

Continuity Eq<sup>n</sup> & Relaxation time

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = - \frac{\partial \rho_v}{\partial t}$$

For steady currents  $\frac{\partial \rho_v}{\partial t} = 0$  & hence  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$   
total charge leaving a vol is the same as the total charge entering it. Kirchhoff's current law follows from this.

Ohm's law  $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$

Gauss's law  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \sigma \vec{E} = \frac{\sigma \rho_v}{\epsilon} = - \frac{\partial \rho_v}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho_v}{\partial t} + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} \rho_v = 0$$

homogeneous linear ordinary diff<sup>n</sup> eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\frac{\partial \rho_v}{\rho_v} = - \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} dt$$

integrating both sides

$$\ln \rho_v = - \frac{\sigma t}{\epsilon} + \ln \rho_{v_0}$$

$$\rho_v = \rho_{v_0} e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{where } \tau = \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma}$$

time constant

$\rho_{v_0}$  is the initial charge density ( $\rho_v$  at  $t=0$ );  
introduction of charge at some interior pt. of the material results in a decay of vol. charge density  $\rho_v$ . Associated with the decay is charge movement from the interior pt. at which it was

introduced to the surface of the material. (2)

$\tau \rightarrow \epsilon \rightarrow$  relaxation time or rearrangement time.

Short for good conductors  
& long in good dielectrics

$$\text{Cu} \rightarrow \sigma = 5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}, \epsilon_r = 1$$

$$\tau = \frac{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0}{\sigma} = 1 \times \frac{10^{-9}}{36\pi} \times \frac{1}{5.8 \times 10^7}$$
$$= 1.53 \times 10^{-19} \text{ s.}$$

Rapid decay of charge placed inside copper.  
vanish from any interior pt. and appear at the surface almost instantaneously.

$$\text{for fused quartz, } \sigma = 10^{-17} \text{ S/m}, \epsilon_r = 5.0$$

$$\tau = 5 \times \frac{10^{-9}}{36\pi} \times \frac{1}{10^{-17}} = 57.2 \text{ days.}$$

One may consider the introduced charge to remain where placed for times up to days.

Electrostatic Boundary Value Problems.

Poisson's & Laplace's eq<sup>n</sup> are easily derived from Gauss's law (for a linear isotropic material medium)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \nabla \cdot \epsilon \vec{E} = \rho_v \quad \& \quad \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V$$

for homogeneous medium

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (-\epsilon \vec{\nabla} V) = \rho_v \text{ for an inhomogeneous medium}$$
$$\left| \nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} \right| \text{ Poisson's eq}^n$$



$$P_v = 0 \text{ (choose free region)}$$

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$$\boxed{\nabla^2 V = 0}$$

Laplace's eq<sup>n</sup>

Cylindrical  $\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \rho \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$

Spherical  $\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} = 0$

Uniqueness Theorem analytical, graphical, numerical, expt. etc.

There is only one sol<sup>n</sup> [Unique]

Any sol<sup>n</sup> of Laplace's eq<sup>n</sup> that satisfies the same boundary cond<sup>n</sup> must be the only sol<sup>n</sup> regardless of the method used. This is known as the uniqueness theorem. The theorem applies to any sol<sup>n</sup> of Poisson's or Laplace's eq<sup>n</sup> in a given region or closed surface.

Can be proved by contradiction

We assume that there are two sol<sup>n</sup>  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  of Laplace's eq<sup>n</sup>, both of which satisfy the prescribed b.c. Thus

$$\nabla^2 V_1 = 0, \quad \nabla^2 V_2 = 0$$

$$V_1 = V_2 \quad \text{on the boundary}$$

We consider their difference

$$V_d = V_2 - V_1$$

which obeys

$$\nabla^2 V_d = \nabla^2 V_2 - \nabla^2 V_1 = 0$$

$$V_d = 0 \quad \text{on the boundary}$$

From the div. the.

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$$* \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} \, dv = \oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

We let  $\vec{A} = V_d \vec{\nabla} V_d$  and use a vector identity

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (V_d \vec{\nabla} V_d) = V_d \nabla^2 V_d + \vec{\nabla} V_d \cdot \vec{\nabla} V_d$$

But  $\nabla^2 V_d = 0$ ; so  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} V_d \cdot \vec{\nabla} V_d$

$$* \int_V \vec{\nabla} V_d \cdot \vec{\nabla} V_d \, dv = \oint_S V_d \vec{\nabla} V_d \cdot d\vec{s}$$

R.H.S. vanishes Hence:  $\int_V |\vec{\nabla} V_d|^2 \, dv = 0$

Since the int<sup>2</sup> is always +ve

$$\vec{\nabla} V_d = 0$$

$\therefore V_d = V_2 - V_1 = \text{const everywhere in } V$

$V_1 = V_2$  at the boundary. Hence  $V_d = 0$  or  $V_1 = V_2$  everywhere, showing that  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  cannot be diff<sup>nt</sup> sol<sup>n</sup> of the same prob.

## Resistance & Capacitance

A perfect conductor ( $\sigma = \infty$ ) cannot contain an electrostatic field within it.

$$\vec{F} = -e\vec{E}$$

Since the  $e^-$  is not in free space, it will not experience an avg accel<sup>n</sup> under the influence of the el field.

$$\frac{m\vec{u}}{\tau} = -e\vec{E}$$

$$\vec{u} = -\frac{e\tau}{m}\vec{E}$$

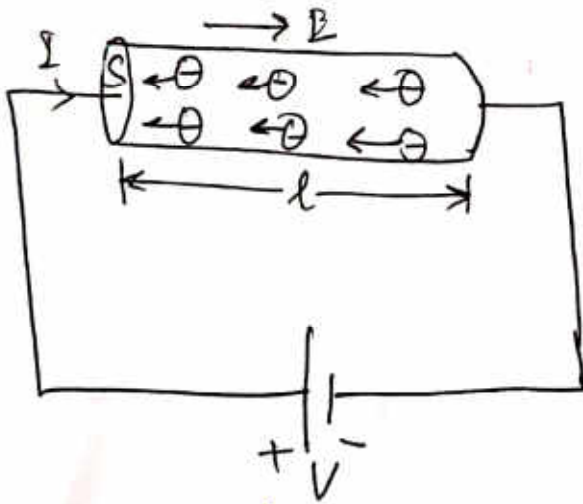
Conduct current density  $P_v = -ne$

$$\vec{J} = P_v \vec{u} = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}\vec{E} = \sigma\vec{E}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}$$

$$\boxed{J = \sigma E}$$

point form of Ohm's law



$\vec{E} = 0, P_v = 0, V_{ab} \rightarrow 0$   
inside a conductor

$$E = \frac{V}{l}$$

$$J = \frac{I}{S}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\int \sigma \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}}$$

$$\frac{I}{S} = \sigma E = \frac{\sigma V}{l}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{l}{\sigma S}$$

$$P = \int_V \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} dV$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{P_{el}}{I^2}, P_{el} = \frac{I^2}{\sigma}$$