

# ***EE243 Advanced Electromagnetic Theory***

## ***Lec #4: Electrostatics (Green's Thm.),***

- **Uniqueness**
- **Equivalent Sources**
- **Zero fields Outside Region**
- **Reciprocity**

**Reading: Jackson**  
**1.8-1.10, 2.7**

## Integral Representation

$$\Phi(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\bar{x}') G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') d^3 x' + \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \left[ G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') \frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta n'} - \Phi(\bar{x}') \frac{\delta G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}')}{\delta n'} \right] da'$$

$$G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = \frac{1}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} + F(\bar{x}, \bar{x}')$$

$$\nabla'^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = -4\pi\delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') \qquad \nabla'^2 F(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = 0$$

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# Integral Representation: Boundary Conditions

Jackson 1.10

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> order differential equations in general require two Boundary conditions
- Integral representation has both  $\Phi$  and its normal derivative on the boundary
- But the integral representation also has both  $G$  and its normal derivative on the boundary
- Since  $\Phi$  and  $G$  can represent different physical problems they can take on different boundary conditions

## Dirichlet Boundary Conditions $G = 0$

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- $G = 0 \Rightarrow$  Only surface term requiring  $\Phi$  remains
- Example Potential on Sphere known and  $\rho(x) = 0$  in volume Jackson 2.6-2.7
- Green's Function for image charge in sphere

$$G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = \frac{1}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} - \frac{a}{x' |\bar{x} - \frac{a^2}{x'^2} \bar{x}'|}$$

– Evaluate normal derivative of  $G$

$$\Phi(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \Phi(a, \theta', \phi') \frac{a(x^2 - a^2)}{(x^2 + a^2 - 2ax \cos \gamma)^{3/2}}$$

# Dirichlet Boundary Conditions $G = 0$

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- $G = 0 \Rightarrow$  first surface term zero
- Example  $\Phi = 0$  **Grounded Sphere** and  $\rho(x)$  in volume
- Green's Function for image charge in sphere

$$G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = \frac{1}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} - \frac{a}{x' |\bar{x} - \frac{a^2}{x'^2} \bar{x}'|}$$

- Note: a charge distribution exists on the sphere but no knowledge about it is needed

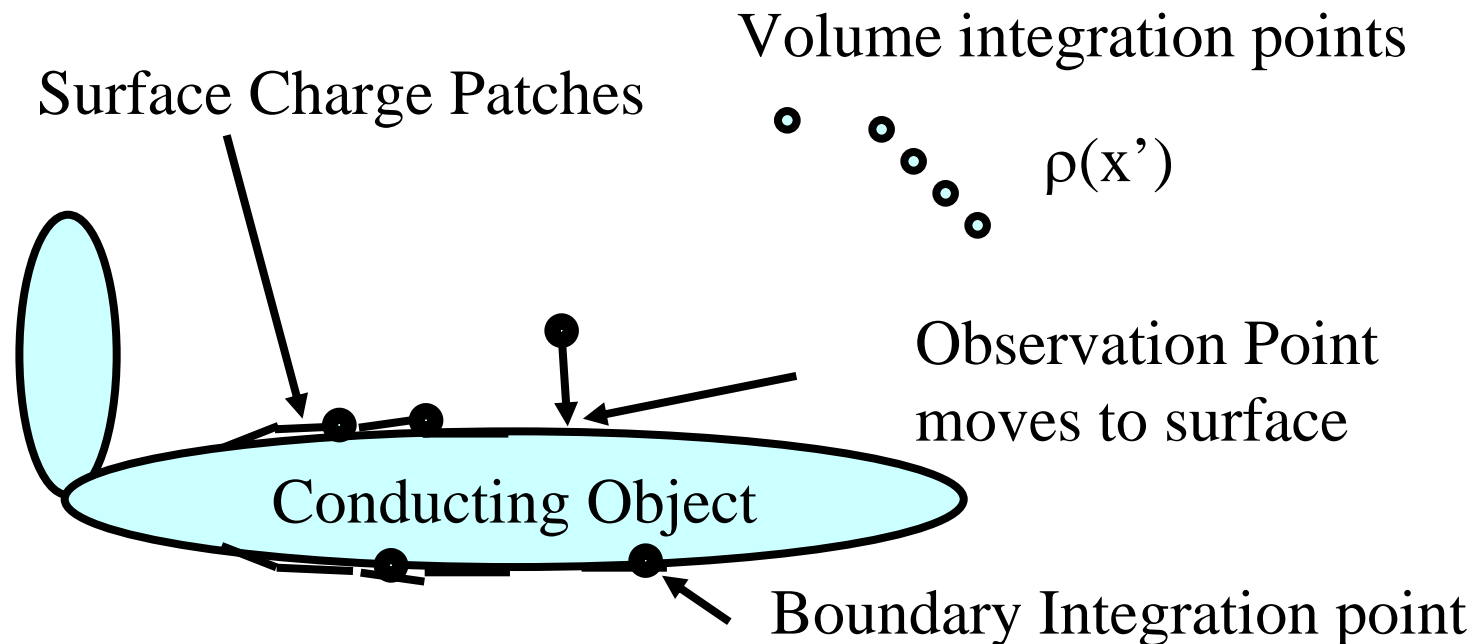
$$\Phi(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\bar{x}') \left[ \frac{1}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} - \frac{a}{x' |\bar{x} - \frac{a^2}{x'^2} \bar{x}'|} \right] d^3 x'$$

Neuman Boundary Condition:  $dG/dn' = 0$

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- Neuman  $dG/dn' = 0 \Rightarrow$  Only  $d\Phi/dn' = \sigma_{\text{surface}}$  remains
- It is hard to find examples of this Green's function
- If in addition  $\sigma_{\text{surface}} = 0$ , all of the surface terms drop out
- Mixed Boundary Conditions
  - Location: Different BC can be used at different locations on surface and surface integral will still drop out
  - May also generalize for linear combination  $\alpha\Phi + \beta \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial n} = 0$

# Integral Equation



N surface charge patches or unknowns

N observations points on surface where the potential is known

Each observation gives a different weighted sum of the charge patch contributions

N constraints on N unknowns  $\Rightarrow$  solve for N unknown surface patch charges

# Integral Equation to Find Surface Charge

$$\Phi(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\bar{x}') G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') d^3 x' + \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \left[ G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') \frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta n'} - \Phi(\bar{x}') \frac{\delta G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}')}{\delta n'} \right] da'$$

- Example: Grounded Conducting Object and  $\rho(\mathbf{x})$

$\Phi = 0 \Rightarrow$  all of the F surface term drop out

$d\Phi/dn' = \sigma_{\text{surface}}$  remains

Since  $\Phi$  is known at every point on object restrict  $\mathbf{x}$  to be on the object

Gives and integral equation for the surface charge

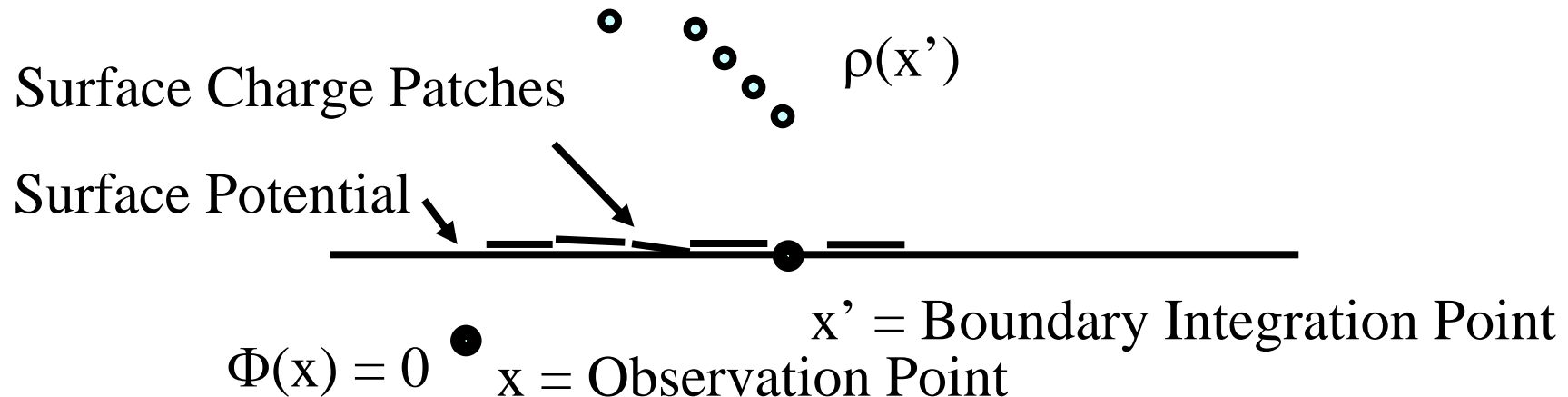
$$0 = \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\bar{x}') G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') d^3 x' + \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \left[ G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') \frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta n'} \right] da' \right]_{\bar{x}_{\text{on\_object}}}$$

Generally the Green's function for free space is used

$$0 = \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\bar{x}') \frac{1}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} d^3 x' + \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \left[ \frac{1}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} \frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta n'} \right] da' \right]_{\bar{x}_{\text{on\_object}}}$$



# Equivalence Theorem



When the observation point in the integral representation moves outside of the solution region the value of the potential is identically zero!

- This means that knowledge of the potential and its derivative normal to the boundary are sufficient **equivalent sources** to wall off the world outside the solution region!
- This implies that **it does not matter what is outside of the solution volume** and in fact it can be changed to simplify the solution and not affect the answer!
- This result is **true for any Green's function!**

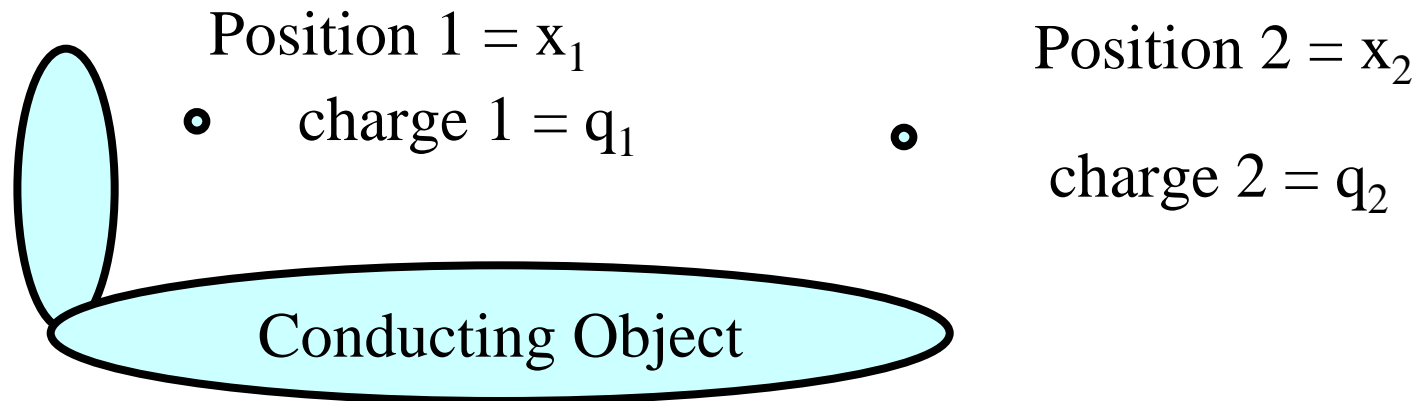
# Uniqueness Theorem

The Electrostatic Solution is unique

Proof:

- Assume two, take difference and plug in Green's 1st Identity for both  $\phi$  and  $\psi$
- Difference is source free  $\Rightarrow$  volume Laplacian integral = 0 (no sources)
- Difference is 0 on boundary  $\Rightarrow$  surface integral is zero
- Volume integral of gradient product is squared gradient and must integrate to zero  $\Rightarrow$  integrand must be zero everywhere in solution region.
- Hence the function (except for a constant off-set voltage) must be identical

# Reciprocity



$$\Phi(x_2, q_1) = \Phi(x_1, q_2)$$

Proof:

- Green's Theorem
- Poisson's equation for  $\Phi(x_2, q_1)$  and  $\Phi(x_1, q_2)$  causes volume integral to give  $\Phi(x_2, q_1) - \Phi(x_1, q_2)$
- In surface integral use homogeneous boundary condition to replace potential with derivative and integrand vanishes at every point on the boundary

# Integral Equation Numerical Solution Method

$$0 = \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\bar{x}') \frac{1}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} d^3x' + \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_S \left[ \frac{1}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} \frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta n'} \right] da' \right]_{\bar{x}_{on\_object}}$$

- Expand surface charge as a function of position on surface as a sum of N linearly independent functions each with an unknown amplitude.
  - Example: finite basis functions or orthogonal functions
- For a given position on object evaluate the integral to get one constraint on the weighted sum of the unknown coefficients
- Repeat for N separate positions
- Solve the N constraints for the N unknowns coefficients using Matrix methods