

## Motivate the chapter

Core concept of the class

Fields

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

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E} &= \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 + \vec{E}_3 + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq}{|\vec{r}|^2} \hat{r}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{I d\vec{\ell} \times \hat{r}}{|\vec{r}|^2}$$

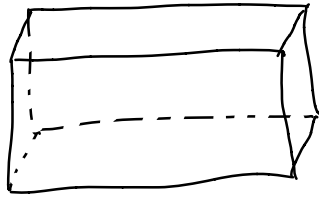
$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_1 + \vec{B}_2 + \vec{B}_3 + \dots$$

Given  $q$  or  $I$ , how to find  $E/B$ ?

## Gauss' Law

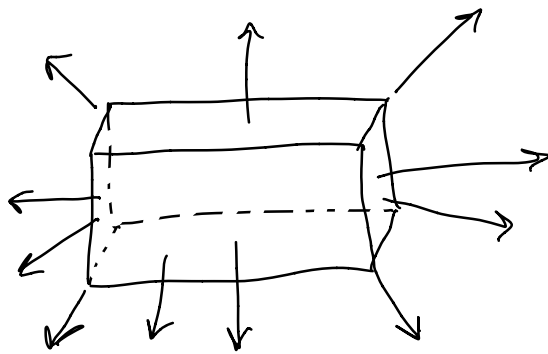
- Instead of using  $Q$  to find  $E$ , we use  $E$  to find  $Q$
- Sounds backwards & unhelpful, but stay with me

### A thought experiment

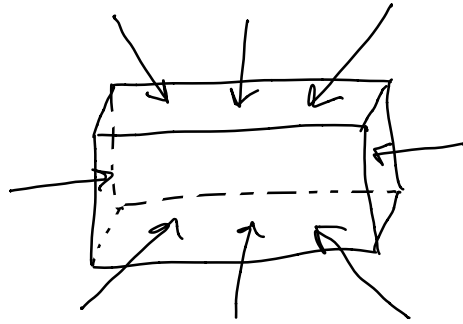


(Draw & copy!)

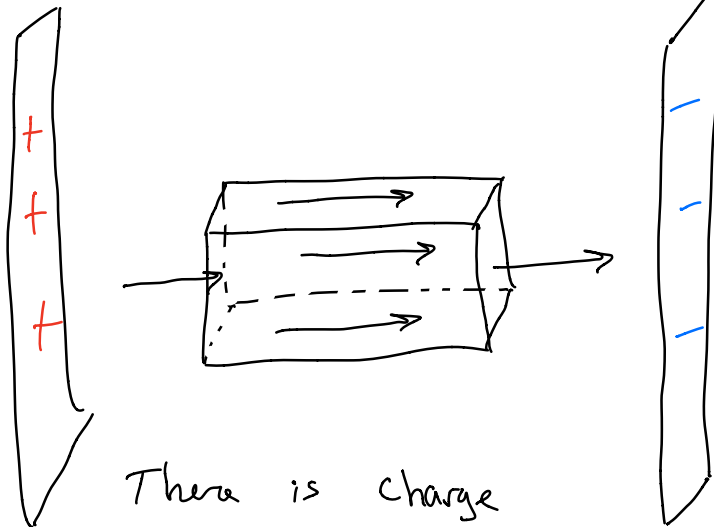
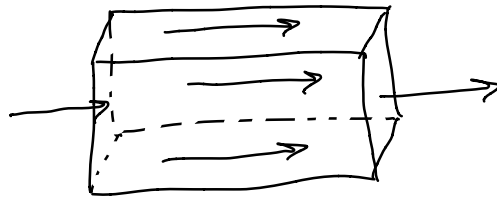
Measure  $\vec{E}$  along the surface



There must be some positive charge inside!



Probably some negative charge

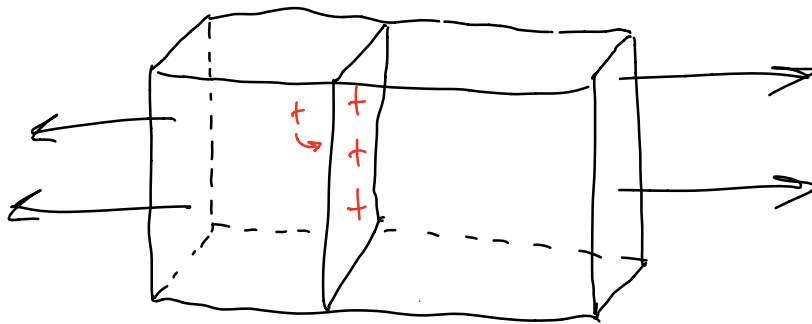


There is charge  
somewhere,  
but not in  
the  
box

Basic idea:

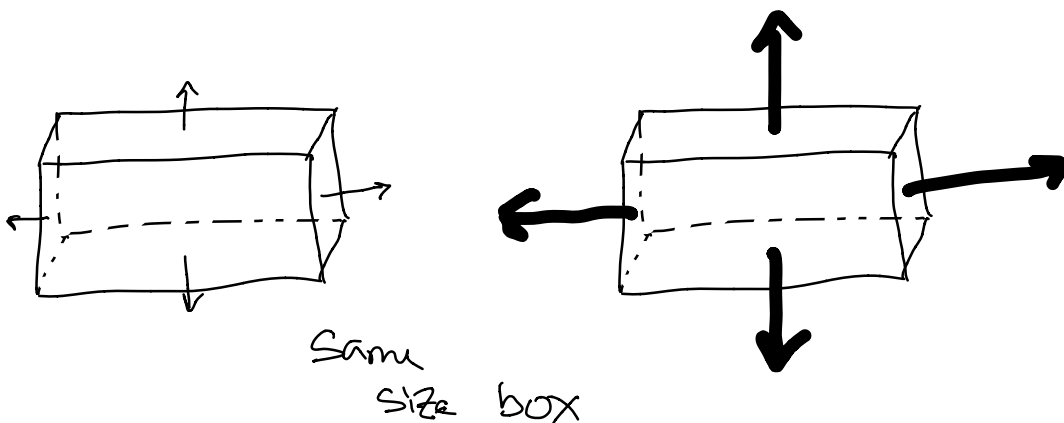
Pattern of  $\vec{E}$  on a surface  $\Rightarrow q$  inside surface

Example:

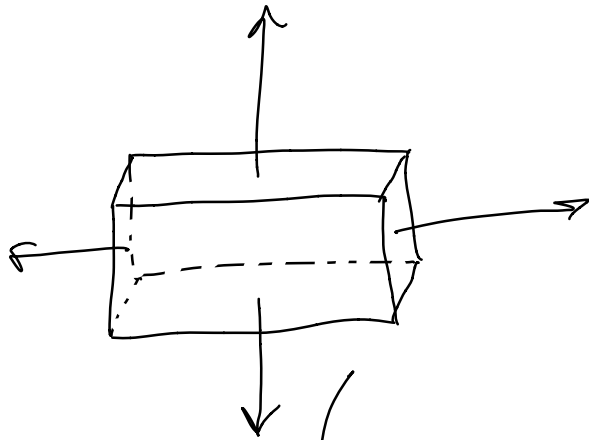


Let's try to quantify this

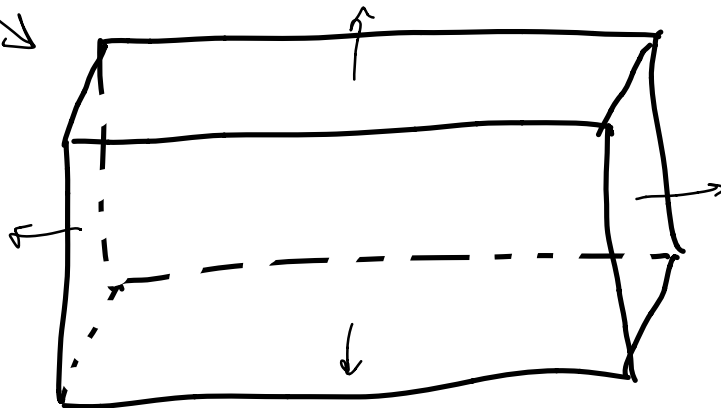
How does  $E$  on the box surface relate to  $Q$  in the box?



larger  $E \longrightarrow$  larger  $q$



larger  
box, same  
 $q$



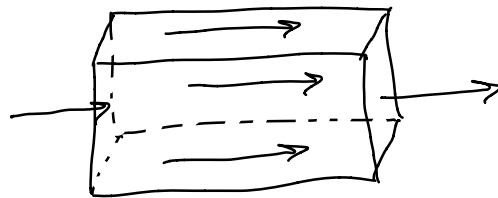
$E$  is smaller because we measure  
it farther away

For fixed  $q$ , if  $A$  increases,  $E$  decreases  
if  $A$  decreases,  $E$  increases

$$q \propto |\vec{E}|A$$

What else?

Not just magnitude, but direction



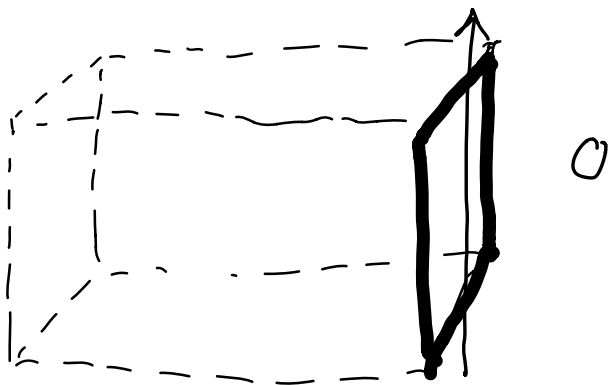
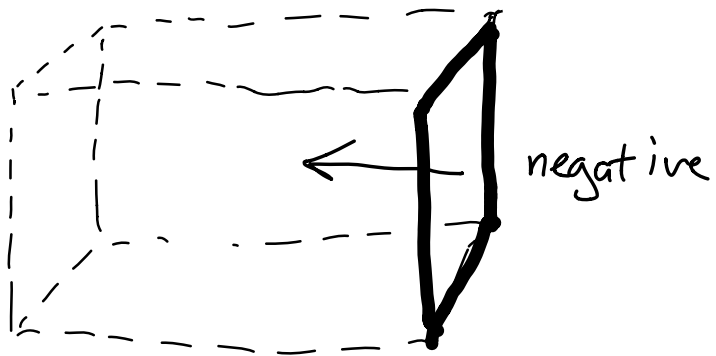
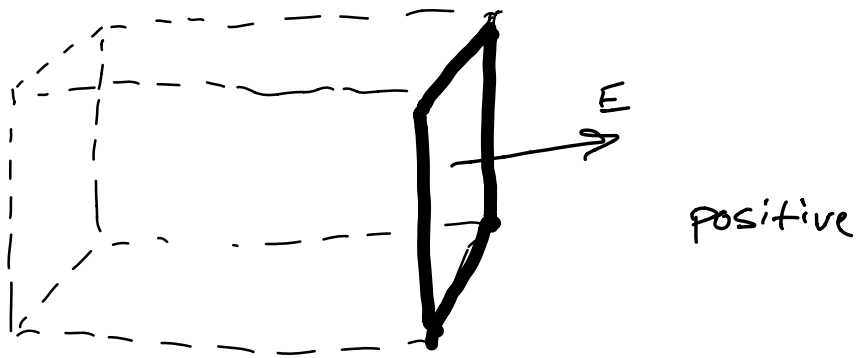
$$|\vec{E}|A > 0, \text{ but } q_{\text{inside}} = 0$$

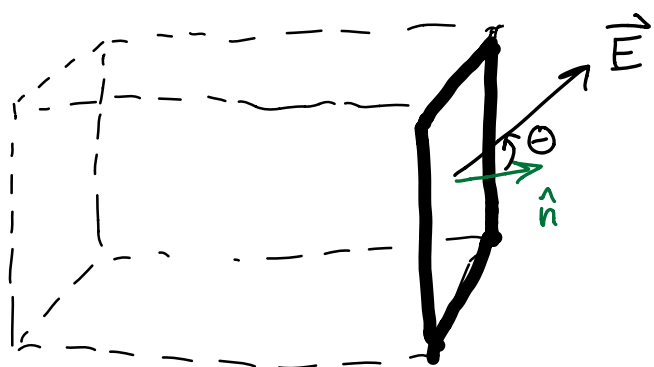
Count  $E_{\text{in}}$  different from  $E_{\text{out}}$

If  $E$  is mostly out of the box,  
then  $q$  is +

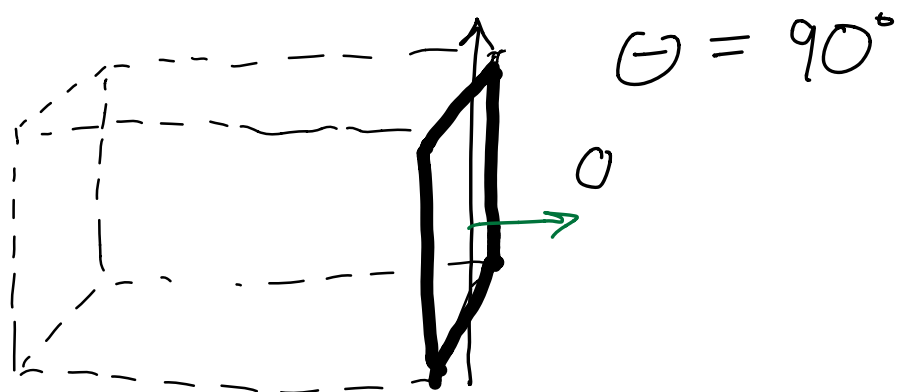
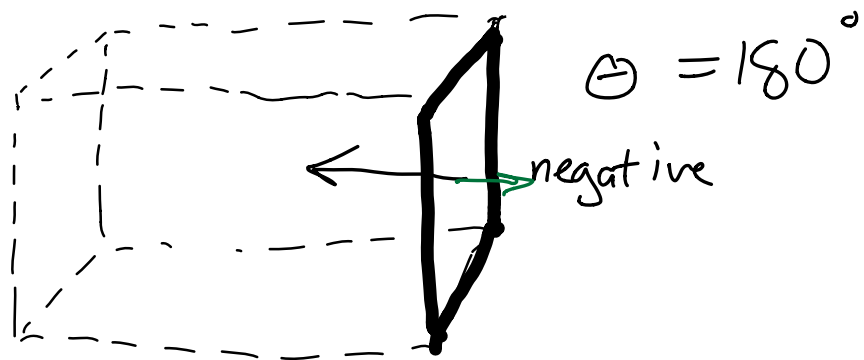
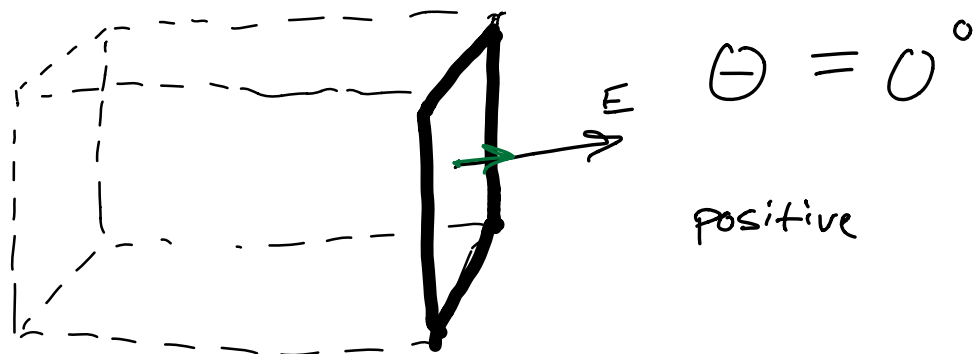
If  $E_{\text{in}} > E_{\text{out}}$ ,  $q$  is -

$$E_{\text{in}} = E_{\text{out}} \quad q \text{ is } 0$$









What function is:

positive for  $\theta = 0^\circ$

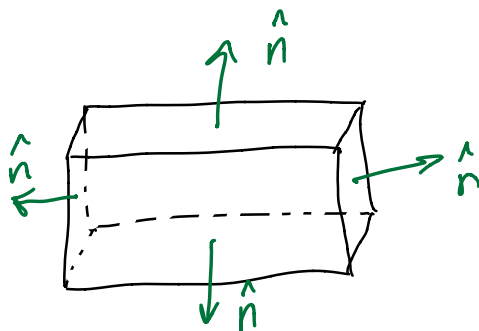
negative for  $\theta = 180^\circ$

0 for  $\theta = 90^\circ$

$\cos \theta$

$$q \propto |\vec{E}| A \cos \theta$$

$$q \propto \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} A$$



Electric flux:

$$\Phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \Delta A$$

(if  $A$  is thru whole box,  
 $\Delta A$  is a small  
piece )

Example:

Q21.2a

$$\text{Flux} = \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \Delta A$$

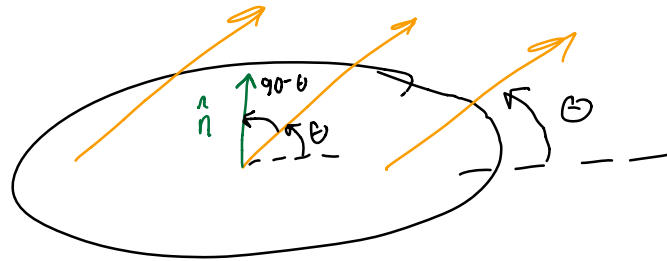
$$= \langle -230, 370, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle (0.06 \times 0.04)$$

$$= (370)(0.0024)$$

$$= 0.889 \text{ Vm}$$

Q 21.2 b

$$\Phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \Delta A$$

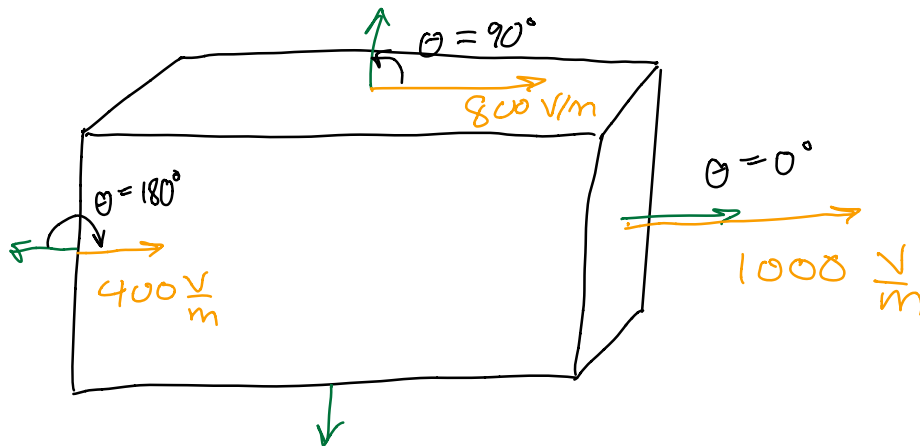
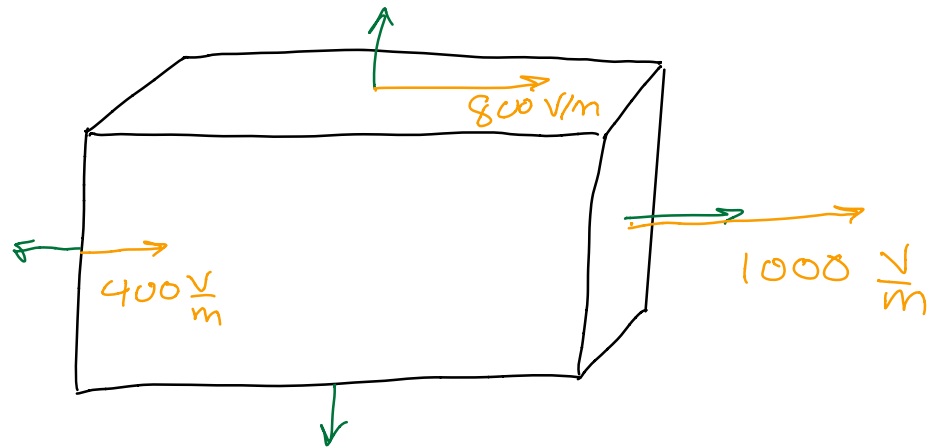


$$\vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} = E \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right)$$

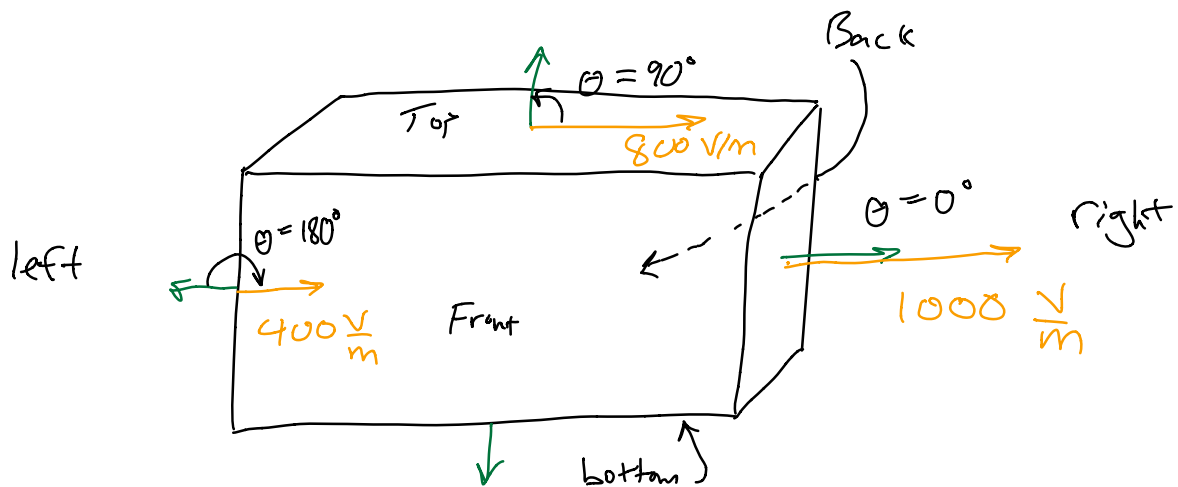
$$\Phi_E = 600 \cos(90 - 25) \pi (0.03)^2$$

$$= 0.717 \text{ V}\cdot\text{m}$$

Q 21.2c



Add flux of each surface (6 of them)  
left, right, top, bottom, front, back



Left:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{\text{left}} &= \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \Delta A \\
 &= E \Delta A \cos(180) \\
 &= -(400)(0.03)(0.02) \\
 &= -0.24 \text{ V}\cdot\text{m}
 \end{aligned}$$

Right

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{\text{right}} &= \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \Delta A \\
 &= (1000) \cos(0) (0.03)(0.02) \\
 &= 0.6 \text{ V}\cdot\text{m}
 \end{aligned}$$

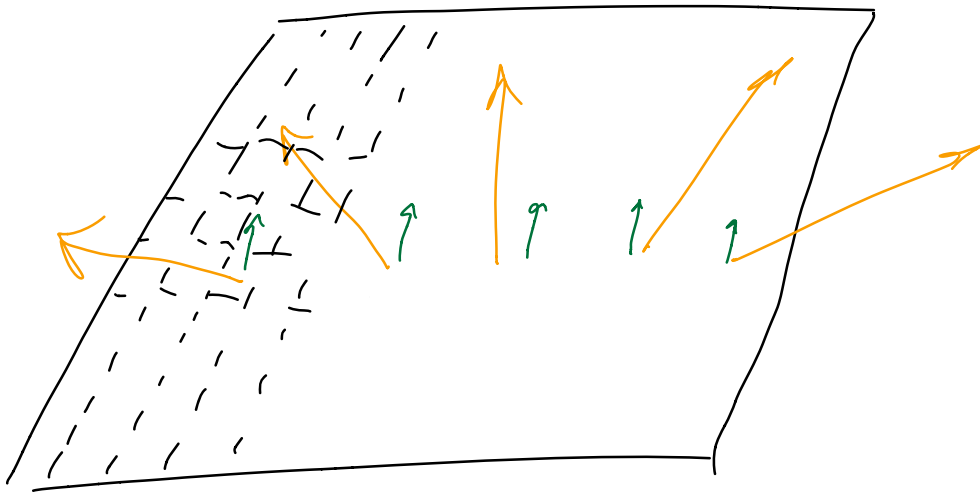
$$\text{Top: } \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \Delta A$$

$$E \Delta A \cos(90)$$

$$\Phi_E = 0.36 \text{ V}\cdot\text{m}$$

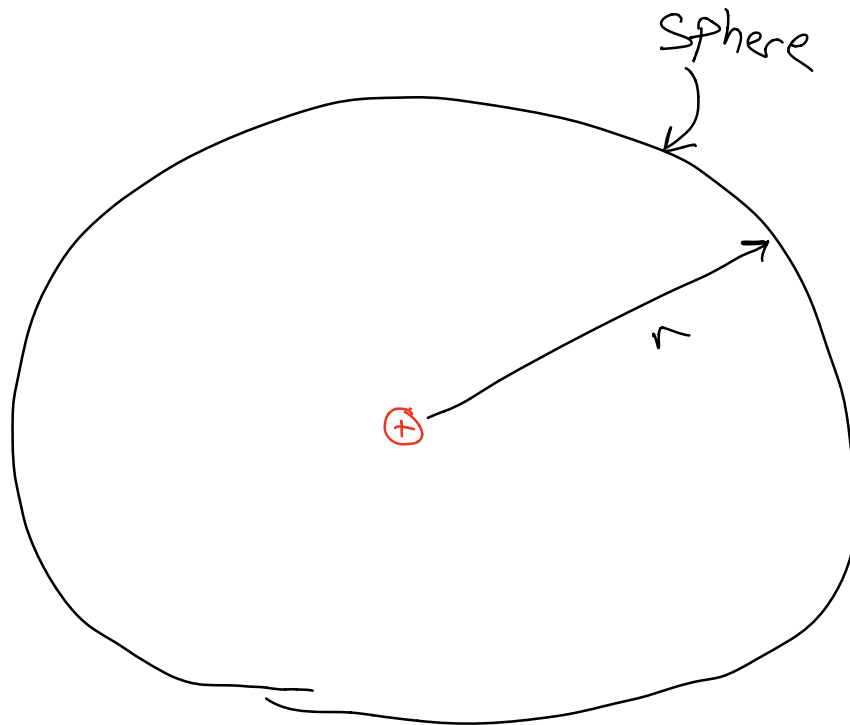
Electric Flux Through a surface

$$\Phi_E = \sum_{\text{Surface}} \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \Delta A$$



$\Delta A \rightarrow \text{small}$

$$\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} dA$$



$$\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} dA$$

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

$$\hat{n} = \hat{r}$$

$$\Phi_E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \int dA$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} 4\pi r^2 = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$



$$\Phi_E = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Gauss' Law

For ANY closed surface

$$\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} da = \frac{q_{\text{inside}}}{\epsilon_0}$$