

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{\Delta r} d\tau'$$

2-d case:

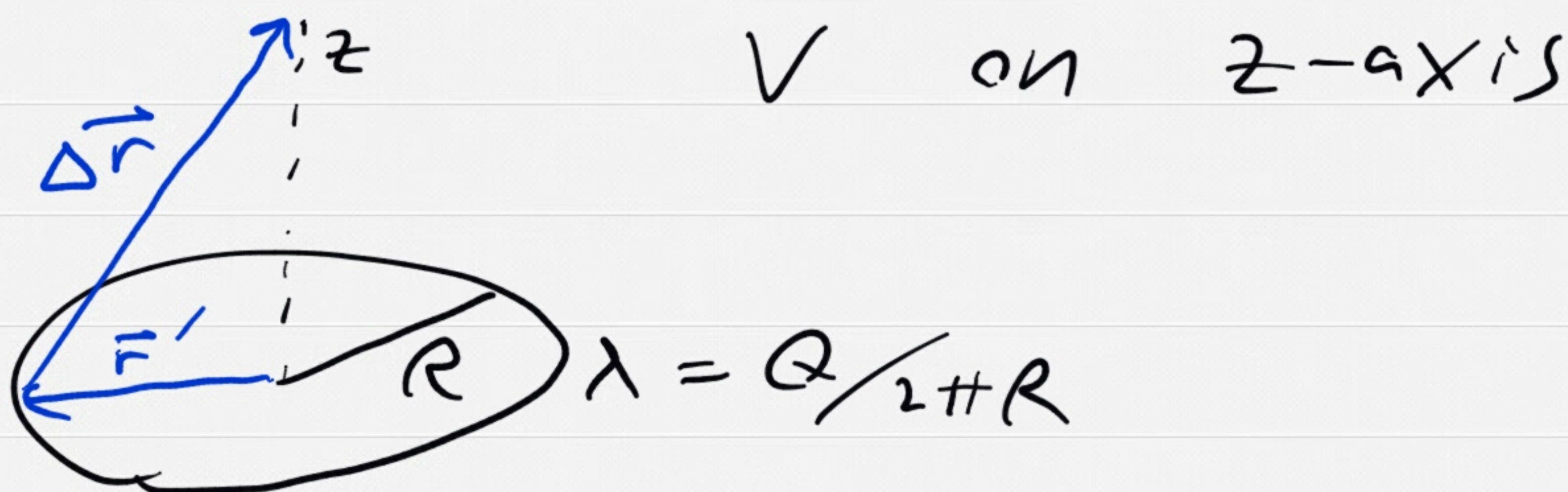
$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_A \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}')}{\Delta r} da'$$

1-d case

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_L \frac{\lambda(\vec{r}')}{\Delta r} dl'$$

All assume $V(\infty) = 0$

Example: Charged Ring



$$|\Delta \vec{r}| = \sqrt{R^2 + z^2}$$

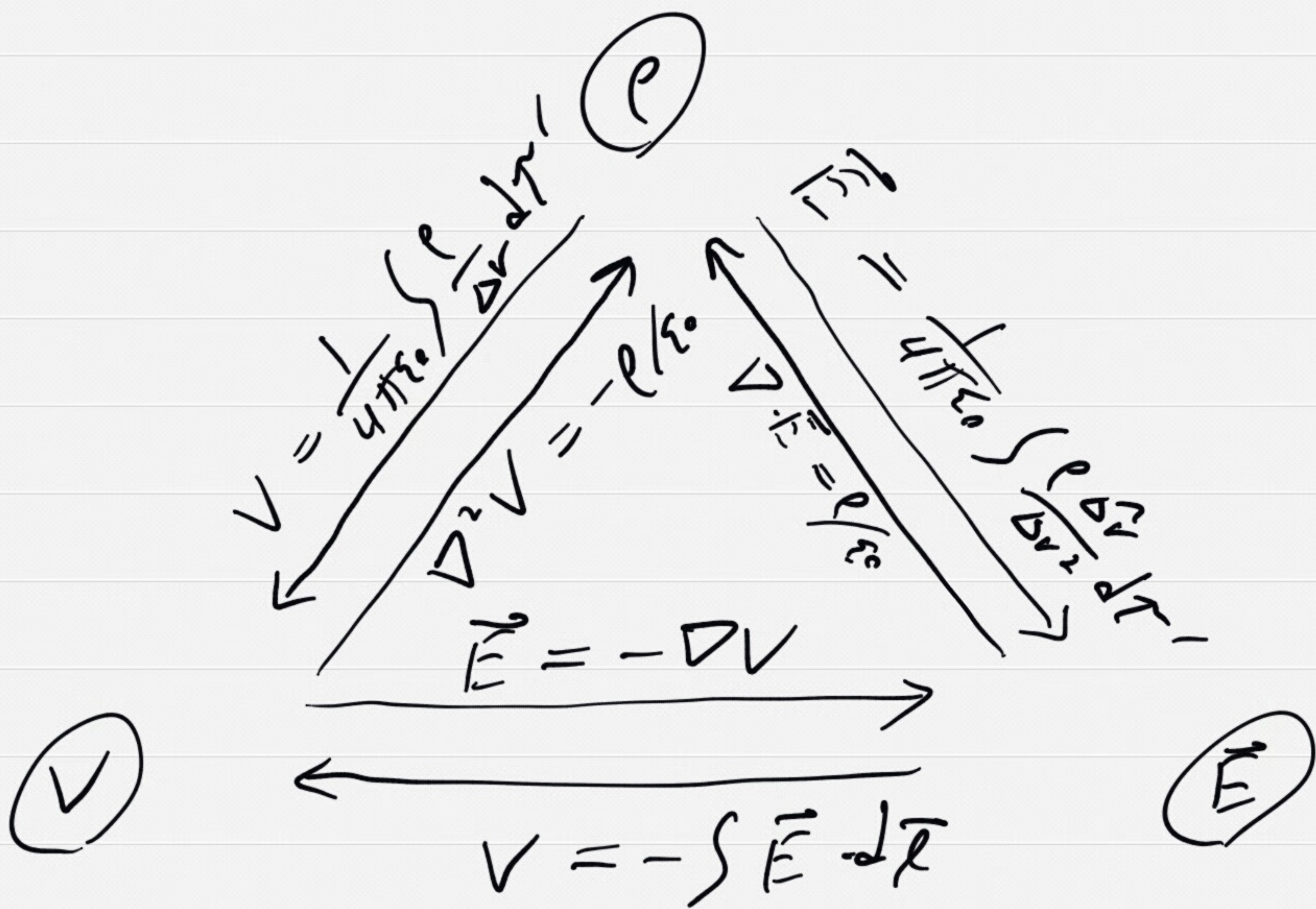
$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_L \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} dl'$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda \cdot 2\pi R}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}}} = \boxed{\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}}}$$

$$\vec{E}_z = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z}$$

$$= -\frac{\lambda \cdot 2\pi R}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2z}{(R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} = \boxed{\frac{\lambda \cdot 2\pi R}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}}$$

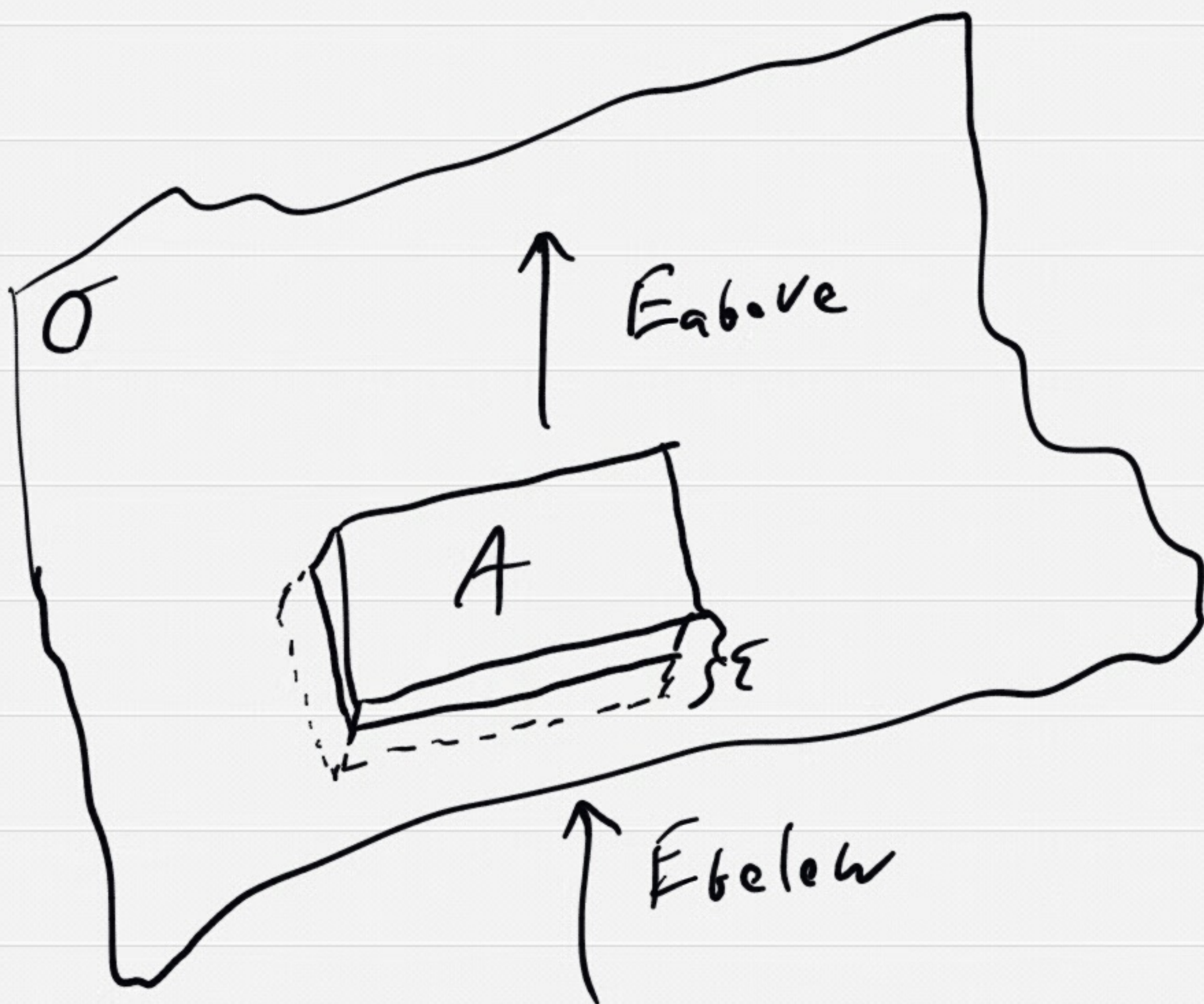
\vec{E}, ρ, V



- Problem dictates which is most useful

- Sometimes $\rho \rightarrow V \rightarrow \vec{E}$ easier than $\rho \rightarrow \vec{E}$ etc.

Boundary Conditions



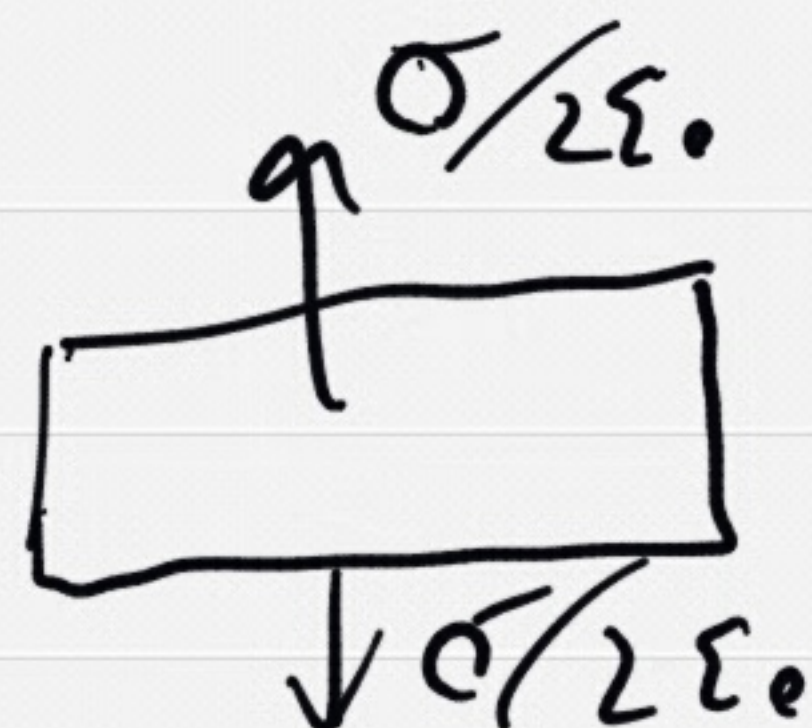
- Gaussian pillbox, area A , thickness ϵ

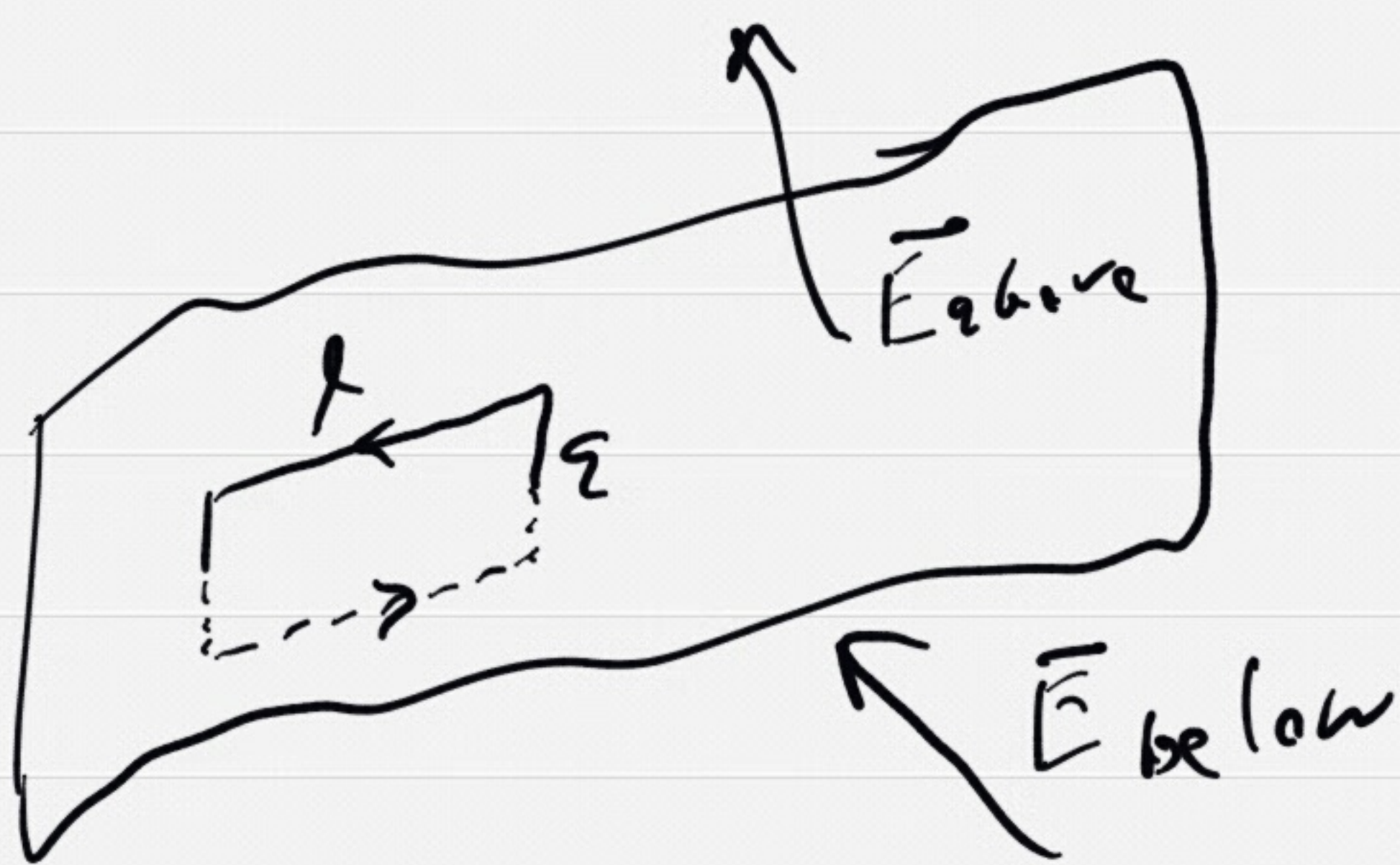
- Let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, still containing surface

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} &\rightarrow E_{\perp above} \cdot A \\ &\quad - E_{\perp below} \cdot A \\ &= \Delta E_{\perp} \cdot A \\ &= Q_{enc} / \epsilon_0 = \sigma A / \epsilon_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta E_{\perp} = \sigma / \epsilon_0}$$

Plane of charge is special case





- Gaussian loop of length l
- Again, let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} &\rightarrow \vec{E}_{\text{above}} \cdot \vec{l} - \vec{E}_{\text{below}} \cdot \vec{l} \\
 &= \Delta \vec{E} \cdot \vec{l} \\
 &= 0 \quad \text{for any } \vec{l} \\
 &\quad \parallel \text{ to surface} \\
 \Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta \vec{E}_{\parallel} = 0}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combine:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta E_{\perp} &= \sigma / \epsilon_0 \\
 \Delta \vec{E}_{\parallel} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta \vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{n}}$$

w/ \hat{n} from "below" to "above"

Note: V always continuous
if \vec{E} finite

Work

- Work done on charge Q moving from \vec{a} to \vec{b}

$$W_E = \int_{\vec{a}}^{\vec{b}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \text{done by Coulomb force}$$
$$= \int_{\vec{a}}^{\vec{b}} Q \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Work done to oppose Coulomb force

$$W_{\text{op}} = -W_E$$
$$= - \int_{\vec{a}}^{\vec{b}} Q \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$
$$= Q [V(\vec{b}) - V(\vec{a})]$$

$$\Rightarrow W_{\text{op}}/Q = V(\vec{b}) - V(\vec{a})$$

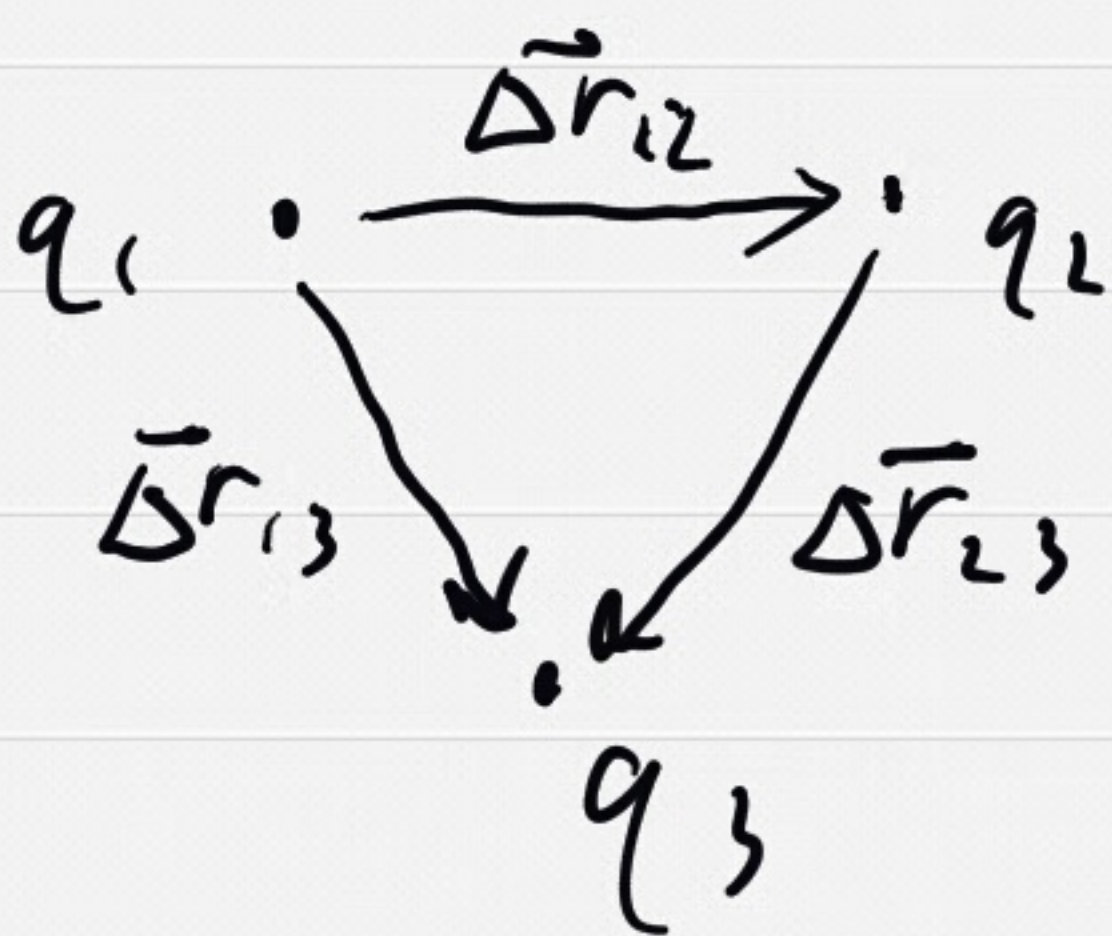
if $\vec{a} = \infty$, $W_{\text{op}} = QV(\vec{r})$
= work to move charge from infinity

Energy of Charge Distribution

• q_1 $w_1 = 0$ since $V = 0$



$$w_2 = q_2 \cdot \frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \Delta r_{12}}$$



$$w_3 = q_3 \cdot \left(\frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \Delta r_{13}} + \frac{q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \Delta r_{23}} \right)$$

$$W = w_1 + w_2 + w_3$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q_1 q_2}{\Delta r_{12}} + \frac{q_1 q_3}{\Delta r_{13}} + \frac{q_2 q_3}{\Delta r_{23}} \right]$$

General: $w_{total} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \sum_{j>i} \frac{q_i q_j}{\Delta r_{ij}}$

$$= \frac{1}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{q_i q_j}{\Delta r_{ij}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i q_i \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{q_j}{(4\pi\epsilon_0 \Delta r_{ij})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i q_i V(\vec{r}_i)$$

w/ $V(\vec{r}_i)$ due to all $q_j \neq i$