







A VERY thin slab of thickness d and area A has volume charge density  $\rho$  = Q / V . Because it's so thin, we may think of it as a surface charge density  $\sigma$  = Q / A .

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d

The relation between  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  is A)  $\sigma = \rho$ B)  $\sigma = d \rho$  C)  $d \sigma = \rho$ 

А

D)  $\sigma = V \rho$  E)  $V \sigma = \rho$ 

Imagine two fluids, red (+) and blue (-), each uniform, identical, in a rectangular shape (area A, height H). This fluid has N "atoms"/m<sup>3</sup>, and each "atom" (or unit) has available a charge q (which can separate/move). Imagine the red fluid moves UP the page, uniformly, a distance "d".

1) How much charge Q appears on the top surface? (on the bottom? the sides?)

2) What is  $\sigma$  on the top, in terms N, q, d, A, and/or H

3) What is the polarization P in terms of those variables?

4) What is  $\sigma$  on the top in terms of P?=

5) What if we displace the fluid that same distance "d", but at an angle  $\theta$  with respect to the vertical. What are the answers above?



















- A) Of course not! They are as fictitious as it gets! (Like in the 'method of images.')
- B) Of course they are! They are as real as it gets! (Like  $\sigma$  and  $\rho$  in Chapter 2.)
- C) I have no idea 🛞











