

Example 2.3. Find the field outside a uniformly charged solid sphere of radius R and total charge q .

rotational symmetry about any axis passing the origin.

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = E \hat{r}$$

Gauss's law

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{\text{enc}}$$

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = q$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$d\vec{a} = \hat{r} d\theta d\phi = r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \hat{r}$$

$$= \oint E \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} da = E \oint da = E \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = E 4\pi r^2 = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

