

The Law of Charges

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Law of Charges

- Like charges repel
- Unlike charges attract
- Positive + negative charges

Charge via

- 1) Conduction (2 objects touching)
- 2) Induction (grounding) (never touch)
- 3) Polarization (alignment of charges)

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Charge is quantized

$$q = ne$$

↑
integer

$$e = \pm 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

Coulombs, C

Not a base SI unit

Point charge

$$\vec{F}_{12} = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Coulomb force

Coulomb constant, k

$$k = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

ϵ_0 : permittivity of free space

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2 \text{ (also called vacuum permittivity)}$$

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Ex 1

2 charged balloons
 equal m + equal q
 Know: m, L, θ
 Find: $q = ?$

$\Sigma F_y = -F_g + T_y = m a_y = 0$
 $T_y = F_g$
 $T \cos \theta = mg$
 $T = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta}$

$\Sigma F_x = T_x - F_2 = m a_x = 0$
 $T_x = F_2$
 $T \sin \theta = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2}$
 $T = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2 \sin \theta}$

$T = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2 \sin \theta} = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta}$

$T = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{(2L \sin \theta)^2 \sin \theta} = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta}$

$\frac{k q^2}{4L^2 \sin^3 \theta} = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta}$

$q = \sqrt{\frac{4L^2 mg \sin^3 \theta}{k \cos \theta}}$

$r = 2L \sin \theta$

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$$F_g = mg$$

$$g = \frac{F_g}{m} \quad (\text{gravitational field})$$

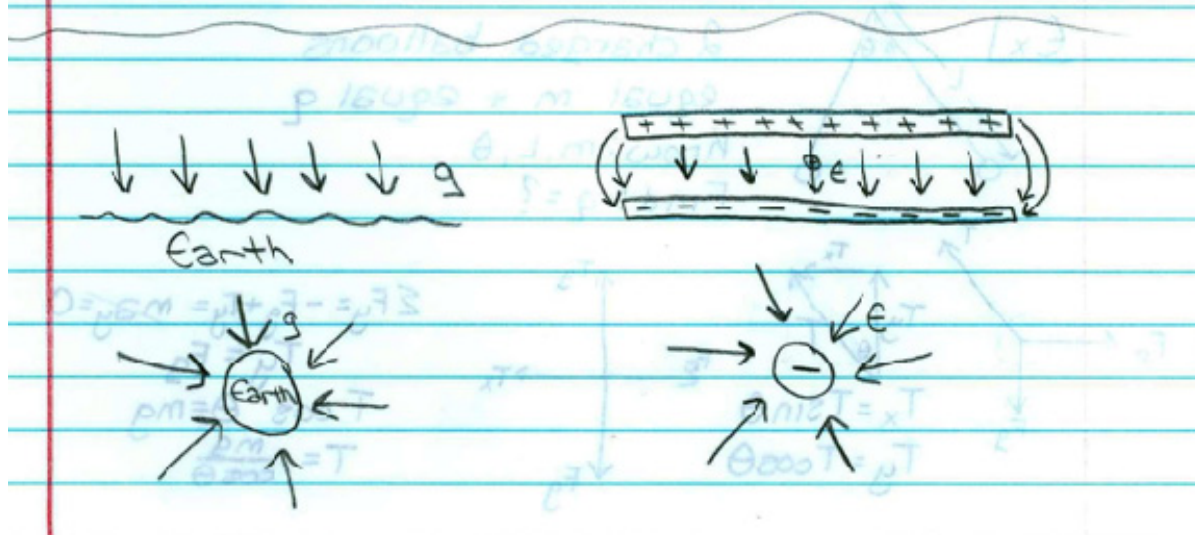
$$F_e = qE$$

$$E = \frac{F_e}{q} \quad \left(\frac{N}{C}\right)$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{kqQ}{r^2}$$

$$E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$$

E field is defined by a small, positive test charge



Example - Electric Field from 2 Positive Charges

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Ex) E @ point from 2 equal positive charges

$E = ?$

$F_e = qE$
 $E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$

x-components of E_t cancel out due to symmetry

$E_t = E_{1y} + E_{2y} = 2E_y$

$E_t = 2E_1 \cos \theta$

$= 2 \frac{kq}{r^2} \frac{y}{\sqrt{a^2+y^2}}$

$= 2 \frac{kq}{a^2+y^2} \frac{y}{\sqrt{a^2+y^2}}$

$E_t = \frac{2kqy}{(a^2+y^2)^{3/2}}$

$\cos \theta = \frac{y}{H} = \frac{E_y}{E_1}$
 $E_{1y} = E_1 \cos \theta$

$\tan \theta = \frac{a}{y} = \frac{a}{y}$
 $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{y}\right)$

$\cos \theta = \frac{y}{H} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{a^2+y^2}}$

if $y \gg a$, $a^2+y^2 \approx y^2$

$E_t = \frac{2kqy}{(y^2)^{3/2}}$

$E_t = \frac{2kqy}{y^3} = \frac{2kq}{y^2} = E_t$

$H^2 = a^2 + y^2$
 $H = \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}$

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E field of a continuous charge distribution
(not a point charge)

$$\vec{E} = \frac{kq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{k dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\int d\vec{E} = \int \frac{k dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\boxed{E = k \int \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r}}$$
 not on eqn sheet

$$\rho = \frac{Q}{V} \text{ Volumetric-charge density } \text{C/m}^3$$

$$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A} \text{ Surface-charge density } \text{C/m}^2$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{L} \text{ Linear-charge density } \text{C/m}$$

Example - Electric Field from Charged Rod

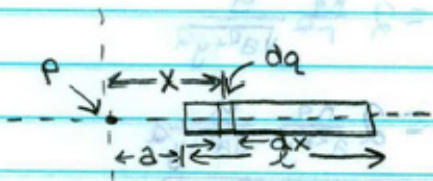
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Ex) Uniformly, positively-charged rod



$E = ? @ P$

$$E = k \int \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$E = k \int \frac{dq}{x^2} (-\hat{i})$$

$$E = -k\hat{i} \int \frac{\lambda dx}{x^2}$$

$$E = -k\lambda\hat{i} \int_a^{a+l} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

$$E = -k\lambda\hat{i} \int_a^{a+l} x^{-2} dx$$

$$E = -k\lambda\hat{i} \left[\frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \right]_a^{a+l}$$

$$E = k\lambda\hat{i} \left[\frac{1}{x} \right]_a^{a+l}$$

$$E = k\lambda\hat{i} \left[\frac{1}{a+l} - \frac{1}{a} \right]$$

$$E = \frac{k\lambda\hat{i} - l}{a(a+l)} = \frac{-k\lambda l}{a(a+l)} \hat{i}$$

$\lambda l = Q$

$$E = \frac{-kQ}{a(a+l)} \hat{i}$$

if $a \gg l$, then $a+l \approx a$

$$E = \frac{-kQ}{a^2} \hat{i}$$

Example - E Field from Positively Charged Ring

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$E = ? @ P$

Ex 1 Uniformly, positively-charged ring (+Q)

Known: $a, x, +Q$ All dE_y 's cancel due to symmetry

$$E = k \int \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$dE = \frac{k dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$dE = \frac{k dq}{a^2 + x^2} \hat{r}$$

$$dE_t = dE_x = dE \cos \theta$$

$$dE_t = \frac{k dq}{a^2 + x^2} \hat{r} \cos \theta$$

$$E_t = \int \frac{k}{a^2 + x^2} \cos \theta \hat{r} dq$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{r} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}}$$

$$E_t = \int \frac{k}{a^2 + x^2} \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} \hat{r} dq$$

$$E_t = \int \frac{kx}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} \hat{r} dq$$

$$E_t = \frac{kx}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} \hat{r} \int dq$$

$$E_t = \frac{kQx}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} \hat{r} @ P$$

$\sum F_x = -F_e = ma_x$

$-qE = ma_x$

$-q \left(\frac{kQx}{a^3} \right) = ma_x$

$a_x = \frac{-qkQ}{ma^3} x$

$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = - \left(\frac{qkQ}{ma^3} \right) x$

$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 x$

$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{qkQ}{ma^3}} = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{ma^3}{qkQ}}$

if $x \gg a$, then $x^2 + a^2 \approx x^2$

$$E_t = \frac{kQx}{(x^2)^{3/2}} \hat{r} = \frac{kQx}{x^3} \hat{r} = \frac{kQ}{x^2} \hat{r}$$

if $a \gg x$, then $x^2 + a^2 \approx a^2$

$$E_t = \frac{kQx}{(a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{r} = \frac{kQx}{a^3} \hat{r}$$

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Electric field lines

- in direction of E field
 - lines/unit area \propto field strength
 - Start \perp to \oplus + end \ominus
 - (more one charge than another, E fields $\rightarrow \infty$)
 - E field lines never cross
- more lines = more charge

Example - Charge Moving between 2 Parallel Plates

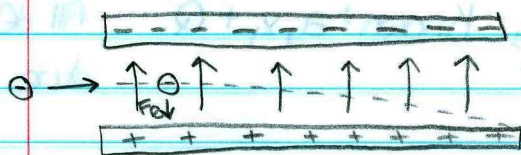
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Ex) e^- $v_i = 1 \times 10^6$ m/s \hat{i}
 $E = 25$ N/C $l = 25$ cm
 $v_f = ?$



$$\frac{F_e}{F_g} = \frac{qE}{mg} = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(25)}{(9.11 \times 10^{-31})(9.8)}$$

$$\frac{F_e}{F_g} = 4.48 \times 10^{11} \rightarrow F_e = 4.48 \times 10^{11} F_g$$

$$F_e = 4480000000000 F_g$$

F_g is negligible for atomic particles

$$\sum F_y = -F_e = ma_y$$

$$-qE = ma_y$$

$$a_y = \frac{-qE}{m}$$

x-dir

$$v_x = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

$$1.0 \times 10^6 = \frac{0.25}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta t = 2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}$$

$$v_{fy} = v_{iy} + a_y \Delta t$$

$$v_{fy} = 0 + \left(\frac{-qE}{m}\right) \Delta t$$

$$v_{fy} = \frac{-(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(25)(2.5 \times 10^{-7})}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}}$$

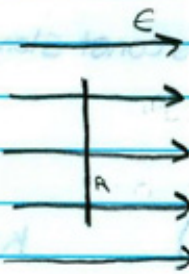
$$v_{fy} = -1.098 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{fy} = (1.00\hat{i} - 1.10\hat{j}) \times 10^6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

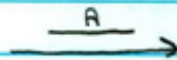
Electric flux = # lines that pass through an area

$$\Phi_e = EA \cos \theta \quad \theta \text{ is angle btwn } E \text{ + } A$$
$$= E \cdot A \quad \left(\frac{N \cdot m^2}{C} \right)$$

Constant E field



$$\Phi = EA \cos \theta$$
$$= EA$$



$$\Phi = EA \cos 90$$
$$= 0$$



$$\Phi = EA \cos \theta$$

Example - Net Electric Flux through a Closed Surface

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Ex) $\Phi_E = ?$

side (1) w side (2) side (3) bottom (3) E a a b a_2 a_3 E θ θ α

$$\Phi_{e3} = EA \cos \theta$$

$$= EA \cos 90$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Phi_{e2} = EA \cos \theta$$

$$= EA \cos \alpha$$

$$A = Ew \frac{a}{2}$$

$$= Eaw$$

$$\Phi_{e3} = \Phi_{e1} = EA \cos 90$$

$$= 0$$

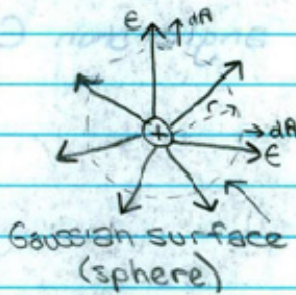
$$\Phi_{te} = -Eaw + Eaw = 0$$

$$\Phi_{e1} = EA \cos 180$$

$$= -Eaw$$

* Draw Gaussian surface

Gauss' Law:



Nonconstant
 E fields

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_E &= \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} \\ &= \oint E dA \cos \theta \\ &= \oint E dA \cos 0 \\ &= \oint E dA \quad E \text{ is const along Gauss sur} \\ &= E \oint dA\end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi_E = \frac{kq}{r^2} (4\pi r^2) \quad k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$= 4\pi kq$$

$$= 4\pi \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right) q$$

$$= q/\epsilon_0$$

$$\Phi_E = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \leftarrow \text{charge in closed Gauss sur}$$

↑
total E field @
Gauss sur

* True for any-shaped Gauss surface

$$\Phi_E = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} = 0 \quad q_{in} = 0$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2$$

Example - E Field Outside a Solid, Uniform Insulating Sphere

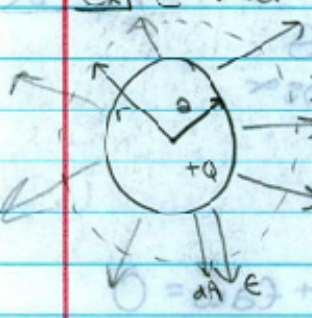
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Ex) $E = ?$ for solid, uniform sphere w/ charge Q , $R = a$, insulator



$\Phi_e = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$
 $r > a$

$\Phi_e = \oint EA \cos \theta = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\Phi_e = \int E dA \cos \theta = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E \oint dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$EA = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$

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

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

$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2}$

$E = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$

Acts like a point particle

Outside a sphere w/ const charge, assume point particle

Example - E Field Inside a Solid, Uniform Insulating Sphere

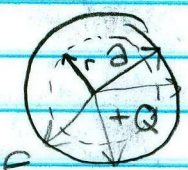
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$r < a$



$\Phi_e = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\oint E dA \cos 0 = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\oint E dA \cos 0 = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\oint E dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E \oint dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E A = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E (4\pi r^2) = \frac{Q r^3}{a^3 \epsilon_0}$

$4\pi r^2 E = \frac{Q r^3}{a^3 \epsilon_0}$

$E = \frac{Q r}{4\pi \epsilon_0 a^3}$

$E = \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{Q r}{a^3}$

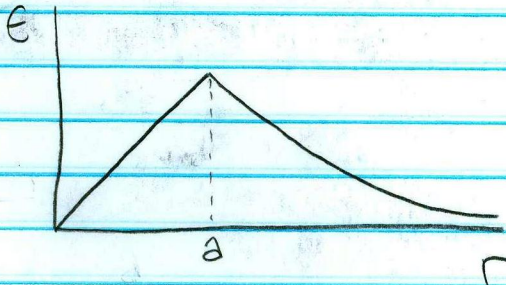
$E = \frac{k Q r}{a^3}$

$\rho = \frac{Q_t}{V_t} = \frac{q_{in}}{V_{in}}$

$q_{in} = \frac{V_{in} Q}{V_t}$

$q_{in} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 Q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3}$

$q_{in} = \frac{Q r^3}{a^3}$



Example - E Field caused by a Thin, Spherical, Uniformly Charged Shell

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Ex) A thin spherical uniformly charged shell, +Q

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$E = ?$ where $r > a$

$$E = \frac{kq}{r^2} \leftarrow \text{acts like a point charge}$$

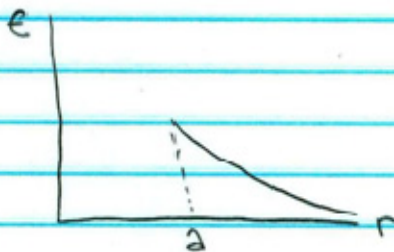


$E = ?$ where $r < a$

$$q_{in} = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

$$E = 0$$



Example - E Field caused by an Infinitely Long Line of Positive Charges

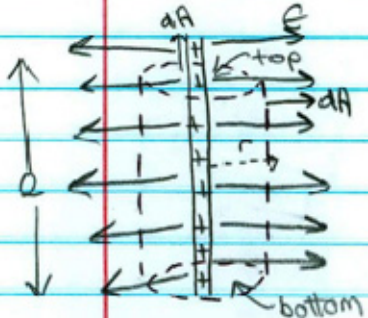
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Ex | $E = ?$ @ r from ∞ long line of positive charge
w/ uniform λ



$\Phi_e = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\lambda = \frac{Q}{L} = \frac{q_{in}}{l}$

$q_{in} = \lambda l$

$\oint E da \cos \theta = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\oint E da \cos 0 = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\oint E dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E \oint dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E A_{side} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E A_{side} = \frac{\lambda l}{\epsilon_0}$

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

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

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

$E = 2 \left(\frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \right) \frac{\lambda}{r}$

$E = \frac{2k\lambda}{r}$

Gaussian surface cylinder

$\oint E da \cos \theta = 0$
for top + bottom

Example - E Field caused by an Infinitely Long Plate of Positive Charges

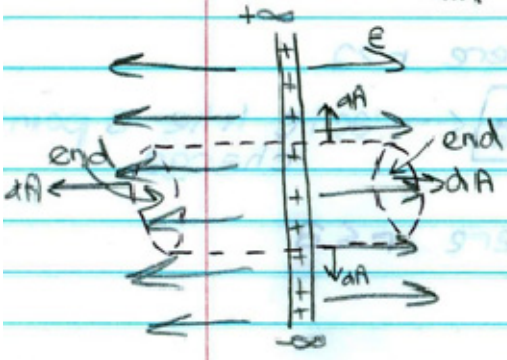
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$E = ?$ @ r from an
 Ex) Infinite plate of + charges, uniform thin



$\oint_{\text{ends}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{A_{\text{end}}}$
 $q_{\text{in}} = \sigma A_{\text{end}}$

$\oint E dA \cos \theta = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E \oint dA = \frac{\sigma A_{\text{end}}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E 2A_{\text{end}} = \frac{\sigma A_{\text{end}}}{\epsilon_0}$

Gaussian surface cylinder

$\oint_{\text{side}} E dA \cos 90 = 0$

$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$

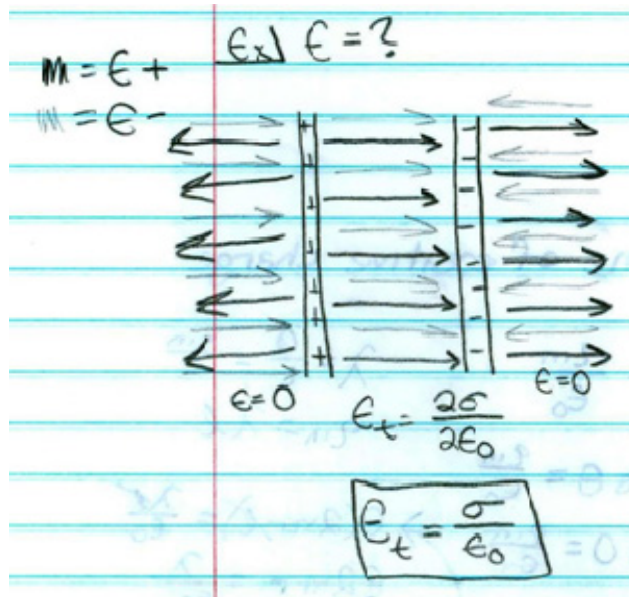
Example - Electric Field caused by 2 Infinitely Long Plates of Charges

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no net motion of charge

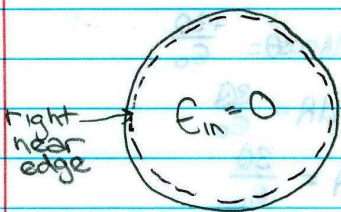
charges don't move

* Conductors in electrostatic equilibrium
(Assume if not stated)

1) $E_{\text{inside}} = 0$

if $E \neq 0 \rightarrow F_e = qE$, so charges would move

2) All excess charge is on surface ($Q_{\text{in}} \neq 0$)



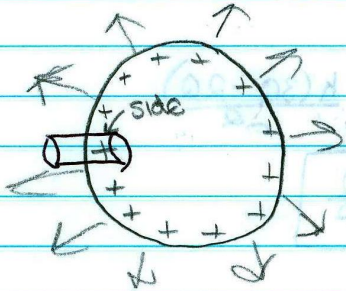
$$\Phi_e = \oint E \cdot dA = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$0 = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$q_{\text{in}} = 0$$

3) $E_{\text{just outside}} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$ ← at that location + \perp to surface
 $\sigma = \frac{dq}{dA}$

if E_{field} has a component \parallel to surface, it wouldn't be in electrostatic equilibrium



$$\Phi_e = \oint E \cdot dA = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\int_{\text{side}} E dA \cos 90^\circ = 0 \quad \int E \cdot dA = 0 \quad E = 0$$

$$\int_{\text{left end}} E dA \cos 0 = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \int_{\text{right end}} E dA \cos 0 = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \int dA = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E A_{\text{end}} = \frac{\sigma A_{\text{end}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

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

$$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{A_{\text{end}}}$$

$$q_{\text{in}} = \sigma A_{\text{end}}$$

4) For an irregular shape, σ_{max} @ radius of curvature min

Example - Electric Field by 2 Concentric Spheres

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Ex) $E = ?$ Conductors in ES equil



$r < a$ $E = 0$

$a < r < b$

$$\Phi_e = \oint E \cdot dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\oint E dA = \frac{+3Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \oint dA = \frac{3Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$EA = \frac{3Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{3Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

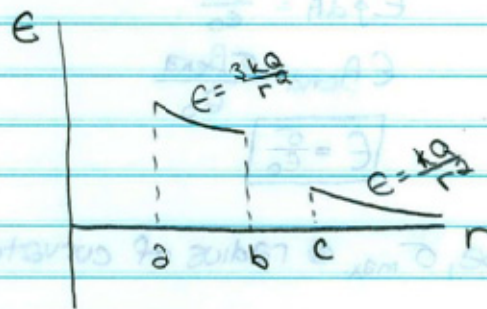
$$E = \frac{3Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \boxed{\frac{3kQ}{r^2}}$$

$b < r < c$ $E = 0$

$r > c$

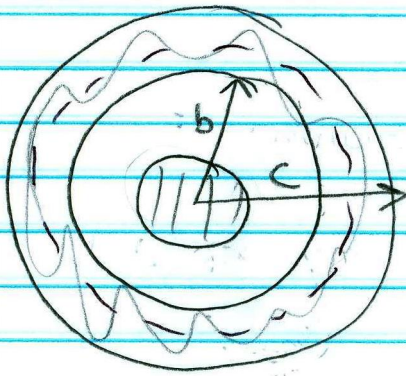
$$E = \frac{kq}{r^2} = \frac{k(3Q - 2Q)}{r^2}$$

$$E = \boxed{\frac{kQ}{r^2}}$$



Charge on surfaces?

surface of $+3Q = +3Q$



$$q_b = ? \quad q_c = ?$$

$$\Phi_e = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$0 = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$q_{in} = 0$$

$$q_{in} = q_a + q_b = 0$$

$$q_b = -q_a = \boxed{-3Q}$$

$$q_{SR} + q_{OR} = +2Q$$

$$q_c + q_b = q_c = -2Q$$

$$q_c - 3Q = -2Q$$

$$\boxed{q_c = Q}$$

Law of Charges

$$Q = ne$$

$$F_e = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2} \quad \text{Coulomb's}$$

Uniform charge distribution

$$\int dE = \int \frac{k dq}{r^2}$$

$$E = k \int \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\rho = \frac{Q}{V}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{L}$$

capital phi

$$\Phi_e = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{GAUSSIAN SURFACE}$$

SA of GAUSSIAN SURFACE

in Gaussian surface

Shape of Gaussian surface

- $dA \perp$ or \parallel to E field lines- E field must be constant on Gaussian Surface

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|---|---|---------------------------|
| * inside + outside sphere (C + I) | → | <u>GS</u> sphere |
| * inside + outside shell | → | sphere |
| * infinitely long wire | → | vert cylinder A_s |
| * infinitely long plate | → | horiz cylinder A_{ends} |
| * 2 infinitely large \parallel plates | → | horiz cyl for 1 + logic |

Conductors in ES equil

* Outside sphere of uniform charge, acts like point charge
so $E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$ inside sphere