When there are no free charges,  $\rho_{free} = 0$ , in a linear dielectric material, the electric potential, V, in that material satisfies Laplace's equation?

$$\nabla^2 V = 0$$

A. True B. False C. ??? A very large (effectively infinite) capacitor has charge Q. A neutral (*homogeneous*) dielectric is inserted into the gap (and of course, it will polarize). We want to find **E** everywhere.



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E. Can't solve unless we know the dielectric is linear.

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For the Gaussian pillbox shown, what is  $Q_{free,enclosed}$ ?

A. 
$$\sigma A$$
  
B.  $-\sigma_B A$   
C.  $(\sigma - \sigma_B)A$   
D.  $(\sigma + \sigma_B)A$   
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Is **D** zero INSIDE the metal? (i.e., on the top face of our cubical Gaussian surface)

- A. It must be zero in there.
- B. It depends.
- C. It is definitely not zero in there.

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What is  $|\mathbf{D}|$  in the dielectric?

A.  $\sigma$ B.  $2\sigma$ C.  $\sigma/2$ D.  $\sigma + \sigma_b$ E. Something else An ideal (large) capacitor has charge Q. A neutral linear dielectric is inserted into the gap. Now that we have **D** in the dielectric, what is **E** inside the dielectric?



A.  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}\varepsilon_0\varepsilon_r$ B.  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}/\varepsilon_0\varepsilon_r$ 

$$\mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D} \varepsilon_0$$

D.  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}/\varepsilon_0$ 

E. Not so simple! Need another method