

Displacement

The bound charge that results from polarization is just charge and needs to be treated the same way as any other net charge in the system.

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

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

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{\rho_b(\vec{r}') \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2} d\tau'$$

If there is additional charge floating around not produced by polarization, it just gets added in

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

where ρ_f is the charge NOT resulting from polarization. ρ_f is called the free charge, as opposed to the bound charge ρ_b .

Let's rearrange

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

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

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

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

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

Defn Displacement Field (\vec{D})

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

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

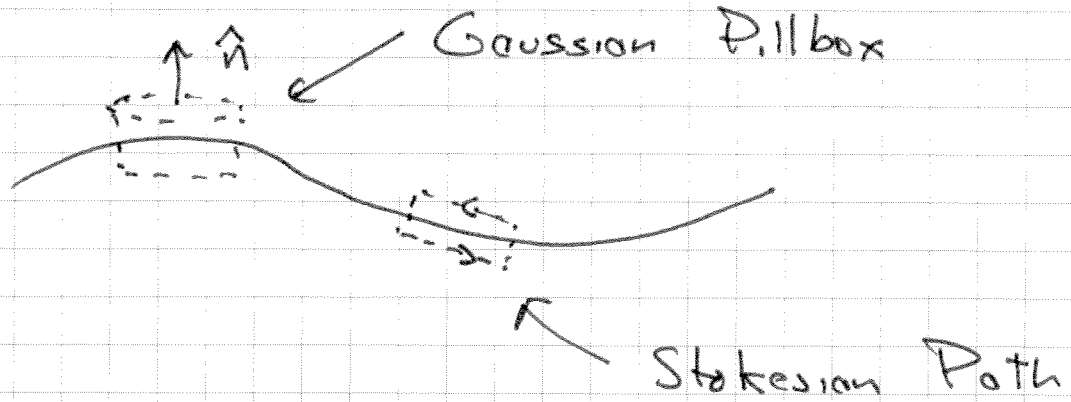
Integral Form

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

$$Q_{f,enc} = \int_V \rho_f d\tau$$

$$\Phi_d = \oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{f,enc} \quad d\vec{a} = \hat{n} da$$

Electrostatic Boundary Condition



Pillbox

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

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

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⊥ component to surface.

Stokesian Path

$$\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_S \nabla \times \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$

$$= \int_S \nabla \times \left(\frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon_0} - \frac{\nabla \phi}{\epsilon_0} \right) \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$

$$\epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \vec{D} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon_0} - \frac{\vec{P}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\int_s \nabla \times \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_s \nabla \times \vec{P} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$\oint_c \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{l} = \oint_c \vec{P} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

For the Stokesion Path

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

$\parallel \rightarrow$ component of field \parallel to surface.

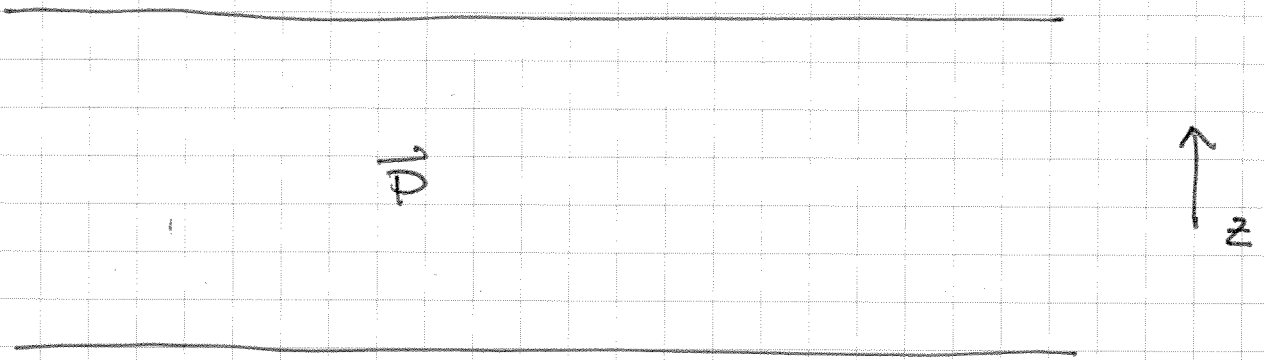
Be careful!

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

so

$$\vec{D} \neq \int \frac{\kappa P_f d\tau' \hat{r}_{11}}{r_{11}^2}$$

Ex Back to our slab with uniform polarization $\vec{P} = P \hat{z}$



There is no free charge anywhere,

$$\Phi_d = \oint_s \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a}' = Q_{\text{enc}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{D} = 0$$

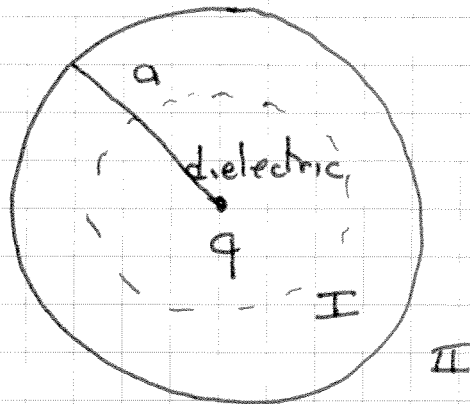
Inside $\vec{D} = 0 = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$

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

Outside $\vec{P} = 0$

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

Ex Point Charge in Dielectric Sphere



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Displacement Flux

$$\overline{\Phi}_d = \int_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{f,enc}$$

Region I ($r < a$)

$$\overline{\Phi}_d = 4\pi r^2 D = q$$

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

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

Region II ($r > a$) $Q_{f,enc} = q$

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

but $\vec{P} = 0$ so $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$

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

OK, so how can we get \vec{P} ?

In general if we place a block of dielectric in a field, the polarization produced is complicated because we change the atomic energy environment.

For systems with a linear response

$$\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \overleftrightarrow{\chi}_e \vec{E}$$

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

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susceptibility tensor

Since most applied electric fields are small compared to atomic fields, many systems are well approximated by the linear response.

If the dielectric is also isotropic with the same response in all directions

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix} = \epsilon_0 \begin{pmatrix} \chi_e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \chi_e & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \chi_e \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix}$$

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

The material constant χ_e is the electric susceptibility.

For these linear isotropic materials,

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

Defn Permittivity (ϵ)

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

Defn Relative Permittivity (ϵ_r)

$$\epsilon_r = 1 + \chi_e$$

Defn Dielectric Constant (κ)

$$\kappa = 1 + \chi_e = \epsilon_r$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \vec{E} = \kappa \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

for linear, isotropic dielectrics.

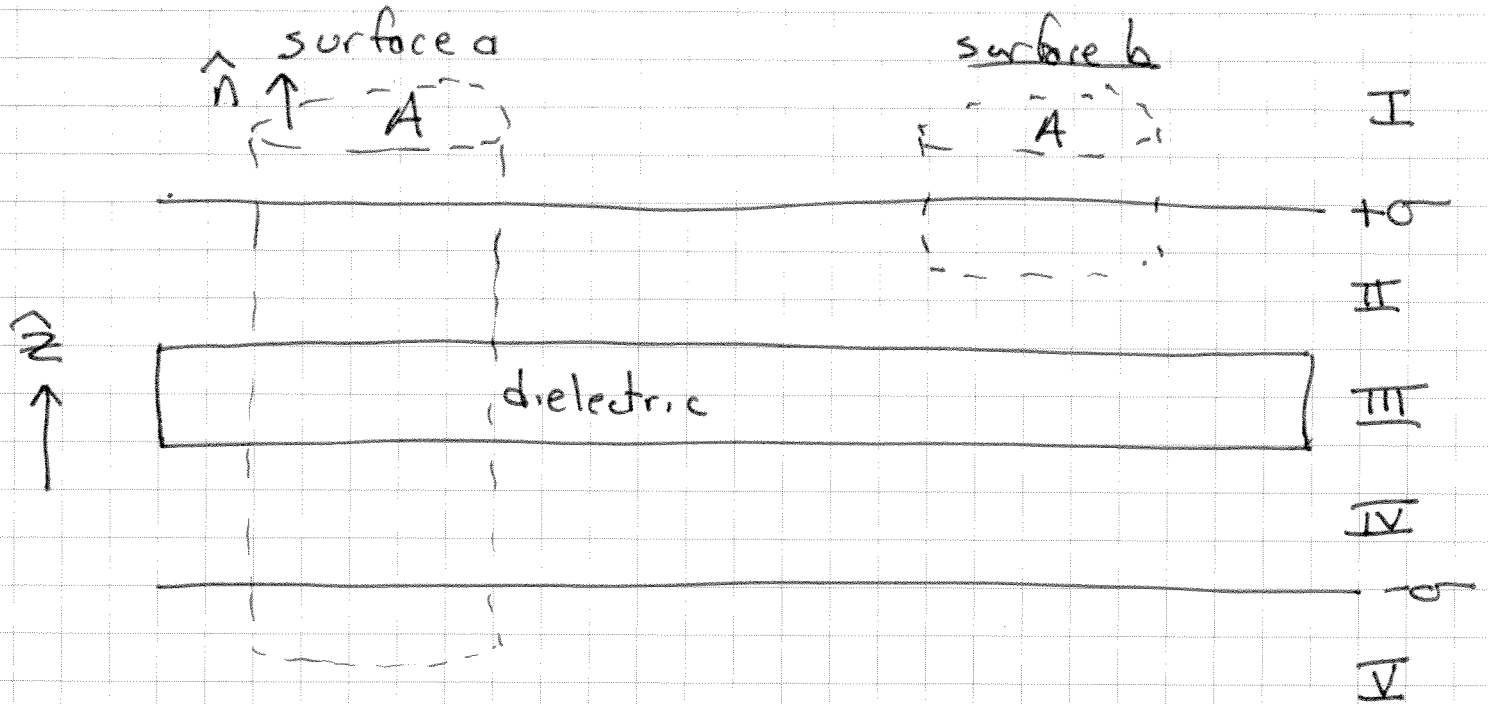
Return to our point charge q in a dielectric sphere with dielectric constant $\kappa = \epsilon_r$

Inside Sphere ($r < a$)

$$\vec{D} = \frac{q}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r} \quad \text{as before}$$

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

Ex Dielectric between two equal, but opposite charged planes $\pm\sigma$



Sln Surface a $Q_{f,enc} = 0 = (\sigma + (-\sigma))A$

Outer fields equal, but opposite by reflection symmetry

$$E_v = -E_I \Rightarrow \vec{D}_v = -\vec{D}_I$$

$$\Phi_d = \vec{D}_v \cdot \hat{n}A - \vec{D}_I \cdot \hat{n}A = Q_{f,enc} = 0$$

$(\hat{n} = \hat{z})$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{D}_I = \vec{D}_v = 0$$

Surface b

$$Q_{\text{fenc}} = \sigma A$$

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot \hat{n} = \vec{D}_I \cdot \hat{n} A - \vec{D}_{II} \cdot \hat{n} A = Q_{\text{fenc}} = \sigma A$$

$$\vec{D}_{II} = D_{II} \hat{z} \quad \hat{n} = \hat{z}$$

$$-D_{II} A = \sigma A$$

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

Since there is no free charge between the plates,

$$\vec{D}_{II} = \vec{D}_{III} = \vec{D}_{IV}$$

Region II

$$\vec{P}_{II} = 0$$

$$\vec{D}_{II} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_{II}$$

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

Region IV

$$\vec{P}_{IV} = 0$$

$$\vec{D}_{IV} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_{IV}$$

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

Region III (in dielectric)

$$\vec{D}_{III} = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_{III}$$

$$\vec{E}_{III} = \frac{-\sigma}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0} \hat{z} = \frac{-\sigma}{\kappa \epsilon_0} \hat{z}$$

Polarization $\vec{P}_{III} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}_{III}$

$$= \frac{-\sigma \chi_e}{\epsilon_r} \hat{z}$$

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

Charge Densities

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

$$\sigma_{b, \text{top}} = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{-\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \sigma \quad \text{top of dielectric}$$

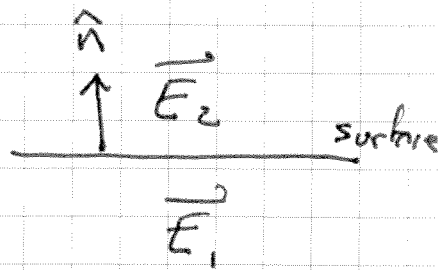
$$\sigma_{b, \text{bottom}} = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = \vec{P} \cdot (-\hat{z}) = \frac{\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \sigma$$

Electrostatic Boundary Conditions

Without Dielectrics

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

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



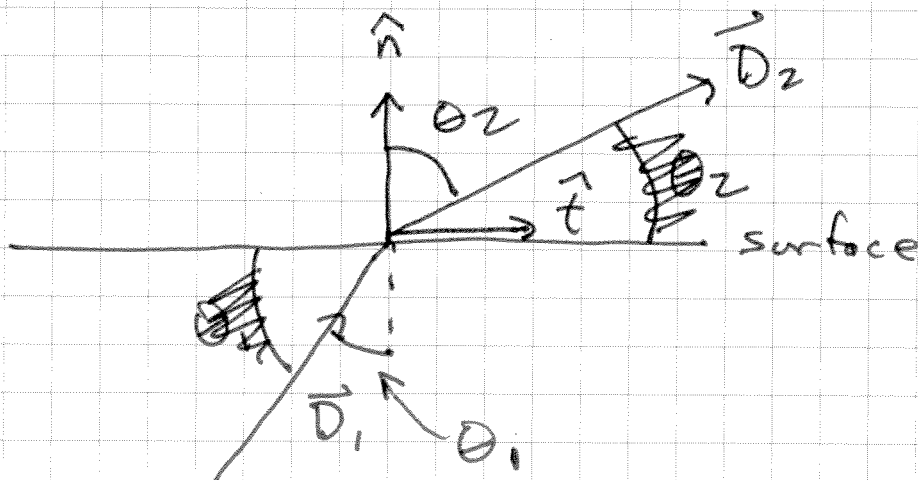
\hat{n} surface normal, \hat{t} tangent to surface

With Dielectrics

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

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

Suppose $\sigma_f = 0$ at dielectric surface



If $\sigma_f = 0$

$$\vec{D}_2 \cdot \hat{n} - \vec{D}_1 \cdot \hat{n} = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$D_2 \cos \theta_2 = D_1 \cos \theta_1$$

$$\vec{E}_2 \cdot \hat{t} = \vec{E}_1 \cdot \hat{t} \Rightarrow E_2 \sin \theta_2 = E_1 \sin \theta_1$$

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

If linear, $D_1 = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 E_1$

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

$\Rightarrow \vec{D}$ bands at a dielectric interface.

Final Points about Dielectrics

1) In a linear dielectric, since $\vec{D} = \kappa \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$
 $\nabla \times \vec{D} = 0$, but it may not be zero at
the interfaces.

If, however, there are no interfaces then

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \times \vec{D} = 0$$

These are the same equations we would
have without the dielectric, so we
could compute the field \vec{E}_0 ignoring the
dielectric. The field with the dielectric
 \vec{E}_κ can be found by

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{D}_0 &= \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_0 \quad (\text{no dielectric}) \\ &= \vec{D}_\kappa \quad (\vec{D} \text{ with dielectric}) \\ &= \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_\kappa \quad (\text{Field with dielectric}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_\kappa = \frac{\vec{E}_0}{\epsilon_r} = \frac{\vec{E}_0}{\kappa}$$

\Rightarrow The field is reduced by κ .

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

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

3) For a linear dielectric, the free and bound charge are related.

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

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

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0}$$

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

$$= \frac{\epsilon_0 \chi_e}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0} \nabla \cdot \vec{D}$$

$$= \frac{\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \rho_f$$

$$\rho_b = - \frac{\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \rho_f$$

⇒ In regions without net free charge,
 $\rho_b = 0$.

4) Potential Boundary Conditions

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

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

$$\epsilon_2 = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0$$

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

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

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