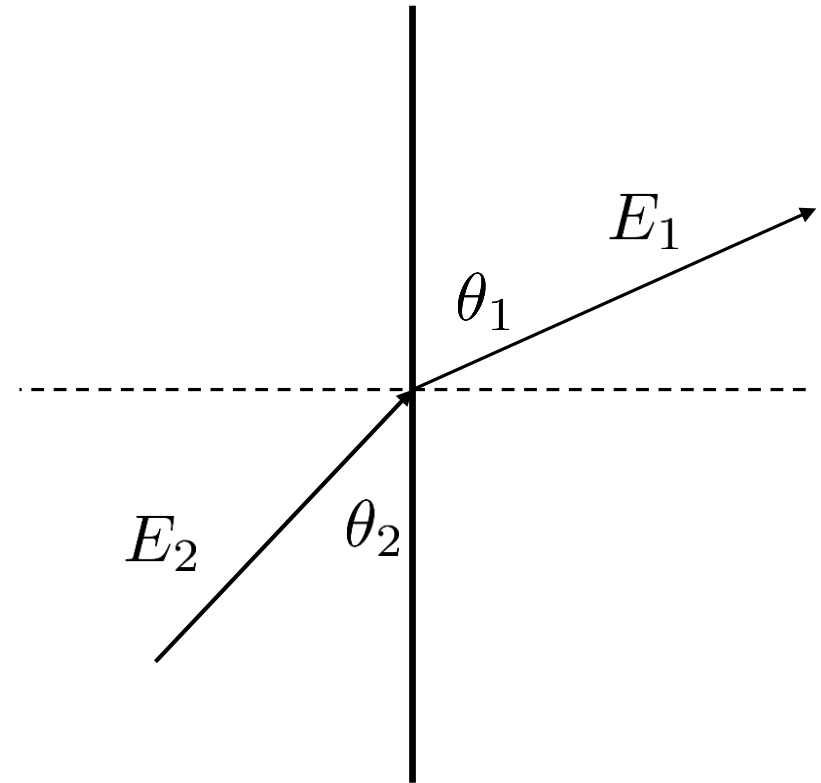
$$\epsilon_1 E_{1n} = \epsilon_2 E_{2n} \quad D_{1n} = D_{2n}$$

- **Snell's Law**

$$E_1 \sin(\theta_1) = E_2 \sin(\theta_2)$$

- **Refraction of the electric field**

$$\frac{\tan(\theta_1)}{\tan(\theta_2)} = \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}$$



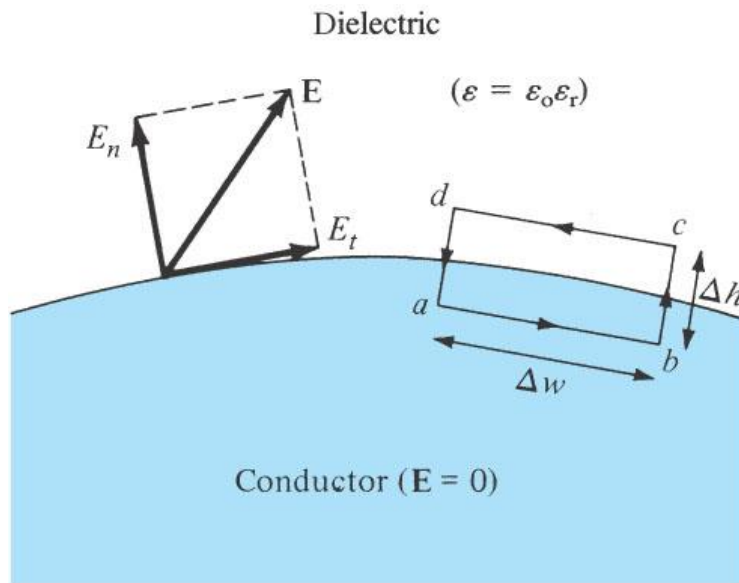
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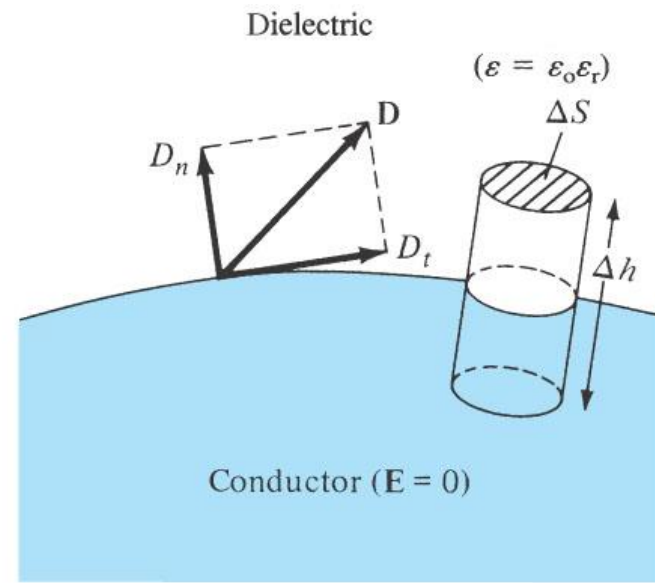
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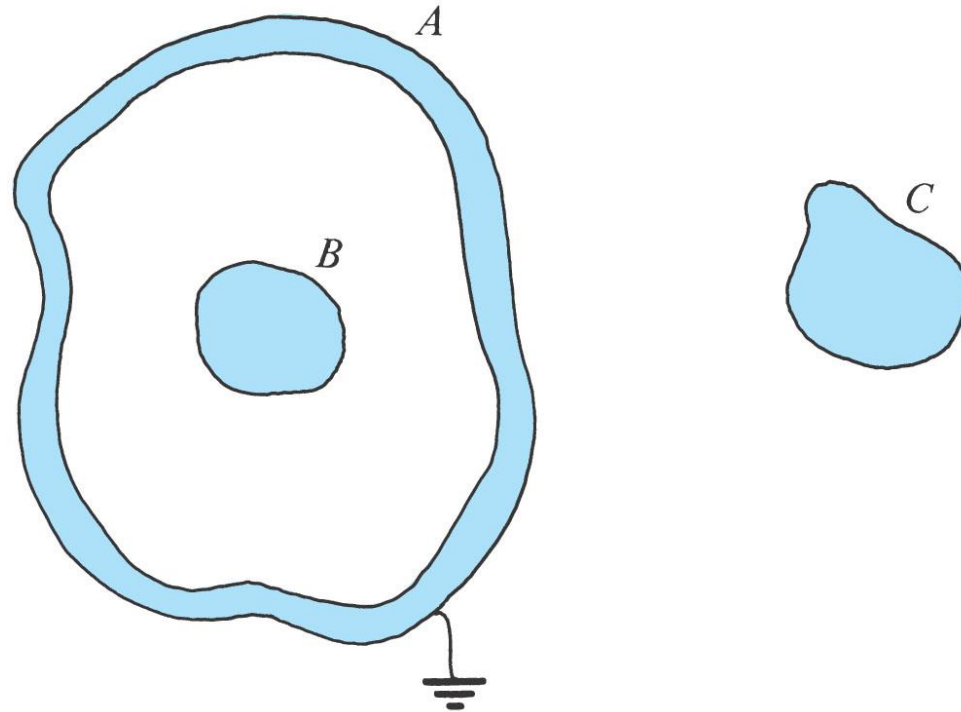
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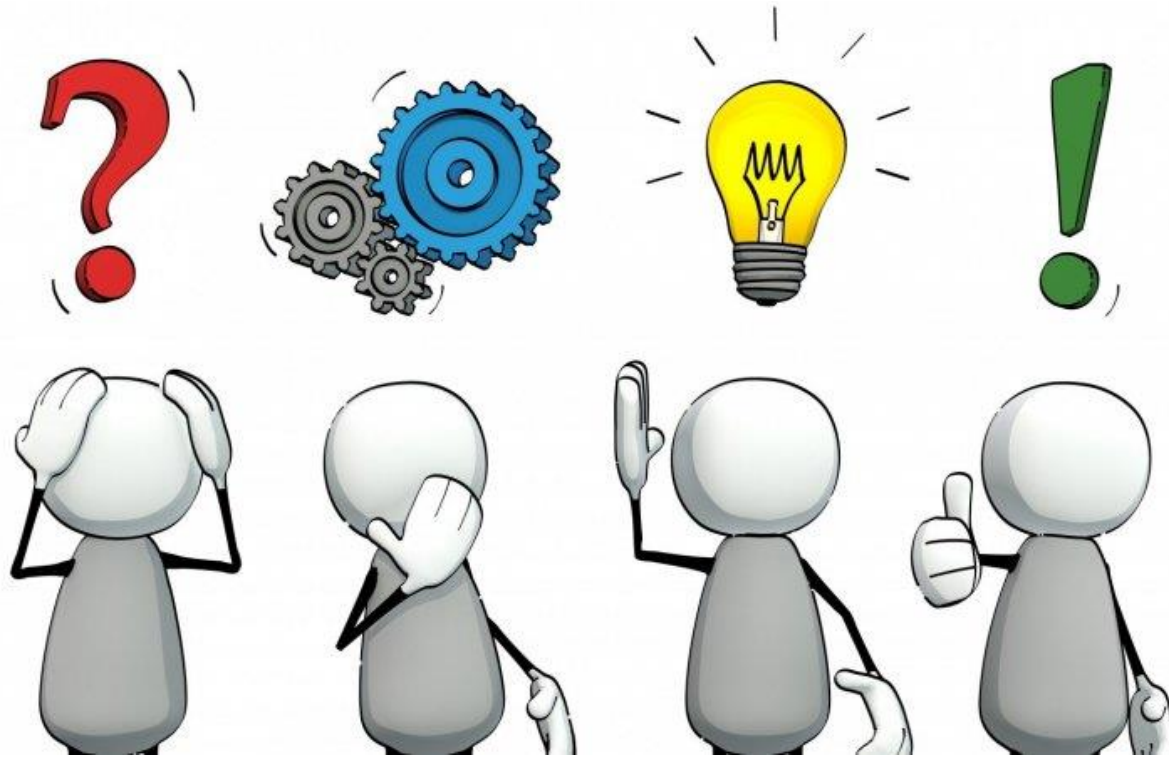
Electrostatic Shielding



- The field of C is shielded and there is no effect of c on B. TV cable?



- Is there a difference between the field around a charge in free space and the field around a charge in a plasma?
- What is the distance required to shield the potential of a charge in a plasma?
- Can static charges make a plasma? **Hint: Lightning!**
- Is the plasma quasineutral?



Thanks!