

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0$$

$\Phi = 0$ on the ∂V

$\Rightarrow \Phi = 0$ everywhere
in V

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho \quad \text{with} \quad \Phi = \Phi_{B.C.} \quad \text{on the boundary}$$

if Φ_1 & Φ_2 are solns, then

$$\Phi_3 = \Phi_1 - \Phi_2$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_3 = 0 \quad \text{on the boundary } \Phi_3 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \Phi_3 = 0$ everywhere $\Rightarrow \Phi_1 = \Phi_2$ everywhere
everywhere inside the boundary

Second uniqueness thm

Let Φ_1 & Φ_2
be two solns.

$$\Phi_3 = \Phi_1 - \Phi_2$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_3 = 0$$



$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\Phi_3 \vec{E}_3) = (\vec{\nabla} \Phi_3) \cdot \vec{E}_3 + \Phi_3 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}_3) \quad \vec{E}_3 = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi_3$$

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}_3 = 0$ in the region between conductors

$$\vec{\nabla} \Phi_3 = -\vec{E}_3$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\Phi_3 \vec{E}_3) = -\vec{E}_3^2$$

integrate over the volume, V , between the conductors

$$\int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\Phi_3 \vec{E}_3) dV = \int_V \Phi_3 \vec{E}_3 \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$= \sum_{\text{surfaces}} \int \Phi_3 \vec{E}_3 \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$\Phi_3 = \Phi_1 - \Phi_2 \quad = \sum_{\text{conductor}} \int \vec{E}_3 \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$\int_V \Phi_3 \vec{E}_3 \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_{S_1} \Phi_1 \vec{E}_1 \cdot d\vec{S} - \int_{S_2} \Phi_2 \vec{E}_2 \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$= \left(\frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \right) - \left(\frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \right) = 0$$

$$\int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\Phi_3 \vec{E}_3) dV = 0$$

$$\int_V (-\vec{E}_3^2) dV = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E}_3 = 0 \text{ everywhere}$$

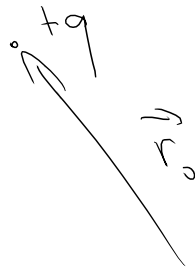
$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_1 = \vec{E}_2$$

Method of Images

$$\vec{E} = 0$$



$$\nabla^2 \Phi = -\rho$$



Pot. on the LHS of the plate:

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0$$

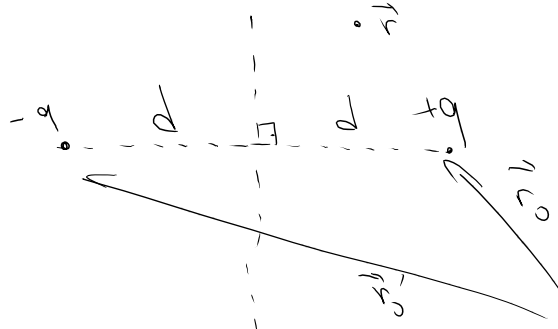
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$$\Phi = 0$$

Pot. on the RHS of the plate

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)$$

$\Phi = 0$ on the boundary



if \vec{r} is on the middle plane

$$|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0| = |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'_0|$$

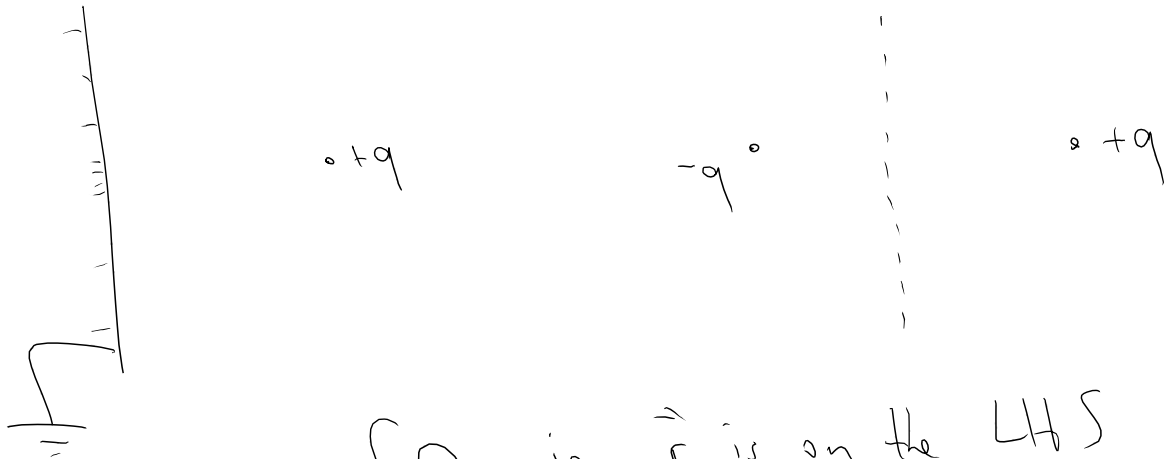
$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{+q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|} + \frac{(-q)}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'_0|}$$

$\Phi(\vec{r}) = 0$ on the middle plane.

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) = -\frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) - \frac{(-q)}{\epsilon_0} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}'_0)$$

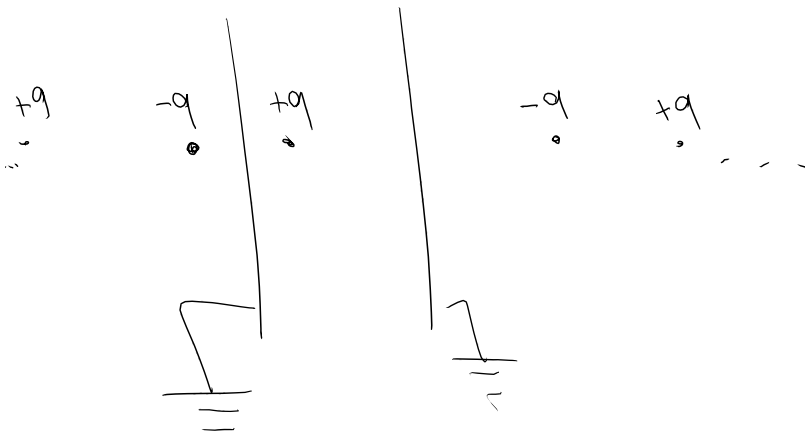
on the RHS $\vec{r} \neq \vec{r}'_0$

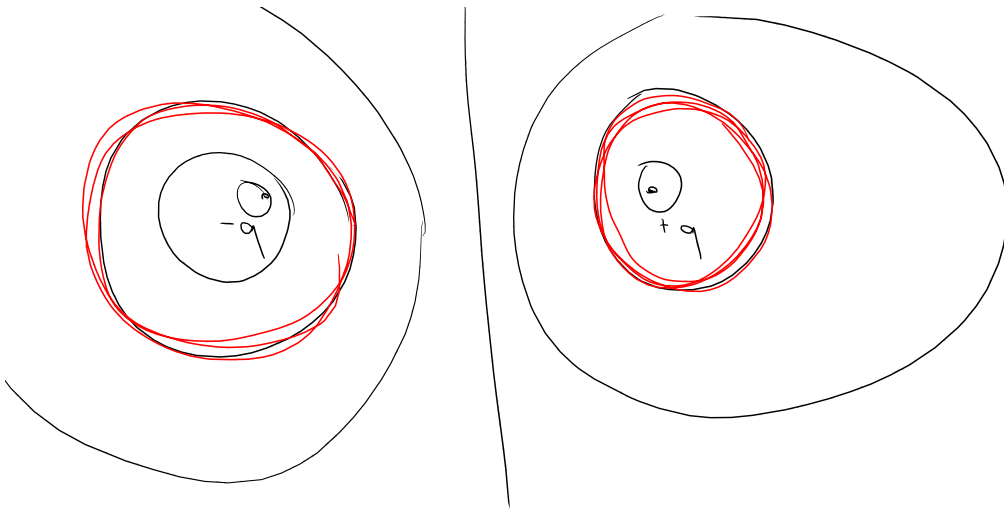
on the RHS, $\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) = -\frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)$



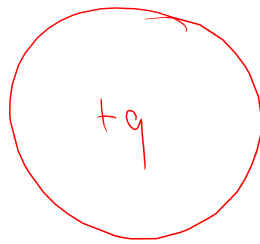
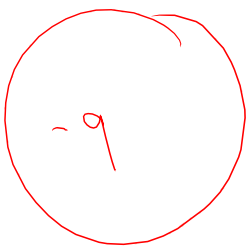
$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \vec{r} \text{ is on the LHS} \\ \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|} - \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'_0|} & \text{if } \vec{r} \text{ is on the RHS} \end{cases}$$

Ex



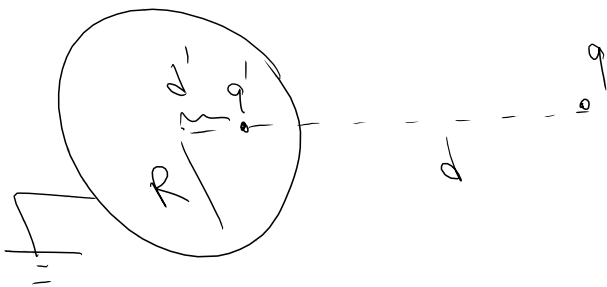


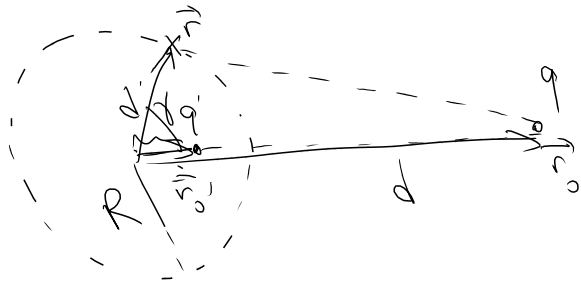
$$\phi(\vec{r}) = ?$$



$$\phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{-q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_-} + \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_+}$$

Example





\vec{r} is on the sphere

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|} + \frac{q'}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'_0|}$$

$$|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0| = \sqrt{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)^2} = \sqrt{r^2 + r_0^2 - 2\vec{r}\vec{r}_0}$$

$$|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0| = \sqrt{R^2 + r_0^2 - 2Rr_0 \cos\gamma}$$

$$|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'_0| = \sqrt{R^2 + r_0'^2 - 2Rr_0' \cos\gamma}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \Phi(\vec{r} \in \text{surface}) &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{R^2 + r_0^2 - 2Rr_0 \cos\gamma}} + \frac{q'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{R^2 + r_0'^2 - 2Rr_0' \cos\gamma}} \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{R}{r_0}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{R}{r_0}\right) \cos\gamma}} + \frac{q'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{r_0'}{R}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{r_0'}{R}\right) \cos\gamma}} \end{aligned}$$

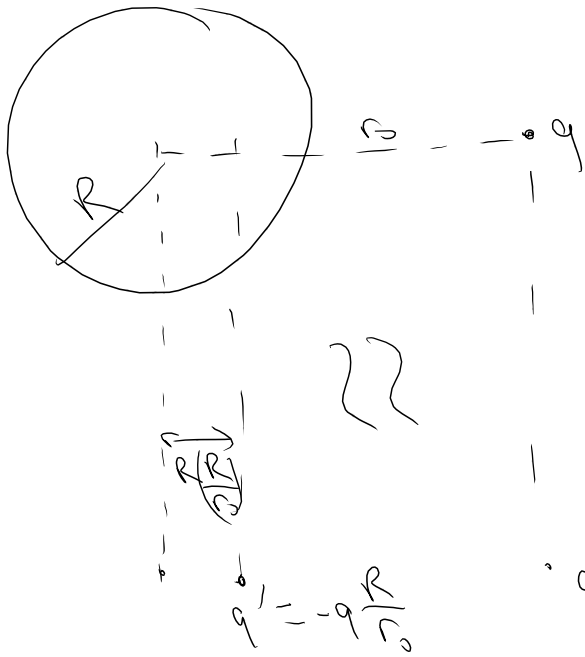
$$\frac{r_0'}{R} = \frac{R}{r_0}$$

$$\frac{q}{r_0} + \frac{q'}{R} = 0$$

$$r_0' = \frac{R^2}{r_0}$$

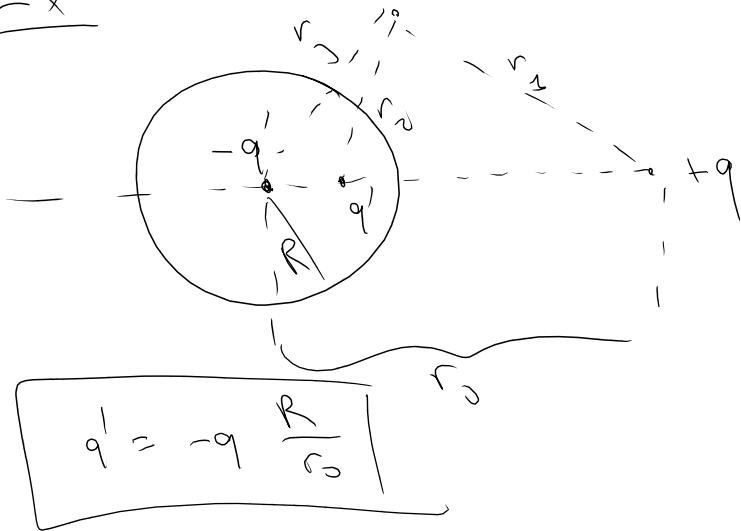
$$q' = -q \left(\frac{R}{r_0} \right)$$

$$r_0' = R \left(\frac{R}{r_0} \right)$$



$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho$$

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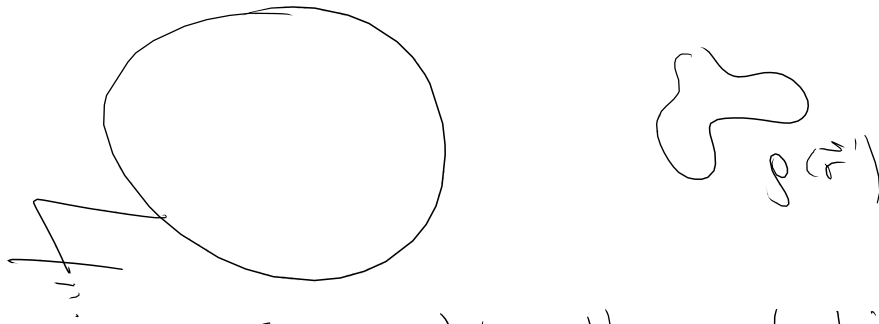


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$$\phi = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_1} + \frac{q'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_2} - \frac{q'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_3}$$

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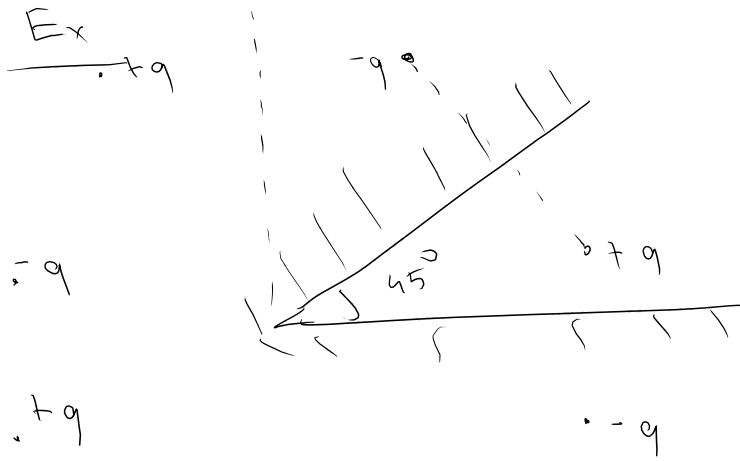
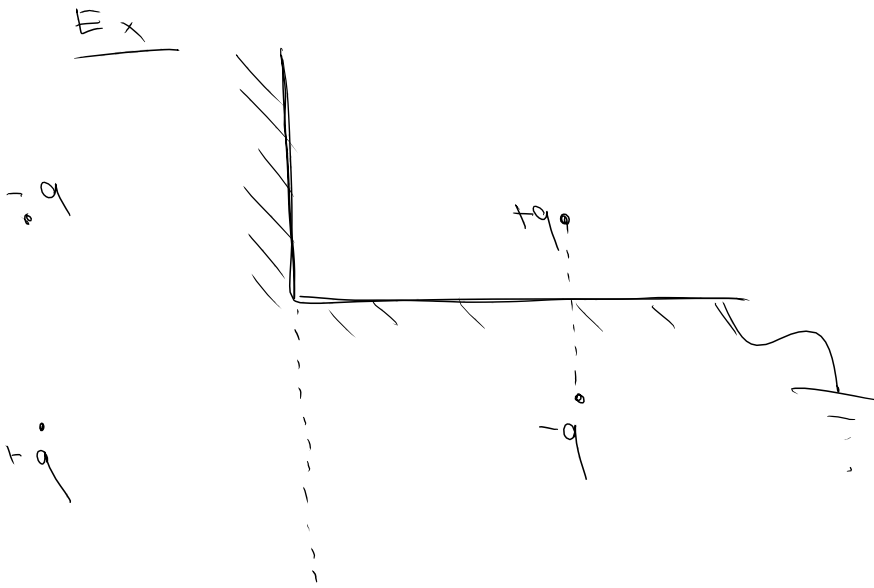
Let $\Phi_{\rightarrow}(\vec{r}; \vec{r}_0)$ be the potential created by a unit point charge at \vec{r}_0

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}') \Phi_{\rightarrow}(\vec{r}; \vec{r}')$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) = \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}') \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 \Phi_{\rightarrow}(\vec{r}; \vec{r}')$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho(\vec{r})$$



$-q$ $+q$