

P1

POTENTIAL

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

$\hat{r}$   
 $r^3$

$$\left( = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{x}{r^3} & \frac{y}{r^3} & \frac{z}{r^3} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$r = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2y (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-1/2} = \frac{y}{r}$$

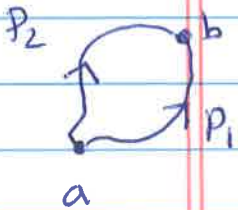
$$(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})_z = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{z}{r^3} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{y}{r^3}$$

$$= -\frac{3z}{r^4} \frac{y}{r} - \left( -\frac{3y}{r^4} \frac{z}{r} \right) = 0$$

$$\oint_{\partial} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \int_{\mathcal{S}} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$

$\Downarrow$

$\int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$  is independent of path



Define the potential

if  $\int_{P1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} \neq \int_{P2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$

$$V(r) = - \int_0^r \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

$\uparrow$  some origin

$$\int_{P1} - \int_{P2} \neq 0$$

potential energy

$$\int_P \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} \neq 0$$

$$U(r) = QV(r) = - \int_0^r \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

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Because  $\vec{F}$  and  $\vec{E}$  obey superposition, so

does the potential:  $V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + \dots$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$

individual potentials

due to  $q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots$



$\uparrow$   
shell charge  
 $Q$

$r > R$

$$V = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\infty}^r \frac{Q}{r'^2} dr'$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} Q/r' \Big|_{\infty}^r$$

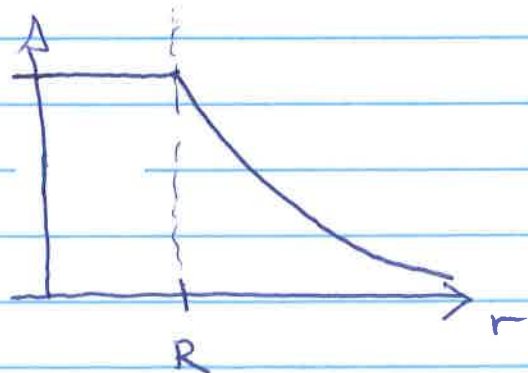
$$= Q/4\pi\epsilon_0 r$$

$r < R$

$$V = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\infty}^R \frac{Q}{r'^2} dr' - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_R^r 0 dr'$$

$$= Q/4\pi\epsilon_0 R$$

$\nwarrow E=0$  inside



Laplace's Eqn

$$E = -\nabla V$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$$

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

$$\nabla^2 V = -\rho/\epsilon_0$$

Poisson Eqn

if  $\rho=0$



$$\nabla^2 V = 0$$

Laplace Eqn



We will spend several weeks solving these eqns. All of chapter 3 of Griffiths.

Why  $\nabla^2$  ← central to EM but also

time dependent	$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(r,t) + V(r)\psi(r,t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(r,t)$	} Schrödinger Eqn of QM
time independent	$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V(r)\psi(r) = E\psi(r)$	

$$D \nabla^2 \psi(r,t) = \frac{\partial \psi(r,t)}{\partial t}$$

← Classical Mechanics

Schrödinger  $V(r)=0$

etc

$$\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(r,t) =$$

$$-\frac{\partial \psi(r,t)}{\partial t}$$

"imaginary time diffusion Eqn"  
similar physics  
"spreading of wave packet"

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$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum q_i / |r - r_i|$$

Set of discrete point charges

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{\rho(r') d\tau'}{|r - r'|}$$

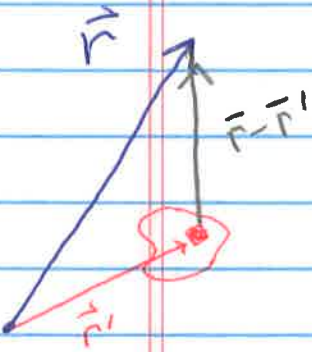
Continuous volume charge distribution

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_S \frac{\sigma(r') da'}{|r - r'|}$$

surface

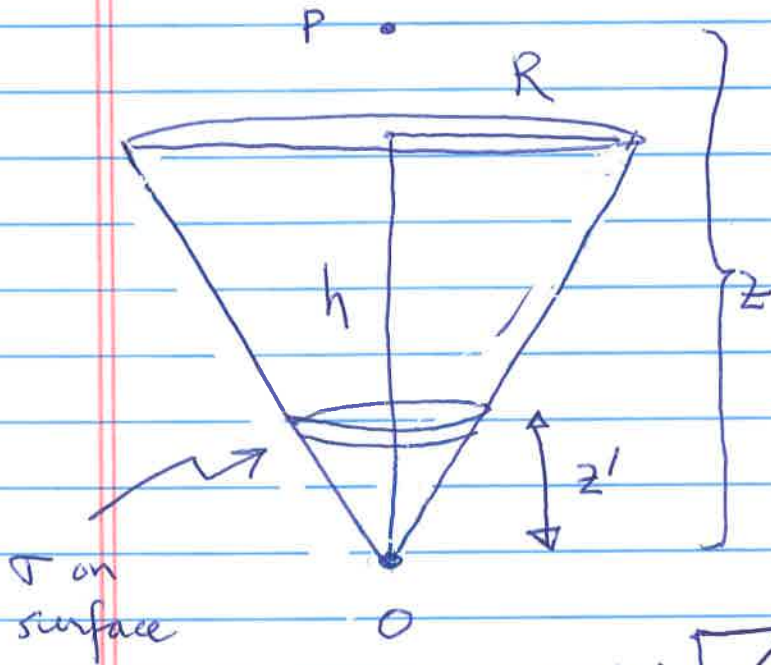
$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_L \frac{\lambda(r') ds'}{|r - r'|}$$

linear



Griffiths 2-26

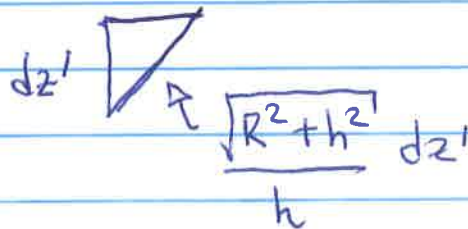
Potential difference between base and apex of cone



Divide cone into rings

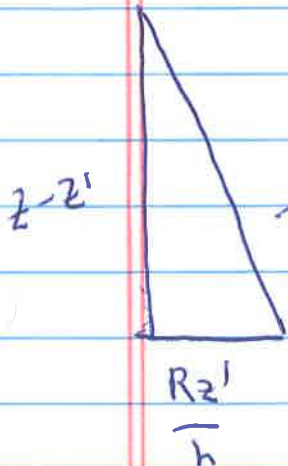
$$da' = 2\pi \frac{Rz'}{h} \frac{\sqrt{R^2 + h^2}}{h} dz'$$

ring radius



potential of such a ring at position z

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sigma da' / \left[ (z-z')^2 + \left( \frac{Rz'}{h} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$



NB: Griffiths asks about R=h case

Potential at base of cone  $z = h$

$$V_{\text{base}} = \int_0^h \frac{\sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2\pi R z'}{h} \frac{\sqrt{R^2 + h^2}}{h} dz' \frac{1}{\sqrt{(h-z')^2 + \left(\frac{Rz'}{h}\right)^2}}$$

$z = h$  at base

$V_{\text{apex}}$  is same formula  
except with  $z = 0$

$V_{\text{apex}}$  is easier integral. Let's do it first

$$V_{\text{apex}} = \frac{\sigma R \sqrt{R^2 + h^2}}{2h^2 \epsilon_0} \int_0^h \frac{z' dz'}{[z'^2 (1 + R^2/h^2)]^{1/2}}$$

$$\frac{z'}{h} (h^2 + R^2)^{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma R}{2h \epsilon_0} \underbrace{\int_0^h dz'}_h = \frac{\sigma R}{2 \epsilon_0} \left( = \frac{\sigma h}{2 \epsilon_0} \text{ if } R=h \right)$$

check units

$$[\sigma] = \frac{Q}{L^2}$$

$$[\sigma R] = \frac{Q}{L} \quad W$$

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Let's do Griffiths  $R=h$  for simplicity

$$V_{\text{base}} = \frac{\sigma R \sqrt{R^2 + h^2}}{2h^2 \epsilon_0} \int_0^h \frac{z' dz'}{(2z'^2 - 2hz' + h^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$(h - z')^2 + z'^2$$

$$\frac{z'}{(2z'^2 - 2hz' + h^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}(4z' - 2h) + \frac{1}{2}h}{(2z'^2 - 2hz' + h^2)^{1/2}}$$

↔ add and subtract

derivative gives  
 $4z' - 2h$

First integral is then

$$\frac{1}{2} (2z'^2 - 2hz' + h^2)^{1/2} \Big|_0^h$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} h$$

Second integral harder

$$2z'^2 - 2hz' + h^2 = 2\left(z'^2 - hz' + \frac{h^2}{4}\right) + \frac{h^2}{2}$$

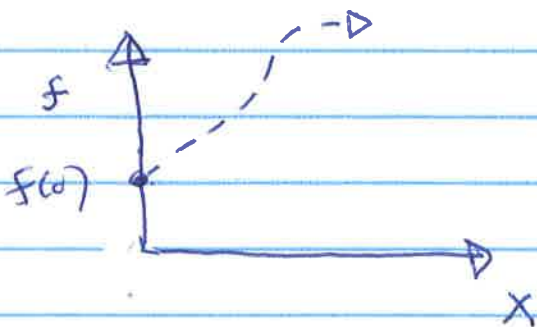
$$= 2\left(z' - \frac{h}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{h^2}{2}$$

$$z' - \frac{h}{2} = \frac{h}{2} \tan \theta \quad dz' = \frac{h}{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

General concepts of role of boundaries  
in solution of differential eqns:

Because often  
 $t=0 \Rightarrow$  "initial  
conditions"

ODE



First order

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{df}{dx} = x + 3$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + 3x + c$$

$$f(0) = c \leftarrow \text{need initial value}$$

or, actually, value  
anywhere

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{2} + 3 + c$$

$$c = f(1) - 7/2$$

$\textcircled{3}$  Second order

$$\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = -4f$$

$$f(x) = A \sin 2x + B \cos 2x$$

can you specify  $f(0)$  and  $f'(0)$ ?

$$\text{Yes } f(0) = B$$

$$f'(x) = 2A \cos 2x - 2B \sin 2x$$

$$f'(0) = 2A$$



What about  $f(0) = 0$   $A=0$

$$\text{and } f(\pi) = 0$$

$$f(x) = B \cos 2x$$

$$f(10) = B \cos 20$$

only  $B=0 \Rightarrow$  no nontrivial soln!

$\textcircled{2}$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = a \leftarrow \text{constant}$$

$$x(t) = x(0) + v(0)t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

could you specify  $x(0)$  and  $x(10)$   
instead?

$$x(10) = x(0) + c(10) + \frac{1}{2}a(10)^2$$

can always solve for  $c$

Moral: Some Boundary  
Conditions do not allow  
sol'n to Differential Eqn!



$$\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = -k^2 f$$

$$A \sin kx + B \cos kx$$

$$f(0) = 0 \rightarrow A = 0$$

$$f(L) = 0 \rightarrow B \cos kL = 0$$

What can you say about  $k$ ?

Where have you seen this problem?

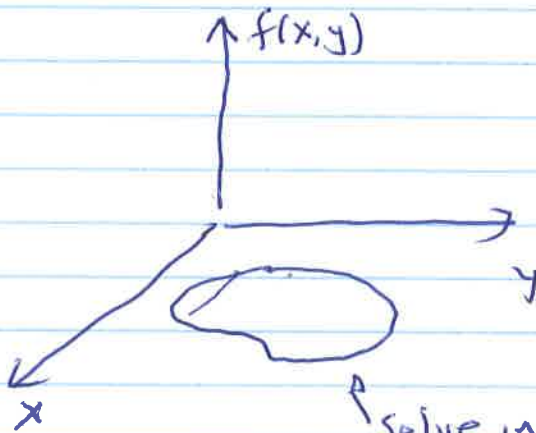
Schrodinger  
Eqn particles  
in a box

$k$  related to  $E \rightarrow$  Energy quantization

PDE Much vicher

Poisson:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{f(x,y)}{\epsilon_0}$$



Solve in  
some region  
of space

What Boundary  
conditions  
 $f$  on bdy?

## Boundary conditions

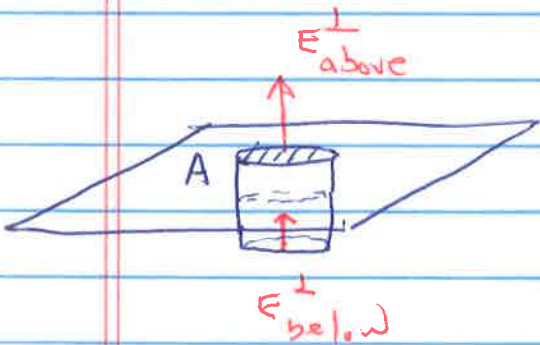
In classical Mechanics

$F = ma = m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$  not enough need  $x_0, v_0$  to get  $x(t)$   
 2nd order  $\curvearrowright$  2 numbers

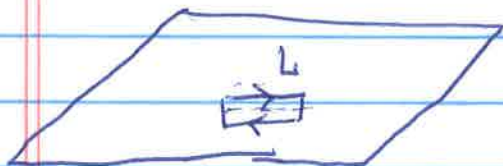
$\vec{E}$  or  $V$  on boundary need to be combined with

$$\nabla^2 V = \rho/\epsilon_0$$

$\Rightarrow$  what happens to  $\vec{E}, V$  across boundary?



$$(E_{\perp}^{\text{above}} - E_{\perp}^{\text{below}}) A = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0}$$



$$(E_{\parallel}^{\text{above}} - E_{\parallel}^{\text{below}}) L = 0$$

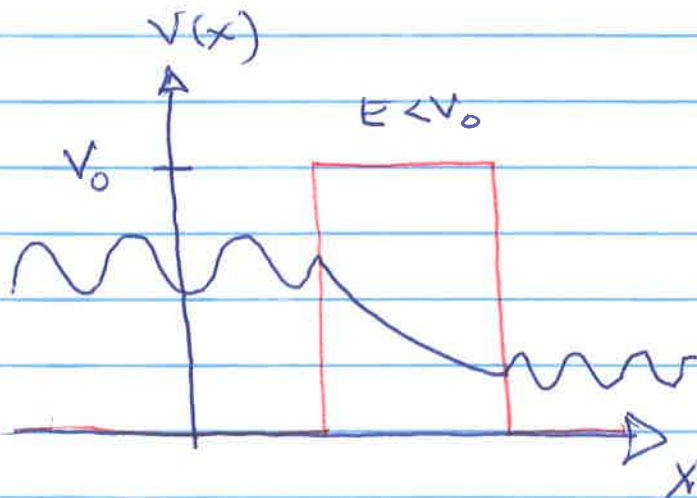
Potential is continuous  $V_{\text{above}} = V_{\text{below}}$

But  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial n} = \vec{\nabla} V \cdot \hat{n}$

$$\left( \frac{\partial V_{\text{above}}}{\partial n} - \frac{\partial V_{\text{below}}}{\partial n} \right) = -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

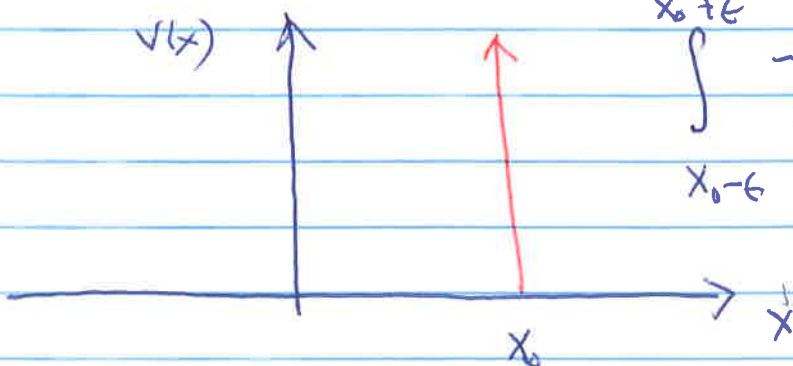
rephrasing of  $E_{\text{above}}^{\perp} - E_{\text{below}}^{\perp} = \sigma / \epsilon_0$

In QM



$\psi(x)$  is continuous  
as is  $\frac{d\psi}{dx}$

Unless  $V(x)$  is delta function  $V_0 \delta(x-x_0)$



$$\int_{x_0-\epsilon}^{x_0+\epsilon} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi(x) + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

$$\left. -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d\psi}{dx} \right|_{x_0-\epsilon}^{x_0+\epsilon} + V_0 \psi(x_0) = 0$$

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Work to move charge from  $\vec{a}$  to  $\vec{b}$

$$W = q(V(\vec{b}) - V(\vec{a}))$$

Energy of collection of point charges

→  $W_2 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}}$

Start with  $q_1$  and bring up  $q_2$

$$W_3 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{q_1 q_3}{r_{13}} + \frac{q_2 q_3}{r_{23}} \right)$$

bring up  $q_3$

$$W_{\text{TOT}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{i > j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j q_j \underbrace{\sum_{i \neq j} \frac{q_i}{r_{ij}}}_{V(r_j)} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j q_j V(r_j)$$

Conductors  $\triangleleft$  definition  
charges free to move

(1)  $\vec{E} = 0$  inside (otherwise charges will move!)

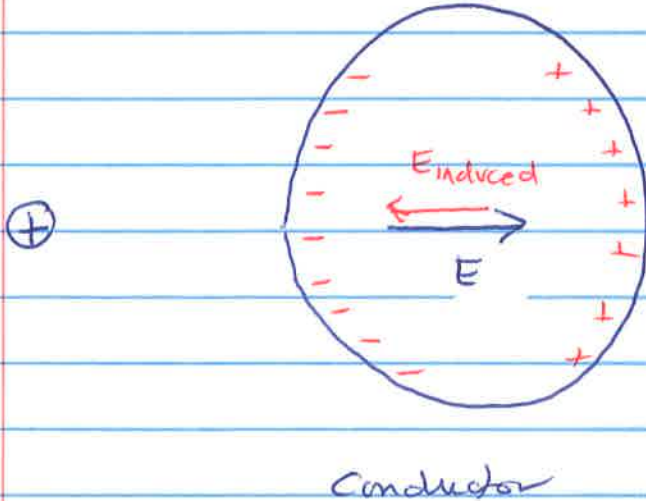
(2)  $\rho = 0$  inside since  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$

(3) All charge on surface (consequence of (2))

(4) Entire conductor is equipotential (consequence of (1))

(5)  $\vec{E} \perp$  to surface outside conductor (otherwise charge will move)

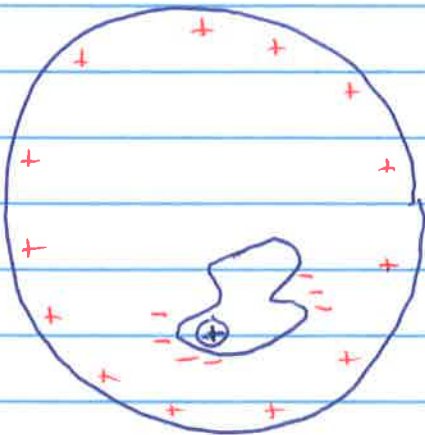
# Induced charges



(1) free to move  
charges will rearrange  
so - nearest  $\oplus$   
and + furthest away

(2) must rearrange  
to get  $\vec{E} = 0$  inside

Pretty fantastic stuff



uncharged  
conductor  
with weird hole  
containing  $\oplus$  somewhere  
 $\ominus$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2} \hat{r} \text{ outside !!}$$

no matter what shape  
of hole is and where  $\oplus$   $Q$   
is inside hole

$\oplus$   $Q$  induces  $\ominus$   $Q$  on  
cavity walls  $\rightarrow$   $\oplus$   $Q$  on  
outer surface

This last  $+Q$  is uniformly  
distributed!

# Capacitors



two conducting  
carrying opposite  
charge

$$E \sim Q$$

$$\Rightarrow V \sim Q$$

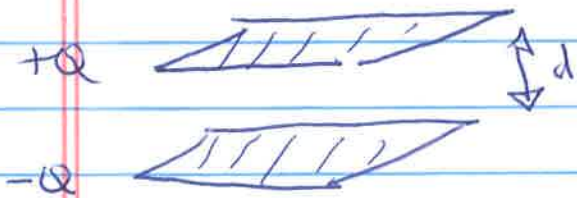
↑  
potential  
difference  
between conductors

constant of proportionality  $C = Q/V$      $V = Q/C$

If  $C$  large can carry big charge  $Q$   
without a large  $V$

Useful in electronic device

high  $V \leftarrow$  bad (breakdown etc)



Simplest geometry

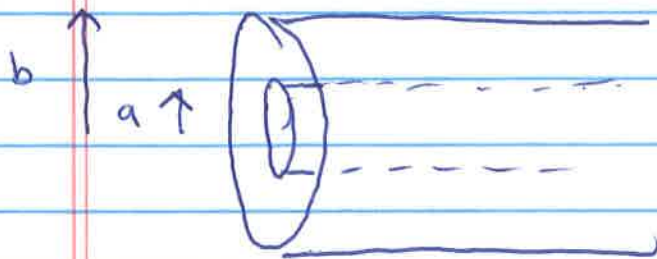
$$E = \sigma / \epsilon_0$$

$$V = \frac{\sigma d}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$Q = \sigma A$$

$$C = \frac{\sigma A}{\sigma d / \epsilon_0} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{only depends} \\ \text{on} \\ \text{geometry} \end{array} \right\}$$

## Coaxial cable



Gauss law

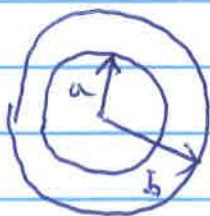
$$\frac{\lambda l}{\epsilon_0} = 2\pi r l \epsilon$$

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r}$$

$$V = \int_a^b \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dr}{r} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\lambda L}{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{b}{a}} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{\ln \frac{b}{a}}$$

## Concentric Spherical Shells



$$V = \int_a^b \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dr}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{b-a}{ab}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 ab}{b-a} \rightarrow 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{a^2}{d} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

$$b = a + d$$

↙ small