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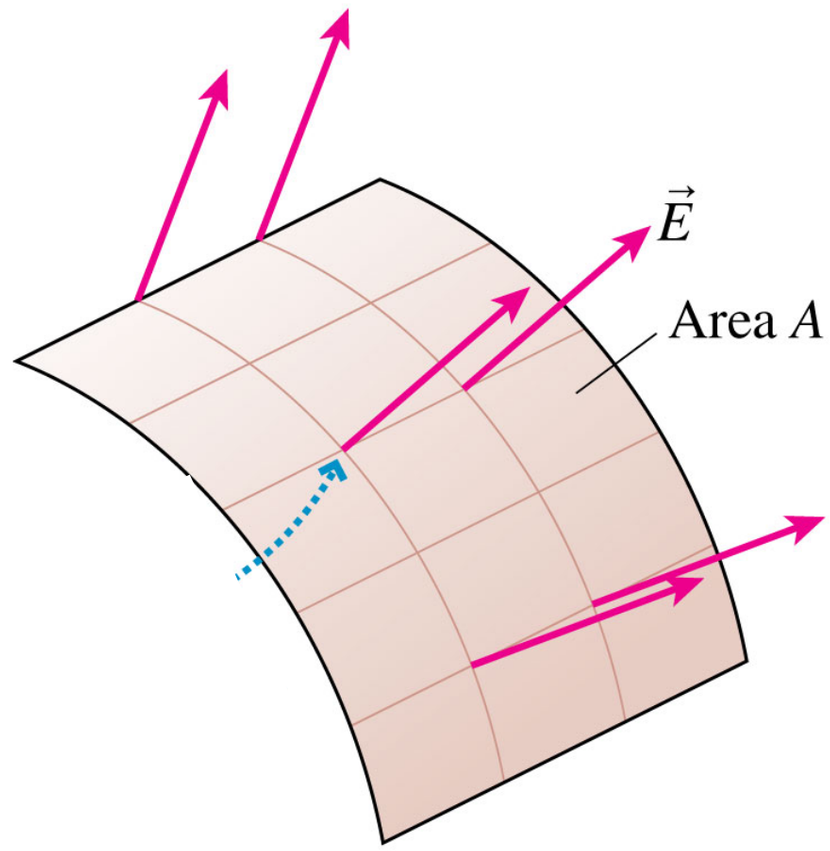
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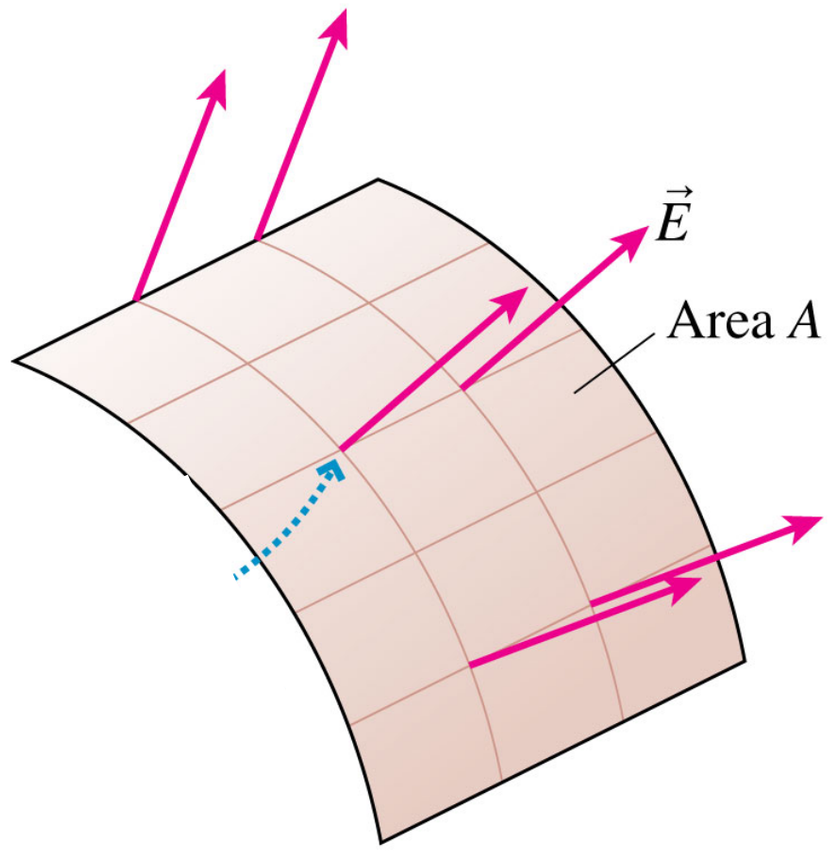

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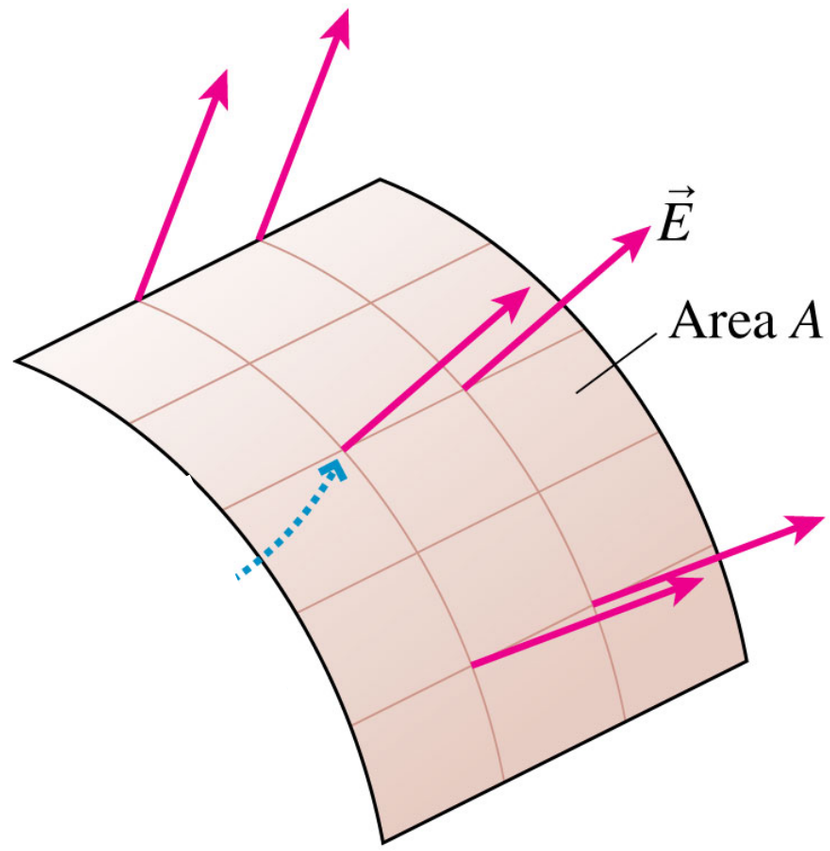

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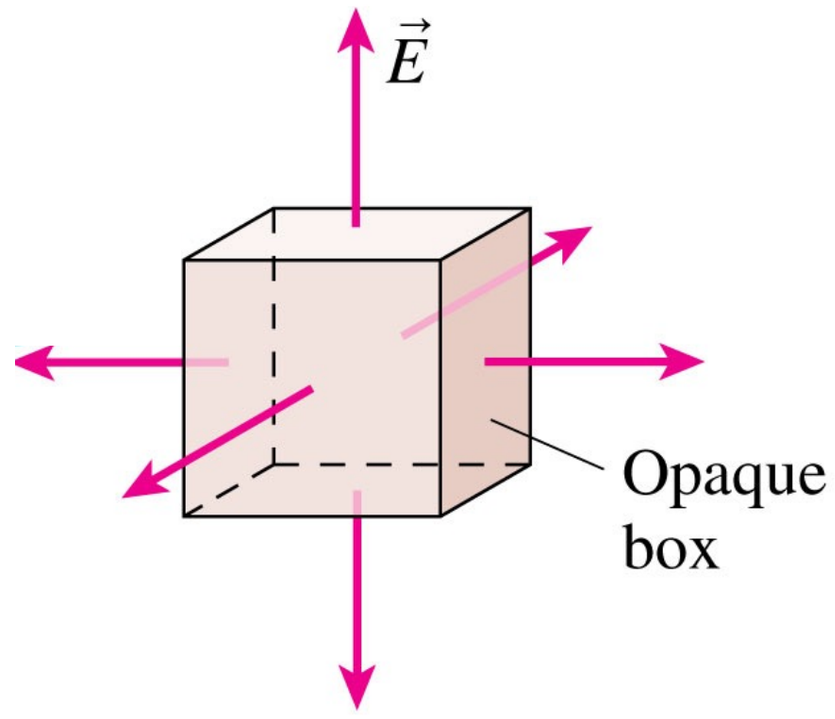

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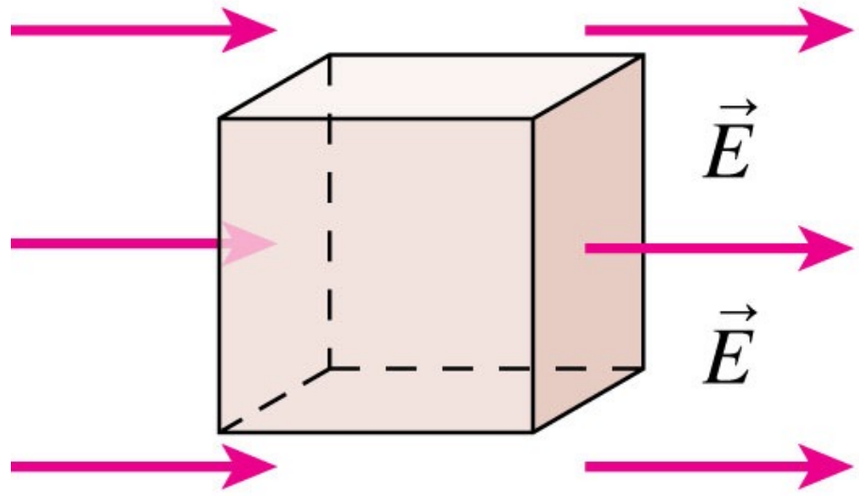

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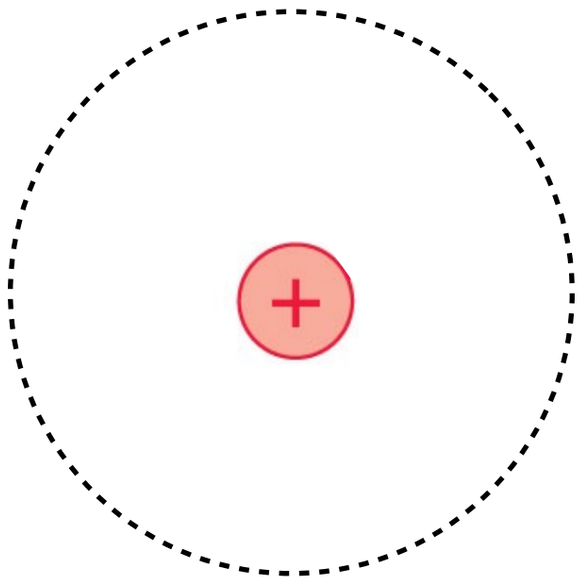

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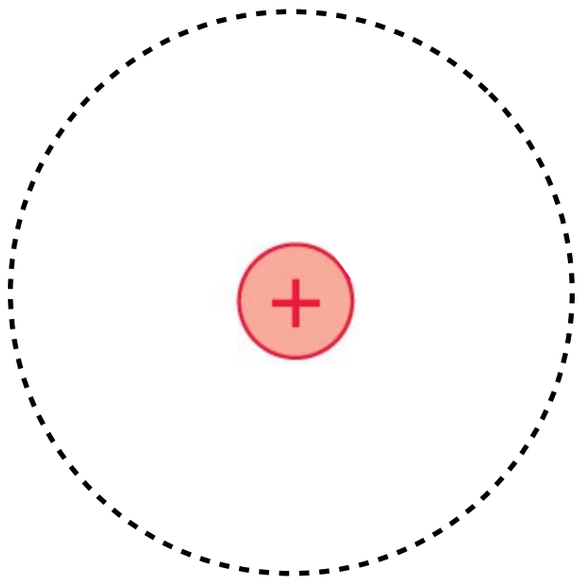

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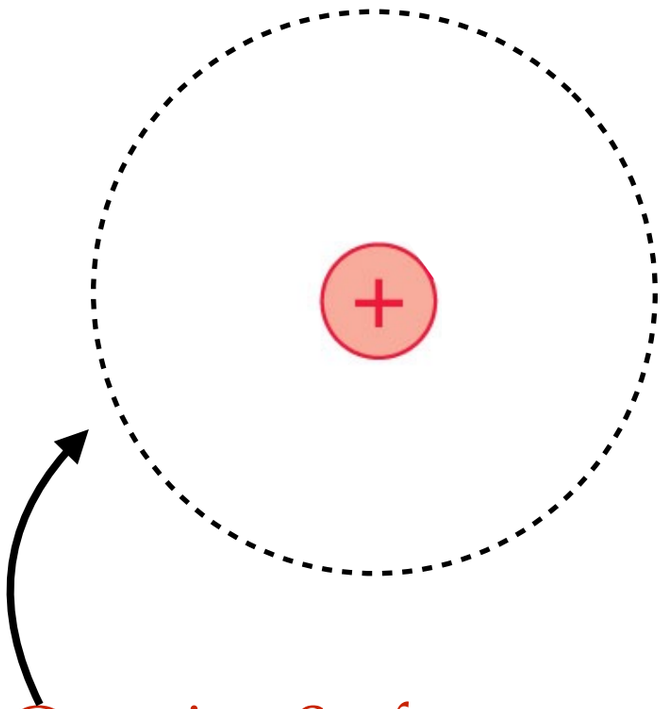

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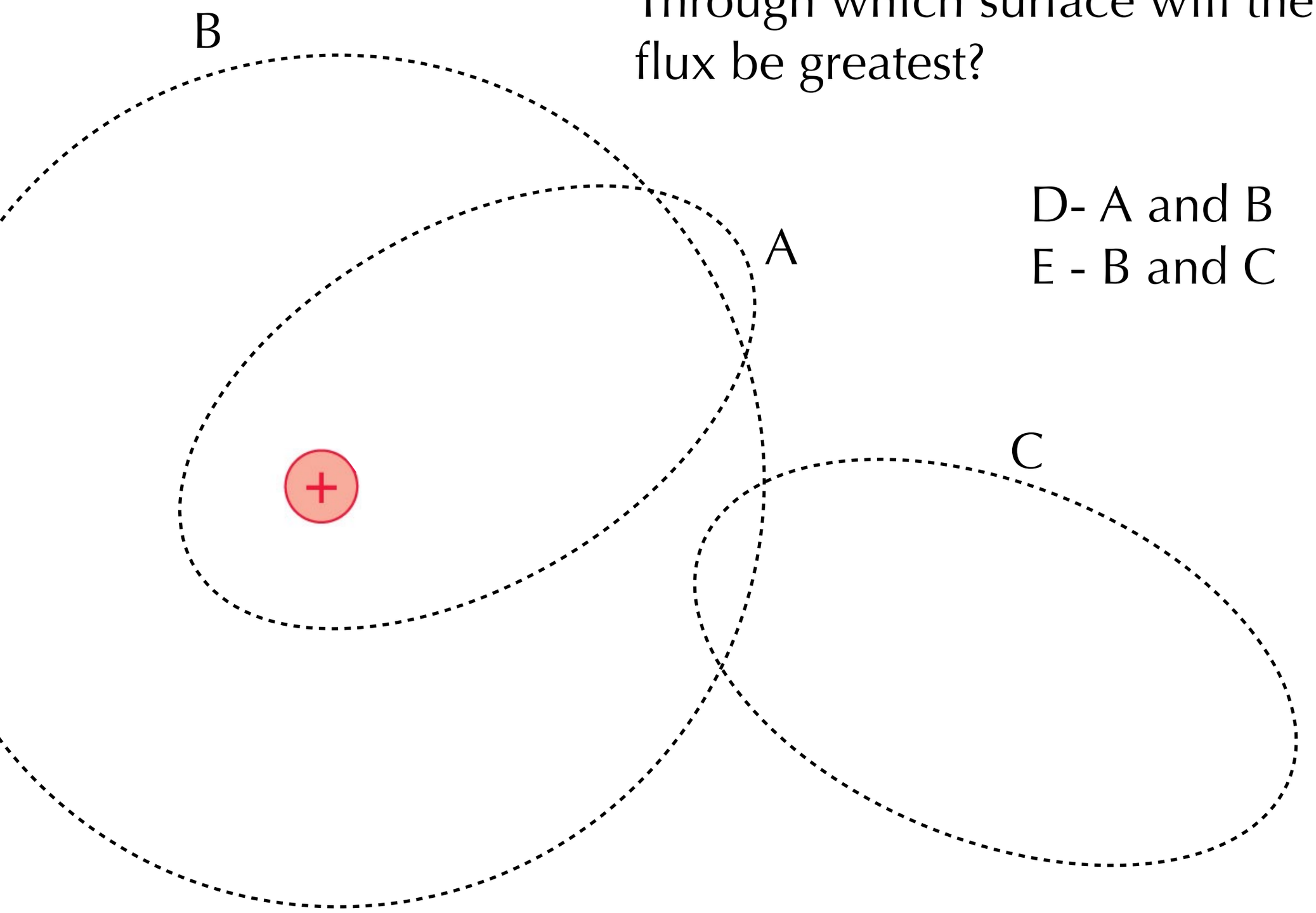

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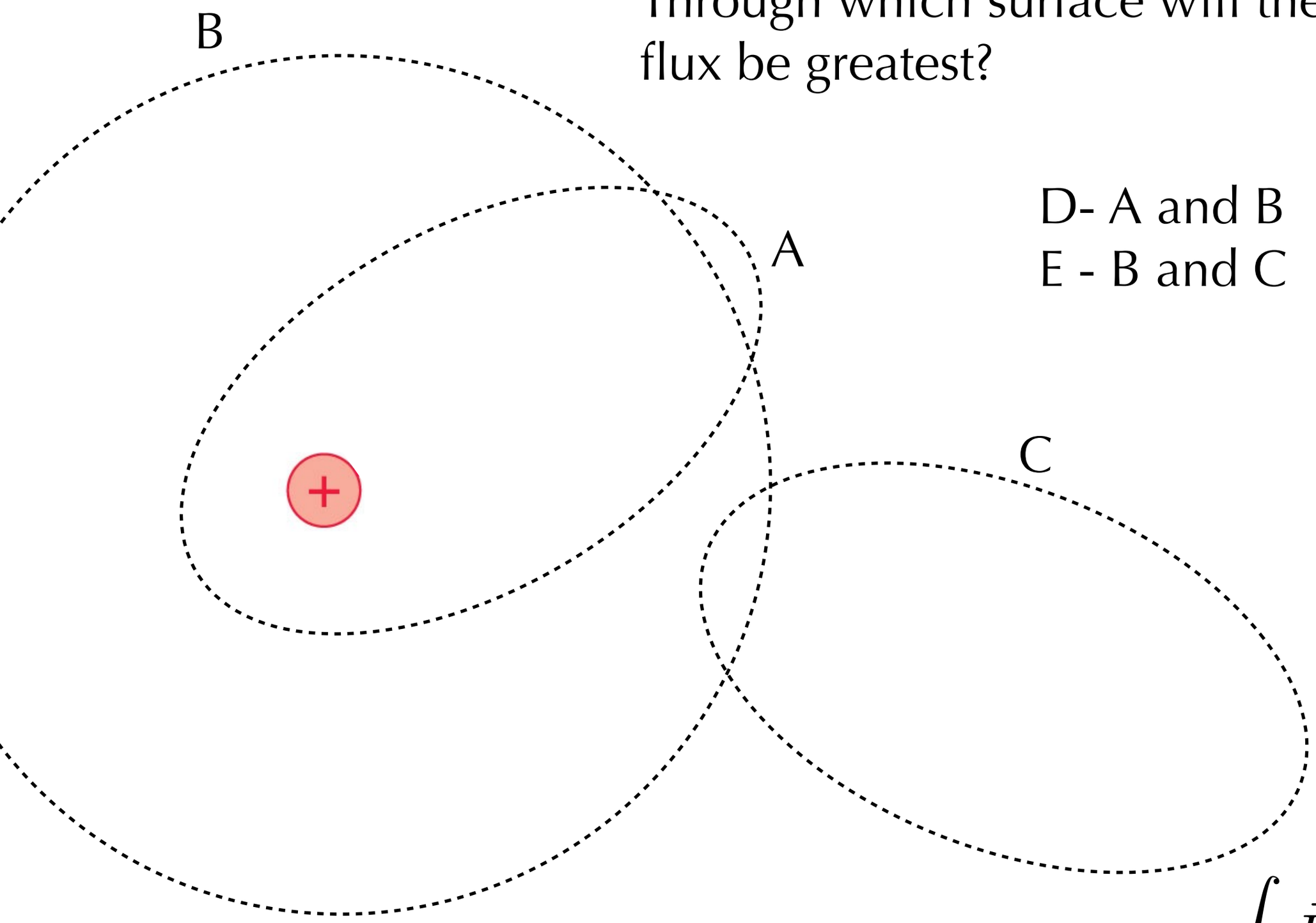

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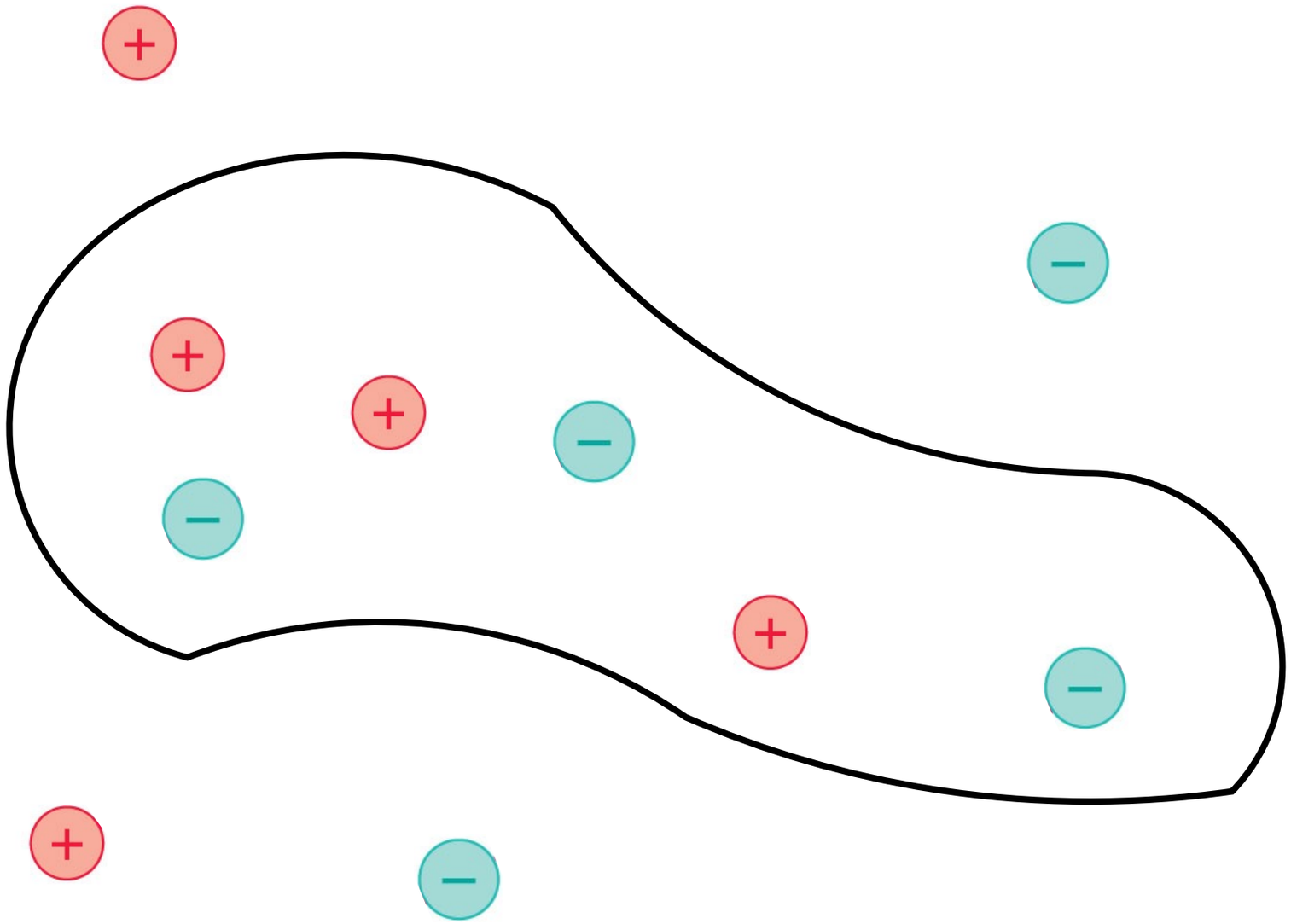
The magnitude of every charge in the figure is 5.0 nC.

What is the net electric flux through the surface shown?



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Which spherical Gaussian surface has the larger electric flux?

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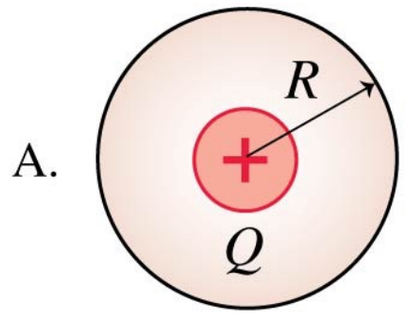

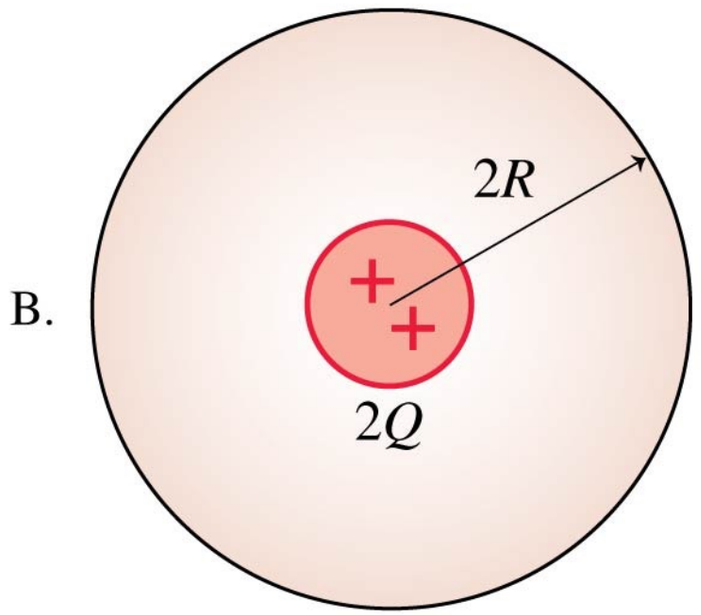

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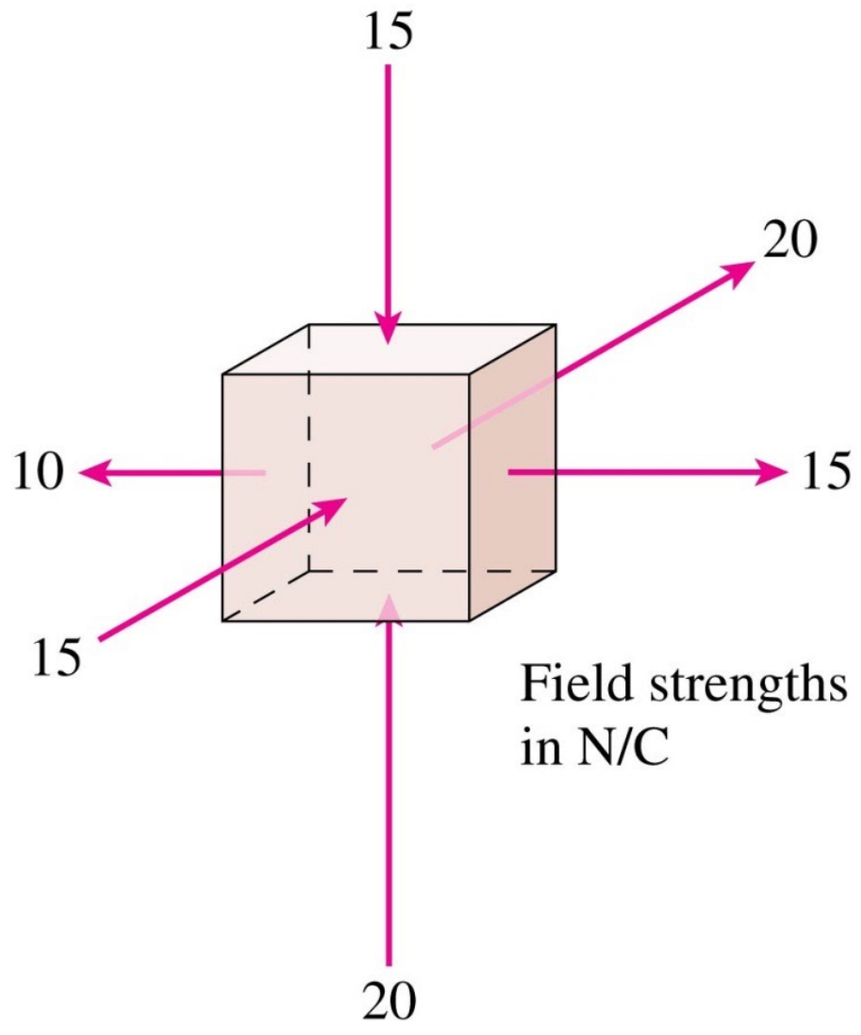

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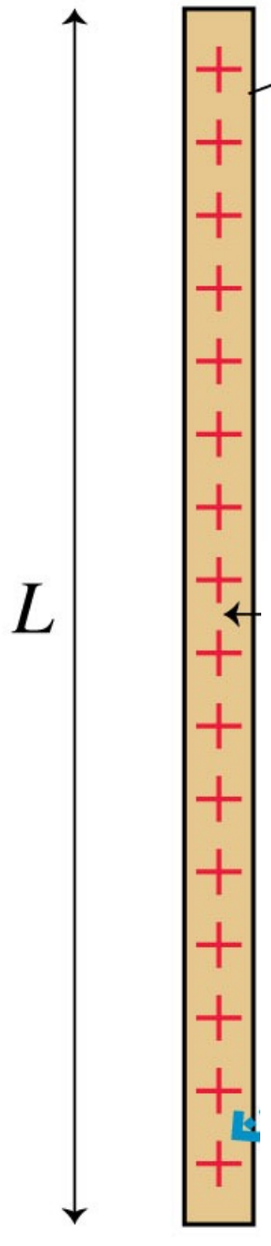

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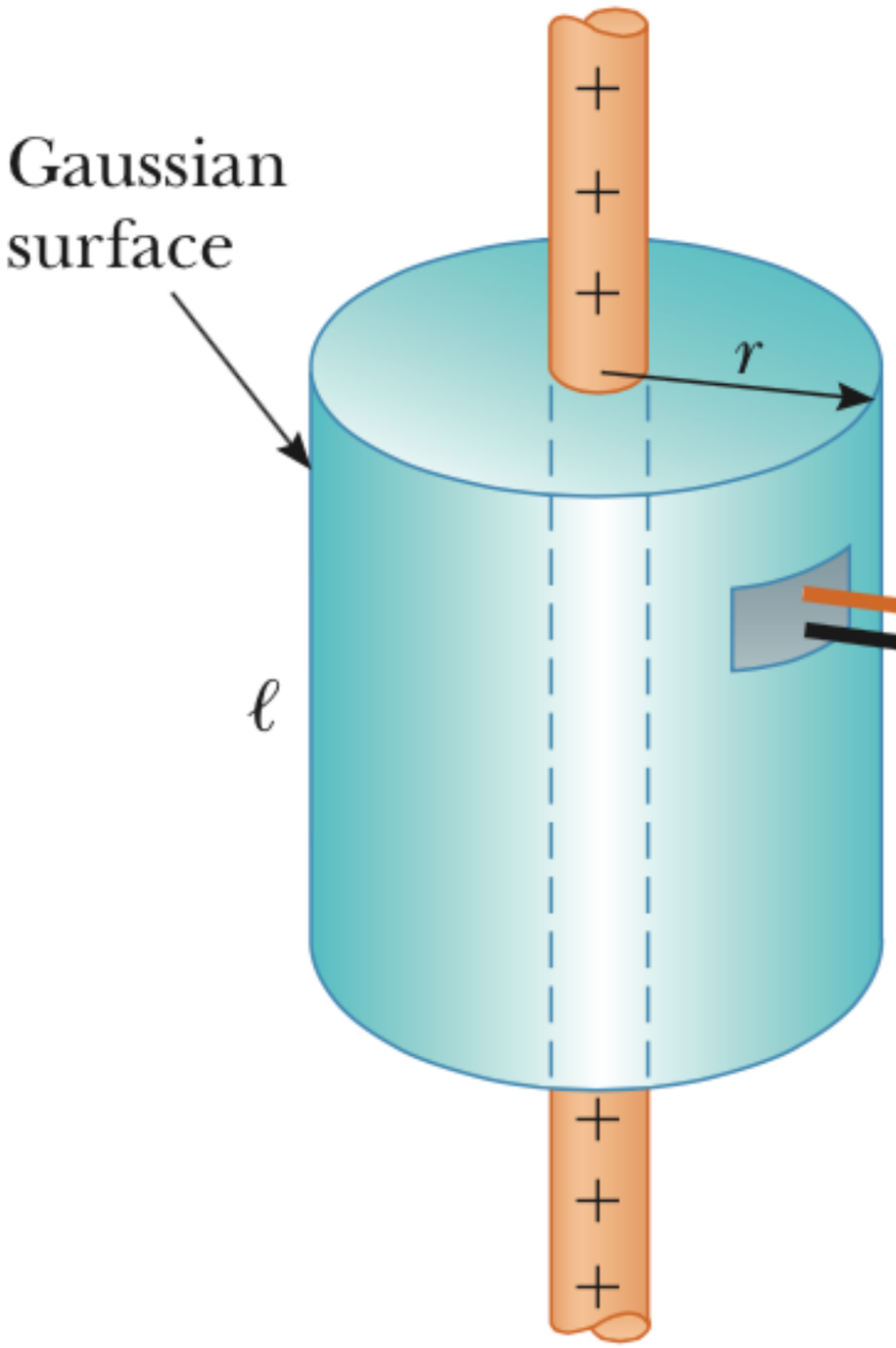

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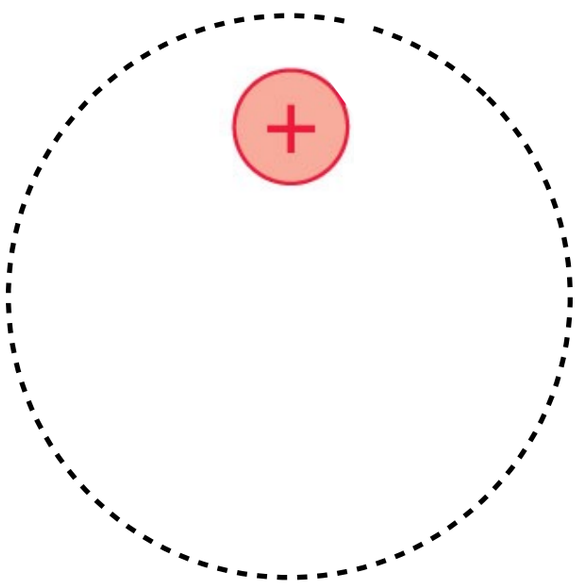

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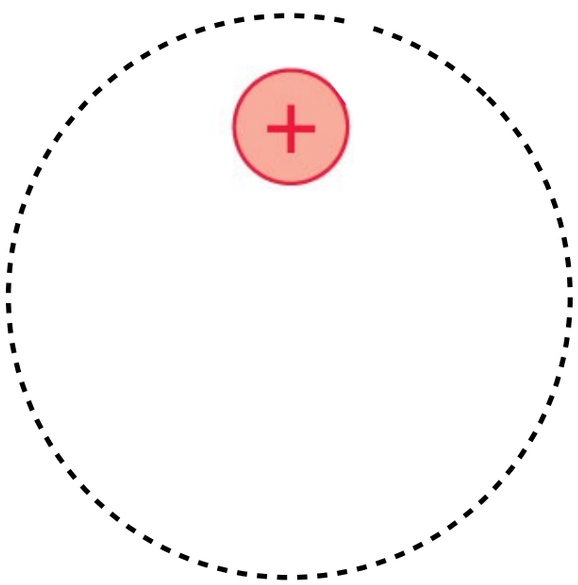

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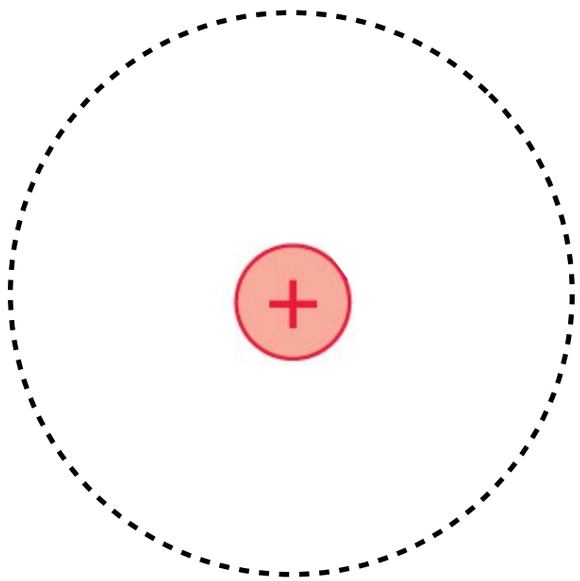

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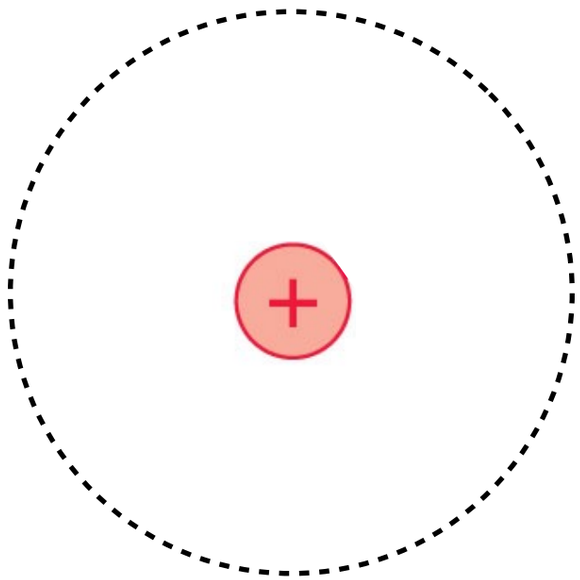

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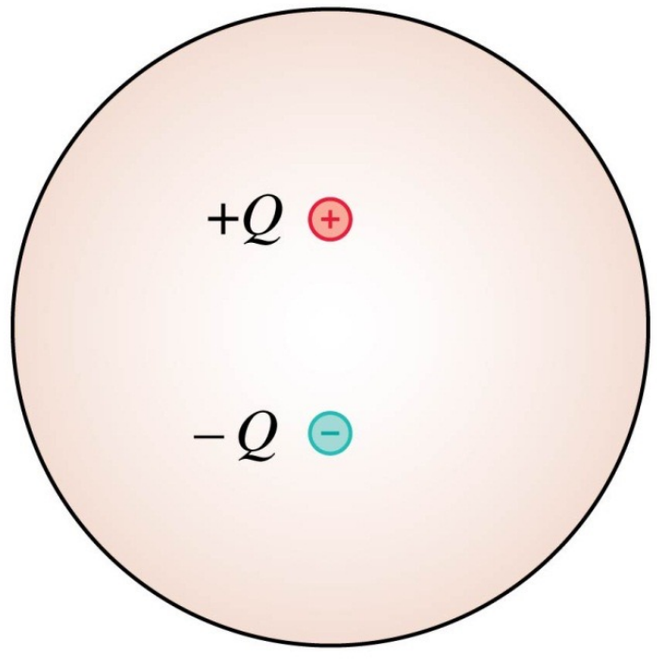

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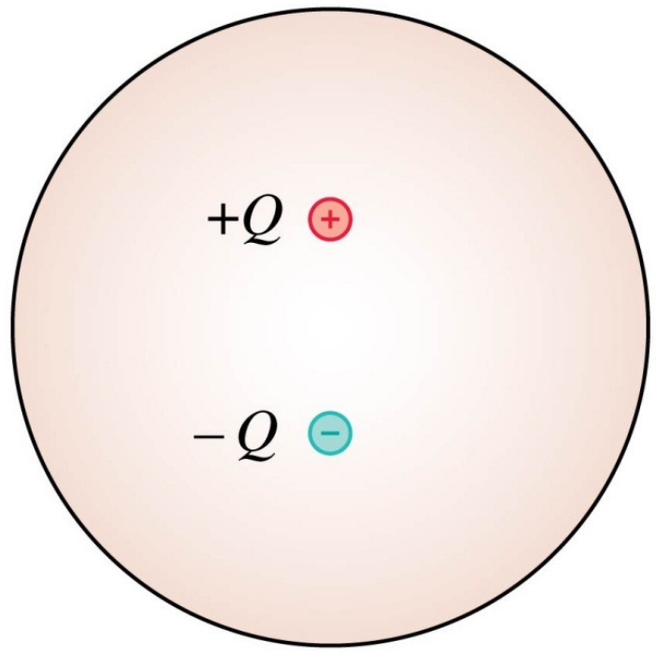

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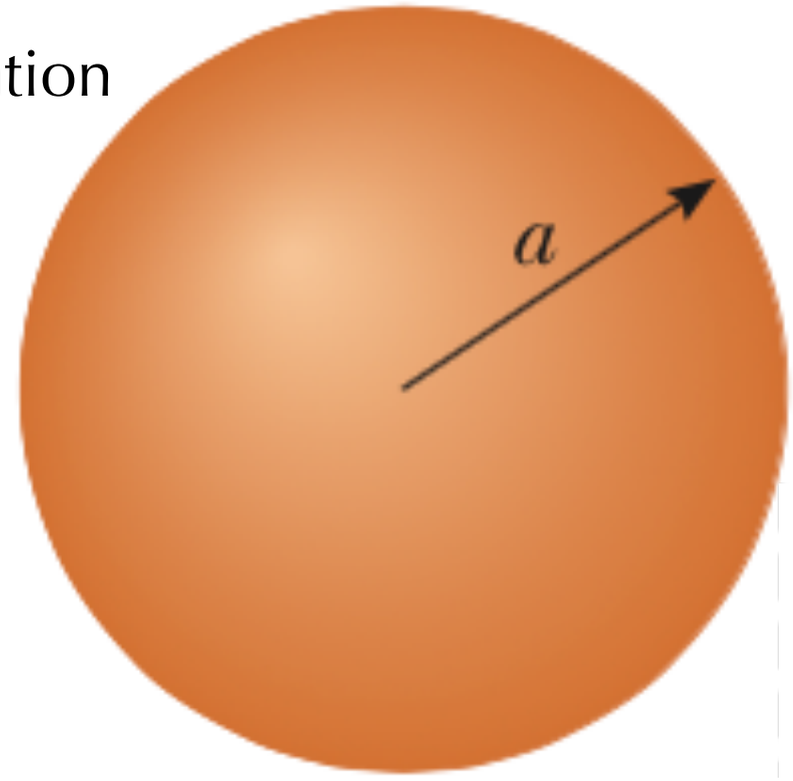

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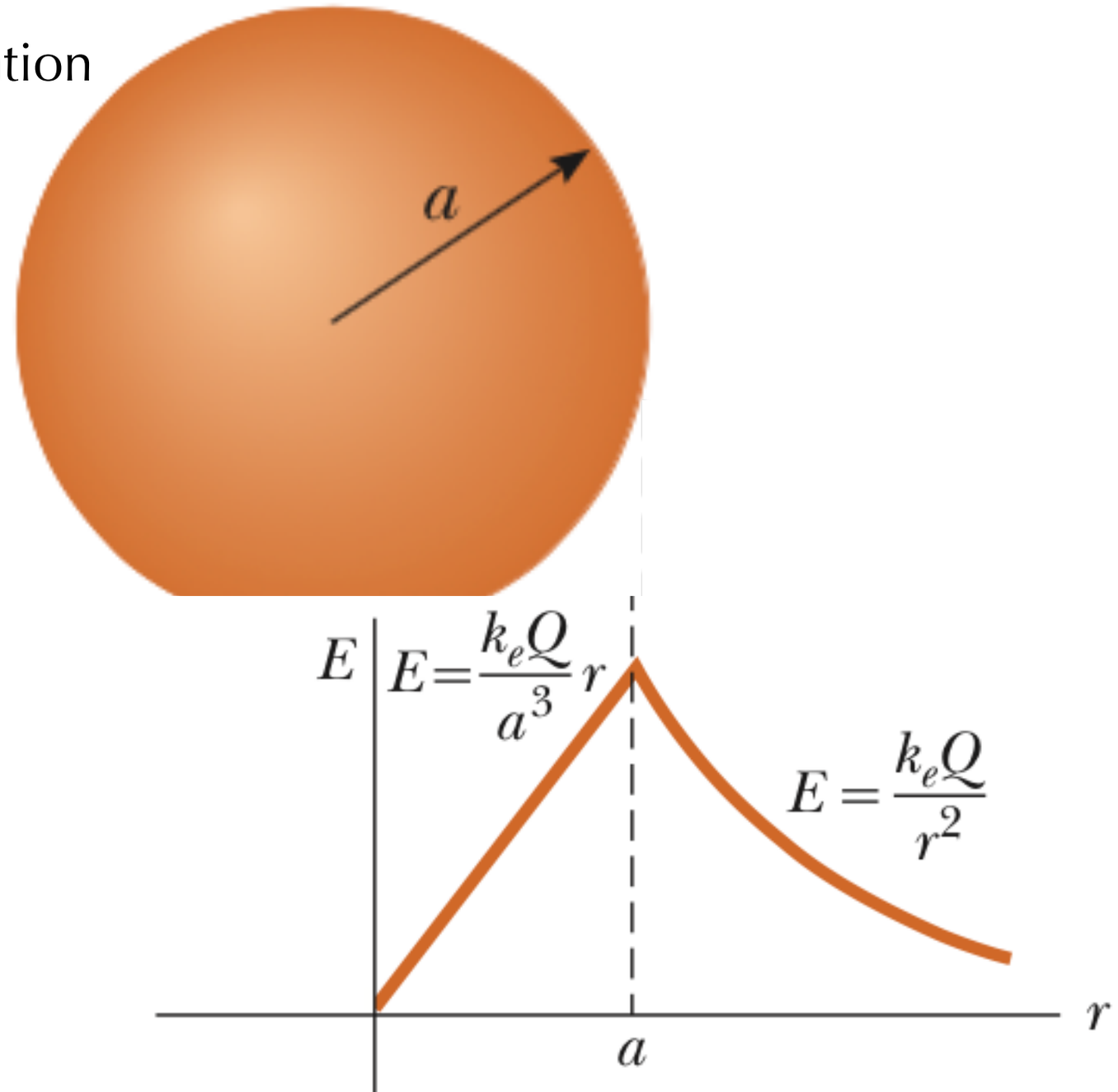

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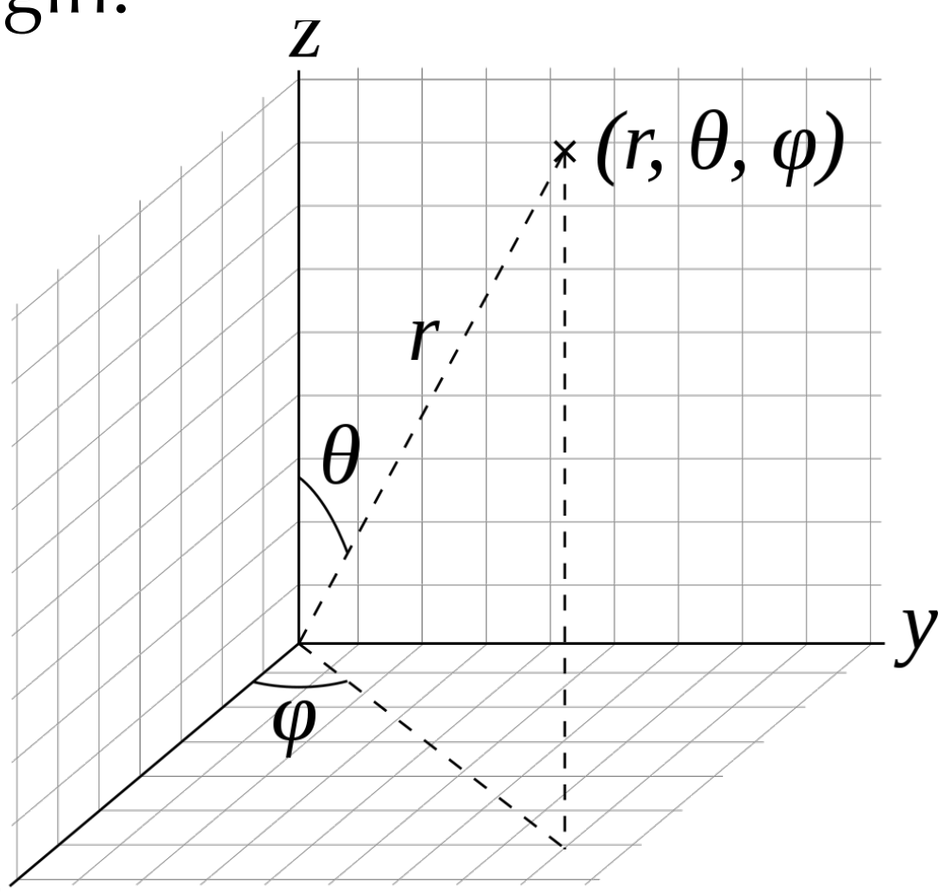

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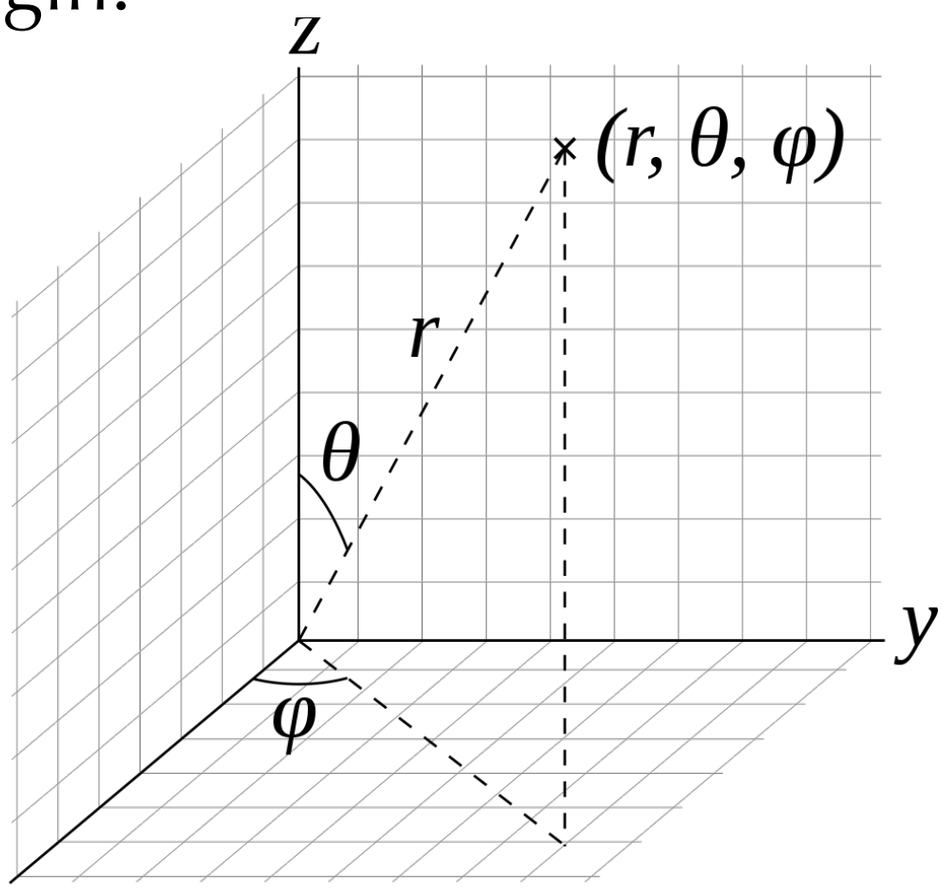

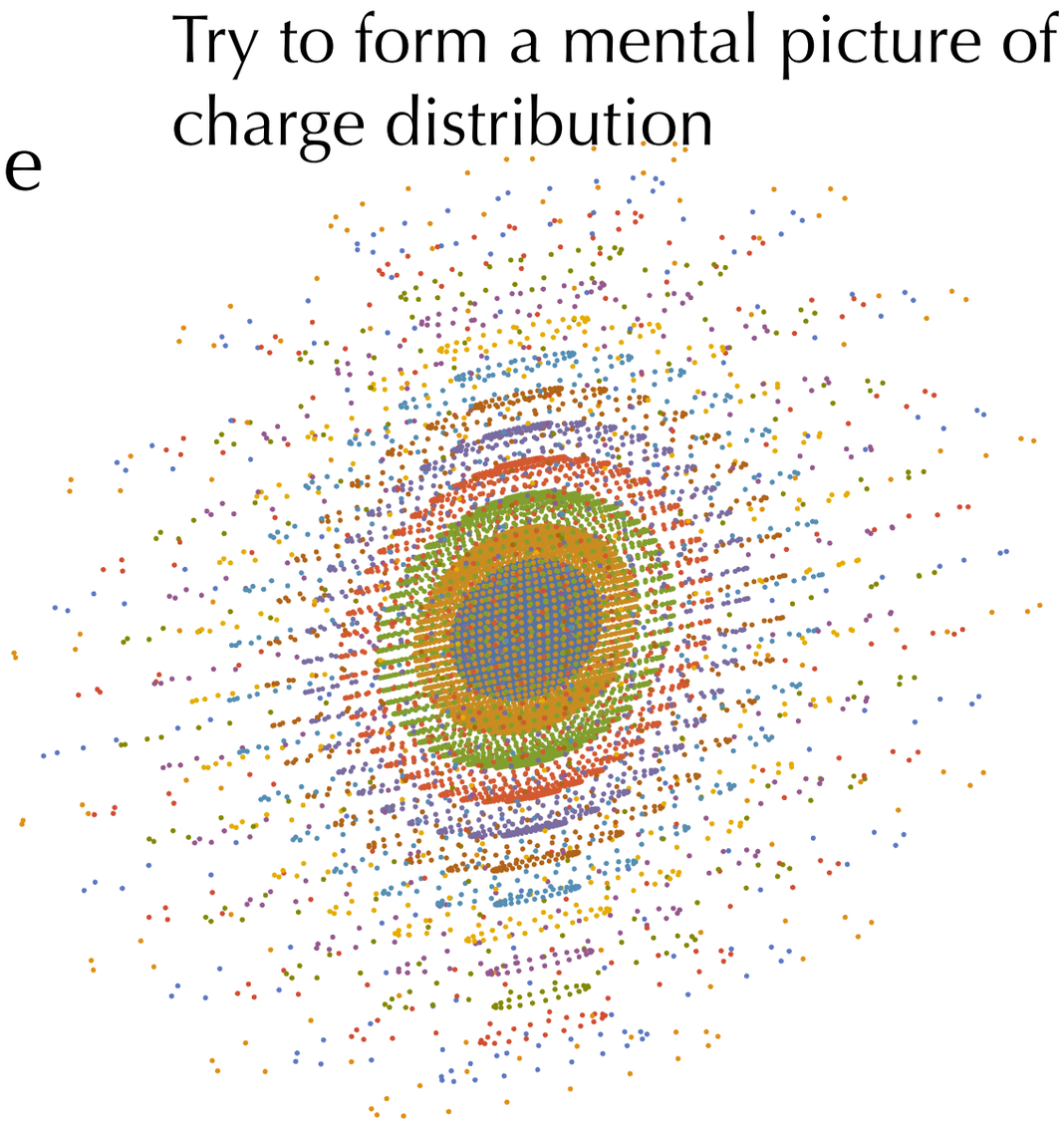

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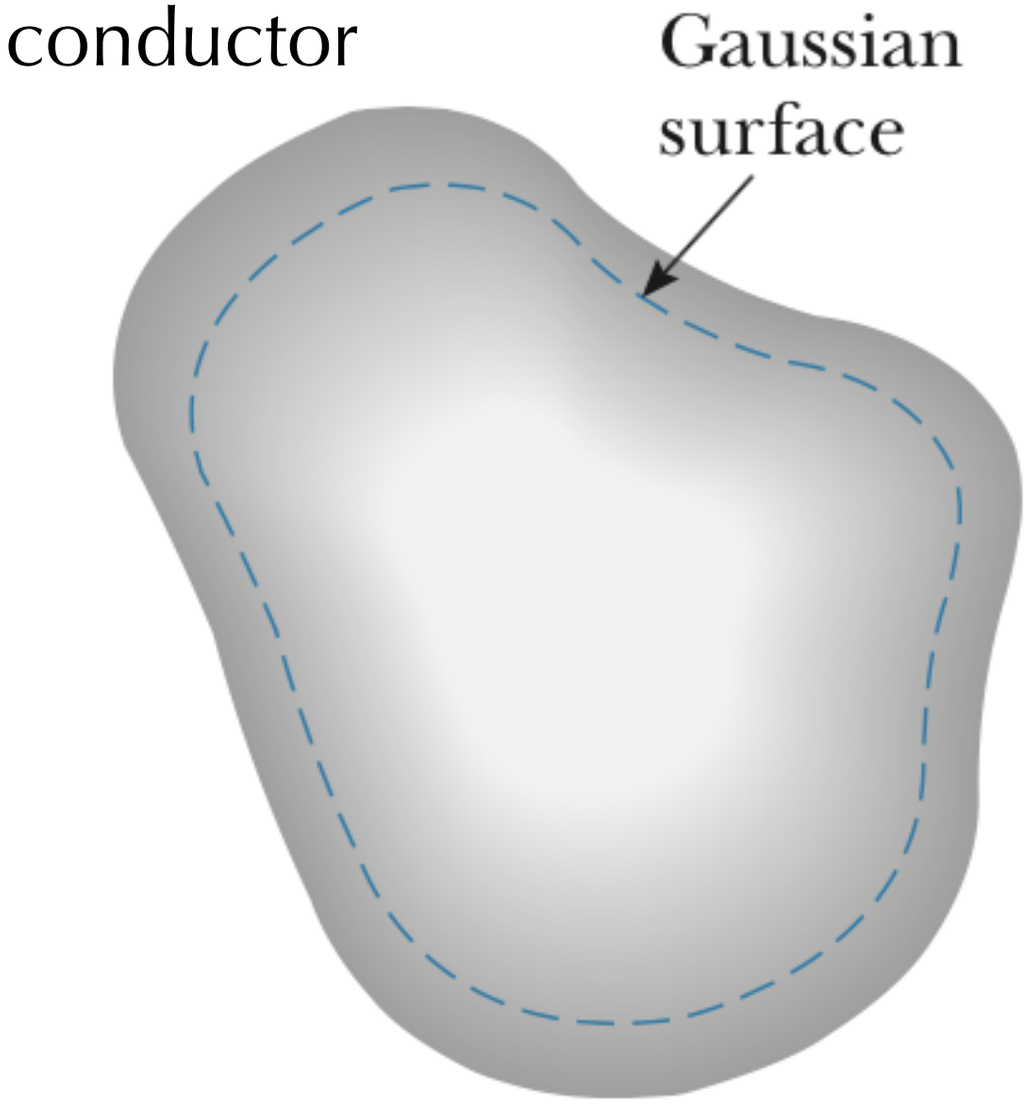

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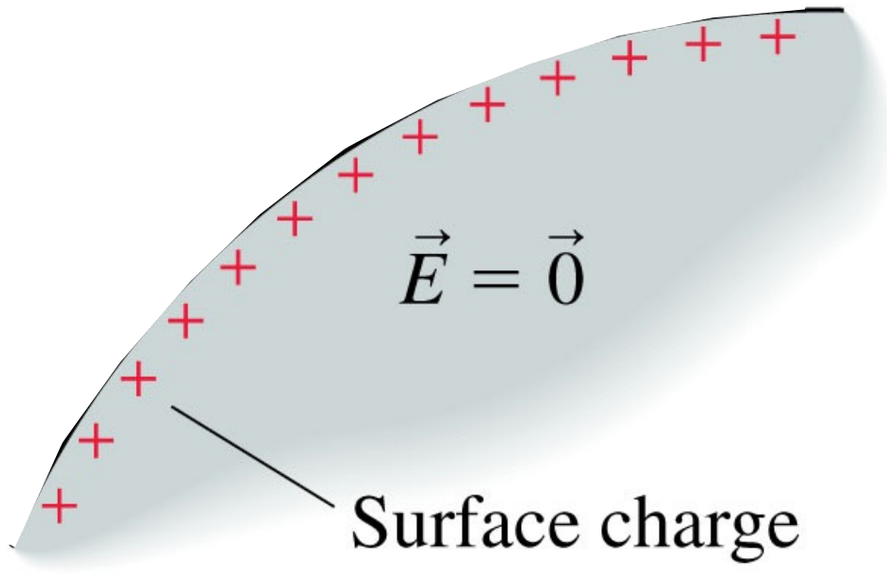

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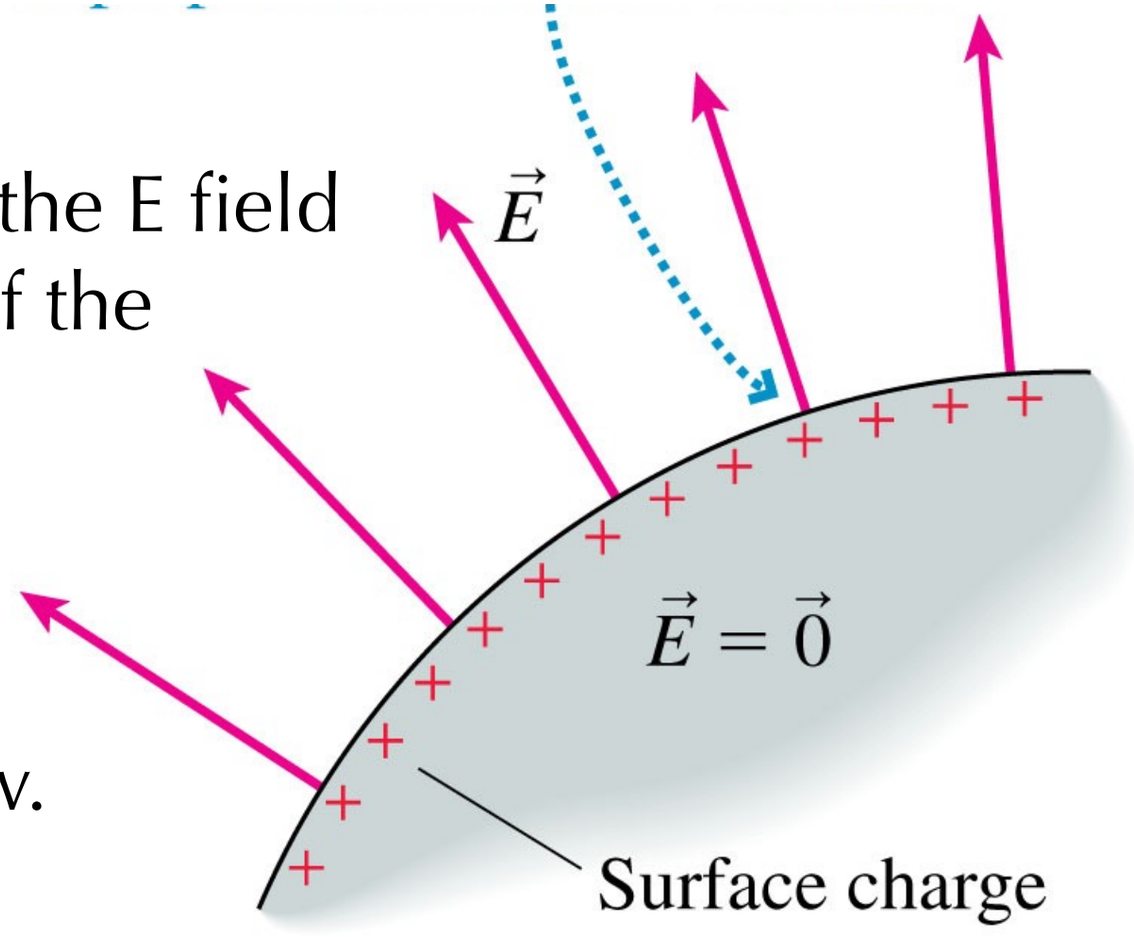

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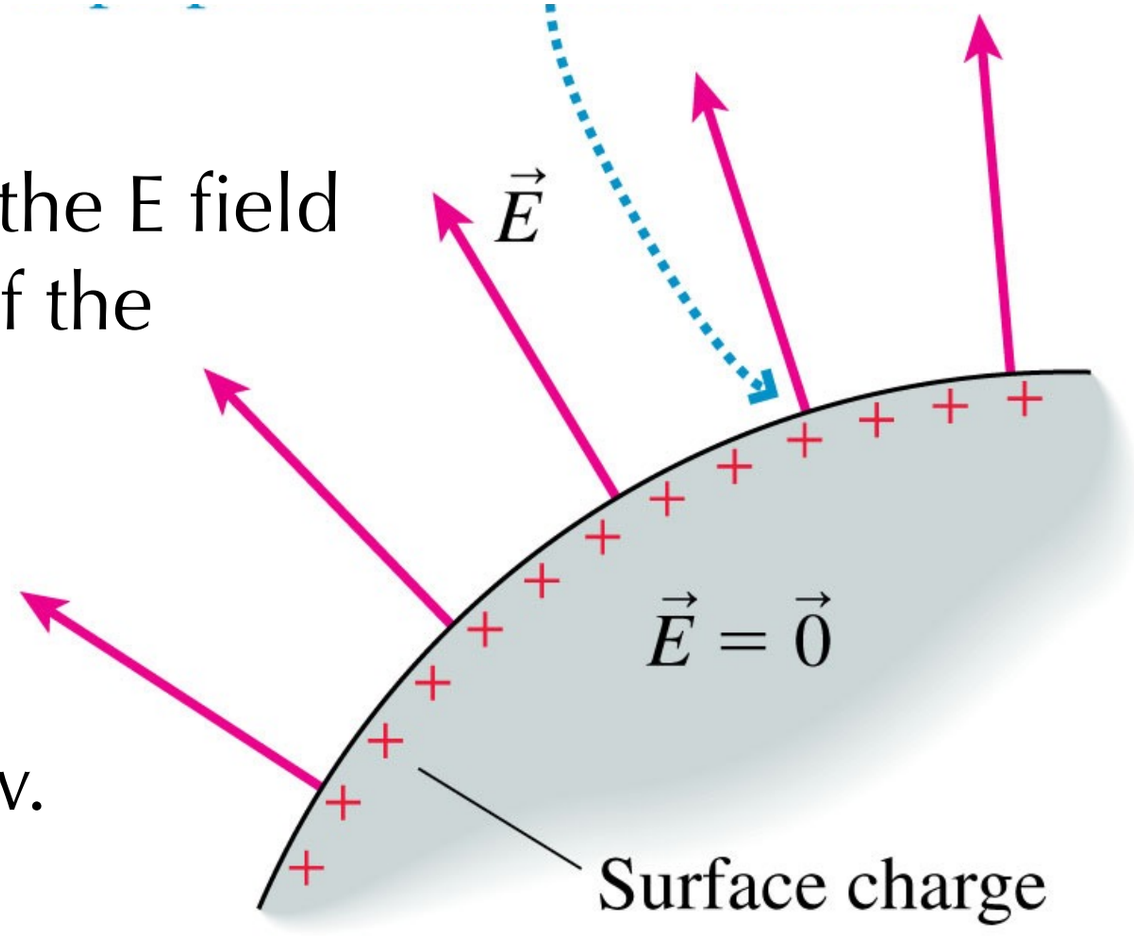

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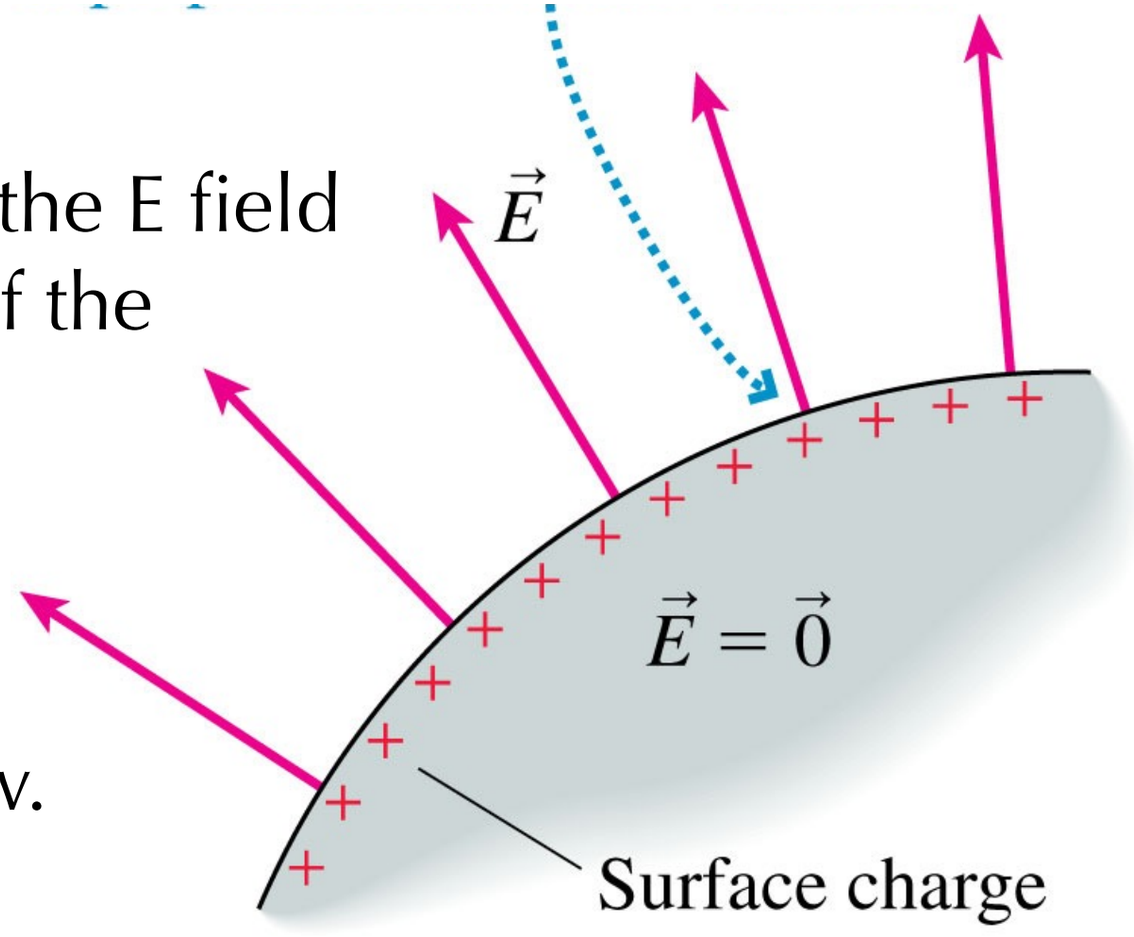

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$$\vec{E} = \frac{\eta}{\epsilon_0}$$ perpendicular to surface

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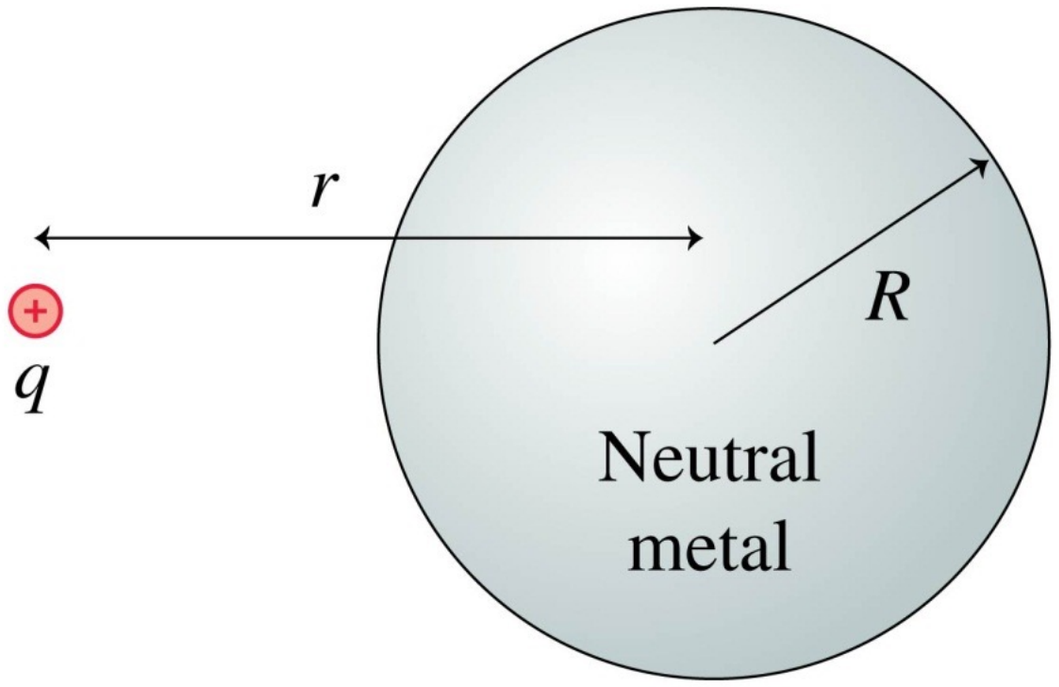

A. $\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$.

B. $\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$.

C. $\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (R-r)^2}$.

D. 0.

E. It depends on what the metal is.

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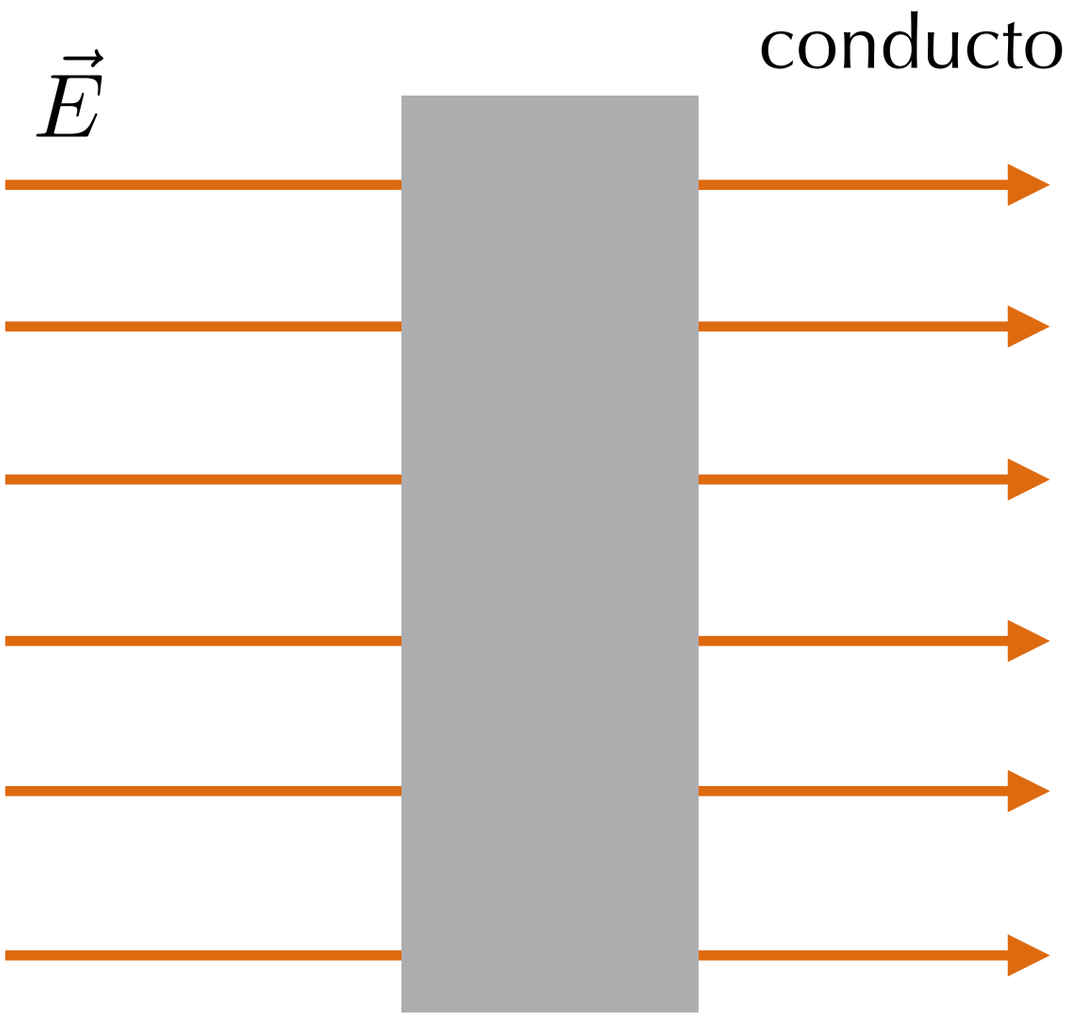

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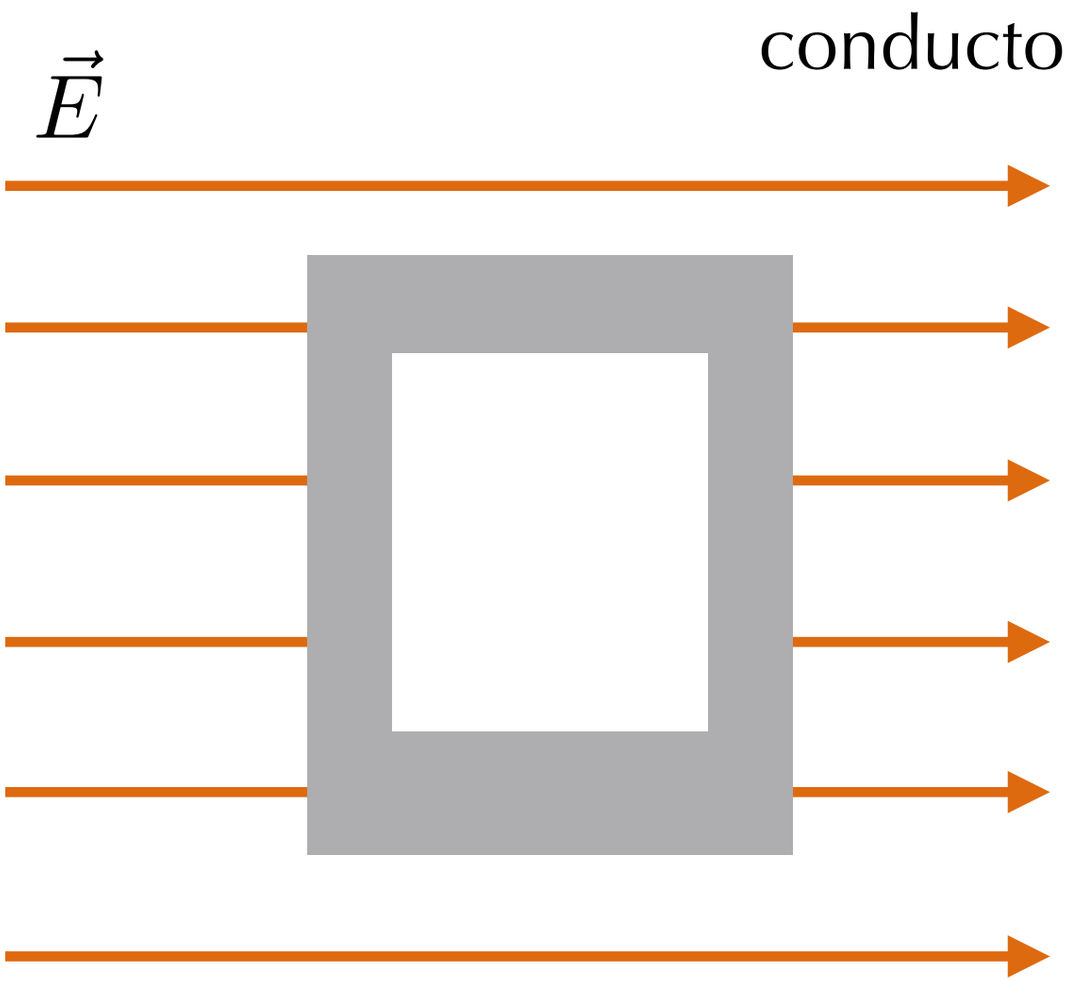

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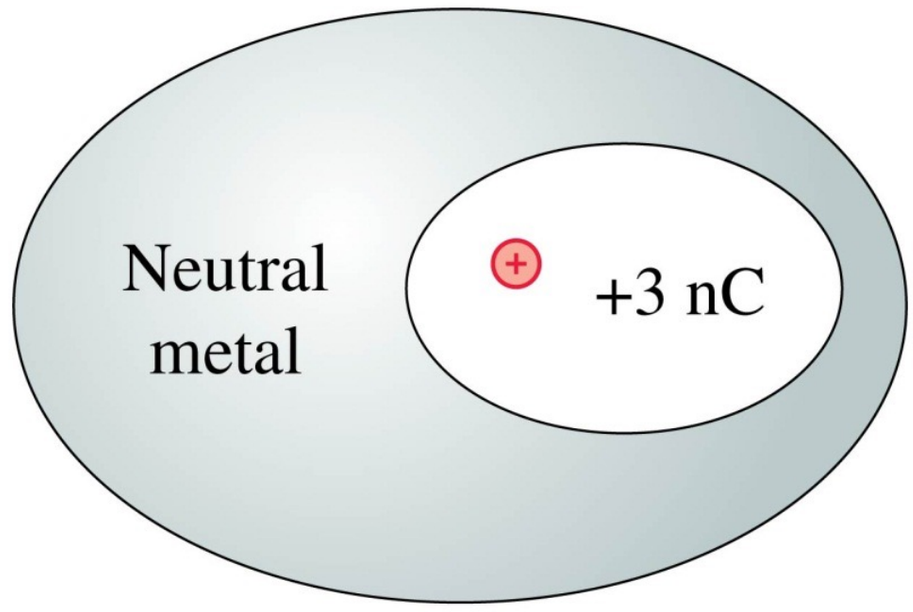
Charge +3 nC is in a hollow cavity inside a large chunk of metal that is electrically neutral. The total charge on the exterior surface of the metal is



A. Can't say without knowing the shap and location of the hollow cavity.

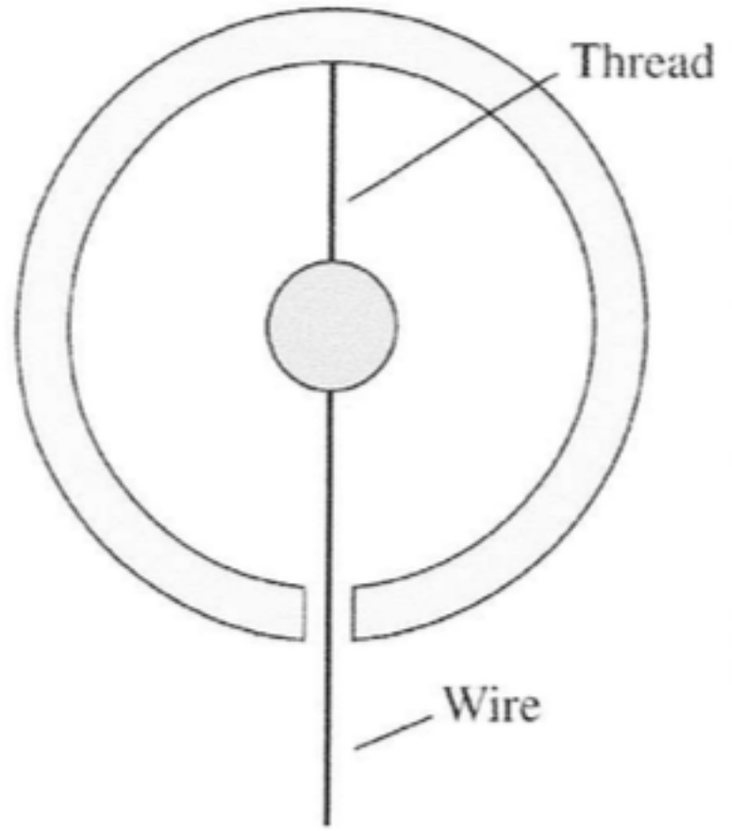
B. 0 nC.

C. –3 nC.

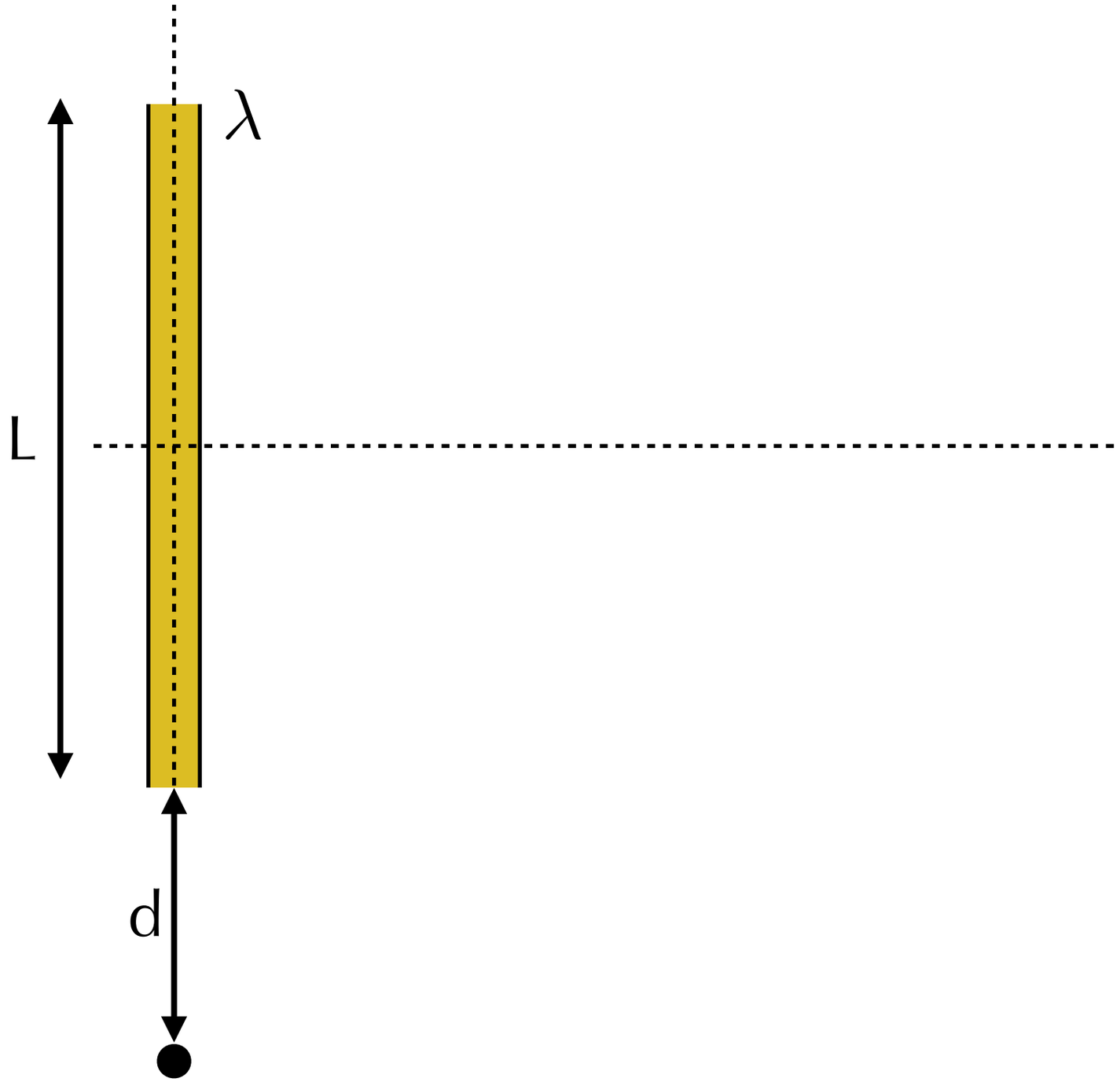
D. +3 nC.

If I touch the wire with a positively-charged rod, what charges will the following surfaces carry?

1. small sphere
2. inner surface of shell
3. outer surface of shell.



a. positive
b. negative
c. neutral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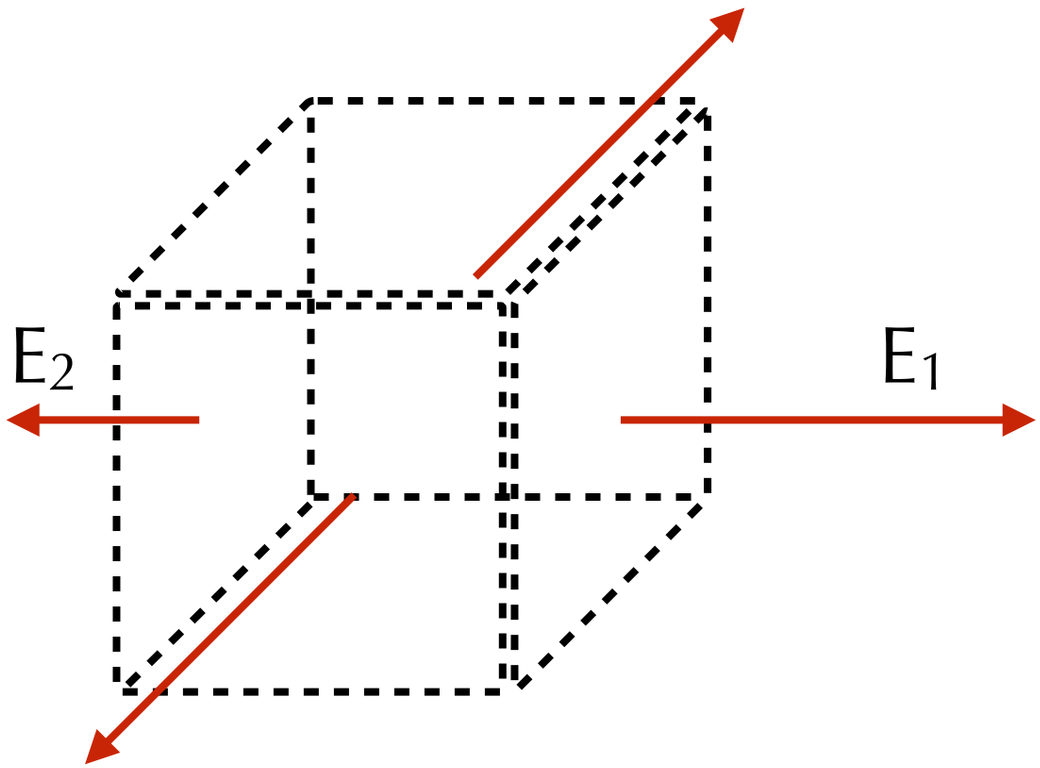
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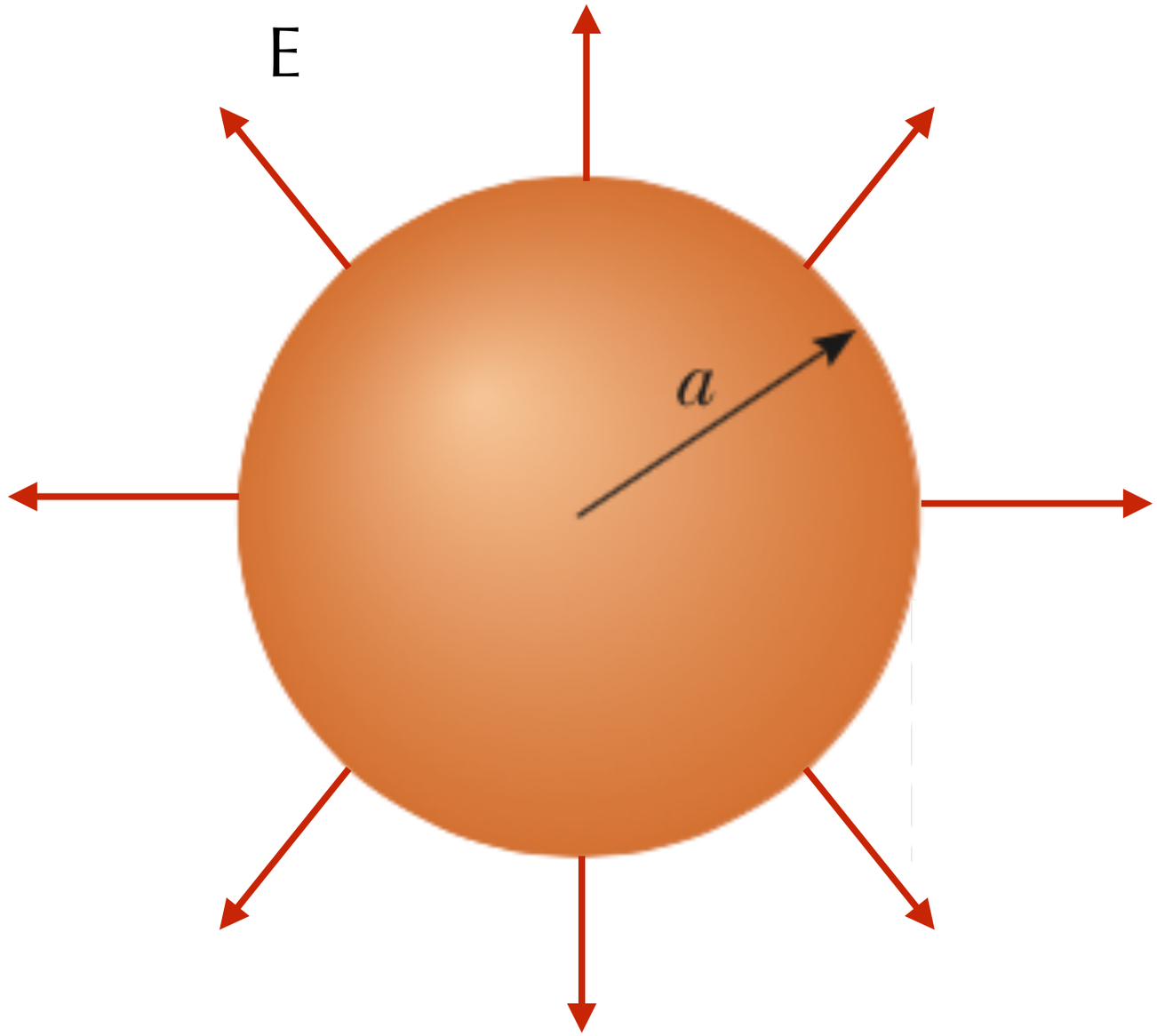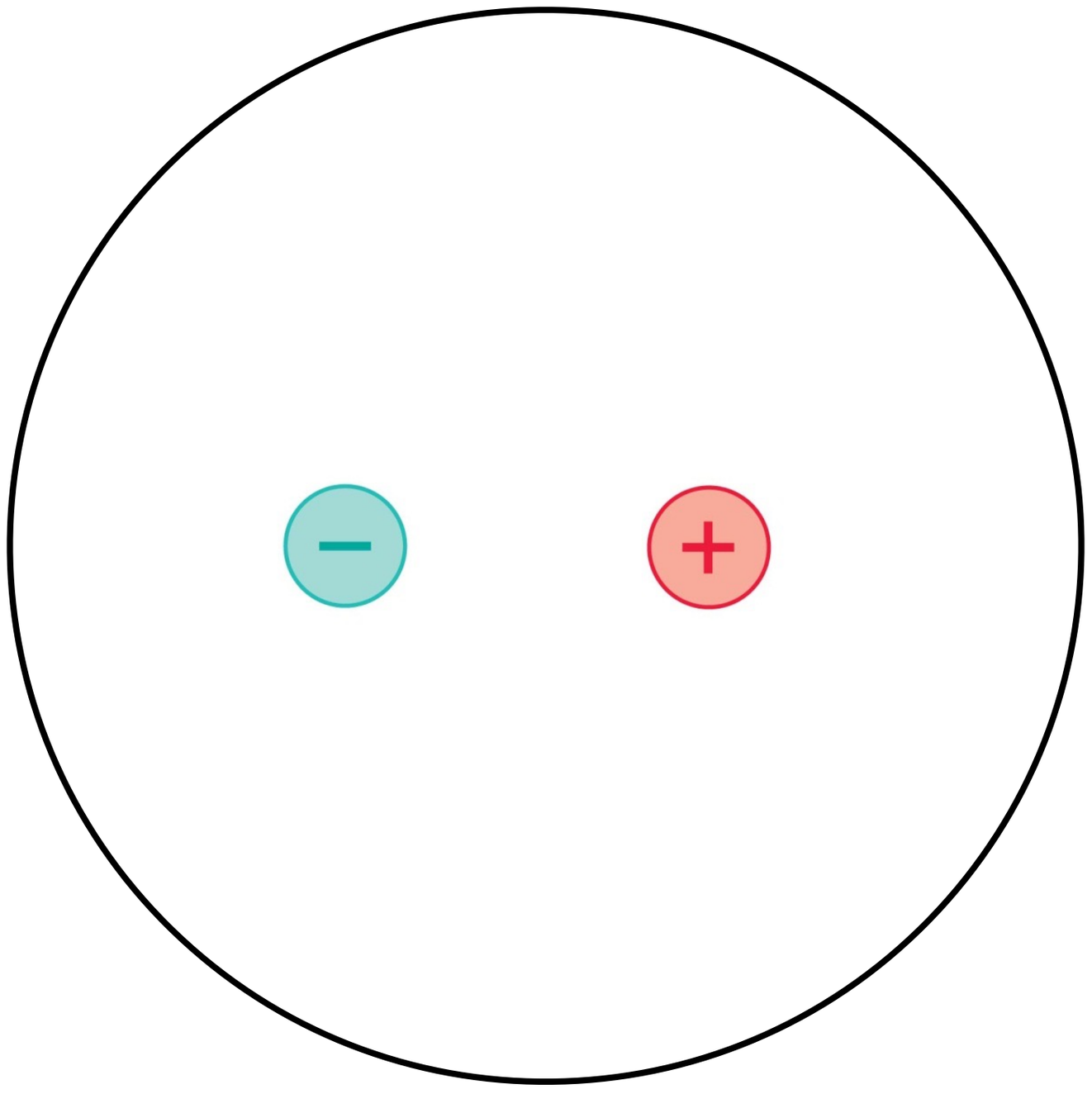
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