

# Electromagnetics Theory

## Electrostatic (Part 2)

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## 3.5 Electric Scalar Potential

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### 3.5.1 Electric Potential as a Function of Electric Scalar

- When there's  $\vec{F}_e$ , thus work is produced,  $W$ .
- $\vec{F}_e$  produced by charge  $q$  which is moving a distance of  $dl$  by the presence of field.

$$\vec{F}_e = q\vec{E} \quad (\text{N})$$

- If we move charge  $q$  against the force  $\vec{F}_e$ , we need to provide external forces to counteract  $\vec{F}_e$ .

- Therefore

$$\vec{F}_{ext} = -\vec{F}_e = -q\vec{E}$$

## Electric Scalar Potential (cont.)

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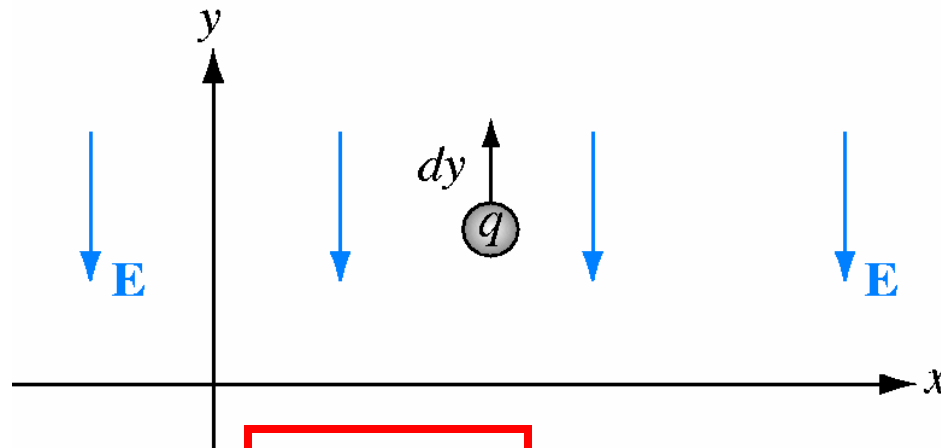
- Where function for *work done* or *energy expended* with a distance of  $dl$  under influence of  $\vec{F}_{ext}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}dW &= \vec{F}_{ext} \cdot d\vec{l} \\ &= -q\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad (\text{J}) \dots\dots\dots(1)\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$W = -\int_a^b q\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad (\text{J}) \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

## Electric Scalar Potential (cont.)



From fig above,

$$d\vec{l} = dy\hat{y}$$

$$\vec{E} = -E\hat{y}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}dW &= -q\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \\ &= -q(-E\hat{y}) \cdot (dy\hat{y}) \\ &= -qE dy\end{aligned}$$

## Electric Scalar Potential (cont.)

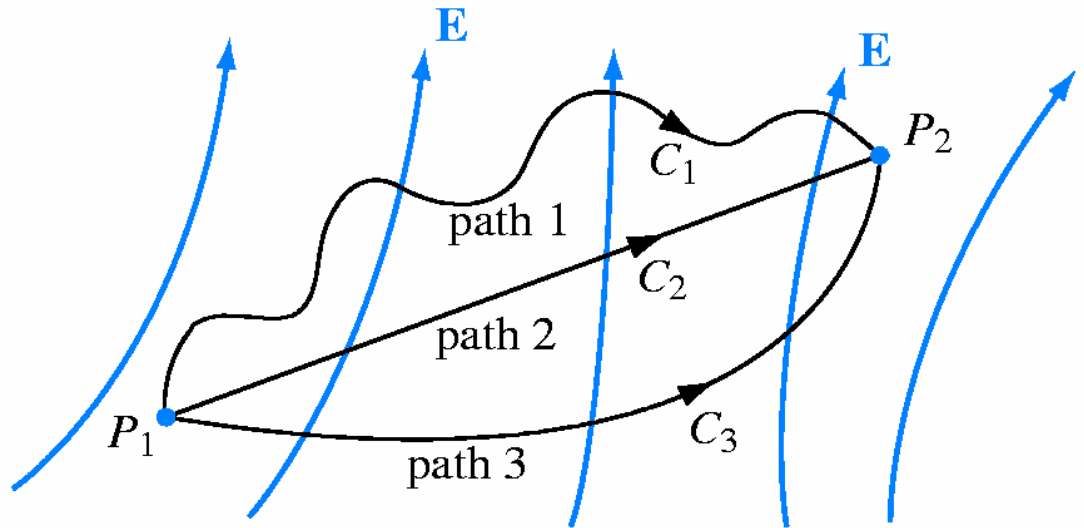
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The differential electric potential or Differential voltage,  $dV$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} dV &= \frac{dW}{q} \\ &= -\vec{E} \bullet d\vec{l} \text{ (J/c or V) } \dots\dots\dots(3) \end{aligned}$$

### 3.5.2 Potential diff between 2 point charge

•Potential difference between two points  $P_2$  &  $P_1$  are shown in fig. below



•By integrating eq (3)

$$\int_a^b dv = \int_a^b \frac{dW}{q}$$
$$= - \int_{a/p_1}^{b/p_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$
$$= V_{21} = V_2 - V_1 \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

## Potential diff between 2 point charge (cont.)

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- In fact, the line integral of the electrostatic field around any closed contour C is zero

$$\oint_c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maxwell equation; if  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0$ , then

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$



$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

## Potential diff between 2 point charge (cont.)

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- If we take the surface integral of  $\nabla \times \vec{E}$  over an open surface  $S$  & by applying Stoke's theorem:

$$\int_s (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint_c \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

- Thus we get

$$\int_s (\nabla \times \vec{E}) \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint_c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0 \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

## Potential diff between 2 point charge (cont.)

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- Usually, reference point  $V_1$  is at  $\infty$ , thus from eq (4), we assume that  $V_1=0$  at  $P_1$  is at  $\infty$ .
- Therefore the electric potential  $V$  at any point  $P$  is given by

$$V = -\int_{\infty}^P \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \dots\dots\dots(8)$$

## Exercise (Potential Difference)

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A spherical shell of radius  $R$  has a uniform surface charge density  $\rho_s$ . Determine the electric potential at the center of the shell.

$$V = \frac{\rho_s R}{\epsilon} \quad V$$

## 3.5.2 Electric Potential due to point charge

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• From last discussion given:

$$\vec{E}_1 = \frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon R^2} \hat{R} \text{ V/m}$$

• We know

$$V = -\int_{\infty}^R \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$
$$= -\int_{\infty}^R \left( \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon R^2} \hat{R} \right) \cdot dR\hat{R}$$

$$V = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon R} \text{ (V) } \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Where  $R$  – distance of  
 $d\vec{l} = dR\hat{R}$

## Electric Potential due to point charge (cont.)

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- If  $q$  is not at origin, but at  $\vec{R}_1$ , then  $V$  at observation become

$$V(\vec{R}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon |\vec{R} - \vec{R}_1|} \quad (\text{V}) \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

- General eq for  $V$ :

$$V(\vec{R}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{q_i}{|\vec{R} - \vec{R}_i|} \quad (\text{V}) \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

### 3.5.3 Electric Potential due to continuous distribution

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- Replace  $q_i$  with  $\rho_l d_l, \rho_s d_s$  &  $\rho_v d_v$  .
- Convert sum to integration.
- Define  $R = |\vec{R} - \vec{R}_1|$  as distance between integration point & observation point.

$$\therefore \begin{aligned} V(\vec{R}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_l \frac{\rho_l d_l}{R} \text{ (V)} \\ V(\vec{R}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_s \frac{\rho_s d_s}{R} \text{ (V)} \\ V(\vec{R}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_v \frac{\rho_v d_v}{R} \text{ (V)} \end{aligned}$$

## 3.5.4 Electric Potential as a function of electric Potential

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- Previously

$$dV = -\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

- Scalar function  $V$ , given by

$$dV = \nabla V \cdot d\vec{l} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

- By comparing (1) & (2)

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

## 3.5.5 Poisson's Equation

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- In  $\vec{E}$  as function of  $V$ , we have

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

& from 1<sup>st</sup> Maxwell eq:

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

- Thus

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

## Poisson's Equation (cont.)

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- Substitute (1) into (2)

$$\nabla \cdot (-\nabla V) = \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\nabla \cdot (\nabla V) = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}}$$

Or

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{Poisson's equation}$$

- If medium has no free charges thus eq (3) reduce to zero

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 V = 0} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{Laplace equation}$$

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**..... To be continued .....**

**Thank You**