

Electricity & magnetism-1

Electric flux and Gauss Law

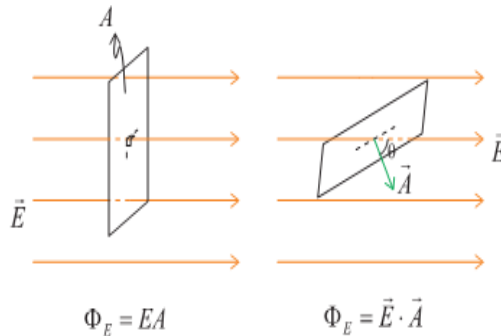
Electric flux

Latin: flux = "to flow"

Graphically:

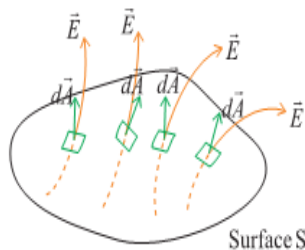
Electric flux Φ_E represents the number of E-field lines crossing a surface.

Mathematically:



Reminder: Vector of the area \vec{A} is perpendicular to the area A.

For non-uniform E-field & surface, direction of the area vector \vec{A} is not uniform.



$d\vec{A}$ = Area vector for small area element dA

∴ Electric flux $d\Phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$

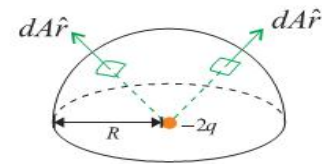
Electric flux of \vec{E} through surface S: $\Phi_E = \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$

\int_S = Surface integral over surface S

= Integration of integral over all area elements on surface S

Example:

S = hemisphere radius R



$\int_S dA$ = Surface area of S

$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{-2q}{r^2} \hat{r} = \frac{-q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \hat{r}$

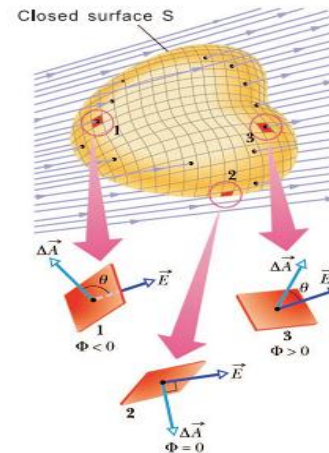
For a hemisphere, $d\vec{A} = dA \hat{r}$

$\Phi_E = \int_S \frac{-q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \hat{r} \cdot (dA \hat{r}) \quad (\because \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} = 1)$

$= -\frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \underbrace{\int_S dA}_{2\pi R^2}$

$= \frac{-q}{\epsilon_0}$

For a closed surface:



Recall: Direction of area vector $d\vec{A}$ goes from inside to outside of closed surface S.

Electric flux over closed surface S: $\Phi_E = \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$

\oint_S = Surface integral over closed surface S

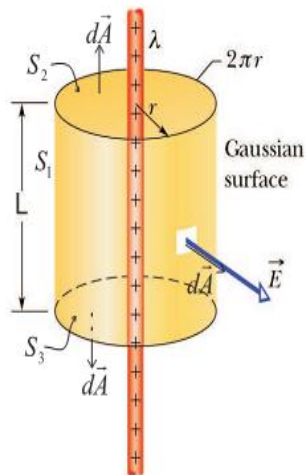
Gauss law

$$\boxed{\Phi_E = \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}} \quad \text{for any closed surface } S$$

And q is the net electric charge enclosed in closed surface S .

- Gauss' Law is valid for *all charge distributions and all closed surfaces.* (Gaussian surfaces)
- Coulomb's Law can be derived from Gauss' Law.
- For system with high order of *symmetry*, E-field can be easily determined if we construct *Gaussian surfaces with the same symmetry* and applies Gauss' Law

For infinite line of charge



Linear charge density: λ

Cylindrical symmetry.

E-field directs radially outward from the rod.

Construct a Gaussian surface S in the shape of a **cylinder**, making up of a curved surface S_1 , and the top and bottom circles S_2, S_3 .

Gauss' Law: $\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{\text{Total charge}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$

As

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \underbrace{\int_{S_1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}}_{\vec{E} \parallel d\vec{A}} + \underbrace{\int_{S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} + \int_{S_3} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}}_{=0 \because \vec{E} \perp d\vec{A}}$$

$$\therefore E \underbrace{\int_{S_1} dA}_{\text{Total area of surface } S_1} = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$

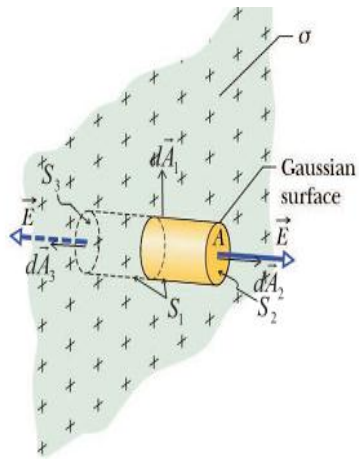
Total area of surface S_1

$$E(2\pi r L) = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}} \quad (\text{Compare with Chapter 2 note})$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r}$$

- For infinite Sheet



Uniform surface charge density:

σ

Planar symmetry.

E-field directs perpendicular to the sheet of charge.

Construct Gaussian surface S in the shape of a **cylinder (pill box)** of cross-sectional area A .

Gauss' Law:
$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{A\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\int_{S_1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad \because \vec{E} \perp d\vec{A} \text{ over whole surface } S_1$$

$$\int_{S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} + \int_{S_3} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 2EA \quad (\vec{E} \parallel d\vec{A}_2, \vec{E} \parallel d\vec{A}_3)$$

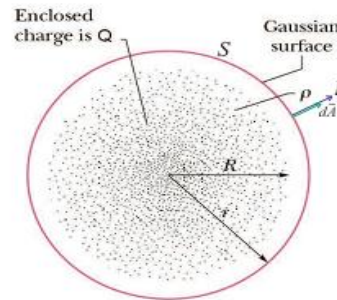
Note: For S_2 , both \vec{E} and $d\vec{A}_2$ point up

For S_3 , both \vec{E} and $d\vec{A}_3$ point down

$$\therefore 2EA = \frac{A\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \boxed{E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}} \quad (\text{Compare with Chapter 2 note})$$

- For uniform charge sphere

(a) For $r > R$:



Consider a spherical Gaussian surface S of radius r :

$$\vec{E} \parallel d\vec{A} \parallel \hat{r}$$

Gauss' Law:
$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

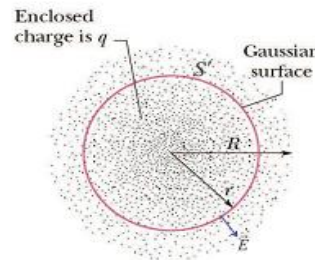
$$\oint_S E \cdot dA = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \oint_S dA = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

surface area of $S = 4\pi r^2$

$$\therefore \vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}; \quad \text{for } r > R$$

(b) For $r < R$:



Consider a spherical Gaussian surface S' of radius $r < R$, then total charge included q is proportional to the volume included by S'

$$\therefore \frac{q}{Q} = \frac{\text{Volume enclosed by } S'}{\text{Total volume of sphere}}$$

$$\frac{q}{Q} = \frac{4/3 \pi r^3}{4/3 \pi R^3} \Rightarrow q = \frac{r^3}{R^3} Q$$

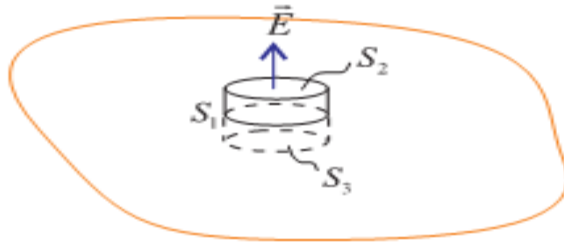
Gauss' Law:
$$\oint_{S'} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \oint_{S'} dA = \frac{r^3}{R^3} \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \cdot Q$$

surface area of $S' = 4\pi r^2$

$$\therefore \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{R^3} r \hat{r}; \quad \text{for } r \leq R$$

Gauss law and conductor



For *isolated* conductors, charges are free to move until *all charges lie outside the surface of the conductor*. Also, the *E*-field at the surface of a conductor is *perpendicular to its surface*. (Why?)

Cross-sectional area A

Consider Gaussian surface S of shape of cylinder:

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BUT } \int_{S_1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} &= 0 \quad (\because \vec{E} \perp d\vec{A}) \\ \int_{S_3} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} &= 0 \quad (\because \vec{E} = 0 \text{ inside conductor}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} &= E \underbrace{\int_{S_2} dA}_{\text{Area of } S_2} \quad (\because \vec{E} \parallel d\vec{A}) \\ &= EA \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ Gauss' Law } \Rightarrow EA = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0}$$

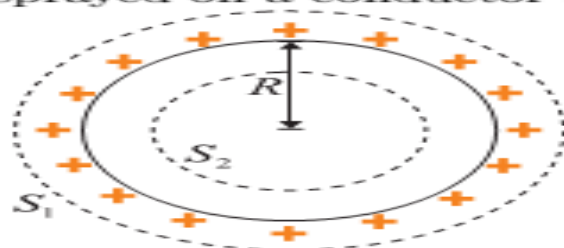
$$\therefore \boxed{\text{On conductor's surface } E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}}$$

BUT, there's no charge inside conductors.

$$\therefore \boxed{\text{Inside conductors } E = 0} \text{ Always!}$$

Notice: Surface charge density on a conductor's surface is *not uniform*.

I. Charge sprayed on a conductor sphere:



Total charge = Q

First, we know that charges go to the *surface* of conductors

- (i) For $r < R$:
Consider Gaussian surface S_2

$$\oint_{S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (\because \text{no charge inside})$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 0 \quad \text{everywhere.}$$

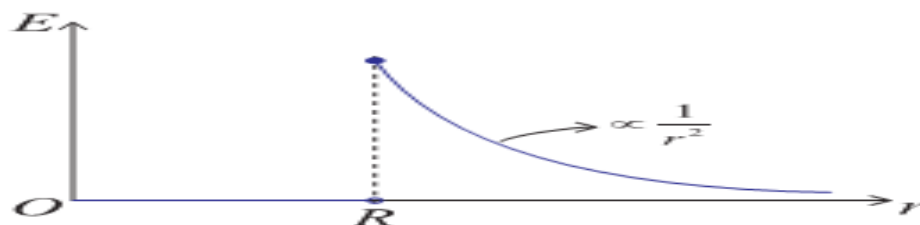
- (ii) For $r \geq R$:
Consider Gaussian surface S_1 :

$$\oint_{S_1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \underbrace{\oint_{S_1} d\vec{A}}_{4\pi r^2} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

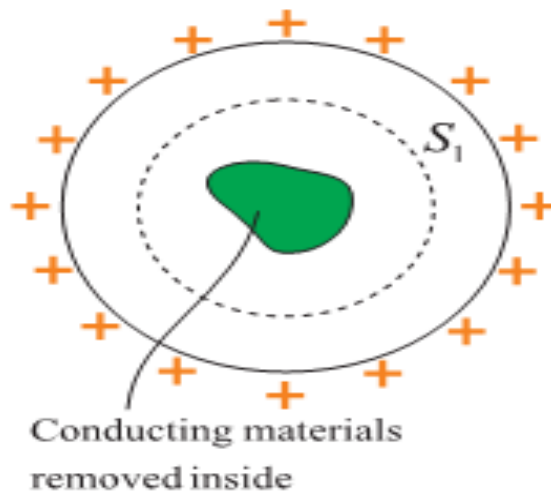
For a conductor
($\vec{E} \parallel d\vec{A} \parallel \hat{r}$)
Spherically symmetric

$$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$



II. Conductor sphere with hole inside:

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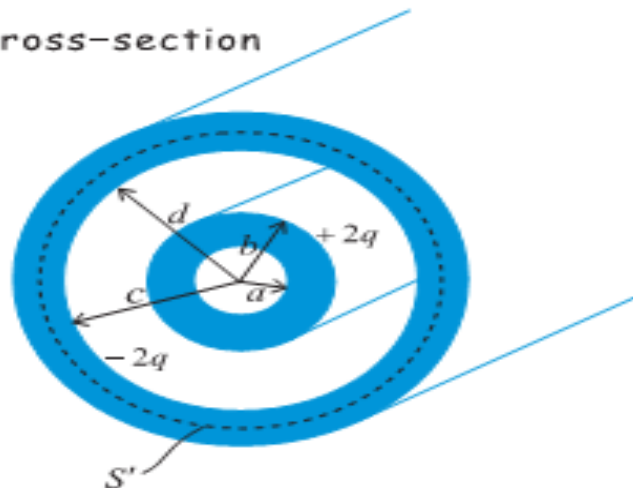
Consider Gaussian surface S_1 :
charge included = 0

\therefore E-field = 0 inside

The E-field is identical to the case of a solid conductor!!

III. A long hollow cylindrical conductor:

Cross-section



Example:

Inside hollow cylinder ($+2q$)

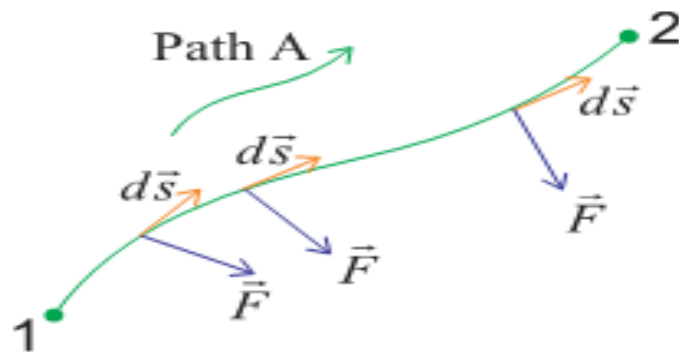
$$\begin{cases} \text{Inner radius} & a \\ \text{Outer radius} & b \end{cases}$$

Outside hollow cylinder ($-2q$)

$$\begin{cases} \text{Inner radius} & c \\ \text{Outer radius} & d \end{cases}$$

Electric potential energy

Electric force is a **conservative force**



Work done by the electric force \vec{F} as a charge moves an infinitesimal distance d along *Path A* = dW

Note: $d\vec{s}$ is in the *tangent* direction of the curve of *Path A*.

$$dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

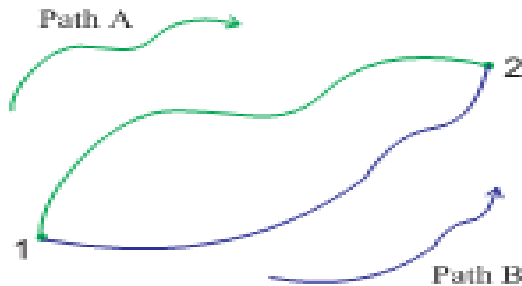
\therefore Total work done W by force \vec{F} in moving the particle from Point 1 to Point 2 :

$$W = \int_{\text{Path A}}^2 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\int_{\text{Path A}}^2 = \text{Path Integral}$$

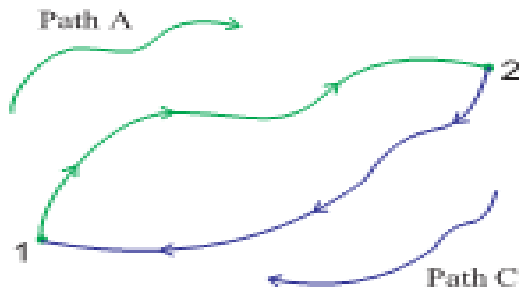
= Integration over Path A from Point 1 to Point 2.

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∴ For conservative forces,

$$\int_{\text{Path A}}^2 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_{\text{Path B}}^2 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$



Let's consider a path starting at point 1 to 2 through *Path A* and from 2 to 1 through *Path C*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Work done} &= \int_{\text{Path A}}^2 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{\text{Path C}}^1 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} \\ &= \int_{\text{Path A}}^2 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} - \int_{\text{Path B}}^2 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} \end{aligned}$$

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DEFINITION: The work done by a **conservative force** on a particle when it *moves around a closed path returning to its initial position* is zero.

MATHEMATICALLY, $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 0$ everywhere for conservative force \vec{F}

Conclusion: Since the work done by a conservative force \vec{F} is *path-independent*, we can define a quantity, **potential energy**, that depends only on the *position* of the particle.

Convention: We define **potential energy** U such that

$$dU = -W = - \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

\therefore For particle moving from 1 to 2

$$\int_1^2 dU = U_2 - U_1 = - \int_1^2 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

where U_1, U_2 are **potential energy** at position 1, 2.

Exercise

27-1 Ans. $\Phi_E = (1800 \text{ N/C})(3.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2 \cos(145^\circ) = -7.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}.$

27-5 Ans. $\Phi_E = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{(1.84 \mu\text{C})}{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2)} = 2.08 \times 10^5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}.$

27-9 Ans. There is no flux through the side of the cube. The flux of the top of the cube is $(-58 \text{ N/C})(100 \text{ m})^2 = -5.8 \times 10^5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}.$ The flux through the bottom of the cube is

$$(110 \text{ N/C})(100 \text{ m})^2 = 1.1 \times 10^6 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}.$$

The total flux is the sum, so the charge contained in the cube is

$$q = (8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2)(5.2 \times 10^5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}) = 4.60 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}.$$

27-12 Ans. $\lambda = 2\pi\epsilon_0 r E = 2\pi(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2)(1.96 \text{ m})(4.52 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}) = 4.93 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C/m}.$

All samples problem of ch#27 and exercise questions 27-19 and 27-21.