

PHYS2326

Lecture #6

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Reminder / Announcement

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Tue.: 2pm - 4pm

Fri.: 10am - noon

Goals for this lecture (Ch. 22)

- Quick review (Ch. 21)
- Understand electric flux
- Introduce Gauss's Law

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- But... can we say anything about charge sources if the electric vector field (**E**) is known?

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Karl Friedrich Gauss

German mathematician and astronomer (1777–1855)

Gauss received a doctoral degree in mathematics from the University of Helmstedt in 1799. In addition to his work in electromagnetism, he made contributions to mathematics and science in number theory, statistics, non-Euclidean geometry, and cometary orbital mechanics. He was a founder of the German Magnetic Union, which studies the Earth's magnetic field on a continual basis.

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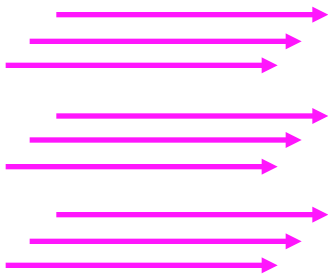
The net electric flux through any closed surface is proportional to the net charge enclosed by that surface.

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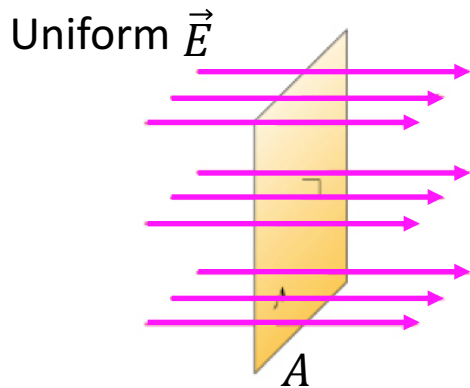
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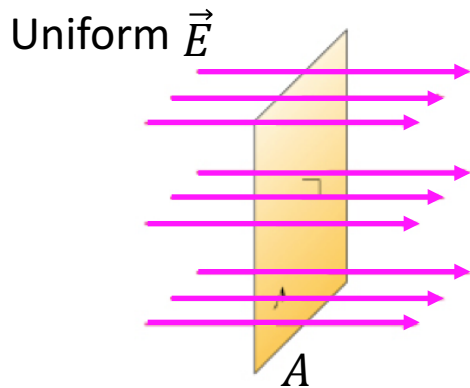
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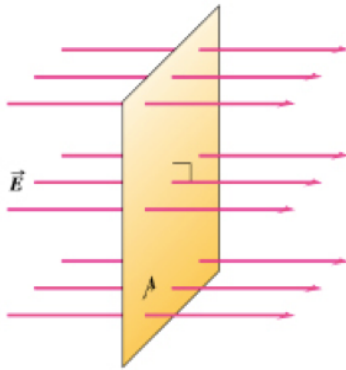
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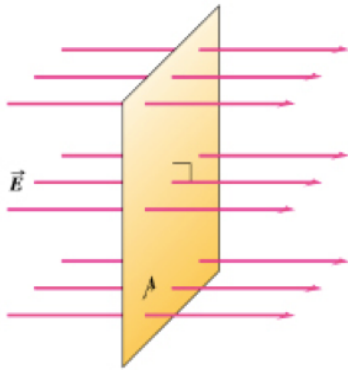
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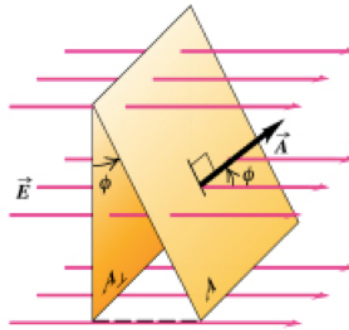
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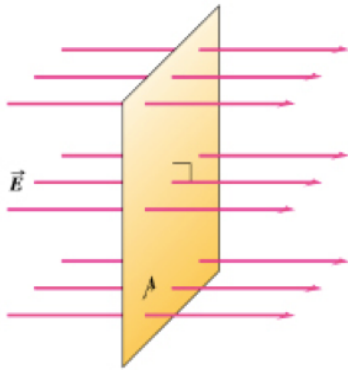
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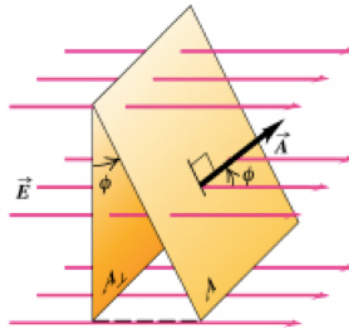
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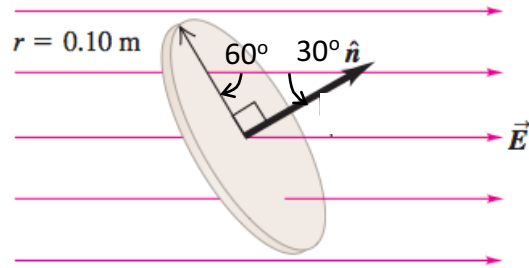
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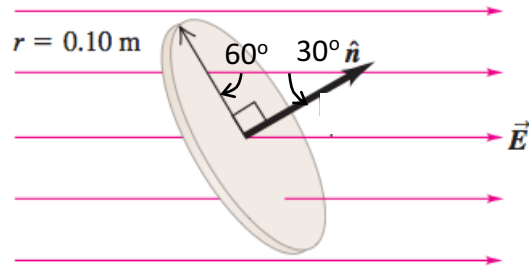
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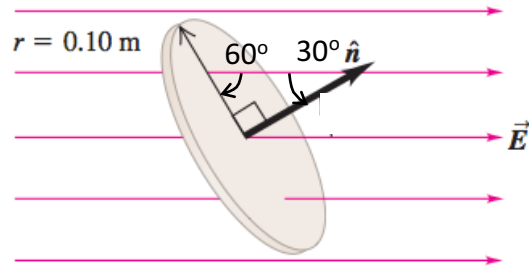


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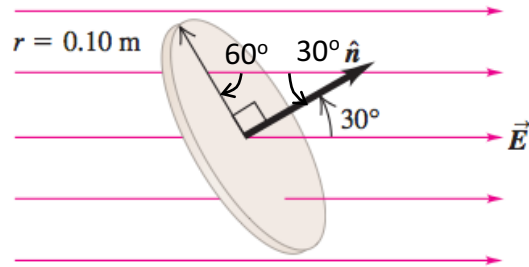
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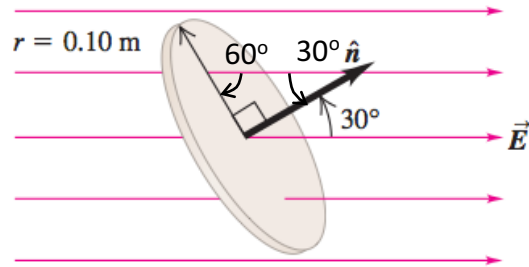
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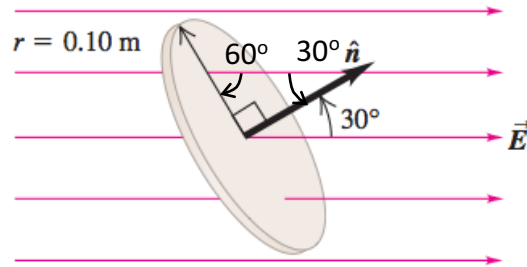
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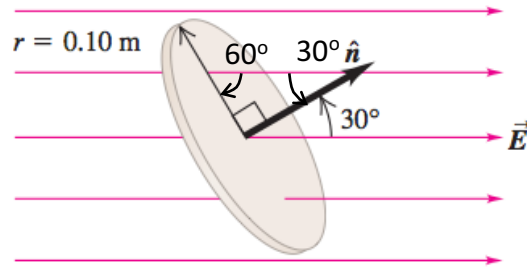
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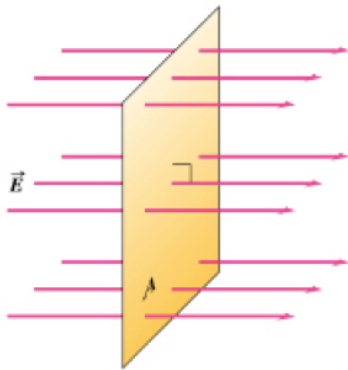
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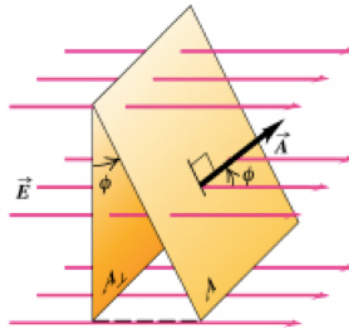
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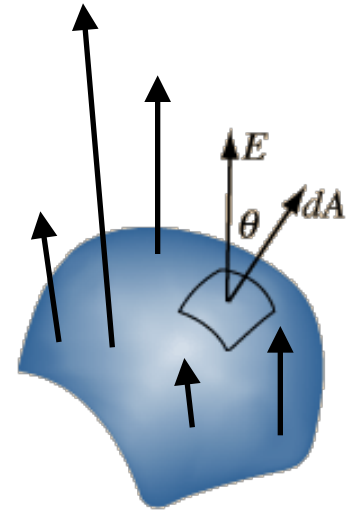


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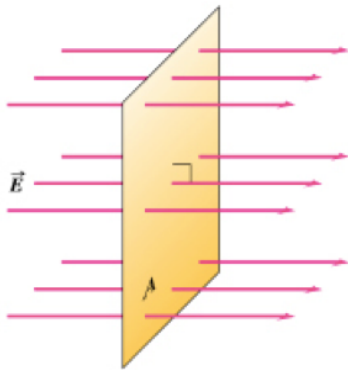
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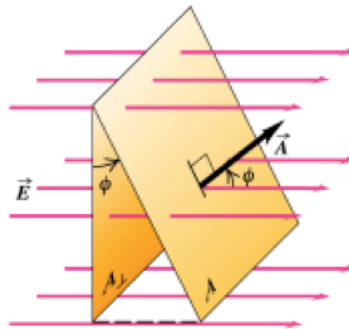
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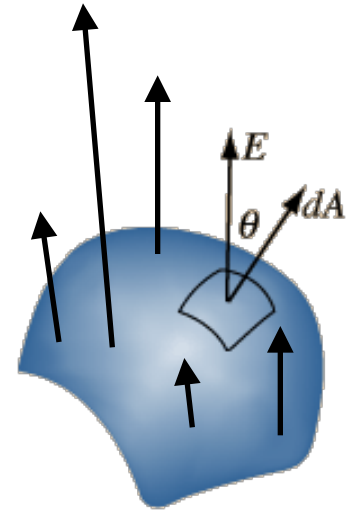


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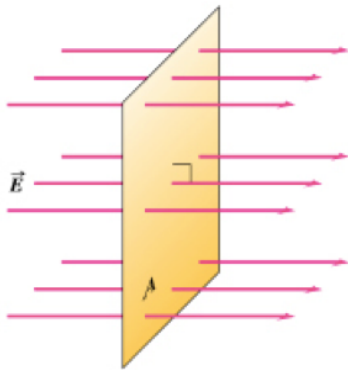


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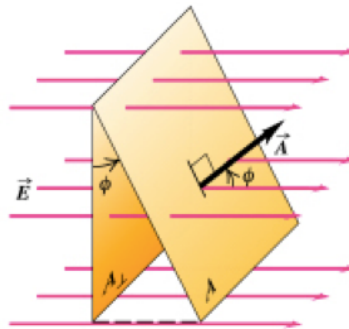
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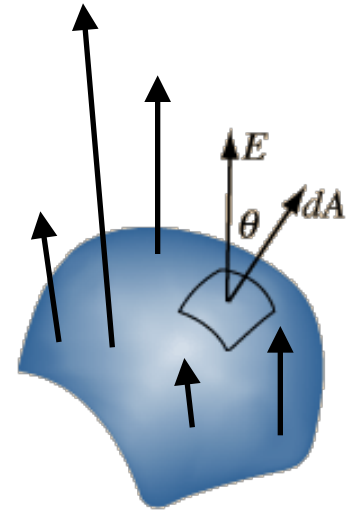


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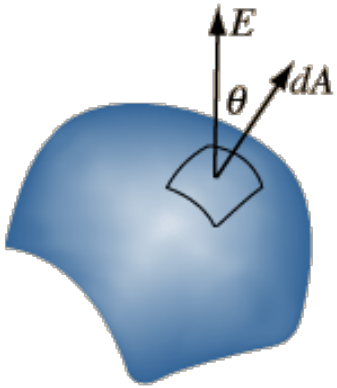


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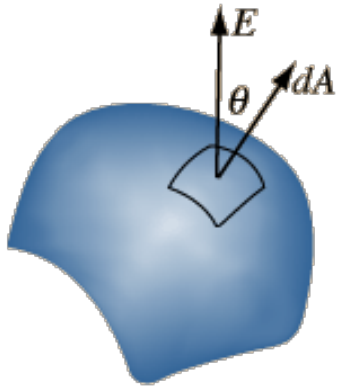
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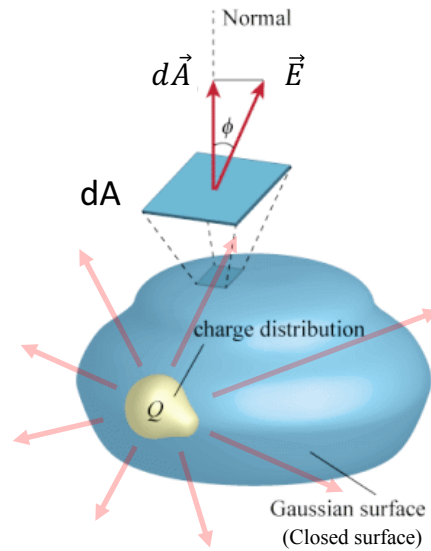


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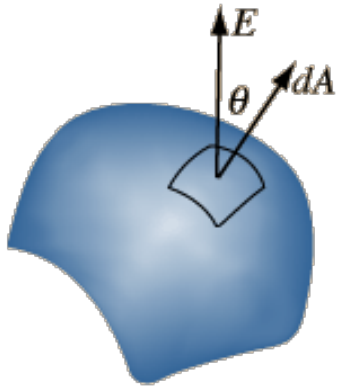
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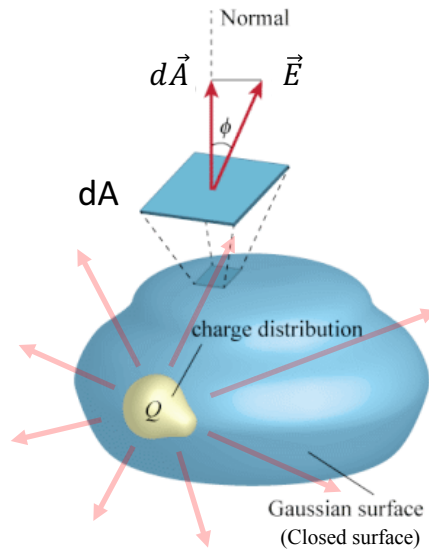
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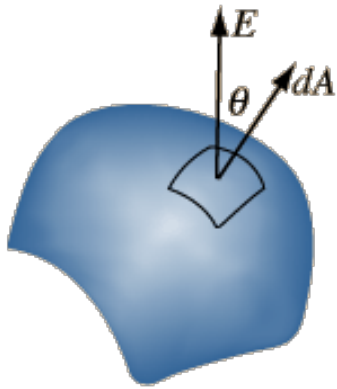


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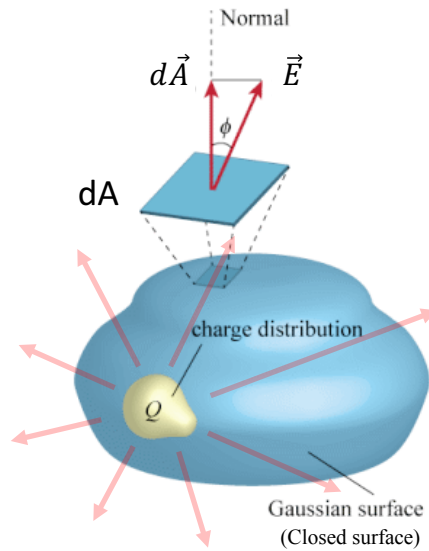


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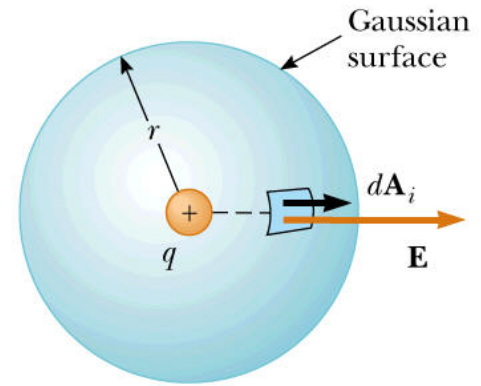
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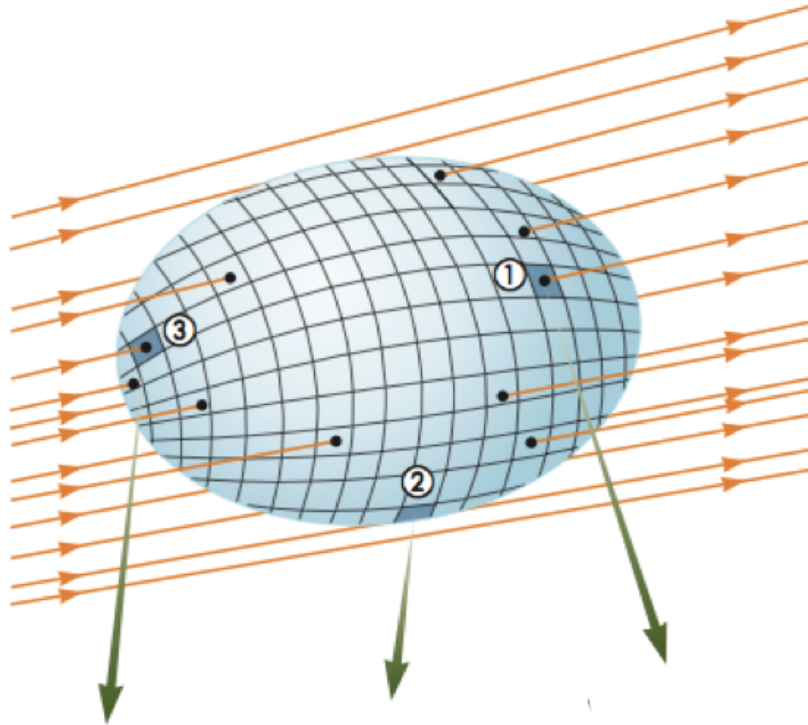
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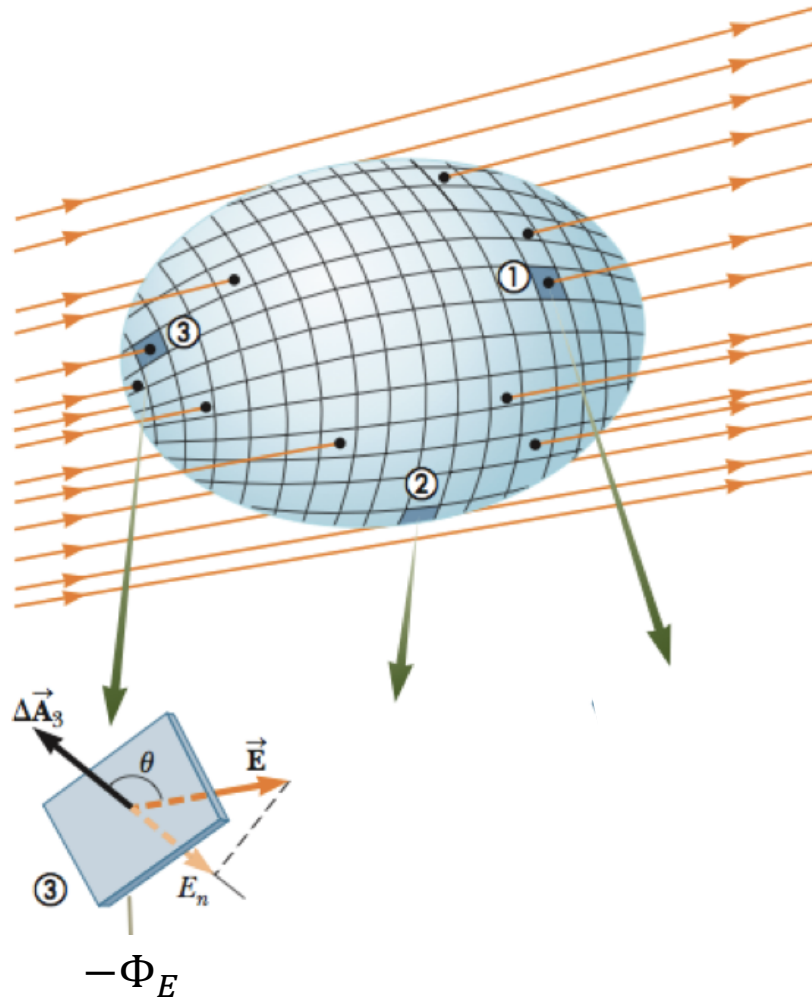
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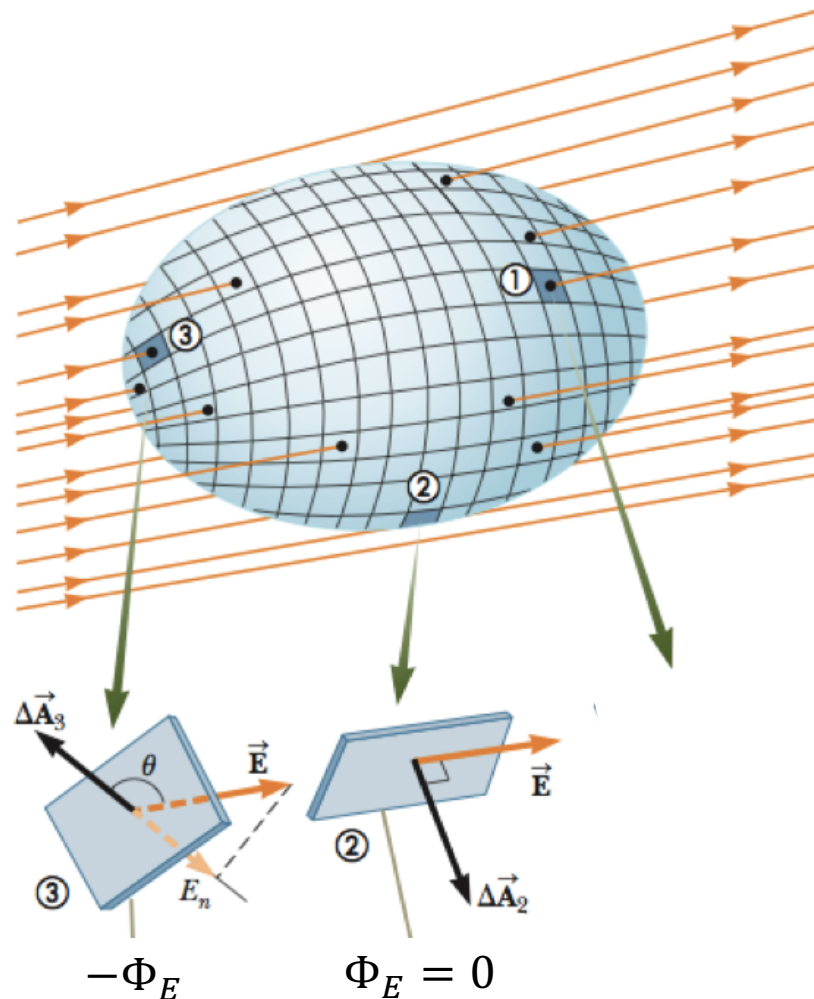
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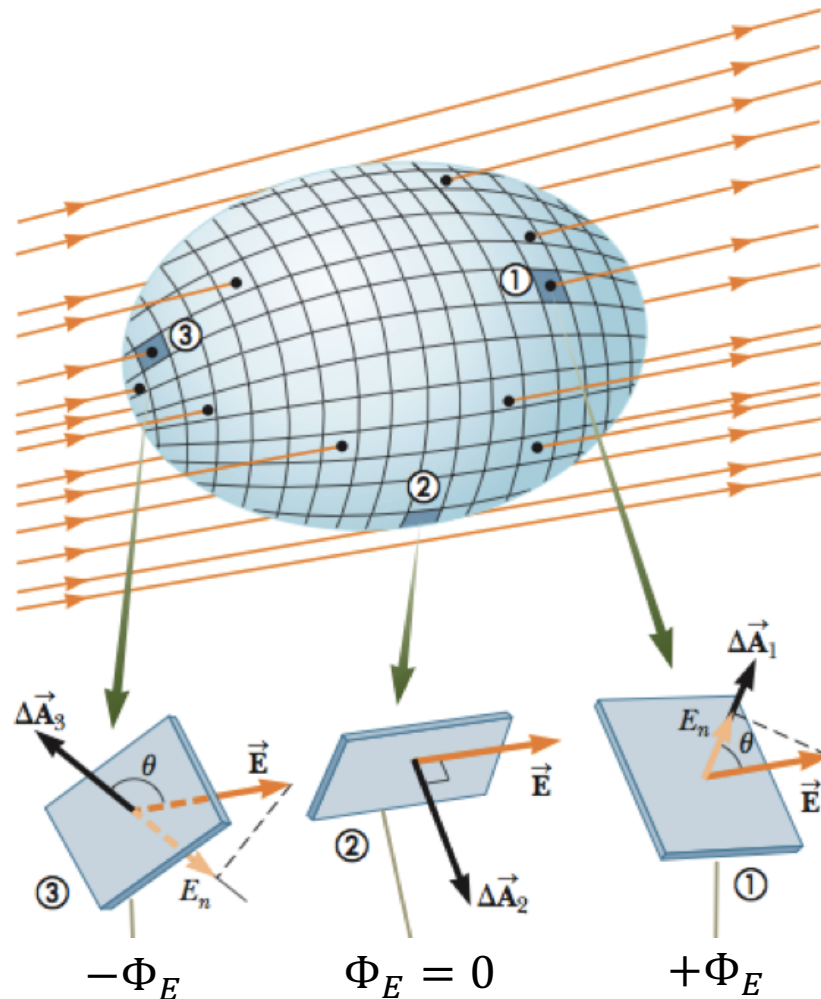
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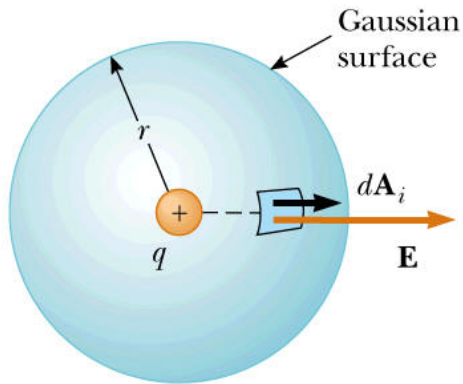


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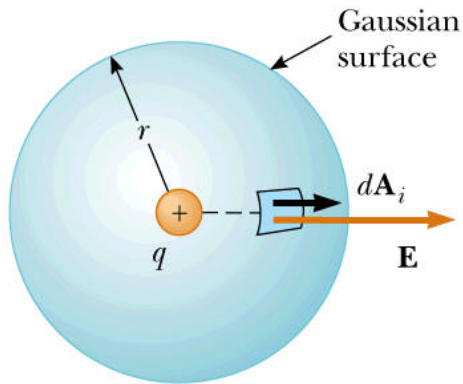


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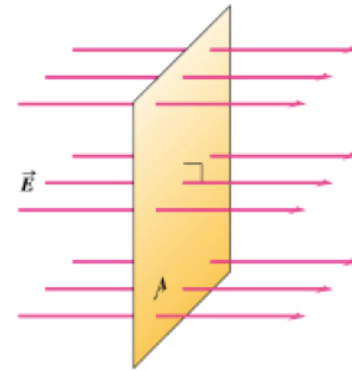


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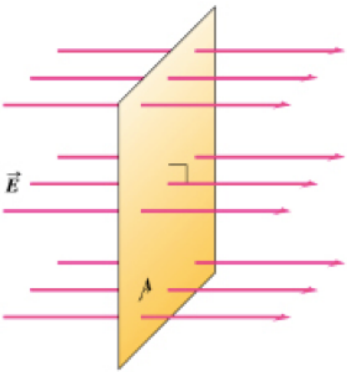
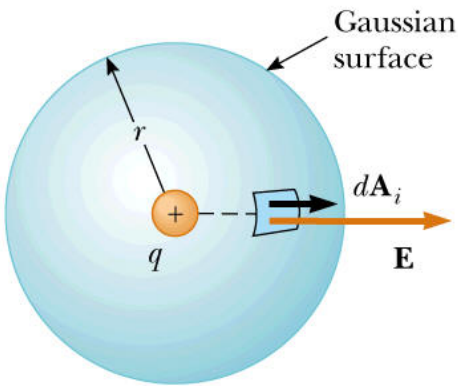


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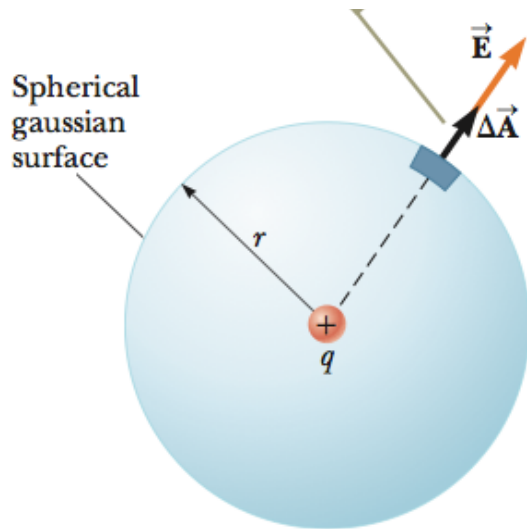
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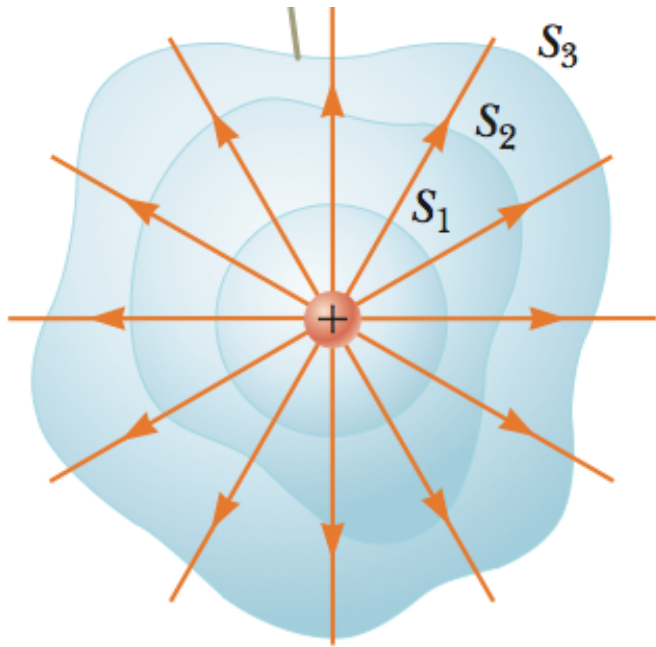
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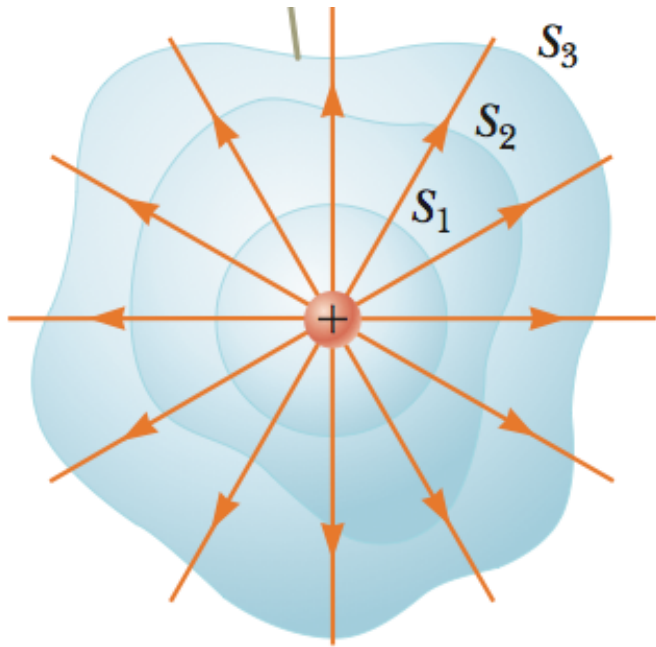
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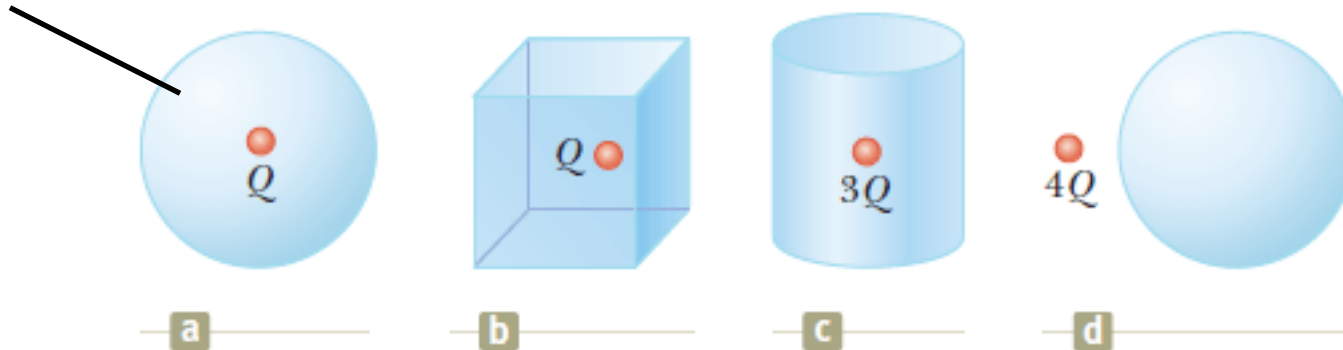
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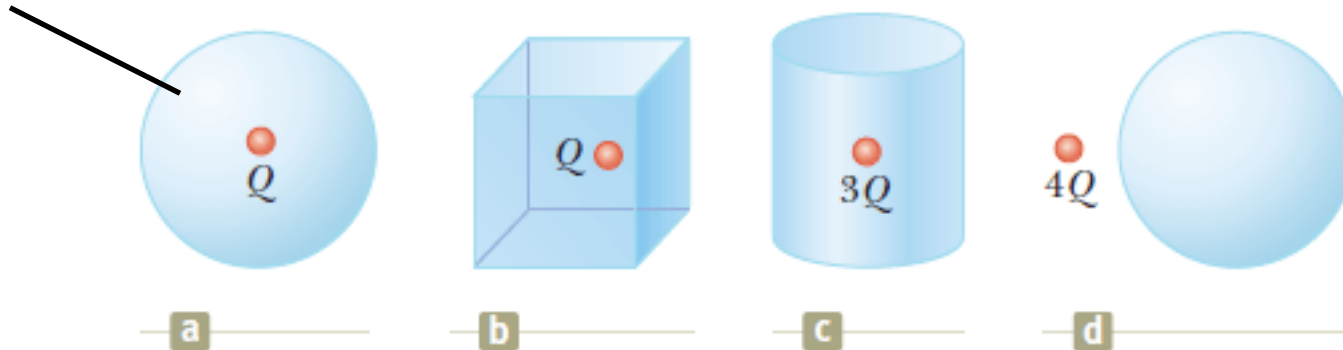


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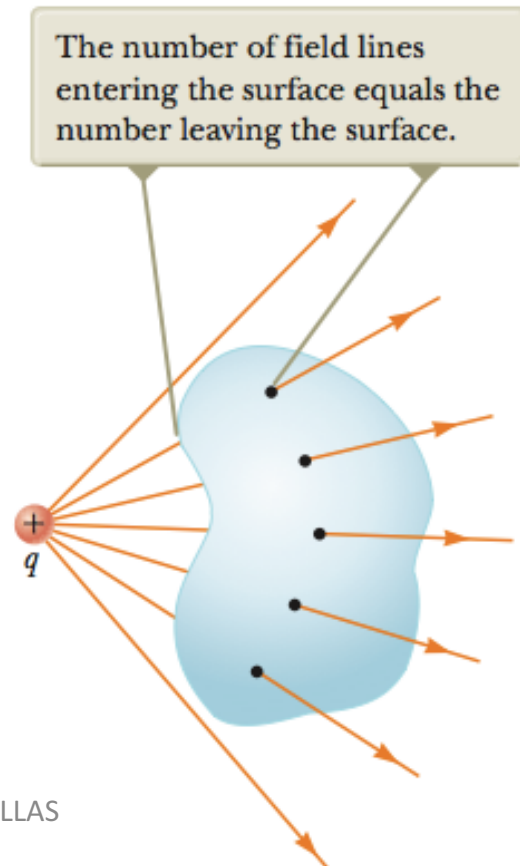
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1. d
2. a=b
3. c

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- To remember: Net electric flux is zero through closed surface unless there is net charge inside!

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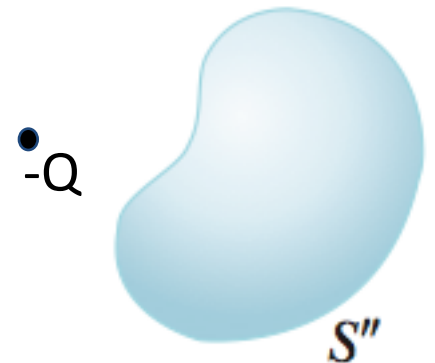
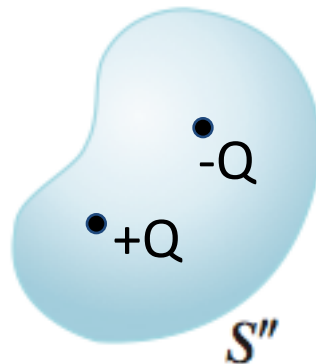
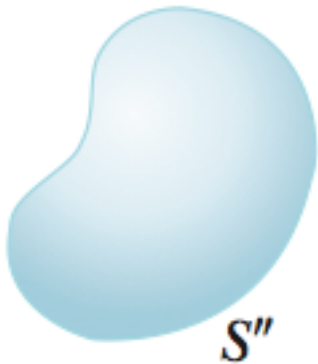
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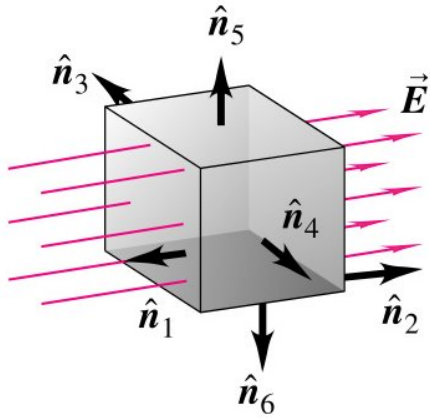
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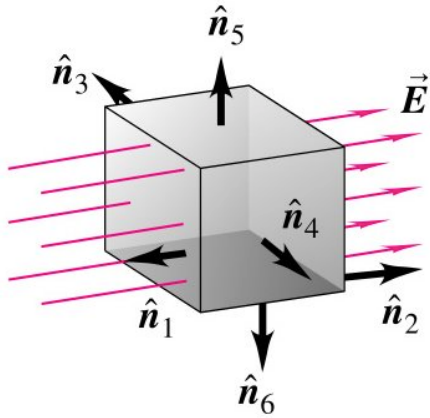
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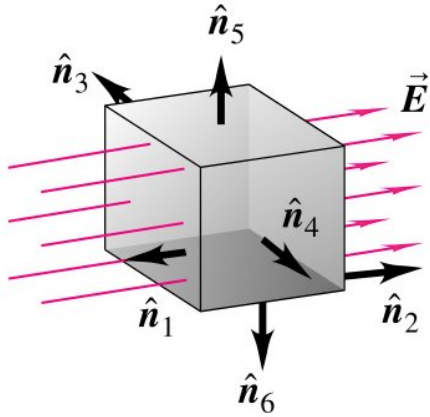


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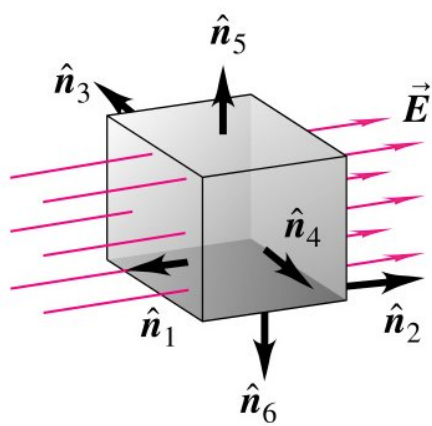
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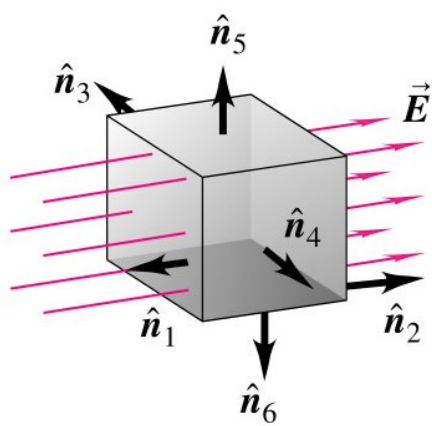


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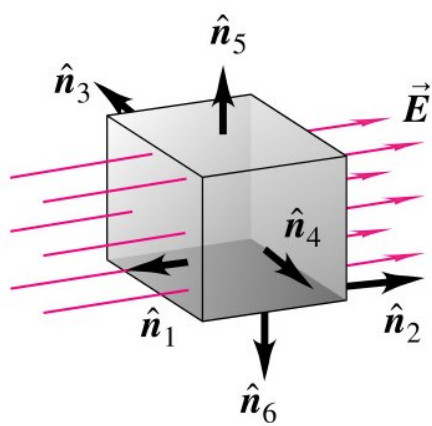
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