

Homework 6

Due Friday 3/8/2013 - at beginning of class

Griffiths' 4 Problems (3rd Edition numbers are the same)

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Additional Problems

E.6.1 A dipole formed of a $+Q$ and $-Q$ charge spaced a distance a apart has dipole moment pointing in the $+\hat{z}$ direction. The center of the dipole is located at $+R\hat{z}$ a distance R above a neutral dielectric slab occupying the volume $z < 0$ with dielectric constant κ . Compute the force the dielectric plane exerts on the dipole.

E.6.2 A point charge $+Q$ is a distance R above a neutral dielectric slab with dielectric constant κ occupying the volume $z < 0$. Compute the electric field immediately above and below the dielectric surface. From the field, calculate the bound charge density at the surface.

E.6.3 A linear dielectric with dielectric constant κ occupies the volume $-a < z < a$. A uniform volume charge density ρ is fixed within the dielectric. Compute the electric field everywhere. Compute the polarization everywhere.

4.5 Torque on dipole $\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$

Electric field of dipole, $\vec{p} = p \hat{y}$, along axis.

$$\text{x-axis } \vec{E} = -\frac{kP}{x^3} \hat{y} \quad \text{y-axis } \vec{E} = \frac{2kP}{y^3} \hat{y}$$

Torque on p_1 due to p_2

$$\vec{E}_{21} = \frac{2kP_2}{r^3} \hat{x} \quad \vec{p}_1 = P_1 \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{\tau}_{21} = \vec{p}_1 \times \vec{E}_{21} = (P_1 \hat{y}) \times \left(\frac{2kP_2}{r^3} \hat{x} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{2kP_1 P_2}{r^3} \hat{z}$$

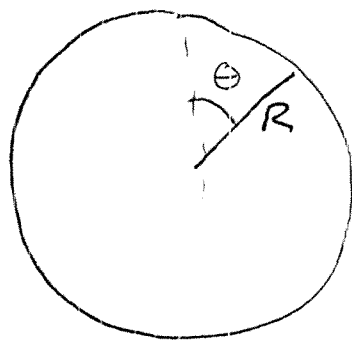
Torque on p_2 due to p_1

$$\vec{E}_{12} = -\frac{kP_1}{r^3} \hat{y} \quad \vec{p}_2 = P_2 \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{\tau}_{12} = \vec{p}_2 \times \vec{E}_{12} = (P_2 \hat{x}) \times \left(-\frac{kP_1}{r^3} \hat{y} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{kP_1 P_2}{r^3} \hat{z}$$

4.10



(a)

$$\rho_b = -\nabla \cdot \vec{P} = -\nabla \cdot k(x, y, z) \\ = -3k$$

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{r} = (kR\hat{r}) \cdot \hat{r} = kR$$

(b) We have a system with a uniform surface charge $\sigma = kR$ and a uniform volume charge $\rho = -3k$. Apply Gauss Law.

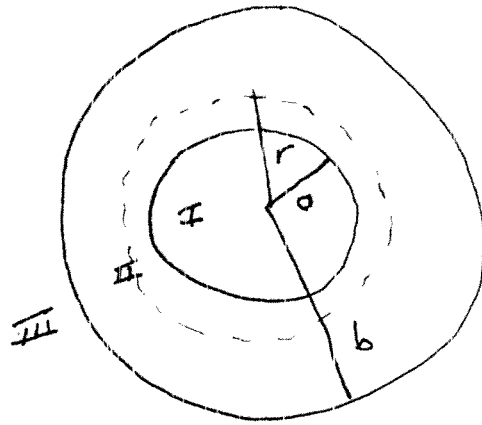
Inside Sphere $r < R$

$$Q_{enc} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho = -\frac{4}{3}\pi 3k r^3 = -4\pi k r^3$$

Gauss $\Phi = 4\pi r^2 E = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} = \frac{-\frac{4}{3}\pi 3k r^3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} = -\frac{k r}{\epsilon_0} \hat{r}$$

A.15



$$\vec{P} = \frac{k}{r} \hat{r}$$

(a) Bound charge

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$$

Inner Surface $\hat{n} = -\hat{r}$

$$\sigma_b = -\frac{k}{a}$$

$$Q_{\text{inner}} = 4\pi a^2 \sigma_b = -4\pi k a$$

Outer Surface $\hat{n} = \hat{r}$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{k}{b}$$

$$Q_{\text{outer}} = 4\pi b^2 \sigma_b = 4\pi k b$$

Volume Charge

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

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

Region III

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{enc} &= Q_{inner} + Q_{vol}(b) + Q_{outer} \\ &= -4\pi k a \Rightarrow 4\pi k (b-a) + 4\pi k b \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{E}_{III} = 0$$

(b) There is no free charge,

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

(constant solution violates spherical symmetry)

In region I, III $\vec{P} = 0$

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

$$\vec{E}_I = 0 \quad \vec{E}_{III} = 0$$

In region II,

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

$$\vec{E}_{II} = -\frac{\vec{P}}{\epsilon_0} = -\frac{k}{\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r}$$

Gauss Law

Region I $r < a$ $Q_{enc} = 0$ $\vec{E}_I = 0$

Region II $a < r < b$ $Q_{enc} = Q_{inner} + Q_{vol}(r)$

$$Q_{vol}(r) = \int_a^r 4\pi r^2 \rho_b dr$$

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

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

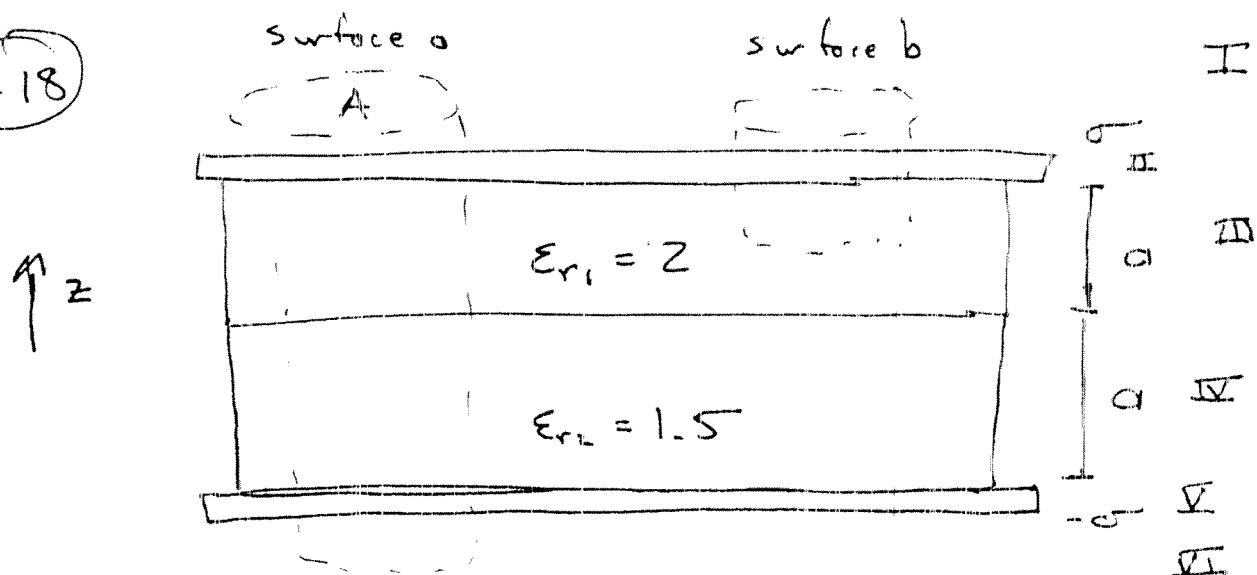
$$Q_{enc} = -4\pi k a - 4\pi k(r-a) = -4\pi k r$$

Gauss $\Phi = 4\pi r^2 E = Q_{enc} / \epsilon_0$

$$\vec{E}_{III} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} = \frac{-4\pi k r}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\vec{E}_{II} = \frac{-k}{\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r}$$

4.18



(a) The total free charge in surface a is

$$Q_{\text{free}} = \sigma A + (-\sigma A) = 0$$

by symmetry $\vec{D}_{\text{I}} = \vec{D}_{\text{VI}} = 0$

The free charge in surface b is $Q_{\text{free}} = \sigma A$

Apply Gauss Law

$$\Phi = D_{\text{I}} A - D_{\text{III}} A = Q_{\text{free}}$$

$$\vec{D}_{\text{III}} = -\sigma \hat{z} = \vec{D}_{\text{IV}}$$

Naturally, \vec{D}_{II} and $\vec{D}_{\text{V}} = 0$

$$(b) \quad \vec{D}_{III} = \epsilon_{r1} \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_{III}$$

$$\vec{E}_{III} = \frac{-\sigma}{\epsilon_{r1} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_0} \hat{z} = \frac{-\sigma}{2 \epsilon_0} \hat{z} \quad \text{top slab}$$

$$\vec{E}_{IV} = \frac{-\sigma}{\epsilon_{r2} \epsilon_0} \hat{z} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z} \quad \text{bottom slab}$$

(c) Polarization

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

Top Slab $\chi_{e1} = \epsilon_{r1} - 1 = 1$

$$\vec{P}_{III} = \epsilon_0 \chi_{e1} \vec{E}_{III} = -\frac{\chi_{e1} \sigma \epsilon_0}{\epsilon_{r1} \epsilon_0} \hat{z}$$

$$= -\frac{\chi_{e1}}{\epsilon_{r1}} \sigma \hat{z} = -\frac{\chi_{e1}}{(\chi_{e1} + 1)} \sigma \hat{z}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sigma \hat{z}$$

Bottom Slab

$$\chi_{e2} = \epsilon_{r2} - 1 = 1/2$$

$$\vec{P}_{IV} = \frac{-\chi_{e2}}{\epsilon_{r2}} \sigma \hat{z} = \frac{-1/2}{3/2} \sigma \hat{z}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \sigma \hat{z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d) \Delta V &= E_{III} a + E_{IV} a \\
 &= \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} a + \frac{2\sigma}{3\epsilon_0} a \\
 &= \frac{7}{6} \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} a
 \end{aligned}$$

(e) Bound charge -

Slab 1 top - $\hat{n} = \hat{z}$

$$\sigma_{b,top} = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{z} = -\frac{1}{2}\sigma$$

bottom - $\hat{n} = -\hat{z}$

$$\sigma_{b,bottom} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma$$

Slab 2 top $\hat{n} = \hat{z}$

$$\sigma_{2,top} = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{z} = -\frac{1}{3}\sigma$$

$$\sigma_{2,bottom} = \vec{P} \cdot (-\hat{z}) = \frac{1}{3}\sigma$$

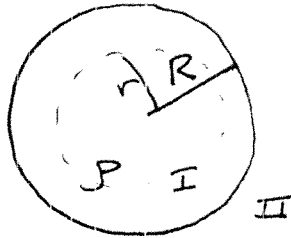
(f) Field in top slab, superposition of $\sigma, -\sigma$ and $-\frac{1}{2}\sigma, \frac{1}{2}\sigma$

$$\vec{E}_{III} = -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$$

Field in bottom slab superposition of
 $\sigma, -\sigma$ and $-\frac{1}{3}\sigma, \frac{1}{3}\sigma$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$$

4.20



Gauss Law

Region I $r < R$

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \rho$$

$$\Phi = 4\pi r^2 D = Q_{\text{enc}}$$

$$\vec{D}_I = \frac{\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \rho}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r} = \frac{\rho r}{3} \hat{r}$$

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

$$\vec{E}_I = \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon_r \epsilon_0} \hat{r} = \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon_r \epsilon_0} \hat{r}$$

Region II $r > R$

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho$$

$$\vec{D}_{\text{II}} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r} = \frac{\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$= \frac{R^3 \rho}{3 r^2} \hat{r}$$

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

$$\vec{E}_{\text{II}} = \frac{R^3 \rho}{3 \epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$$

Potential Difference

$$\Delta V_{\infty 0} = - \int_{\infty}^0 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_{\infty}^R \vec{E}_{\text{II}} \cdot d\vec{l} - \int_R^0 \vec{E}_{\text{I}} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$d\vec{l} = dr \hat{r}$ ($dr < 0$ because of limits)

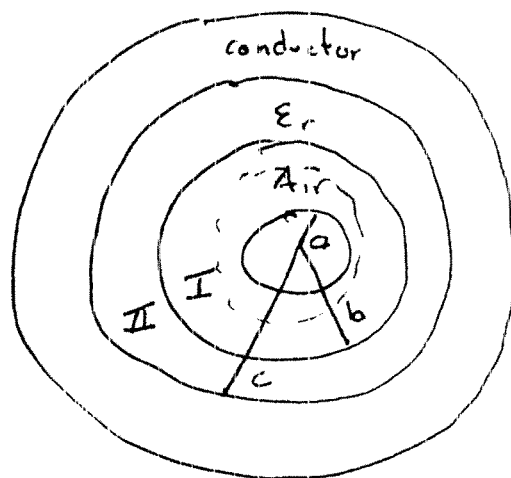
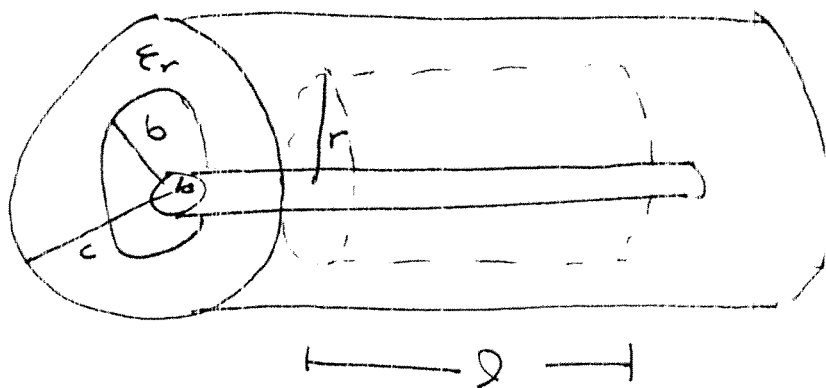
$$\Delta V_{\infty 0} = - \int_{\infty}^R \frac{R^3 \rho}{3 \epsilon_0 r^2} dr - \int_R^0 \frac{\rho r}{3 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_0} dr$$

$$= \left. \frac{R^3 \rho}{3 \epsilon_0 r} \right|_{\infty}^R - \left. \frac{\rho r^2}{6 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_0} \right|_R^0$$

$$\Delta V_{\infty} = \frac{R^3 p}{3 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \left(\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right) + \frac{p R^2}{6 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

$$= \frac{p R^2}{3 \epsilon_0} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2 \epsilon_r} \right)$$

4.21



Add $+Q$ charge per length l of the Gaussian surface.

Q_{enc} in cylindrical Gaussian surface of radius r

is $Q_{\text{enc}} = Q$

Gauss Law $\Phi_D = 2\pi r l D = Q_{\text{enc}}$

$$\vec{D} = \frac{Q}{l} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi r}$$

● Region I $a < r < b$

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

$$\vec{E}_I = \frac{Q}{\rho} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r}$$

Note, using $\hat{r} = \hat{s}$ because of habit. Definitely a cylindrical problem.

● Region II $b < r < c$

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

$$\vec{E}_{II} = \frac{Q}{\rho} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r r} \hat{r}$$

Potential Difference

$$|\Delta V| = |\Delta V_I| + |\Delta V_{II}| \quad (\text{fields in same direction})$$

$$|\Delta V_I| = \left| - \int_a^b \vec{E}_I \cdot d\vec{l} \right| \quad d\vec{l} = \hat{r} dr$$

$$= \left| - \frac{Q}{\rho} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \int_a^b \frac{dr}{r} \right| = \frac{Q}{\rho} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln(b/a)$$

$$|\Delta V_{II}| = \left| - \int_b^c \vec{E}_{II} \cdot d\vec{l} \right| = \left| - \frac{Q}{l} \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \int_b^c \frac{dr}{r} \right|$$

$$= \frac{Q}{l} \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \ln\left(\frac{c}{b}\right)$$

$$|\Delta V| = |\Delta V_I| + |\Delta V_{II}|$$

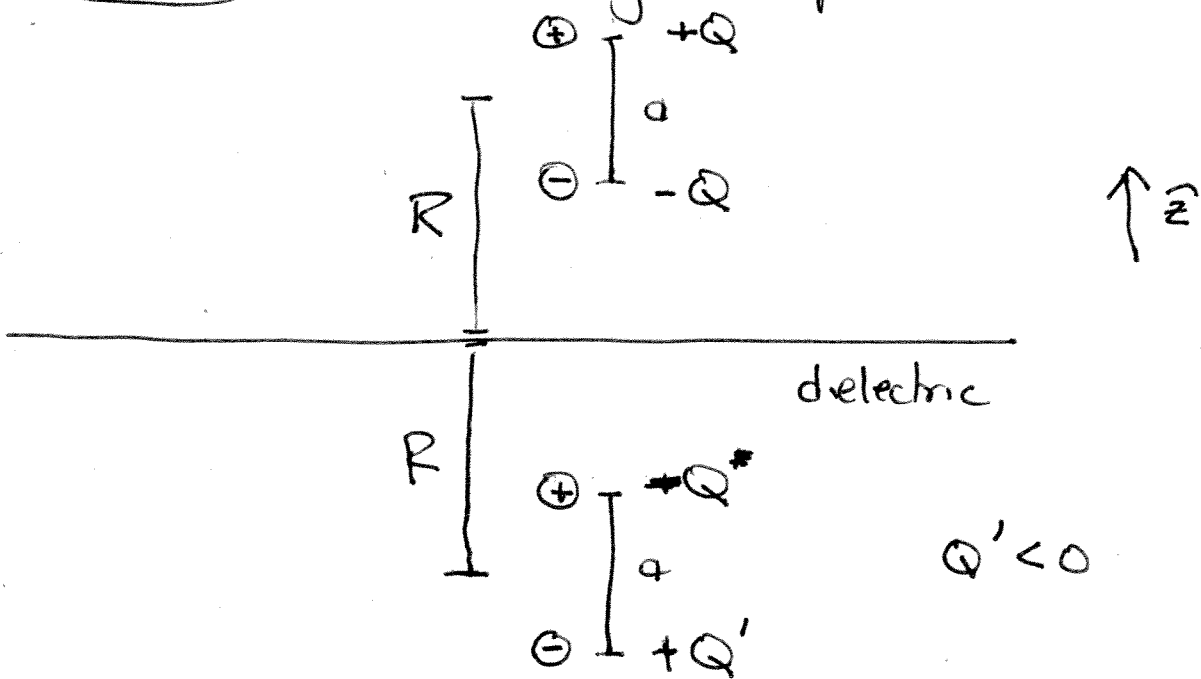
$$= \frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 l} \left(\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} \ln\left(\frac{c}{b}\right) \right)$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{|\Delta V|} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 l}{\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} \ln\left(\frac{c}{b}\right)}$$

$$\frac{C}{l} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0}{\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} \ln\left(\frac{c}{b}\right)}$$

E.6.1

Use image d. pole



$$Q' = - \left(\frac{\pi - 1}{\pi + 1} \right) Q = - \frac{\chi_e}{\chi_e + 2} Q = -\gamma Q$$

Force

$$F_{dip} = \frac{-KQQ'}{(2R)^2} - \frac{KQQ'}{(2R)^2} + \frac{KQQ'}{(2R+a)^2} + \frac{KQQ'}{(2R-a)^2}$$

$$= K\gamma Q^2 \left[\frac{1}{4R^2} + \frac{1}{4R^2} - \frac{1}{(2R+a)^2} - \frac{1}{(2R-a)^2} \right]$$

$$= -K\gamma Q^2 \frac{(12a^2R^2 - a^4)}{2R^2(2R-a)^2(2R+a)^2} \times \hat{z}$$

(alpha)

simplify $1/(2r^2) - 1/(2r-a)^2 - 1/(2r+a)^2$








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Input interpretation:

simplify $\frac{1}{2r^2} - \frac{1}{(2r-a)^2} - \frac{1}{(2r+a)^2}$

Results:

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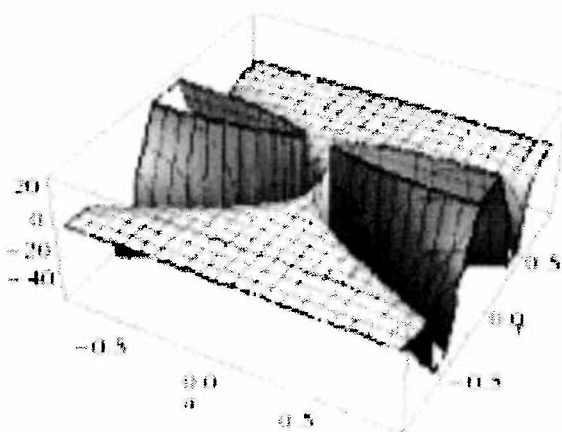
$$-\frac{1}{(a+2r)^2} - \frac{1}{(a-2r)^2} + \frac{1}{2r^2}$$

$$\frac{a^4 - 12a^2r^2}{2(a^2r - 4r^3)^2}$$

$$\frac{12a^2r^2 - a^4}{2r^2(a-2r)^2(a+2r)^2}$$

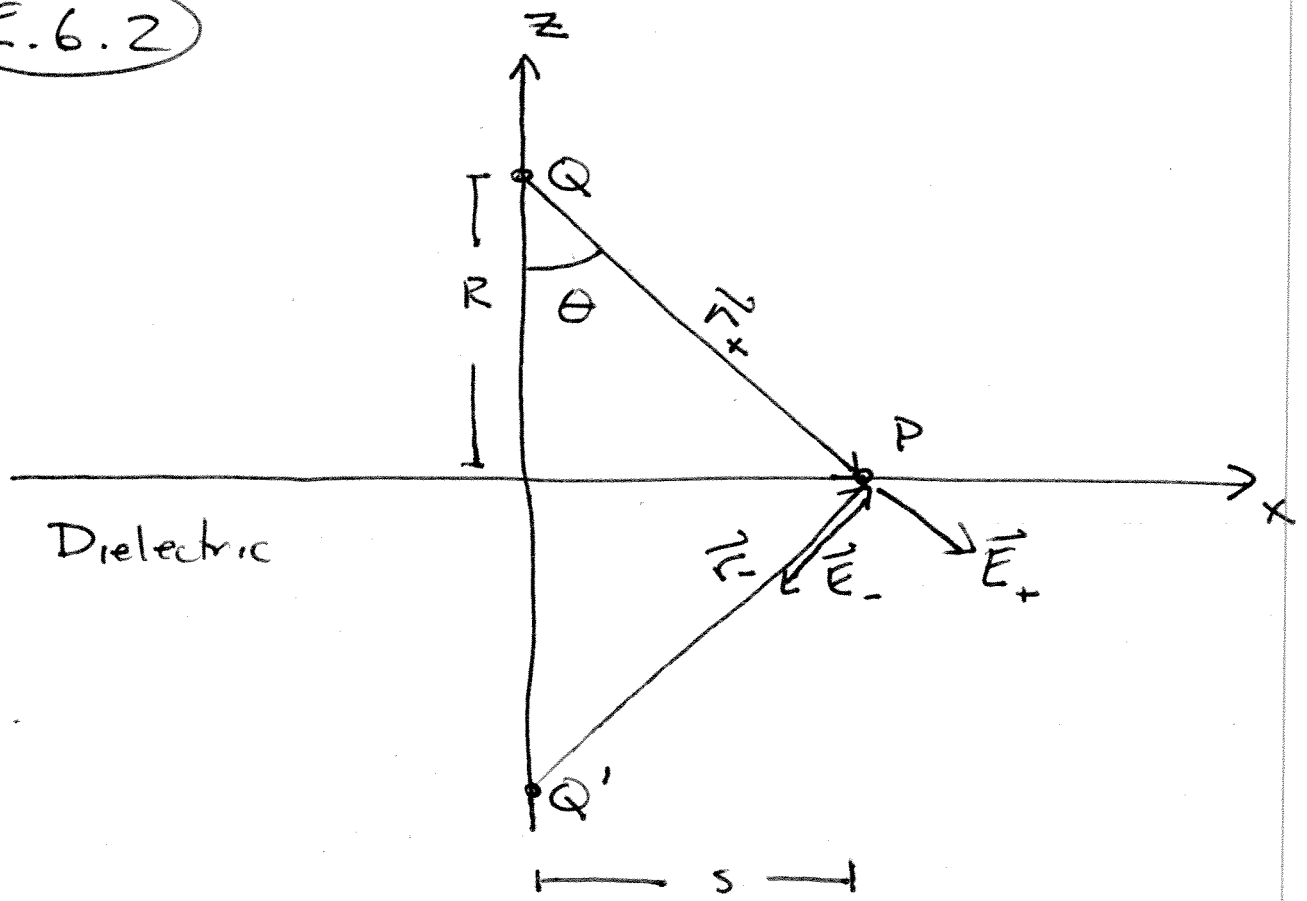
3D plot:

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E.6.2



For \vec{E}_t the field immediately above the plane, \vec{E}_t

$$\vec{E}_t = \vec{E}_+ + \vec{E}_- = \cancel{\vec{E}_+ \cos \theta}$$

$$= \frac{kQ}{r_+^3} \vec{r}_+ + \frac{kQ'}{r_-^3} \vec{r}_-$$

$$Q' = -\left(\frac{\kappa-1}{\kappa+1}\right)Q = -\gamma Q$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\kappa-1}{\kappa+1}$$

$$\vec{r}_+ = s\hat{s} - R\hat{z}$$

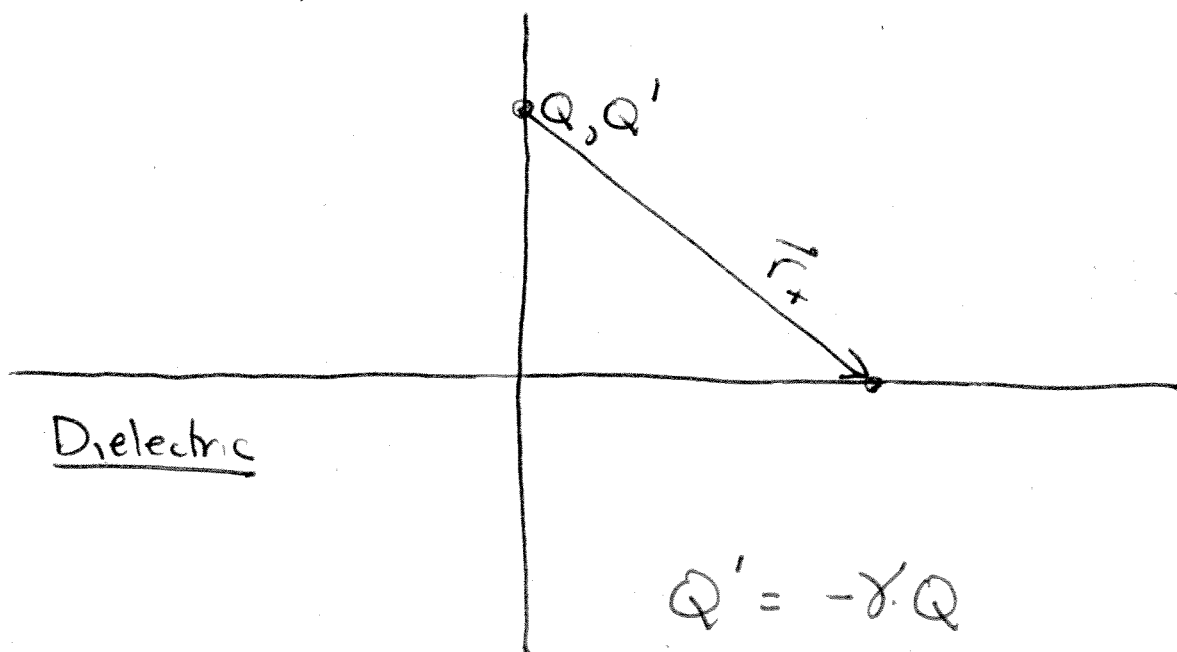
$$r_+ = \sqrt{s^2 + R^2} = r_-$$

$$\vec{r}_- = s\hat{s} + R\hat{z}$$

$$\vec{E}_t = \frac{kQ}{(s^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} (s\hat{s} - R\hat{z}) - \frac{k\gamma Q}{(s^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} (s\hat{s} + R\hat{z})$$

$$= \frac{kQ}{(s^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} [s(1-\gamma)\hat{s} - (\gamma+1)R\hat{z}]$$

Below the plane



$$\vec{E}_b = \frac{k(Q+Q')}{r_+^3} \vec{r}_+$$

$$= \frac{kQ(1-\gamma)}{(s^2+R^2)^{3/2}} \cdot (s\hat{s} - R\hat{z})$$

Charge Density Use Gaussian Pillbox
at surface.

$$\Phi_e = \vec{E}_t \cdot \hat{z} A - \vec{E}_b \cdot \hat{z} A = \frac{\sigma_b A}{\epsilon_0}$$

Cancel A

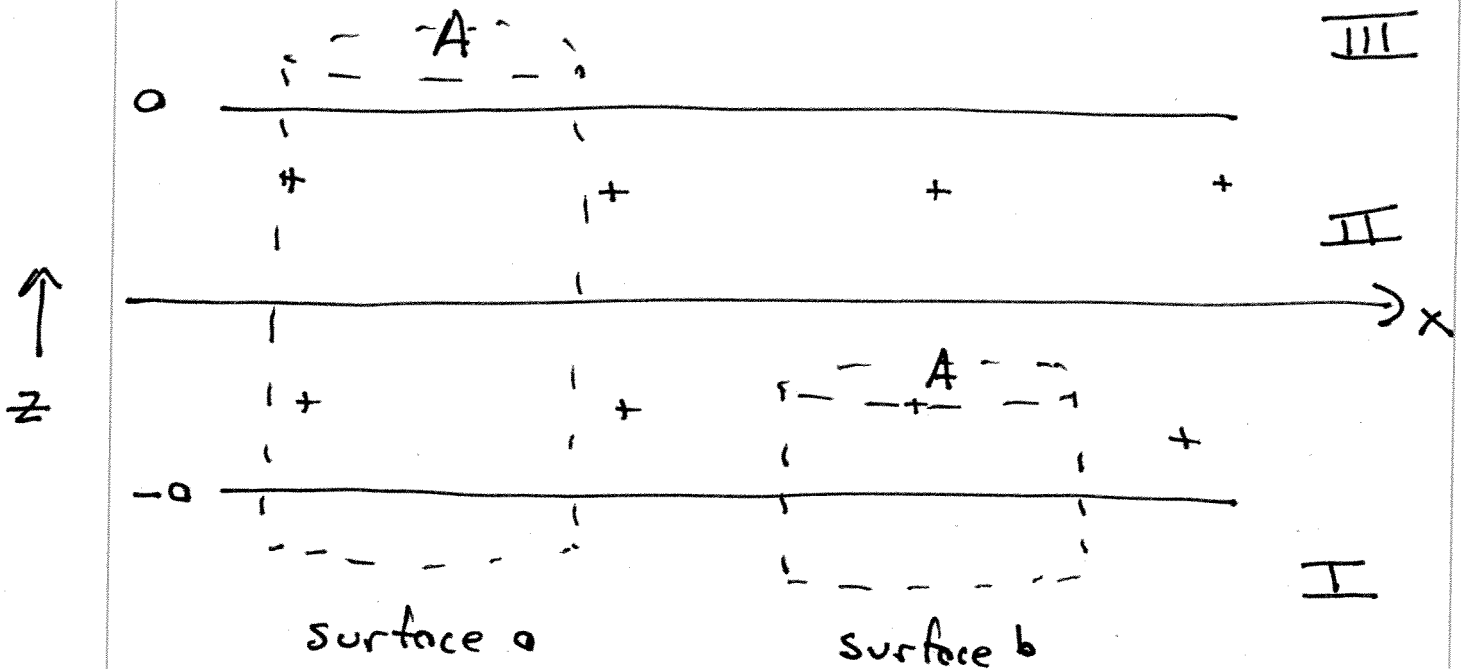
$$\vec{E}_t \cdot \hat{z} = - \frac{kQR(\gamma+1)}{(s^2+R^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\vec{E}_b \cdot \hat{z} = - \frac{kQR(1-\gamma)}{(s^2+R^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\sigma_b = \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{-kQR(\gamma+1)}{(s^2+R^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{kQR(1-\gamma)}{(s^2+R^2)^{3/2}} \right)$$

$$= - \frac{QR\gamma}{2\pi(s^2+R^2)^{3/2}} \quad \checkmark$$

E.6.3



Surface a Apply Gauss' Law for Displacement

$$\Phi_d = \vec{D}_{III} \cdot \hat{z} A + \vec{D}_I \cdot (-\hat{z}) A = Q_{enc}$$
$$= 2a \rho A$$

$$D_{III} - D_I = 2a \rho$$

By symmetry $D_{III} = -D_I$

$$2D_{III} = 2a \rho$$

$$\vec{D}_{III} = a \rho \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{D}_I = -a \rho \hat{z}$$

Surface b $Q_{\text{fenc}} = (x+a)A\rho$

$$\vec{D}_{\text{II}} - \vec{D}_{\text{I}} = (x+a)\rho = \frac{Q_{\text{fenc}}}{A}$$

$$\vec{D}_{\text{II}} = \vec{D}_{\text{I}} + (x+a)\rho$$

$$= -a\rho + (x+a)\rho = x\rho$$

$$\vec{D}_{\text{II}} = x\rho \hat{z}$$

Electric Field and Polarization

In region I and III, $\vec{P} = 0$, so

$$\vec{D}_{\text{III}} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_{\text{III}} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{D}_{\text{I}} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_{\text{I}}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{I}} = -\frac{a\rho}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z} \quad \vec{P}_{\text{I}} = 0$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{III}} = \frac{a\rho}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z} \quad \vec{P}_{\text{III}} = 0$$

In region II, $\vec{D}_{\text{II}} = \epsilon_0 \kappa \vec{E}_{\text{II}}$ in linear dielectric

$$\vec{E}_{\text{II}} = \frac{x\rho}{\kappa \epsilon_0} \hat{z} \quad \vec{P}_{\text{II}} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}_{\text{II}}$$
$$\vec{D}_{\text{II}} = \frac{x\rho}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\kappa-1}{\kappa} \hat{z} = \epsilon_0 (\kappa-1) \vec{E}_{\text{II}}$$