Gauss's Law

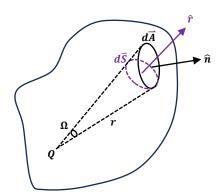
Gauss's Law for point charge



$$\oint_{S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \oint_{S} \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_{0}r^{2}} \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} dA = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_{0}r^{2}} \oint_{S} dA = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_{0}r^{2}} \cdot 4\pi r^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\oint_{S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{in}}{\epsilon_{0}}}$$

for an irregular surface

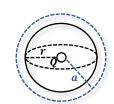


solid angle $\,\Omega\,$

$$\begin{split} \Omega &= \frac{dS}{r^2} \\ \oint_S \overrightarrow{E} \cdot d\overrightarrow{A} &= \sum_i \overrightarrow{E} \cdot \widehat{n} dA = \sum_i \frac{Q}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 r^2} \widehat{r} \cdot \widehat{n} dA \\ \text{make projection } \widehat{r} \cdot \widehat{n} dA &= dS \\ \Rightarrow \frac{Q}{4\pi \varepsilon_0} \sum_i \frac{dS}{r^2} &= \frac{Q}{4\pi \varepsilon_0} \frac{4\pi r^2}{r^2} = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0} \end{split}$$

E Field Calculation by Gauss's Law

• uniformly charged sphere a > r



$$\oint_{S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\varepsilon_{0}} = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_{0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E \oint_{S} dA = E \cdot 4\pi a^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}a^{2}}$$

• uniformly charged sphere a < r

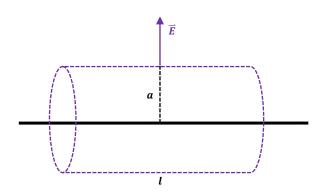


$$q_{in} = Q \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3} = \frac{a^3}{r^3} Q$$

$$\oint_{S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\varepsilon_0} = E \oint dA = E \cdot 4\pi a^2 = \frac{a^3}{r^3 \varepsilon_0} Q$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{Q}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 r^3} a$$

• infinite charged wire, charge density λ

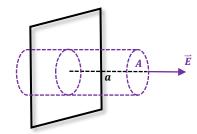


$$\oint_{S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\varepsilon_{0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E \cdot 2\pi a l = \frac{\lambda l}{\varepsilon_{0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\varepsilon_{0}a}$$

ullet infinite charged plane, charge density σ



$$\oint_{S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\varepsilon_{0}} = 2E \cdot A = \frac{\sigma A}{\varepsilon_{0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{\sigma}{2\varepsilon_{0}}$$

Electrostatic Equailibrium

when there is $\underline{\text{no net motion of charge}}$ within a conductor, it is said to be in electrostatic equilibrium

properties:

- $\bullet \quad E_{in}=0$
- if the conductor is isolated and charged, the charge resides on its surface
- ullet the $\it E$ field at the point on the surface is σ/ϵ_0 and is perpendicular to the surface
- on an irregular shaped conductor, the charge density is greater on the surface of smaller radius of curvature.