

# PHYS 5C:

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## I.

- Conductors are equipotentials.

Also generally equipotential surfaces  $\perp E$

- A Gaussian surface is a surface that uses Gauss. Flux through a close surface is equal to charges.

- Charge metal sphere. Radius  $R$  and charge  $Q$ . Set  $v=0$  at  $r > \infty$ . What is  $v$  at center of sphere ( $r=0$ )? set  $r=R$ , so  $v = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$

- $E = k \frac{Q}{r^2}$

- Ground can set  $V=0$

It is possible for a grounded conductor not to be neutral!

- Potential to any charge distribution

Discrete charges:  $V = \int_{i=1}^n V_i \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Q_i}{r_i}$  (assume ref position  $\rightarrow \infty$  and  $V=0$ )

- continuous charge distribution

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq}{r}$$

- Dipole potential

define electric dipole moment:  $p=ql$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{p \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

- Can't always set  $V \rightarrow 0$  at  $r \rightarrow \infty$

When charge distribution extends to  $\infty$  in some direction( $s$ )

example  $\infty$  sheet of charge density  $\sigma$ . Set reference position at a finite distance

- If a charge  $q$  moves through potential difference  $V$ , then its KE changes by  $qV$