



Electrical Power Engineering Department

Electromagnetic Fields (EPE112&EPM2142)

Tutorial

Week(4)

Tutorial Objectives

- Differential Elements in different coordinate systems
- Electric fields due to continuous charge distributions
 - A Line Charge
 - A Surface Charge
 - A Circular Ring
 - A Volume Charge
- Gauss's law

DIFFERENTIAL ELEMENTS IN DIFFERENT COORDINATE SYSTEMS

Cartesian Coordinate System

Differential displacement is given by

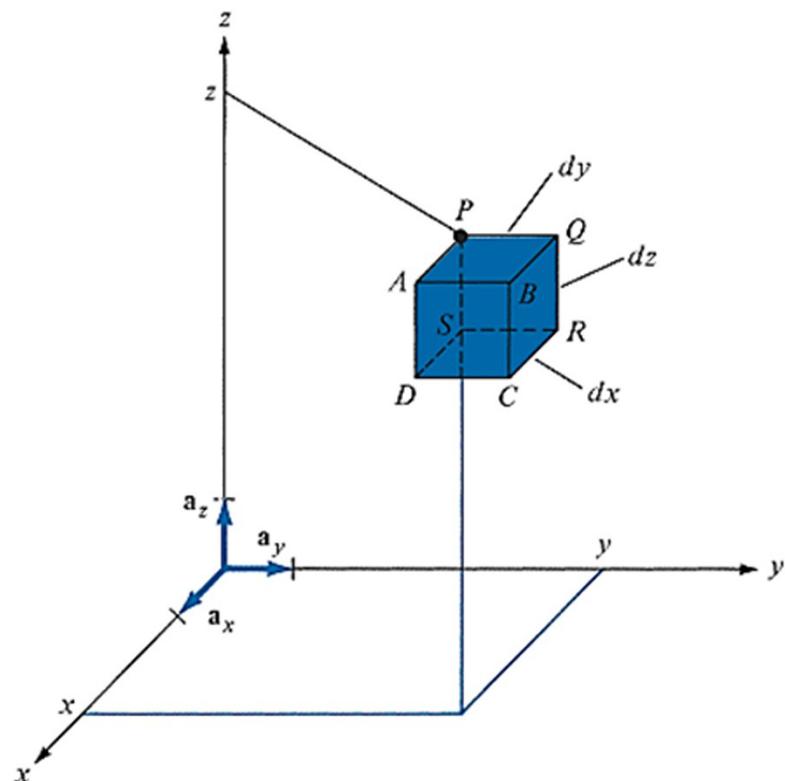
$$d\mathbf{l} = dx \mathbf{a}_x + dy \mathbf{a}_y + dz \mathbf{a}_z$$

Differential normal surface area is given by

$$dS = \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2}$$

Differential volume is given by

$$dv = dx dy dz$$



Cylindrical Coordinate System

Differential displacement is given by

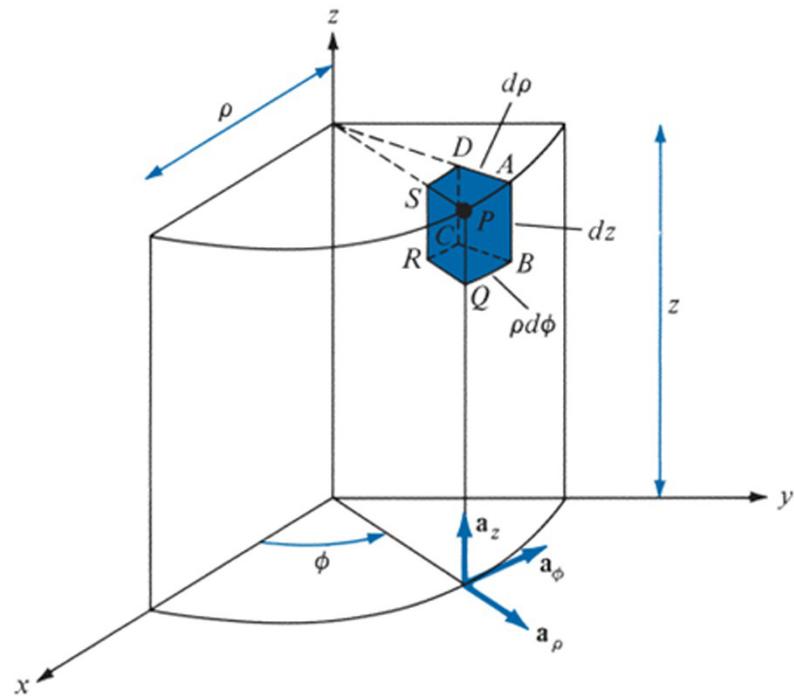
$$d\mathbf{l} = d\rho \mathbf{a}_\rho + \rho d\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi + dz \mathbf{a}_z$$

Differential normal surface area is given by

$$dS = \rho d\phi dz \mathbf{a}_\rho \\ d\rho dz \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ \rho d\rho d\phi \mathbf{a}_z$$

Differential volume is given by

$$dv = \rho d\rho d\phi dz$$



Spherical Coordinate System

The differential displacement is

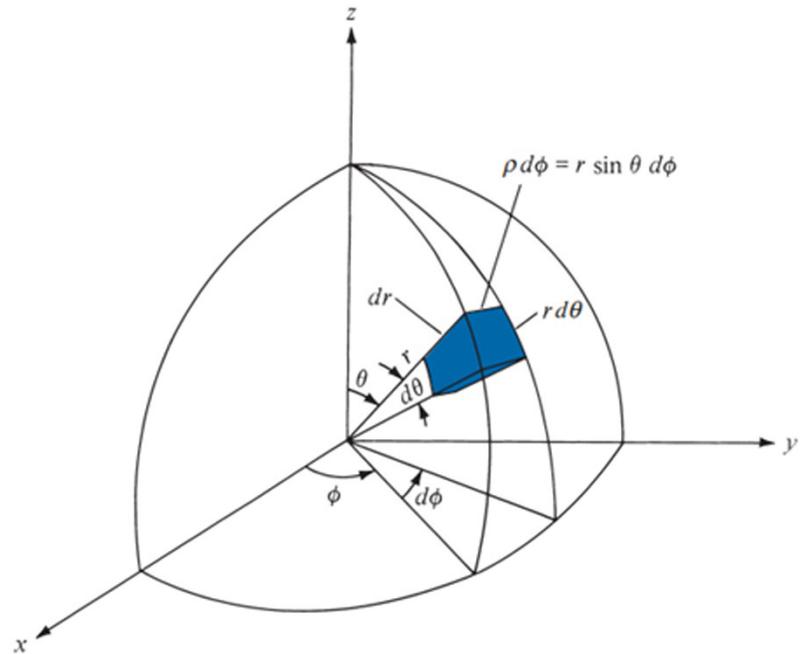
$$d\mathbf{l} = dr \mathbf{a}_r + r d\theta \mathbf{a}_\theta + r \sin \theta d\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

The differential normal surface area is

$$d\mathbf{S} = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \mathbf{a}_r \\ r \sin \theta dr d\phi \mathbf{a}_\theta \\ r dr d\theta \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

The differential volume is

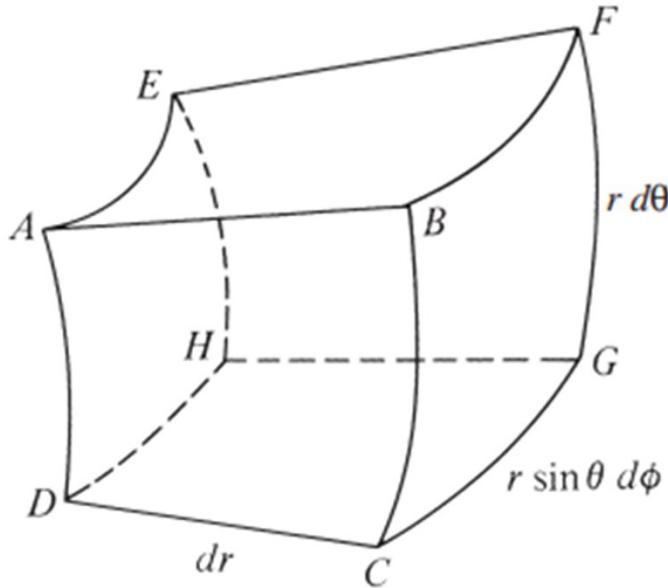
$$dv = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$



EXERCISES

9. The surfaces $r = 2$ and 4 , $\theta = 30^\circ$ and 50° , and $\phi = 20^\circ$ and 60° identify a closed surface. Find:

- (a) the enclosed volume;
- (b) the total area of the enclosing surface;
- (c) the total length of the twelve edges of the surface;



ELECTRIC FIELDS DUE TO CONTINUOUS CHARGE DISTRIBUTIONS

Electric fields due to continuous charge distributions

$$\mathbf{E} = \int_L \frac{\rho_L dl}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{a}_R \quad (\text{line charge})$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \int_S \frac{\rho_S dS}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{a}_R \quad (\text{surface charge})$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \int_V \frac{\rho_v dv}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{a}_R \quad (\text{volume charge})$$

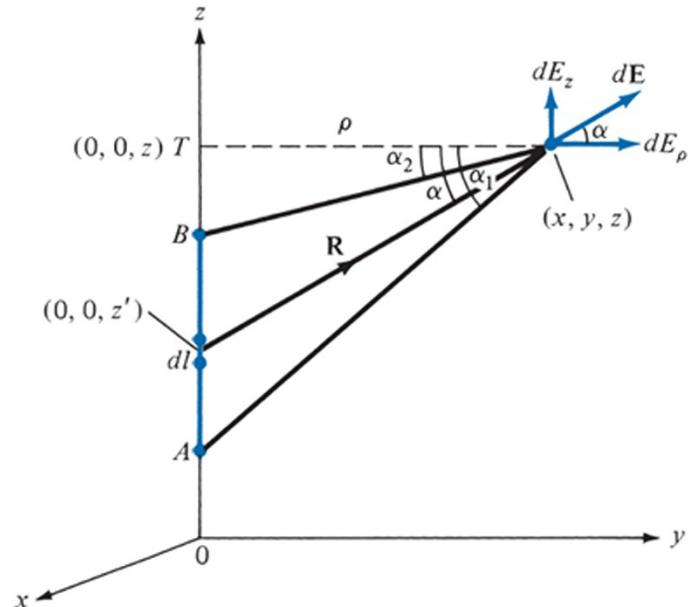
A Line Charge

Thus for a *finite line charge*,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_L}{4\pi\epsilon_0\rho} [-(\sin \alpha_2 - \sin \alpha_1) \mathbf{a}_\rho + (\cos \alpha_2 - \cos \alpha_1) \mathbf{a}_z]$$

for an *infinite line charge*,

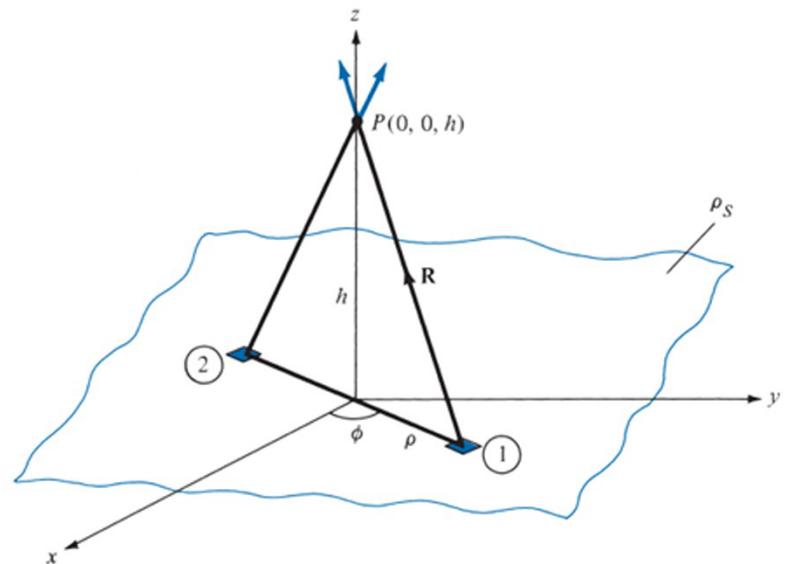
$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_L}{2\pi\epsilon_0\rho} \mathbf{a}_\rho$$



A Surface Charge

for an *infinite sheet* of charge

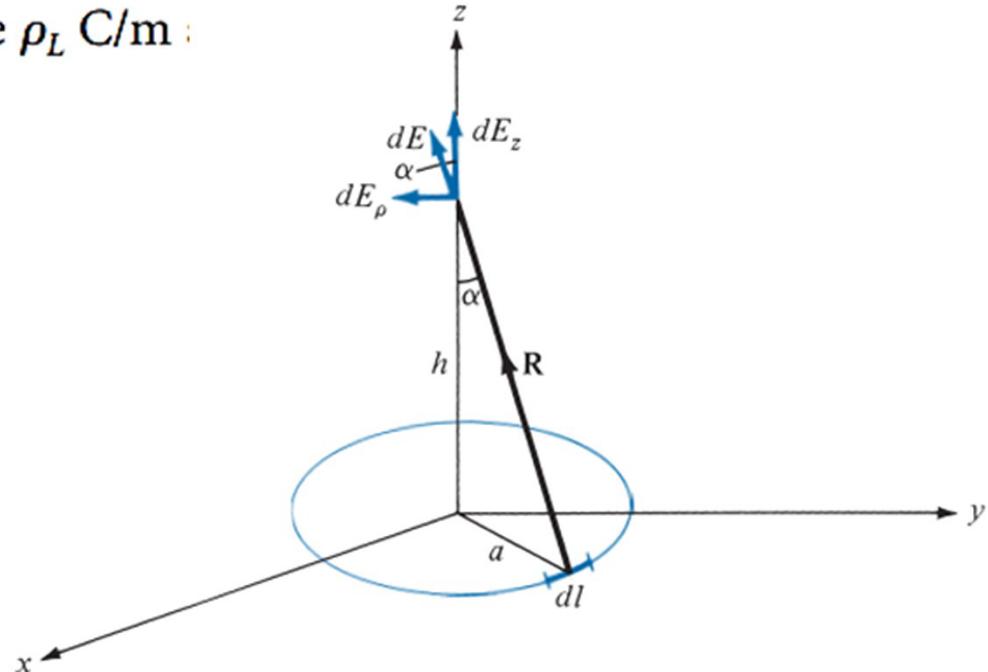
$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_S}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_n$$



A Circular Ring Charge

A circular ring of radius a carries a uniform charge ρ_L C/m :

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_L ah}{2\epsilon_0 [h^2 + a^2]^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_z$$



EXERCISES

8. Determine the total charge:

- (a) On line $0 < x < 5$ m if $\rho_\ell = 12x^2$ mC/m
- (b) On the cylinder $\rho = 3$, $0 < z < 4$ m if $\rho_s = \rho z^2$ nC/m².
- (c) Within the sphere $r = 4$ m if $\rho_v = \frac{10}{r \sin \theta}$ C/m³.

9. A line charge density ρ_ℓ is uniformly distributed over a length of $2a$ with centre as origin along x -axis. Find $\bar{\mathbf{E}}$ at a point P which is on z -axis at a distance d .

4. Plane $z = -10$ m carries charge -20 nC/m^2 . The electric field intensity at the origin is ____ V/m.

6. A sheet of charges $\rho_s = 2 \text{ nC/m}^2$, is present at the plane $x = 3$ in free space, and a line charge $\rho_\ell = 2 \text{ nC/m}$ is located at $x = 1, z = 4$. Find:

- (i) The magnitude of electric field intensity at the origin.
- (ii) The direction of $\bar{\mathbf{E}}$ at $(4, 5, 6)$.
- (iii) What is the force per meter length on the line charge?

10. A ring placed along $y^2 + z^2 = 4$, $x = 0$ carries a uniform charge of $5 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}$.

- (a) Find $\bar{\mathbf{E}}$ at $P(3,0,0)$
- (b) If two identical point charges Q are placed at $(0, -3, 0)$ and $(0, 3, 0)$ in addition to the ring, Find the value of Q such that $\bar{\mathbf{E}} = 0$ at P .

12. A point charge 100 pC is located at $(4, 1, -3)$ while the x -axis carries charge 2 nC/m . If the plane $z = 3$ also carries charge 5 nC/m^2 , Find $\bar{\mathbf{E}}$ at $(1, 1, 1)$.

GAUSS'S LAW

Gauss's law

- **Gauss's law** states that the total electric flux ψ through any closed surface is equal to the total charge enclosed by that surface.

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

EXERCISES

2. Electric —— at a point may be defined as equal to lines of force passing normally through a unit cross-section at that point.

- (a) field density
- (b) field intensity
- (c) flux density
- (d) potential

3. Point charges 30 nC , -20 nC , and 10 nC are located at $(-1, 0, 2)$, $(0, 0, 0)$, and $(1, 5, -1)$, respectively. The total flux leaving a cube of side 6 m centered at the origin is:

QUESTIONS ?

THANKS

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