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UN2802 - 1st four lectures online

- Complete E&M using Purcell 2nd edition
- Introduce quantum mechanics using French & Taylor and my notes

course website

[www.columbia.edu/~nhc1/UN2802](http://www.columbia.edu/~nhc1/UN2802)

organizational details like last semester

- Problem sets due on Thursdays
- Grade obtained from 30% midterm, 20% homework 50% final
- Some Python calculations in class and some Python problems in problem sets

problem session instructor and graders

to be determined along with meeting time and room

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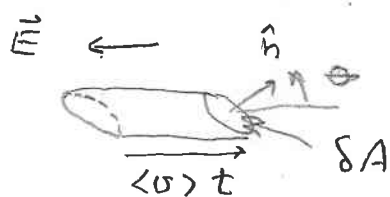
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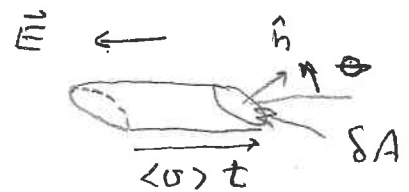
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$\vec{J}(\vec{r}) = \sigma \vec{E}(\vec{r})$  is the most basic form of Ohm's law (6)

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For electrostatics  $\vec{J} = 0$  so Ohm's law requires  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \vec{J} = 0$  for  $\vec{r}$  inside a conductor.

Now consider a new type of problem:

Given the location of charges and conductors find  $\vec{E}(\vec{r})$  everywhere.



This looks hard

because we must

determine how the charge is distributed on the conductors to make  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = 0$  inside each and then compute

resulting  $\vec{E}(\vec{r})$  outside conductors!