



Chapter 1 Electrostatic Field

1.1 Charge and Matter

1.2 Electric Field and Intensity

1.3 The Gauss's Law For E

1.4 Electric Potential





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

Review...

◇ Coulomb's Law

$$\vec{F} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq_0}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

- * Repulsion if they have same signs
- * Attraction if they have opposite signs
- * Superposition Principle

$$\vec{F}_1 = \vec{F}_{21} + \vec{F}_{31} \cdots \vec{F}_{i1}$$





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

Review...

◇ Electric Field



✱ How do the forces act on the charges? Doesn't need time and media

✱ Action-at-a-distance?

✱ Something else?

✱ Electric Field like Gravity field

✱ Mass creates gravity field

✱ Charge creates electric field

✱ Any charge will experience electric force.





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

Review...

- ✦ The electric field of a point charge

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q_0} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

- ✦ Superposition principle

A group of point charge

$$\vec{E} = \sum_i \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_i}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \text{Vector Sum}$$

A continuous distribution of charges

$$\vec{E} = \int \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \text{Vector Integration}$$





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

Review...

- Electric field of a dipole

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

- The electric field of a ring of charge

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qx}{(R^2 + x^2)^{3/2}}$$

- Infinite charged line

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





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

➤ General speaking, we can compute electric field due to any charged system by SP.

? Q: Why to talk about Gauss's Law

A: Another way to compute electric field and another view of electric field.

SP works to find electric field, but it is very difficult (**laborious**).





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

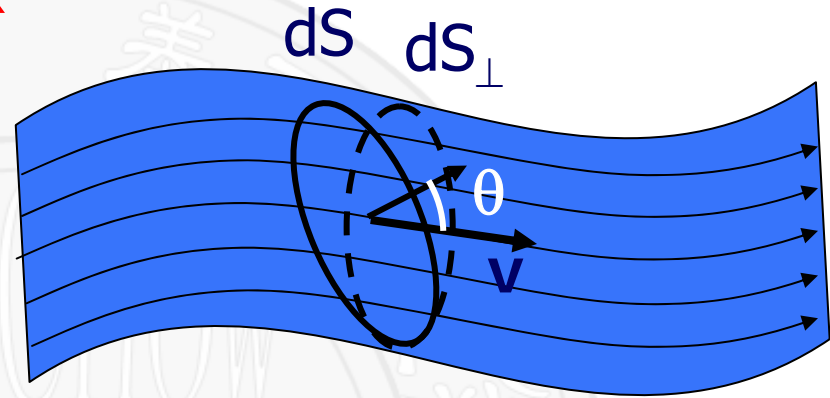
◇ The concept of flux

★ Water flow

✦ River ~ streamlines

✦ The tangent to streamline gives v 's direction

✦ Velocity field, Vectorial field



$$\vec{v}(x, y, z) = v_x \vec{i} + v_y \vec{j} + v_z \vec{k}$$





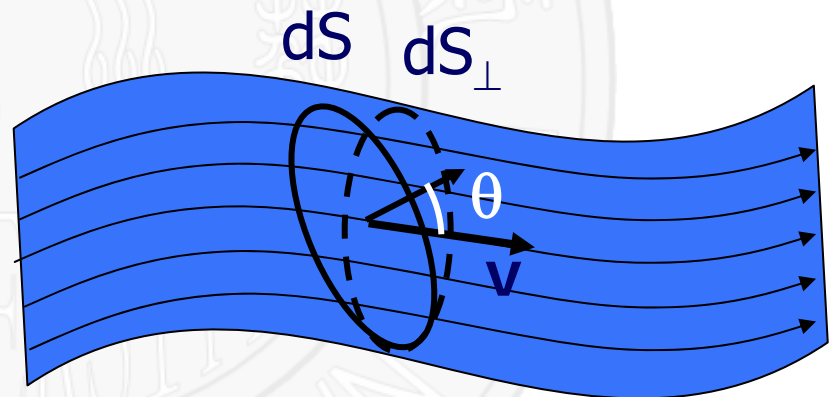
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◇ The concept of flux

★ Flux=Flow Quantity, volume flow rate

$$dQ = v \cdot dS_{\perp} = v \cdot dS \cos\theta = \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$Q = \iint_{(S)} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{S}$$





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◆ The concept of flux

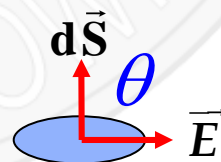
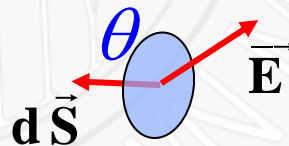
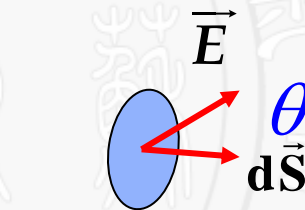
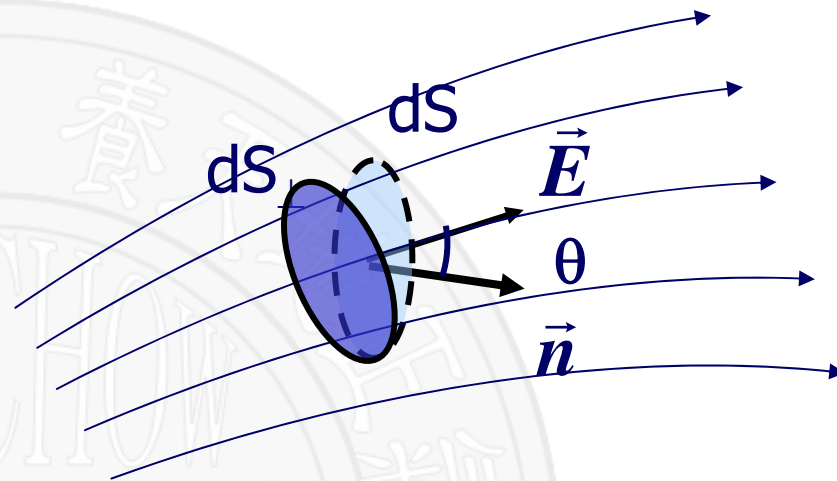
★ Flux of Electric field

$$\begin{aligned}d\phi_{\vec{E}} &= \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}_{\perp} \\ &= E \cdot dS \cos\theta \\ &= \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}\end{aligned}$$

▶ $\theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, $d\phi_E > 0$

▶ $\theta > \frac{\pi}{2}$, $d\phi_E < 0$

▶ $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $d\phi_E = 0$



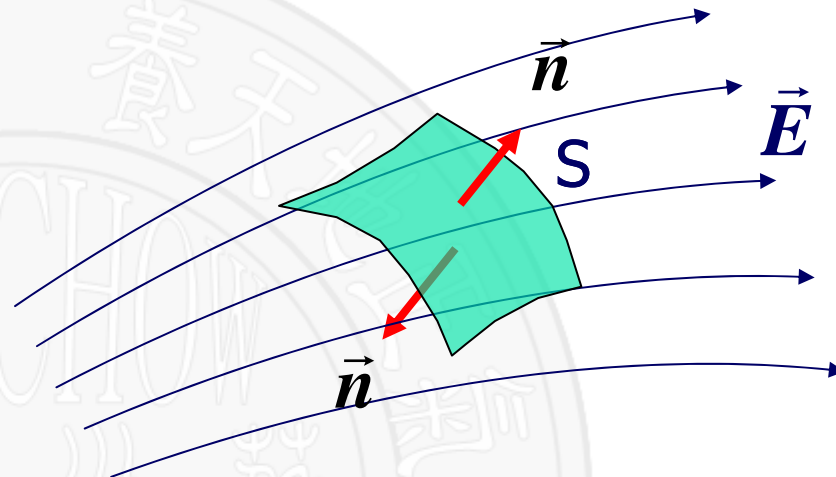


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◇ The concept of flux

✦ Flux of Electric field

$$\phi_{\vec{E}} = \iint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$



✦ $\phi_E > 0$, normal line pointing up ↗.

✦ $\phi_E < 0$, normal line pointing down ↘.

✦ ϕ_E = The numbers of field line through S





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◆ The concept of flux

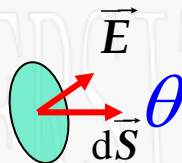
★ Flux for a Closed surface

$$\phi_E = \oiint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

▲ What is the direction of $d\vec{S}$?

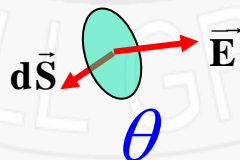
Outward normal direction of $d\vec{S}$?

$$\theta < \frac{\pi}{2}, d\phi_E > 0$$

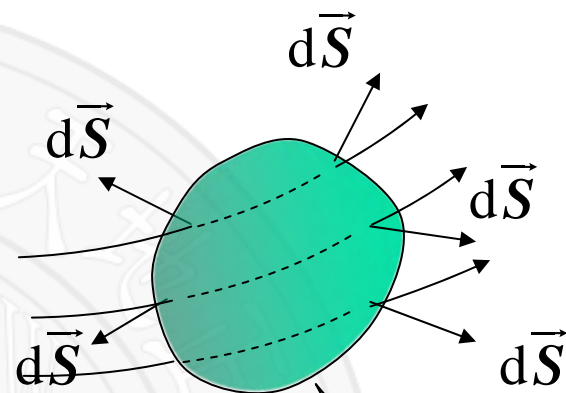


Out

$$\theta > \frac{\pi}{2}, d\phi_E < 0$$



In



Closed Surface





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◆ The concept of flux

★ Flux of Electric field

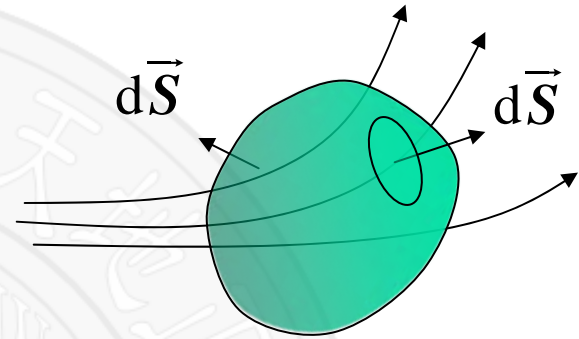
$$\triangle \phi_E = \oiint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$\phi_E > 0$, Lines **out** more than **in**

Net **Positive** Charge inside

$\phi_E < 0$, Lines **in** more than **out**

Net **Negative** Charge inside





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

* Example for Flux of Electric field

A closed cylinder in an uniform electric field.
Find the total flux.

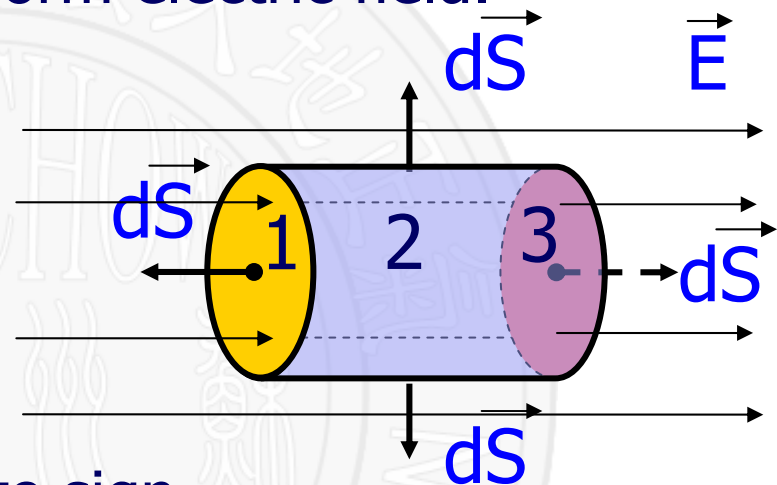
$$\phi_{\text{tot}} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3$$

- $\Phi_2 = 0, \vec{E} \perp d\vec{S}$

- $|\Phi_1| = |\Phi_3|$, But opposite sign

- The total flux through the cylinder is zero!

- Lines Inward = Lines Outward





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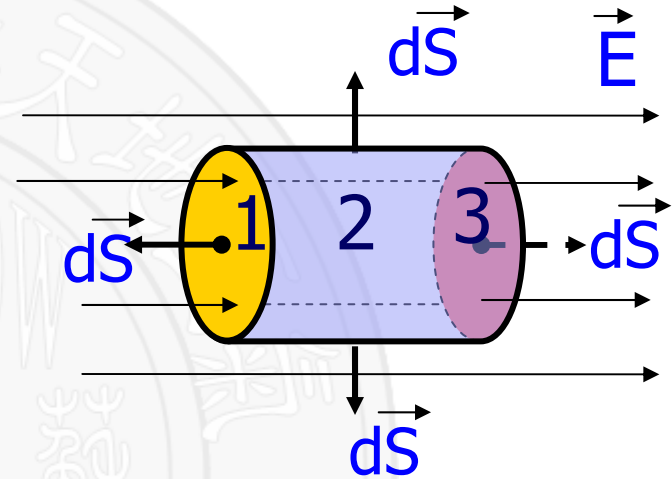
* Example for Flux of Electric field

Any charges in the cylinder?

No, all lines get in must get out!

Think about meaning of ϕ_E

proportional to the field lines
through the surface...



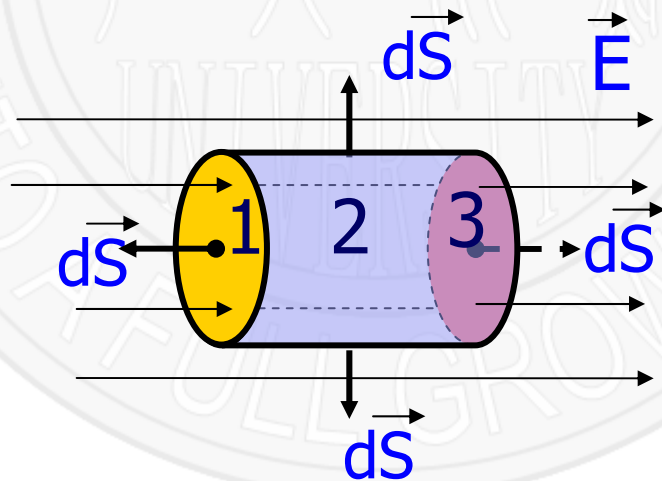


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◆ The concept of flux

✧ Conclusion

- ◆ The electric flux through a closed surface that does not contain charges equals to zero.
- ◆ The electric flux through a closed surface that does contain a net charge doesn't equal to zero.





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

◇ Gauss's Law

What's the exact relationship between charge and flux ?



★ Gauss's law

The outward flux through any closed surface is equal to the algebraic sum of the enclosed charges divided by ϵ_0 , i.e.,

$$\oiint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{(S\text{内})} q_i$$

通过任意闭合曲面的电通量等于该曲面所包围的电量的代数和除以 ϵ_0





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◇ Gauss's Law

★ Demonstration

▲ A point charge at the center of a sphere

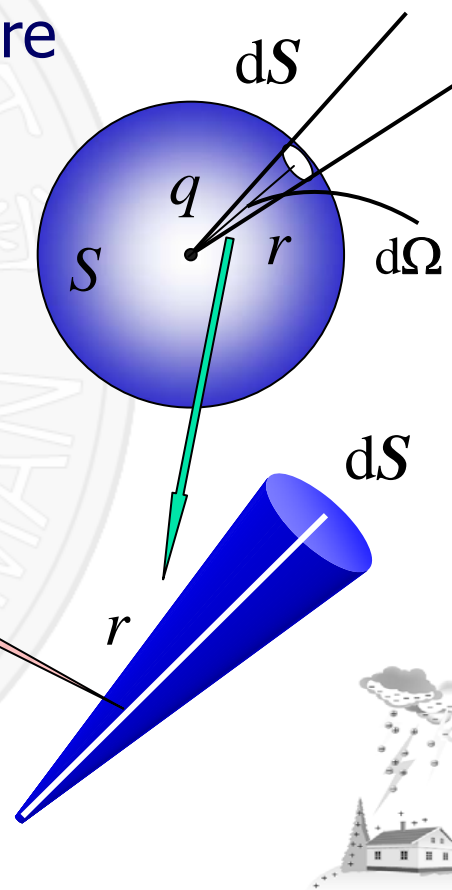
$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Solid angle

$$d\phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dS}{r^2} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} d\Omega$$

$$\phi_E = \oiint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \oiint_{(S)} \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dS}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oiint_{(S)} d\Omega = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$





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◇ Gauss's Law

▲ A point charge in a closed surface

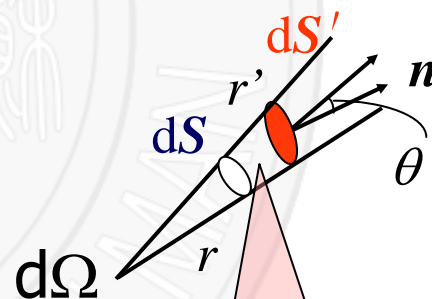
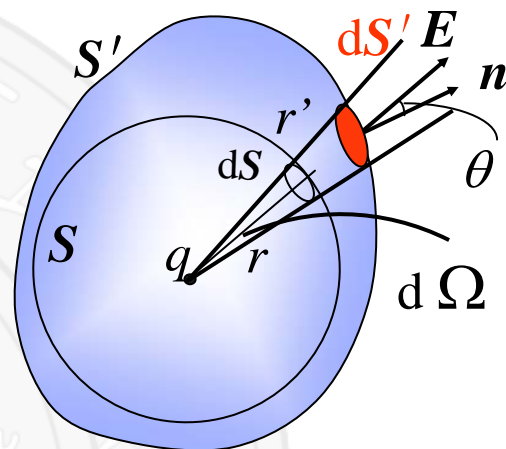
$$d\phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}' = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dS' \cos\theta}{r'^2}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} d\Omega$$

$$d\Omega = \frac{dS' \cos\theta}{r'^2} = \frac{dS \cos\theta}{r^2}$$

$$\phi_E = \oiint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \oiint_{(S)} \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dS}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oiint_{(S)} d\Omega = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$



Same solid angle





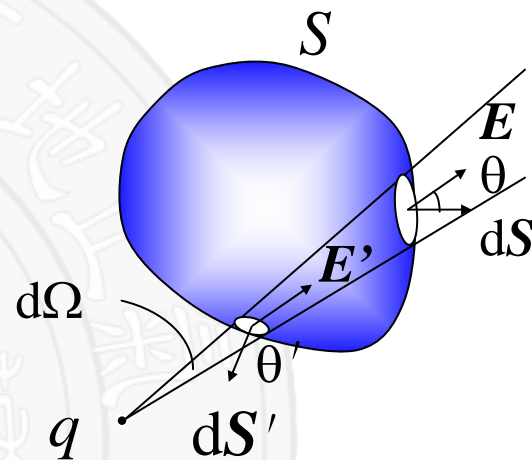
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◇ Gauss's Law

✦ A charge outside of a closed surface

$$\begin{aligned}d\phi_E &= \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \vec{E}' \cdot d\vec{S}' \\&= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dS \cos \theta}{r^2} + \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dS' \cos \theta'}{r'^2} \\&= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} d\Omega + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (-d\Omega) = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_E = \oiint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$



- The electric flux through a closed surface that does not contain charges equals to zero.





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◇ Gauss's Law

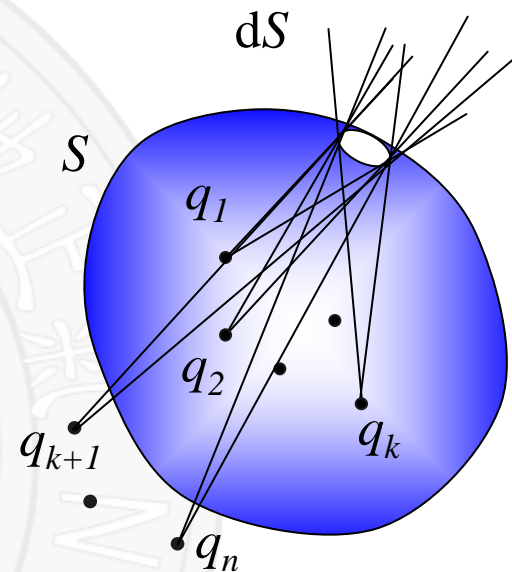
▲ A group of charge, some inside, some outside.

$$\phi_E = \oiint_{(S)} (\mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{E}_k + \mathbf{E}_{k+1} + \dots + \mathbf{E}_n) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$= \oiint_{(S)} \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \oiint_{(S)} \mathbf{E}_2 \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \dots + \oiint_{(S)} \mathbf{E}_k \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$+ \oiint_{(S)} \mathbf{E}_{k+1} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \dots + \oiint_{(S)} \mathbf{E}_n \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$\phi_E = \oiint_{(S)} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{q_2}{\epsilon_0} + \dots + \frac{q_k}{\epsilon_0} + 0 + \dots + 0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k q_i}{\epsilon_0}$$





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◇ Gauss's Law

The electrostatic field is a divergent field.



Show divergent field



Show source of field



Show sink of field

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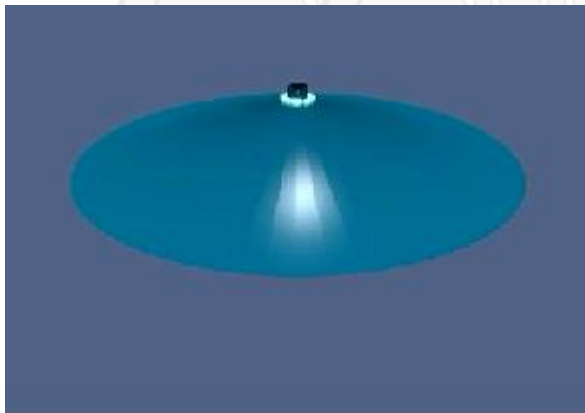




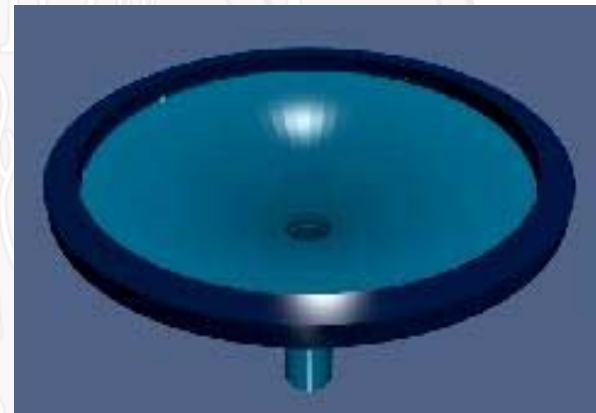
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- ✦ The electrostatic field is a divergent field.
- ✦ The lines originate from $+Q$, end up $-Q$.



source



sink

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1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

◇ Gauss's Law

- ★ Why is Gauss's law so important?
 - ✦ It relates the electric field E with its sources Q
 - ✦ Given Q distribution, find E (integral form)
 - ✦ Given E , find Q (differential form)
- ★ Is Gauss's law always true?
 - ✦ Yes, no matter what E or what S





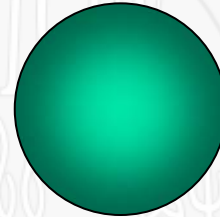
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◇ Gauss's Law

✱ Is Gauss's law always useful?

Yes, very useful when to find E , if

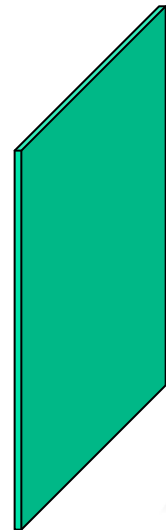
✱ *Spherical symmetry*



✱ *cylindrical symmetry*



✱ *Surface symmetry*





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

★ Applications of Gauss's Law

▲ Spherically symmetric charge distribution

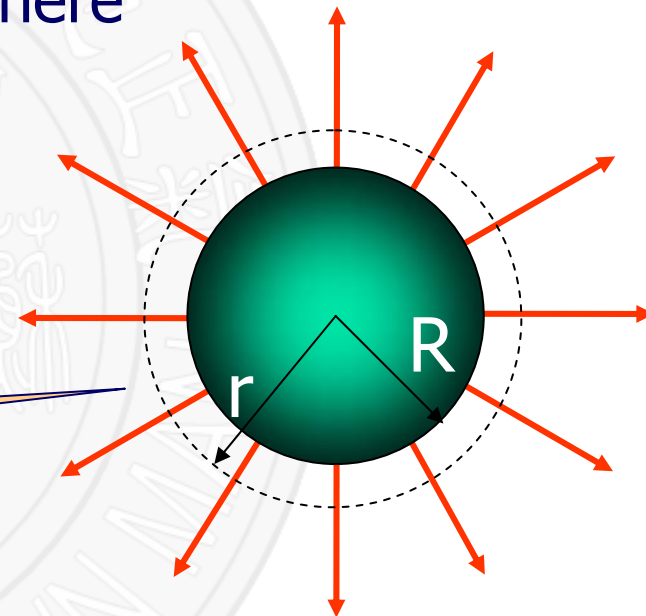
Charge q uni. distri. inside of a sphere
 R . Expressions of E for all points

Solution: Outside ($r > R$)

Chose concentric sphere as

Gaussian surface

Spherical symmetry, same E
everywhere on sphere surface,
the direction is radial.





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

★ Applications of Gauss's Law

▲ Spherically symmetric charge distribution

$$\oiint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = E \cdot 4\pi r^2$$

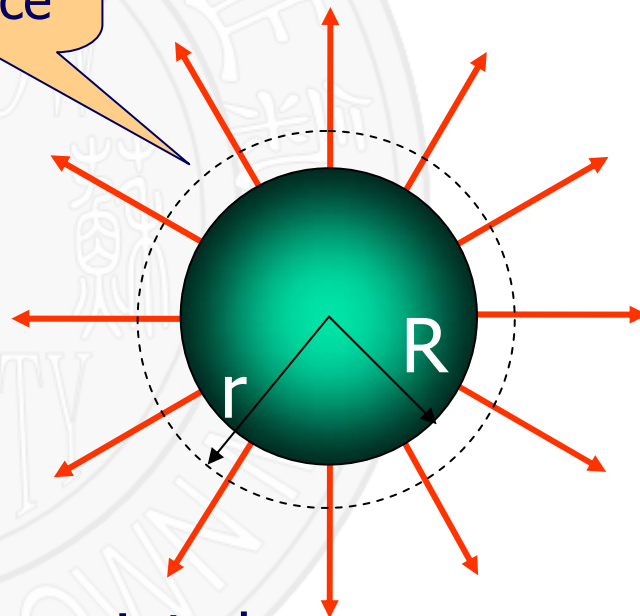
Gaussian surface

$$\oiint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{\sum q_i}{\epsilon_0}$$

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

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

the same as point charge.





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▲ Spherically symmetric charge distribution

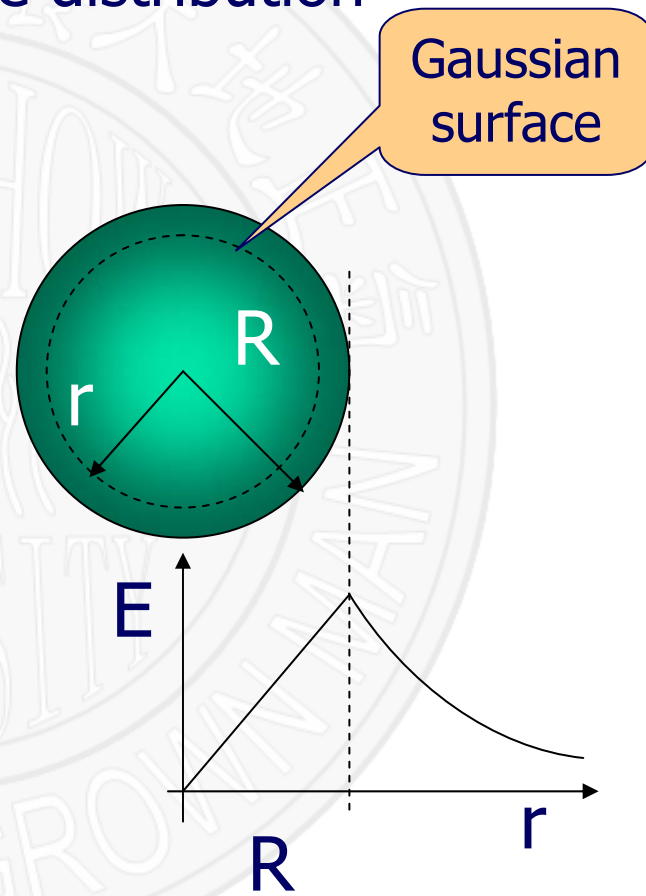
Inside ($r < R$)

$$\oiint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = E \cdot 4\pi r^2$$

$$E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{q'}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$q' = \frac{q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{qr^3}{R^3} \Rightarrow$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qr}{R^3}$$





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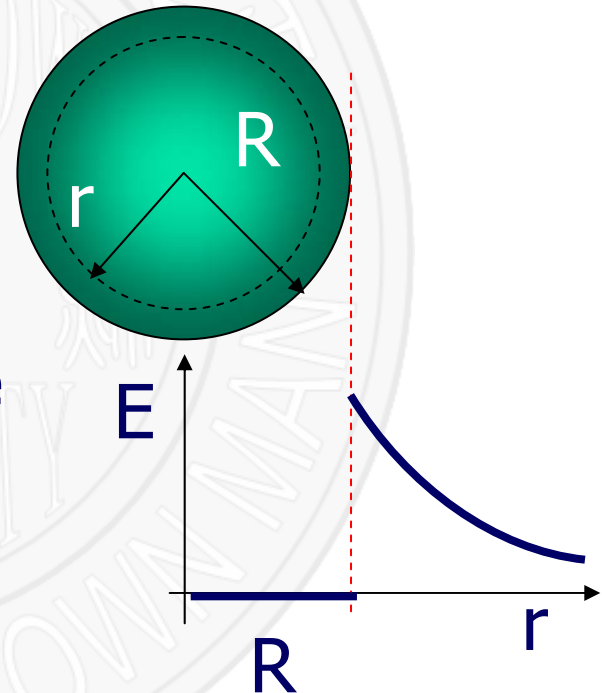
★ Applications of Gauss's Law

✧ Spherically symmetric charge distribution

If it is a spherical shell or metal sphere, $q' = 0$

$$E = 0 \quad (r < R)$$

E is equal to zero everywhere inside of the sphere.





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★ Applications of Gauss's Law

✧ Cylindrically symmetric charge distribution

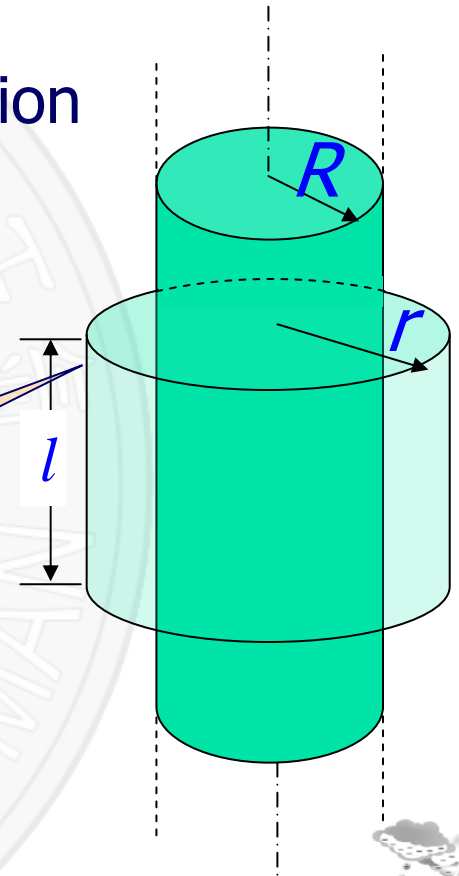
Uni. charged infinite cylinder R , density ρ . E 's expression for all points

Solution: Outside ($r > R$)

Chose coaxial cylinder as

Gaussian surface

Cylindrical symmetry, E is the same everywhere at any coaxial cylinder, the direction is radial.





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

$$\begin{aligned}
 \oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} &= \iint_{(top)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{(bottom)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{(side)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} \\
 &= \iint_{(side)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = E 2\pi r l
 \end{aligned}$$

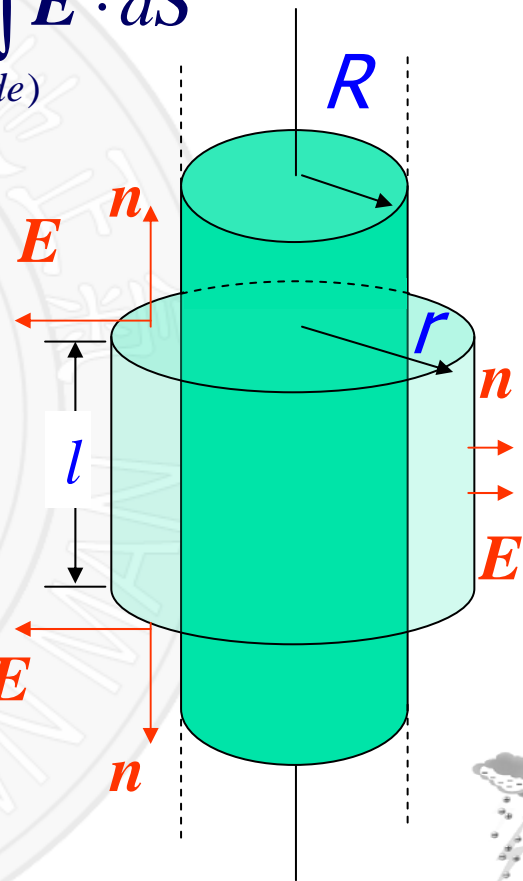
=0
=0

From Gauss's law

$$E 2\pi r l = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{(S)} q_i = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho \pi R^2 l$$

$$E = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\rho \pi R^2}{2\pi r} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r} \quad E \propto \frac{1}{r}$$

infinite charged line





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

Inside ($r < R$)

= 0

= 0

$$\oiint_{(S)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_{(S_{up})} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{(S_{down})} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{(S_{cylinder})} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

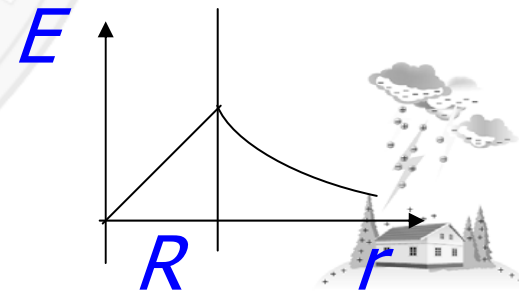
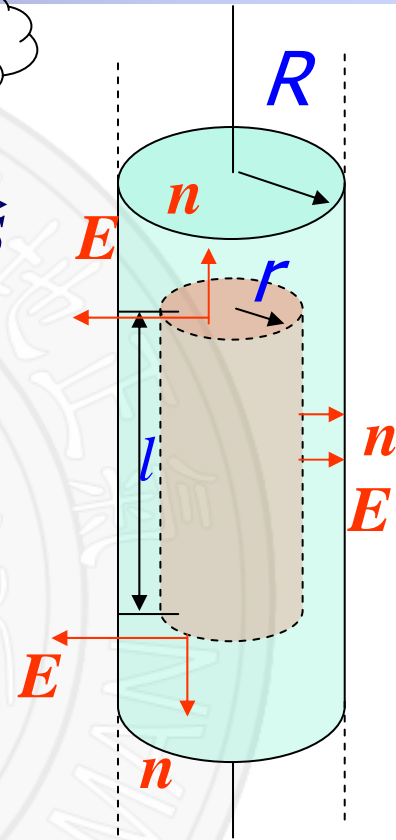
$$= \iint_{(S_{cylinder})} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = E 2\pi r l$$

From Gauss's law

$$E 2\pi r l = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{(S)} q_i = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho \pi r^2 l$$

$$E = \frac{\rho r}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \propto r$$





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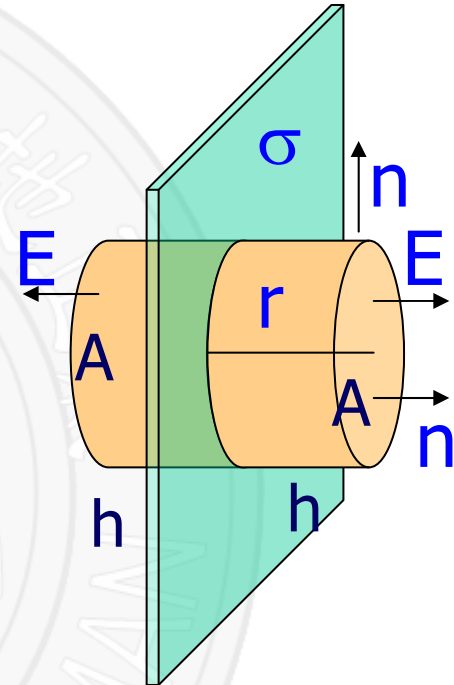
▲ Surface symmetric distribution

Infinite sheet of charge, density σ

Solution: Choose cylinder as Gaussian surface!

Area of bottom A and height of $2h$

Same E on each bottom



$$\oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_{(left)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{(right)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{(side)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

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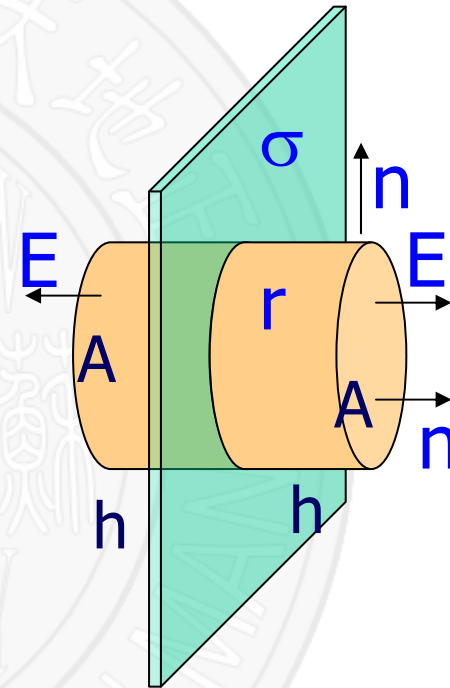
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▲ Surface symmetric distribution

$$\iint_{\text{(left)}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_{\text{(right)}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = 2EA$$

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





1.3 Gauss's Law For Electric Field

☀ Checklist for solving E&M problems

- ✦ Read the problem (I am not joking!)
- ✦ Look at the symmetries before choosing the best coordinate system
- ✦ Look at the symmetries again and find out what cancels what and the direction of the vectors involved
- ✦ Look for a way to avoid all complicated integration
- ✦ Write down the complete solution (magnitudes and directions for all the different regions)

