

Outside the surface of a uniformly charged sphere, the electric field is the same as if the charged sphere were a point particle.

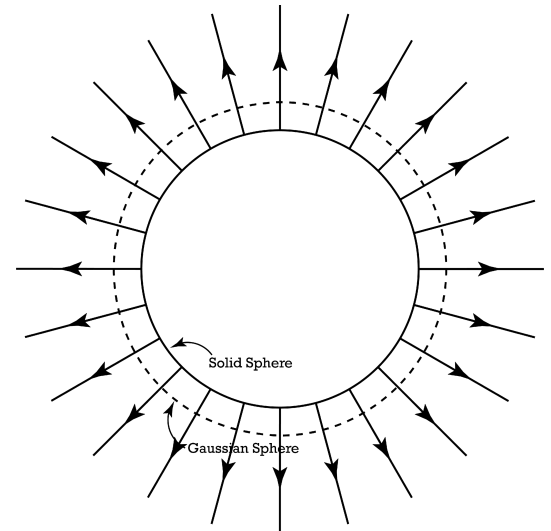
- Example: Solid, uniformly charged sphere with charge Q and radius, a .
- Create a Gaussian surface which is a concentric sphere with radius $r > a$.

$$\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi_E = \int_{\text{sphere}} E \cos \theta dA = \int_{\text{sphere}} E \cos(0^\circ) dA = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow E \int_{\text{sphere}} dA = EA_{\text{sphere}} = E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \frac{Q}{r^2} \Rightarrow E = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$$



- o This is true of a conductor or an insulator, however, the electric field inside a conductor will be zero, and inside an insulator the electric field depends on the radius and charge distribution, and can be derived in a similar manner.