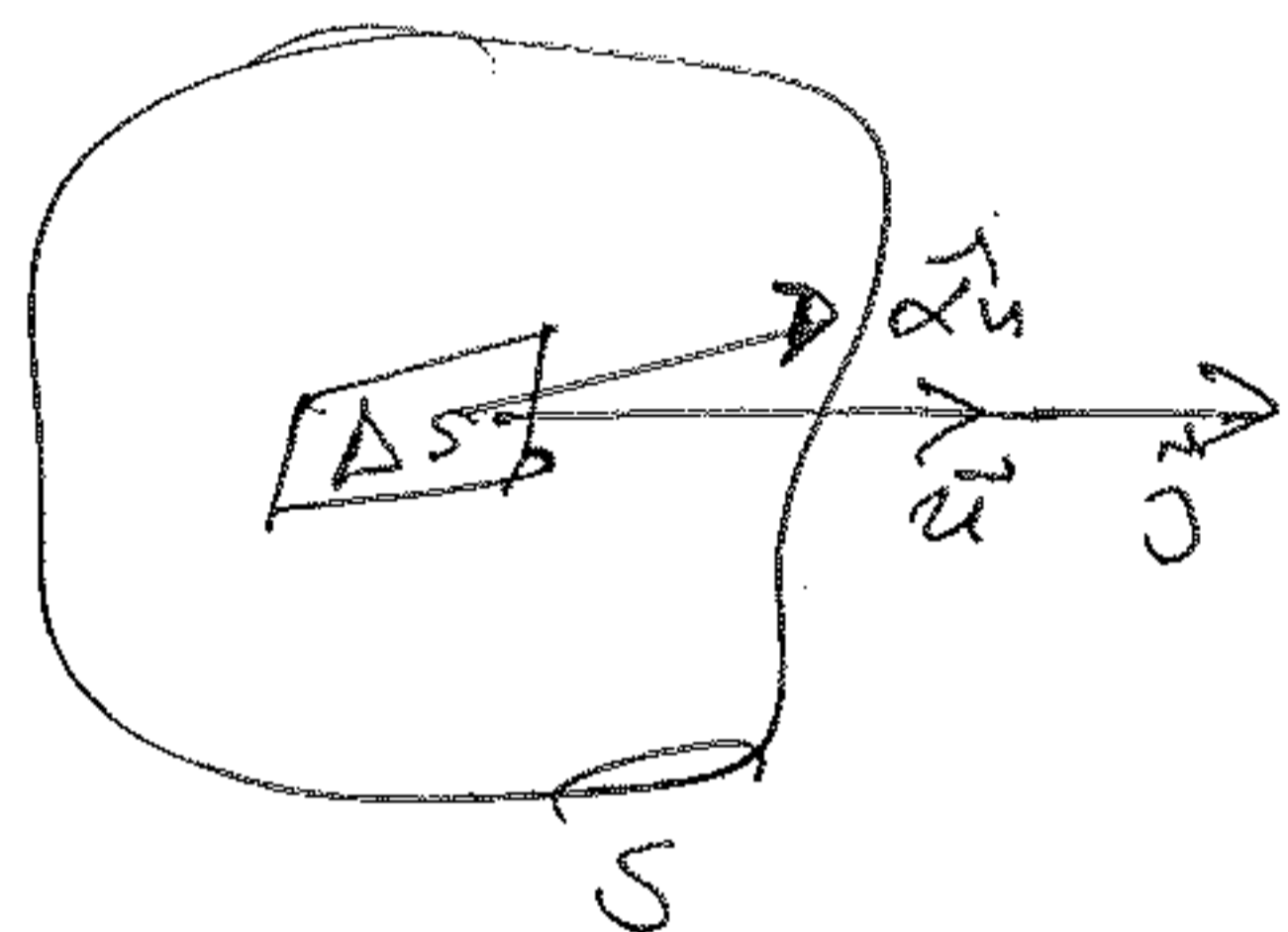


Steady Electric Currents

Steady motion of one kind of charge carriers, each of charge q (- for e) across an element of surface ΔS with velocity \vec{u}



If N is the number of charge carriers per unit volume, then in time Δt each carrier moves a distance

$$\vec{u} \Delta t$$

The amount of charge passing through the surface ΔS is

$$\Delta Q = Nq \vec{u} \cdot \hat{a}_n \Delta S \Delta t \quad (c)$$

Current is the time rate change of charge

$$\Delta I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = Nq \vec{u} \cdot \hat{a}_n \Delta S = Nq \vec{u} \cdot \Delta \vec{S} \quad (A)$$

$$\Delta \vec{S} = \hat{a}_n \Delta s,$$

It is convenient to define a vector point function

volume current density

ρ_V

current density

\vec{J} in amperes per square meter

$$\vec{J} = Nq \cdot \vec{u} \quad (\text{A/m}^2)$$

so that

~~the~~

$$\Delta I = \vec{J} \cdot \Delta \vec{S}$$

The total current I flowing through an arbitrary surface S is then the flux of the vector \vec{J} thru S

~~the~~

$$I = \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S} \quad (\text{A})$$

Note that Nq is charge per unit volume

we write $\vec{J} = Nq\vec{u} = \rho\vec{u}$ (A/m²)

~~*~~ ~~*~~ ~~*~~ convection

relation between current density and the velocity of the charge carrier

In the case of conduction currents there may be more than one type of charges

electrons, holes, ions drifting w/ different velocities

$$\vec{J} = Nq\vec{u} \rightarrow \text{generalize}$$

$$\vec{J} = \sum_i N_i q_i \vec{u}_i \quad (\text{A/m}^2)$$

"Conduction" currents are the result of the drift motion of charge carriers under the influence of an applied electric field. The atoms remain neutral.

It can be justified analytically that for most conducting materials the average drift velocity is directly proportional to the \bar{E} and that

$$\bar{J} = Nq\bar{u} \quad (\text{A/m}^2)$$
$$\boxed{\bar{J} = \sigma \bar{E}} \quad (\text{A/m}^2)$$

where the proportionality constant $\boxed{\sigma}$ is a macroscopic constitutive parameter of the medium called conductivity

Isotropic material for which the linear relation $\bar{J} = \sigma \bar{E}$ holds are called "Ohmic media"

Unit for $\boxed{\sigma}$ is $\text{A/V}\cdot\text{m}$ or siemens/m

Copper: the most commonly used conductor has a conductivity of $5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ (S/m)}$

Rubber: has $\sigma_{\text{rubber}} = \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ S/m}$

Conductivity of materials varies over an extremely wide range

→ The reciprocal of conductivity is called resistivity in Ohm.meter

We recall Ohm's law from circuit theory that V_{12} across a resistance R in which a current I flows from point 1 to point 2 is

$$\boxed{V_{12} = R \cdot I} \quad \text{Ohm's law}$$

R is usually a piece of conducting material of length L

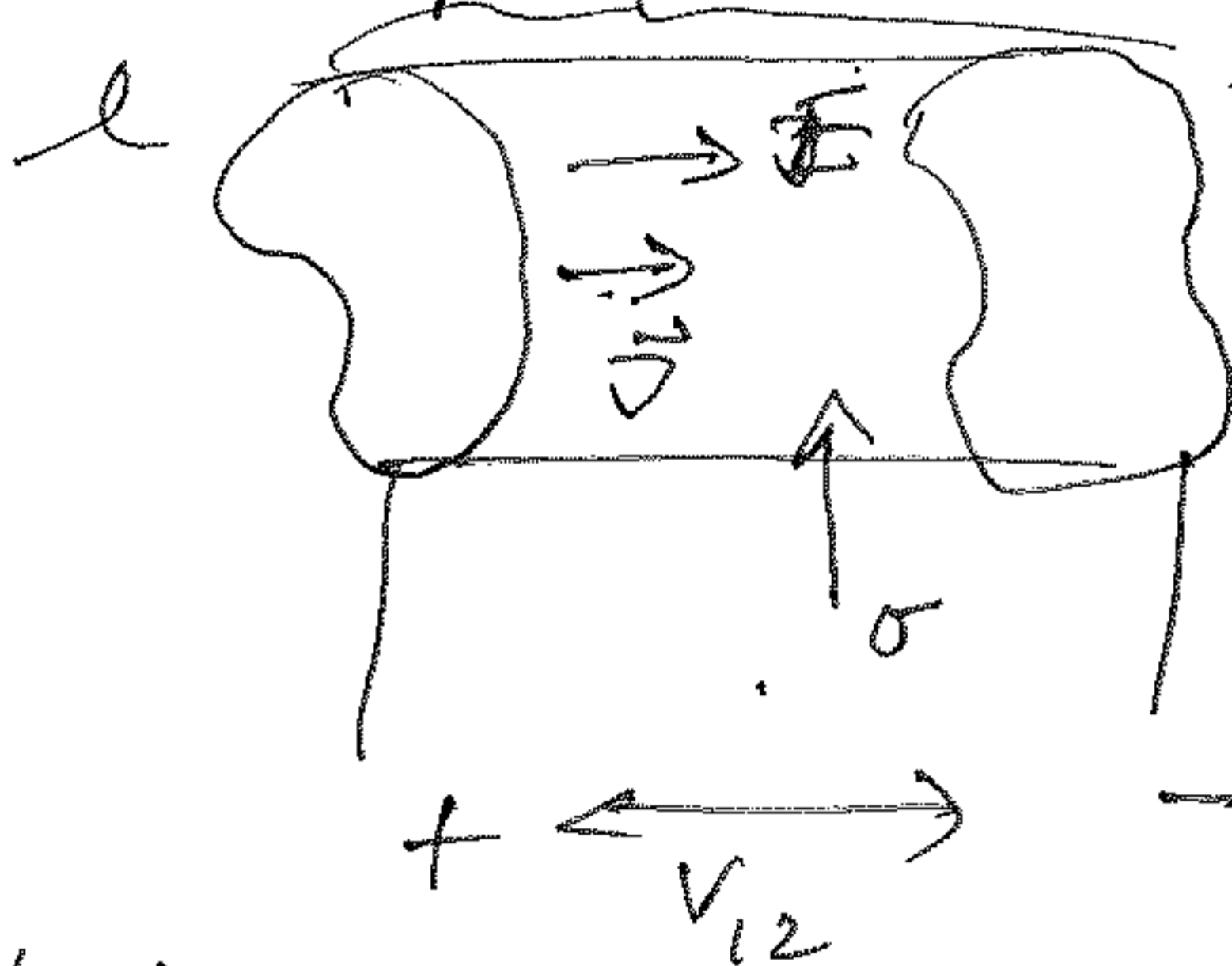
V_{12} is the voltage between terminals 1 and 2

I is the total current flowing from 1 to 2 through a finite cross section

$V_{12} = R \cdot I$ is not a point relation

$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$ is considered as the point form of Ohm's law:
It holds at all points in space and σ can be a function of space coordinates

Use the point form of Ohm's law to derive the voltage-current relationship of a piece of homogeneous material of conductivity σ , length l , and uniform cross section S



within the material
 $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$

where \vec{J} , \vec{E} are in the direction of current flow

$$V_{12} = E l$$

$$E = \frac{V_{12}}{l}$$

$$I = \int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s} = JS$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} J &= \frac{I}{S} \\ J &= \sigma E \end{aligned} \right\} = \sigma \frac{V_{12}}{l} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{I}{S} &= \sigma \frac{V_{12}}{l} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{12} = \left(\frac{l}{\sigma S} \right) I = R \cdot I \quad !!!$$

This is the same as $V = R \cdot I$!!!
so we have a formula for the
resistance of a straight piece
of homogeneous material of a
uniform ~~to~~ cross section for
steady current.

$$R = \frac{l}{\sigma S} \quad (\Omega)$$

We could have started with

$V_{12} = RI$ as the
experimental Ohm's law and
applied it to a homogeneous
conductor of length l and
uniform cross section S

Using $R = \frac{l}{\sigma S}$ we could go
upwards and derive $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$ (A/m²)

→ Determine the DC resistance of 1 km of wire having 1 mm radius

(a) wire is made of copper

(b) aluminium

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

(a) copper $\sigma_{cu} = 5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ (S/m)}$

$$l = 10^3 \text{ (m)}$$

$$S = \pi (10^{-3})^2 = \pi \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

$$R_{cu} = \frac{l}{\sigma_{cu} S} = \frac{10^3}{5.80 \times 10^7 \times \pi \cdot 10^{-6}} = 5.49 \Omega$$

(b) $\sigma_{al} = 3.54 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$

$$R_{al} = \frac{l}{\sigma_{al} S} = \frac{\sigma_{cu}}{\sigma_{al}} R_{cu} = \frac{5.80}{3.54} \times 5.49 = 8.99 \Omega$$

The reciprocal of resistance is called conductance G

$$G = \frac{1}{R} = \sigma \frac{S}{l} \quad (3)$$

Circuit Theory :

① When resistances R_1 and R_2 are connected in series (same current) the total resistance is

$$R_{\text{series}} = R_1 + R_2$$

② When resistances R_1 and R_2 are connected in parallel (same voltage)

$$\frac{1}{R_{\parallel}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \quad \text{or}$$

$$G_{\parallel} = G_1 + G_2$$

* EMF (electromotive force) and Kirchoff's voltage law

Static electric field is conservative \rightarrow

Therefore the line integral of the static electric field intensity around any closed path is zero

$$\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

For an ohmic material \Rightarrow

$$\oint_C \frac{1}{\sigma} \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

A steady current cannot be maintained in the same direction in a closed circuit by an electrostatic field

A steady current in a circuit is the result of motion of charge carriers which collide w/ atoms and dissipate energy in the circuit. The energy must come from a non-conservative field since a charge carrier completing a closed circuit

In a conservative field neither gains nor loses energy. The source can be e.g. "batteries!"

electric generators, thermocouples, photovoltaics, etc.

These when connected to a circuit provide the driving force for the charge carriers.

When a resistor is connected between terminals 1 and 2 of the battery completing the circuit the total electric field intensity is the electrostatic \bar{E} by charge cumulation ~~and~~ the "impressed" \bar{E}_i came by chemical action in the battery so

$$\bar{J} = \sigma (\bar{E} + \bar{E}_i)$$

\bar{E}_i exists only in the battery

\bar{E} is mod 0 everywhere

$$\bar{E} + \bar{E}_i = \frac{\bar{J}}{\sigma} \quad \text{take integral}$$

$$\oint_C (\vec{E} + \vec{E}_i) \cdot d\vec{l} = \oint_C \frac{1}{\sigma} \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

with source ~~of~~ E_i

$$\oint_C \frac{1}{\sigma} \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

with no source

If the resistor has conductivity σ , length l and uniform cross-section S then

$$J = \frac{I}{S} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\oint_C \frac{1}{\sigma} \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{l} = RI = e_{\text{emf}}$$

(ideal emf source has 0 resistance)

In general for many emfs and many resistors

$$\sum_j V_j = \sum_k R_k I_k \quad (v)$$

Kirchhoff's law

$$\sum V = \sum RI$$

It states that around a closed path in an electric circuit the algebraic sum of the emf's (voltage rise) is equal to the algebraic sum of the voltage drops across the resistances.

It applies to any closed path in a network.

The direction of tracing the path can be arbitrarily assigned and the currents in the different resistances need not be the same.

** Continuity and Current law

The principle of conservation of charge is one of the fundamental postulates

Electric charges may not be created or destroyed

Consider an arbitrary volume V bounded by surface S . A net charge Q exists in the region. If a net current I flows across the surface OUT of the region the charge must decrease at a rate that equals the current.

Conversely if a net charge flows INTO the region the charge must increase at a rate equal to the current

The current leaving the region is the total outward flux of the current density vector through the surface S

$$I = \oint_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{S} = - \frac{dQ}{dt} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{volume}} \rho \, dV$$

Divergence theorem again.

surface integral of \vec{J} → volume integral of $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}$

$$\int_{\text{Vol}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} \, d\tau = - \int_{\text{Volume}} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \, d\tau$$

I moved the time derivative of ρ inside the volume integral and made it partial in case ρ is a function of space-coordinates as well. The equation above holds regardless of the Volume

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \quad \text{A/m}^3$$

point relation → equation of continuity → result of charge conservation

For steady currents $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$

the charge density does not vary w/ time

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

Steady electric currents
are divergence-less
(or solenoidal)

this holds also when $\rho = 0$ (no flow source)

It means that field lines or streamlines of steady currents close upon themselves unlike the electrostatic ones of the \vec{E} that originate and end on charges.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0 \Rightarrow \oint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_j I_j = 0 \quad (A)$$

Kirchoff's current law: The algebraic sum of all currents flowing out of a junction in an electric circuit is zero.

* We said in conductors $\rho = 0$ $\vec{E} = 0$
 lets prove this and calculate the time

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{J} &= \sigma \vec{E} \quad (\text{A/m}^2) \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{J} &= -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

In a simple medium $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$

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

$$\rho = \rho_0 e^{-(\sigma/\epsilon)t} \quad (\text{C/m}^3)$$

$\rho_0 =$ initial charge density at $t=0$

ρ, ρ_0 can be functions of space coordinates

The charge density at a given location will decrease with time exponentially

An initial charge density ρ_0 will decay

to $1/e$ or 36.8% of its value in

a time

$$\tau = \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} \quad (\text{s})$$

We call $\tau =$ relaxation time

For copper ~~in air~~

$$\sigma = 5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$$

$$\epsilon \approx \epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{F}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} = 1.52 \times 10^{-19} \text{ s.}$$

Very fast. ~~to~~ Superluminal fast: what is going on

For insulator τ can be hours or days

(Asset) Boundary conditions for current density

Governing equations for steady current density \vec{J} in the absence of non conservative energy sources

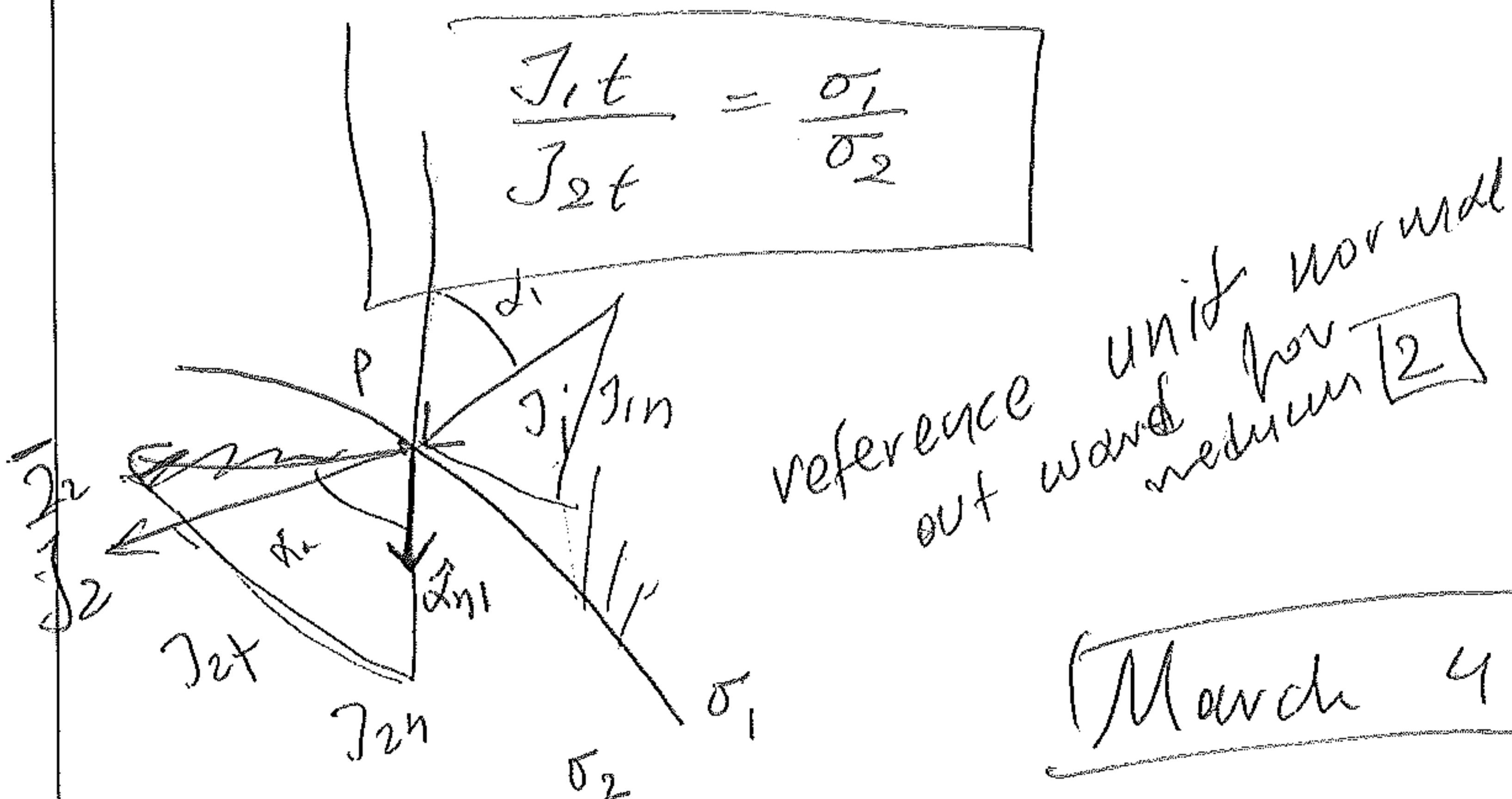
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} &= 0 & \oint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{\vec{J}}{\sigma} \right) &= 0 & \oint_C \frac{1}{\sigma} \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{l} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

At the interface of two ohmic media with conductivities σ_1, σ_2 boundary conditions for normal and tangential component of \vec{J}

$$J_{1n} = J_{2n}$$

the normal component of a divergenceless vector field is continuous

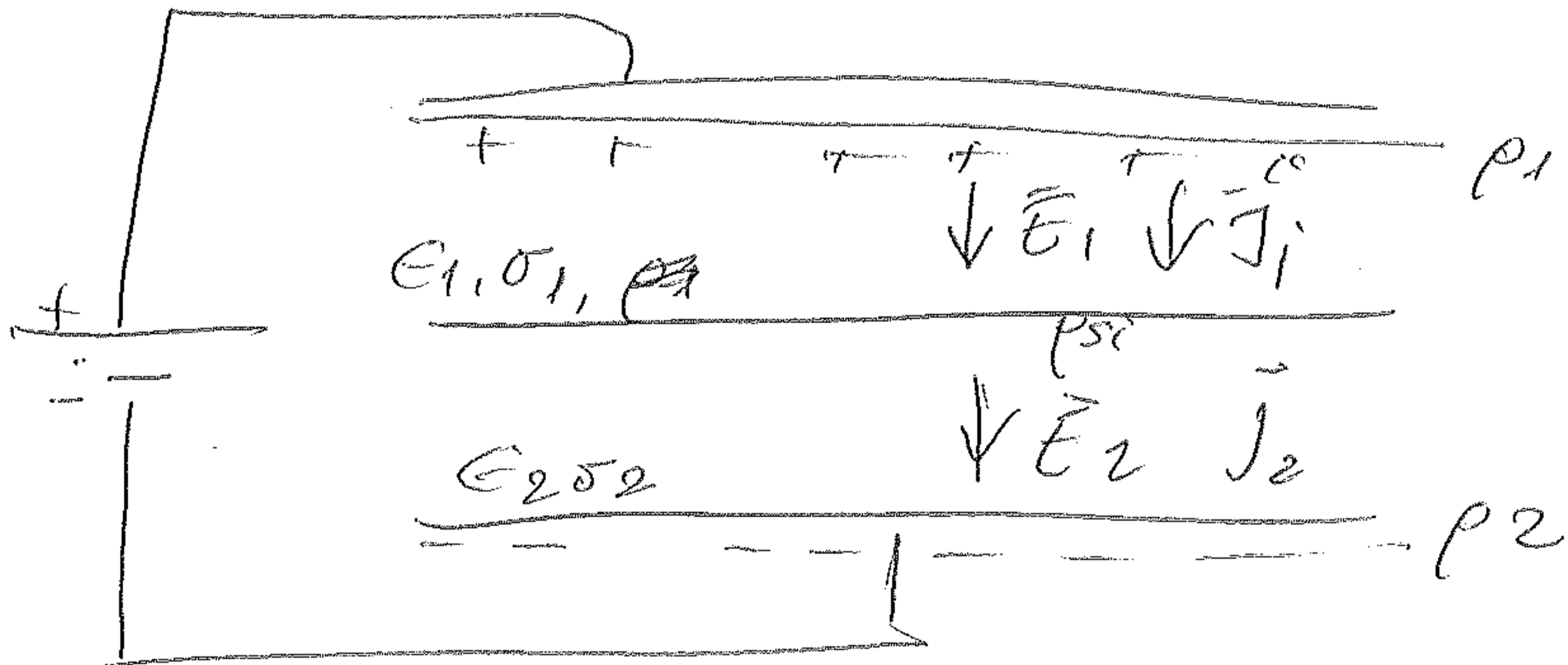
tangential component of a curl-free vector is continuous across an interface



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An emf V is applied across a parallel-plate capacitor of area S . The space between the conductive plates is filled with different "lossy" dielectrics of thickness d_1 and d_2 (lossy means with finite σ) and permittivities ϵ_1, ϵ_2 and conductivities σ_1 and σ_2

- (a) current density between plates
- (b) Electric field intensities in both dielectrics
- (c) surface charge densities on the plates + interface



Q1 Continuity of J normal component

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{1n} &= J_{2n} \rightarrow \sigma_1 \vec{E}_{1n} = \sigma_2 \vec{E}_{2n} \\
 \epsilon_1 \vec{E}_{1n} - \epsilon_2 \vec{E}_{2n} &= \rho_s \text{ in interface}
 \end{aligned}$$

the current in both media is the same

Kirchhoff's law voltages

$$V = (R_1 + R_2) I = \left(\frac{d_1}{\sigma_1 S} + \frac{d_2}{\sigma_2 S} \right) I$$

$$J = \frac{I}{S} = \frac{V}{\left(\frac{d_1}{\sigma_1} \right) + \left(\frac{d_2}{\sigma_2} \right)} = \frac{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 V}{\sigma_2 d_1 + \sigma_1 d_2}$$

(A/m²)

(b) neglect fringing

$$V = E_1 d_1 + E_2 d_2$$

$$\sigma_1 E_1 = \sigma_2 E_2 \quad (J_1 = J_2)$$

$$E_1 = \frac{\sigma_2 V}{\sigma_2 d_1 + \sigma_1 d_2} \quad \text{V/m}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{\sigma_1 V}{\sigma_2 d_1 + \sigma_1 d_2} \quad \text{V/m}$$

$$(c) \quad \rho_{s1} = \epsilon_1 E_1 = \frac{\epsilon_1 \sigma_2 V}{\sigma_2 d_1 + \sigma_1 d_2} \quad \text{C/m}^2$$

$$\rho_{s2} = -\epsilon_2 E_2 = \frac{-\epsilon_2 \sigma_1 V}{\sigma_2 d_1 + \sigma_1 d_2} \quad \text{C/m}^2$$

The negative sign $-\vec{E}_2$ and the outward normal at the lower plate are \uparrow

potential here's

$$\sigma_1 E_{1n} = \sigma_2 E_{2n}$$

$$\epsilon_1 E_{1n} - \epsilon_2 E_{2n} = \rho_s \text{ (interface)}$$

$$\rho_s \text{ interface} = \left(\epsilon_1 \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} - \epsilon_2 \right) E_{2n}$$

$$= \left(\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2 \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \right) E_{1n}$$

If one medium (say 2) is better conductor

$$\sigma_2 \gg \sigma_1 \quad \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \rho_s = \epsilon_1 E_{1n} = (P_{in})$$

$$\rho_{si} = \left(\epsilon_2 \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} - \epsilon_1 \right) \left(\frac{\sigma_2 V}{\sigma_2 d_1 + \sigma_1 d_2} \right) E_{1n}$$

$$= \frac{(\epsilon_2 \sigma_1 - \epsilon_1 \sigma_2) V}{\sigma_2 d_1 + \sigma_1 d_2} \quad \text{C/m}^2$$

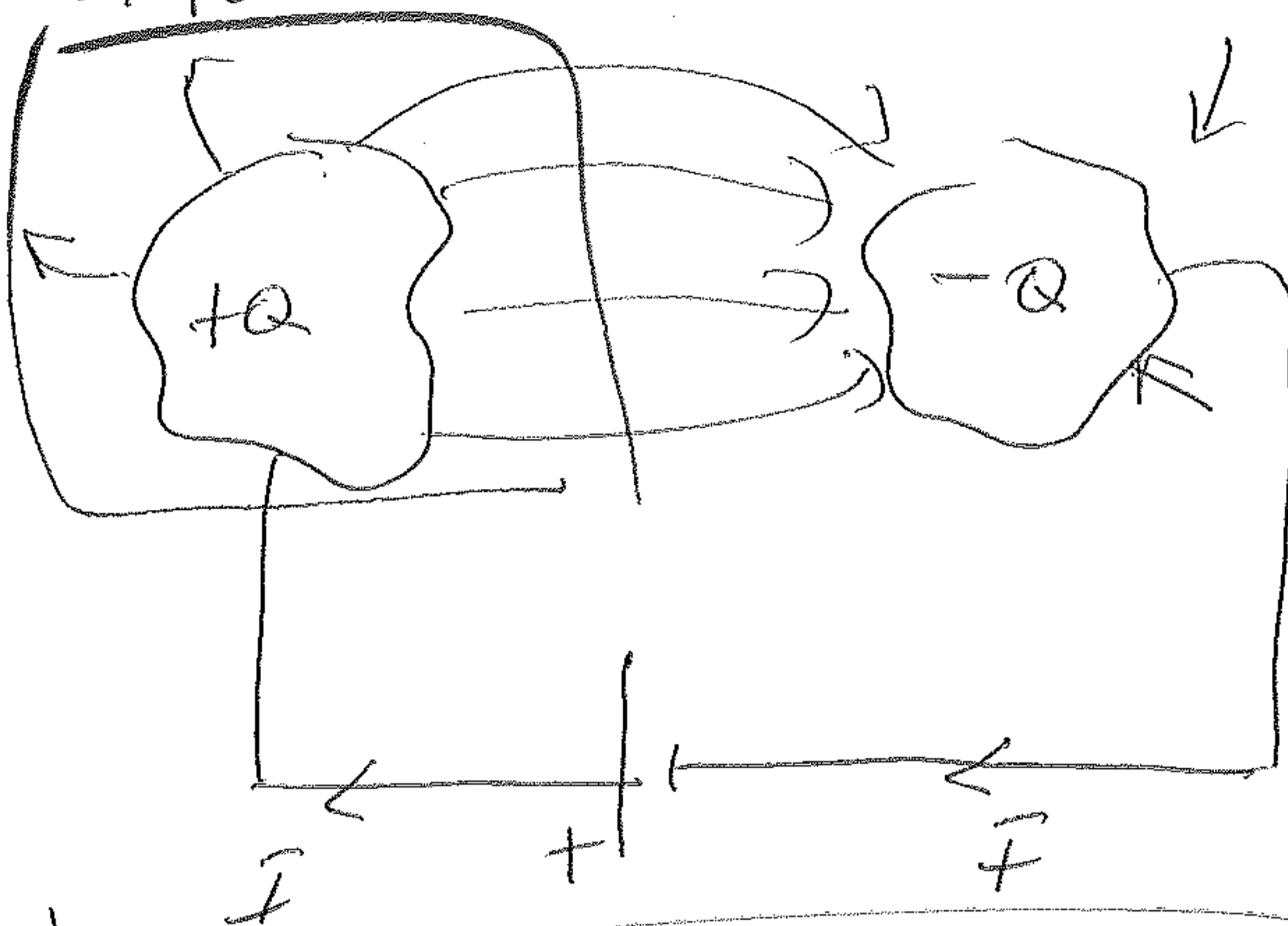
$$\rho_{s2} \neq -\rho_{s1} \quad \text{but} \quad \rho_{s1} + \rho_{s2} + \rho_{si} = 0$$

situation w/ both static charges and steady current \Rightarrow

static \vec{E}
 steady \vec{B} } electromagnetic field.

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

Resistance



$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\oint_S \epsilon \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}}{-\int_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}$$

→ surface enclosing positive conductor

→ line from lower to higher potential

In a lossy dielectric (small but non-0 conductivity) current flows from + to - and a current density is established in the medium

$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$ ensures that in an isotropic medium the "lines" will be the same

$$\underline{R = \frac{V}{I}} = \frac{-\int_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\oint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S}} = \frac{-\int_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\oint_S \sigma \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}}$$

$$RC = \frac{C}{G} = \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma}$$

If ϵ and σ of the medium have the same space dependence of, If the medium is homogeneous, the if the capacitance is known the resistance can be found from $\boxed{\epsilon/\sigma}$

e.g. Coaxial cable :

$$C_1 = \frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}$$



$$R_1 = \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} \frac{1}{C_1} = \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}{2\pi\epsilon} \quad (\Omega/m)$$

Procedure for computing resistance of a piece of conducting material

1. Choose appropriate coordinate system for given geometry
2. Assume potential difference V_0 between conductor terminals
3. Find \vec{E} within the conductor
(If the material is homogeneous having a constant conductivity solve Laplacian

$$\nabla^2 V = 0 \text{ for } V$$
and get $\vec{E} = -\nabla V$)

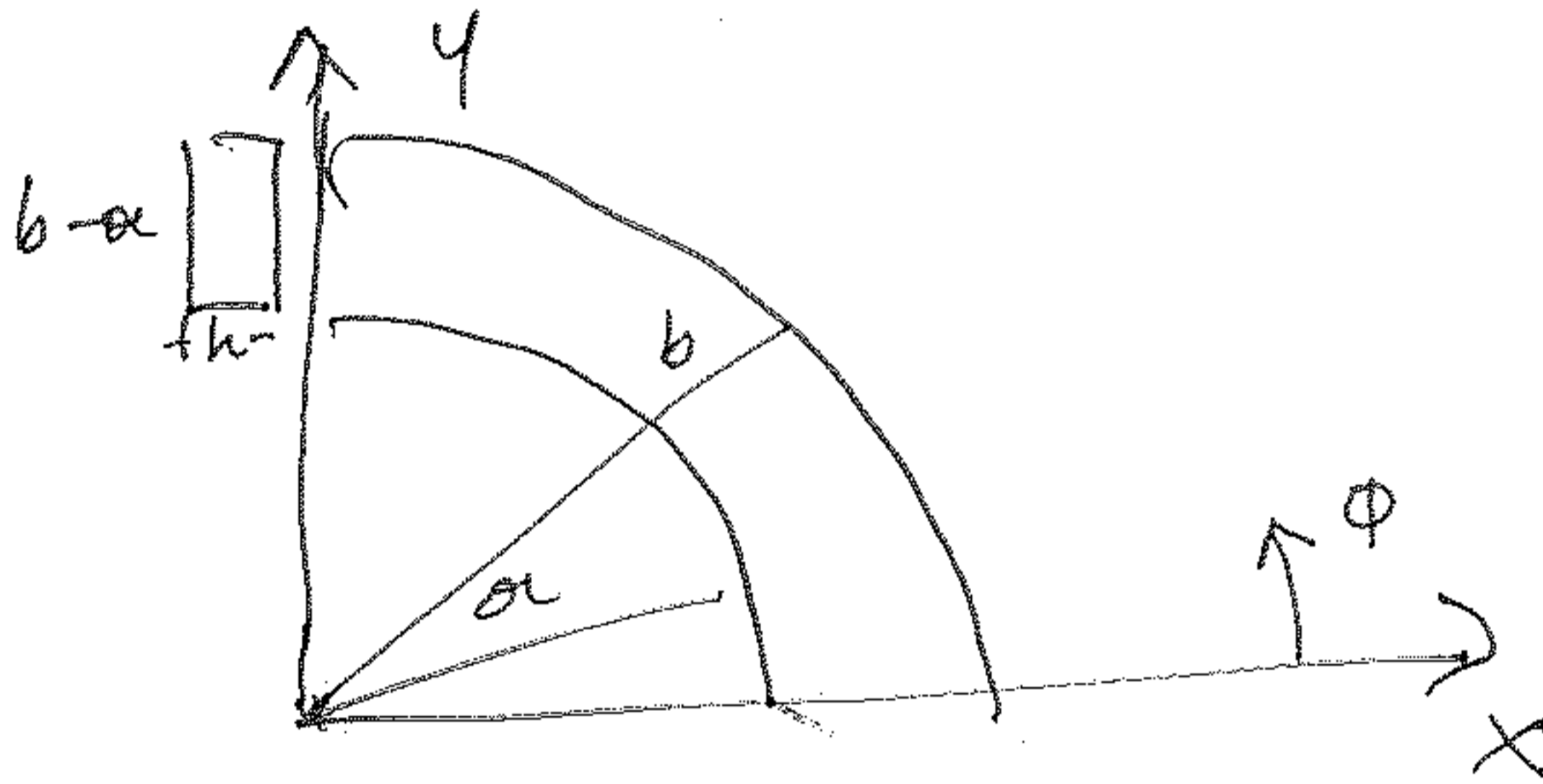
4. find total current

$$I = \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_S \sigma \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

where S is the cross sectional area over which I flows

$$I \text{ find } R : \frac{V_0}{I}$$

A conducting material of uniform thickness h and conductivity σ has the shape of a quarter of a flat circular washer with inner radius a and outer b . Determine the resistance



$$\left(\frac{d^2 V}{dy^2} = 0 \right), \Rightarrow V =$$

(boundary conditions)

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

$$I = \int_S \vec{I} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$R = \frac{V_0}{I} = \frac{\pi}{2\sigma h \ln(b/a)}$$

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1) cylindrical

2) assume V_0 , say $V=0$ on the end face at $y=0$ and $V=V_0$ at $x=0$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 V=0 & @ \quad \varphi=0 \\
 V=V_0 & @ \quad \varphi=a/2
 \end{array}$$

$$V = V(\varphi) \quad \left[\frac{d^2 V}{d\varphi^2} = 0 \right] \text{ Laplace}$$

$$V = C_1 \varphi + C_2 \quad (\text{boundary condition})$$

$$V = \frac{2V_0}{\pi} \varphi$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{J} &= \sigma \vec{E} = -\sigma \vec{\nabla} V \\
 &= -\hat{x}_\varphi \sigma \frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi} = -\hat{x}_\varphi \frac{2\sigma V_0}{\pi r}
 \end{aligned}$$

~~$I =$~~ integrate \vec{J} over the $\varphi=a/2$ surface
 at which $d\vec{s} = -\hat{x}_\varphi h dr$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{2\sigma V_0}{\pi} h \int_a^b \frac{dr}{r} \\
 &= \frac{2\sigma h V_0}{\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$R = \frac{V_0}{I} = \frac{\pi}{20h \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}$$

Note, it is not obvious how \bar{J} varies with r for a given I .

Without \bar{J} , E and V_0 cannot be determined.

* Power Dissipation

electric field \rightarrow conduction electron drift
 \rightarrow collide w/ atoms on lattice sites
 \rightarrow energy is transmitted from
 the electric fields to the atoms
 in thermal vibrations

The work ΔW done by an \vec{E} field moving a charge q a distance $\Delta \vec{l}$ is

$$\Delta W = q \vec{E} \cdot (\Delta \vec{l}) \quad \text{this corresponds to a power}$$

$$P = \frac{dW}{dt} = q \vec{E} \cdot \vec{u}$$

\vec{u} is the drift velocity

total power delivered to all charges & carriers in a volume dV

$$dP = \sum_i P_i = \vec{E} \cdot \left(\sum_i N q \vec{u}_i \right) dV$$

$$dP = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} dV$$

$$\frac{dP}{dV} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} \quad (\text{W/m}^3)$$

The point function $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$ is a power density under steady current conditions. for a given volume V the total electric power converted into heat is

SP

$$P = \int_{\text{volume}} \frac{\bar{E} \cdot \bar{J}}{dv} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{(Watt)} \\ \text{(not Joule)} \end{matrix}$$

This is Joule's law

In a conductor of a constant cross section

$$dv = \underline{ds dl} \quad \text{with } dl \text{ measured} \\ \parallel \bar{J}$$

$$P = \int_L \underbrace{E dl}_V \int_S \underbrace{J ds}_I = VI$$

$$V = RI$$

$$= I^2 R \quad (\text{W})$$

ohmic power representing heat
dissipated in resistance R per unit time



* Find the capacitance of an isolated spherical shell of radius α

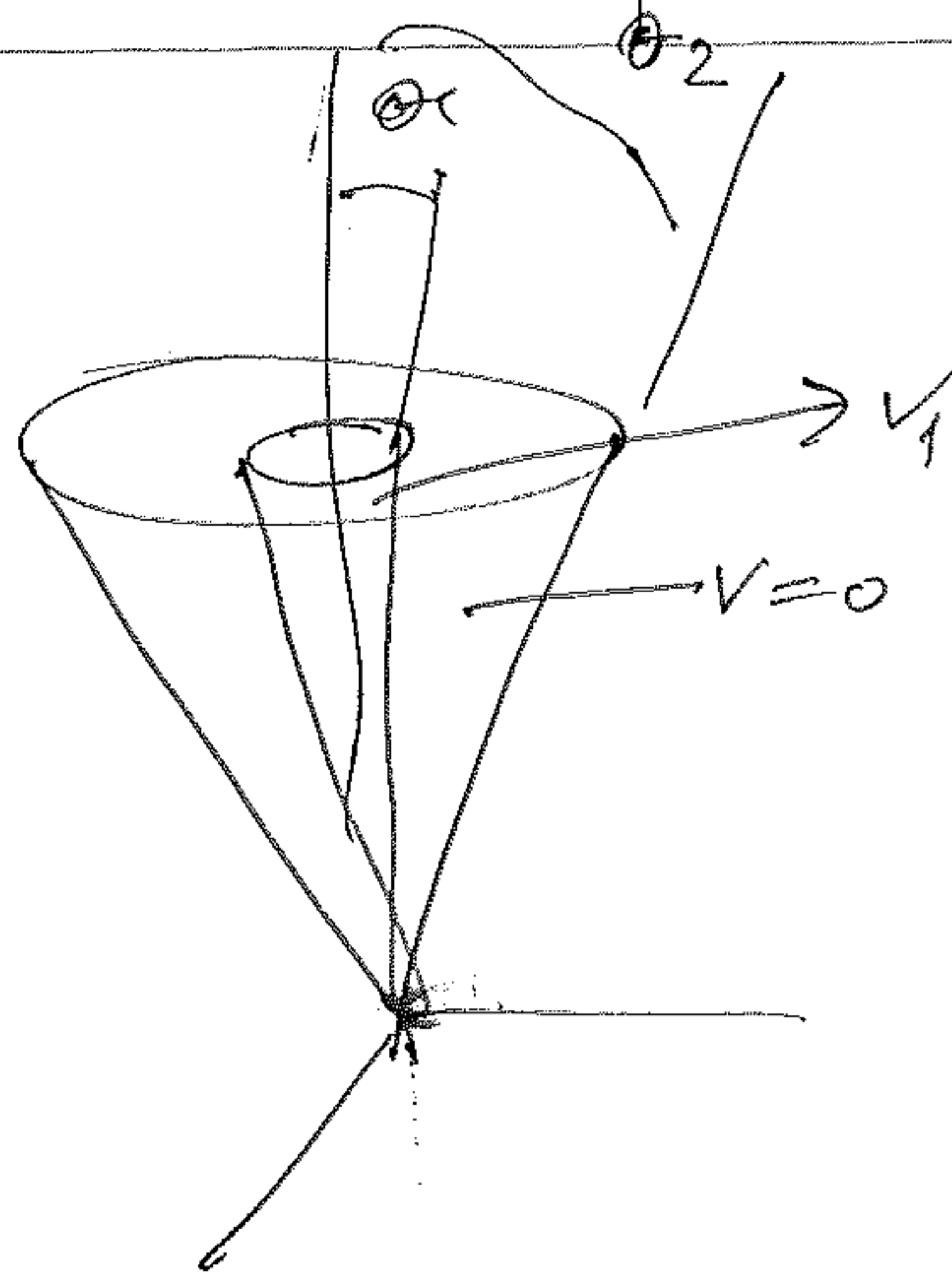
The potential of such a conductor with a zero reference at infinity is

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha}$$

$$4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = 4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha$$

~~* Find the capacitance between 2 spherical shells of radius α separated by a distance $d \gg \alpha$~~



Solve Laplace equation for the region between 2-coaxial cones as shown in Figure inside $V=V_1$ and outside $V=0$ cone vertices are insulated. The potential is constant with r and ϕ

$$\frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{dV}{d\theta} \right) = 0$$

$$\sin \theta \frac{dV}{d\theta} = A$$

$$V = A \ln \left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) + B$$

$$V_1 = A \ln \left(\tan \frac{\theta_1}{2} \right) + B \quad \& \quad 0 = A \ln \left(\tan \frac{\theta_2}{2} \right) + B$$

$$V = V_1 \frac{\ln \left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) - \ln \left(\tan \frac{\theta_2}{2} \right)}{\ln \left(\tan \frac{\theta_1}{2} \right) - \ln \left(\tan \frac{\theta_2}{2} \right)}$$