

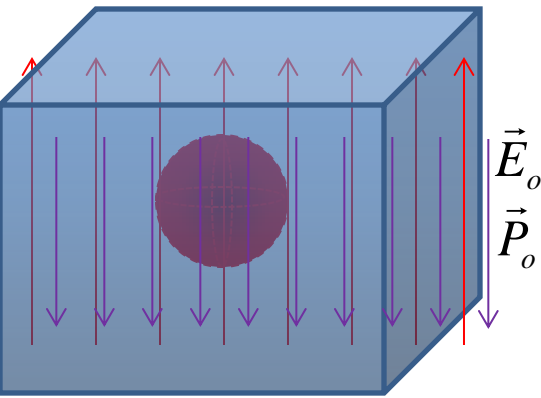
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Polarization & Electric Displacement

Example

$$Q_{free} = \int \rho_{free} d\tau = \int \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} \quad \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} \equiv \vec{D}$$

Consider a huge slab of dielectric material initially with uniform field, \vec{E}_o and corresponding uniform polarization and electric displacement $\vec{D}_o = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_o + \vec{P}_o$



You cut a small spherical hole out of it. What is the field in its center in terms of \vec{E}_o and \vec{P}_o ?

For illustrative purposes only, take the polarization to be anti-parallel to the field, and imagine both to be in the z direction.

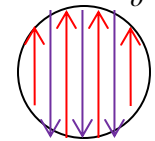
By Superposition Principle, cutting out a sphere is the same as inserting a sphere of opposite polarization.

Quoting Example 4.2 (which in turn builds on 3.9), the field *inside* a uniformly polarized sphere is

$$\vec{E}_{sphere} = -\frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \vec{P}_{sphere}$$

So, we 'add in' a sphere of polarization $-\vec{P}_o$

Adding field $\vec{E}_{added} = \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \vec{P}_o$



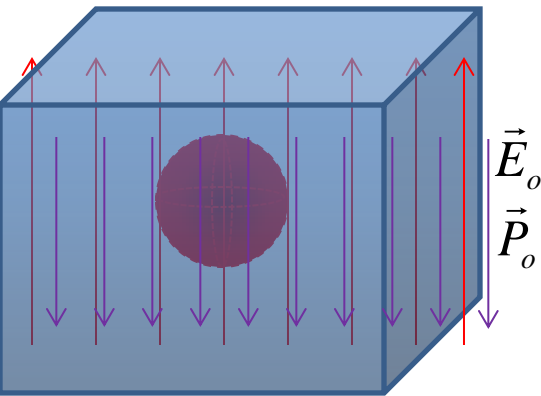
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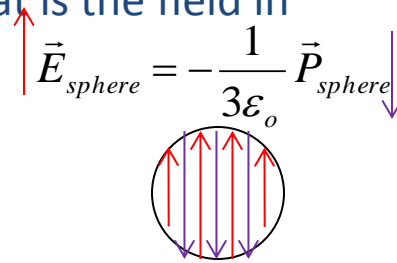
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What is the electric displacement in its center in terms of \vec{D}_o and \vec{P}_o ?

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

There is no material in the sphere, so

$$\vec{D}_{sphere} = \epsilon_0 \left(\vec{E}_o + \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \vec{P}_o \right) \quad \text{where} \quad \vec{E}_o = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\vec{D}_o - \vec{P}_o)$$

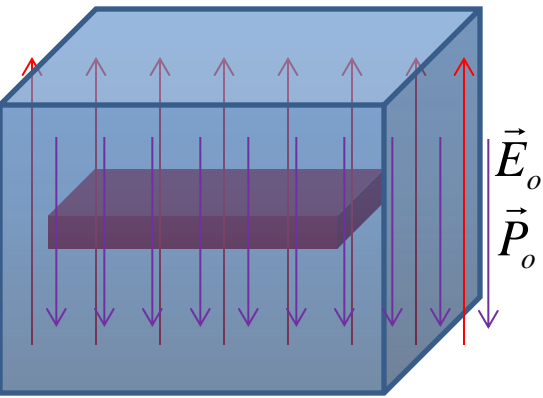
so

$$\vec{D}_{sphere} = \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\vec{D}_o - \vec{P}_o) + \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \vec{P}_o \right) = \left(\vec{D}_o - \frac{2}{3} \vec{P}_o \right)$$

Polarization & Electric Displacement

$$\vec{P} \equiv \frac{d\vec{p}}{d\tau} \quad \sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} \quad \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} \equiv \vec{D} \quad Q_{free} = \int \rho_{free} d\tau = \int \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

Exercise: Consider a huge slab of dielectric material initially with uniform field, \vec{E}_o and corresponding uniform polarization and electric displacement $\vec{D}_o = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_o + \vec{P}_o$.



You cut out a wafer-shaped cavity perpendicular to \vec{P}_o .

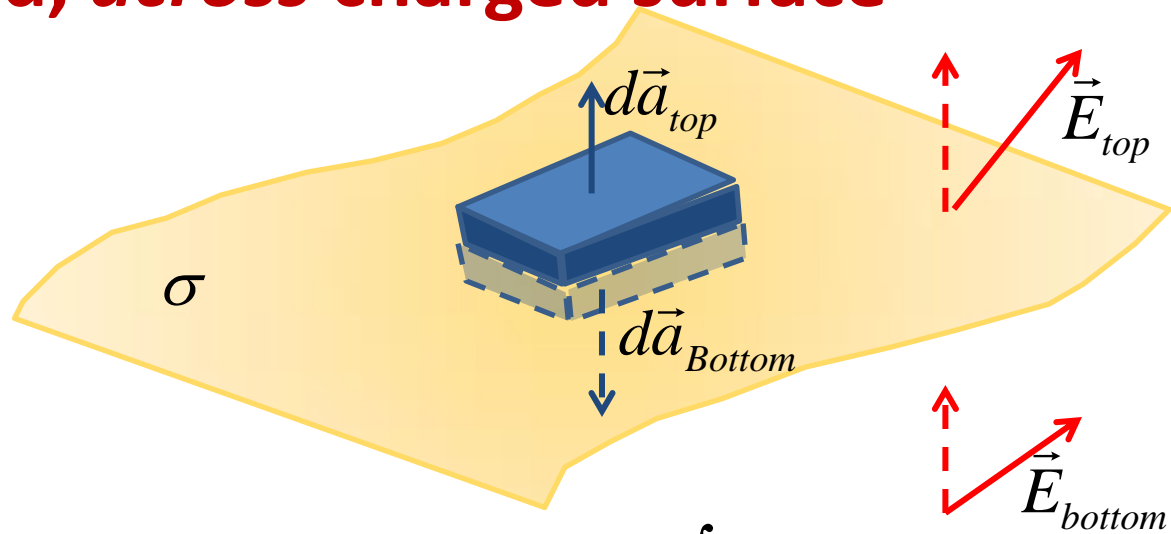
What is the field in its center in terms of \vec{E}_o and \vec{P}_o ?

Hint: Think of *inserting* the appropriate wafer-sized capacitor.

What is the electric displacement in its center in terms of \vec{D}_o and \vec{P}_o ?

Boundary Conditions

Electric field, *across* charged surface



$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_{encl}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{Q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\int \vec{E}_{top} \cdot d\vec{a}_{top} + \int \vec{E}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{a}_{bottom} + \int \vec{E}_{sides} \cdot d\vec{a}_{sides} = \frac{Q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\int \sigma da_{surface}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Send side height / area to 0

$$\int \vec{E}_{top} \cdot d\vec{a}_{top} + \int \vec{E}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{a}_{bottom} = \frac{\int \sigma da_{surface}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_{\perp top} A + E_{\perp bottom} A(-1) = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0}$$

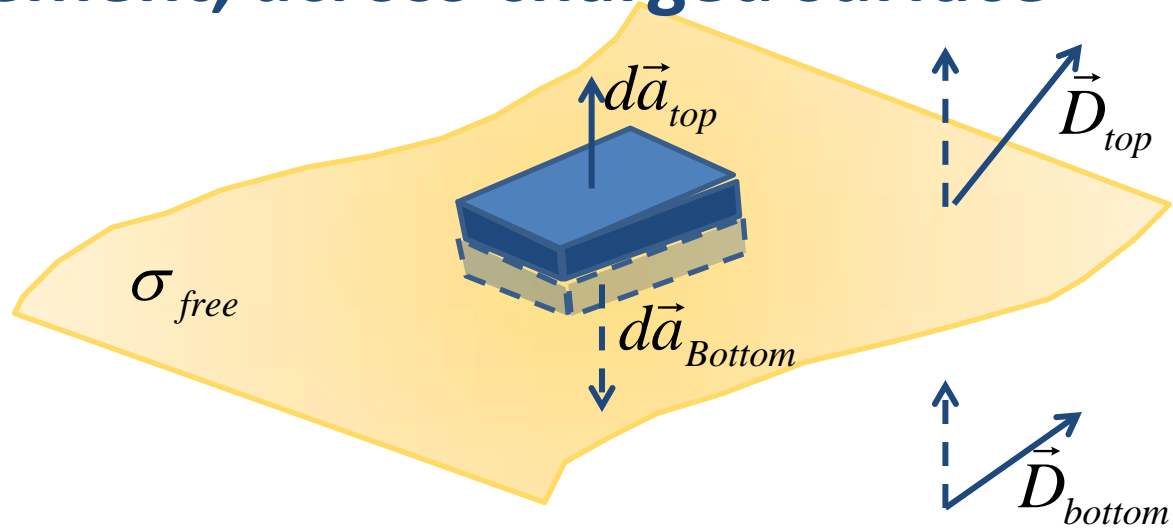
$$E_{\perp top} - E_{\perp bottom} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

Boundary Conditions

Electric Displacement, *across* charged surface

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_{free.encl}$$

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{free.encl}$$



$$\int \vec{D}_{top} \cdot d\vec{a}_{top} + \int \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{a}_{bottom} + \int \vec{D}_{sides} \cdot d\vec{a}_{sides} = Q_{free.encl} = \int \sigma_{free} da_{surface}$$

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$$\int \vec{D}_{top} \cdot d\vec{a}_{top} + \int \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{a}_{bottom} = \int \sigma_{free} da_{surface}$$

$$D_{\perp top} A + D_{\perp bottom} A(-1) = \sigma_{free} A$$

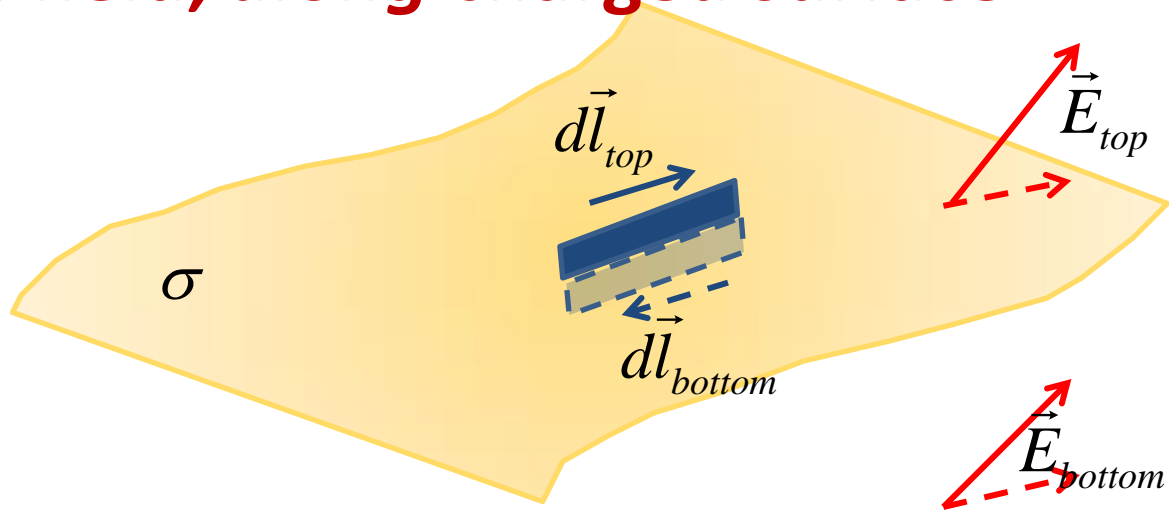
$$D_{\perp top} - D_{\perp bottom} = \sigma_{free}$$

Boundary Conditions (static) Electric field, *along* charged surface

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

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$\int \vec{E}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{E}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom} + \int \vec{E}_{sides} \cdot d\vec{l}_{sides} = 0$$



Send side height to 0

$$\int \vec{E}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{E}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom} = 0$$

$$E_{\parallel top} L + E_{\parallel bottom} L(-1) = 0$$

$$E_{\parallel top} - E_{\parallel bottom} = 0$$

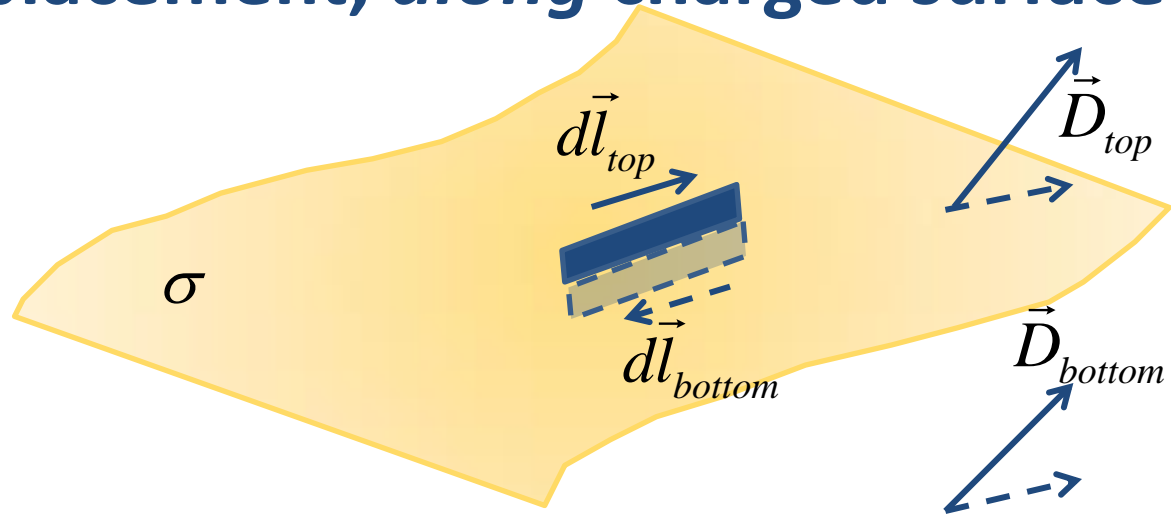
Boundary Conditions

(static) Electric displacement, *along* charged surface

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{D} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{P}$$

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

$$\int \vec{D}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom} + \int \vec{D}_{sides} \cdot d\vec{l}_{sides} = \int \vec{P}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{P}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom} + \int \vec{P}_{sides} \cdot d\vec{l}_{sides}$$



Send side height to 0

$$\int \vec{D}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom} = \int \vec{P}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{P}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom}$$

$$D_{\parallel top} L + D_{\parallel bottom} L(-1) = P_{\parallel top} L + P_{\parallel bottom} L(-1)$$

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

Boundary Conditions Electric and Displacement fields

Along

$$E_{\parallel top} - E_{\parallel bottom} = 0$$

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

(could have guessed as much from $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$.)

Across

$$E_{\perp top} - E_{\perp bottom} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

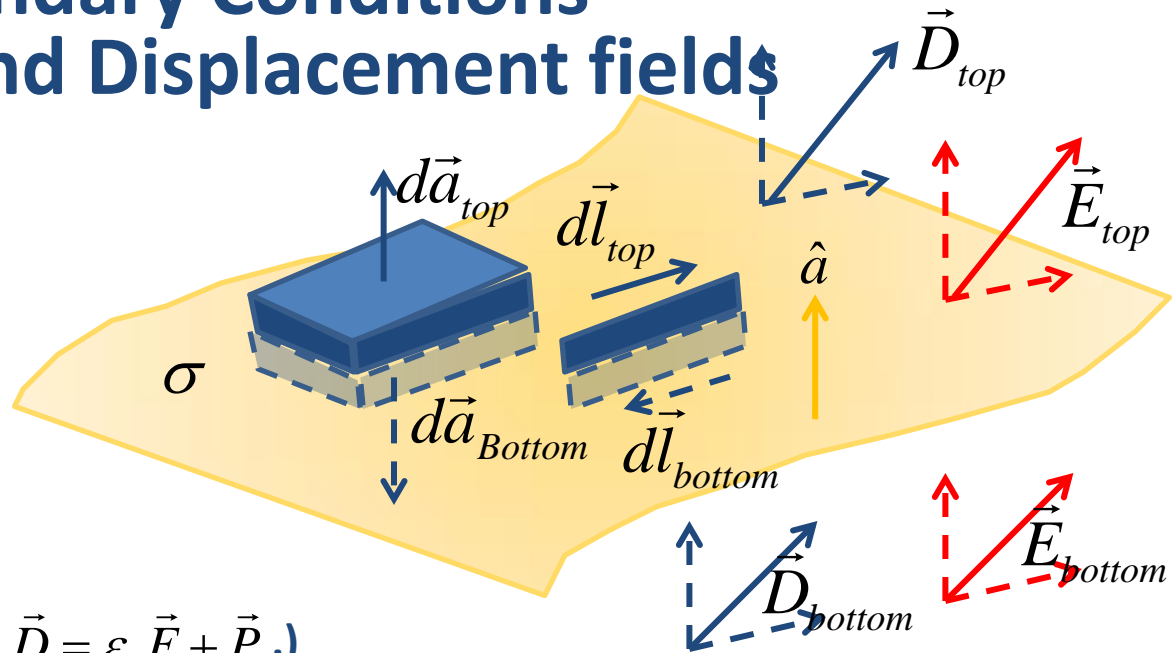
or

$$D_{\perp top} - D_{\perp bottom} = \sigma_{free}$$

$$\vec{E}_{top} \cdot \hat{a} - \vec{E}_{bottom} \cdot \hat{a} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{D}_{top} \cdot \hat{a} - \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot \hat{a} = \sigma_{free}$$

(could have guessed as much from $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$ and $\sigma - \sigma_{free} = \sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{a}$.)



Boundary Conditions Electric and Displacement fields

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$$E_{\parallel top} - E_{\parallel bottom} = 0$$

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

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

$$\sigma - \sigma_{free} = \sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{a}$$

Across

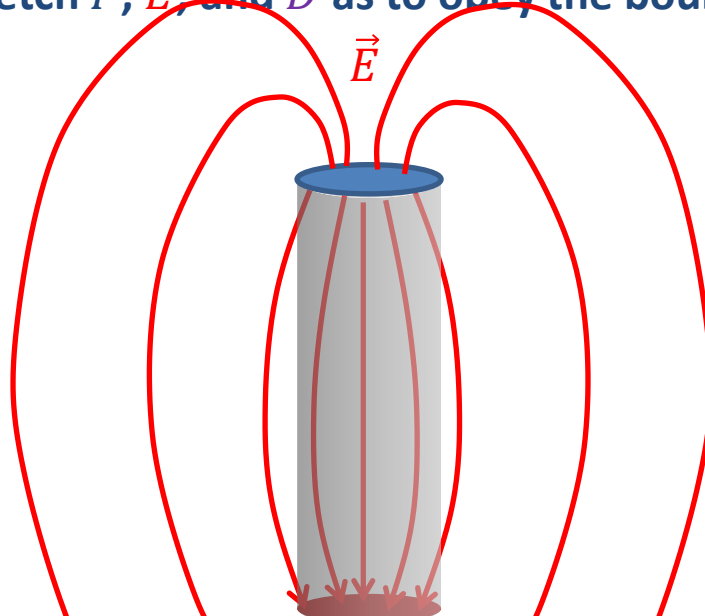
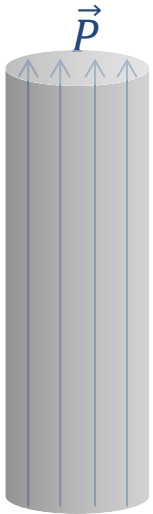
$$E_{\perp top} - E_{\perp bottom} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$D_{\perp top} - D_{\perp bottom} = \sigma_{free}$$

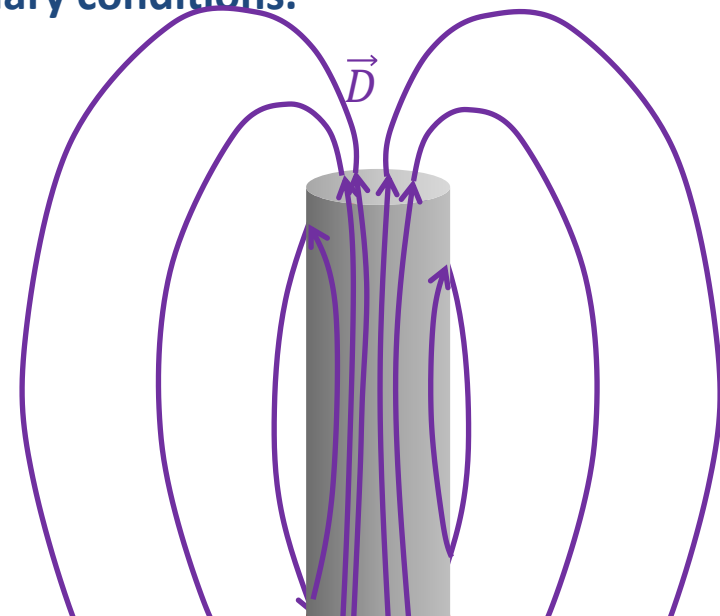
Exercise

Bar Electret (like an electric bar magnet): uniform \vec{P} along axis

Sketch \vec{P} , \vec{E} , and \vec{D} as to obey the boundary conditions.

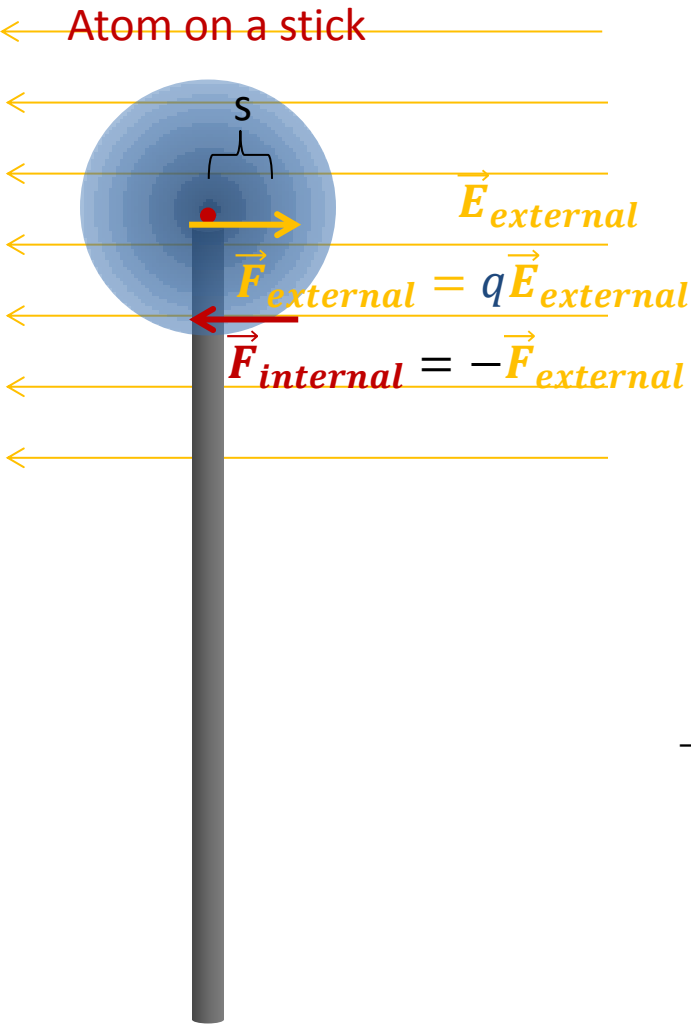


Only surface charge is the bound surface charge on two faces



There is no free surface charge, so no discontinuity in D . $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$

Recall: Atom's Response to Electric Field



For *small* stretch, first term in Taylor Series (Hook's Law)

$$F_{\text{int}} \approx - \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{int}}}{\partial s} \right|_{s=0} s + \dots$$

$$F_{\text{int}} \approx - \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{int}}}{\partial (qs)} \right|_{s=0} (qs) + \dots$$

$$F_{\text{int}} \approx - \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{int}}}{\partial p} \right|_{s=0} p + \dots$$

Electric Dipole moment

$$-F_{\text{ext}} = F_{\text{int}} \approx - \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{int}}}{\partial p} \right|_{s=0} p + \dots$$

$$-qE_{\text{ext}} = F_{\text{int}} \approx - \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{int}}}{\partial p} \right|_{s=0} p + \dots$$

So, for small enough stretch, weak enough field

$$p \propto -qE_{\text{ext}}$$

$$\text{or } \vec{p} \approx \alpha \vec{E}_{\text{ext}}$$

$\alpha \equiv$ polarizability

Linear Dielectrics

Point along field
Linearly proportional

Chunk of induced dipoles
for individual induced dipole

For chunk of induced dipoles
Polarization = Dipole density

$$\vec{p} \approx \alpha \vec{E}$$

Everyone's field but its own

$$\vec{P} \equiv \frac{d\vec{p}}{d\tau}$$

so

$$\vec{P} = \frac{d(\alpha \vec{E})}{d\tau} = \left(\frac{d\alpha}{d\tau} \right) \vec{E}$$

Define "electric susceptibility" to be the proportionality constant (and provide convenient factor of ϵ_0 .)

$$\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E} \quad \chi_e \equiv \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{d\alpha}{d\tau}$$

Always linear dielectric

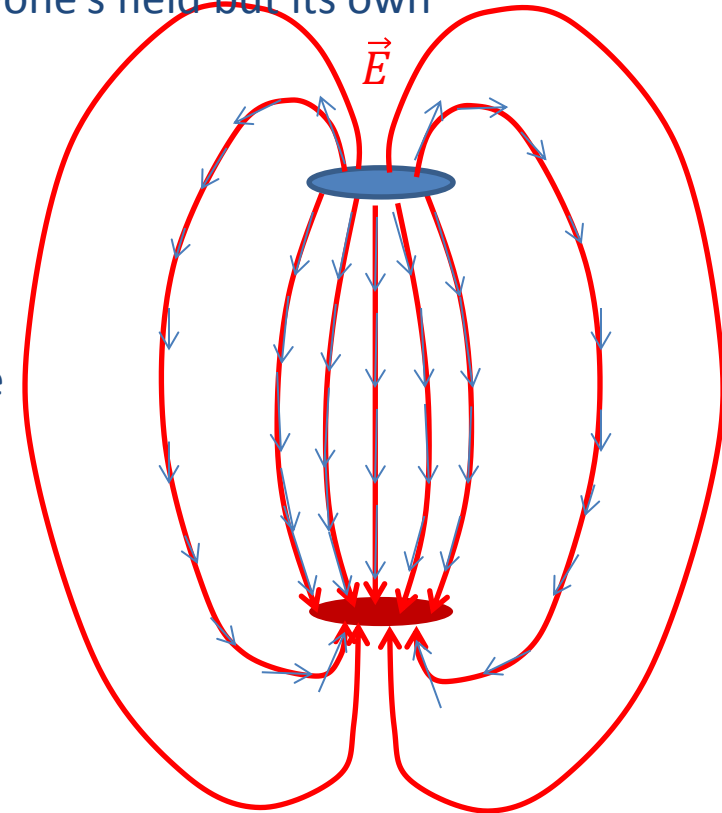
$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + (\epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}) = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \vec{E}$$

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

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

Or, in terms of polarization

$$\vec{D} = \left(\frac{1}{\chi_e} + 1 \right) \vec{P} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\chi_e}{\chi_e + 1} \vec{D} = \vec{P}$$



Permittivity (of not-so-free space)

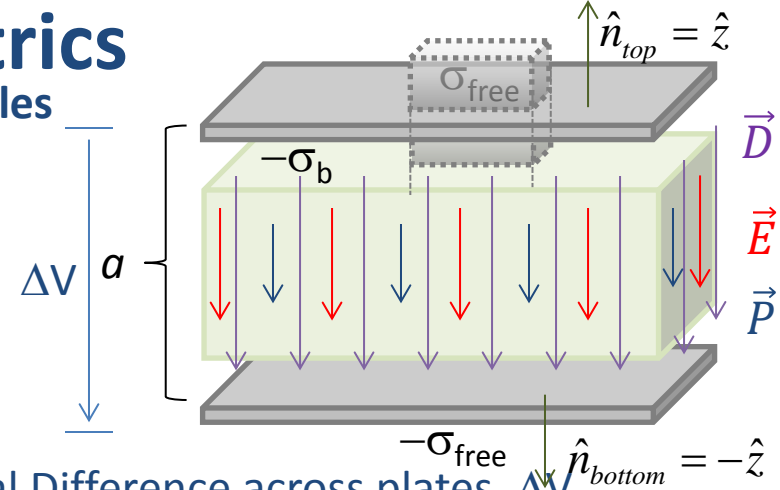
$$\epsilon \equiv \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e)$$

Dielectric Constant

$$\epsilon_r \equiv \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} = (1 + \chi_e)$$

Linear Dielectrics

Chunk of induced dipoles



Example: consider a simplified version of problem 4.18. Say we have only one dielectric material, of constant ϵ_r between two capacitor plates distance a apart.

a. Electric Displacement, D .

Gaussian box $\oint D \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{free.encl}$

Expect only perpendicular to surface and only inside capacitor

$$D_{outside} A_{top} + D_{inside} A_{bottom} = Q_{free.encl}$$

$$0 + D_{inside} A_{bottom} = Q_{free.encl}$$

$$D_{inside} = \frac{Q_{free.encl}}{A_{bottom}} = \sigma_{free} \quad \vec{D} = \begin{cases} -\sigma_{free} \hat{z} & \text{inside} \\ 0 & \text{outside} \end{cases}$$

b. Electric Field, E .

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon} = \frac{-\sigma_{free}}{\epsilon} \hat{z} = -\frac{\sigma_{free}}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_o} \hat{z}$$

c. Polarization, P .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{P} &= \vec{D} - \epsilon_o \vec{E} = (-\sigma_{free} \hat{z}) - \left(-\frac{\sigma_{free}}{\epsilon_r} \hat{z} \right) \\ &= -\left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_{free} \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

d. Potential Difference across plates, ΔV .

$$\Delta V = - \int_{bottom}^{top} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_{bottom}^{top} \left(-\frac{\sigma_{free}}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_o} \hat{z} \right) \cdot d\vec{z} = \frac{\sigma_{free}}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_o} a$$

e. Bound charge, σ_b and ρ_b .

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_b &= \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = \begin{cases} \vec{P}|_{top} \cdot \hat{n}_{top} = \left(-\left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_{free} \hat{z} \right) \cdot \hat{z} = -\left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_{free} \\ \vec{P}|_{bottom} \cdot \hat{n}_{bottom} = \left(-\left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_{free} \hat{z} \right) \cdot (-\hat{z}) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_{free} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

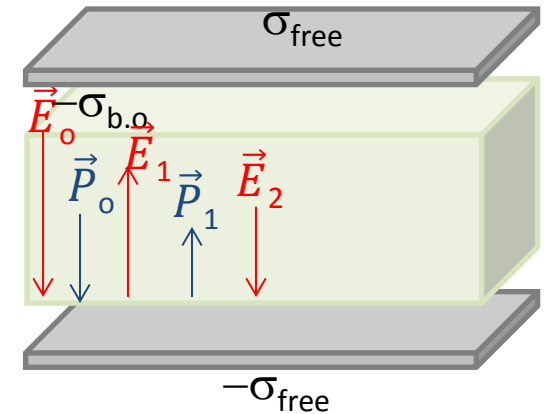
f. E from charge distribution.

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{Q_{encl}}{\epsilon_o} \quad E_{inside} A_{bottom} = \frac{Q_{f.encl} + Q_{b.encl}}{\epsilon_o}$$

$$E_{inside} = \frac{\sigma_f + (-\sigma_b)}{\epsilon_o} = \frac{\sigma_f - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_f}{\epsilon_o} = \frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_o}$$

Linear Dielectrics

Example: Alternate / iterative perspective on field in dielectric. Consider again a simple capacitor with dielectric. We'll find the electric field in terms of what it would have been without the dielectric. We'll do this iteratively and build a series solutions.



0. Say we start with no dielectric. Initially there's the field simply due to the free charge; E_o .

We insert the dielectric and that field induces a polarization,

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

and the associated surface charges contribute a field of their own,

$$\vec{E}_1 = \frac{\sigma_{b.o.}}{\epsilon_o} \hat{z} \quad \text{where} \quad \sigma_{b.o.} = \vec{P}_o \cdot \hat{n} \quad \text{so} \quad \vec{E}_1 = -\vec{P}_o / \epsilon_o = -\chi_e \vec{E}_o$$

in the opposite direction.

1. This field induces a little counter polarization,

$$\vec{P}_1 = \epsilon_o \chi_e \vec{E}_1 = -\epsilon_o \chi_e^2 \vec{E}_o$$

Which means a surface charge and resulting field contribution of its own

$$\vec{E}_2 = -\vec{P}_1 / \epsilon_o = (-\chi_e)^2 \vec{E}_o$$

2. See a pattern?

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_o + (-\chi_e)\vec{E}_o + (-\chi_e)^2 \vec{E}_o + \dots$$

$$\vec{E} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-\chi_e)^n \vec{E}_o$$

As long as $\chi_e < 1$, this converges to

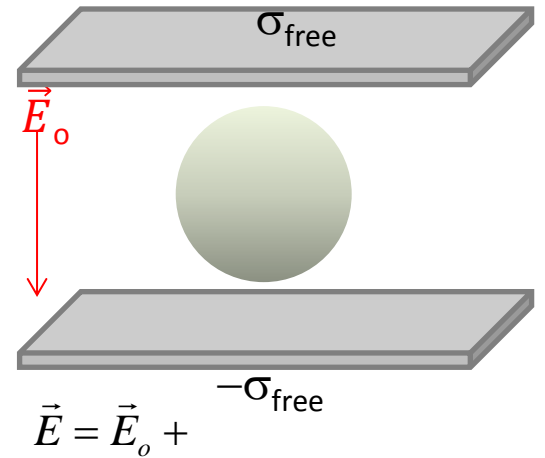
$$\vec{E}_{inside} = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \chi_e} \right) \vec{E}_o = \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} \vec{E}_o$$

Same result as we got previously

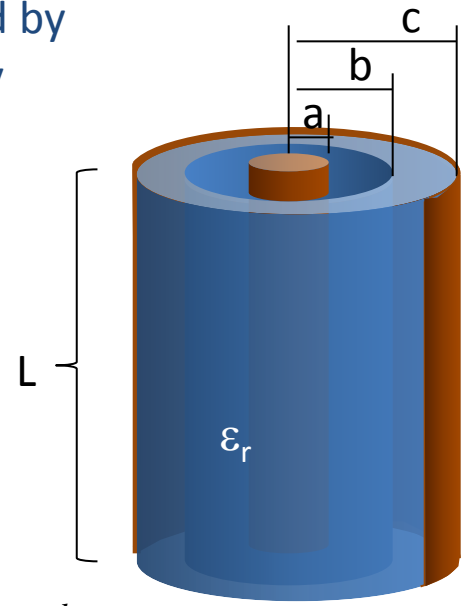
Linear Dielectrics

Exercise: Try it for your self. A sphere made of linear dielectric material is placed in an otherwise uniform electric field \vec{E}_o . Find the electric field inside the sphere in terms of the material's dielectric constant, ϵ_r .

You can take it as a given that a sphere of uniform polarization contributes field $\vec{E} = -\vec{P}/3\epsilon_0$



Example: A coaxial cable consists of a copper wire of radius a surrounded by a concentric copper tube of inner radius c . The space between is partially filled (from b to c) with material of dielectric constant ϵ_r as shown below. Find the capacitance per length of the cable.



For the sake of reasoning this out, say there's charge Q uniformly distributed along the surface of the central wire.

$$C \equiv \left| \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \right|$$

$$\Delta V = - \int_a^c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\vec{E} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\epsilon_o} \vec{D} & a < s < b \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon_o \epsilon_r} \vec{D} & b < s < c \end{cases}$$

Gaussian cylinder of some radius $a < s < c$. $\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{f.encl}$

$$D 2\pi s L = Q$$

$$D = \frac{Q}{2\pi s L}$$

$$\vec{E} = \begin{cases} \frac{Q}{\epsilon_o 2\pi s L} \hat{s} & a < s < b \\ \frac{Q}{\epsilon_o \epsilon_r 2\pi s L} \hat{s} & b < s < c \end{cases}$$

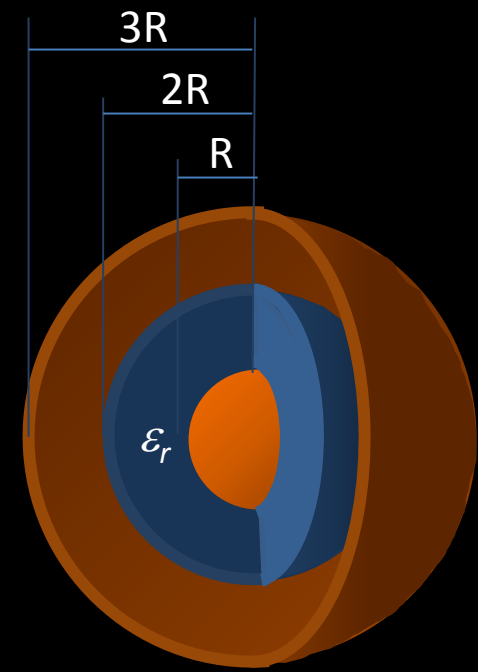
$$\Delta V = - \int_a^c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} - \int_b^c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\Delta V = - \int_a^b \frac{Q}{\epsilon_o 2\pi s L} ds - \int_b^c \frac{Q}{\epsilon_o \epsilon_r 2\pi s L} ds$$

$$\Delta V = - \frac{Q}{\epsilon_o 2\pi L} \left(\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} \ln\left(\frac{c}{b}\right) \right)$$

$$\frac{C}{L} \equiv \frac{\epsilon_o 2\pi}{\left(\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} \ln\left(\frac{c}{b}\right) \right)}$$

Exercise: There are two metal spherical shells with radii R and $3R$. There is material with a dielectric constant $\epsilon_r = 3/2$ between radii R and $2R$. What is the capacitance?



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