



SHORT NOTES

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Conductors

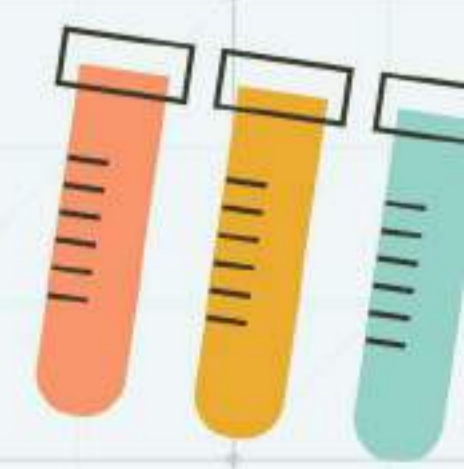
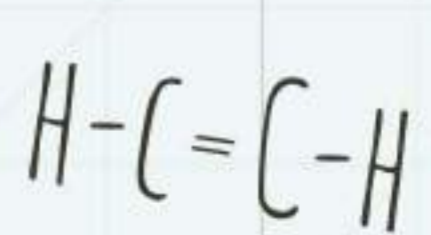
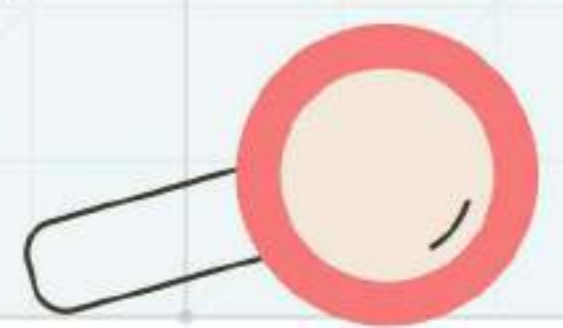
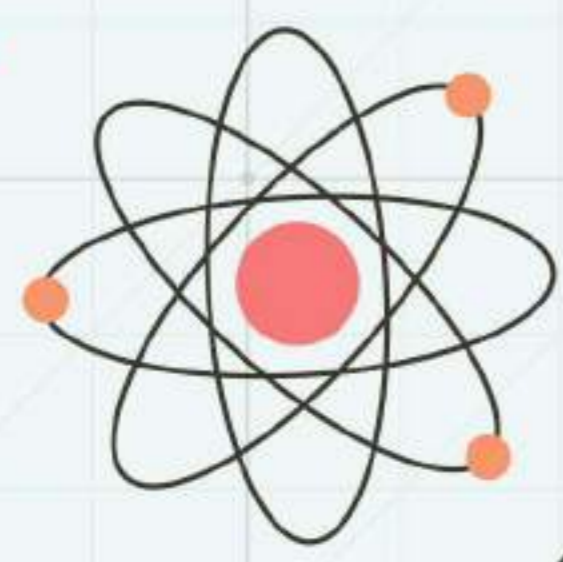
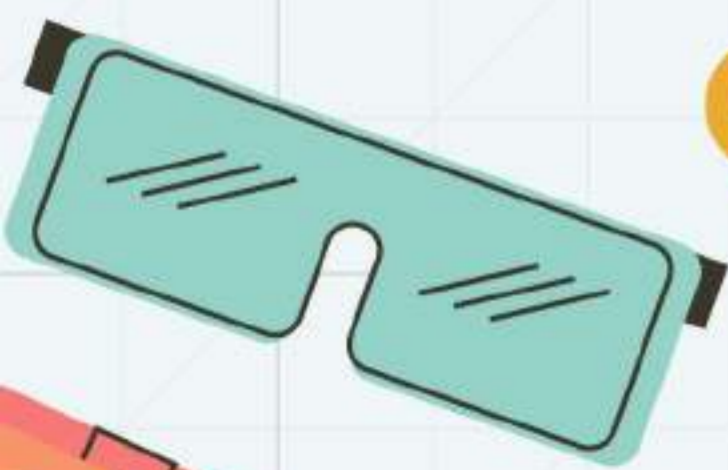
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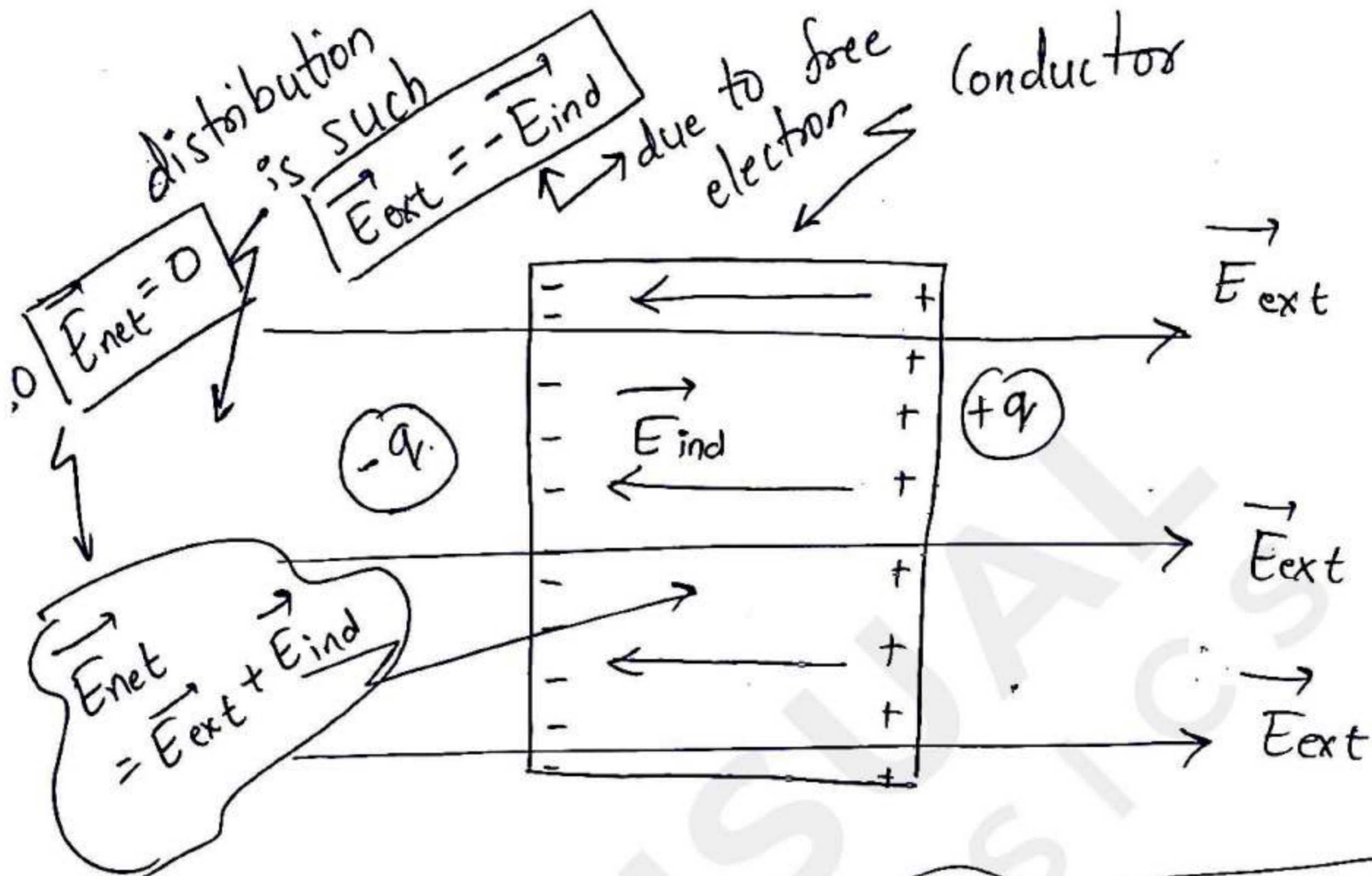
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CONDUCTORS



Conductors have free electrons because of

for any shape charge distribute in conductor, such that $E_{net} = 0$

As charge is distributed, so $|-q_r| = |q_r|$

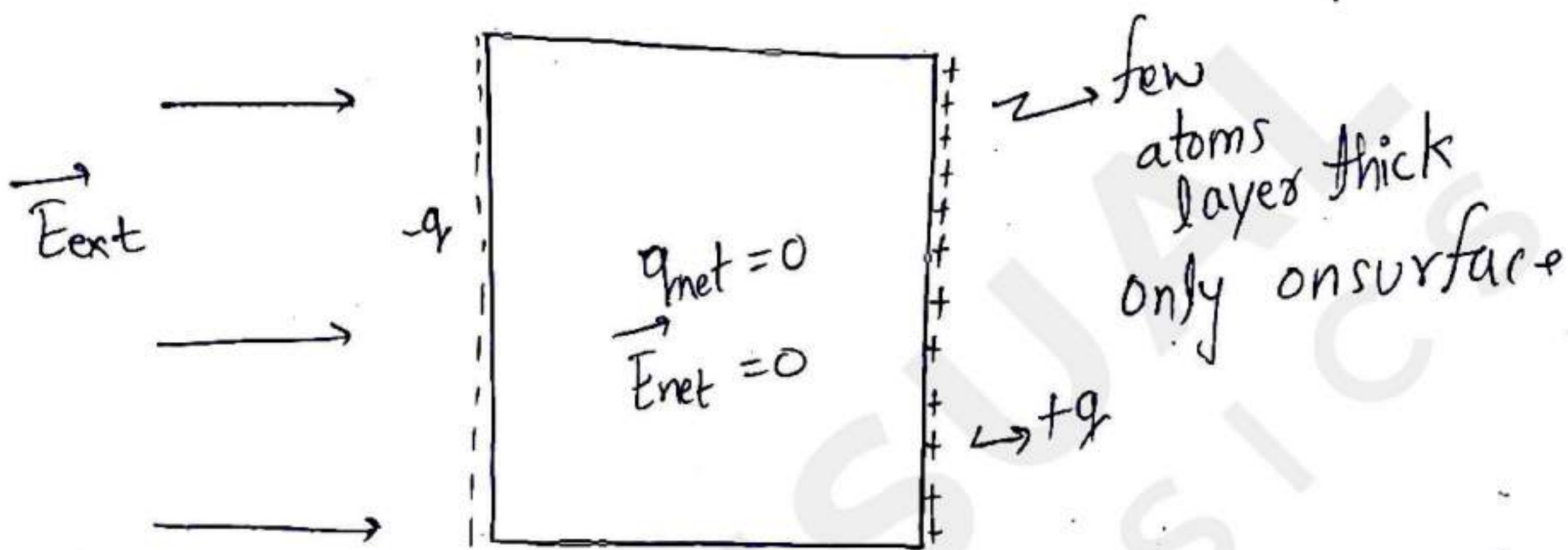
as net charge on conductor = 0

distribution, may or may not be uniform

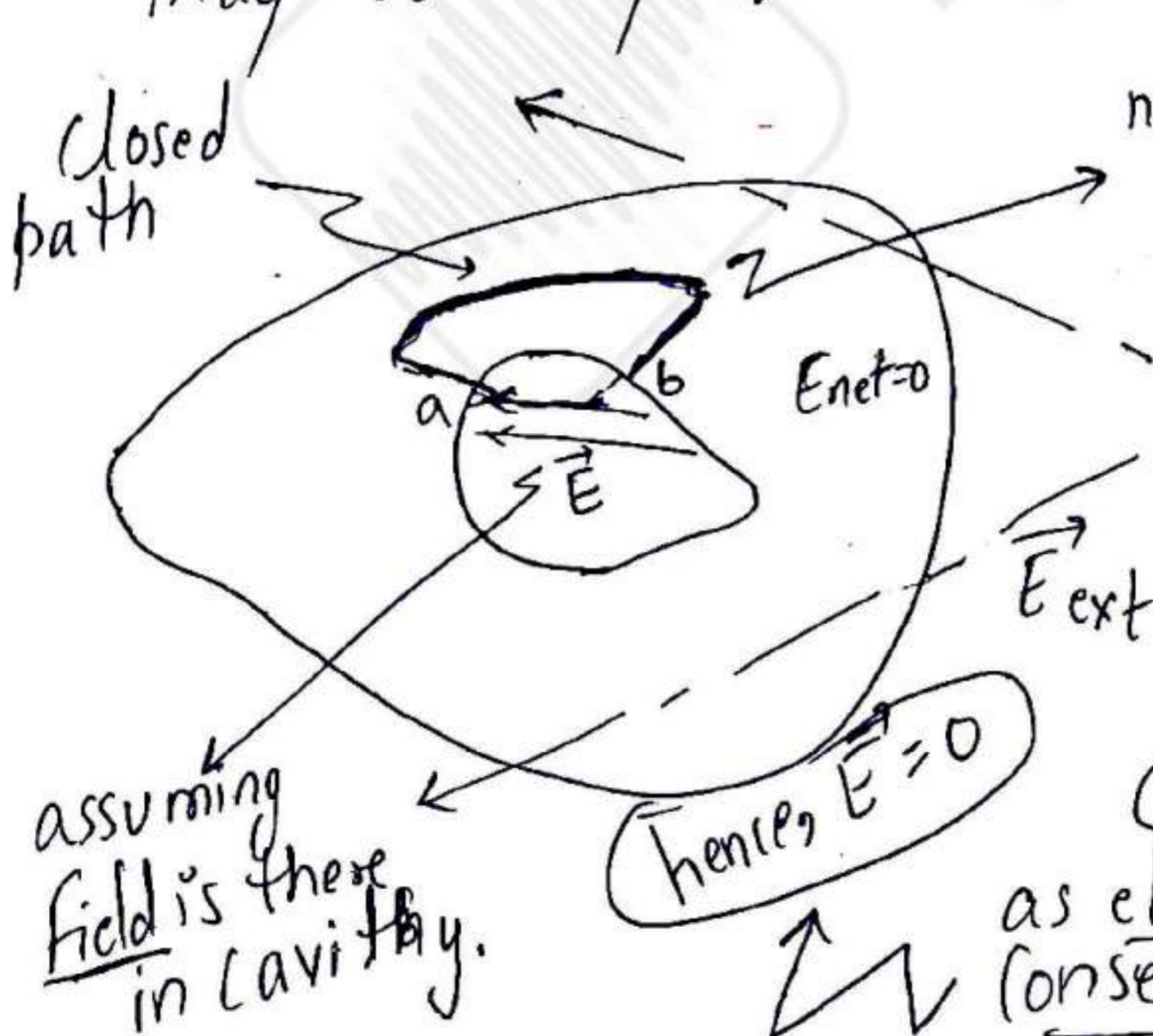
★ Field inside the conductor in electrostatic must be zero.

Induce charge will always be on the surface so that q_{net} inside = 0, hence $\vec{E}_{net} = 0$

as
$$|\vec{E}_{net}| = \frac{q_{net}}{A \epsilon_0}$$



charge will distribute such that, $\vec{E}_{net} = 0$ inside the conductor. And that distribution may or may not be uniform.



now, as field is there from $a \rightarrow b$, so $w_{a \rightarrow b} \neq 0$
 from $b \rightarrow a$, $w = 0$
 as no field inside conductor
 so, $\oint w \neq 0$

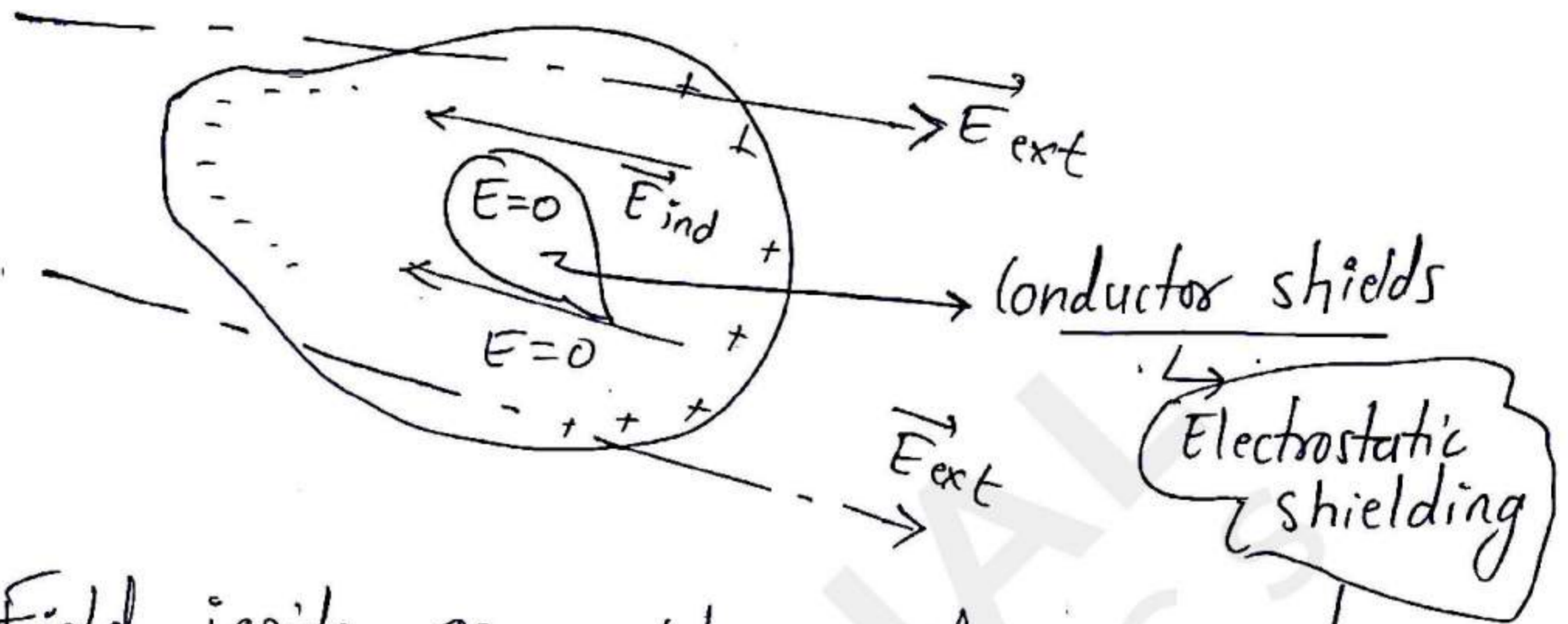
assuming field is there in cavity.

hence, $E = 0$

not possible

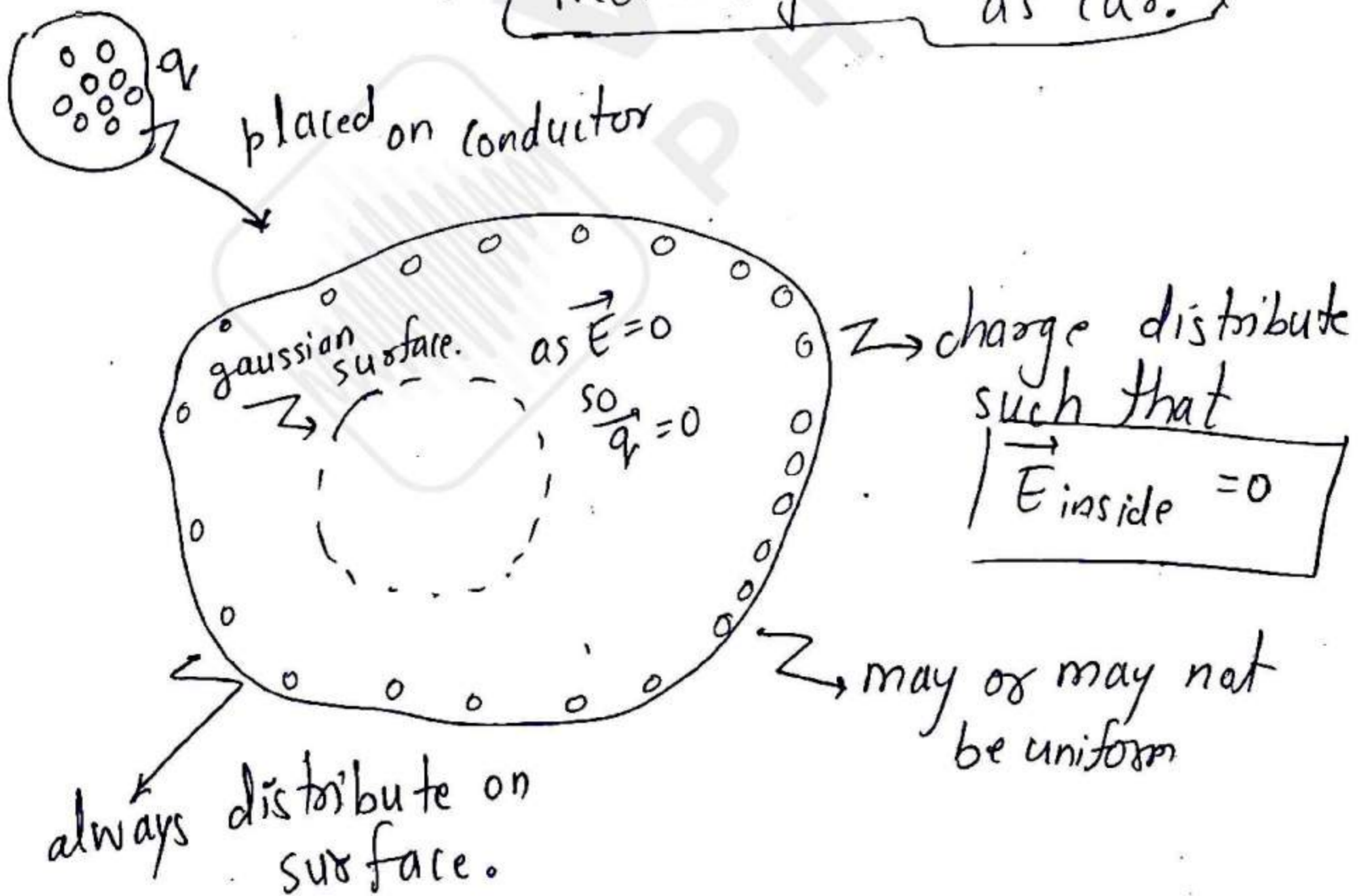
as electrostatic field is conservative

Hence, $\vec{E} = 0$ inside cavity of conductor

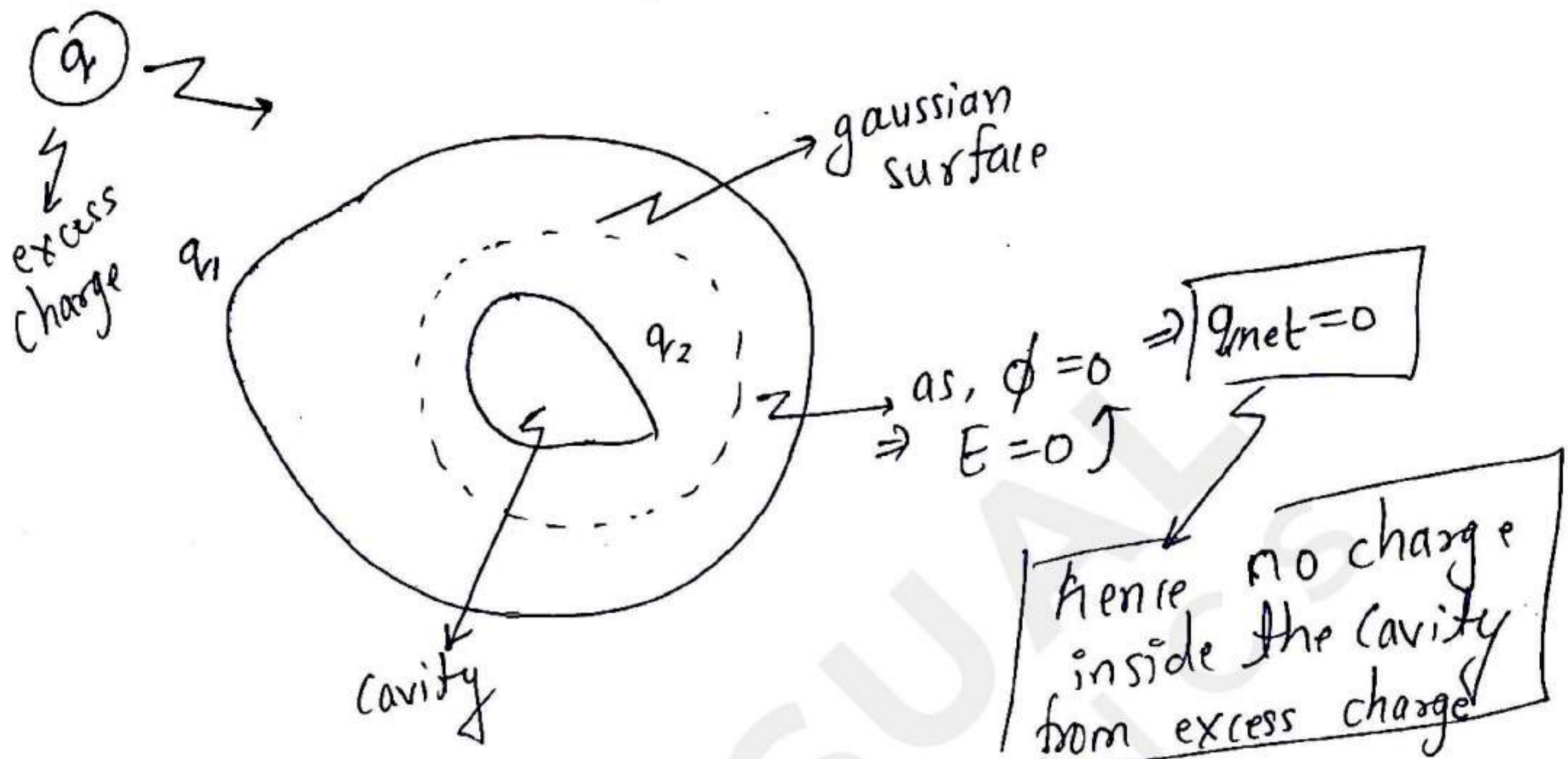


* Field inside an empty cavity = 0.

So inside a metal cage, in case of lightning as ca.



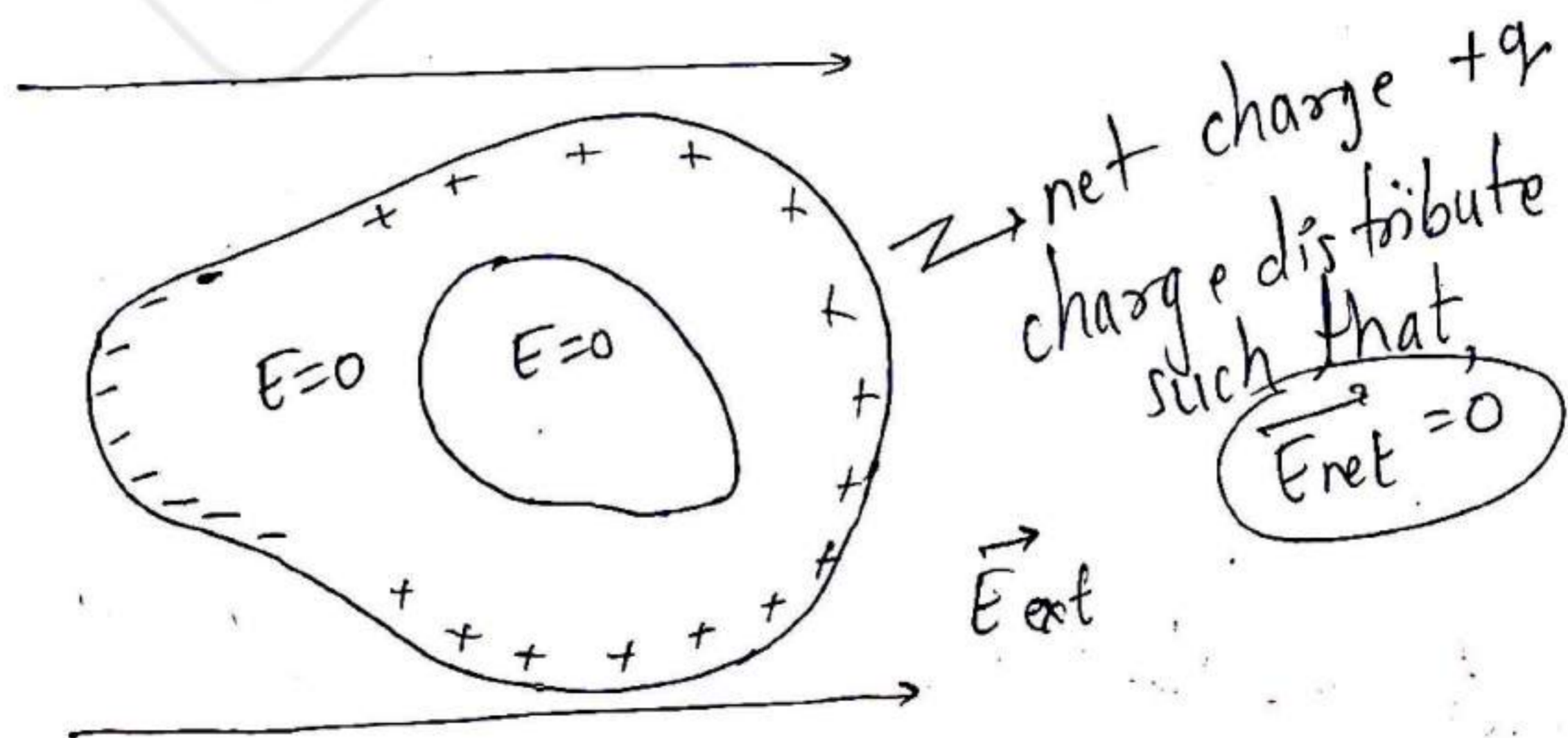
if there is cavity?



- * (i) cannot be field inside the cavity
- (ii) Net charge inside the cavity

from the excess charge given over the conductor

If a charged conductor placed inside the field:

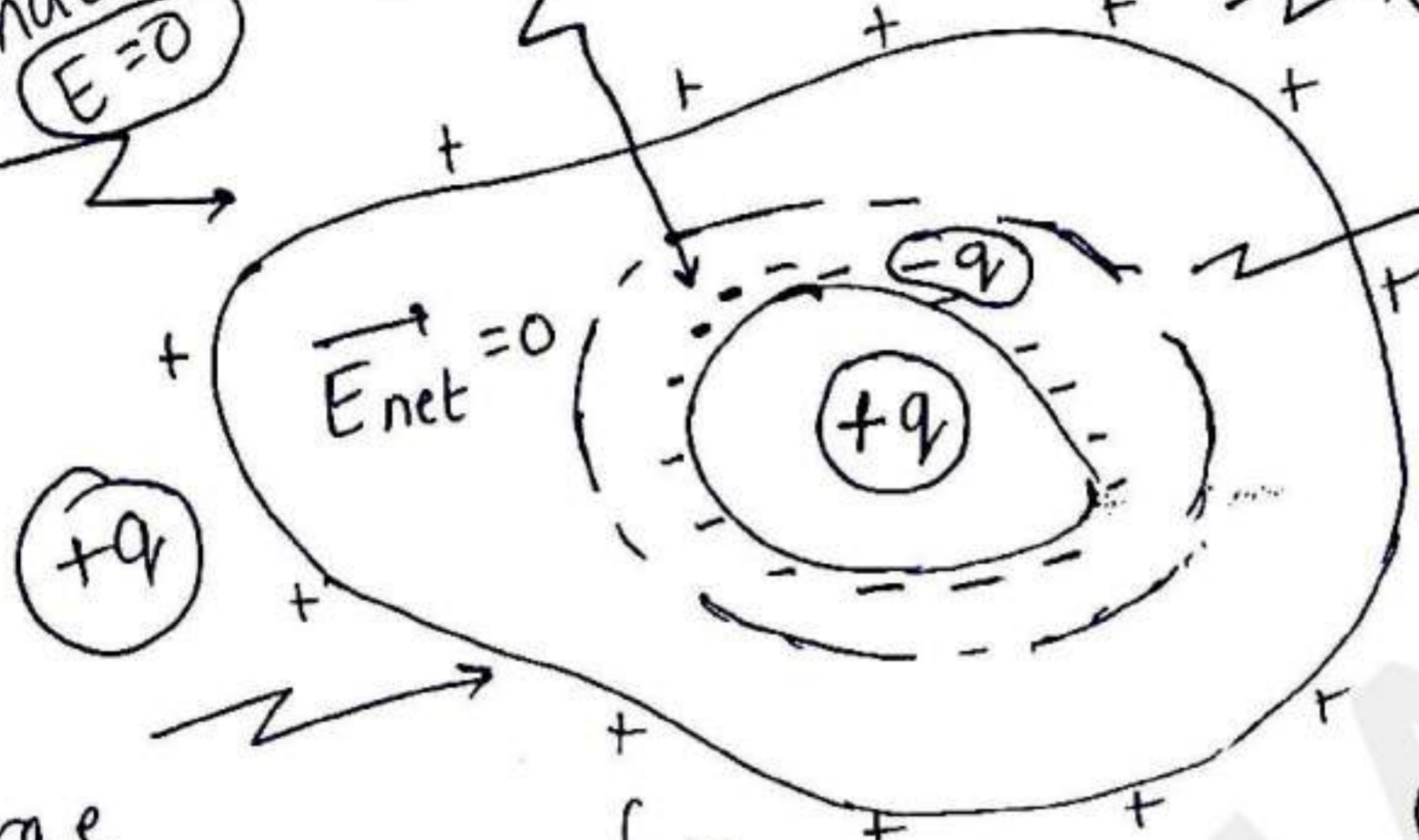


Charge Inside the Cavity

distribute such that $E=0$

Induced charge

charge distribution independent of inside charge cavity



Gaussian surface
 $\phi = 0$ as $E = 0$
 $\Rightarrow q_{net} = 0$

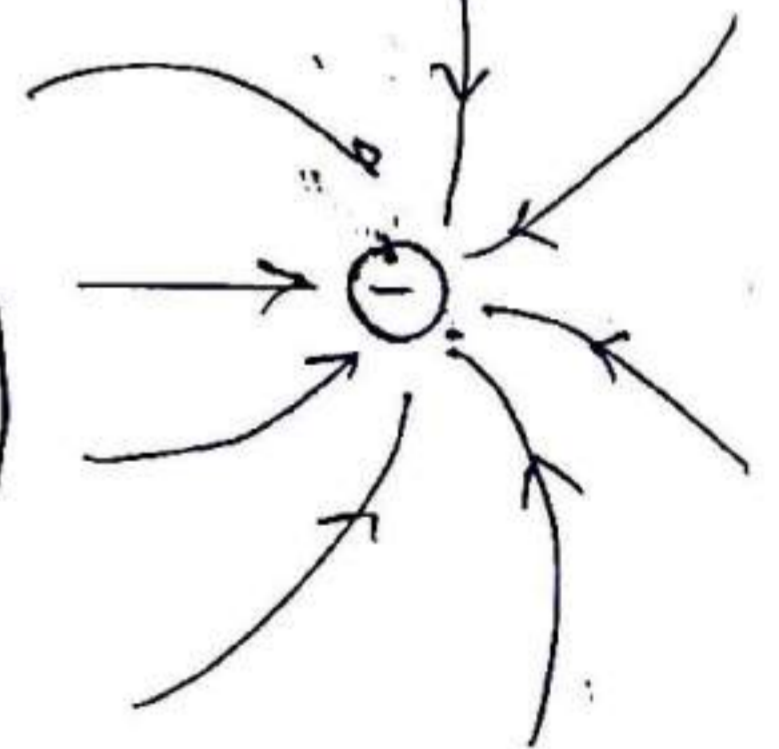
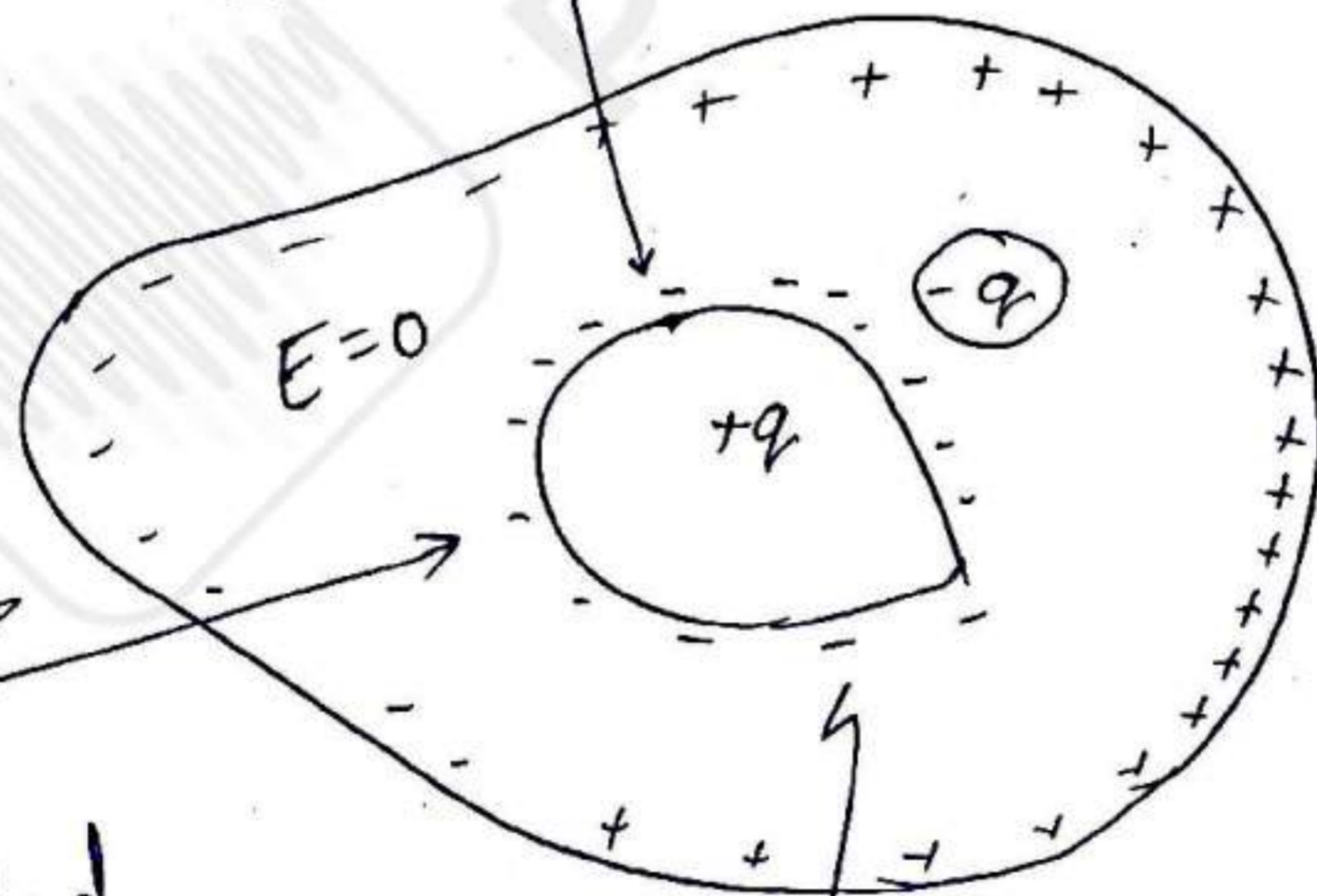
charge will come over the surface of conductor, due to induce charge over the cavity

means, equal & opposite charge must induce over surface.

Now,

Inside charge distribution effected only by charge inside cavity

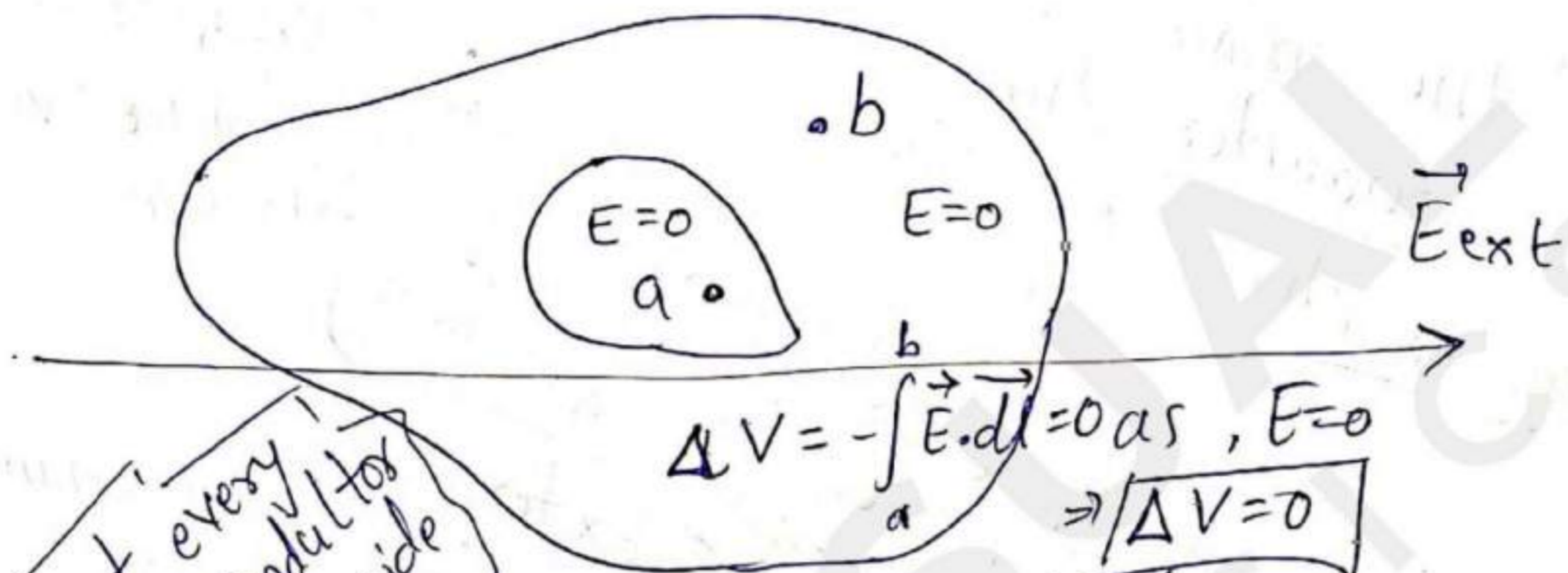
External field can only change charged distribution over surface



* Inside charge distribution is unaffected by external field presence

System of cavity and charge is unaffected by external field.

Potential of conductor:

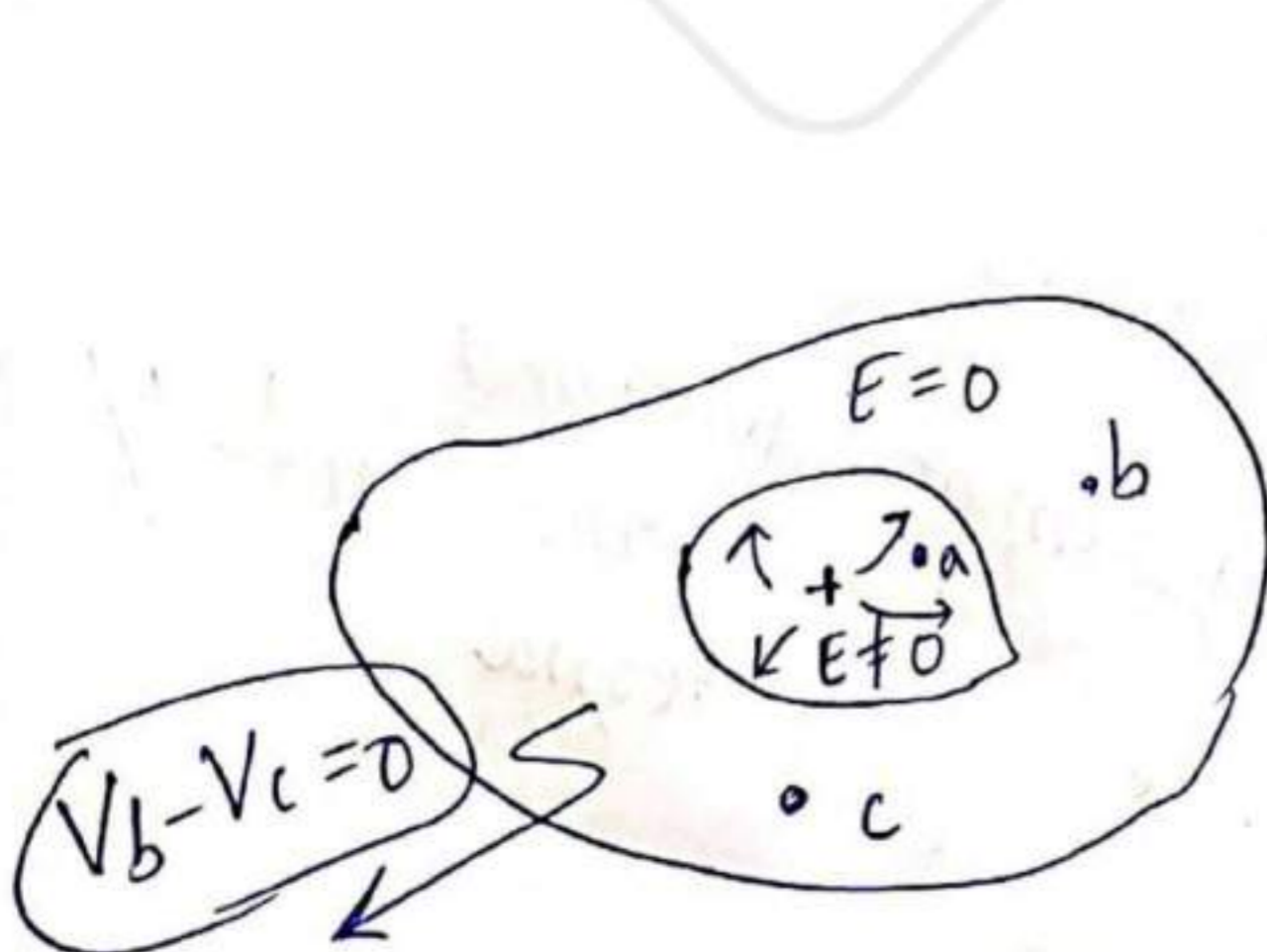


potential at every point inside a conductor is same, even inside empty cavity.

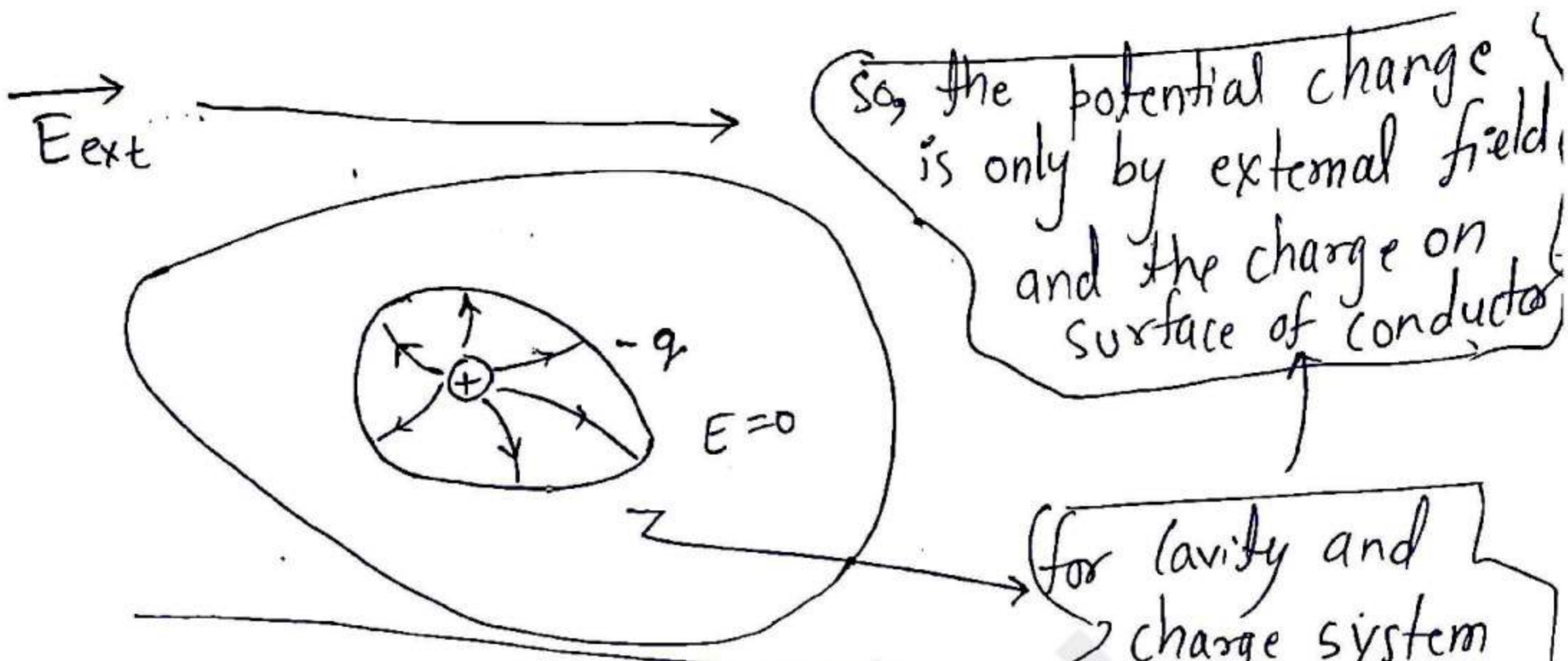
between a & b, no potential difference.

$V \neq 0$ → $V = \text{constant}$
 potential is not zero, potential difference is zero

if charge inside cavity?



$V_a \neq V_b$ ⇒ $V_a - V_b \neq 0$
 as $E \neq 0$ inside cavity but, throughout the body of conductor potential is same.

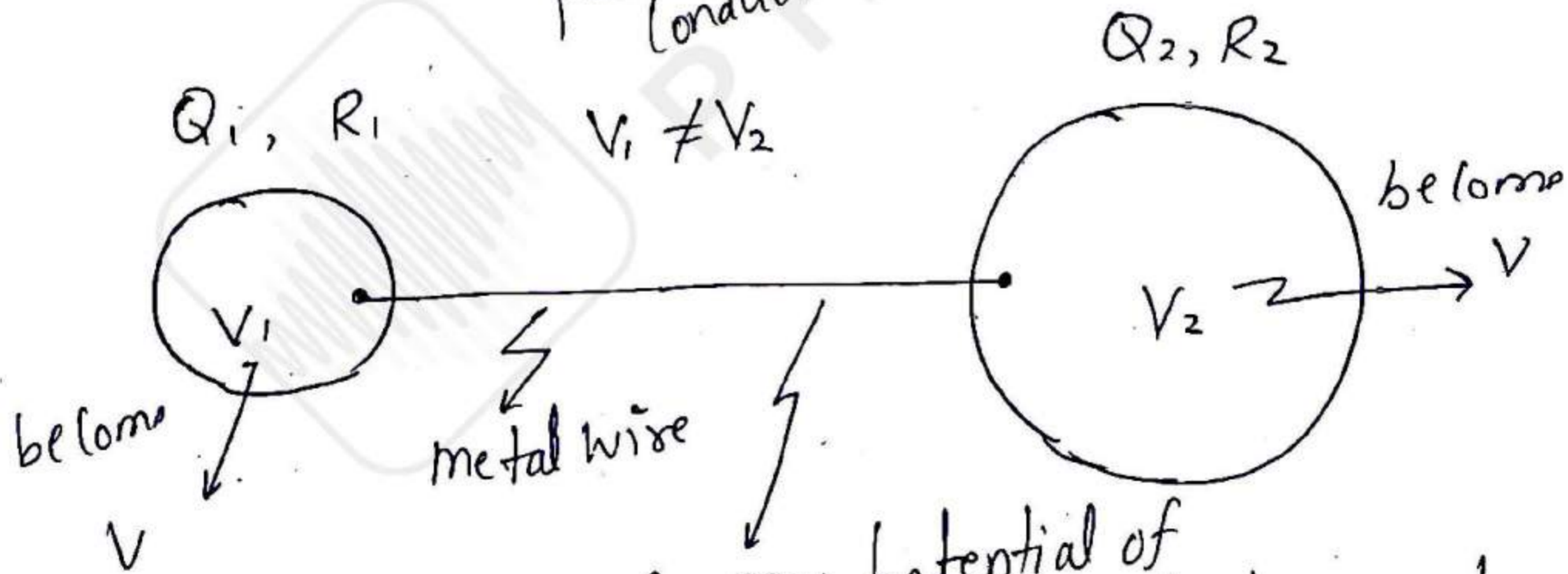


hence, charge & cavity system do not effect potential distribution.

for cavity and charge system net $E=0$, outside the cavity

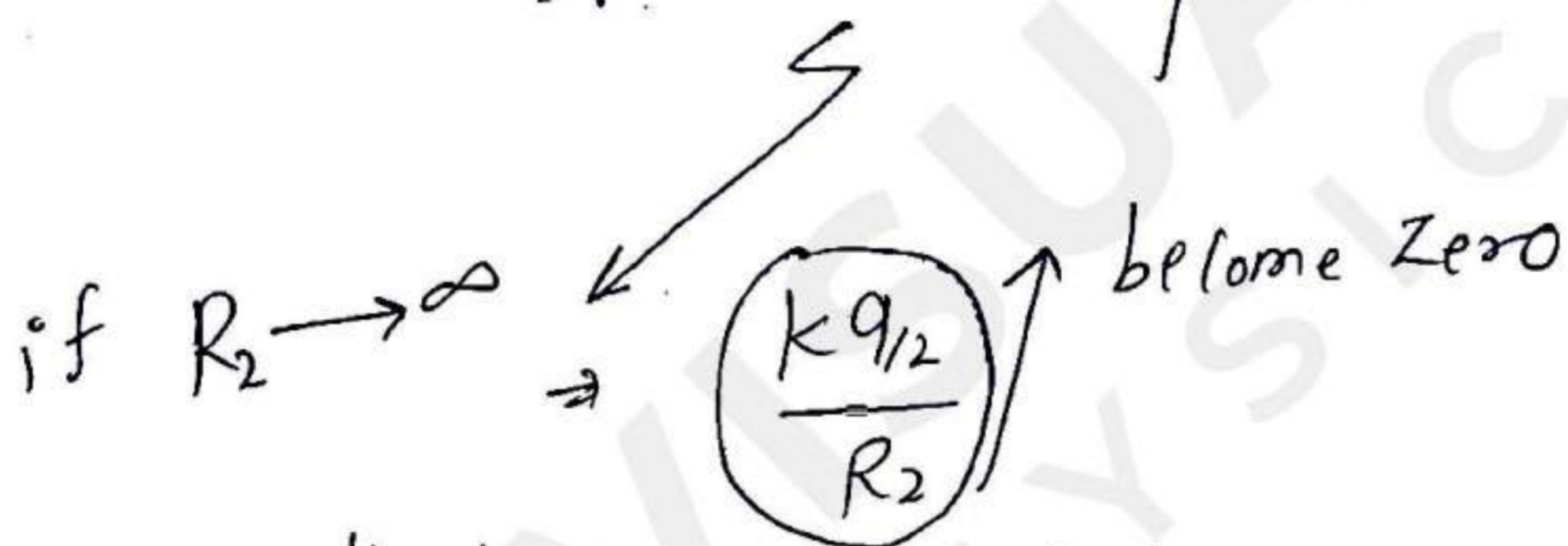
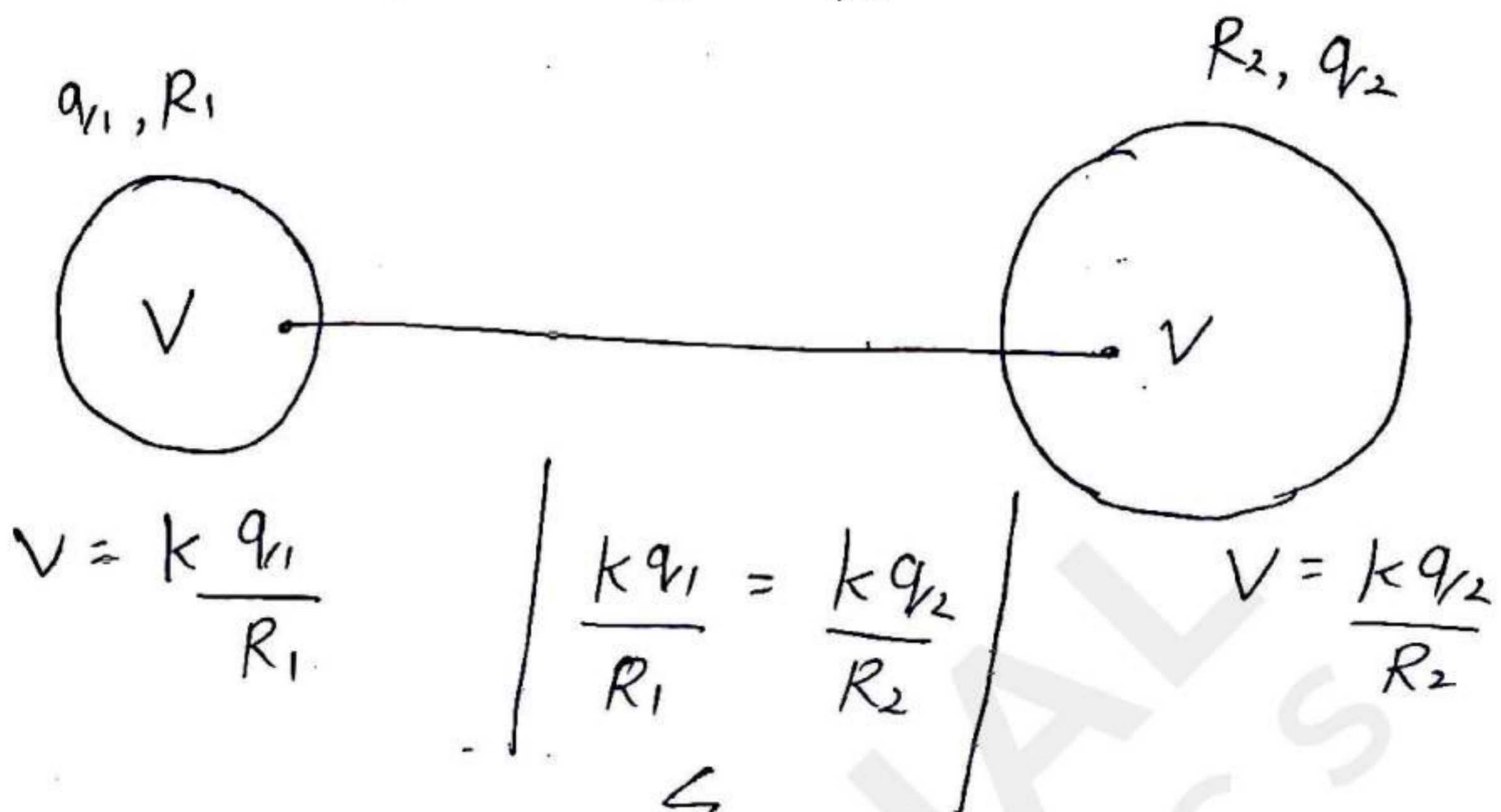
Earthing :

As potential inside the conductor = potential on the conductor



Hence must be charge transfer.

so, $Q_1 \rightarrow q_1$ $Q_2 \rightarrow q_2$

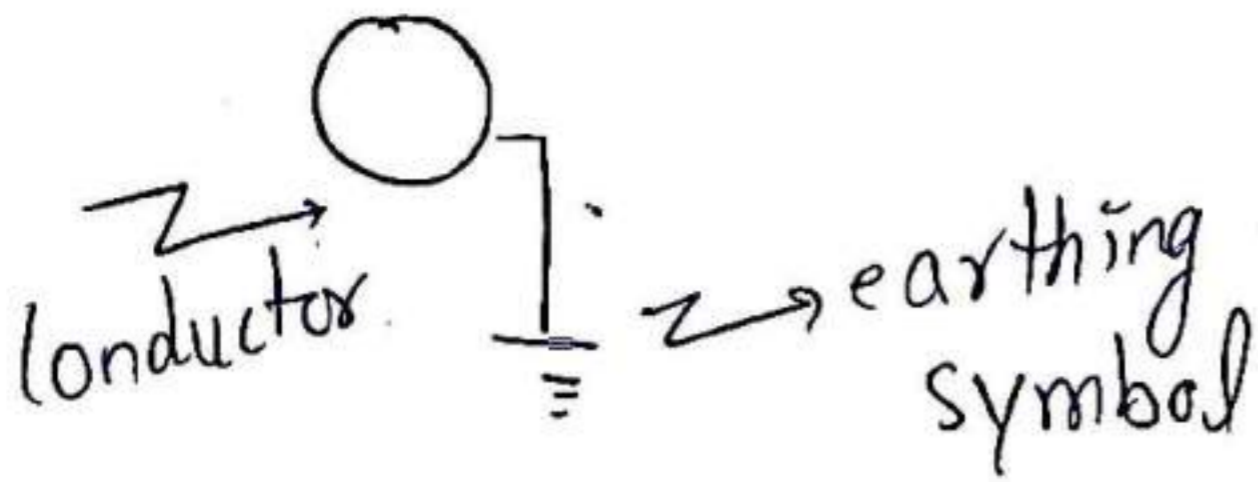


so that means, $\frac{kq_1}{R_1} \rightarrow 0$
 only possible when $q_1 \rightarrow 0$

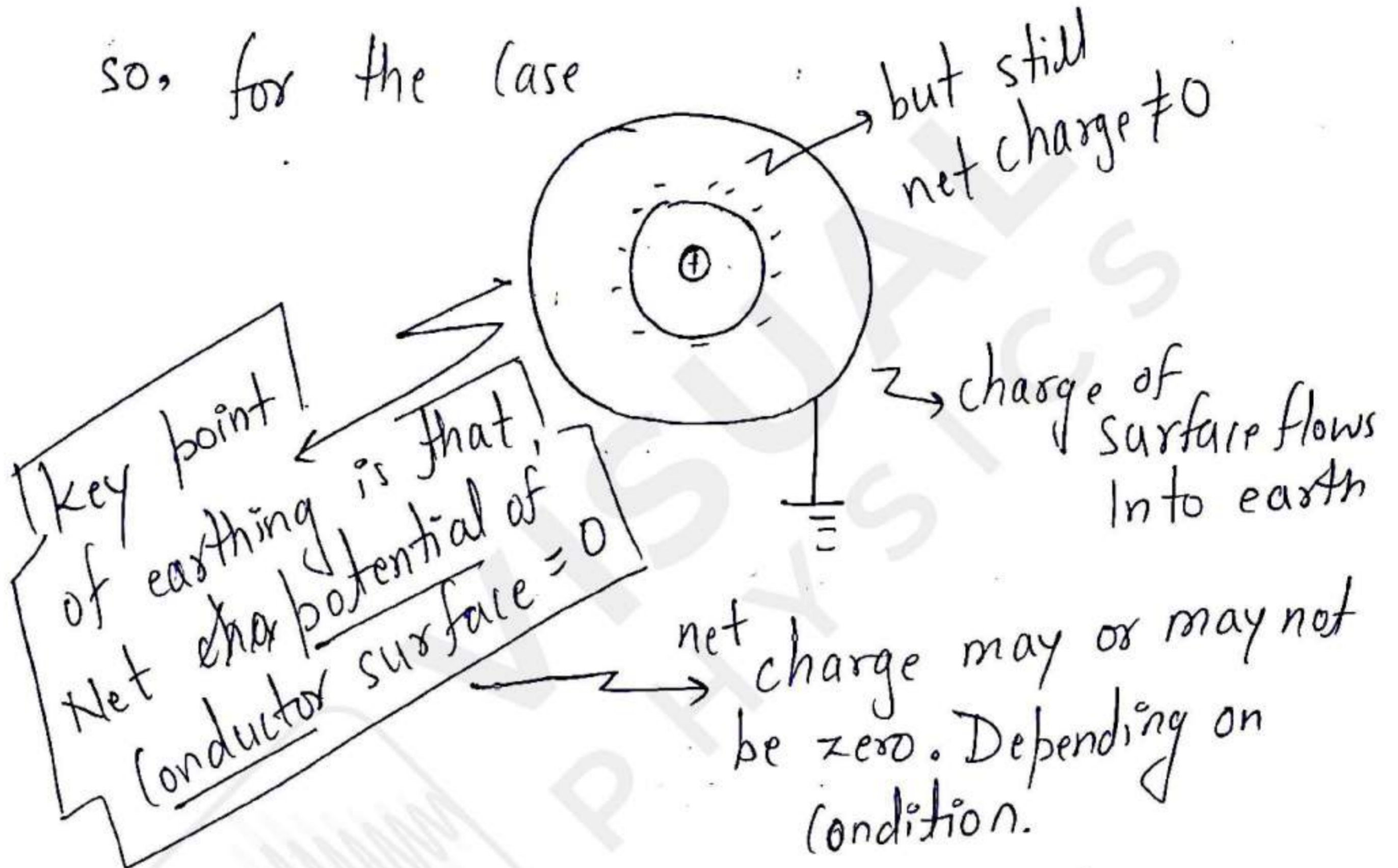
same case with when we connect with earth
 $R_2 \rightarrow \infty$, $V \rightarrow 0$, but $q \rightarrow$ high for earth

but $V = \frac{kq}{R_2} \rightarrow 0$ (Not exactly zero)

so, when we connect a conductor to earth
 $V \rightarrow 0, \Rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow 0$, all charge of conductor flows into earth.



so, for the case

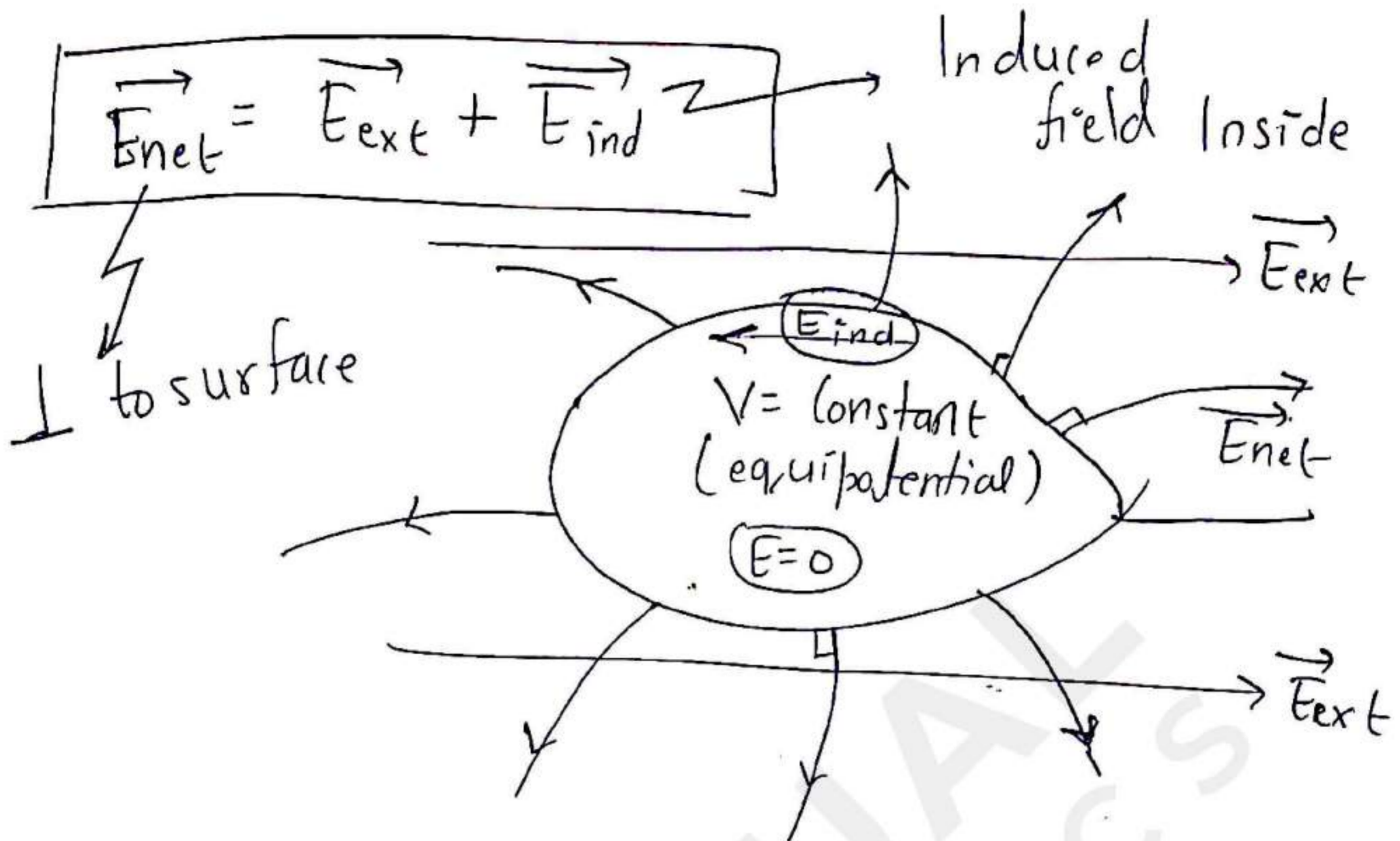


E-field outside the conductor:

At surface of conductor

As if \vec{E} is along surface charge starts to move

$\vec{E} \perp$ to surface, so, no component along surface.



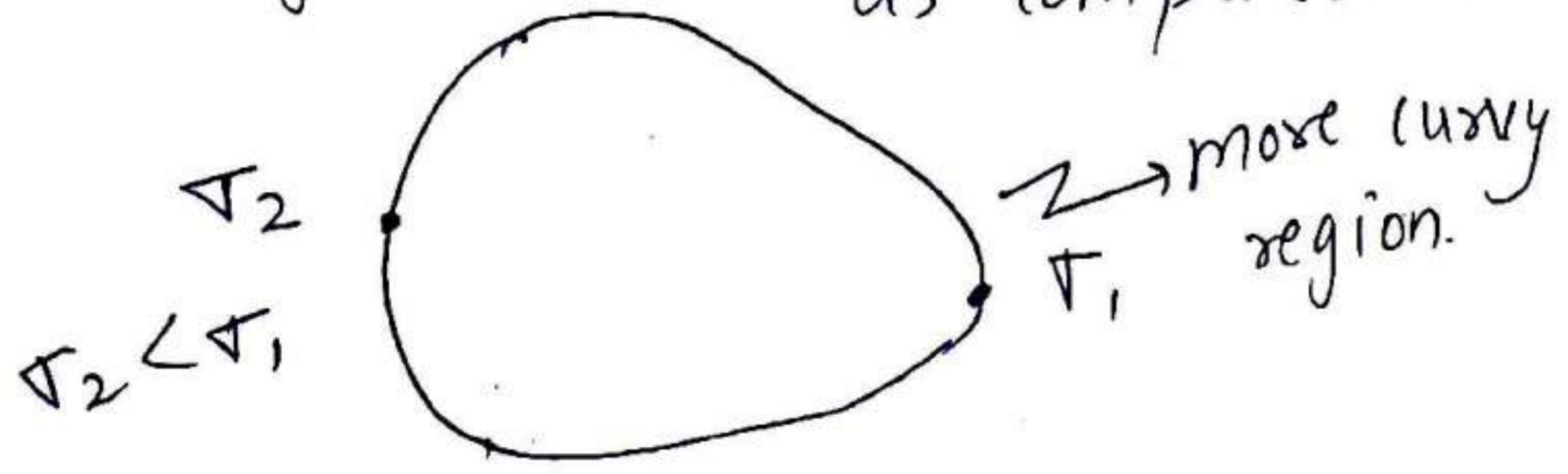
if $\vec{E}_{ext} = 0$, \vec{E}_{net} = due to charge on surface.

★ Net field is always perpendicular to conductor surface at every point

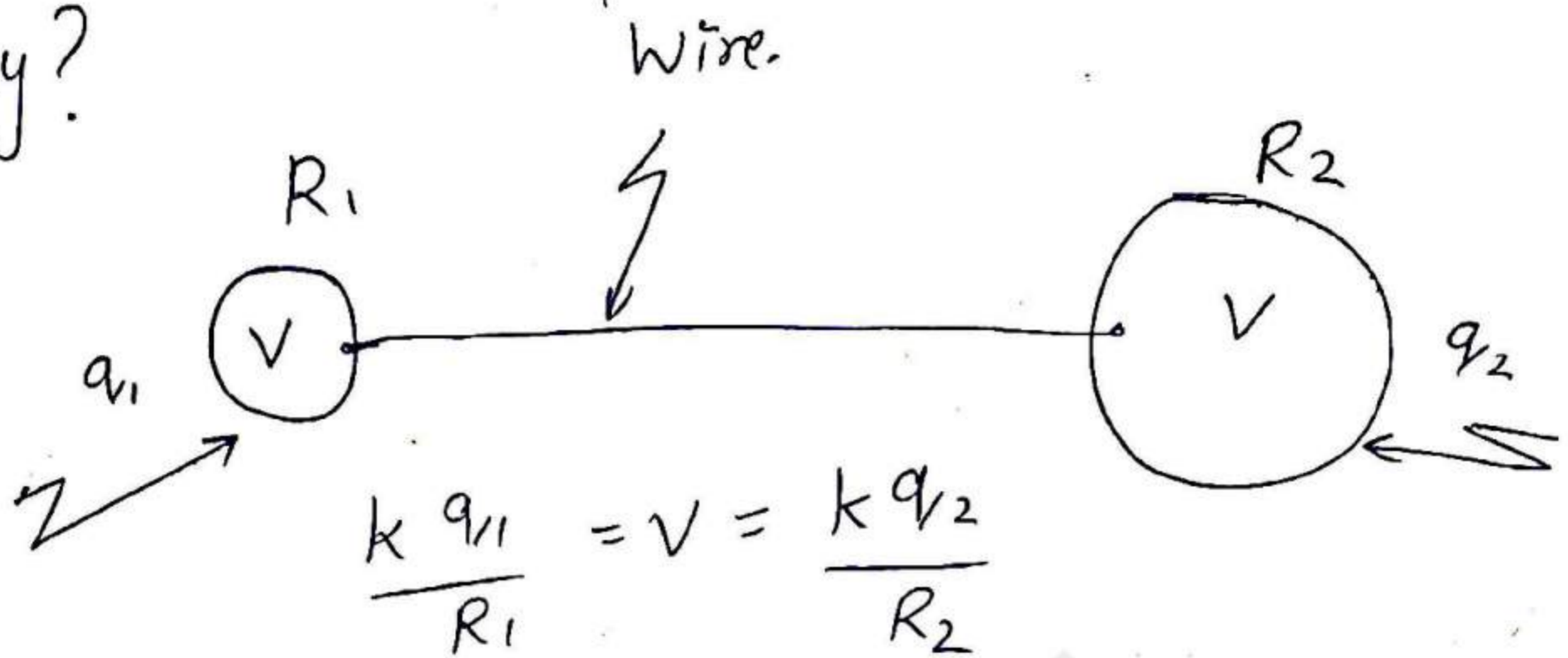
But, not necessarily, charge density is equal.

★ charge distribution, depends on condition

In general, σ is more near more curvy regions as compared with less curvy one.



Why?



\Rightarrow $q_1 = \frac{q_2 R_1}{R_2}$

$\sigma_1 = \frac{q_1}{4\pi R_1^2}$ & $\sigma_2 = \frac{q_2}{4\pi R_2^2} \Rightarrow \sigma_2 < \sigma_1$

\Rightarrow $\sigma \propto \frac{1}{R}$ from this
if R is less σ is high

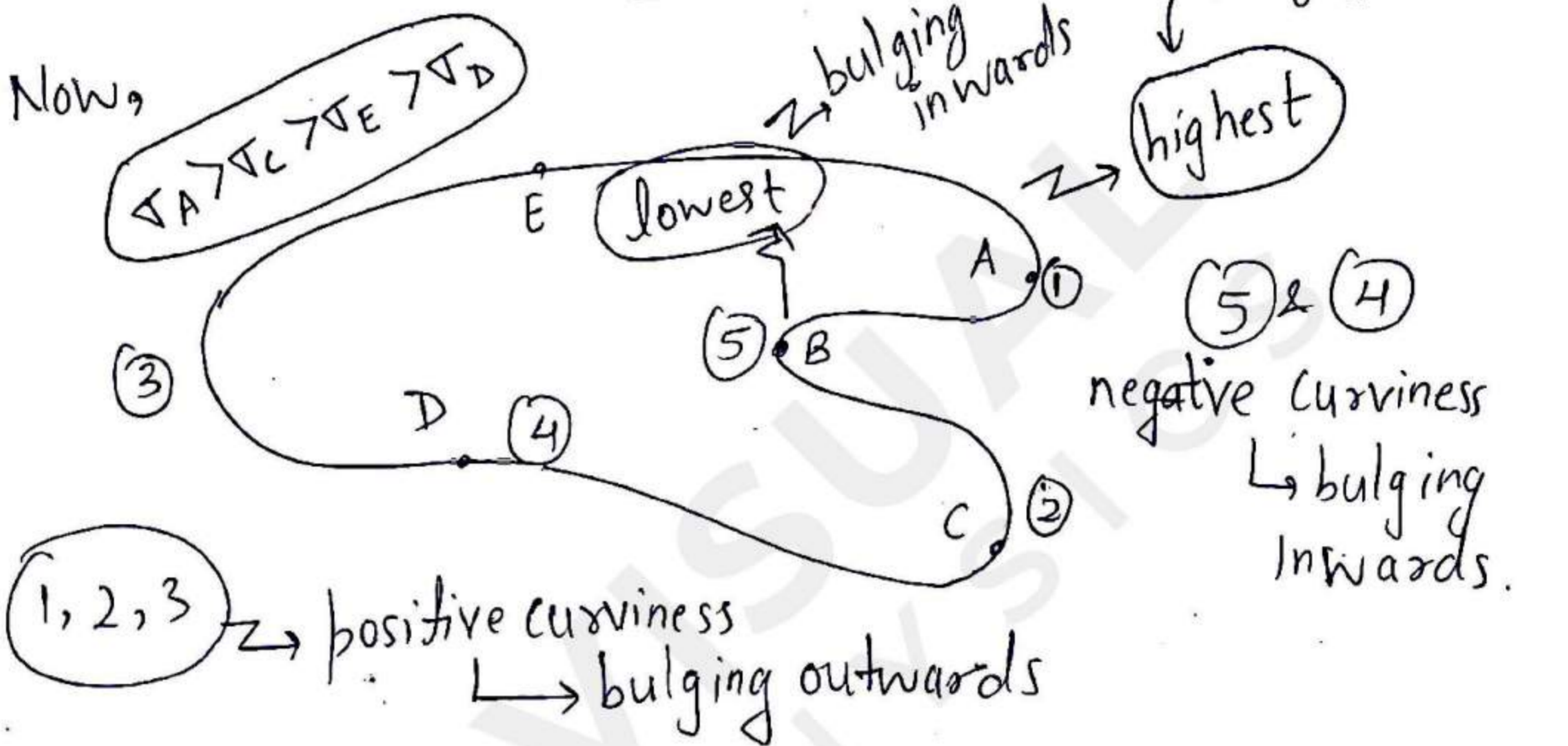
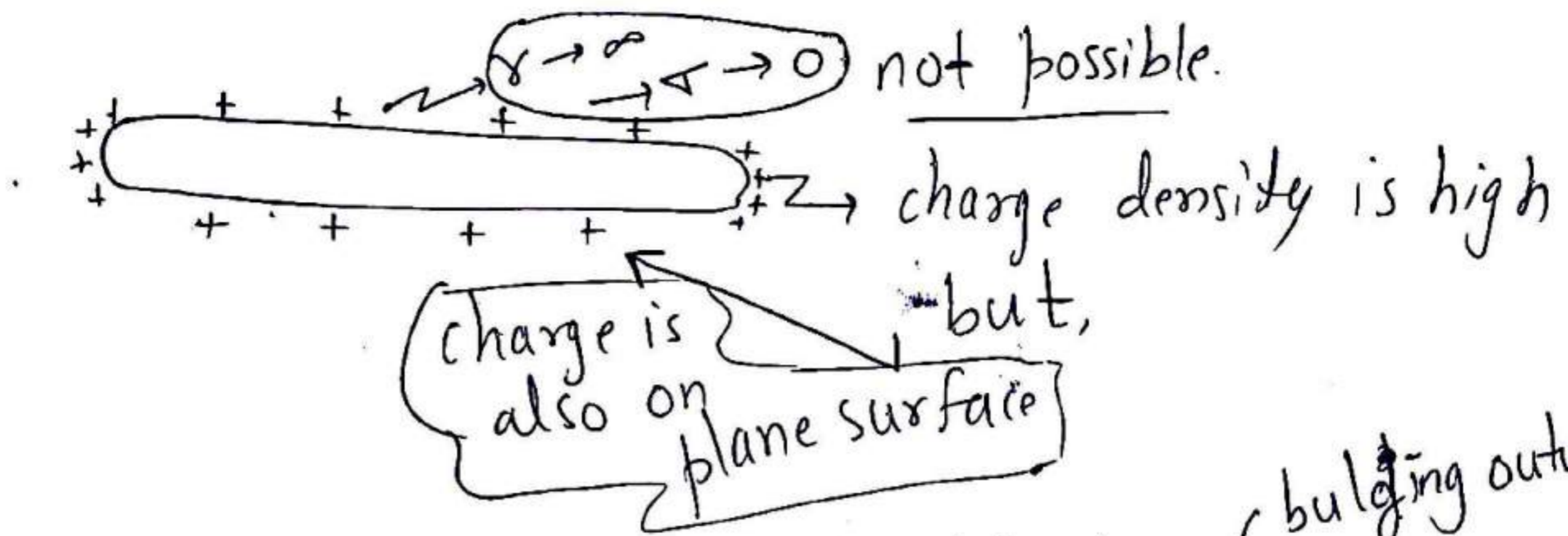
means R is less \rightarrow more curvy nature.
more σ \leftarrow charge density.

Now, for plane surface, $r \rightarrow \infty$

$\sigma \rightarrow 0$ This is not the case.

$\sigma \propto \frac{1}{R}$
is just relation
between two curvy
regions

as we know for plane sheets
charge is also over the surface
not only in corners.



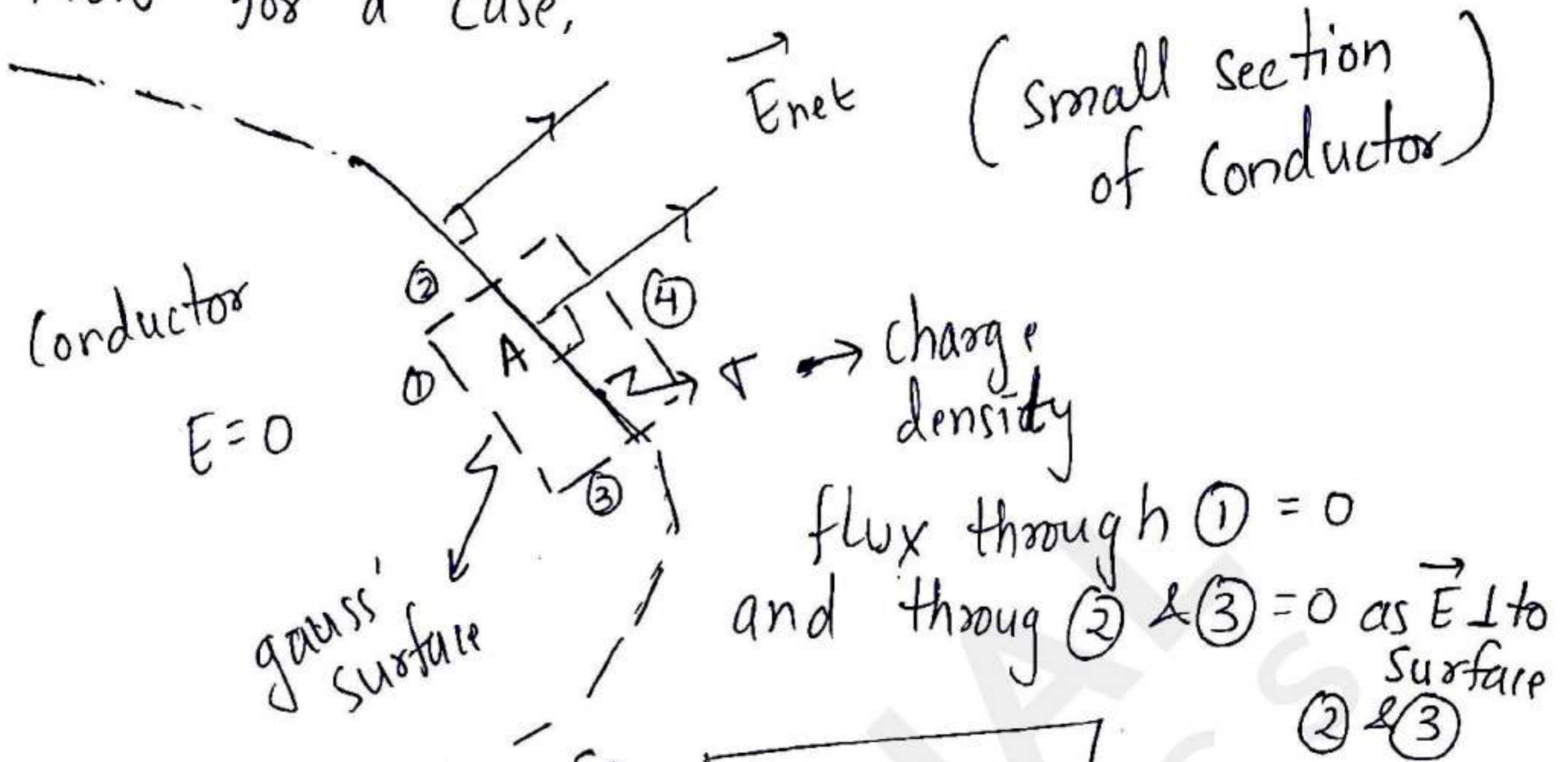
★ ∇ is high at more curvy regions holds only for bulging outwards surface.

★ ∇ is less at more curvy regions for bulging inwards surfaces.

This holds till $\vec{E}_{ext} = 0$

so this relation only valid for isolated charged conductors.

Now for a case,



so,
$$\frac{Q_{net}}{\epsilon_0} = E A$$

Area of part considered

$$Q_{net} = \sigma A$$

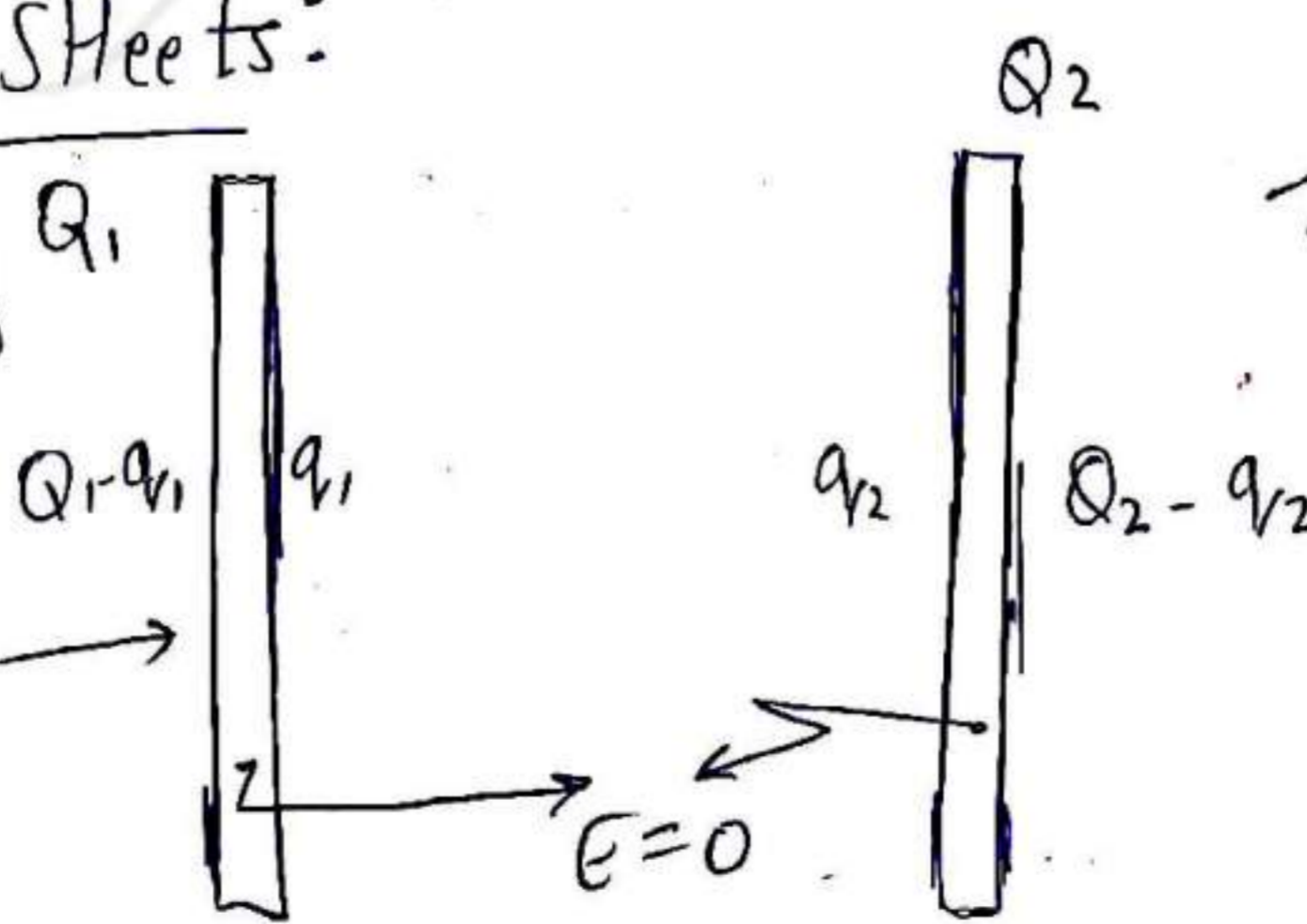
so,
$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

σ high for high curvy
so E will be high and vice-versa

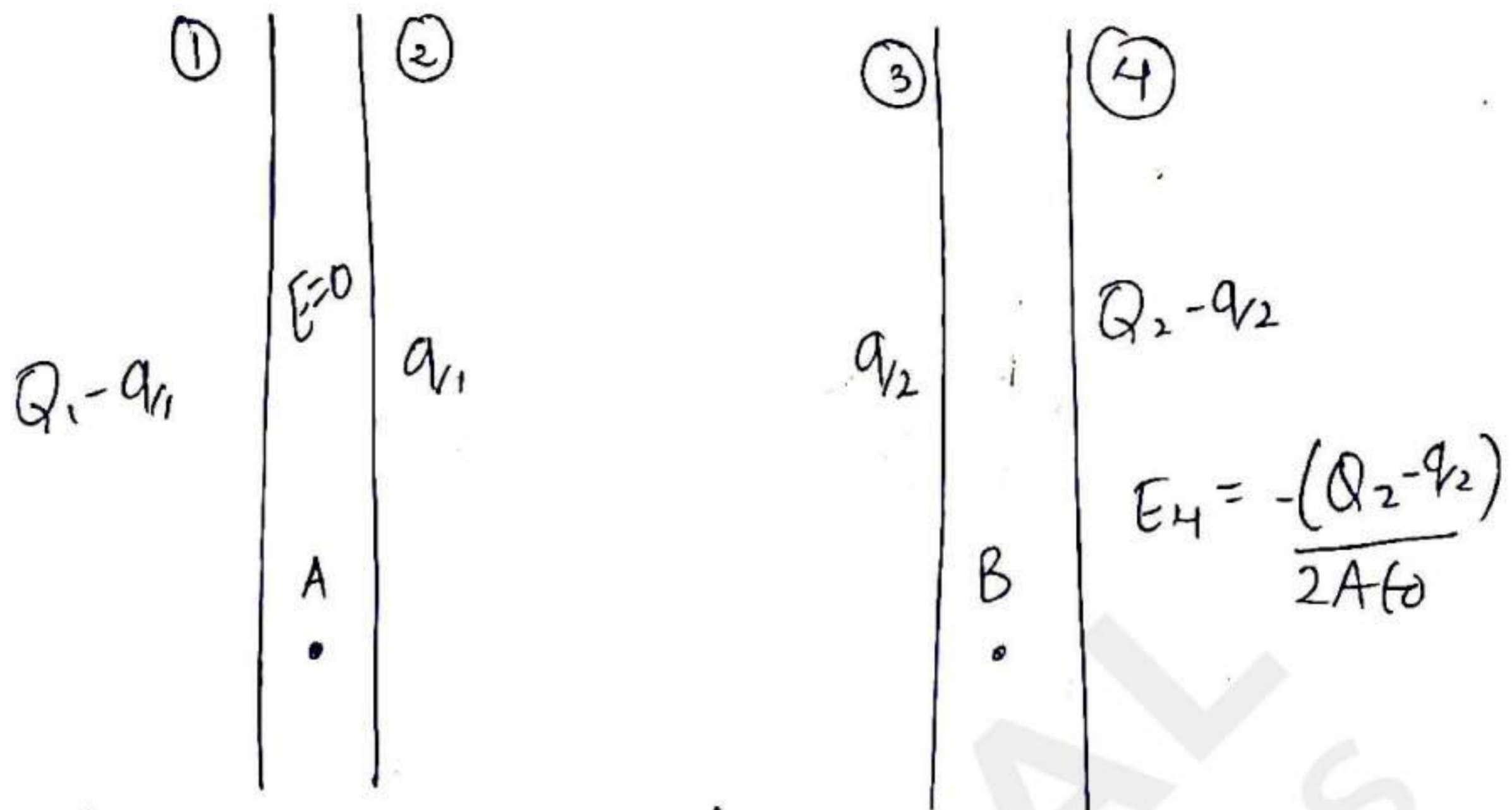
so, E is different at different points,
as σ is different for different points.

Conducting Sheets:

charge distribute such that $E=0$ inside



now here we have four sheets



$$E_1 = \frac{(Q_1 - q_1)}{A \cdot 2\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_2 = \left(\frac{-q_1}{A \cdot 2\epsilon_0} \right)$$

$$E_3 = -\frac{q_2/A}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_4 = \frac{-(Q_2 - q_2)}{2A\epsilon_0}$$

E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4 are field by (1), (2), (3) & (4) at point A

now, $E_1 + E_2 + E_3 + E_4 = E_A = E = 0$

on solving we get

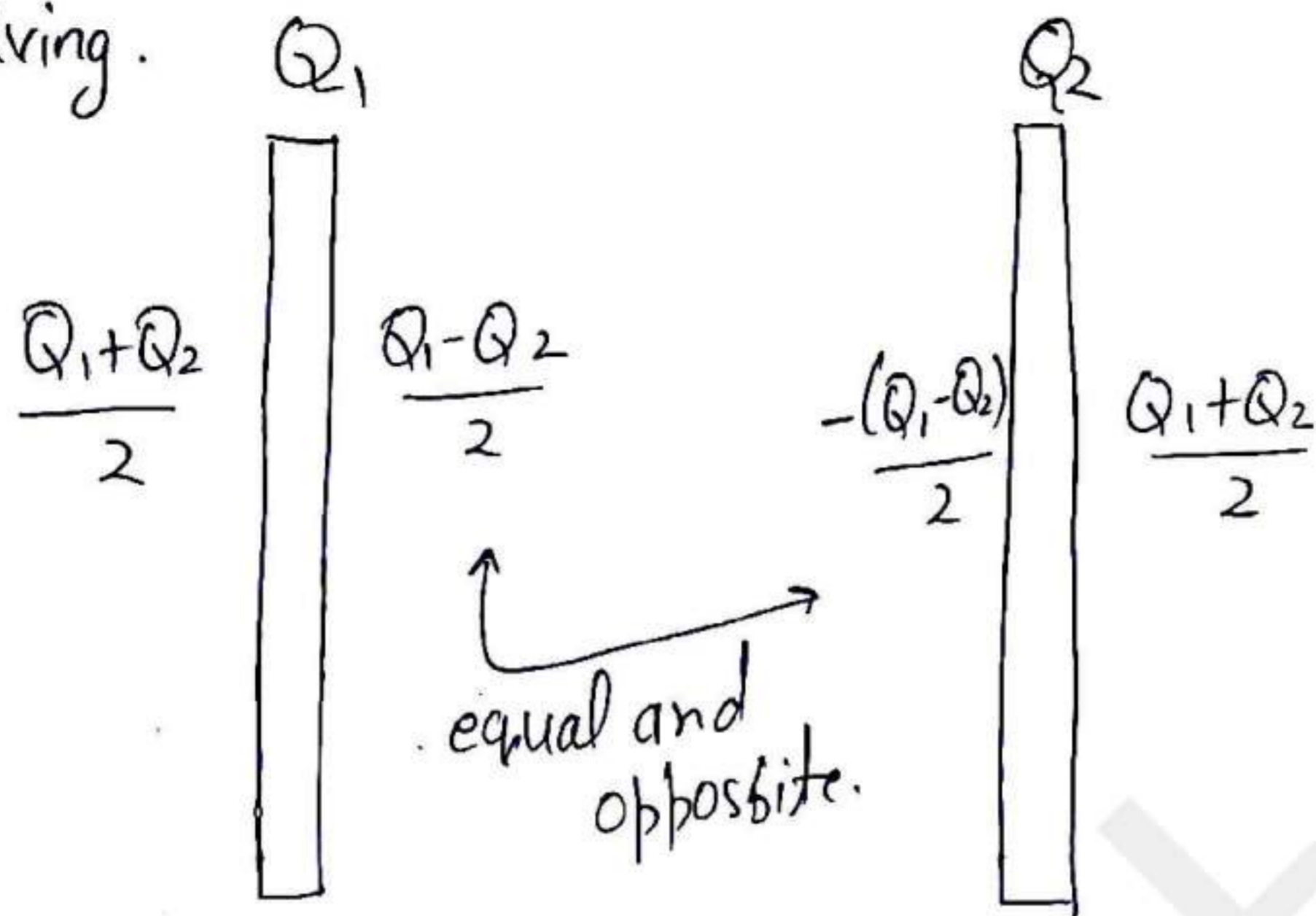
$$q_1 = \frac{Q_1 - Q_2}{2}$$

Similarly, if we solve for point (B)

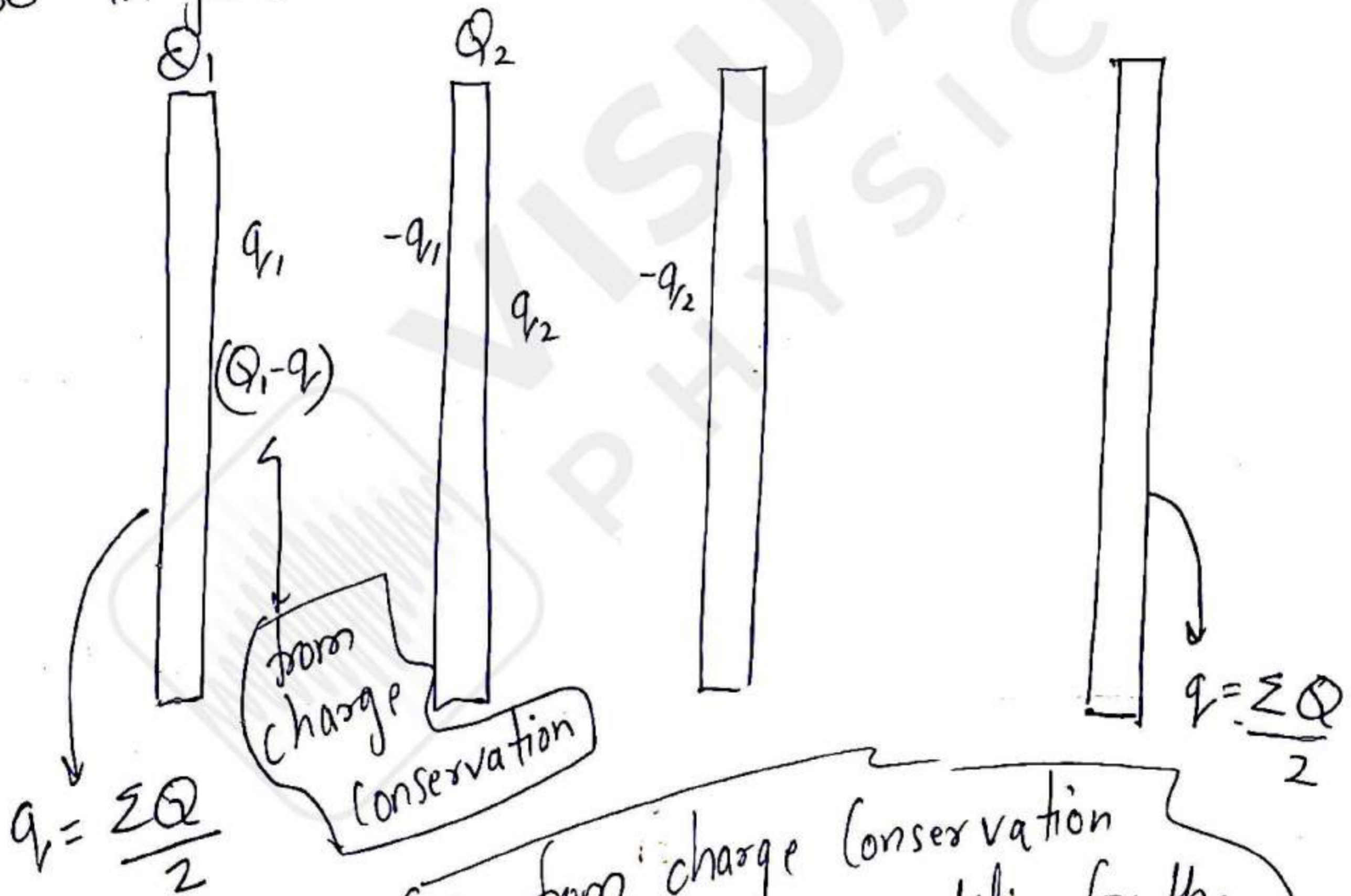
we get, $q_2 = \frac{-(Q_1 - Q_2)}{2}$

* So we can have net charge on each surface from, q_1 & q_2 .

on solving.



So In general.



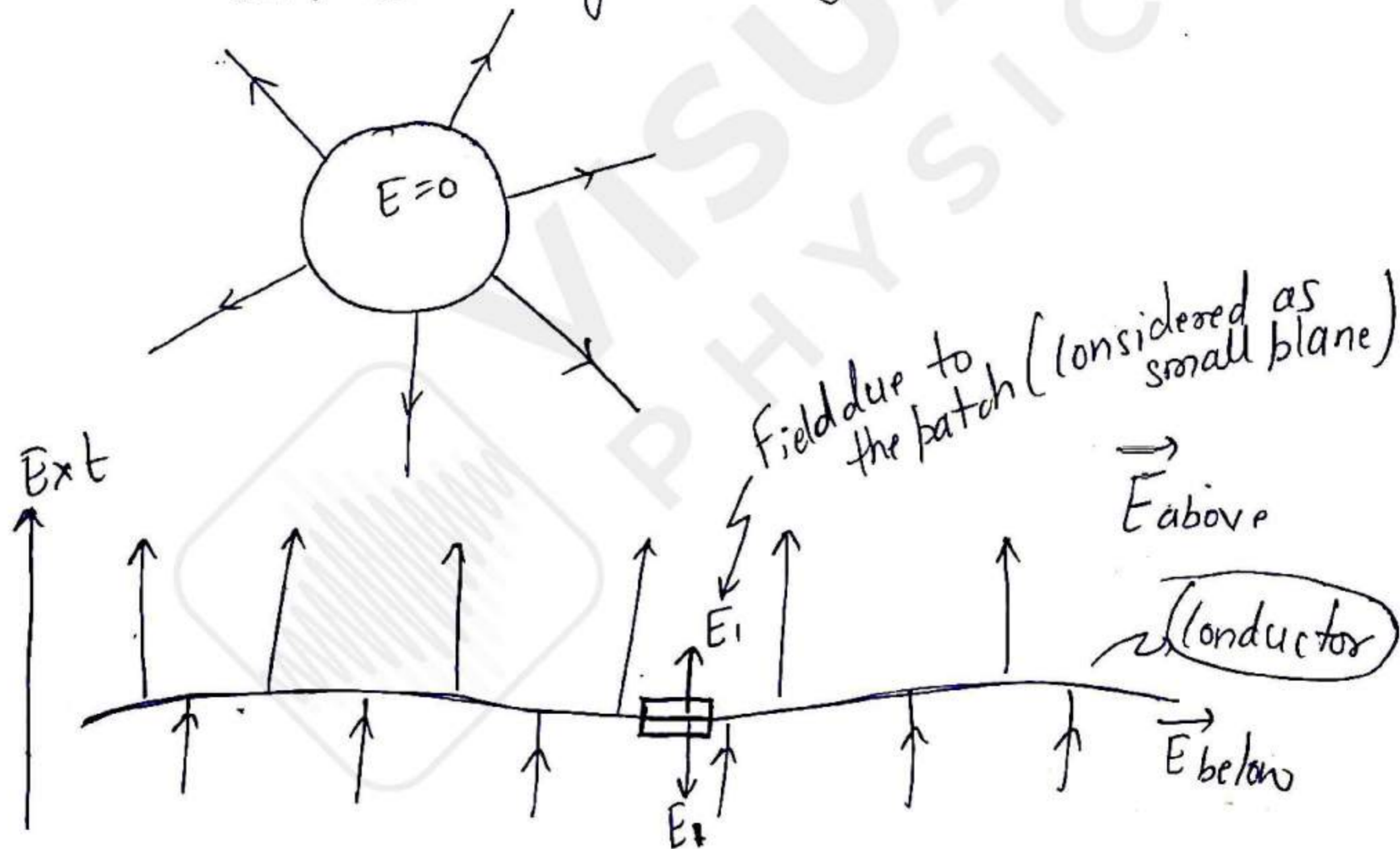
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So, from charge conservation and using the condition for the charge outside the surface of system we can have charge on each plate.

Electrostatic pressure.

as, $\vec{F} = q \vec{E}$ field due to rest of charge
charge free

- (i) \vec{E} field in space is continuous.
- (ii) Field distribution is discontinuous at a surface charge density, distribution



now $E_{net} = E_{other} + E_{patch} = E_{above}$
 $E_{net} = E_{other} - E_{patch} = E_{below}$
 SO, $E_{above} + E_{below} = 2E_{other}$
 $\Rightarrow E_{other} = \frac{E_{above} + E_{below}}{2}$

field due to the surface except the considered patch

So, field at patch = $\frac{1}{2} (E_{\text{above}} + E_{\text{below}})$

if path Area $\rightarrow dA$

So, $\boxed{dq_v = \sigma dA}$

$\Rightarrow dF = dq_v E_{\text{other}}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dF}{dA} = \sigma \left[\frac{1}{2} (E_{\text{above}} + E_{\text{below}}) \right]$

$P =$ electrostatic pressure

for conductor,

$\Rightarrow \boxed{P = \sigma \left[\frac{1}{2} (E_{\text{above}} + E_{\text{below}}) \right]}$

$E_{\text{below}} = 0$

$E_{\text{above}} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$

So, $\boxed{P = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\epsilon_0}}$

\rightarrow Electrostatic pressure on the surface of conductor