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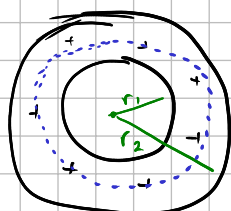
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46. A total charge  $Q$  is distributed uniformly throughout a spherical shell of inner and outer radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , respectively. Show that the electric field due to the charge is

$$\vec{E} = \vec{0} \quad (r \leq r_1);$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \left( \frac{r^3 - r_1^3}{r_2^3 - r_1^3} \right) \hat{r} \quad (r_1 \leq r \leq r_2);$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \quad (r \geq r_2).$$



$$r < r_1: \quad q_{\text{enc}} = 0, \text{ so } E = 0$$

$$r_1 \leq r \leq r_2: \quad \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

(E is constant over surface)

$$E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$q_{\text{enc}} = \rho V_{\text{enc}} = \rho \frac{4}{3}\pi (r^3 - r_1^3)$$

$$q_{\text{enc}} = \frac{Q_{\text{tot}}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi (r_2^3 - r_1^3)} \left( \frac{4}{3}\pi (r^3 - r_1^3) \right)$$

$$q_{\text{enc}} = Q_{\text{tot}} \frac{r^3 - r_1^3}{r_2^3 - r_1^3}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0} = \boxed{\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \frac{r^3 - r_1^3}{r_2^3 - r_1^3}}$$

$$r \geq r_2: \quad \text{Same as Point charge}$$

$$\rho = \frac{Q_{\text{tot}}}{V} \quad V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r_2^3 - \frac{4}{3}\pi r_1^3$$

$$= \frac{4}{3}\pi (r_2^3 - r_1^3)$$