

III Gauss theorem

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III Gauss theorem

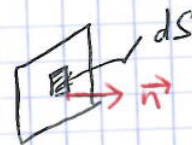
1) Need of geometry

a- Notion of vector flux.

- Be a field of vectors: \vec{V}



- Be a surface S defined as $S = \iint dS$



- Be a unit vector \vec{n} normal to the surface

We define the flux of a vector through a surface as

$$\Phi = \iint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{S} \vec{n} = \iint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{S} \quad \text{with } d\vec{S} = dS \vec{n}$$

↑ scalar product.

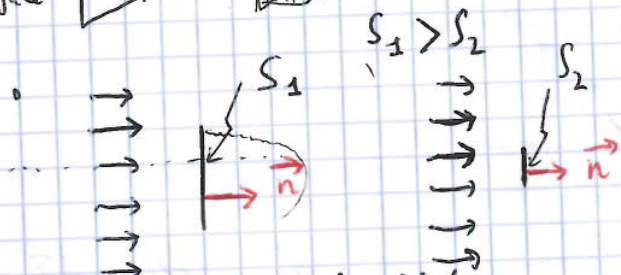
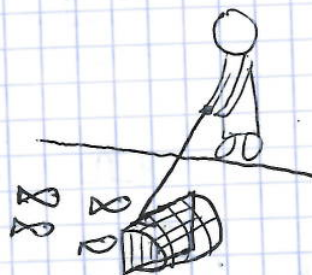


Quantity of \vec{V} that cross surface S .

Analogy with fishing salmon

Vector \rightarrow =

Surface = Basket



$$\Phi_1 = \iint_{S_1} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{S} \vec{n}$$

$$\Phi_2 = \iint_{S_2} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{S} \vec{n}$$

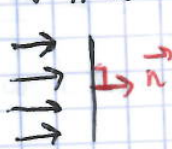
- Quantity depend on value of \vec{V} and value of S

$$\Phi_1 > \Phi_2$$

- Φ depend on orientation of \vec{V} and \vec{n}

$\vec{V} \parallel \vec{n}$ Φ is maximum

$\vec{V} \perp \vec{n}$ Φ is minimum



no flux through surface S

Φ_{max}

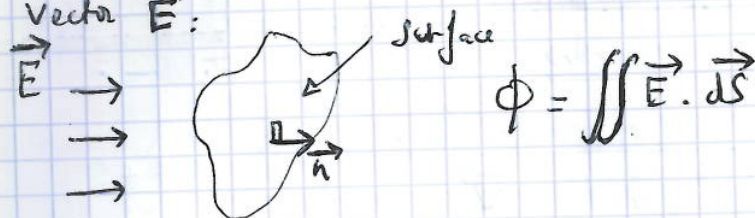
Φ

Φ_{min}

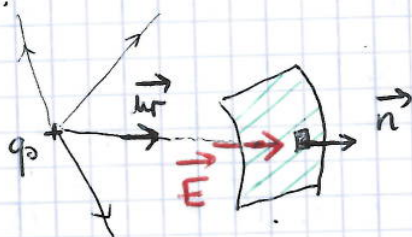
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- In electrostatics we look the flux of the electric field vector \vec{E} :



• charge q_0 :

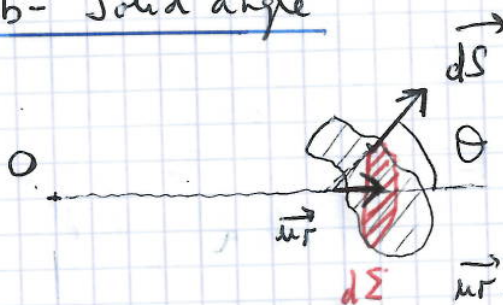


$$\phi = \iint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \vec{r} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$\phi = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iint \frac{\vec{r} \cdot d\vec{S}}{r^2} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iint d\Omega$$

$$d\Omega = \frac{\vec{r} \cdot d\vec{S}}{r^2}$$

b- Solid angle

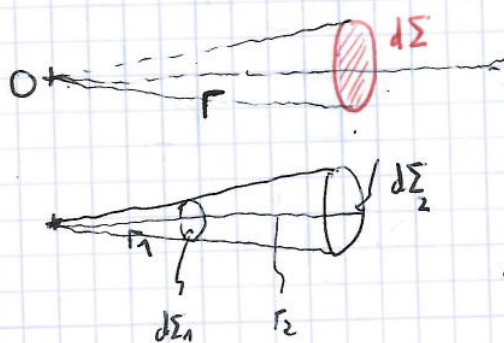


Cone of center O

$\vec{r} \cdot d\vec{S} = dS \cos \theta = \text{orthogonal projection of the surface } d\vec{S} \text{ onto } \vec{r}$

$$d\Omega = \frac{\vec{r} \cdot d\vec{S}}{r^2} = \frac{d\Sigma}{r^2}$$

is angle with which we see surface $d\Sigma$ from O



$$d\Omega = \frac{d\Sigma_2}{r_2^2} = \frac{d\Sigma_1}{r_1^2}$$

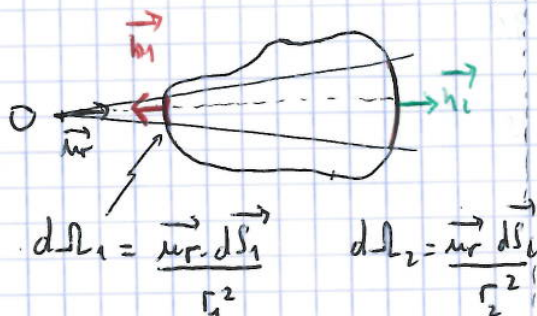
* Solid angle under which is seen a closed surface

Closed surface: every volume is delimited by a surface:

Ex: cube closed surface $S = 6a^2$

$$V = a^3$$

O is outside the volume:

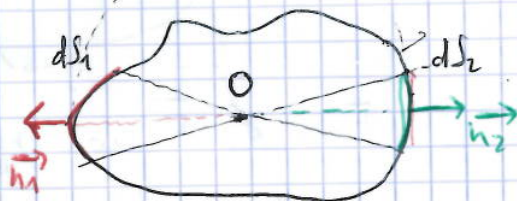


$$d\Omega_1 = \frac{\vec{r}_1 \cdot d\vec{S}_1}{r_1^2} \quad d\Omega_2 = \frac{\vec{r}_2 \cdot d\vec{S}_2}{r_2^2}$$

$$d\Omega_1 = -d\Omega_2$$

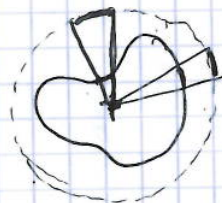
$$\text{So } \oint d\Omega = 0$$

O is inside the volume:



$$\oint d\Omega = \oint \frac{\vec{r} \cdot d\vec{S}}{r^2}$$

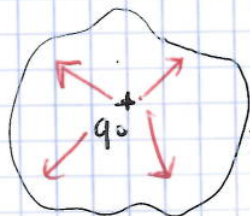
We assume $\vec{r} \cdot d\vec{S} = dS$ spherical



$$dS = r^2 d\theta \sin\theta d\varphi$$

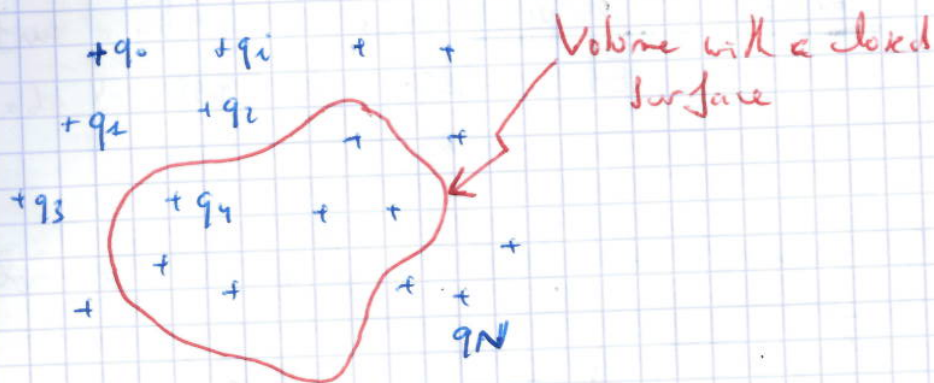
$$\Omega = \oint d\Omega = \oint_{\text{closed surface}} \frac{r^2 d\theta \sin\theta d\varphi}{r^2} = \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi = 4\pi$$

$$\Omega = 4\pi$$



$$\phi = \frac{q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oint d\Omega = \frac{q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \times 4\pi = \frac{q_0}{\epsilon_0}$$

2. Statement of Gauss theorem



Flux of \vec{E} crossing the surface

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{q_i \Delta \Omega_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$= \sum_{i_{\text{int}}} \frac{q_i \Delta \Omega_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0} + \sum_{i_{\text{ext}}} \frac{q_i \Delta \Omega_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

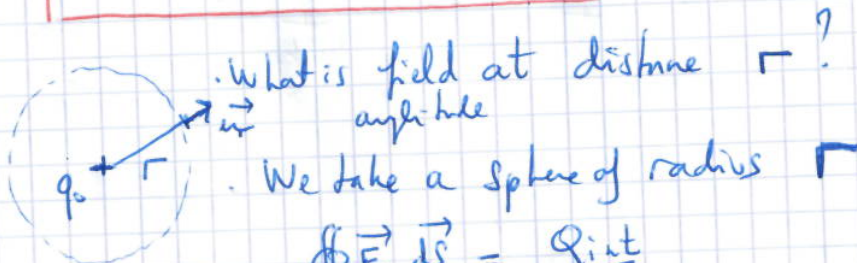
$= 0$; all flux with origin out of the volume is zero.

$$= \sum_{i_{\text{int}}} \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \Delta \Omega_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{i_{\text{int}}} q_i = \frac{Q_{\text{int}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

charges internal (inside the volume)

$$\boxed{\Phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{\text{int}}}{\epsilon_0}}$$



What is field at distance r ?

We take a sphere of radius r

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{\text{int}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

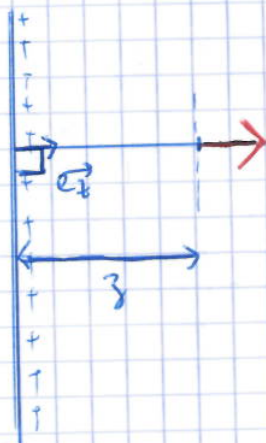
$$E(r) \oint dS = \frac{Q_{\text{int}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{q_0}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E(r) 4\pi r^2 = \frac{q_0}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{E}(r) = \frac{q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \vec{r}.$$

3. Direct application.

a - Infinite wire



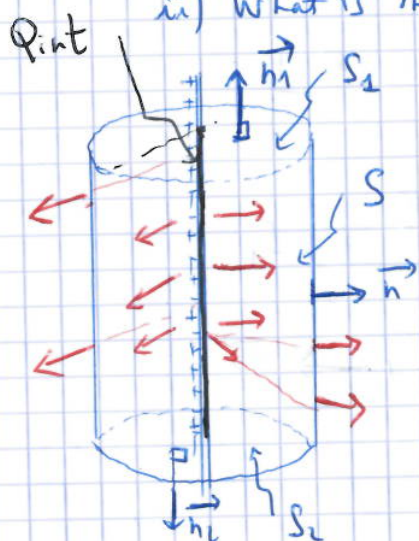
see II.1) $\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 z} \vec{e}_z$

With Gauss theorem

i) Symmetry say \vec{E} should be \perp to the wire $\sim \vec{e}_z$

ii) What is the value at distance z ?

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0}$$



• A cylindric volume of radius z and height h

• Flux of \vec{E} that crosses closed surface of cylinder:

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} &= \iint_{S_1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} \vec{n}_1 + \iint_{S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} \vec{n}_2 \\ &\quad + \iint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} \vec{n} \\ &= \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi \\ &= 0 + 0 + E(z) \cdot \iint dS \\ &= E(z) 2\pi r h \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{E} \perp \vec{n}_1$$

$$\perp \vec{n}_2$$

$$\vec{E} \parallel \vec{n}$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = E(z) 2\pi r h$$

$$\text{and } Q_{\text{int}} = \int_0^h \lambda dx = \lambda h$$

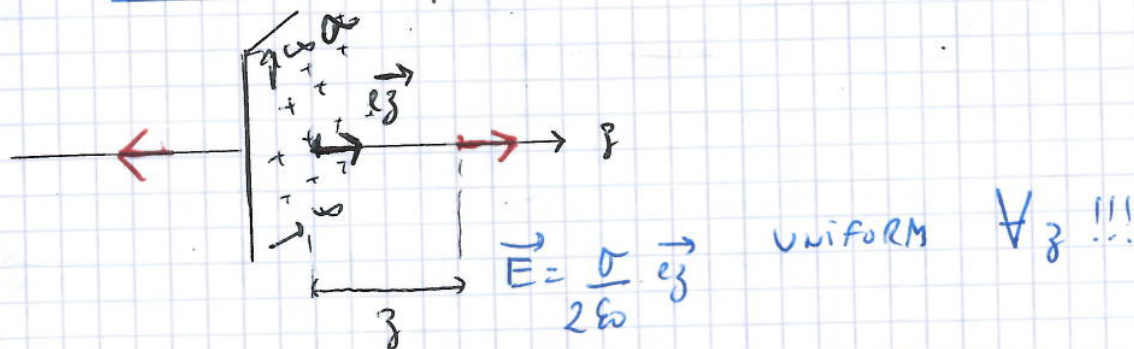
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{\text{int}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E(z) 2\pi z k = \frac{\lambda k}{\epsilon_0}$$

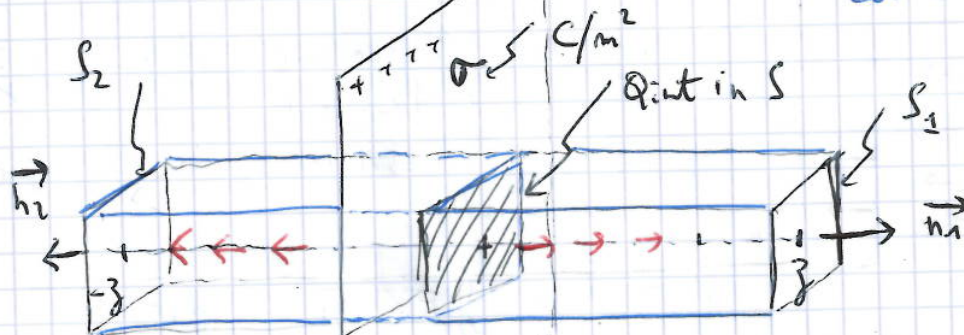
$$E(z) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 z}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 z} \vec{e}_z}$$

b- Infinite plate



With Gauss: $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{\text{int}}}{\epsilon_0}$

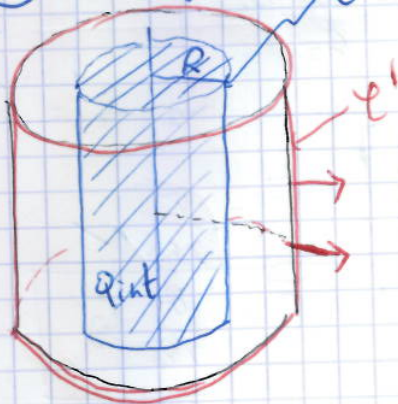


"cuboid": 6 faces S_1, S_2 and 4 others.

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\text{surface of cuboid}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} &= \iint \vec{E}(z) \cdot \vec{n}_1 + \iint \vec{E}(z) \cdot \vec{n}_2 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 \\ &= E(z) S_1 + E(z) S_2 \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{E} \nparallel \text{other surfaces}$

(ii) if $z > R$



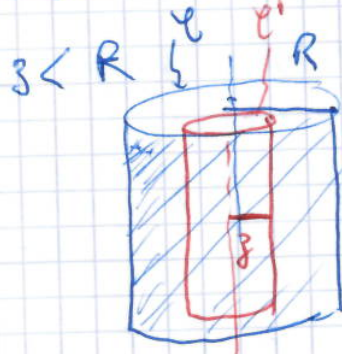
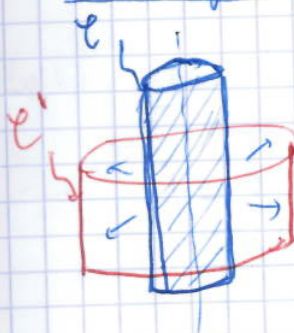
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{limited by } \mathcal{C} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0 + 0 = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \cdot 2\pi z h = \frac{\rho \pi R^2 h}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{\rho R^2}{2 \epsilon_0 z} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{E}(z) = \frac{\rho R^2}{2 \epsilon_0 z} \vec{e}_z$$

Then cylinder charged in surface only (no charge inside)



$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \cdot 2\pi z h = 0$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E}(z) = \vec{0}}$$

$z > R$

$$E(z) \cdot 2\pi z h = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma 2\pi R h}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\sigma R}{\epsilon_0 z} \vec{e}_z}$$

FULL
CHARGED
CYLINDER

INSIDE

$$\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\rho z}{2\epsilon_0} \vec{e}_z$$

OUTSIDE

$$\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\rho R^2}{2 \cdot \epsilon_0 z} \vec{e}_z$$

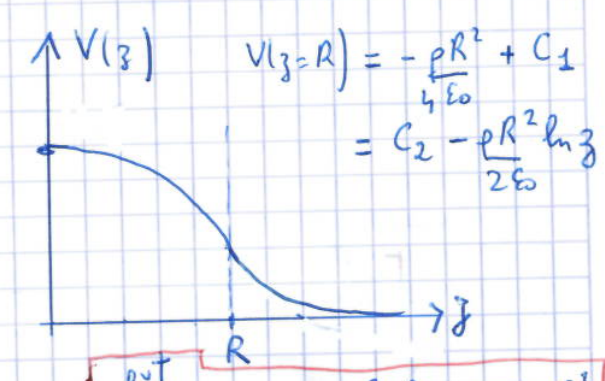
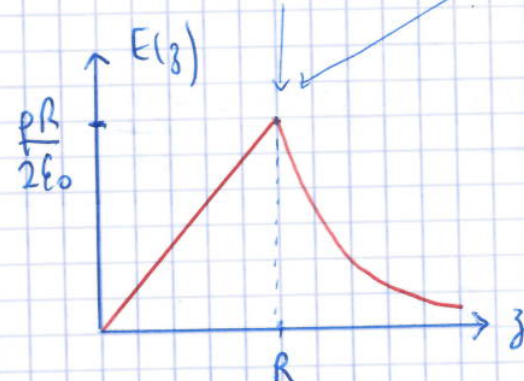
$$V(z) = -\frac{\rho}{4\epsilon_0} z^2 + C_1$$

$$V(z) = C_2 - \frac{\rho R^2}{2\epsilon_0} \ln z$$

$$E(z=R) = \frac{\rho R}{2\epsilon_0}$$

and

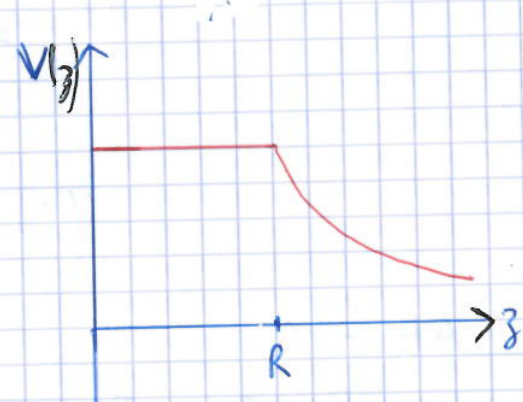
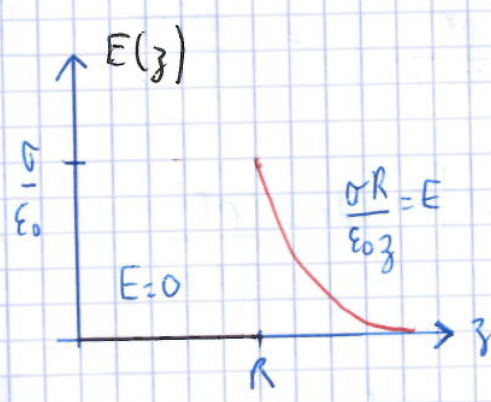
$$E(z=R) = \frac{\rho R^2}{2 \cdot \epsilon_0 R} = \frac{\rho R}{2\epsilon_0}$$



So: $C_2 = C_1 - \frac{\rho R^2}{4\epsilon_0} + \frac{\rho R^2}{2\epsilon_0} \ln R$

$$V(z) = C_1 - \frac{\rho R^2}{4\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{z}{R} - \frac{\rho R^2}{4\epsilon_0}$$

Charged
only on
surface



$$E(z=R) = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$V(z) = C_1$$

$$V(z) = C_1 \quad V(z) = C_2 - \frac{\sigma R}{\epsilon_0} \ln z$$

In $z=R$

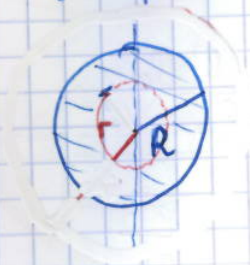
$$C_1 = C_2 - \frac{\sigma R}{\epsilon_0} \ln R$$

at

$$V(z) = C_1 - \frac{\sigma R}{\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{z}{R}$$

b - empty and full charged sphere

full sphere



$r < R$

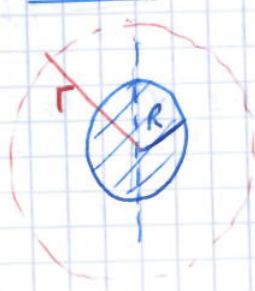
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0}$$

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

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

$$\text{and } \underline{V(r) = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \frac{\rho r^2}{6\epsilon_0} + C_1}$$

$r > R$



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0}$$

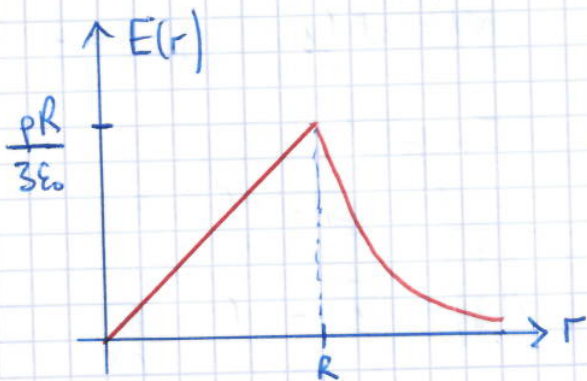
$$E(r) 4\pi r^2 = \frac{4\pi R^3 \rho}{3\epsilon_0}$$

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

$$V(r) = - \int E(r) dr = \frac{\rho R^3}{3\epsilon_0 r} + C_2$$

At $r=R$:

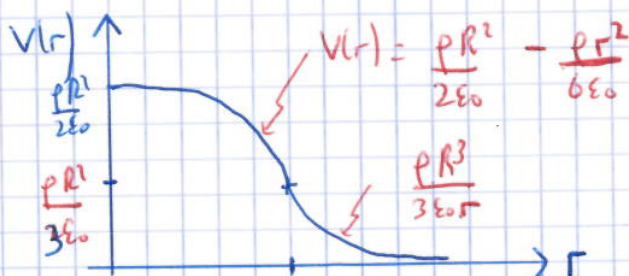
$$E^{in}(R) = \frac{\rho R}{3\epsilon_0} \quad \text{ok with} \quad E^{out}(R) = \frac{\rho R^3}{3\epsilon_0 R^2} = \frac{\rho R}{3\epsilon_0}$$



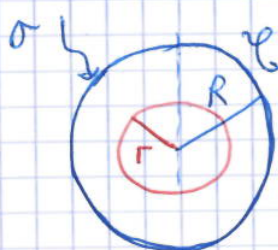
• No charge at ∞ , so we have $C_2 = 0$

• at $r = R$ $V(r=R) = -\frac{\rho R^2}{8\epsilon_0} + C_1 = V_{ext} = \frac{\rho R^3}{3\epsilon_0 R} = \frac{\rho R^2}{3\epsilon_0}$

$$C_1 = \frac{\rho R^2}{3\epsilon_0} + \frac{\rho R^2}{6\epsilon_0} = \frac{\rho R^2}{2\epsilon_0}$$



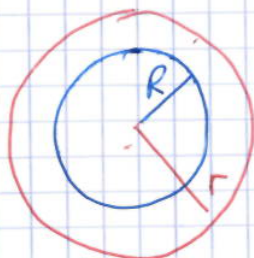
Sphere charged in surface.



$$r < R$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0} = 0$$

$$E = 0$$



$$r > R$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{4\pi R^2 \sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$4\pi r^2 E$$

$$E(r) = \frac{4\pi R^2 \sigma}{4\pi r^2} = \left[\frac{R^2 \sigma}{\epsilon_0 r^2} \right]$$

Potential:

$$r < R: V = ck = C_1$$

$$r > R: V = \frac{R^2 \sigma}{\epsilon_0 r} + C_2 = 0$$

4- Cylindrical Capacitor:

Derivates

5- Earth as a capacitor

Derivates

IV Some Applications

1) Electrostatic dipole

- a- Potential and electric fields in the dipolar approximation
- b- Molecules
- c- Dipole-dipole interactions

2) Electrostatics of conductors

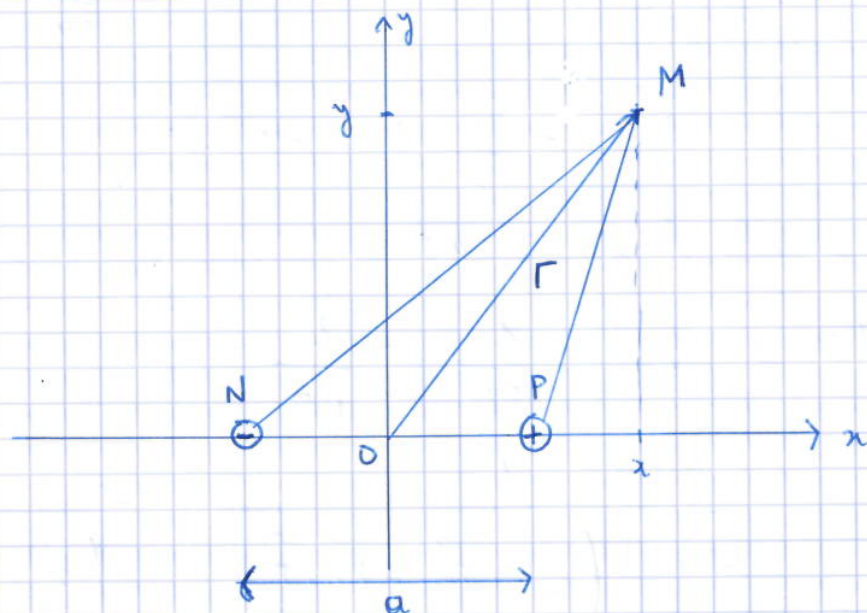
3) High Voltage breakdown

4) Electricity in the atmosphere (from Feynman lecture)

IV Some Applications

1- Electrostatic dipole

a- Potential and electric field in the dipolar approximation



- Potential $V(M) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 PM} - \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 NM}$

$$PM = \sqrt{(x_M - x_P)^2 + (y_M - y_P)^2} = \sqrt{(x - a/2)^2 + y^2}$$

$$NM = \sqrt{(x + a/2)^2 + y^2}$$

Complicated to solve.

- We work in dipolar approximation: $\|\vec{OM}\| = r \gg a$
distance of observation is larger than size of dipole a :

$$\vec{NM} = \vec{NO} + \vec{OM}$$

$$\|\vec{NM}\| = \sqrt{(\vec{NM} \cdot \vec{NM})} = \left(\|\vec{NO}\|^2 + \|\vec{OM}\|^2 + 2\vec{NO} \cdot \vec{OM} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{with } \|\vec{NO}\|^2 = (a/2)^2$$

$$\|\vec{OM}\|^2 = r^2$$

$$\vec{NO} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{NP}$$

$$\|\vec{NM}\| = \left((a/2)^2 + r^2 + 2\vec{NO} \cdot \vec{OM} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= \left(a^2/4 + r^2 + \vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r} \right)^{1/2}$$

In the same manner

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{PM}\| &= \|\vec{PO} + \vec{OM}\| = \sqrt{\|\vec{PO} + \vec{OM}\|^2} \\ &= (PO^2 + OM^2 + 2\vec{PO} \cdot \vec{OM})^{1/2}\end{aligned}$$

$$PO^2 = (-a/2)^2 = a^2/4$$

$$OM^2 = r^2$$

$$2\vec{PO} \cdot \vec{OM} = 2 \frac{\vec{PN} \cdot \vec{OM}}{2} = -\vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \|\vec{PM}\| &= a^2/4 + r^2 - \vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

We rewrite the potential as:

$$V(M) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{PM} - \frac{1}{NP} \right)$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{\left(\frac{a^2}{4} + r^2 - \vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r} \right)^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{a^2}{4} + r^2 + \vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r} \right)^{1/2}} \right)$$

• Dipolar moment $\vec{p} = q\vec{NP}$

$$\frac{1}{(1+x)^{1/2}} = (1+x)^{-1/2};$$

$$V(M) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{\left(r^2 \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{4r^2} - \frac{\vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^2} \right) \right)^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{\left(r^2 \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{4r^2} + \frac{\vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^2} \right) \right)^{1/2}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left[\left(1 - \frac{\vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^2} + \frac{a^2}{4r^2} \right)^{1/2} - \left(1 + \frac{\vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^2} + \frac{a^2}{4r^2} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$\vec{NP} = a\vec{e}_x$$

$$\vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r} = a \cos\theta r$$

$$\frac{\vec{NP} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^2} = \frac{a \cos\theta r}{r^2} = \frac{a \cos\theta}{r}$$

$$V(M) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left[\left(1 - \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} + \frac{a^2}{4r^2} \right)^{-1/2} - \left(1 + \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} + \frac{a^2}{4r^2} \right)^{-1/2} \right]$$

We keep the term at first order in: $\frac{a}{r}$; we neglect $\frac{a^2}{r^2}$
 $\frac{a}{r} \ll 1$ so $\frac{a^2}{r^2}$ really negligible

$$V(M) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left[\left(1 - \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} \right)^{-1/2} - \left(1 + \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} \right)^{-1/2} \right]$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (1+x)^\alpha &= 1 - \alpha x \\ x &= \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} \\ \alpha &= 1/2 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} \right)^{-1/2} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} \\ \left(1 + \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} \right)^{-1/2} &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} \end{aligned}$$

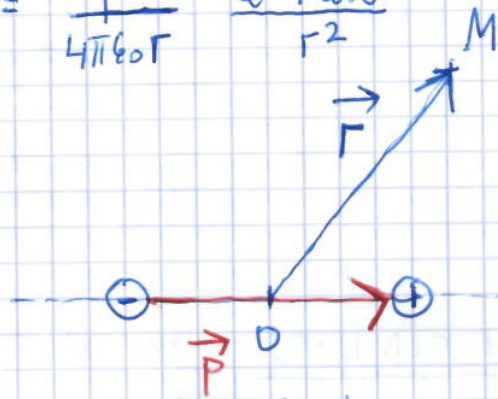
$$V(M) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{a \cos \theta}{r} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left[1 + \frac{a \cos \theta}{2r} - 1 + \frac{a \cos \theta}{2r} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \frac{2 a \cos \theta}{r} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \frac{a r \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{q a \vec{e}_x \cdot \vec{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$

$$V(M) = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$



approximation of calculation:

Electric field calculations

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V$$

POLAR COORDINATES

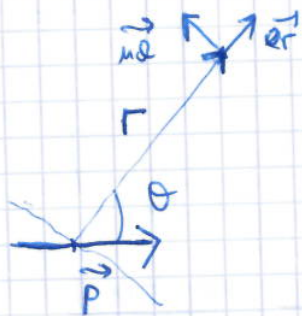
$$= -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \vec{e}_\theta$$

$$= -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} p \cos\theta \right) \vec{e}_r - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} p \cos\theta \right) \vec{e}_\theta$$

$$= \frac{-q p \cos\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{r^3} \right) \vec{e}_r - \frac{q p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \left(\frac{\partial \cos\theta}{\partial \theta} \right) \vec{e}_\theta$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[+\frac{2p \cos\theta}{r^3} \vec{e}_r + \frac{p}{r^3} \sin\theta \vec{e}_\theta \right]$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \left[2p \cos\theta \vec{e}_r + p \sin\theta \vec{e}_\theta \right]$$

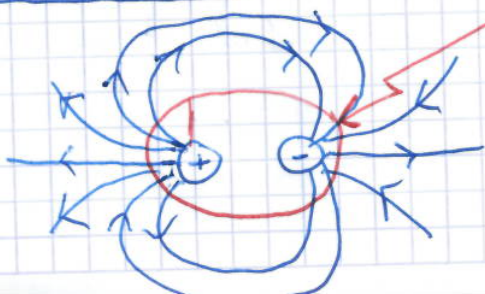


$$\vec{p} = p \cos\theta \vec{e}_r - p \sin\theta \vec{e}_\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2p \cos\theta \vec{e}_r + p \sin\theta \vec{e}_\theta + p \cos\theta \vec{e}_r - p \sin\theta \vec{e}_\theta \\ &= 3p \cos\theta \vec{e}_r - p(\cos\theta \vec{e}_r + \sin\theta \vec{e}_\theta) \\ &= 3\vec{p} \cdot \vec{e}_r - \vec{p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} (3\vec{p} \cdot \vec{e}_r - \vec{p})}$$

FIELD LINES: see slide



not $\frac{r}{a} \gg 1$

not defined by previous formula