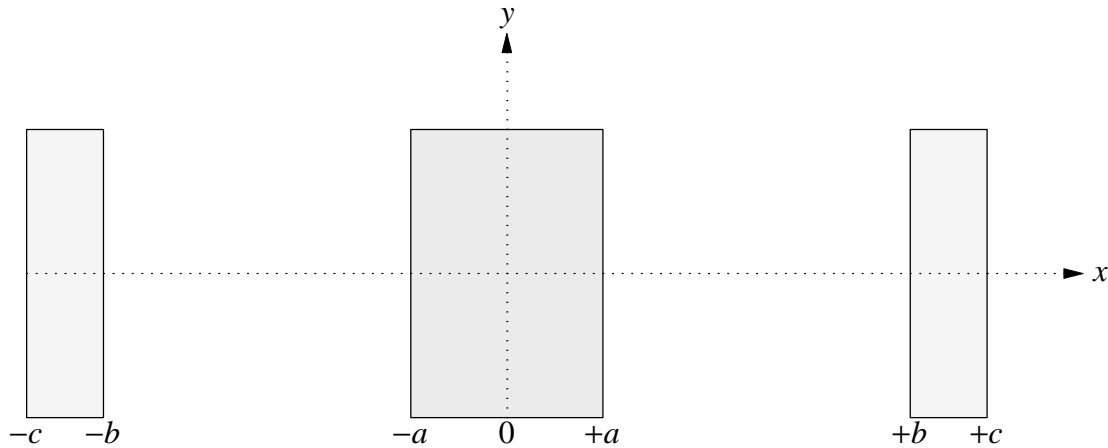


4. (40 pts.) Charge is distributed uniformly throughout a large plane insulating slab of thickness $2a$. The charge density is ρ (in Coulombs per cubic meter). The midplane of the slab is the $y-z$ plane (see figure). In addition, there are two neutral conducting planes parallel to the slab arranged as shown. (These planes are effectively infinite in the y and z directions.) *Note:* Throughout this problem, you don't have to repeat calculations that you already did in earlier parts. Simply explain briefly what you are doing and reuse those calculations that still apply.



- a. (15 pts.) Use Gauss's law to calculate the magnitude of the electric field for $0 < x < a$. Show your work clearly.

b. (5 pts.) Use Gauss's law to calculate the magnitude of electric field for $a < x < b$.

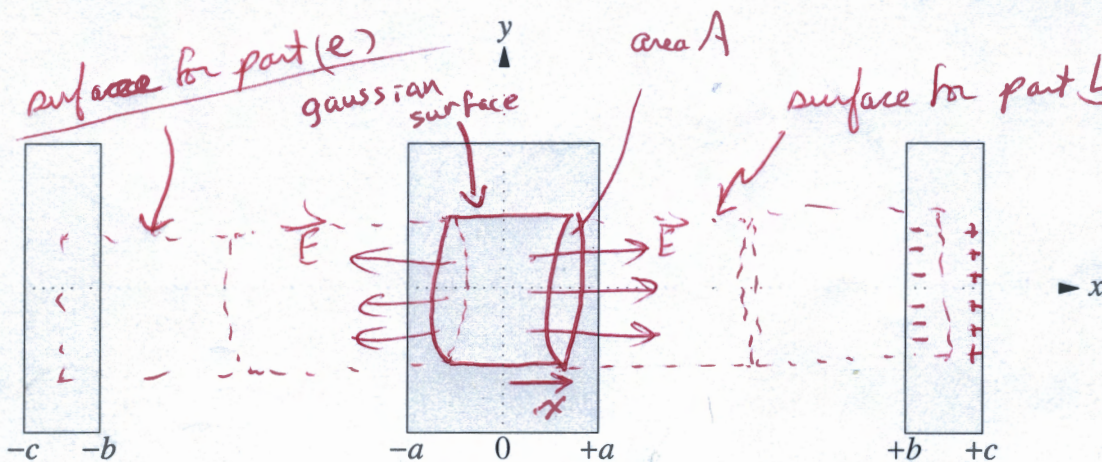
c. (5 pts.) What is the magnitude of the electric field for $b < x < c$?

d. (5 pts.) What is the magnitude of the electric field for $c < x$?

e. (10 pts.) What is the charge density on the surface of the conductor at $x = b$?

4. (40 pts.) Charge is distributed uniformly throughout a large plane insulating slab of thickness $2a$. The charge density is ρ (in Coulombs per cubic meter). The midplane of the slab is the $y-z$ plane (see figure). In addition, there are two neutral conducting planes parallel to the slab arranged as shown. (These planes are effectively infinite in the y and z directions.) *Note:* Throughout this problem, you don't have to repeat calculations that you already did in earlier parts. Simply explain briefly what you are doing and reuse those calculations that still apply.

[See Example 22-7]



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(a) The Gaussian surface is a cylinder of length $2x$ and end areas A .

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = Q_{\text{inside}} / \epsilon_0$$

$$E(2A) = \rho(A 2x) / \epsilon_0$$

$$E = \rho x / \epsilon_0$$

(b) $a < x < b$: Q_{inside} is now $\rho(A 2a)$. The flux is unchanged

$$E(2A) = \rho(A 2a) / \epsilon_0$$

$$E = \rho a / \epsilon_0$$

(c) $b < x < c$: $E = 0$. (inside a conductor.)

(d) $c < x$: Same calculation as in (b), Q_{inside} doesn't change

$$E = \rho a / \epsilon_0$$

(e) $\Phi = Q_{\text{inside}} / \epsilon_0$

$$E(2A) = [\rho A 2a + \sigma(2A)] / \epsilon_0$$

$$0 = \rho a + \sigma$$

$$\sigma = -\rho a$$