

Boundary Condition for Linear Dielectrics.

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



$$0 = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} \, dV = \oint_S \hat{n} \times \vec{E} \, da \quad \text{Stokes' Theorem}$$

$$= \oint_S [\hat{n}_1 \times \vec{E}_1 + \hat{n}_2 \times \vec{E}_2] \, da = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{k} \times (\vec{E}_1 - \vec{E}_2) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{matrix} E_{1y} = E_{2y} \\ E_{1x} = E_{2x} \end{matrix}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{1z} = E_{2z}$$

The tangential components of the electric field are continuous across the boundary.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_{\text{free}} = 0 \quad \text{if no free charge in problem}$$

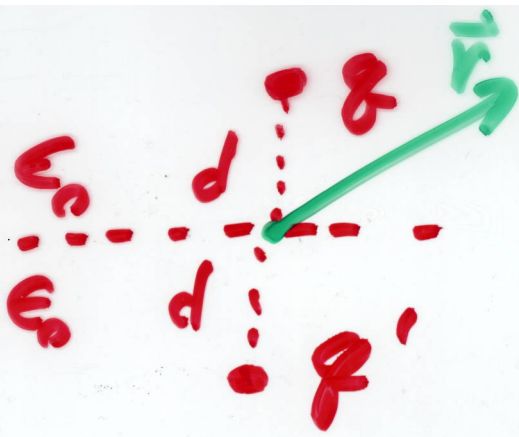
$$0 = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} \, dV = \oint_S \hat{n} \cdot \vec{D} \, da$$

Gauss, Green, Divergence Theorem

$$= \oint (\hat{n}_1 \cdot \vec{D}_1 + n_2 \cdot \vec{D}_2) \, da = 0$$

$$\hat{k} \cdot (\vec{D}_1 - \vec{D}_2) \Rightarrow \boxed{D_{1z} = D_{2z}}$$

The normal components of the displacement are continuous across the boundary.



Find $V(\vec{r})$ in the upper half of space.
 $\vec{r}_1 = (0, 0, d)$ $\vec{r}_2 = (0, 0, -d)$

$$V_1(\vec{r}) = \frac{kq}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|} + \frac{kq'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_2|}$$

$$V_1(\vec{r}) = \frac{kq}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (z-d)^2}} + \frac{kq'}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (z+d)^2}}$$

for $z \geq 0$



$$V_2(\vec{r}) = \frac{kq''}{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (z-d)^2}}$$

$$V_2(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q''}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (z-d)^2}}$$

not ϵ_0

for $z \leq 0$

Apply the boundary condition

$$E_{1x} = E_{2x} \implies V_1 = V_2$$

on the interface $z=0$.

$$V_1|_{z=0} = \frac{kq}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+d^2}} + \frac{kq'}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+d^2}}$$

$$V_2|_{z=0} = \frac{kq''}{\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \sqrt{x^2+y^2+d^2}}$$

$$q + q' = \frac{q''}{\epsilon/\epsilon_0}$$

Now we need the displacement.

In region 1 ($z \geq 0$) $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V_1 \epsilon_0$

In region 2 ($z \leq 0$) $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = \epsilon (-\vec{\nabla} V_2)$

$$D_{1z} = D_{2z}$$

$$\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} = -\epsilon \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0}$$

$$\frac{kq(-d)}{(x^2+y^2+d^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{kq'(d)}{(x^2+y^2+d^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{kq''(-d)}{(x^2+y^2+d^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$q - q' = q''$$

$$q' = -\frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0} q \quad | \quad q'' = \frac{2\epsilon}{\epsilon + \epsilon_0} q$$

metallic limit

$$\epsilon \rightarrow \infty \quad q' \rightarrow -q \quad \checkmark$$

E.g.



Uniform electric field

$\vec{E}_0 \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$

Uniform polarization field

$\vec{P}_0 \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$

Uniform displacement field

$\vec{D}_0 = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_0 + \vec{P}_0$
 $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$

Find \vec{E}_{in} , \vec{P}_{in} , and \vec{D}_{in} .

needle

water

$$\vec{E}_{in} = \vec{E}_0$$

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

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

$$\vec{D}_{in} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_0 = \vec{D}_0 - \vec{P}_0$$

$$\vec{D}_{in} = \vec{D}_0$$

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

$$\vec{E}_{in} = \frac{\vec{D}_{in} - \vec{P}_{in}}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\vec{E}_{in} = \frac{\vec{D}_0}{\epsilon_0} = \vec{E}_0 + \frac{\vec{P}_0}{\epsilon_0}$$