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SOME SPECIAL VECTOR FIELDS AND LAPLACE AND POISSON EQUATIONS

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Kapitel 16
Avsnitt: målproblem (metod 2), 17.1, 17.2, 17.3
Avsnitt 17.5 (inte bevisen)



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THIS WEEK

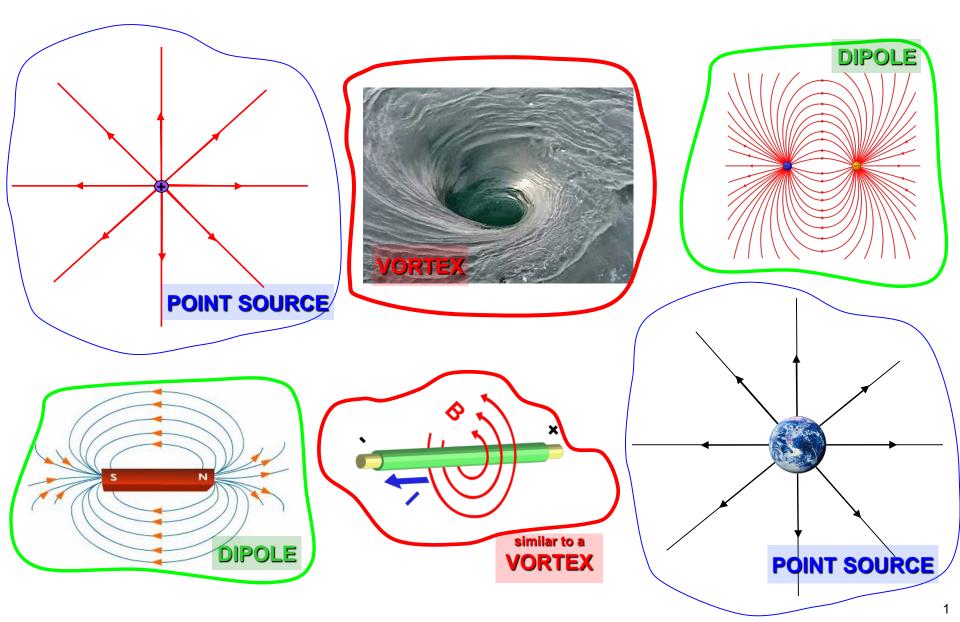
- Special vektor field
 - Point source
 - dipole
 - Line source
- Laplace and Poisson equations
 - Simple solutions in case of planar, cilindrical or spherical symmetry
 - Boundary conditions: Neumann and Dirichlet
 - Uniqueness theorem for Poisson's equation
 - Helmotz theorem (home assignment)

Connections with previous and next topics

- Special vektor field
 - Point source → flux, Gauss' theorem, Gauss law
 - Dipole → potential, gradient, nablaräkning
 - Line source → circulation, nablaräkning, Ampere's law
- Laplace and Poisson equations
 - → Nablaräkning
 - → Laplacian
 - → Electrostatic field and potential

TARGET PROBLEM

Some example of vector field sources in nature



TARGET PROBLEM

Point source (punktkällan)

It is a single identifiable localized source with negligible extent.

In some particular conditions,

(for example: 3D space, the flux is homogenous in all directions, no absorption and no loss...) the field produced by a point source decreases with r^2

• Dipole source (dipolskällan)

Two sources with opposite charge (i.e. a source and a sink) separated by a distance d.

Vortex (virveltråden)

The velocity field in a water vortex Magnetic field around a straight wire The field decrease with r

POINT SOURCE

A single identifiable localized source with negligible extent.

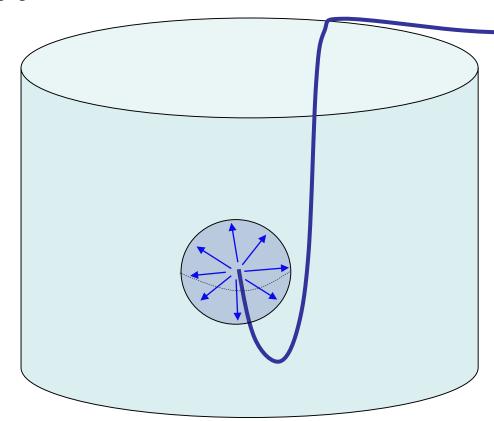
Let's calculate the velocity field of the water that flows from a thin pipe into a large pool.

Assumptions:

- 1- The source is homogeneous in time *i.e. the flow of the water from the pipe is constant:* F=Volume/time=constant
- 2- The emission is homogeneous in all directions
- 3- No absorption, no losses

Then:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
F = \overline{S} \cdot \overline{v} \\
\overline{S} = 4\pi r^2 \hat{e}_r
\end{array} \right\} \Longrightarrow \overline{v} = \frac{F}{4\pi r^2} \hat{e}_r$$



In a 3D space, the **vector field generated by a point source** is:

$$\overline{A}(\overline{r}) = \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{e}_r$$

POINT SOURCE

The vector field generated by a point source located in the origin is:

$$\overline{A}(\overline{r}) = \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{e}_r$$

When the source is not in the origin:

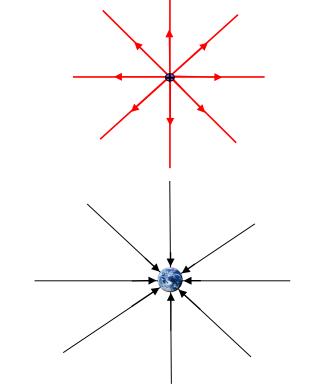
$$\overline{A}(\overline{r}) = q \frac{\overline{r} - \overline{r}'}{\left|\overline{r} - \overline{r}'\right|^3} \quad where \ \overline{r}' \ is the position of the source$$

Electrostatic field produced by a point charge:

$$\overline{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{e}_r \qquad with \quad q = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}$$

Gravitational field produced by a mass M:

$$\overline{g} = -GM \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{e}_r$$
 with $q = -GM$



POINT SOURCE

THEOREM 1 (16.1 in the book)

The flux produced by a point source through a closed surface S (with S boundary of the volume V) is:

$$\iint_{S} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{e}_r \cdot d\overline{S} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{If the source is outside } V \\ 4\pi q & \text{If the source is inside } V \end{cases}$$

PROOF

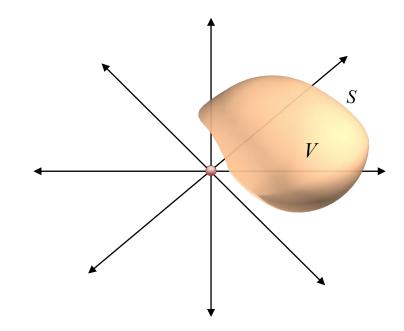
1. The origin is outside V

In V the field is continuously differentiable, so we can apply the Gauss' theorem:

$$\iint_{S} \frac{q}{r^{2}} \hat{e}_{r} \cdot d\overline{S} = \iiint_{V} div \left(\frac{q}{r^{2}} \hat{e}_{r}\right) dV$$

$$div \left(\frac{q}{r^{2}} \hat{e}_{r}\right) = \frac{1}{r^{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^{2} \frac{q}{r^{2}}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_{S} \frac{q}{r^{2}} \hat{e}_{r} \cdot d\overline{S} = 0$$



2. The origin is inside V

The field is not continuous in V, since the origin is a singular point. So the Gauss' theorem cannot be applied.

But we can divide V into two volumes:

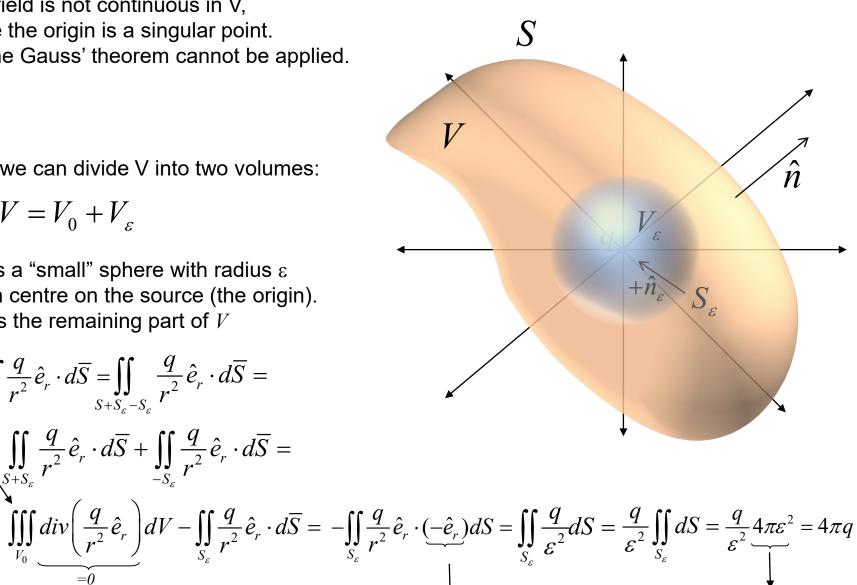
$$V = V_0 + V_{\varepsilon}$$

 V_{c} is a "small" sphere with radius ε with centre on the source (the origin). V_{o} is the remaining part of V

$$\iint_{S} \frac{q}{r^{2}} \hat{e}_{r} \cdot d\overline{S} = \iint_{S+S_{\varepsilon}-S_{\varepsilon}} \frac{q}{r^{2}} \hat{e}_{r} \cdot d\overline{S} =$$

Gauss'theorem:
$$\iint\limits_{\substack{V_0 \text{ does not contain the origin}}} \iint\limits_{S+S_{\varepsilon}} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{e}_r \cdot d\overline{S} + \iint\limits_{-S_{\varepsilon}} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{e}_r \cdot d\overline{S} =$$

$$\iiint_{V_0} \underbrace{div\left(\frac{q}{r^2}\hat{e}_r\right)}_{=0} dV - \iint_{S_{\varepsilon}} \frac{q}{r^2}\hat{e}_r \cdot d\overline{S} = -\int_{S_{\varepsilon}} \frac{q}{r^2} dr \cdot$$



Area of the sphere with radius ε

THE POTENTIAL OF A POINT SOURCE

The potential from a point source is:
$$\phi = -\frac{q}{r} + const.$$

In fact:
$$grad\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}\hat{e}_r + \frac{1}{r}\underbrace{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}}_{=0}\hat{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\underbrace{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \varphi}}_{=0}\hat{e}_\varphi = -q\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)\hat{e}_r = \frac{q}{r^2}\hat{e}_r$$

ELECTROSTATIC FIELD FROM A POINT SOURCE

The electrostatic field from a point source is

$$\overline{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{e}_r$$

The electrostatic potential is defined as: $\overline{E} = -grad\phi_{\scriptscriptstyle E}$

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Therefore, the electrostatic potential is:

$$\phi_E = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r}$$

$$\iint_{S} \overline{E} \cdot d\overline{S} = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0}$$

The flux of the electric field is: $\iint_{S} \overline{E} \cdot d\overline{S} = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_{0}} \qquad where Q is the total charge inside S$ GAUSS'LAW

DIPOLE SOURCE

Two identical but opposite sources (i.e. a source and a sink) separated by a distance d.

Assume that the origin is in the middle between the positive and the negative charge.

If
$$r \gg d$$

 $r \approx r_{+} \approx r_{-}$
 $r_{-} - r_{+} \approx d \cos \theta$

The potential due to the dipole is:

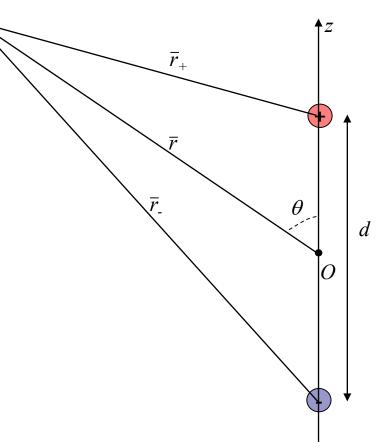
$$\phi(\overline{r}) = \frac{q}{r_{+}} + \frac{-q}{r_{-}} = q \frac{r_{-} - r_{+}}{r_{-} r_{+}} \approx q \frac{d \cos \theta}{r^{2}} = q \frac{\overline{d} \cdot \overline{r}}{r^{3}}$$

Ideal dipole: qd = constant

The dipole moment is defined as: $\overline{p} = q\overline{d}$

The field generated by the dipole is:

$$\overline{E}(\overline{r}) = -grad\phi = -grad\left(\frac{\overline{p} \cdot \overline{r}}{r^3}\right) =$$



DIPOLE SOURCE

What could be the smartest way to calculate $grad\left(\frac{\overline{p}\cdot\overline{r}}{r^3}\right)$?

- a) direct calculation of thegradient using a Cartesian coordinate system
- b) direct calculation of the gradient using a spherical coordinate system
- c) Using the nabla identity $\nabla(\Phi\Psi) = \nabla(\Phi)\Psi + \Phi\nabla(\Psi)$
- d) Using all the three options above

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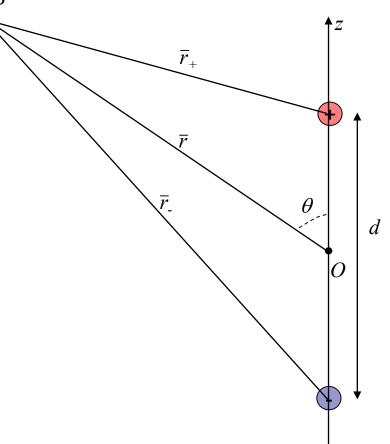
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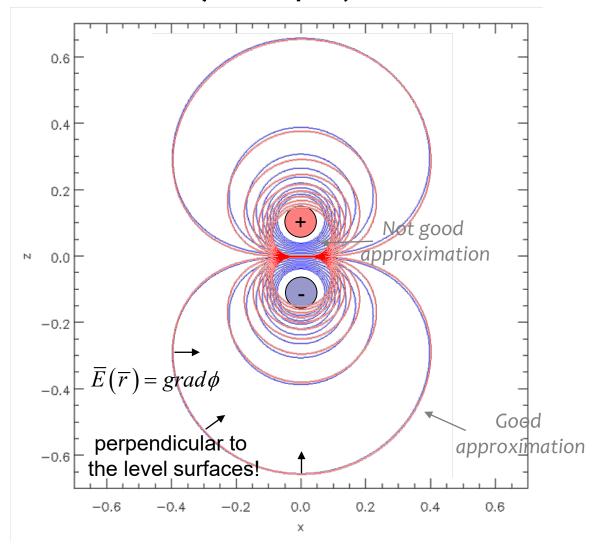
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DIPOLE SOURCE (example)

$$\phi(\overline{r}) = \frac{q}{r_{+}} - \frac{q}{r_{-}}$$

$$\phi(\overline{r}) = q \frac{d \cos \theta}{r_{+}}$$



VORTEX (or similar fields)

Example: The velocity field in a water vortex, the magnetic field around a straight wire...

The vector field generated by a vortex has the shape:

$$\overline{A}(\overline{r}) = \frac{k}{\rho}\hat{e}_{\varphi}$$

THEOREM 2 (16.2 in the book)

The circulation of this vector field is

$$\oint_{I} \frac{k}{\rho} \hat{e}_{\varphi} \cdot d\overline{r} = 2\pi kN$$

where N is number of turns of L around the z-axis

N is positive if the turn is along +L N is negative if the turn is along -L

PROOF

The field is singular on the *z-axis*.

So the Stokes' theorem cannot be applied directly.

We consider a circular path L_{ε} with radius ε

$$\int_{L} \frac{k}{\rho} \hat{e}_{\varphi} \cdot d\overline{r} = \int_{L+L_{\varepsilon}-L_{\varepsilon}+L_{1}-L_{1}} \frac{k}{\rho} \hat{e}_{\varphi} \cdot d\overline{r} = \int_{L+L_{\varepsilon}+L_{1}-L_{1}} \frac{k}{\rho} \hat{e}_{\varphi} \cdot d\overline{r} + \int_{-L_{\varepsilon}} \frac{k}{\rho} \hat{e}_{\varphi} \cdot d\overline{r} = \int_{L+L_{\varepsilon}+L_{1}-L_{1}} \frac{k}{\rho} \hat{e}_{\varphi} \cdot d\overline{r} = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \frac{k}{\varepsilon} \underbrace{\varepsilon \hat{e}_{\varphi} \hat{e}_{\varphi} d\varphi} = 2\pi k$$

$$Closed path that does not contain the z-axis.$$

$$We can apply the Stokes' theorem!$$

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WHICH STATEMENT IS WRONG?

- 1- The vector field $\frac{q}{r^2}\hat{e}_r$ is produced by a point source
- 2- The vector field $\frac{k}{\rho}\hat{e}_{\varphi}$ can represent the velocity field of a vortex

3- The flux of the field from a point source over any surface is

$$\iint_{S} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{e}_r \cdot d\overline{S} = 4\pi q$$

4- The circulation $\int_L \frac{k}{\rho} \hat{e}_{\varphi} \cdot d\overline{r} = 2\pi k$ if L is closed and has only one turn around the z-axis

LAPLACE AND POISSON EQUATIONS

TARGET PROBLEM

A sphere has radius R and volume charge density $\rho = \rho_c$. Calculate:

- the electric field and
- the electrostatic potential

inside and outside the sphere.

Assume: electric field and potential are continuous on the surface of the sphere

From the electromagnetic theory course:

$$\nabla \cdot \overline{E} = \frac{\rho_c}{\varepsilon_0}$$

$$\overline{E} = -\nabla \phi_{E}$$

Therefore:

$$\nabla^2 \phi_E = -\frac{\rho_c}{\varepsilon_0}$$

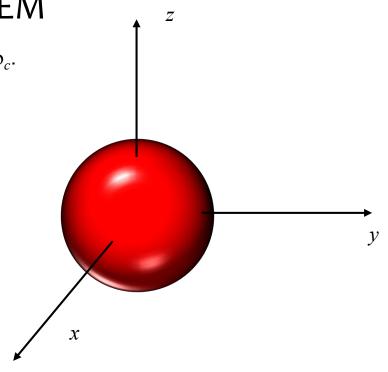
This equation is an example of:

Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

Poisson's equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi = f\left(\overline{r}\right)$$



SYMMETRIC SOLUTIONS

LAPLACE EQUATION $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$

PLANAR SYMMETRY

$$\phi = \phi(x)$$

(NO y and z dependences)

In cartesian coord.

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

$$\left| \frac{d^2 \phi(x)}{dx^2} = 0 \right| \Rightarrow \left| \phi(x) = ax + b \right|$$

CYLINDRICAL SYMMETRY $\phi = \phi(\rho)$

(NO φ and z dependences)

In cylindrical coord.

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d}{d\rho} \left(\rho \frac{d\phi(\rho)}{d\rho} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \rho \frac{d\phi(\rho)}{d\rho} = a$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(\rho) = a \ln \rho + b$$

SPHERICAL SYMMETRY $\phi = \phi(r)$

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(NO θ and φ dependences)

In spherical coord.

$$\nabla^{2}\phi = \left(\frac{1}{r^{2}}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r^{2}\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^{2}\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{r^{2}\sin^{2}\theta}\frac{\partial^{2}\phi}{\partial\varphi^{2}}\right)$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\phi(r)}{dr} \right) = 0 \right| \Rightarrow r^2 \frac{d\phi(r)}{dr} = a$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(r) = -\frac{a}{r} + b$$

LAPLACE AND POISSON EQUATIONS

THEOREM 1 (17.1 in the book)

If ϕ has continuous second derivatives in the volume V and $\phi=0$ on the surface S that encloses V, then the solution to the Laplace equation $\nabla^2\phi=0$ is:

$$\phi(x,y,z)=0$$
 in V

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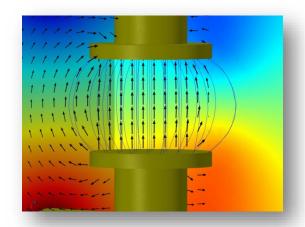
We know:
$$\nabla \cdot (f \, \overline{v}) = (\nabla f) \cdot \overline{v} + f \nabla \cdot \overline{v}$$
 (ID2)
$$\begin{cases}
f = \phi \\ \overline{v} = \nabla \phi
\end{cases} \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \phi) = \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \phi + \phi (\nabla \cdot \nabla \phi) = |\nabla \phi|^2 + \phi \nabla^2 \phi \\
\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \phi) - |\nabla \phi|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \iiint_V \left[\nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \phi) - |\nabla \phi|^2 \right] dV = 0$$

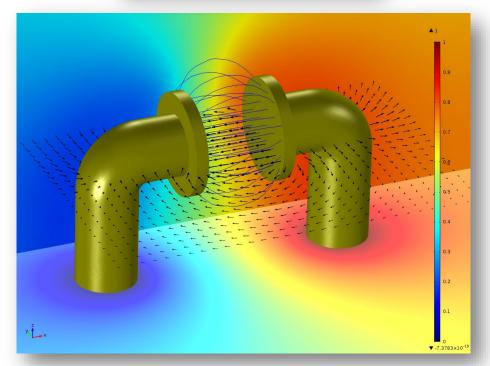
$$\iiint_S \phi \nabla \phi \cdot d\overline{S} - \iiint_V |\nabla \phi|^2 dV = 0$$

$$\lim_{because \phi = 0 \text{ on } S} \Rightarrow \nabla \phi = 0 \Rightarrow \phi = c$$

$$\text{but } \phi = 0 \text{ on } S
\end{cases} \Rightarrow c = 0$$

THE CAPACITOR EXAMPLE





Color plot: Potential V, Arrows: Electric field, Streamlines: Electric field, Gold: Grounded and positive electrode

Laplace equation

$$\nabla^2 V = 0$$

Boundary conditions:

Left electrode

$$V = 0$$

(Dirichlet BC)

Right electrode

$$V = 1$$
 (Dirichlet BC)

 To solve the problem, COMSOL needs boundary conditions on the floor. For this example, insulating boundary condition on the floor have been applied: (Neumann)

$$\overline{n} \cdot \nabla V = 0$$
 (Neumann BC)

DIRICHLET BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \rho_0$$
$$\phi = \sigma \quad on \ S$$

Dirichlet boundary condition

What can we say about the solution?

UNIQUENESS THEOREM

(theorem 17.2 in the book)

The solution to the Poisson's equation $\nabla^2 \phi = \rho_0$ in the volume V with boundary condition $\phi = \sigma$ on the surface S (S encloses V) is unique.

PROOF Let's assume that ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are two solution:

$$\nabla^2 \phi_1 = \rho_0$$
 and $\phi_1 = \sigma$ on S

$$\nabla^2 \phi_2 = \rho_0$$
 and $\phi_2 = \sigma$ on S

Let's now define $\phi_0 = \phi_1 - \phi_2$

$$\nabla^{2}\phi_{0} = \nabla^{2}(\phi_{1} - \phi_{2}) = \nabla^{2}\phi_{1} - \nabla^{2}\phi_{2} = 0$$

$$\phi_{0} = \phi_{1} - \phi_{2} = 0 \quad on \quad S$$

$$Due \text{ to theorem } 1: \quad \phi_{0} = 0 \text{ in } V$$

$$\phi_{1} = \phi_{2} \text{ in } V$$

NEUMANN BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \rho$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \phi = \gamma \quad on \ S$$

Neumann boundary condition

What can we say about the solution?

THEOREM 3 (17.3 in the book)

The solution to the Poisson's equation $\nabla^2 \phi = \rho$ in V with boundary condition $\hat{n} \cdot \nabla \phi = \gamma$ on S is not unique. If ϕ_s is a solution then ϕ_s +c is also solution where c is an arbitrary constant.

PROOF Let's assume that ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are two solution:

$$\nabla^2 \phi_1 = \rho \quad and \quad \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \phi_1 = \gamma \quad on \ S$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi_2 = \rho \quad and \quad \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \phi_2 = \gamma \quad on \ S$$

Let's now define
$$\phi_0 = \phi_1 - \phi_2$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi_0 = \nabla^2 \left(\phi_1 - \phi_2 \right) = \overset{\rho}{\nabla^2 \phi_1} - \overset{\rho}{\nabla^2 \phi_2} = 0$$

$$\hat{n} \cdot \nabla \phi_0 = \hat{n} \cdot \left(\overset{\rho}{\nabla \phi_1} - \overset{\rho}{\nabla \phi_2} \right) = 0 \quad on \ S$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \phi_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \phi_0 \nabla \phi_0 \cdot \hat{n} = 0 \quad on \ S \Rightarrow \underset{S}{\iint} \phi_0 \nabla \phi_0 \cdot \hat{n} dS = 0$$

$$0 = \iint\limits_{S} \phi_{0} \nabla \phi_{0} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iiint\limits_{V} \nabla \cdot \phi_{0} \nabla \phi_{0} dV = \iiint\limits_{V} \left(\nabla \phi_{0} \right)^{2} dV \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \phi_{0} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi_{0} = const.$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \phi_{1} = \phi_{2} + const.$$

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A sphere has radius R and volume charge density $\rho = \rho_c$. Calculate:

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- the electrostatic potential

inside and outside the sphere.

Assume: electric field and potential are continuous on the surface of the sphere

Spherical symmetry: $\phi = \phi(r)$

Outside the sphere

$$\nabla^2 \phi_E = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi_E^{out}(r) = -\frac{a}{r} + b \qquad \lim_{r \to \infty} \phi_E(r) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b = 0$$

$$\overline{E} = -\nabla \phi_{E} = -\left(\frac{d\phi_{E}(r)}{dr}, \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\phi_{E}(r)}{d\theta}, \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{d\phi_{E}(r)}{d\varphi}\right) \implies E_{r}^{out} = -\frac{d\phi_{E}^{out}(r)}{dr} = -\frac{a}{r^{2}}$$

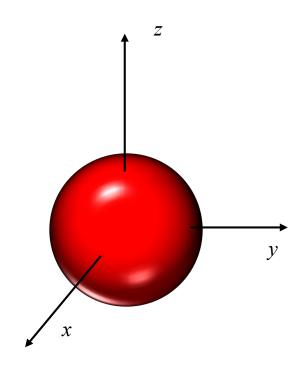
Inside the sphere

$$\nabla^2 \phi_E = -\frac{\rho_c}{\varepsilon_0} \qquad \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\phi_E(r)}{dr} \right) = -\frac{\rho_c}{\varepsilon_0}$$

multiplying by
$$r^2$$
 and integrating:

$$r^{2} \frac{d\phi_{E}(r)}{dr} = -\frac{\rho_{c}r^{3}}{3\varepsilon_{0}} + c \implies \frac{d\phi_{E}(r)}{dr} = -\frac{\rho_{c}r}{3\varepsilon_{0}} + \frac{c}{r^{2}} \implies \phi_{E}^{in}(r) = -\frac{\rho_{c}r^{2}}{6\varepsilon_{0}} + d$$

$$E_r^{in} = -\frac{d\phi_E^{in}(r)}{dr} = +\frac{\rho_c r}{3\varepsilon_0} - \frac{c}{r_{\downarrow}^2}$$



TARGET PROBLEM

We still have to calculate a and d!

Boundary conditions:

$$E_r^{out}(R) = E_r^{in}(R) \implies -\frac{a}{R^2} = \frac{\rho_c R}{3\varepsilon_0} \implies a = -\frac{\rho_c R^3}{3\varepsilon_0}$$

$$\phi_E^{out}(R) = \phi_E^{in}(R) \implies -\frac{\rho_c R^2}{6\varepsilon_0} + d = \frac{\rho_c R^3}{3\varepsilon_0 R} \implies d = \frac{\rho_c R^2}{2\varepsilon_0}$$

$$\phi_E^{out}(r) = \frac{\rho_c R^3}{3\varepsilon_0 r}$$

$$\phi_E^{in}(r) = \frac{\rho_c R^2}{6\varepsilon_0} \left(3 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right)$$

$$\overline{E}^{out} = +\frac{\rho_c R^3}{3\varepsilon_0 r^2} \hat{e}_r$$

$$\overline{E}^{out} = +\frac{\rho_c R^3}{3\varepsilon_0 r^2} \hat{e}_r \qquad Q = \int \rho_c dV = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \rho_c \implies \overline{E}^{out} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2} \hat{e}_r$$

$$\overline{E}^{in} = + \frac{\rho_c r}{3\varepsilon_0} \hat{e}_r$$

