

Subject: Electrodynamics II

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4.3 The Electric Displacement

4.3.1 The Guass's Law in the presence of Dielectrics

As we Know

$$\text{Surface Volume Bound charge Density} = \sigma_b \equiv \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$$

$$\text{Volume Bound Charge Density} = \rho_b \equiv -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}$$

The Effect of polarization is to produce accumulations of bound charges , ρ_b within the volume and σ_b on the surface.

The field due to polarization is just the field of this bound charge. We are now ready to put it all together: the field attributable to bound charge plus the field due to every thing else (Free Charge)

What is Free Charge in Dielectric?

Any charge which is not a result of Polarization for e.g. ions embedded in the material

The Gauss's Law in the presence of Dielectrics

Within the Dielectric total charge density can be written as

$$\rho = \rho_b + \rho_f$$

And then Gauss's law is

$$\epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho = \rho_b + \rho_f$$

$$\epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} + \rho_f$$

Where \mathbf{E} is now total field

$$\epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = \rho_f$$

The Gauss's Law in the presence of Dielectrics

$$\epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = \rho_f$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}) = \rho_f$$

The expression in parenthesis, designated by the letter \vec{D}

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} \quad (4.21)$$

\vec{D} is known as electric displacement

The Gauss's Law in the presence of Dielectrics

In terms of \vec{D} Gauss's law is

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$$

Which is also called the Gauss's law of Dielectrics

where

$$\int \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} d\tau = \int \rho_f d\tau \quad \int \rho_f d\tau = Q_f = \text{Total free charge}$$

Apply the Divergence Theorem on left side

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_f$$

Which is integral form of Gauss's law of Dielectrics

Example 4.4

A long straight wire, carrying uniform line charge λ , is surrounded by rubber insulation out to a radius a (Fig. 4.17). Find the electric displacement.

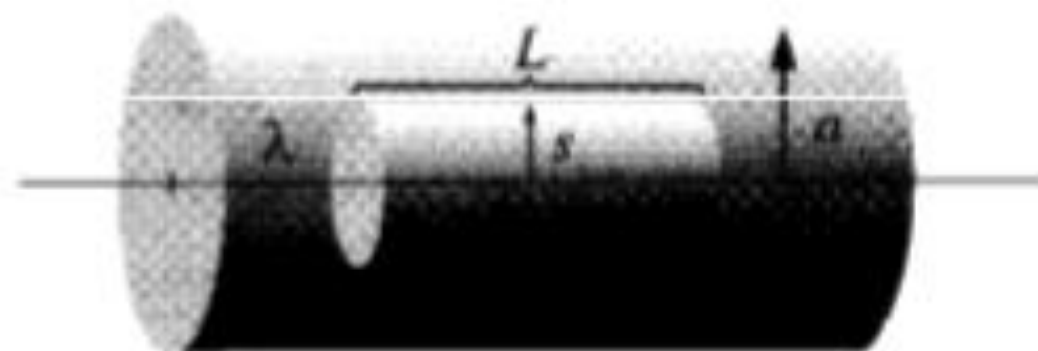


Figure 4.17

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_f$$

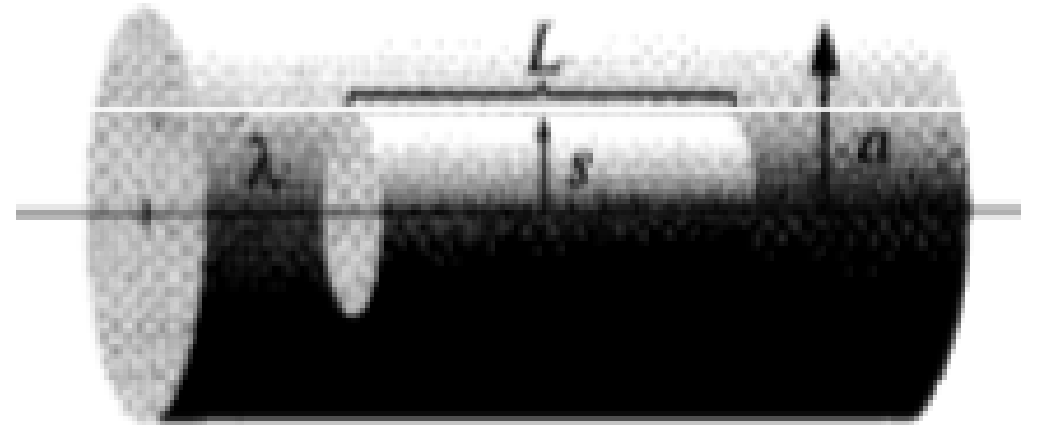
$$D \oint da = Q_f$$

and

$$Q_f = \lambda L$$

$$D 2\pi s L = \lambda L$$

$$\vec{D} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi s} \hat{s}$$



Example 4.4

Notice that this Formula holds both within the insulation and outside it.

Outside the insulation, $\mathbf{P}=0$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 S} \hat{s}$$

Inside the rubber the electric field cannot be determined since we do not know \mathbf{P} .