





$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}') \,\hat{\mathfrak{R}}}{\mathfrak{R}^2} d\tau'$$
(with $\vec{\mathfrak{R}} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' = (x - x', y - y', z - z')$)
It is also true that $\frac{\hat{\mathfrak{R}}}{\mathfrak{R}^2} = -\nabla \frac{1}{|\mathfrak{R}|}$
where $\nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)$
Question: is the following mathematically ok?
$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \iiint \rho(\mathbf{r}') \left(-\nabla \frac{1}{|\mathfrak{R}|}\right) d\tau' = -\nabla \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathfrak{R}|} d\tau'$$
A) Yes B) No C) ???

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\Re|} d\tau'$$
$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla V(\vec{r})$$
$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\Re|} d\tau' + c$$

Summary:
Def of potential: $V(\mathbf{r}) = -\int \vec{E}(r') \cdot d\vec{r}'$
How do you compute it: $V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{ \Re } d\tau'$
What good is it? $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla V(\vec{r})$
Where did it come from? $\nabla \times \vec{E}(r) = 0$
Which by Stoke's theorem is mathematically equivalent to: $\oint_{any loop} \vec{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}) \bullet d\mathbf{r} = 0$



Tutorial

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The voltage is zero at a point in space.

You can conclude that :

- A) The E-field is zero at that point.
- B) The E-field is non-zero at that point
- C) You can conclude nothing at all about the Efield at that point

The voltage is constant everywhere along a line in space.

You can conclude that :

- A) The E-field has constant magnitude along that line.
- B) The E-field is zero along that line.
- C) You can conclude nothing at all about the magnitude of **E** along that line.

- ^{2.45} Given a spherical SHELL with uniform surface charge density σ (no other charges anywhere else) what can you say about the potential V *inside* this sphere? (Assume as usual, V(∞)=0)
- A) V=0 everywhere inside
- B) V = non-zero constant everywhere inside
- C) V must vary with position, but is zero at the center.
- D) None of these!

