#### **Vector calculus**

For a scalar function 
$$\varphi = \varphi(x)$$
,  $d\varphi = \left(\frac{d\varphi}{dx}\right) dx$ 

For 
$$\varphi = \varphi(x,y,z)$$
,  $d\varphi = \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}\right) dx + \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}\right) dy + \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}\right) dz$  length element 
$$= \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}\hat{\imath} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}\hat{\jmath} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}\hat{k}\right) \cdot \left(dx\hat{\imath} + dy\hat{\jmath} + dz\hat{k}\right)$$
$$= \left(\hat{\imath}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{\jmath}\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \varphi \cdot \left(dx\hat{\imath} + dy\hat{\jmath} + dz\hat{k}\right)$$

#### Vector operator DEL ♥

$$= \vec{\nabla} \varphi \cdot \vec{dl}$$

**GRADIENT** of scalar function  $\varphi$  which is a vector

$$dT = \vec{\nabla}T.\vec{dl}$$

$$dT = |\vec{\nabla}T| |\vec{dl}| \cos \theta$$
 where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{\nabla}T$  and  $\vec{dl}$ 

For a given dI, dT is maximum when  $\theta = 0$ , ie, along the direction of  $\nabla T$ 

**GRADIENT** of a function points in the direction of max. increase of the function

 $|\overrightarrow{\nabla}T|$  gives the slope along the maximum direction

Example: 
$$r(x,y,z)$$
  $\overrightarrow{\nabla} \mathbf{r}$ ?  $\overrightarrow{\nabla} \mathbf{r} = |\overrightarrow{\nabla} \mathbf{r}| |\overrightarrow{\mathbf{dl}}| \cos \theta$ 

#### **Direction?**

r increases fastest along the radial direction  $\longrightarrow$   $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ 

$$dl = dr \longrightarrow |\vec{\nabla}r| = 1 \qquad \qquad \vec{\nabla}r = \hat{r}$$

$$\vec{\nabla}\mathbf{T} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \mathbf{r}}\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \theta}\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{rsin\theta}\frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \phi}\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

# Spherical coordinates $(r, \theta, \phi)$

$$\vec{\nabla}T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \rho}\hat{\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi}\hat{\phi} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}\hat{z}$$

cylindrical coordinates  $(\rho, \phi, z)$ 

#### **Divergence** (scalar)

**▽** acts on a vector function through dot product

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \cdot \left(\hat{i} v_x + \hat{j} v_y + \hat{k} v_z\right)$$
$$= \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$$

#### **Physical meaning:**

- measures the spread out (divergence) of a vector at a given point
- net amount of flux through a given volume

$$\vec{v} = \vec{r} = (\hat{i} x + \hat{j} y + \hat{k} z)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

$$|\vec{\nabla}\mathbf{T} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \mathbf{r}}\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \theta}\hat{\mathbf{\theta}} + \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \phi}\hat{\mathbf{\phi}}$$

Spherical coordinates 
$$(\mathbf{r}, \theta, \phi)$$
 
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta v_\theta)$$
$$+ \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} v_\phi$$

cylindrical  $(\rho, \phi, z)$ 

$$\vec{\nabla} \mathbf{T} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \rho} \hat{\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$
cylindrical coordinates
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (\rho v_{\rho}) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} v_{\phi} + \frac{\partial v_{z}}{\partial z}$$

#### **Curl (vector)**

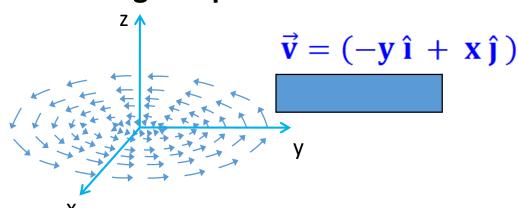
**▽** acts on a vector function through cross product

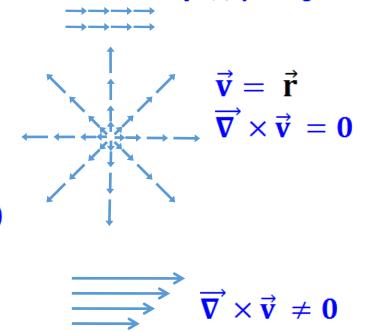
$$\overrightarrow{\nabla} \times \overrightarrow{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{y}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{x}} & \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{y}} & \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{z}} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\overrightarrow{\nabla}} \times \overrightarrow{\nabla} \times \overrightarrow{\nabla} = \mathbf{0}$$

measures the circulation (curl) of a vector at a given point





#### **Gradient Theorem**

For a scalar function  $\Theta(x,y,z)$  in the interval  $(r_a,r_b)$ 

$$\int_{\mathbf{r}_{a}}^{r_{b}} \overrightarrow{\nabla} \mathbf{\Theta} \cdot \overrightarrow{\mathbf{dl}} = \mathbf{\Theta}(\mathbf{r}_{b}) - \mathbf{\Theta}(\mathbf{r}_{a}) \qquad \qquad \{ \overrightarrow{\nabla} \boldsymbol{\varphi} \cdot \overrightarrow{\mathbf{dl}} = \boldsymbol{d} \boldsymbol{\varphi} \}$$

- ⇒ Depends only on the end points
- ⇒ Independent of path

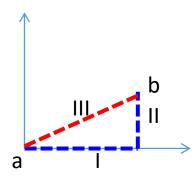
$$\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \oint \vec{\nabla} \Theta \cdot \vec{dl} = 0$$
 over a closed path

#### **Example:**

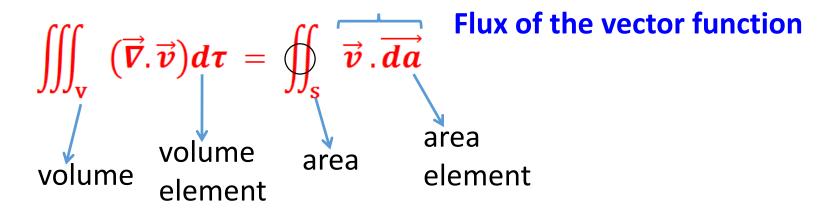
$$T = xy^2$$
,  $a(0,0,0)$  and  $b(2,1,0)$ 

$$\vec{\nabla}T = \hat{\iota}y^2 + \hat{\jmath}2xy$$

$$\overrightarrow{\nabla}T \cdot \overrightarrow{dl} = (\hat{\imath}y^2 + \hat{\jmath}2xy) \cdot (dx\hat{\imath} + dy\hat{\jmath} + dz\hat{k})$$
$$= y^2 dx + 2xy dy$$



#### **Divergence theorem (Gauss' Theorem / Green's Theorem)**



Divergence of a vector function in a given volume is equivalent

to the flux passing through any surface bounding the volume

#### **Divergence theorem - contradictions**

Let  $\vec{v} = \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$  be a vector field. Then divergence theorem implies that

$$\iiint\limits_{V} \left( \overrightarrow{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\widehat{r}}{r^2} \right) dV = \iint\limits_{S} \frac{\widehat{r}}{r^2} \cdot \overrightarrow{dS}$$

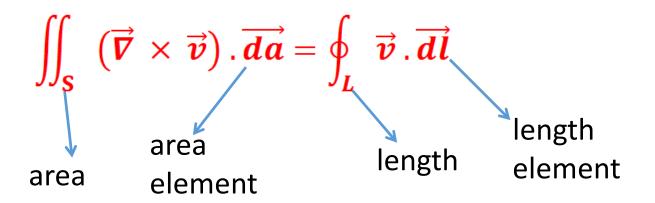
$$\overrightarrow{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\widehat{r}}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{1}{r^2} \right) = 0$$
 Hence LHS = 0

If the volume is taken as a sphere of radius R, then RHS

$$= \iint_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi} \frac{\widehat{r}}{R^2} \cdot (\widehat{r} R^2 \sin \theta \ d\theta \ d\phi) = 4\pi$$

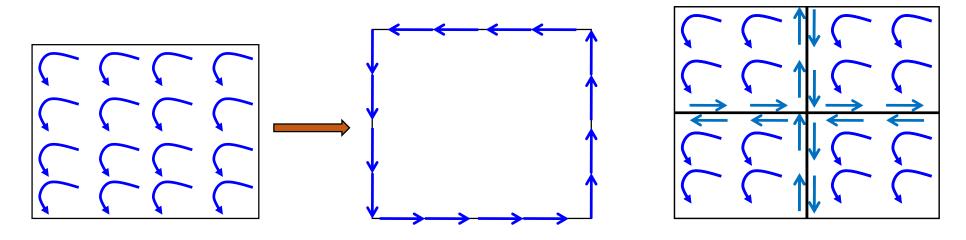
This contradiction is due to the fact that r = 0 is a singularity and such cases should be dealt with Dirac Delta-function method of integration.

#### **Curl theorem (Green's theorem)**



Curl of a vector function in a given surface is equivalent to

value of function along the bounding line enclosing the surface



# **Electrostatics Electric field, potential and conductors**

#### **ELECTROSTATICS**

#### **Assumption:**

- all charges are stationary
- charges are given; i.e., neglect the internal structure of the charges or the energy needed to create them

#### **AIM**

Force exerted on a charge Q by charges  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_n$ ? – Coloumb's Law (1<sup>st</sup> fundamental rule of electrostatics)

$$\overrightarrow{F} = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$
 Attractive or repulsive depending on the charges Valid only for point charges or Charge distribution whose spatial extent << r

**Superposition principle (2<sup>nd</sup> fundamental rule):** 

•Interaction between 2 charges is completely unaffected by the presence of other charges. i.e., interaction between charges q<sub>i</sub> can be neglected.

$$\vec{q}_1 \quad q_3$$
 $\vec{q}_n \quad q_i \quad q_2$ 
 $\vec{F} = \sum_i \frac{q_i Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_i^2} \hat{r}_i$ 

#### **ELECTRIC FIELD**

How the charge distribution knows about the charge Q? Action at a distance needs concept of Electric Field! Electric field attaches itself as a local property to a charge system (compare with gravity).

Force exerted on a charge Q by charges  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ , ....,  $q_n$ 

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \ldots + \vec{F}_n = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \frac{q_1 Q}{r_1^2} \hat{r}_1 + \frac{q_2 Q}{r_2^2} \hat{r}_2 + \cdots \cdot \frac{q_n Q}{r_n^2} \hat{r}_n \right\}$$

E(P) refers only point P; =  $Q\left\{\frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0r_1^2}\widehat{r_1} + \frac{q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0r_2^2}\widehat{r_2} + \dots + \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0r_i^2}\widehat{r_i}\right\}$  reference of test charge

$$\vec{F} = Q\vec{E}$$
 or  $\vec{E} = \lim_{Q \to 0} \frac{\vec{F}}{Q}$ 

Test charge Q does not affect charge distribution  $q_1, q_2, ...., q_n$ 

$$\vec{E}(P) = \sum \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_i^2} \hat{r}_i$$

Electric Field at the point P where charge Q is located

#### **CONTINUOUS CHARGE DISTRIBUTIONS**

#### **LINE CHARGE**

CHARGE DISTRIBUTED OVER A LENGTH L LINEAR CHARGE DENSITY  $\lambda$  = CHARGE/LENGTH

$$\vec{E}(P) = \int_{L} \frac{\lambda dl}{4\pi\epsilon_{0}r^{2}} \hat{r}$$

#### **SURFACE CHARGE**

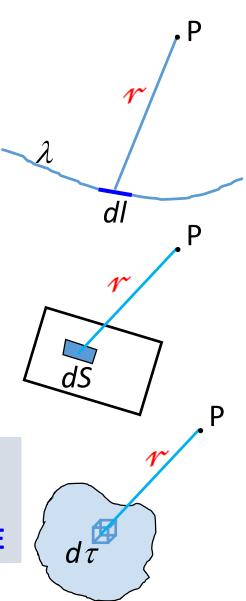
CHARGE DISTRIBUTED OVER A SURFACE S
SURFACE CHARGE DENSITY  $\sigma$  = CHARGE/AREA

$$\vec{E}(P) = \iint_{S} \frac{\sigma ds}{4\pi\epsilon_{0}r^{2}} \hat{r}$$

#### **VOLUME CHARGE**

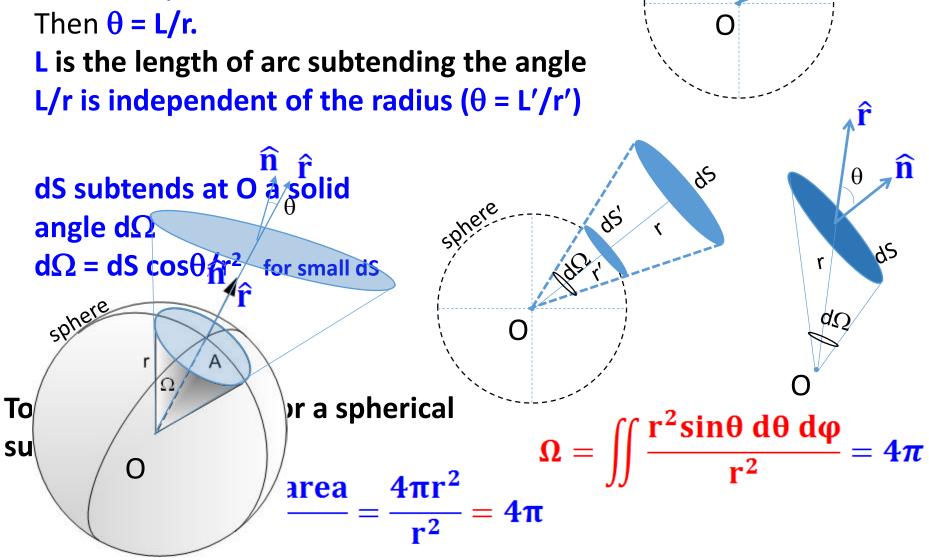
CHARGE DISTRIBUTED OVER A VOLUME V
VOLUME CHARGE DENSITY  $\rho$  = CHARGE/VOLUME

$$\vec{E}(P) = \iiint_{V} \frac{\rho d\tau}{4\pi\epsilon_{0}r^{2}}\hat{r}$$



#### **SOLID ANGLE**

To define angle, circle of radius *r* is drawn with the apex as its centre.



#### Flux of electric field and Gauss's Law

dS

Point charge +q at the origin :  $E \propto 1/r^2$ 

**Field lines** 

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Flux of electric field 

field lines passing through a given surface

Flux through elemental area dS

$$d\Theta = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dS}$$
Total flux  $\Theta = \int_{S} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dS}$ 

For the point charge +q at the origin of the sphere, total flux

$$\iint_{\theta = 0} \frac{q}{\phi = 2\pi} \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \cdot (r^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \, \hat{r})$$

$$q$$

$$q$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{ds} = \frac{q}{\varepsilon_0} \quad \Rightarrow \text{ constant, does not depend on } r$$
surface area increases as  $r^2$ 

source is enclosed by the surface

e.f. decreases as  $1/r^2$ 

For a system of charges q1, q2, ...., qn

$$\iint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{ds} = \frac{Q_{tot}}{\varepsilon_0}$$

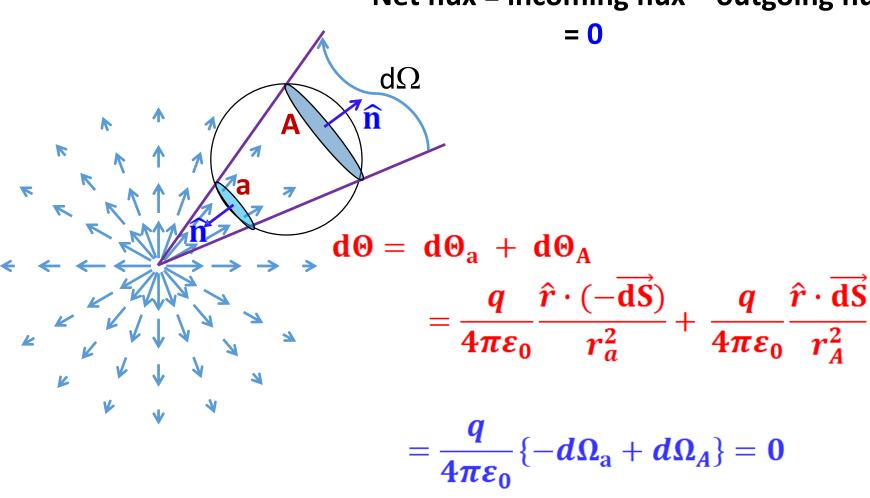
#### **Gauss's Law using SOLID ANGLE**

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

$$\Theta = \int_{S} d\Theta = \frac{q}{\varepsilon_{0}}$$

#### Flux of E if charge is outside the volume

#### **Net flux = incoming flux – outgoing flux**



#### **Gauss's Law**

Flux of electric field through a given surface,

$$\iint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{ds} = \frac{Q_{tot}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{if the surface encloses the charges}$$

= 0

= 0 if the surface does not enclose the charges

Integral form of Gauss's Law

**Differential form** 

Using divergence theorem,

$$\iint \overrightarrow{E} \cdot \overrightarrow{ds} = \iiint (\overrightarrow{\nabla} \cdot \overrightarrow{E}) d\tau = \frac{Q_{\text{tot}}}{\varepsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \iiint_V \rho d\tau$$

Since it is true for any volume,

$$\overrightarrow{\nabla} \cdot \overrightarrow{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$$
 1<sup>st</sup> Maxwell equation

#### **Gauss's Law - Applications**

$$\iint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{ds} = \frac{Q_{tot}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{if the surface encloses the charges}$$

= 0 if the surface does not enclose the charges

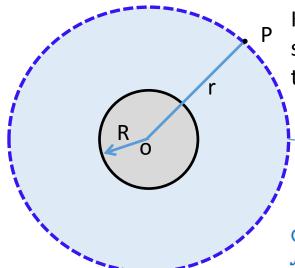
If a symmetry in the charge distribution exists, integral form of GL provides a far easier method to find  $\vec{E}$ 

#### **Possible symmetries**

- 1. Spherical
- 2. Cylindrical
- 3. Planar

#### **Gauss's Law - Applications**

## Spherical symmetry: Electric field outside and inside a uniformly charged sphere of radius R and volume charge density $\rho$



Keep the sphere with its centre at the origin of the coordinate system. Let P be the point outside at a distance r from O where the electric field is to be calculated.

Draw a spherical surface of radius *r* centred at O : Gaussian surface

Then for the flux through the spherical surface,

$$\iint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{ds} = \frac{Q_{\text{tot,encl}}}{\varepsilon_0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \int_{V} \rho \, dV = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} \int_{V} dV = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} \left\{ \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \right\}$$

#### **Symmetry arguments:**

- At the spherical surface, E and dS will be in î direction
- dot product goes away.
- E will be constant everywhere on the surface
- E comes out of the integral.

This is the advantage of GL application in the case of symmetry

#### **Gauss's Law - Applications**

$$E \ 4\pi r^2 = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} \left\{ \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \right\} \longrightarrow E = \hat{r} \frac{\rho R^3}{3\varepsilon_0 r^2} = \hat{r} \frac{Q}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 r^2}$$
 Total charge

Field outside is exactly the same as if the whole charge is concentrated at the centre!

#### **Electric field inside**

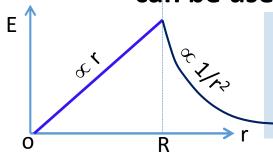
This volume does not contribute to flux since it lies outside the point, OR not enclosed by the surface

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$$Q_{\rm encl} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho$$

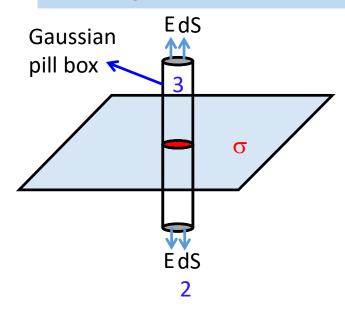
$$E.4\pi r^2 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \rho \implies \vec{E} = \hat{r} \frac{\rho r}{3\varepsilon_0}$$

GL is valid for all charge distributions; integral form can be used for calculating E when symmetry allows



- GL is more general compared to Coloumb's law
- CL: applicable only in static cases
- Differential form of GL is the 1st Maxwell equation
  - Valid for em waves/moving charges

### **Gauss's Law – Applications : E due to infinite sheet, surface charge density σ**



E is perpendicular to the infinite sheet of charge: By symmetry, it <u>cannot</u> point in any other direction

Due to symmetry,  $E_1 = E_2 = E$  (equidistance surfaces from the plane)

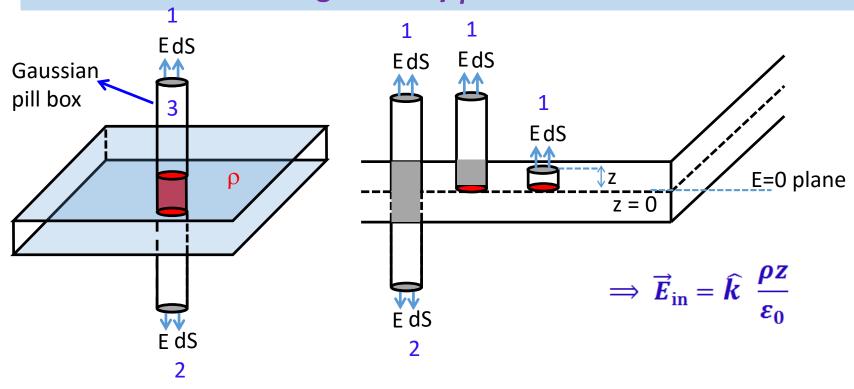
Since E is perpendicular to the plane, surface 3 (curved surface) contributes nothing (dot product goes to zero)

By Gauss's Law, Net Electric Flux 2  $E dS = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} dS$ , i. e,

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

Constant! Does not depend on the distance

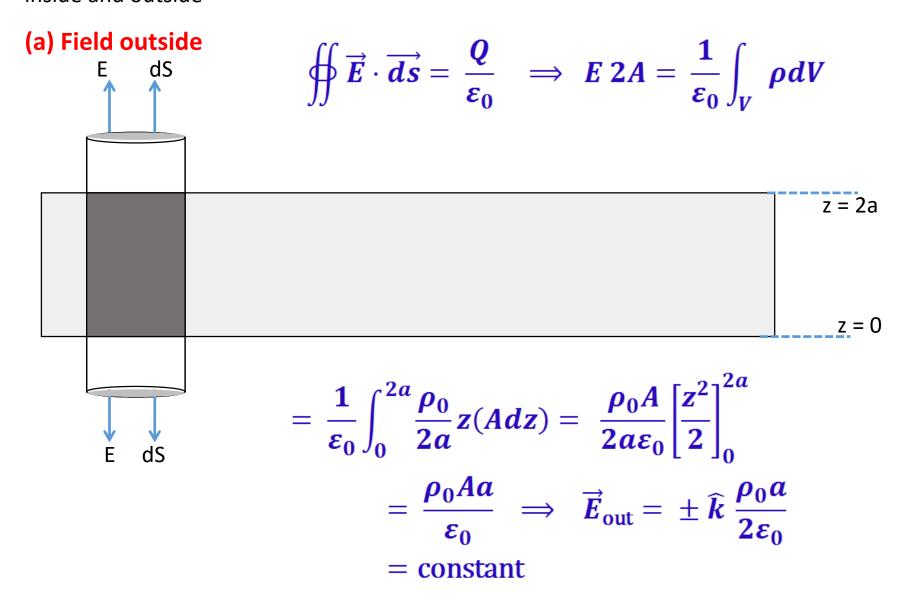
### Gauss's Law – Applications : E due to infinite SLAB, thickness 2d, constant volume charge density $\rho$



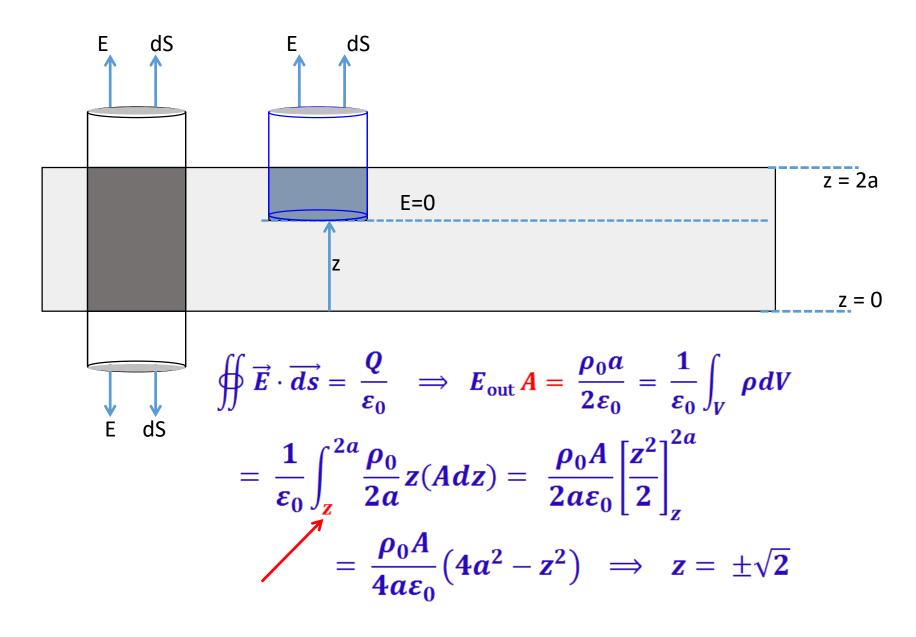
Consider the slab as infinite sheets in the z-direction. Then field outside the sheet is constant

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{ds} = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0} \implies E_{\text{out}} 2A = \frac{\rho(2dA)}{\varepsilon_0} \implies \vec{E}_{\text{out}} = \pm \hat{k} \frac{\rho d}{\varepsilon_0} = \hat{k} \frac{\rho d}{\varepsilon_0} \frac{z}{|z|}$$

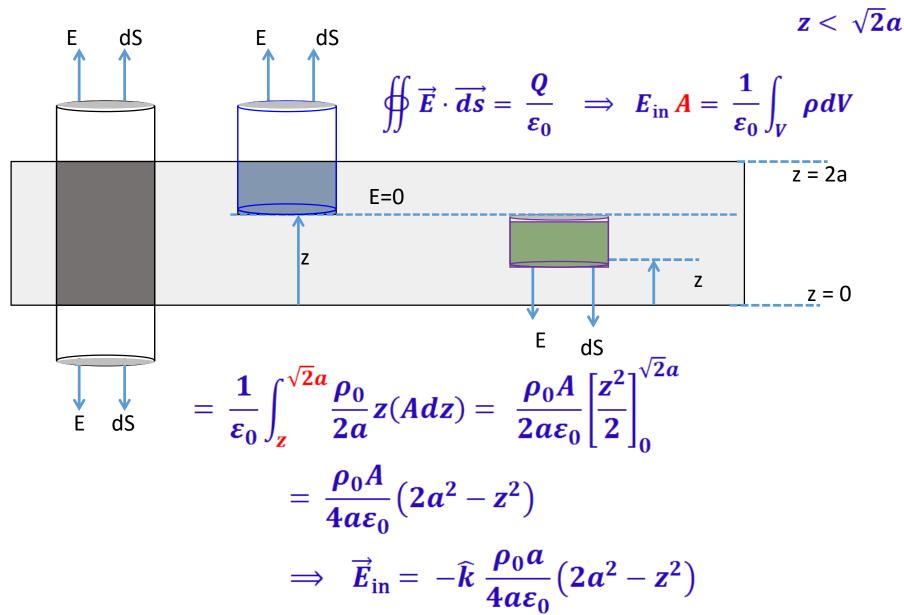
Infinite slab, thickness 2a, volume charge density  $\rho = \rho_0 z/2a$ , kept in the x-y plane, Extends from z = 0 to z = 2a along the z-axis. Find the magnitude and direction of field both inside and outside



#### (b) E = 0 plane: Let the E = 0 plane be at a distance z as shown

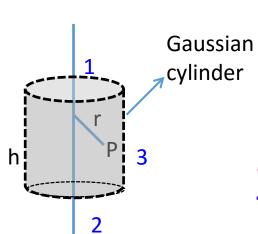


(a) Field inside Electric field is in  $+\widehat{k}$  direction if  $z>\sqrt{2}a$  and in  $-\widehat{k}$  direction if



### **Gauss's Law – Applications : E due to infinite line charge, charge** density $\lambda$

#### (A). Electric field at P at a distance r from the wire

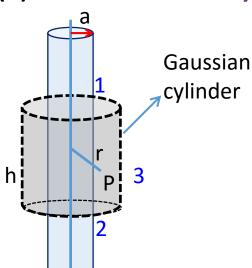


Draw Gaussian surface (cylinder of radius r and height h, enclosing the wire) such that the P is on the surface.

From symmetry, 
$$\vec{E} = E\hat{r}$$
  $\Rightarrow$  flux through flat surfaces (1 & 2) = 0, E  $\perp$  d

From symmetry, 
$$\overrightarrow{E} = E \hat{r}$$
  $\Rightarrow$  flux through flat surfaces (1 & 2) = 0, E  $\perp$  dS  $\overrightarrow{E} \cdot \overrightarrow{ds} = E 2\pi r h = \frac{\lambda h}{\varepsilon_0} \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{E} = \pm \hat{r} \frac{\sigma}{2\pi \varepsilon_0 r}$ 

#### (B). E due to infinite cylinder, volume charge density $\rho$



### (i) E outside

Gaussian cylinder 
$$\overrightarrow{E} \cdot \overrightarrow{ds} = E \, 2\pi r h = \frac{\rho \pi a^2 h}{\varepsilon_0} \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{E}_{\text{out}} = \widehat{r} \, \frac{\rho a^2}{2\varepsilon_0 r}$$

(ii) E inside 
$$\iint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{ds} = E \, 2\pi r h = \frac{\rho \pi r^2 h}{\varepsilon_0} \implies \vec{E}_{in} = \hat{r} \, \frac{\rho r}{2\varepsilon_0}$$

If  $\rho = \rho_0 r$ , where  $\rho_0$  is constant, then

$$Q_{
m encl} = \int 
ho \ dV$$
 outside 
$$= \iiint_{r=0}^{a} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{z=0}^{h} 
ho_0 r \left( r \ dr \ d\phi \ dz 
ight) = 
ho_0 (2\pi) h \left( rac{a^3}{3} 
ight)$$

$$Q_{\text{encl}} = \iiint_{r=0}^{r} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi h} \rho_0 r' \left( r' dr' d\phi dz \right) = \rho_0 (2\pi) h \left( \frac{r^3}{3} \right)$$

#### **Curl of Electric field**

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = \hat{r} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \ v_{\phi} \right) - \frac{\partial v_{\theta}}{\partial \phi} \right\} + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{r \cos \theta} \frac{\partial v_{r}}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial v_{r}}{\partial \theta} \right\}$$

Spherical coordinates 
$$(r, \theta, \phi)$$

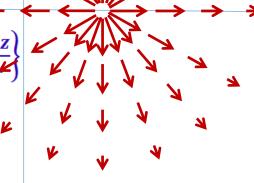
$$+\widehat{\phi} \frac{1}{r} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rv_{\theta}) - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right\}$$

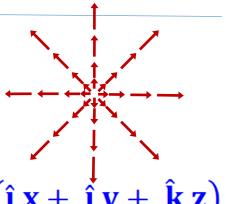
 $(r, \phi, z)$ 

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = \hat{r} \left\{ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial z} \right\} + \hat{\phi} \left\{ \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r'} \right\} + \hat{z} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_\phi) - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} \right\}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{x}} & \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{y}} & \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{z}} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = \mathbf{v_0} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$





$$\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \vec{\mathbf{r}} = (\hat{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{x} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \mathbf{y} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{z})$$

$$E = E(r)$$
  $\longrightarrow$  E is a central field  $\longrightarrow$   $\overrightarrow{\nabla} \times \overrightarrow{E} = 0$   $\longrightarrow$   $\oint \overrightarrow{E} \cdot \overrightarrow{dl} = 0$ 

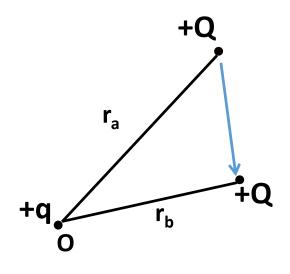
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}$$
 Curl of Electric field  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$   $\Longrightarrow$   $\vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} V$ 

#### Line integral of E

$$\overrightarrow{dl} = dr\widehat{r} + rd\theta\widehat{\theta} + r\sin\theta d\phi\widehat{\phi}$$

$$\vec{E} = |E|\hat{r} \implies \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dl} = Edr$$

$$\int_{r_a}^{r_b} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dl} = \int_{r_a}^{r_b} E dr = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r_a} - \frac{1}{r_b} \right)$$



Line integral is independent of path; depends only on the end positions  $\oint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dl} = 0$ 

**Using Stoke's theorem** 

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dl} = 0 \implies \iint_{S} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \cdot \vec{dS} = 0 \implies \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$$

#### Line integral of E —— Work done per unit charge (Potential V)

$$\int_{\infty}^{r} F \cdot dr = \int_{r}^{\infty} E \cdot dr = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_{0}r} \longrightarrow V(r) = -\int_{\infty}^{r} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dl} = -\int_{\vartheta}^{r} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dl}$$
any reference point

#### **Usually Potential Difference is important**

$$V(r_b) - V(r_a) = -\int\limits_{r_a}^{r_b} \overrightarrow{E}.\overrightarrow{dl}$$
 From Gradient theorem  $V(r_b) - V(r_a) = \int\limits_{r_a}^{r_b} \overrightarrow{\nabla} V.\overrightarrow{dl}$   $\longrightarrow$   $\overrightarrow{E} = -\overrightarrow{\nabla} V$ 

Potential V is a scalar function, —grad of which gives the electric field

Potential obeys superposition principle

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + \dots$$
 A simple scalar sum