

Fields and Waves I L21

Gauss's Law

We may take note that

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{E} = \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon_0}$$

C/m^3

\leftarrow Permittivity F/m

Divergence of the Electric Field

("flux of a vector field through a surface")

Also Note $\bar{D} = \epsilon \bar{E}$ $\bar{E} = \frac{V}{m} = \frac{N}{C}$

$$\bar{D} = \frac{F \cdot V}{m^2}$$

consequently, we can say

$$\int_V (\nabla \cdot \bar{E}) dV = \int_V \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon_0} dV$$

Do now we
can apply
Divergence Theorem

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→ Apply Divergence Theorem to Left side

$$\rightarrow \int_V (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) dV = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

→ The total divergence of the electric field in a Volume = The total flux passing through the surface enclosing that volume

We can think the \vec{E} -field is the gradient of electric potential.

Electric flux is the measure of the \vec{E} -field through a given surface.

→ An \vec{E} -field does not flow

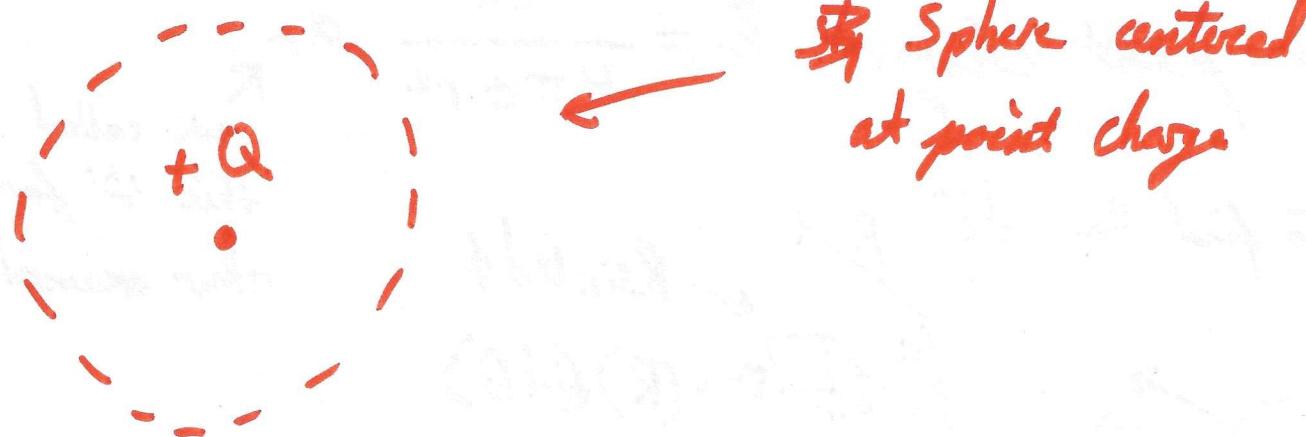
so then

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} &= \int \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} dV \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int \rho_v dV \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{we assume } \epsilon \\ \text{is constant} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

Total electric field

through closed surface = Total charge inside the volume

Look at a point charge



Known from Coulomb's law

$$\bar{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon R^2} \hat{R}$$

\leftarrow Total charge enclosed by surface

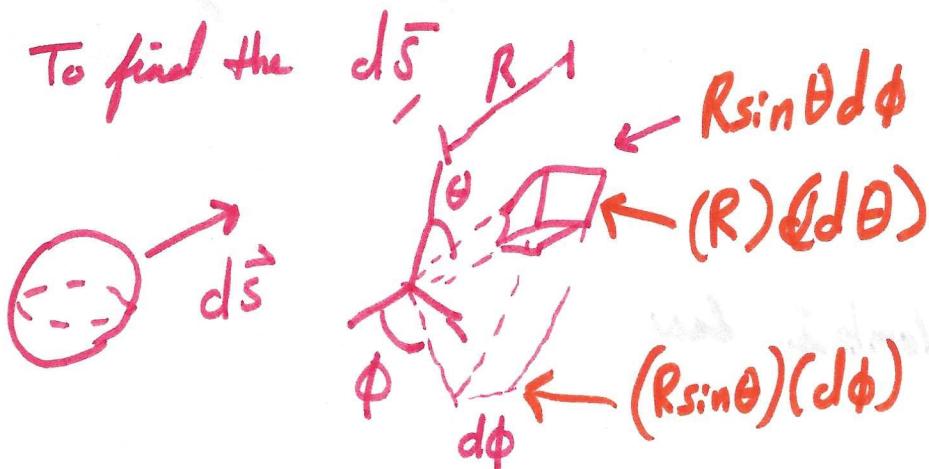
$$\oint \bar{E} \cdot d\bar{s} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int \rho_v dV$$

Example

Show that the electric field of a point charge satisfies Gauss's Law by integrating $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$ over the surface of a sphere of radius a .

For point charge $\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \hat{r}$

we called
this ' \hat{r} ' for
other examples



$$\rightarrow d\vec{s} = [R \sin\theta (d\phi)] [(R) (d\theta)]$$

$$= r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \quad |_{R=r}$$

$$\rightarrow \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} (-\cos\theta) \Big|_0^\pi d\phi$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (4\pi) = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

We know Gauss's Law states $\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q_{\text{enclosed}}$

and we just showed $\epsilon_0 \left[\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \right] = Q$

because \vec{E} is constant on the surface of the sphere

Reiterate:

The total field passing through a closed surface = Total charge inside that surface ϵ_0

To explain what just happened,

Point charge is centered at the Origin, charge Q

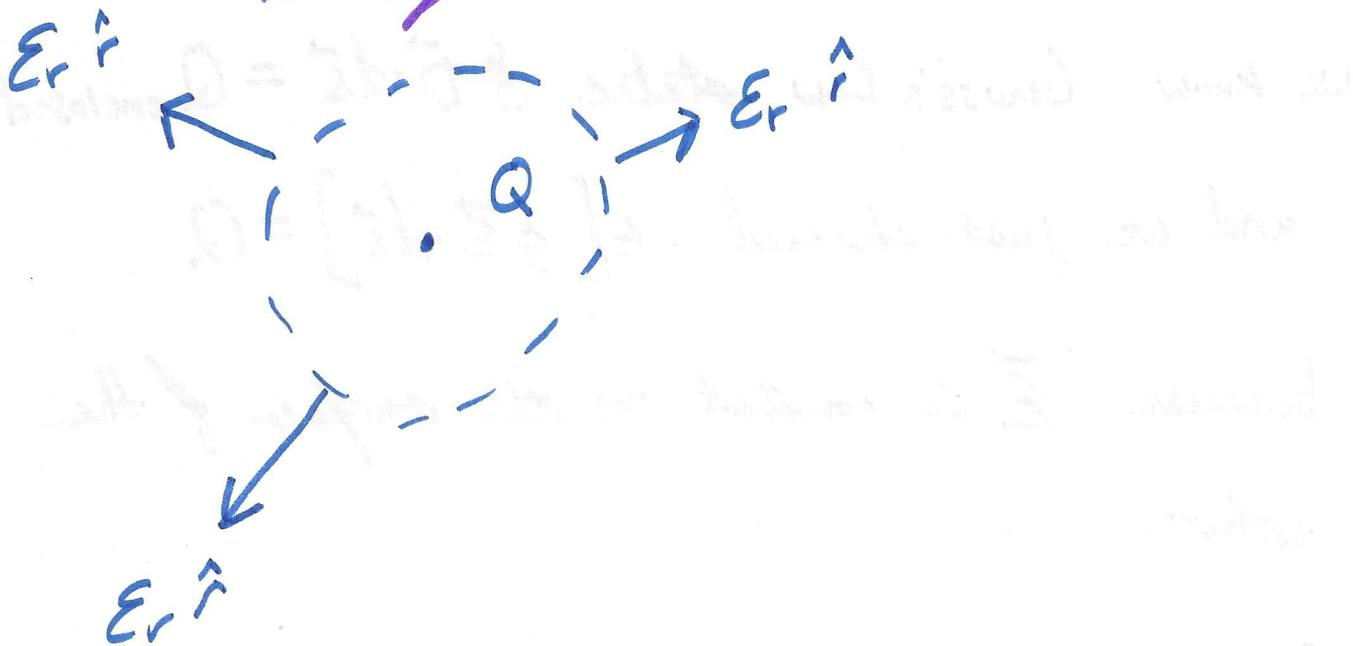
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we have

* Spherical Symmetry

→ consider a spherical shell (surface)

→ on that surface, the field is constant
in magnitude and radial in direction



Look at the Integral again

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} dv$$

* Spherical shell (any spherical shell)

$$d\vec{s} = r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \hat{r}$$

Also

* Spherical Symmetry

$$\vec{E} = E_r \hat{r}$$

\vec{L} can be a constant or a function

so Look at $\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = (E_r \hat{r}) \cdot (r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \hat{r})$

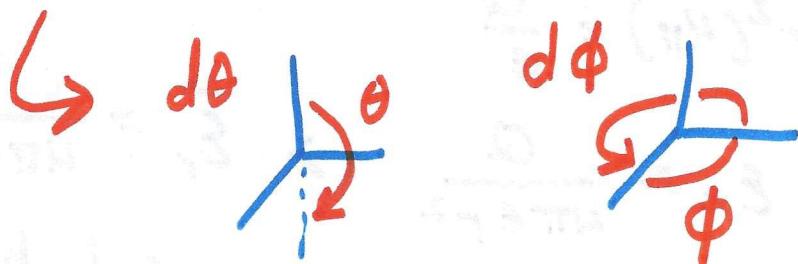
(dot product)

$$= E_r r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

now we have

$$\iint E_r r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

so what bounds do we do?



Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} E_r r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi &= E_r r^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \\ &= E_r r^2 \int_0^{2\pi} -\cos\theta \Big|_0^{\pi} d\phi \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \epsilon_r r^2 \int_0^{2\pi} 2 d\phi = \epsilon_r r^2 4\pi \quad (\text{charge enclosed})$$

Integral is done by taking advantage of
spherical symmetry

$$\rightarrow \int_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} dv \Big|_{\substack{\text{point charge}}} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \quad \text{Just the charge enclosed}$$

so we make the connection

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} dv$$

$$\epsilon_r r^2 (4\pi) = \frac{Q}{\epsilon}$$

$$\rightarrow \epsilon_r = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_r r^2} \rightarrow \vec{E}_r = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_r r^2} \hat{r} \quad [V/m]$$

Coulombs Law

Strategy for Solving Gauss's Law

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for Left Side (LHS) [$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$]

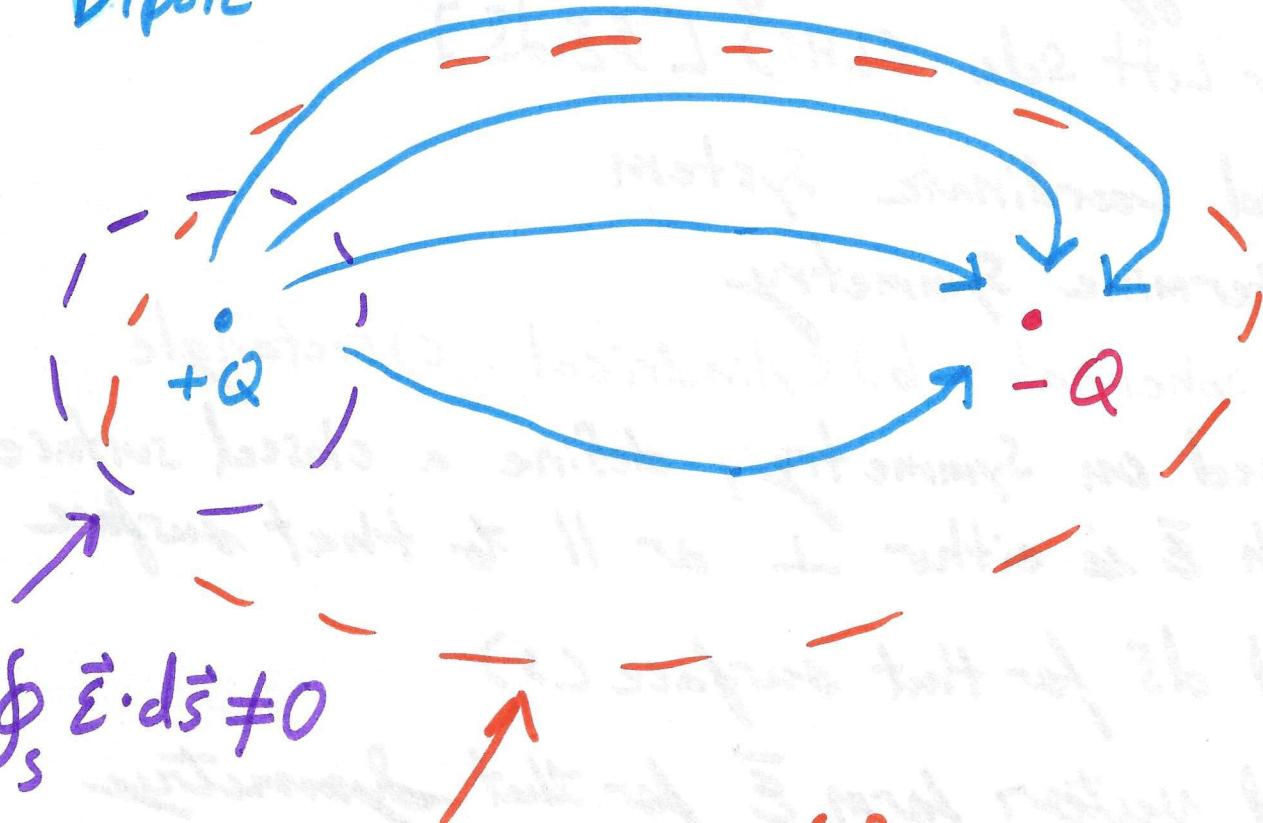
- 1.) Find Coordinate System
- 2.) Determine Symmetry
 - a) Spherical
 - b) Cylindrical
 - c) Rectangle
- 3.) Based on Symmetry, define a closed surface such \vec{E} is either \perp or \parallel to that surface
- 4.) Find $d\vec{S}$ for that surface (s)
- 5.) Find vector form \vec{E} for that symmetry
- 6.) Find dot product
- 7.) Integrate

for Right side (RHS) [$\frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho dV$]

- 8.) Integrate the charge distribution over the defined Volume
- 9.) Set Left and Right equal, and find the expression for the field component

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Dipole



$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \neq 0$$

for this shell

$$\int \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} dV = 0$$

Zero total charge!

$$+Q - Q = 0$$

We may also say

Total electric flux is zero

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

The \vec{E} -field on the surface is not zero but the Total flux on the shell is zero as \vec{E} -field goes inward, then outward

Spherical charge density

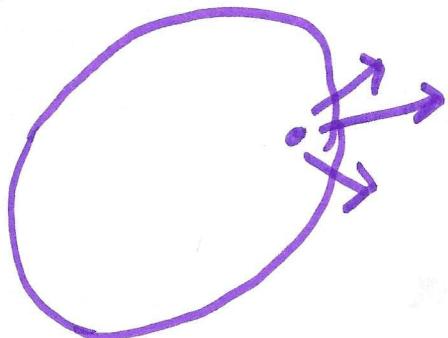
$$\rho_v = \begin{cases} \rho_0 & \text{for } R < a \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad R \text{ some radius } a$$

Two 'regions' of interest

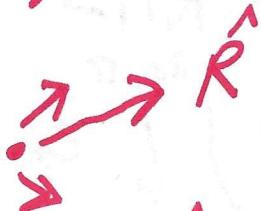
$R < a$ } find a solution for each
 $a < R$ } region independently

To find \vec{E} , find $R < a$

(1) Spherical coordinates



point of observation



\hat{R} / spherical symmetry

(2) Determine the symmetry, its spherical

(3) Based on symmetry, define the closed space
 - The spherical shell is our closed surface

\vec{E} is \parallel to surface normal

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④ find the $d\vec{s}$ for that surface

$$d\vec{s} = R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \hat{R}$$

⑤ vector form of \vec{E} for that symmetry

$$\vec{E} \rightarrow \vec{E}_R \hat{R}$$

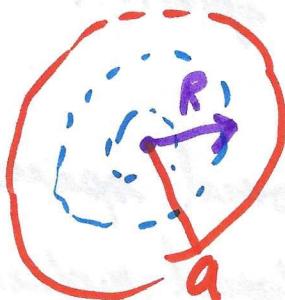
⑥ Find dot product

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = E_R R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

⑦ Integrate RHS

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi E_R R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \\ = E_R R^2 4\pi = 4\pi R^2 E_R$$

→ This is our solution for $R < a$



as we have shells
within a

⑧ Integrate charge distribution over defined volume!

$$\int_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} dV = \iiint \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} R^2 \sin\theta dR d\theta d\phi$$

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dV for sphere

arbitrary sphere between \underline{r} and \underline{a}

boundaries:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^r \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} R^2 \sin\theta dR d\theta d\phi$$

recall $dR \rightarrow R$ direction

$R d\theta \rightarrow \theta$ direction

$R \sin\theta d\phi \rightarrow \phi$ direction

$$\int_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} dV = 4\pi \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \int_0^r R^2 dR \rightarrow \frac{4\pi \rho_0 r^3}{3}$$

$$= 4\pi \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \frac{r^3}{3}$$

Total charge enclosed
by a shell centered at
origin with radius
radius $r < a$

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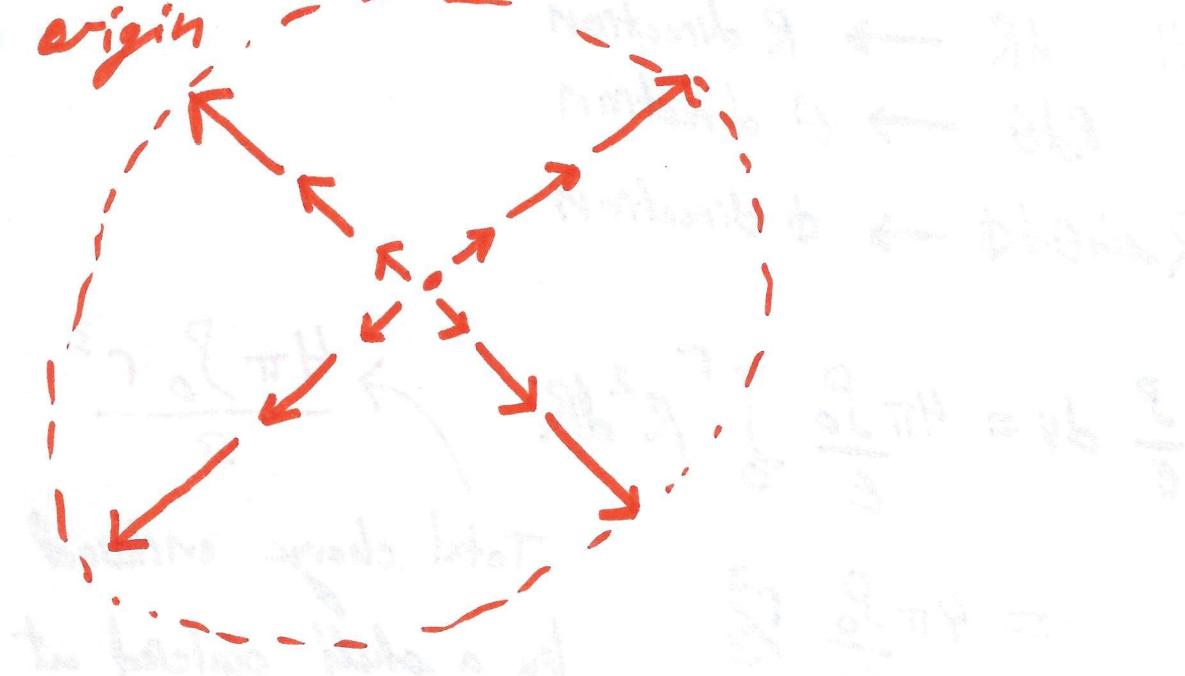
9.) set LHS equal to RHS, then find the expression for the field component

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} dV$$

$$4\pi R^2 \epsilon_R = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \epsilon_R = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\rho_0 R}{\epsilon_0}$$

so $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\rho_0 R}{\epsilon_0} \hat{R}$ for $R < a$

The field gets bigger as you move away from the origin.



So what is the ~~actual~~ \vec{E} -field outside the shell?

Steps 1-7 are the same spherical symmetry

$$a(t) = a(-t)$$

$$\rightarrow a_K \quad \rightarrow a_K$$

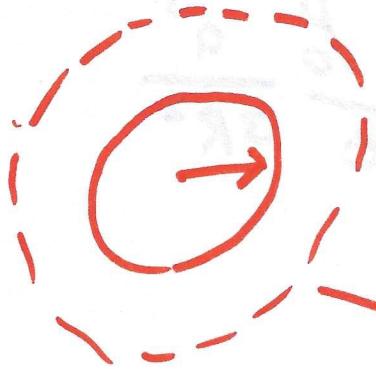
remember $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$

is the total flux

passing through the surface enclosing that volume

for $R > a$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \epsilon_0 4\pi R^2$$



Spherical shell

This guy contains all charge

Basically, for $R > a$, $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$ will be the same

for ⑧ Integrate the charge distribution over the defined volume...

$$\text{So } \int_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_a^R \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} R^2 \sin\theta dR d\theta d\phi$$

$$+ \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_a^r \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} R^2 \sin\theta dR d\theta d\phi$$

The charge density is zero for $R > a$
 (As stated earlier in the Example)

$$\int_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} dv = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \frac{4\pi a^3}{3}$$

⑨ set LHS = RHS and find $\bar{\Sigma}$

$$E_R 4\pi R^2 = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \frac{4\pi a^3}{3} \rightarrow E_R = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \frac{a^3}{3R^2}$$

E_R falls off for $\frac{1}{R^2}$

At Schenectady this looks
 like a point charge.

so we have

$$\bar{\Sigma} = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \frac{a^3}{3R^2} \hat{R} \text{ for } a < R$$

$$\bar{\Sigma} = \begin{cases} \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \frac{R}{3} \hat{R} & R < a \\ \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \frac{a^3}{3R^2} \hat{R} & a < R \end{cases}$$

Look at Divergence

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad \text{charge density}$$

$$\text{for } R < a \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon}$$

To show this

$$\nabla \cdot E = \frac{J}{R^2} E_R = \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{J}{UR} (R^2 E_R)$$

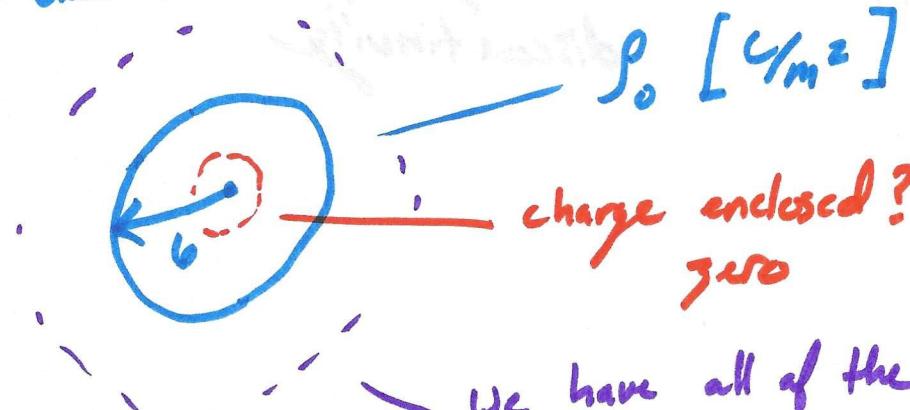
$$= \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{J}{UR} R^2 \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \frac{R}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{J}{UR} \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \frac{R^3}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} R^2 = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon}$$

Let's use a real number

Spherical Symmetry, $\rho_s = \rho_0$ at $R=6$

charge distribution is a spherical shell C/m^2



We have all of the charge
enclosed

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \begin{cases} 0 & R < b \\ ? & b < R \end{cases}$$

from before, we note

$$\oint \bar{\epsilon} \cdot d\bar{s} = 4\pi R^2 \epsilon_R$$

$$\text{To get } \int_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} dv \Rightarrow [4\pi b^2] \left[\frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \right]$$

\uparrow
Surface area
of a spherical shell

\uparrow uniform surface
charge density

$$\text{Set LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

$$4\pi R^2 \epsilon_R = 4\pi b^2 \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon}$$

$$\epsilon_R = \frac{b^2}{R^2} \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon}$$

and surface charge
density forces charge
discontinuity

Electric Field, \vec{E}
 Displacement Field, \vec{D}

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

\nwarrow Permittivity

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \quad \leftarrow \text{not dependent on materials}$$

Find \vec{D} and divide by ϵ