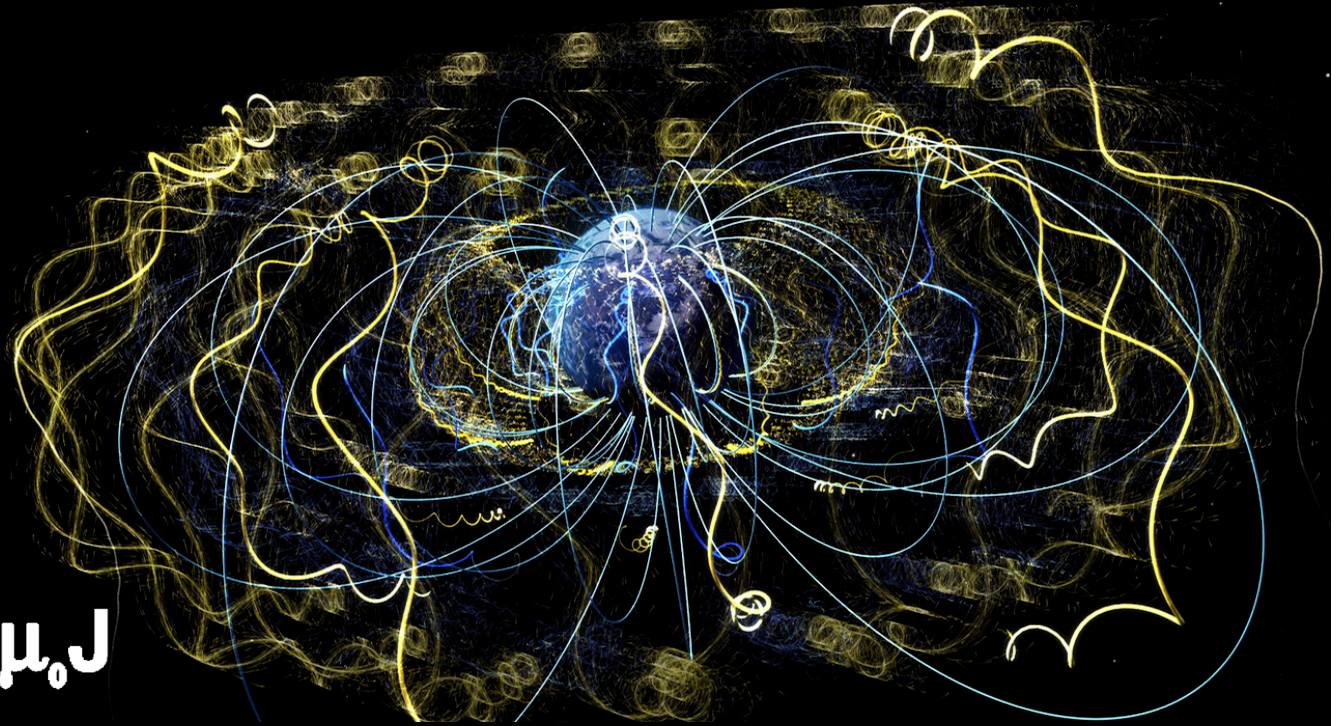


$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

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

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$



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Laplace's Equation in 2-D

$$V(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi R} \oint V dl$$

around a circle
centered @ (x, y)

V has no local extrema
(except at boundaries)

Laplace's Equation in 3-D

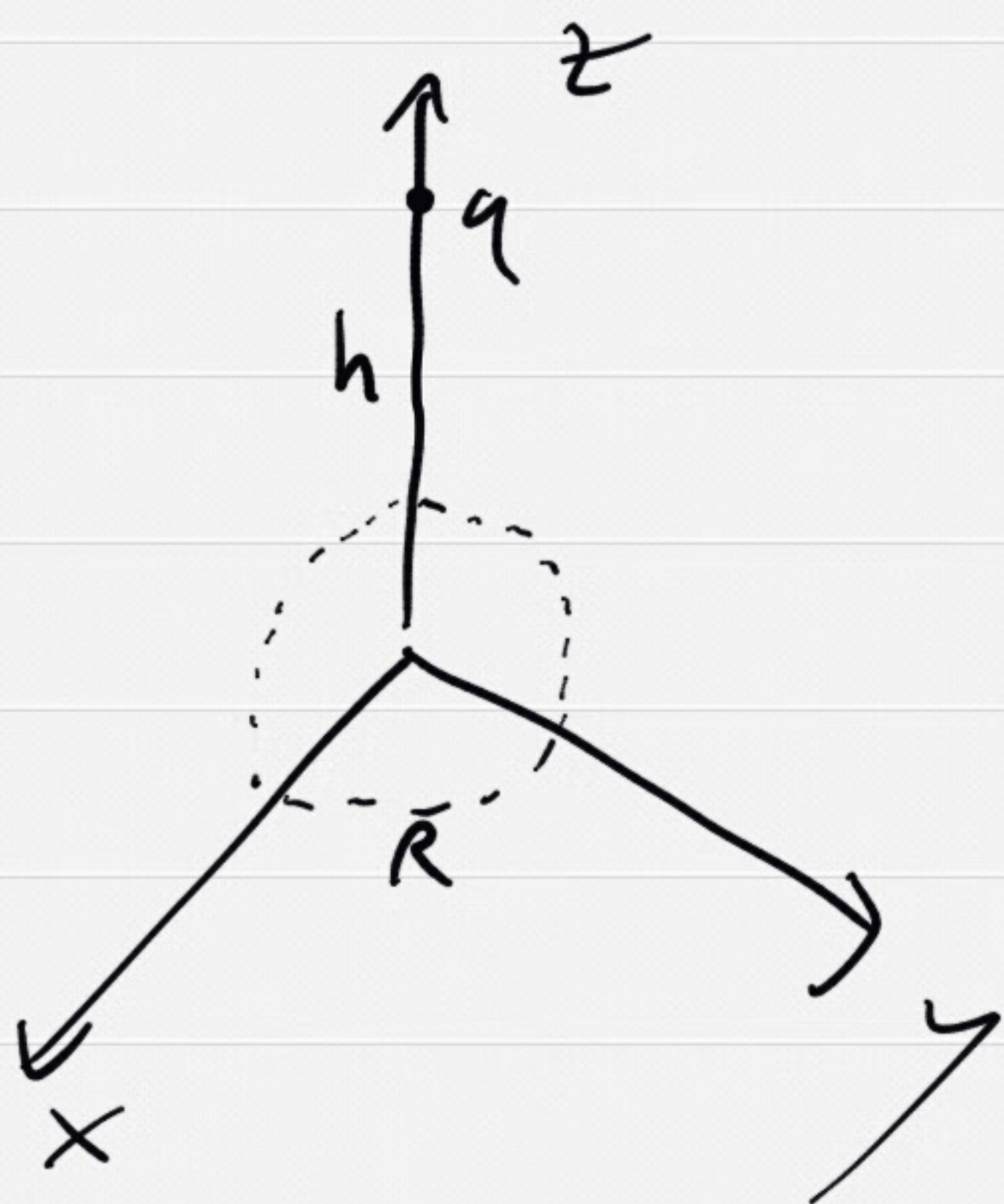
$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi R^2} \oint V da$$

over a sphere
centered at $\vec{r}$

V has no local extrema
(except at boundaries)

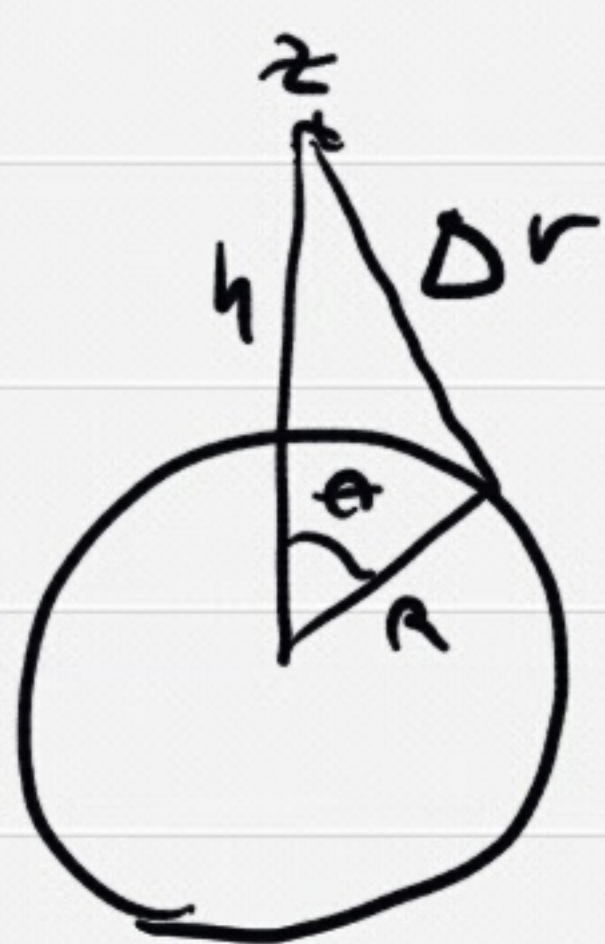
Earnshaw's Theorem

No local extrema
 $\Rightarrow$ no stable trapping
w/ electrostatic fields



Prove for point charge / then use superposition to extend to all cases

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{\Delta r}$$



$$\Delta r^2 = h^2 + R^2 - 2Rh \cos \theta$$

(law of cosines)

$$\langle V \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi R^2} \cdot \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int (h^2 + R^2 - 2hR \cos \theta)^{-1/2} R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi R^2} \cdot \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{R^2}{\sqrt{(h^2 + R^2 - 2hR \cos \theta)}} \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$= \frac{2\pi R^2}{4\pi R^2} \cdot \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin \theta d\theta}{\sqrt{h^2 + R^2 - 2hR \cos \theta}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{hR} \cdot \sqrt{h^2 + R^2 - 2hR \cos \theta} \Big|_0^\pi$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{2hR} \left[\sqrt{h^2 + R^2 + 2hR} - \sqrt{h^2 + R^2 - 2hR} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{2hR} \left[(h+R) - (h-R) \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 h}} = V(0,0,0) //$$

Boundary Conditions & Uniqueness Theorems

① Solution to Laplace's Eq. fully determined by V on boundary

Proof: Assume two solutions V_1, V_2

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

Consider $V_3 = V_1 - V_2$

$$\nabla^2 V_3 = \nabla^2 V_1 - \nabla^2 V_2 = 0$$

— But $V_3 = 0$ on all boundaries — since V on boundary fixed

— Since all extrema must be on boundary, $V_3 = 0$ everywhere

$$\Rightarrow V_1 = V_2$$

$\Rightarrow$ only one solution //

Corollary to ①

- $\rho(\vec{r}) + V$ on boundary
fully specifies $V(\vec{r})$

$$\nabla^2 V_1 = -\rho/\epsilon_0$$

$$\nabla^2 V_2 = -\rho/\epsilon_0$$

$$V_3 = V_1 - V_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 V_3 &= \nabla^2 V_1 - \nabla^2 V_2 \\ &= -\rho/\epsilon_0 + \rho/\epsilon_0 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_3 &= 0 \text{ on boundary} \\ \Rightarrow V_3 &= 0 \text{ everywhere}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_1 = V_2$$

$\Rightarrow$ only one solution

② In region surrounded by conductors, $\vec{E}$ uniquely determined if Q_i on each conductor specified

Proof: suppose two solutions $\vec{E}_1, \vec{E}_2$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E}_1 = \rho/\epsilon_0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E}_2 = \rho/\epsilon_0$$

$$\oint_{A_i} \vec{E}_1 \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_i/\epsilon_0, \quad \oint_{A_i} \vec{E}_2 \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_i/\epsilon_0$$

w/ A_i a Gaussian surface surrounding conductor i

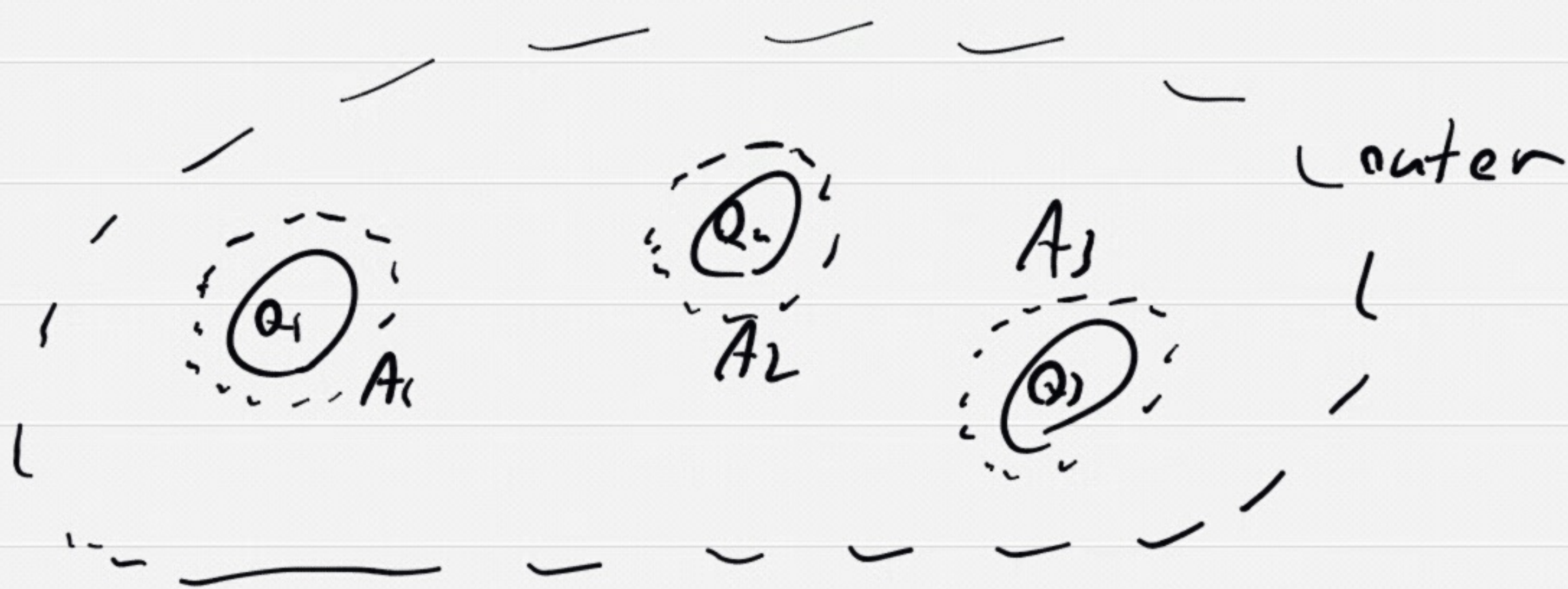
$$\text{Also } \oint_{\text{outer}} \vec{E}_1 \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{\text{tot}}/\epsilon_0$$

$$\oint_{\text{outer}} \vec{E}_2 \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{\text{tot}}/\epsilon_0$$

$$\text{Put } \vec{E}_3 = \vec{E}_1 - \vec{E}_2$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E}_3 = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{E}_3 \cdot d\vec{a} = 0 \quad \text{over each surface}$$



- Each conductor is equipotential
 $\Rightarrow V_3 = K_i$ on surface of conductor i

Trick: $\nabla \cdot (f \vec{A}) = f \nabla \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{A} \cdot \nabla f$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (V_3 \vec{E}_3) &= V_3 \nabla \cdot \vec{E}_3 + \vec{E}_3 \cdot \nabla V_3 \\ &= \vec{E}_3 \cdot -\vec{E}_3 \\ &= -E_3^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_V \nabla \cdot (V_3 \vec{E}_3) d\tau = \oint_S V_3 \vec{E}_3 \cdot d\vec{a} = - \int_V E_3^2 d\tau$$

$$\oint_S V_3 \vec{E}_3 \cdot d\vec{a} = \sum_{\text{boundaries}} \oint K_i \vec{E}_3 \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_V E_3^2 d\tau = 0$$

since $E_3^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow E_3^2 = 0 \text{ everywhere}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_1 = \vec{E}_2$$

$\Rightarrow$ only one solution //