

Question 22.5 A spherical Gaussian surface encloses a point charge q . If the point charge is moved from the center of the sphere to a point away from the center, does the electric field at a point on the surface change? Does the total flux through the Gaussian surface change? Explain.

Question 22.14 In a certain region of space, the electric field \mathbf{E} is uniform.

- (a) Use Gauss's law to prove that this region of space must be electrically neutral; that is, the volume charge density ρ must be zero.
- (b) Is the converse true? That is, in a region of space where there is no charge, must \mathbf{E} be uniform? Explain.

Question 22.15

- (a) In a certain region of space, the volume charge density ρ has a uniform positive value. Can \mathbf{E} be uniform in this region? Explain.
- (b) Suppose that in this region of uniform positive ρ there is a “bubble” within which $\rho = 0$. Can \mathbf{E} be uniform within this bubble? Explain.

Problem 22.62 A region in space contains a total positive charge Q that is distributed spherically such that the volume charge density $\rho(r)$ is given by

$$\rho(r) = \frac{3\alpha r}{2R} \quad \text{for } r \leq \frac{R}{2}, \quad \rho(r) = \alpha \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] \quad \text{for } \frac{R}{2} \leq r \leq R, \quad \rho(r) = 0 \quad \text{for } r \geq R.$$

Here α is a positive constant having units of C m^{-3} .

- (a) Determine α in terms of Q and R .
- (b) Using Gauss's law, derive an expression for the magnitude of the electric field as a function of r . Do this separately for all three regions. Express your answers in terms of Q .
- (c) What fraction of the total charge is contained within the region $R/2 \leq r \leq R$?
- (d) What is the magnitude of \mathbf{E} at $r = R/2$?