

Electric Potential of a Charged Plane Sheet



Consider an infinite plane sheet perpendicular to the x -axis at $x = 0$.
The sheet is uniformly charged with charge per unit area σ .

- Electric field (magnitude): $E = 2\pi k|\sigma| = \frac{|\sigma|}{2\epsilon_0}$
- Direction: away from (toward) the sheet if $\sigma > 0$ ($\sigma < 0$).

- Electric field (x -component):
 $E_x = \pm 2\pi k\sigma$.

- Electric potential:
 $V = - \int_0^x E_x dx = \mp 2\pi k\sigma x$.

- Here we have used $x_0 = 0$
as the reference coordinate.

