

# Engineering Electromagnetics

## Lecture 15

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# Flux

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$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right) \cdot (r^2 \sin\theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \, \hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} q$$

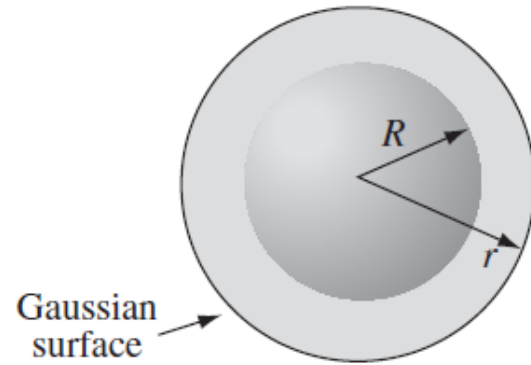
- ▶ the flux through any surface enclosing the charge is  $q/\epsilon_0$
- ▶ Now suppose that instead of a single charge at the origin, we have a bunch of charges scattered about.

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \oint \mathbf{E}_i \cdot d\mathbf{a} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} q_i \right)$$

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{\text{enc}}$$

where  $Q_{\text{enc}}$  is the total charge enclosed within the surface

**Example 2.3.** Find the field outside a uniformly charged solid sphere of radius  $R$  and total charge  $q$ .



$$\int_S |\mathbf{E}| da = |\mathbf{E}| \int_S da = |\mathbf{E}| 4\pi r^2.$$

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

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

Notice a remarkable feature of this result: The field outside the sphere is exactly the same as it would have been if all the charge had been concentrated at the center.

# Divergence of $\mathbf{E}$

As it stands, Gauss's law is an *integral* equation, but we can easily turn it into a *differential* one, by applying the divergence theorem:

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{\text{enc}} \quad \oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_V (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) d\tau.$$

Rewriting  $Q_{\text{enc}}$  in terms of the charge density  $\rho$ , we have

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = \int_V \rho d\tau.$$

So Gauss's law becomes

$$\int_V (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) d\tau = \int_V \left( \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \right) d\tau.$$

And since this holds for *any* volume, the integrands must be equal:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho.$$

**Gauss's law in differential form**

# Line integral of $\mathbf{E}$



Let us calculate  $\int_a^b \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$ .

the simplest possible configuration: a point charge at the origin. In this case

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

In spherical coordinates,  $d\mathbf{l} = dr \hat{\mathbf{r}} + r d\theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + r \sin \theta d\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ , so

$$\mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} dr.$$

$$\int_a^b \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_a^b \frac{q}{r^2} dr = \frac{-1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r} \Big|_{r_a}^{r_b} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{q}{r_a} - \frac{q}{r_b} \right)$$

For a closed path  $\rightarrow a = b \rightarrow r_a = r_b \Rightarrow \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$

Apply Stokes' theorem to convert line integral to surface integral  $\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \iint (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot d\mathbf{s}$



$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}.$$

# Curl of $\mathbf{E} = \text{zero} \rightarrow$ Electrostatic potential

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

- ▶ If curl of a vector field is zero  $\rightarrow$  it can be represented as gradient of scalar field

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = -\nabla V$$

The curl of a gradient is always zero

$$\nabla \times (\nabla T) = \mathbf{0}.$$

- ▶ The potential difference between two points a and b is

From fundamental theorem of Gradient

$$V(\mathbf{b}) - V(\mathbf{a}) = \int_a^b (\nabla V) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

$$\int_a^b (\nabla V) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_a^b \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \Rightarrow V(\mathbf{b}) - V(\mathbf{a}) = - \int_a^b \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

You can check it just taking any scalar  $T(x,y,z)$  in Cartesian coordinate system  $\rightarrow$  then take the Grad  $\rightarrow$  and finally curl  $\rightarrow$  it should give you Zero



# Advantage of the potential formulation

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

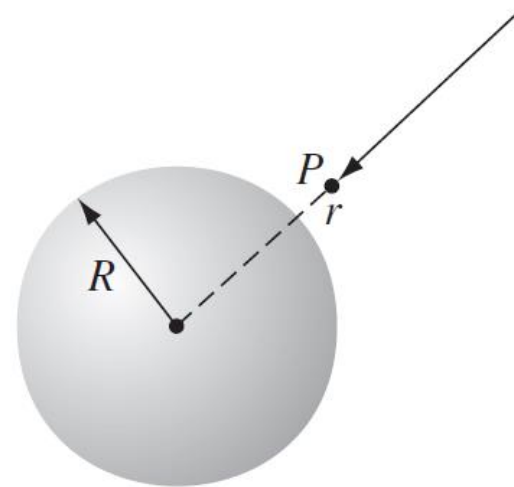
$$\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z}, \quad \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x}$$

- ▶  $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow$  not just any vector, a special one.

# Problem-1

- ▶ Find the **Field** and **potential inside and outside** a spherical shell of radius  $R$  that carries a uniform surface charge.
- ▶ At any point ( $r > R$  and  $r < R$ )
- ▶  $q$  is the total charge on the sphere (surface charge)

$$V(\mathbf{b}) - V(\mathbf{a}) = - \int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$



# Thank You