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Using the definitions of curl and divergence, and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = 0$.

$$\text{From } \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \vec{a}_y + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \vec{a}_z = 0. \quad *1$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} = 0. \quad *2$$

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$\therefore *1 \Rightarrow E_z$ and E_y must be constants independent of x, y, z . However boundary conditions requires they should both vanish on the conducting plates; otherwise the continuity of tangential \vec{E} would require the existence of \vec{E} field within the conducting plates. This \vec{E} field in turn would exert a Lorentz force on the charge, causing them to move, contrary to the assumed stationary character of the charge distribution. The condition may be satisfied only if

$$E_y = E_z = 0.$$

$$\text{and } *2 \Rightarrow E_x = \text{constant } C$$

$$D_x = \epsilon_0 E_x = \epsilon_0 C.$$

$$\text{boundary condition: } \vec{\nabla} \cdot (D_2 - D_1) = \rho_s \\ \Rightarrow D_x = -\rho_s.$$

$$E_1 = 0 \Rightarrow D_1 = 0$$

Similar procedure to obtain \vec{H} . Since no currents, $\vec{H} = 0$

$$\text{Similarly for lower plate, } C = -\rho_s / \epsilon_0.$$

$$\text{and at any point between the plates, } \vec{E} = C \vec{a}_x = -\frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon_0} \vec{a}_x. \uparrow$$