

Displacement

The bound charge that results from a polarization \vec{P} is just charge, so

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho_b / \epsilon_0$$

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

$$\vec{E} = \int_V \frac{k \rho_b(\vec{r}') d\vec{r}' \hat{r}''}{r''^2}$$

If there are additional charges floating around not produced by polarization, they just get added in

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_b}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{\rho_f}{\epsilon_0}$$

where I have labeled the other charge ρ_f .

We will refer to the other charge as free charge because charge not resulting from polarization doesn't have a ring to it.

Work on Gauss' Law

$$\epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho_f + \rho_b$$

$$\epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho_f - \nabla \cdot \vec{P}$$

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

Dfn - Electric Displacement

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

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$$

Integral Form

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{D} \, d\tau = \int_V \rho_f \, d\tau = \oint_S \vec{D} \cdot \hat{n} \, da$$

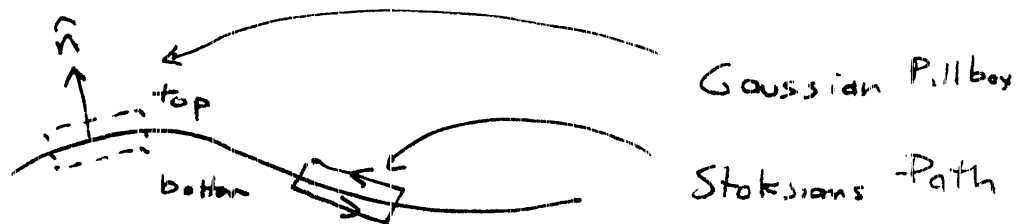
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$$\int_V \rho_f \, d\tau = Q_{fenc}$$

The free charge enclosed in the Gaussian surface.

Electrostatic Boundary Conditions

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$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot \hat{n} A = \vec{D}_{\text{top}} \cdot \hat{n} A - \vec{D}_{\text{bottom}} \cdot \hat{n} A = \sigma_f$$

$$D_{\text{top}}^{\perp} - D_{\text{bottom}}^{\perp} = \sigma_f$$

D^{\perp} = component of \vec{D} \perp to surface.

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} &= \int_S \nabla \times \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0 \\ &= \int_S \left(\nabla \times \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon_0} - \nabla \times \frac{\vec{P}}{\epsilon_0} \right) \cdot d\vec{a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\oint_C \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_C \vec{P} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$D_{\text{top}}^{\parallel} - D_{\text{bottom}}^{\parallel} = P_{\text{top}}^{\parallel} - P_{\text{bottom}}^{\parallel}$$

where D^{\parallel} is the component of D parallel to the surface

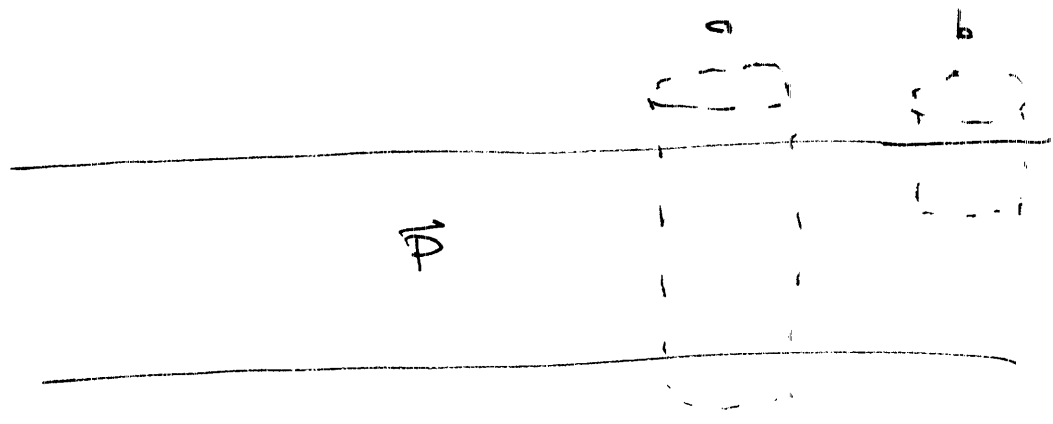
Don't get carried away

$$\nabla \times \vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \nabla \times \vec{E} + \nabla \times \vec{P} = \nabla \times \vec{P} \neq 0$$

always

$$\text{so } \vec{D} \neq \int \frac{\vec{P} + d\vec{r}' \hat{r}''}{r''^2}$$

E_x Back to the slab with uniform polarization \vec{P}



There is no free charge anywhere $\rho_f = 0$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{D} = 0$$

or at least $\vec{D} = \text{constant}$.

Gaussian surface a has $Q_{\text{enc}} = 0$ and reflection symmetry $\vec{D} = 0$ above and below the slab. Gaussian surface b encloses zero net charge, so $\vec{D} = 0$ inside the slab.

$$\text{So } \vec{D} = 0.$$

Inside

$$\vec{D} = 0 = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\vec{P}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Just what we
found earlier.

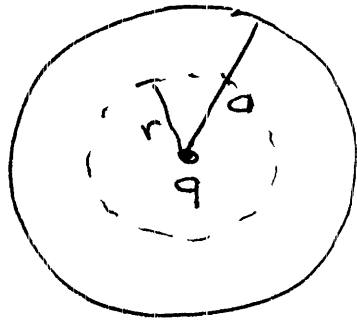
Outside $\vec{P} = 0$

$$\vec{D} = 0 = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = 0$$

Now suppose the polarization results from putting some material in a field. We have no way to know what the polarization is and it may change in a complicated manner from point to point, but what we did earlier is general.

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Ex Point charge embedded in dielectric material of radius R . Compute \vec{D} everywhere, \vec{E} when you can.



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Displacement Flux $\Phi_D = \int_S \vec{D} \cdot \hat{n} dA = Q_{enc}$

where S is a spherical Gaussian surface of radius r .

Region I $r < a$ $Q_{enc} = q$

$$\Phi_D = 4\pi r^2 D = q$$

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

we cannot calculate \vec{E} since we don't know \vec{P} .

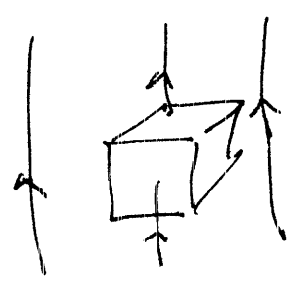
Region II $r > a$ $Q_{enc} = q$ also

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

but now $\vec{D} = 0$, so

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$$

If we know \vec{E} inside the dielectric, can we calculate \vec{P} \Rightarrow Generally, no.



If we apply a field to a small block of dielectric, we change its atomic energy environment, and its thermodynamic free energy. All hell can break loose; we could force a phase transition.

In general,

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

susceptibility tensor

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix} = \epsilon_0 \begin{pmatrix} X_{xx} & X_{xy} & X_{xz} \\ X_{yx} & X_{yy} & X_{yz} \\ X_{zx} & X_{zy} & X_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix}$$

where there is nothing to prevent X_{ij} from being a function of the field strength. For many materials, like crystals X_{ij} are independent of E_i for normal strength fields.

For some materials, called linear dielectrics the polarization points in the same direction as the field.

$$\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}$$

Electric Susceptibility (χ_e)

For these materials,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{D} &= \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E} \\ &= \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \vec{E}\end{aligned}$$

Dfn Permittivity

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

Dfn Relative Permittivity

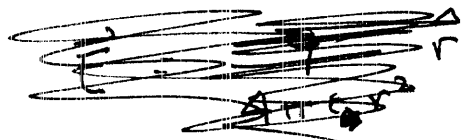
$$\epsilon_r = 1 + \chi_e$$

Dfn Dielectric Constant $\kappa = \epsilon_r = 1 + \chi_e$

So $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$ for linear dielectric

Return to point charge in dielectric sphere. If sphere is linear dielectric

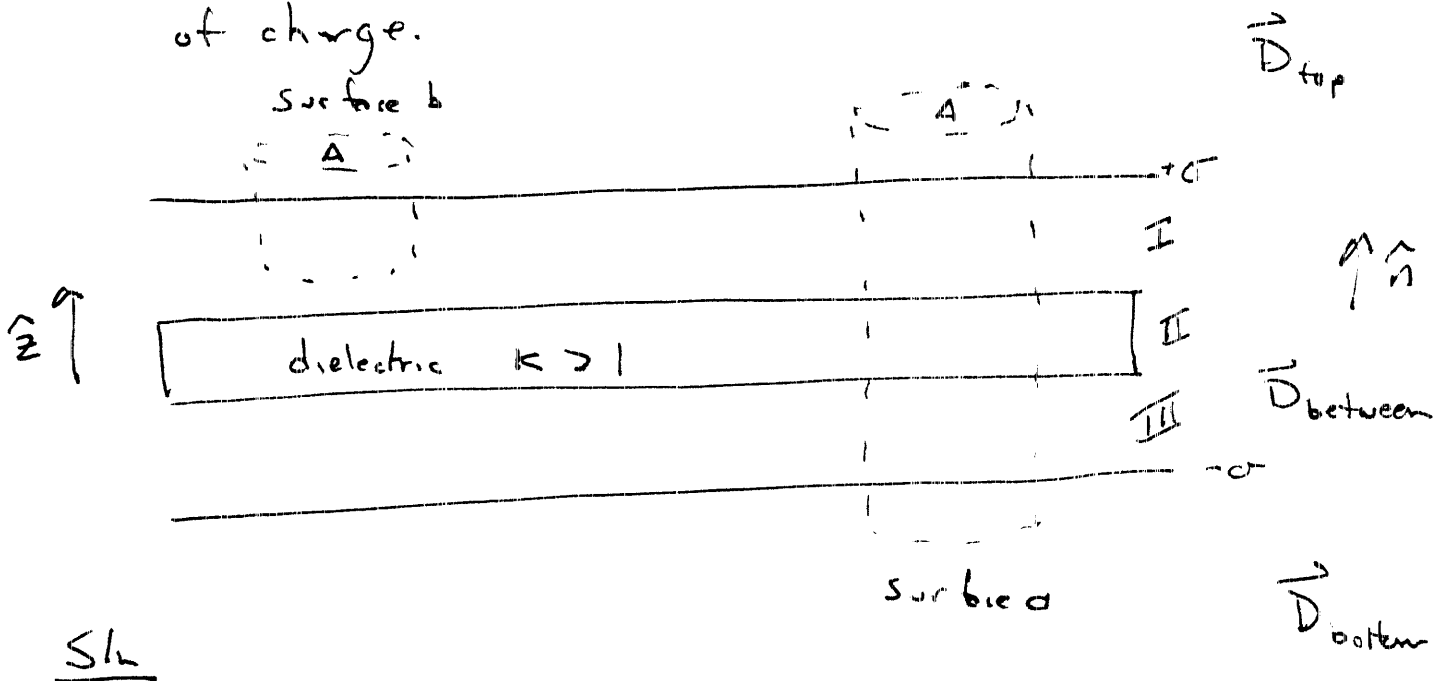
$$\vec{D} = \frac{q}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$



$$\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \hat{r} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_r \epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 k r^2} \hat{r}$$

Ex Dielectric between two equal, but opposite planes of charge.



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Surface a $Q_{free} = 0$, outer fields equal, opposite by reflection

$$\Phi_d = \vec{D}_{top} \cdot \hat{n} A - \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot \hat{n} A = Q_{free} = 0$$

$$\vec{D}_{top} = -\vec{D}_{bottom}$$

$$\vec{D}_{top} = \vec{D}_{bottom} = 0$$

Surface b $Q_{free} = \sigma A$

$$\Phi_d = \vec{D}_{top} \cdot \hat{n} A - \vec{D}_{between} \cdot \hat{n} A = Q_{free} = \sigma A$$

$$\vec{D}_{between} = -\sigma \hat{z}$$

Region I Above the top plane

$$\vec{D}_{top} = 0 \quad \vec{P}_{top} = 0 \quad \vec{E}_{top} = 0$$

Region II Between the planes, but outside of the dielectric

$$\vec{D}_{between} = -\sigma \hat{z} = +\epsilon_0 \vec{E} \quad , \quad \vec{P}_{between} = 0$$

$$\vec{E}_{between} = -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$$

Region III

$$\vec{D}_{diel} = -\sigma \hat{z} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{E}_{diel} = \frac{-\sigma}{\epsilon} \hat{z} = \frac{-\sigma}{\kappa \epsilon_0} \hat{z} = \frac{-\sigma}{\epsilon_0(1+\chi_e)} \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{P}_{diel} = \chi_e \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

$$= -\sigma \left(\frac{\chi_e}{1+\chi_e} \right) \hat{z}$$

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Region IV Below the bottom plane

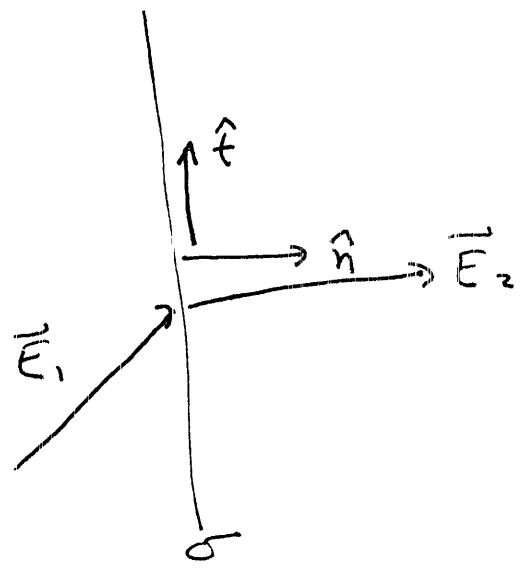
$$\vec{D}_{\text{bottom}} = 0 \quad \vec{P}_{\text{bottom}} = 0 \quad \vec{E}_{\text{bottom}} = 0$$

Charge Densities

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

$$\sigma_{b, \text{bp}} = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{-\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \sigma$$

Back to Boundary Conditions

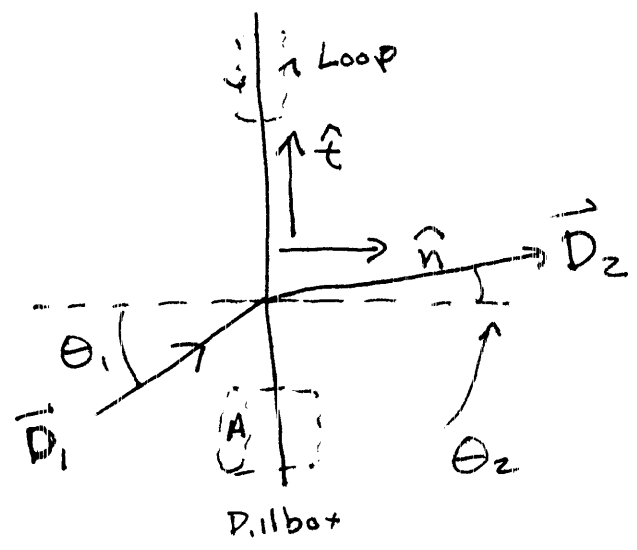


Without Dielectrics

$$\vec{E}_2 \cdot \hat{n} - \vec{E}_1 \cdot \hat{n} = \sigma / \epsilon_0$$

$$\vec{E}_2 \cdot \hat{t} = \vec{E}_1 \cdot \hat{t}$$

Same Problem with Dielectrics



Gaussian Pill box

$$\frac{\Phi_d}{A} = \vec{D}_2 \cdot \hat{n} - \vec{D}_1 \cdot \hat{n} = \sigma_f$$

If $\sigma_f = 0$, $D_2 \cos \theta = D_1 \cos \theta$

Stokesian Loop

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0 \quad \vec{E}_1 \cdot \hat{t} = \vec{E}_2 \cdot \hat{t}$$

$$E_1 \sin \theta = E_2 \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{E_1}{D_1} \tan \theta_1 = \frac{E_2}{D_2} \tan \theta_2$$

$$D_1 = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} E_1$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_{r1}} \tan \theta_1 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_{r2}} \tan \theta_2$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{D}$ bends at dielectric interface

A few points

(1) In a linear dielectric, since $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$ the curl ^{of \vec{D}} is zero. However, the curl of \vec{D} is not zero at any interfaces.

If, however, the dielectric material completely fills the field space (anywhere field exists), there are no interfaces and $\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$ and $\nabla \times \vec{D} = 0$.

These are the same equations we would have if the dielectric vanished, so we can calculate the field without the dielectric \vec{E}_0 and \vec{D} becomes

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_0$$

$$\text{therefore } \vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon} = \frac{\vec{E}_0}{\epsilon_r} = \frac{\vec{E}_0}{\kappa}$$

\Rightarrow The field is reduced by κ

(2) The \vec{D} field has nothing to do with the potential difference

$$\Delta V = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{x}$$

period.

(3) The free and bound charge are related.

$$\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}$$

$$\rho_b = -\nabla \cdot \vec{P} = -\epsilon_0 \chi_e \nabla \cdot \vec{E}$$

~~$$= -\epsilon_0 \chi_e \rho_f$$~~

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

$$\rho_b = -\epsilon_0 \chi_e \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{\chi_e}{\epsilon_r} \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = -\frac{\chi_e}{\epsilon_r} \rho_f$$

\Rightarrow In regions without ρ_f , there is no ρ_b .

(4) In ~~a~~ free charge free regions,

$$\rho_f = \rho_b = 0$$

without dielectric interfaces

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = 0 = \epsilon \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\text{and } \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

(5) Potential Boundary Conditions

$$\vec{D}_2 \cdot \hat{n} - \vec{D}_1 \cdot \hat{n} = ~~\sigma_f~~$$

$$= \sigma_f$$

$$\epsilon_2 \vec{E}_2 \cdot \hat{n} - \epsilon_1 \vec{E}_1 \cdot \hat{n} = \sigma_f$$

$$(A) \quad \epsilon_2 \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial n} - \epsilon_1 \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial n} = -\sigma_f$$

$$(B) \quad V_2 = V_1 \quad (\text{always})$$