

# Electrostatics

- what forces are on charges?
- what gives rise to those forces?
- how much energy can be stored/released?

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Charge  $\rightarrow$  conservation of charge  $\rightarrow$  in an isolated system the total electric charge never changes

$\rightarrow$  quantization of charge

charge of an electron/proton is the smallest isolated charge  $\rightarrow e$  (elementary charge)

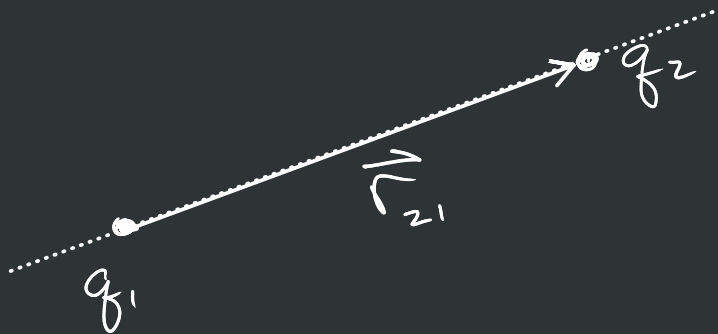
$q$  is variable for charge

SI unit for charge is Coulomb

$$|e| = 1.602 \dots \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$1 \text{ C} = \frac{1}{1.602 \cdot 10^{-19}} e = 6.242 \cdot 10^{18} e$$

So now to electrostatics:



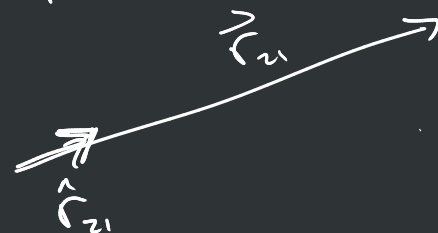
The force between  $q_1 + q_2$  is directly proportional to the product of charge and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them.

$$\vec{F}_{21} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{21}^2} \hat{r}_{21} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{product of charges} \\ \text{separation distance} \end{array} \right.$$

constant of proportionality

unit vector

$$\hat{r}_{21} = \frac{\vec{r}_{21}}{|\vec{r}_{21}|}$$



$$\text{Ex. } \vec{r}_{21} = \langle 3, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_{21} = 3\hat{x} + 1\hat{y}$$

$$|\vec{r}_{21}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2}$$

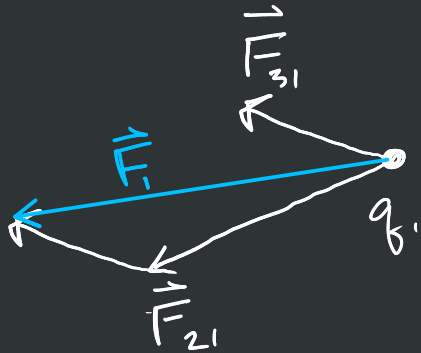
$$\hat{r}_{21} = \frac{3\hat{x} + 1\hat{y}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

SI system

$$k = 8.988 \cdot 10^9 \frac{\text{N m}^2}{\text{C}^2}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \epsilon_0 = 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{\text{C}^2}{\text{N m}^2}$$

What about more than two charges?



$q_2$

$q_3$

$$\vec{F}_1 = \vec{F}_{21} + \vec{F}_{31}$$

How do we do work?

$$W = \int \vec{F}_{\text{force}} \cdot \vec{\text{displacement}}$$

$$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

dot product means relative directions of force and displacement matter



$$W = \int_{\infty}^{r_{12}} -k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

work I do

where force is zero

$\underbrace{dr \cdot \hat{r}}$

I have to push against the Coulomb force (equal & opposite)

I do this in the  $-\hat{r}$  direction

$$W = -kq_1q_2 \int_{\infty}^{r_{12}} \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} dr \quad \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} = 1$$

$$W = -kq_1q_2 \int_{\infty}^{r_{12}} r^{-2} dr$$

$$W = -kq_1q_2 (-1) r^{-1} \Big|_{\infty}^{r_{12}}$$

$$W = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r} \Big|_{\infty}^{r_{12}}$$

$$= \frac{kq_1q_2}{r_{12}} - \cancel{\frac{kq_1q_2}{\infty}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\boxed{W_{ME} = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r_{12}}} \text{ from } \infty \text{ far away}$$

Now, is this electric force conservative?

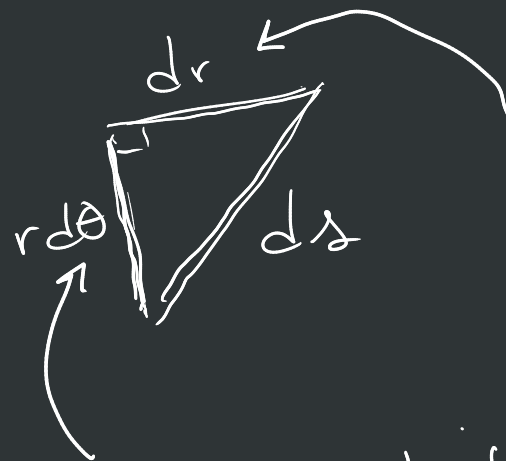
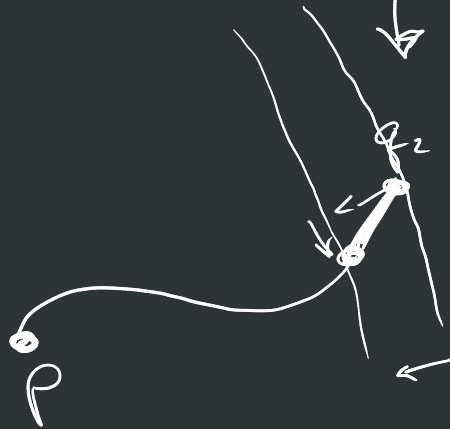
↳ what does this mean

→ path independent

↳ only depends  
on position

→  $\underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}}_{\text{curl}} = 0$  ← save for later

$q_1$



back and forth  
are the same  
amount of  
work

only the radial  
part of the motion  
contributes to the work  
so only radial position matters

this is perpendicular  
to the force so the  
dot product would be zero

How do we handle multiple charges

$q_1$   $q_3$

$$\vec{F}_3 = \vec{F}_{31} + \vec{F}_{32}$$

$q_2$

$$W_3 = \int \vec{F}_3 \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$W_3 = \int (\vec{F}_{32} + \vec{F}_{31}) \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$W_3 = \int \vec{F}_{32} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int \vec{F}_{31} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

So the total work is:

$$W_T = W_{21} + W_{31} + W_{32}$$

$$W_T = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r_{21}} + \frac{kq_1q_3}{r_{31}} + \frac{kq_2q_3}{r_{32}}$$

So I have done work to build this charge distribution.

$$W_3 = W_{32} + W_{31}$$

Potential Energy is in the system.

→  $U = W_{\text{ext}} = -W_{\text{charges}}$

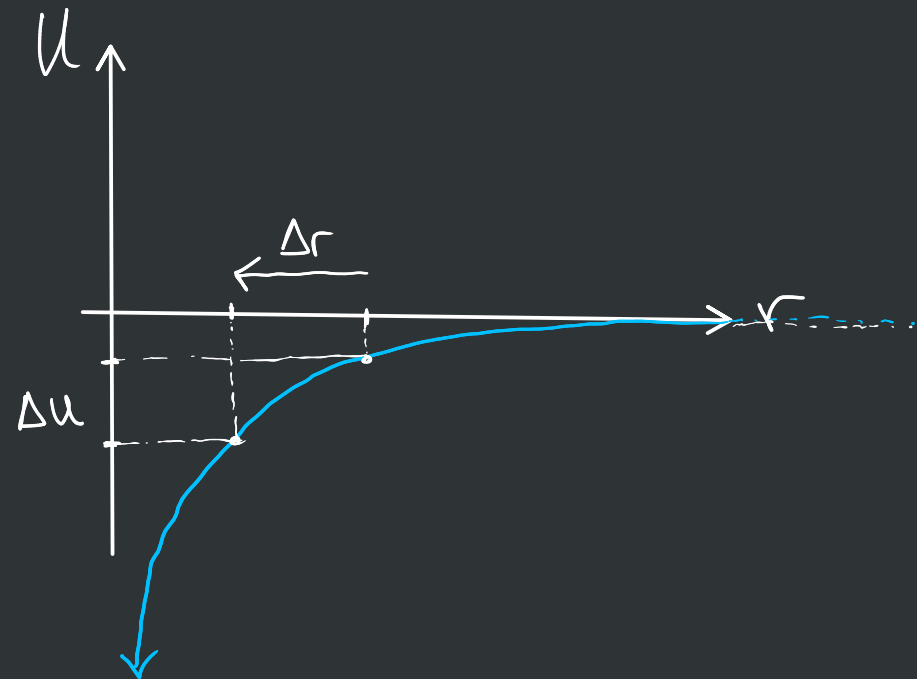
→ independent of the order that the charges were assembled

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Back to two charges:

$U = -k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}}$  → plot this →

$U = 0, r_{12} \rightarrow \infty$





$$\underline{\text{Force}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Electric Field}}$$

$$[N] \quad [N/C]$$

$$\underline{\text{Electric Potential Energy}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Electric Potential}} \text{ (Voltage)}$$

$$[J] \quad [J/C = \text{Volt}]$$

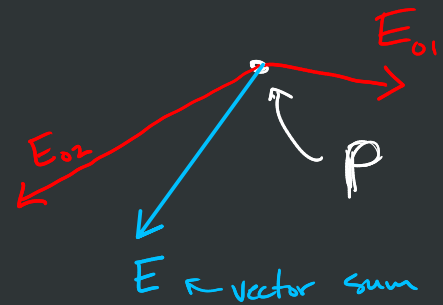
Electric Field  $\rightarrow$  force per unit of charge

$$\vec{E} \equiv \frac{\vec{F}}{q_2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{F} = q_2 \vec{E}}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{q_j \hat{r}_{oj}}{r_{oj}^2}}$$

$$q_1 = 1C$$

$$q_2 = -2C$$



How do we generalize to a continuous distribution of charge?

charge density  $\rightarrow dq = \rho dv$   
 "rho"  $\rightarrow \rho$

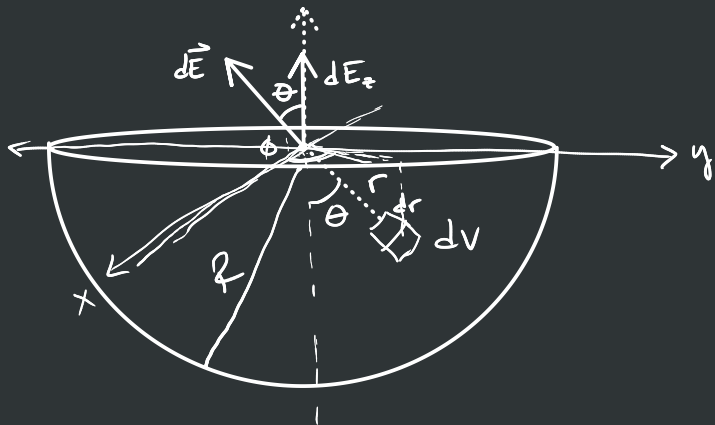
$$\vec{E}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{q_j \hat{r}_{oj}}{r_{oj}^2} \Rightarrow \vec{E}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_Q \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$



$$\vec{E}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{\rho(\vec{r})}{r^2} dv \hat{r}$$

Example:

$\rho$  is uniform



$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho dv}{r^2} \hat{r} \rightarrow \vec{E} = \cancel{\hat{x}} + \cancel{\hat{y}} + \hat{z}$$

$\uparrow$  simplify to a problem in the  $\hat{z}$  direction!

$$dE_z = \frac{\rho dv \cos\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\rho \cos\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cancel{r^2} \sin\theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

$$E_z = \frac{\rho}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi/2} \int_{r=0}^R \cos\theta \sin\theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\phi$$

$$E_z = \frac{\rho}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi/2} \cos\theta \sin\theta \, d\theta \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi}_{2\pi} \underbrace{\int_0^R dr}_R$$

$$E_z = \frac{\rho R}{2\epsilon_0} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi/2} \cos\theta \sin\theta \, d\theta$$

$\searrow \cos\theta \sin\theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin 2\theta \, d\theta$$

$$E_z = \frac{\rho R}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) \right]_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$\begin{array}{|l} \cos \pi = -1 \\ \cos 0 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$E_z = \frac{\rho R}{4\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{\rho R}{4\epsilon_0} \hat{z}}$$

guess:  $-2\cos 2\theta$

↓ take derivative

$$\begin{array}{l} 2\sin 2\theta \cdot 2 \\ 4\sin 2\theta \end{array}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta$$

$\sin 2\theta \checkmark$

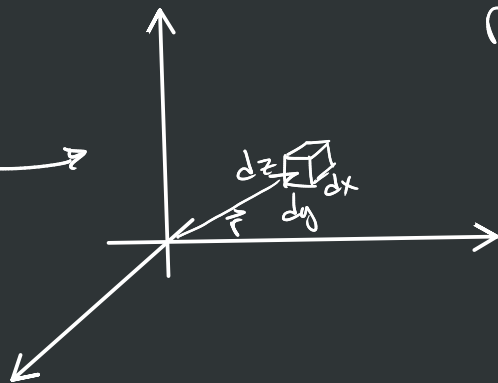
$$-\cos 2\theta$$

↓

$$2\cos 2\theta$$

Side bar:

Cartesian →

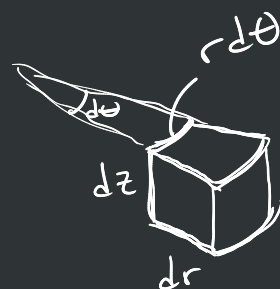
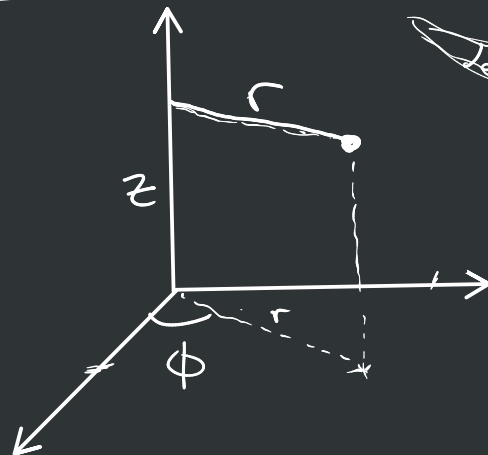


Position vector  $\vec{r} = x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}$

$$d\vec{r} = dx\hat{x} + dy\hat{y} + dz\hat{z}$$

$$\boxed{dV = dx dy dz}$$

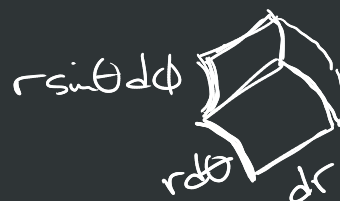
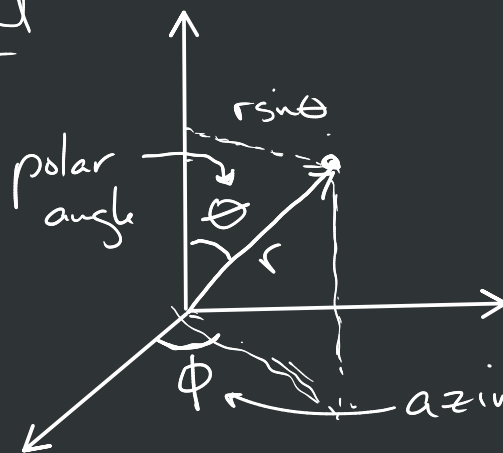
Cylindrical



$$dV = dr (r d\theta) dz$$

$$\boxed{dV = r dr d\phi dz}$$

Spherical



$$dV = dr (r d\theta) (r \sin\theta d\phi)$$

$$\boxed{dV = r^2 \sin\theta dr d\theta d\phi}$$

HW: 35, 36, 40, 42, 49, 63a, 65, 77

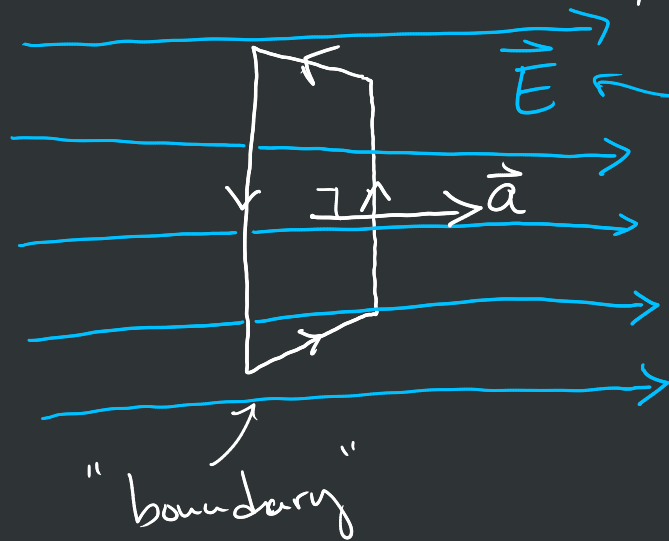
35 |  $m_e = 9 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

$$F_g = m \cdot g \leftarrow \text{weight}$$

$$F_g = 9 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \cdot 9.8 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{kg}} =$$

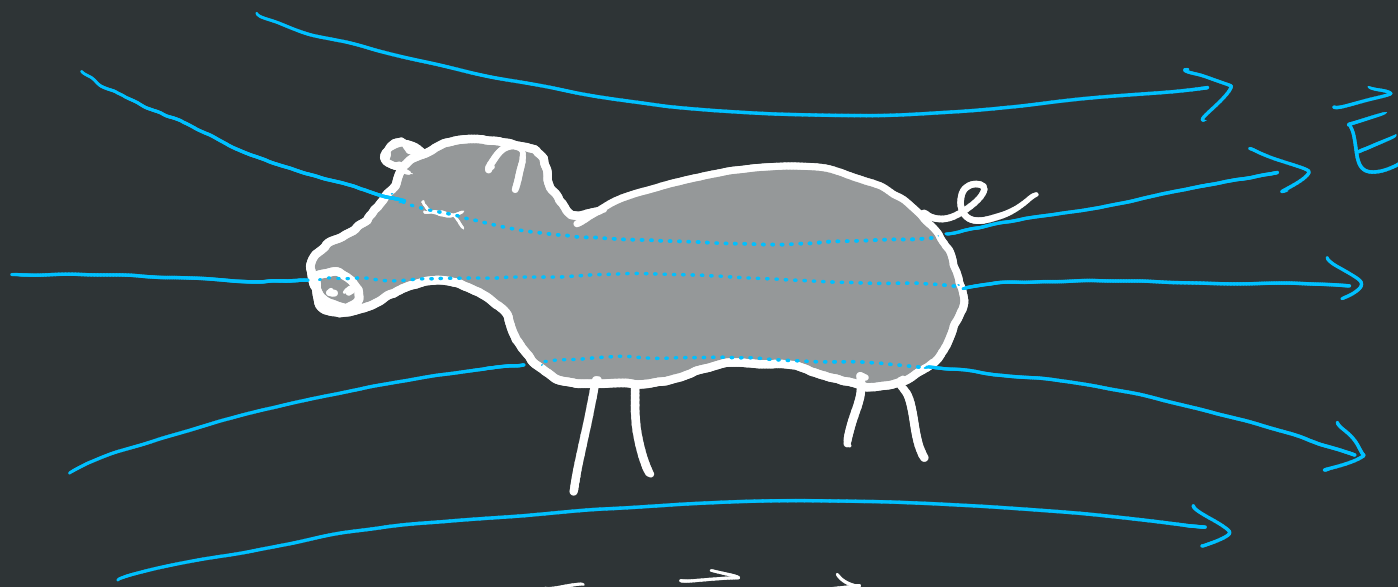
$$F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

Flux



$$\Phi = \underbrace{\vec{E} \cdot \vec{a}}_{\text{dot product}}$$

flux



$$d\Phi = \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$\Phi = \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

↖ surface integral

## Gauss' Law

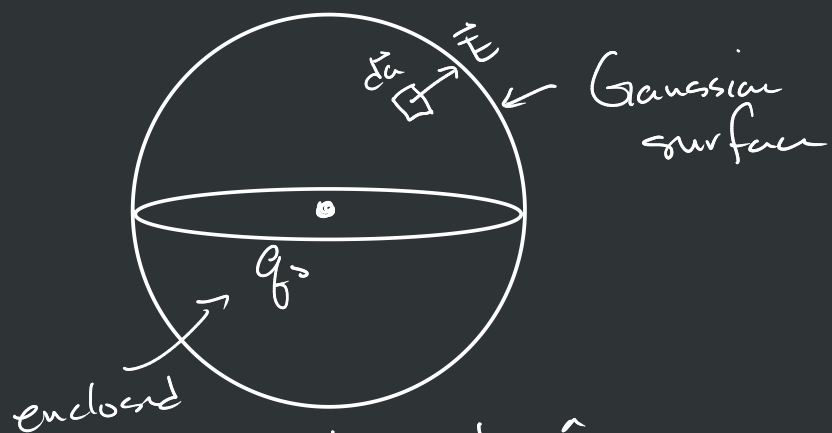
Net flux through a closed surface (like the pig) is proportional to the charge inside the surface.

$$\Phi \propto q_{\text{enclosed}}$$

$$\left| \Phi = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0} \right|$$

Lets check! w/ a point charge

$$\vec{E} = \frac{q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \quad \leftarrow \text{spherical coordinates w/ } q_0 \text{ at the origin}$$



$$d\vec{a} = da \hat{r}$$

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \cdot da \hat{r}$$

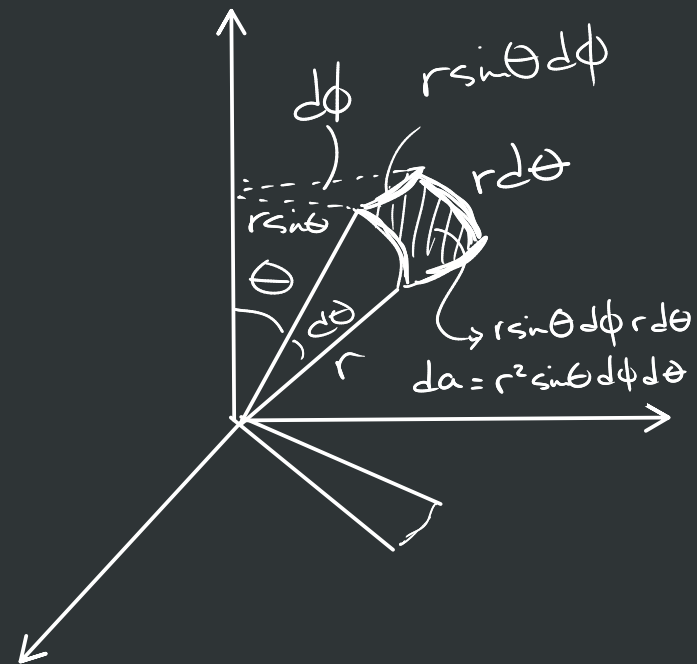
$$= \frac{q_0 da}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$\Phi = \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$\Phi = \int \frac{q_0 \cancel{da}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$\Phi = \frac{q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{\cancel{r^2} \sin\theta d\phi d\theta}{\cancel{r^2}}$$

$$\Phi = \frac{q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \sin\theta d\phi d\theta$$



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$$\Phi = \frac{q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} d\phi$$

$$\underbrace{\int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta}_{-\cos\theta \Big|_0^{\pi} = 2} \underbrace{\int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} d\phi}_{=2\pi}$$

$$-\cos\pi - -\cos 0$$

$$-(-1) - -(+1)$$

$$1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\Phi = \frac{q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot 2 \cdot 2\pi$$

$$\boxed{\Phi = \frac{q_0}{\epsilon_0}}$$

This is not limited to point charges

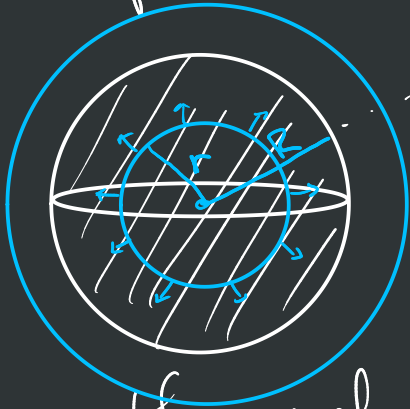
charge enclosed by Gaussian surface  $\rightarrow q_{\text{encl}} = \int \rho dv$

enclosed volume



$$\left| \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho dV \right| \text{ Gauss's Law}$$

Ex. we have a sphere of uniform charge density  
what is the electric field inside + outside the sphere



inside the sphere: ( $r < R$ )

$$\int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho dV_{\text{encl}}$$

$$E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$E = \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$$

$$E = \frac{\rho R^3}{3\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

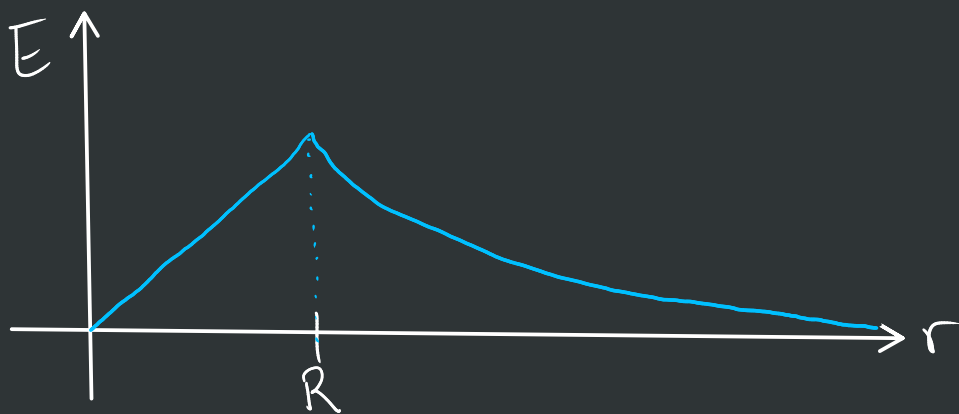
outside the sphere: ( $r > R$ )

$$E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \underbrace{\int_V dV_{\text{encl}}}_{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = \frac{\rho V}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{Q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

plot!

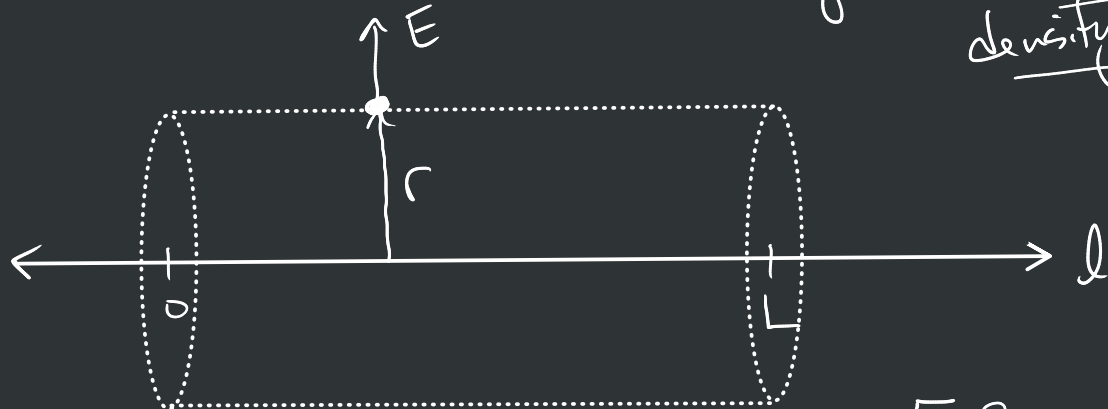


$$\rho = \frac{dq}{dV}$$

Ex: infinite line of charge

linear  
charge  
density  $\rightarrow$

$$\lambda = \frac{dq}{dl} \quad dq_{\text{enc}} = \lambda \cdot dl$$

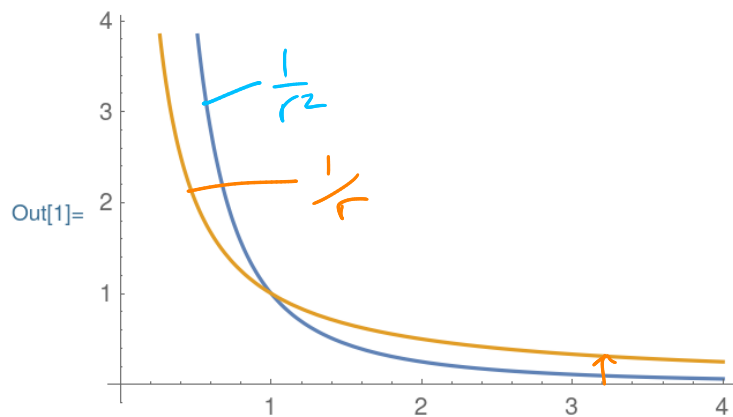


$$\int_s \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_0^L \lambda \cdot dl_{\text{enc}}$$

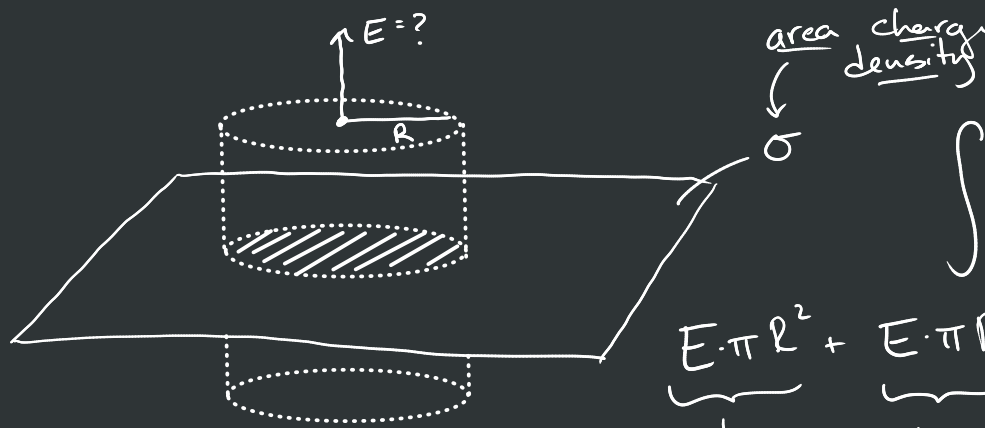
$$\underbrace{E \cdot 2\pi r \cdot L}_{\text{flux through sides assuming } E \text{ is } \perp \text{ to the sides}} + \underbrace{0}_{\text{ends}} = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

In[1]:= Plot[{1/r^2, 1/r}, {r, 0, 4}]



flux through sides  
assuming  $E$  is  
 $\perp$  to the sides



area charge density

$\sigma$

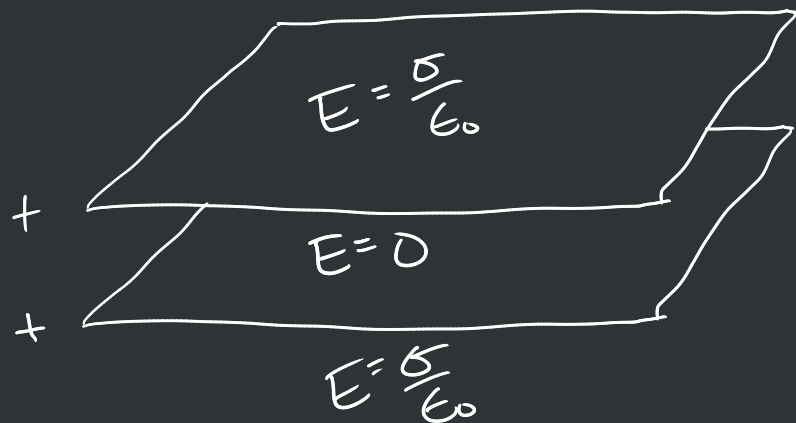
$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \sigma da_{\text{encl}}$$

$$\underbrace{E \cdot \pi R^2}_{\text{bottom}} + \underbrace{E \cdot \pi R^2}_{\text{top}} + \underbrace{0}_{\text{sides}} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \pi R^2$$

$$E \cdot 2\pi R^2 = \frac{\sigma \pi R^2}{\epsilon_0}$$

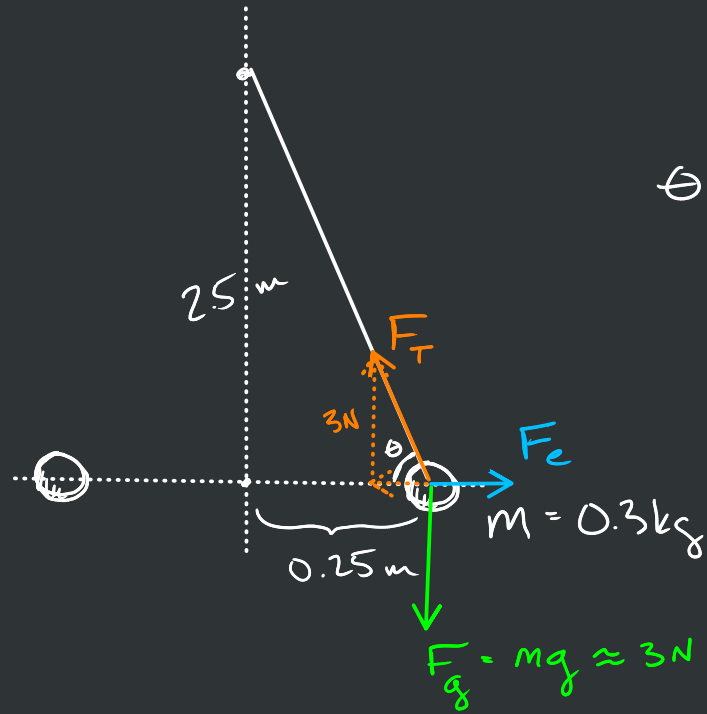
$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

← independent of  $r$ !



# Homework

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$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2.5}{0.25}\right)$$

$$= 84.1^\circ$$

$$\tan 84.1^\circ = \frac{3 \text{ N}}{F_{Tx}}$$

$$F_{Tx} = \frac{3 \text{ N}}{\tan 84^\circ}$$

$$F_{Tx} = 0.32 \text{ N}$$

$$F_e = \frac{kq^2}{r^2}$$

$$0.32 \text{ N} = \frac{kq^2}{(0.5 \text{ m})^2}$$

$$q = \sqrt{\frac{0.32 \text{ N} (0.5)^2}{9 \cdot 10^9}}$$

$$q = 3 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$\underline{\underline{3 \mu\text{C}}}$$

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$$\frac{-\cancel{k}e^2}{r_1} - \frac{\cancel{k}e^2}{r_2} + \frac{\cancel{k}e^2}{r_2 - r_1} = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_2 - r_1} = 0$$

Fibonacci numbers  
1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...

$$\frac{1}{r_2 - r_1} = \frac{1}{r_1 \left( \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right)} + \frac{1}{r_2 \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)}$$

$$\frac{1}{r_2 - r_1} = \frac{r_2}{r_1 r_2} + \frac{r_1}{r_1 r_2} = \frac{r_2 + r_1}{r_1 r_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{r_2 - r_1} = \frac{r_2 + r_1}{r_1 r_2}$$

$$r_1 r_2 = (r_2 + r_1)(r_2 - r_1)$$

$$\frac{r_1 r_2}{r_1^2} = \frac{r_2^2 - r_1^2}{r_1^2}$$

$$\frac{r_2}{r_1} = \frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2} - 1$$

$$x = x^2 - 1$$

$$0 = x^2 - x - 1$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

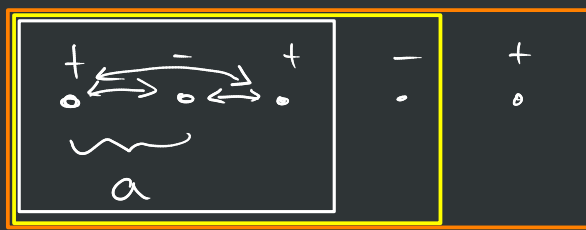
$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 1.618... \\ -0.618... \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{r_2}{r_1} = 1.618 \checkmark$$

$$\frac{r_2}{r_1} = -0.618?$$

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HINT:  $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$

$$-\frac{ke^2}{a} + \frac{ke^2}{2a} - \frac{ke^2}{a}$$

$$-\frac{2ke^2}{a} + \frac{ke^2}{2a} - \frac{ke^2}{3a} + \frac{ke^2}{2a} - \frac{ke^2}{a}$$

$$-\frac{3ke^2}{a} + \frac{2ke^2}{2a} - \frac{ke^2}{3a} + \frac{ke^2}{4a} - \frac{ke^2}{3a} + \frac{ke^2}{2a} - \frac{ke^2}{a}$$

$$-\frac{4ke^2}{a} + \frac{3ke^2}{2a} - \frac{2ke^2}{3a} + \frac{ke^2}{4a}$$

$$\frac{U}{N} = -\frac{ke^2}{Na} \left( \frac{N-1}{1} - \frac{N-2}{2} + \frac{N-3}{3} - \frac{N-4}{4} + \dots \right)$$

$$= -\frac{ke^2}{Na} \left( \frac{N}{1} - \cancel{\frac{1}{1}} - \frac{N}{2} + \cancel{\frac{2}{2}} + \frac{N}{3} - \cancel{\frac{3}{3}} - \frac{N}{4} + \cancel{\frac{4}{4}} + \dots \right)$$

$$= -\frac{ke^2}{a} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots \right)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\ln(1+1) = \ln(2)}$

HINT:  $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$

$$\frac{U}{N} = -\frac{ke^2}{a} \ln(2)$$

63a)  $q, m$

$$E_{\text{outside}} = \frac{k\sigma A}{r^2}$$

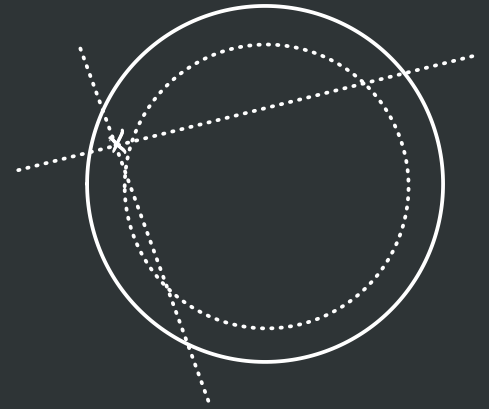
$$E_{\text{inside}} = 0$$

$$\int E \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \frac{q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$F_{\text{NET}} = ma$$

$$-\frac{k\sigma A q}{r^2} = ma$$

$$-\frac{k\sigma A q}{mr^2} = a$$



$$a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dr} \underbrace{\frac{dr}{dt}}_v$$

$$\frac{a}{v} = \frac{dv}{dr}$$

$$a dr = v dv$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\infty}^R a \, dr &= \int_{\infty}^R v \, dv \\ &= \left. \frac{1}{2} v^2 \right|_{\infty}^R \\ &= \frac{1}{2} v_R^2\end{aligned}$$









