

Lecture 9.

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4-8, 4-9, 4-10, 4-11.

• Dielectrics.

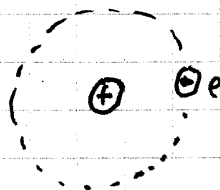
Rules for formula sheet.

- ① Hand written in ink.
- ② No diagram, graphs, figures.
- ③ No examples.
- ④ Textbook numbered equations only.
- ⑤ Max. 3 words per formula.

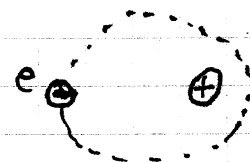
Effects of an applied $\vec{E}$ -field on dielectric materials.

— induced dipoles.

$\vec{E}_a = 0$

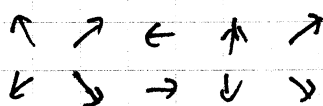


$\vec{E}_a \neq 0 \rightarrow$



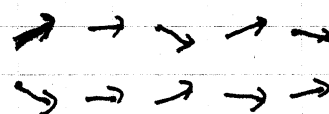
— orientation of permanent dipoles (in polar materials)

$\vec{E}_a = 0$



random.

$\vec{E}_a \neq 0 \rightarrow$



• Polarization field: $\vec{P} = \frac{\sum \vec{p}}{\Delta V}$ (Total dipole per unit volume)

Note: lots of cancellation can occur in $\sum \vec{p}$ for

dielectric materials. (See figure 4-17 on p. 92).

- For linear, isotropic and homogeneous medium.

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

χ_e - electric susceptibility.

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

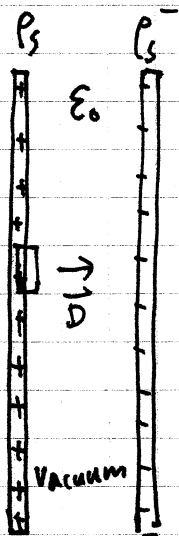
$$= \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \vec{E} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\epsilon_r = 1 + \chi_e \quad \text{--- dielectric constant.}$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{(relative electric permittivity)}$$

- Meaning of dielectric constant ϵ_r

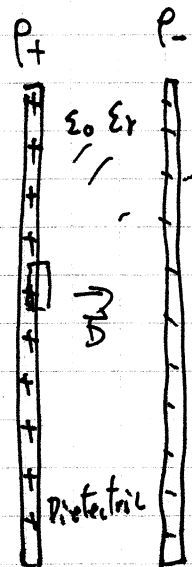
e.g. Parallel plates with surface charge density P_s and P_s^-



$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{A} = Q$$

$$DA = P_s A$$

$$D = P_s, \quad E = \frac{D}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{P_s}{\epsilon_0}$$



$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{A} = Q$$

$$D = P_s$$

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

$\therefore$ For the same charge (q, q^-),

$$E_{\text{medium}} = \frac{E_{\text{vacuum}}}{\epsilon_r} \quad (\epsilon_r \gg 1)$$

$$< E_{\text{vacuum}}.$$

$\vec{P}$ weakens the electric field in medium by a factor of ϵ_r .



(the induced dipoles
can cancel (partly) the apply field.)

Typical value of ϵ_r :

air $\epsilon_r = 1.0006$

polystyrene 2.6.

Quartz 5.

• Typical calculation involving dielectric medium:

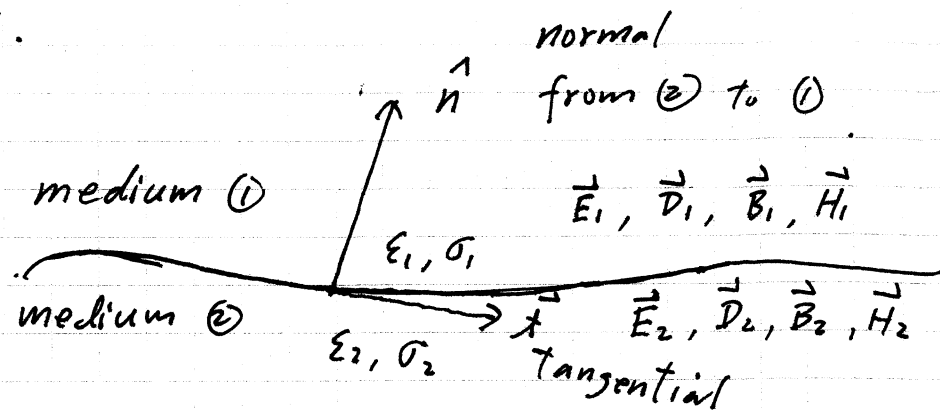
① $\vec{D}$ is related to free charges (through Gauss' law)

$$\textcircled{2} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon}.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \cdot \vec{P} = \vec{D} - \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

• Boundary conditions.

Typical situation



Difficulty: Physical quantities ($\vec{E}, \vec{D}, \vec{B}, \vec{H}, \epsilon, \sigma$) are discontinuous at the boundary.

i.e., derivatives are undefined. ($\sigma, \nabla \cdot, \nabla \times$, etc.)

Solution: Use the integral form of Maxwell's equations.

(All we need is that the physical quantities are finite, i.e., integrable).

Results: Table 4-3 on page 96.

↑ will NOT be provided in exams!

most important ones:

$$(4.90) \quad E_{1t} = E_{2t} \quad (\text{Tangential component of } \vec{E} \text{ is continuous})$$

$$(4.94) \quad D_{1n} - D_{2n} = \rho_s \quad \left(\rho_s = \text{free charge surface density} \right)$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \hat{n} \cdot (\vec{D}_1 - \vec{D}_2) = \rho_s$$

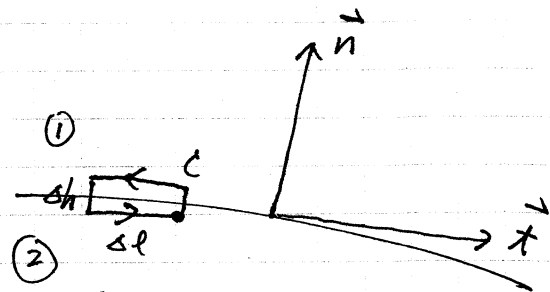
• Why $E_{1t} = E_{2t}$?

Because $\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$

closed path C : $\Delta h \rightarrow 0$

$\Delta l \approx \text{small}$.

so that $\vec{E} \approx \text{const. along } \Delta l$.



$$\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = E_{2t} \Delta l - E_{1t} \Delta l = 0$$

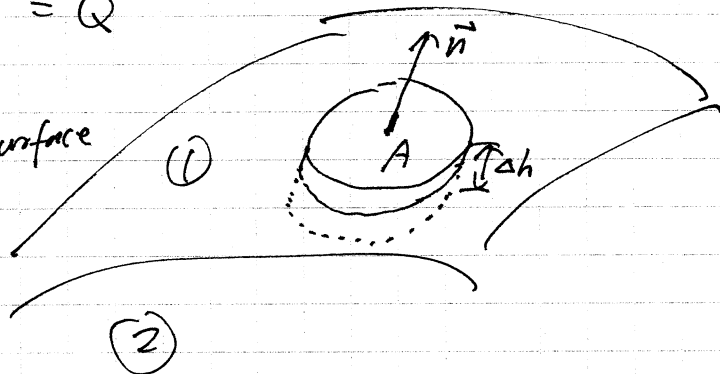
$$\therefore E_{2t} = E_{1t}$$

• Why $D_{1n} - D_{2n} = \rho_s$?

because $\oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q$

Small pill-like Gaussian surface

(very thin, $\Delta h \rightarrow 0$)



A — small so that $\vec{D} = \text{const.}$

$$\oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = D_{1n} A - D_{2n} A = \rho_s A. \quad \begin{cases} \Delta h \rightarrow 0 \\ D - \text{finite.} \\ \therefore \text{lateral flux} \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore D_{1n} - D_{2n} = \rho_s$$

Note: Definition of $\hat{n}$: from medium 2 to medium 1.

Note: All the other boundary conditions in table 4-3 are just examples of

$$\begin{cases} E_{1t} = E_{2t} \\ D_{1n} - D_{2n} = \rho_s \end{cases}$$

e.g. $\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} - \text{dielectric} \\ \textcircled{2} - \text{conductor} \end{cases}$

$\begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \text{ dielectric } \epsilon_1 \\ \textcircled{2} \text{ conductor } \epsilon_0 \end{matrix}$

Since $\vec{E}_2 = 0$, $E_{2t} = 0$ $D_{2t} = 0$ ($\because \vec{D}_2 = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_2$)
 $E_{1t} = 0$ $D_{1t} = 0$ ($\because \vec{D}_1 = \epsilon_1 \vec{E}_1$)
 $(\because E_{1t} = E_{2t})$

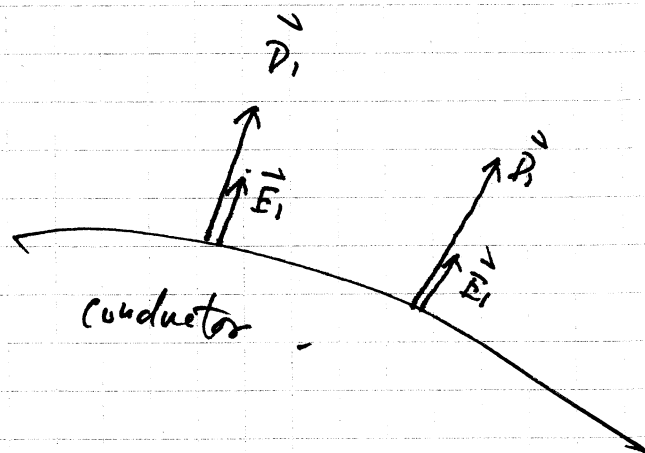
Also, since $\vec{E}_2 = 0$, $E_{2n} = 0$, $D_{2n} = 0$.

$$D_{1n} - D_{2n} = \rho_s$$

$$\therefore D_{1n} = \rho_s$$

$$E_{1n} = \frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon_1}$$

$\therefore \vec{D}, \vec{E}$ are perpendicular to the surface of conductor



Assignment 4: 4.45.

good exercise for using B.Cs.

but, ~~the~~ there are conceptual problems in the solution! what are they?

- ①. Maxwell's eqs.
- ②. conservation.