

Previous Lecture

* Applications of Gauss law

- i) Planar symmetry (Infinite sheet)
- ii) cylindrical symmetry (Infinitely long cylindrical rod)
- iii) spherical symmetry

i) Planar Symmetry

$$\begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{Non conducting sheet} \rightarrow E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \\ \rightarrow \text{conducting sheet} \rightarrow E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \end{array}$$

* we have also discussed, Electric field produced by two parallel conducting / non conducting plates at their central point.



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11) Cylindrical symmetry

Goal of study \therefore we have to find an expression for the electric field (E) at a ^{radial} distance (r) from the central axis of the rod.

Condition on charges and field

\rightarrow Assuming that charge distribution and the field have cylindrical symmetry

Explanation:

For this purpose, we have a section of long cylindrical plastic rod with a uniform charge density (ρ).

To find

E-field

To find the field at radius ' r ', we consider a cylindrical gaussian surface concentric with a rod. (see figure in Book)

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Flux

Since the charges are +ve so for each patch element, the E-field must be radially outward.

we know that

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

For end caps (top/bottom).

At both top and bottom ends E-field skims the surface of the surface and makes an angle of 90° with area A. so, we have.

$$\Phi_{\text{top}} = EA \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

$$\Phi_{\text{bottom}} = EA \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

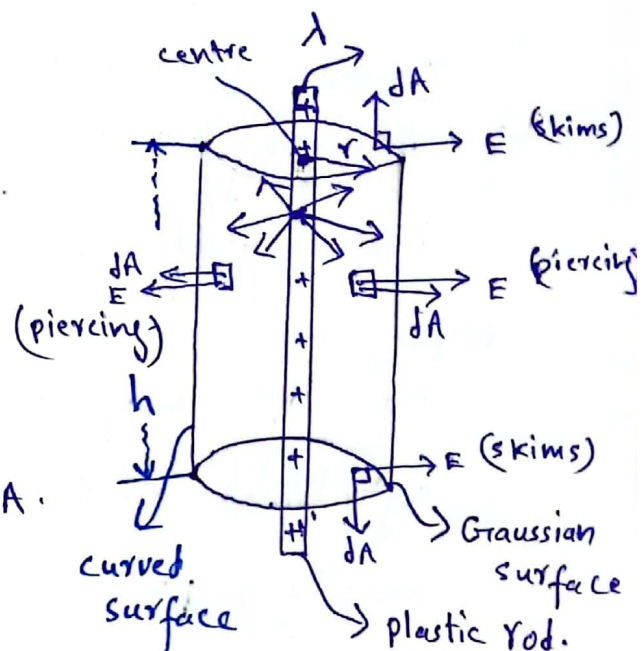
For curved surface

E-field and A are parallel, so

$$\Phi_{\text{curved}} = EA \cos 0^\circ = EA$$

$$\text{where } A = 2\pi r h$$

$$\Phi = E(2\pi r h)$$



using Gauss Law

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$$\epsilon_0 \Phi = q_{\text{enc}} \rightarrow (a)$$

Where $q_{\text{enc}} = \lambda h \rightarrow (i)$

$$\Phi = E(2\pi r h) \rightarrow (ii)$$

using (i) & (ii) in eqn (a) we get.

$$\epsilon_0 \cdot E \cdot 2\pi r h = \lambda h$$

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

(magnitude of \vec{E})

Direction of \vec{E}

The direction of \vec{E} is radially outward for +ve charges and radially inward for -ve charges.



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III) Spherical Symmetry

A shell of uniform charge attracts or repels a charged particle that is outside the shell as if all the shell's charge were concentrated at the center of the shell.

To understand spherical symmetry, first we check E-field inside/outside the charged spherical shell by drawing Gaussian surfaces.

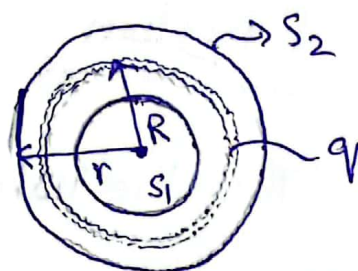
$S_1 \rightarrow$ surface S_1

$S_2 \rightarrow$ surface S_2

$r \rightarrow$ radius from center to outer surface S_2 .

$R \rightarrow$ radius from center to total charge (shell).

$q \rightarrow$ total charged enclosed by shell.



Gauss Law for S_2 ($r \geq R$)

For the assumption, $r \geq R$ the amount of total charge is enclosed so we can write electric field value equal to Electric field due to a point charge.

e.g.:-



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

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Gauss Law for S_1 ($r < R$)

under, $r < R$ assumption, we can see, no charge enclosed by S_1 , so

$$\boxed{E = 0}$$

E-field due to any arbitrary sphere enclosing charge

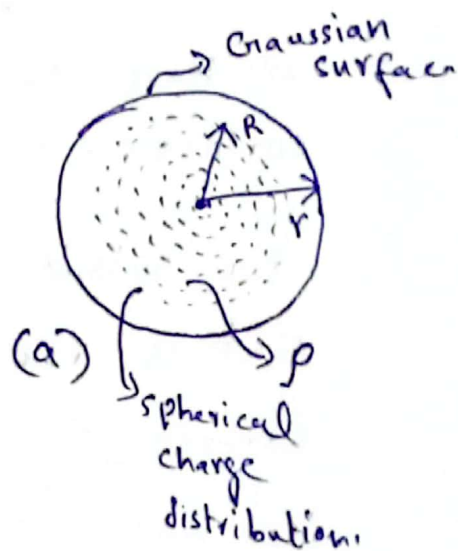
→ spherical Gaussian surface

→ Total charge enclosed = q

radius from center to charge distribution = R

radius from center to any point of Gaussian surface = r

$\rho = \text{volume charge density}$



Assumption

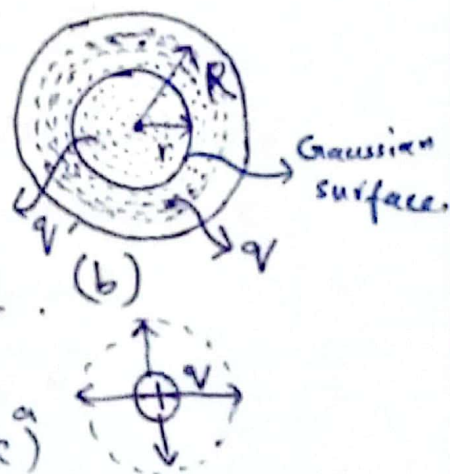
→ ρ can vary with central radius but not vary from surface to surface.

Gaussian surface (a) ($r > R$)

For this surface, entire charge lies inside the surface for, $r > R$.

we have

$$E = \frac{qk}{r^2} \quad (\text{behaves as a point charge})$$



Gaussian surface (b) ($r \leq R$)

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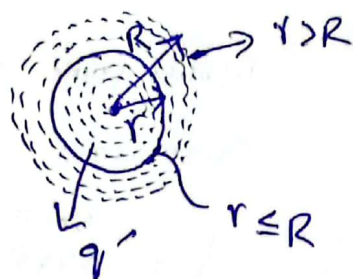
For this Gaussian surface, total charge is divided into two regions, inside and outside the surface (b). So,

q = total charge enclosed by surface $r > R$.

q' = charge enclosed by surface $r \leq R$.

we have to find total E-field due to both surfaces.

For outside the surface ~~that is~~ that is $r > R$, there is no Gaussian surface so outside charge does not set up field.



For inside the surface, $r \leq R$ the charge enclosed is q' and the electric field due to this charge will be

$$E = \frac{k q'}{r^2} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

If total charge is uniform, then q' enclosed is also uniform so we can write

$$\frac{\text{total charge}}{\text{total volume}} = \frac{\text{charge enclosed}}{\text{volume enclosed}}$$
$$\frac{q}{V} = \frac{q'}{V'}$$

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$$\therefore V = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$$

$$V' = \frac{4}{3}\pi r'^3$$

and

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

$$qr'^3 = R^3q'$$

$$q' = q\left(\frac{r'}{R}\right)^3 \text{ putting in (1)}$$

$$E = k \frac{q'}{r^2} = k \frac{q \frac{r'^3}{R^3}}{r^2}$$

$$\boxed{E = k \frac{q}{R^3} \cdot r}$$

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