

# Truly Important from Lecture 1-2

1)

Like charges repel  
Unlike charges attract

$$\vec{F}_{12}(\vec{r}, q_1, q_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}^2} \hat{r}_{12}$$

2)

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) \equiv \frac{\vec{F}(\vec{r})}{q}$$

6)

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \iiint_{Vol} \frac{k_e \rho_v(\vec{r}') (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2 |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d\vec{r}'$$

3)

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{k_e q_i}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i|^2} \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i|}$$

5)

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{E_{ext}}{E_{ext} + E_p^{ave}}$$

$\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$

$E_{tot}^{ave}$

4)

$$\lim_{\rightarrow large} \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{k_e}{r^3} \left( (-\vec{p}) + \frac{3\vec{r}\hat{r} \cdot \vec{p}}{r^2} \vec{r}\hat{r} \right)$$

## Gauss Law

### Learning Objectives

Use of gauss Law as a tool to evaluate the electric fields

### Topic 3

Gauss Law in Integral Form

Use of Gauss Law to evaluate the electric fields

Divergence

Gauss Law in Local Form

# Quantification of the field

Besides the amplitude an important property of the electric field is its polarization

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = E_x(\vec{r})\hat{x} + E_y(\vec{r})\hat{y} + E_z(\vec{r})\hat{z}$$



$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = E(\vec{r})\hat{e} \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{e} = \frac{\vec{E}(\vec{r})}{E(\vec{r})}$$



Polarization

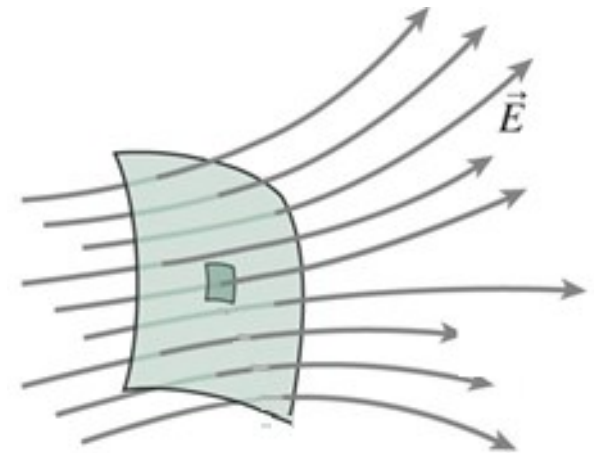
$$E(\vec{r}) = \sqrt{E_x^2(\vec{r}) + E_y^2(\vec{r}) + E_z^2(\vec{r})}$$

Amplitude

Amplitude  $\equiv$  *magnitude in book*

Polarization  $\equiv$  *direction in book*

The quantification of the field typically implies knowing the amplitude and the polarization with respect to surfaces

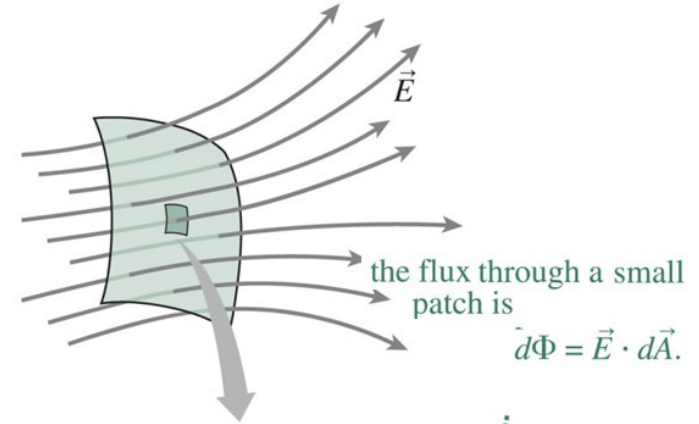


# Flux of the Electric Field

Dealing with electric fields (vectors) ...  
.... you get a scalar after a scalar product

The electric flux on a surface is integral  
of the scalar product between the field and a surface

$$\Phi = \iint_{\text{Surface}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \iint_{\text{Surface}} E \cos \theta dA$$



$$d\vec{A} = dA \hat{n}$$

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E dA \cos \theta$$

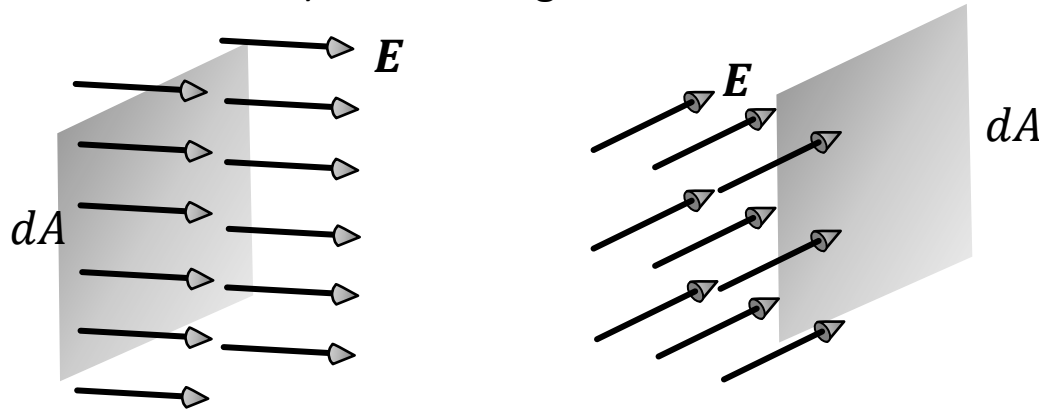
If the surface is planar and  $E$  is constant :

$$\Phi = \iint_{\text{Surface}} E \cos \theta dA = E \cos \theta A$$

# Flux of the Electric Field(2)

$$\Phi = \iint_A \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Flux of a vector field (idea arises from the flow of a fluid): How many field lines, (how much electric field) are coming out of a surface?



A surface allows maximum 'flow' when it is normal to the field lines and minimum (zero) when it is parallel to them.

# Gauss's Law

**The electric flux through any closed surface is proportional to the charge enclosed.**

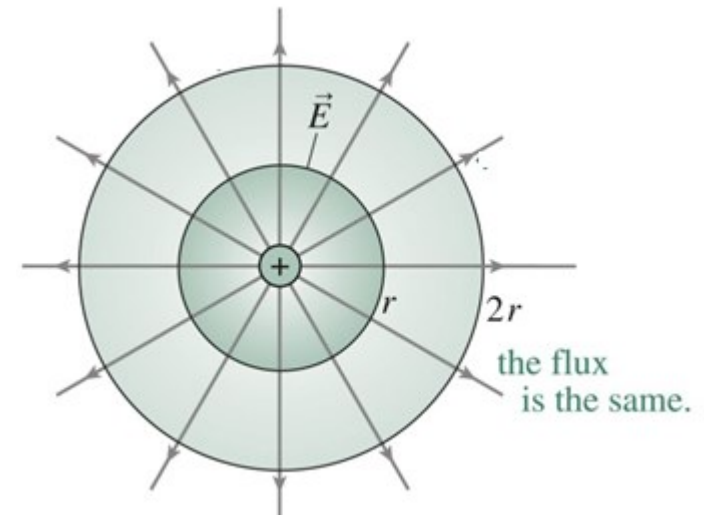
$$\oiint_{\text{Closed Surf.}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

**Warning:** only if it makes sense to define a dielectric constant

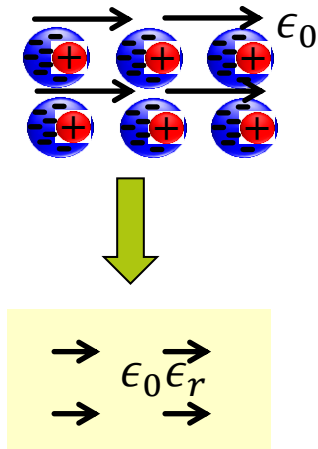
This statement is **Gauss's law**.

Gauss's law is one of the four fundamental laws of electromagnetism.

The flux can be calculated in any surface



# Dielectric Constant



$$\vec{E}_{tot}^{ave} = \vec{E}_{ext} + \vec{E}_p^{ave}$$

If  $\vec{E}_p^{ave}$  is parallel to  $\vec{E}_{ext}$  It makes sense to define a dielectric constant

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{E_{ext}^{constant}}{E_{ext} + E_p^{ave}}$$

If material

- is uniform in all space
- responds linearly
- and responds uniformly in all directions (isotropy)

It makes sense to associate a dielectric constant to the medium


Warning: In many practical applications one cannot simply apply the dielectric constant concept. However the deviations are too many, too different and also simple to understand when you need them

# Gauss's Law and Coulomb's Law

They are *equivalent*:

both describe the inverse square dependence of the point-charge field.

*Coulombs Law*

Imagine a charge,  $q_{encl}$  in  $\vec{r}' = \vec{0}$    $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, q_{encl}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{q_{encl}}{r^2} \hat{r}$

*Gauss Law*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{q_{encl}}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} (r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi) = \frac{q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}$$

$d\vec{A} = \hat{n}dA$

$$\frac{q_{encl}}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = \frac{q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}$$

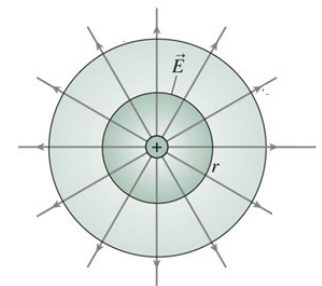
$$\frac{q_{encl}}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} 4\pi = \frac{q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}$$

$$\frac{q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} = \frac{q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}$$

$$\oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}$$

Closed Surf.

  
Sphere of radius  $r$



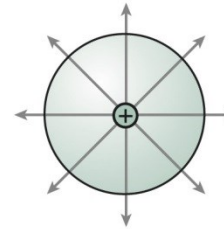


# Use of Gauss's Law

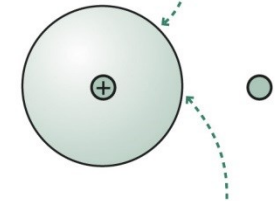
- Gauss's law is useful for calculating the electric field in situations with sufficient symmetry:

- Spherical symmetry
- Line symmetry
- Plane symmetry

A spherical surface surrounds a point charge.



A second charge is placed outside the surface. What happens to the total flux through the surface . . .



. . . and to the electric field at this point?

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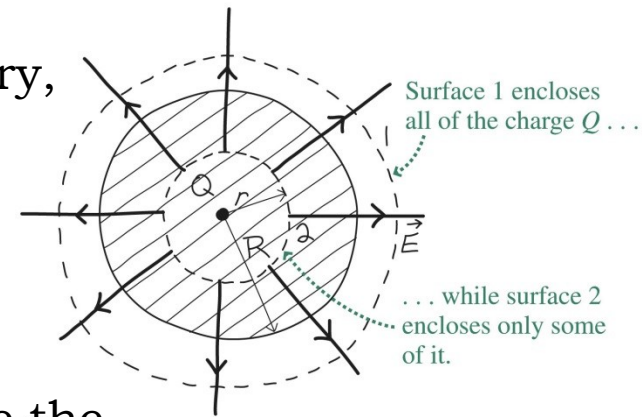
- Gauss's law is always true, so it holds in both situations shown.
- Both surfaces surround the same net charge, so the flux through each is the same.
- However, only the left-hand situation has enough symmetry to allow the use of Gauss's law to calculate the field. .

# Example, Electric Field of **Uniformly** Charged Sphere

- **Field:** The field is a vector function of the space coordinates  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \vec{E}(r, \theta, \phi)$

- **However:** The situation has spherical symmetry, so field is radial and dependent only from distance.

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = E_r(r) \hat{r}$$



- **Inside/outside:** It's going to be different inside the sphere and outside the sphere

**First, the entire charge:**

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^R \rho(\vec{r}) dv = \rho_{uni} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^R dv = \rho_{uni} \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 = Q$$

# The Field **Outside** a Uniformly Charged Sphere

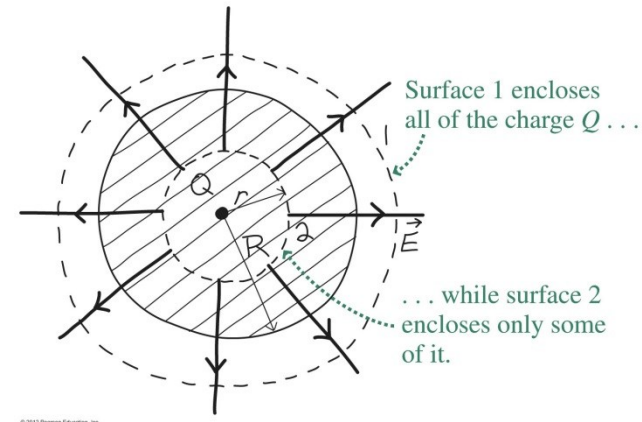
$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = E_r \hat{r}(r)$$

$$\oiint_{\text{sphere}-R} \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} E_r(R) \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$= E_r(R) R^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$= E_r(R) R^2 4\pi$$

$$E_r(R) = \frac{1}{4\pi R^2} \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

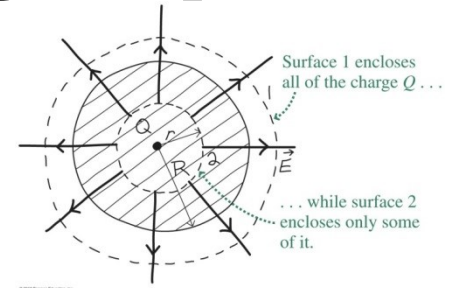


$$\oiint_{\text{sphere}-R} \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

If we evaluate the Gauss integral over a larger sphere, for  $r > R$ ,

$$E_r(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

# The Field **Inside** a Uniformly Charged Sphere



$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = E_r \hat{r}(r)$$

$$\oiint_{\text{sphere}-r < R} \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} E_r(r) \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$= E_r(r) r^2 4\pi$$



$$E_r(r) r^2 4\pi = Q \frac{r^3}{R^3} \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

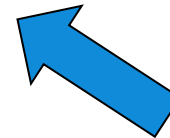
$$E_r(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi} \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \frac{r}{R^3}$$

$$\oiint_{\text{sphere}-r < R} \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \iiint_{\text{sphere}-r < R} \rho_{\text{uni}} dv$$

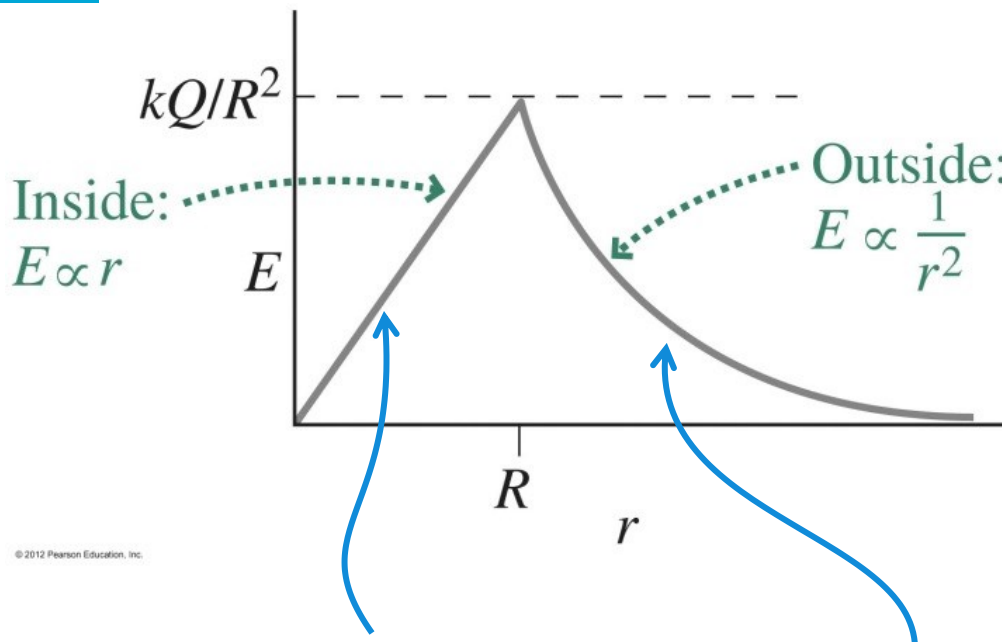
$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \rho_{\text{uni}} \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3} \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$= Q \frac{r^3}{R^3} \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

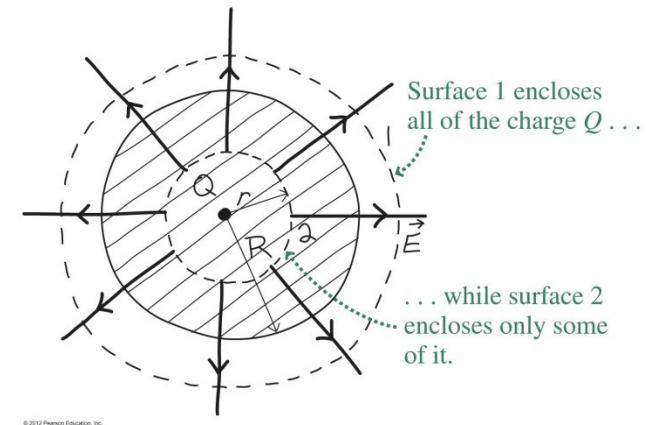


# The Field of a Uniformly Charged Sphere



$$E_r(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{r}{R^3}$$

$$E_r(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{1}{r^2}$$

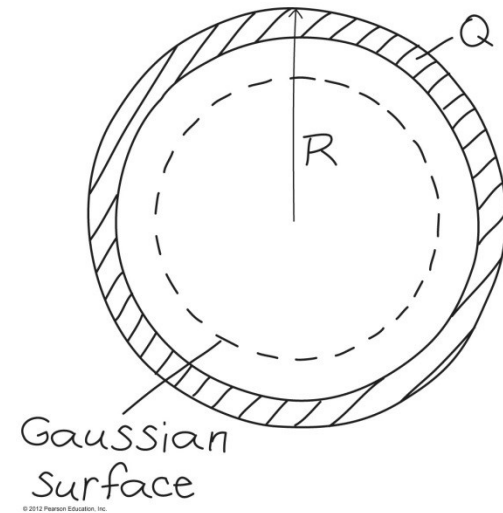


# Shielding

- Applying Gauss's law to a hollow spherical shell is similar to that for a spherical charge, but now the enclosed charge is zero.

$$4\pi r^2 \epsilon_0 E(r) = q_{\text{enclosed}} = 0$$

- Therefore the field inside the shell is zero.



# Differential form of Gauss Law

$$\oiint_{\text{Surface}} \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

This is a law that lends itself to experiments (only form of Gauss Law in book)

However there is a form of Gauss Law that is equivalent but much more used in advanced EM

Provides a punctual relation between the electric field and the charges

The ones of you that want to have a shot at engineering should follow carefully

# Towards the Divergence

Flux of a vector (e.g., flux of the electric field )  
across a closed surface  $A$

$$\Phi = \oiint_A \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$\vec{F} \equiv (F_x, F_y, F_z) \quad d\vec{A} = \hat{n} dA$$

$\hat{n}$  unit vector normal to the  
incremental surface element  $dA$

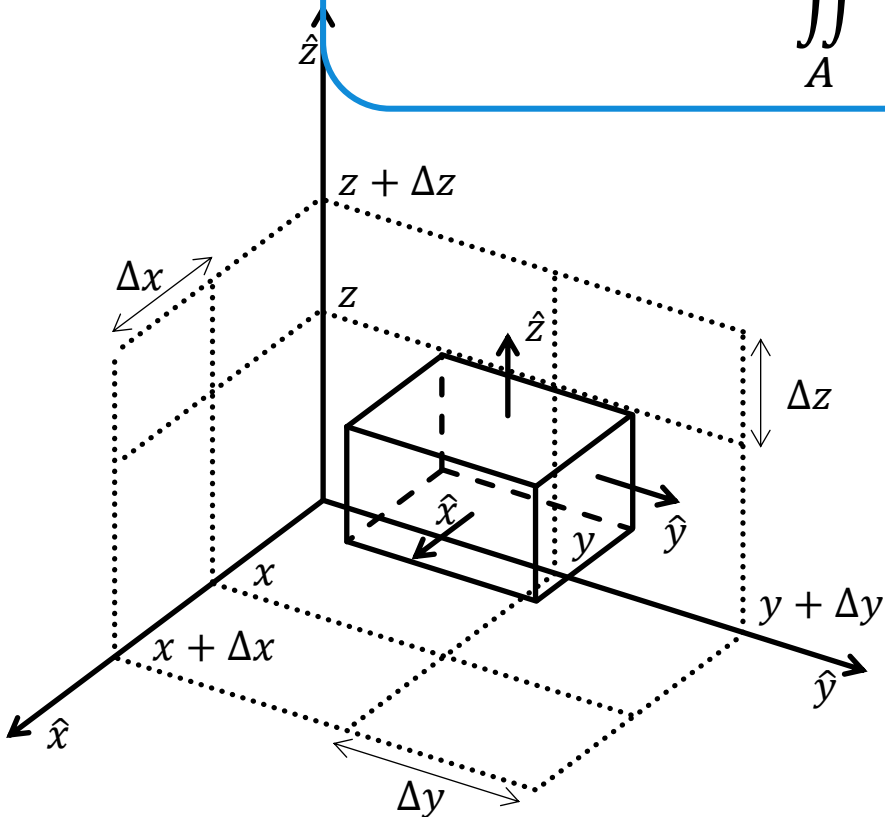
From previous courses:

Scalar Product (also Dot or Inner Product)

$$\vec{a} \equiv (a_x, a_y, a_z)$$

$$\vec{b} \equiv (b_x, b_y, b_z)$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$$



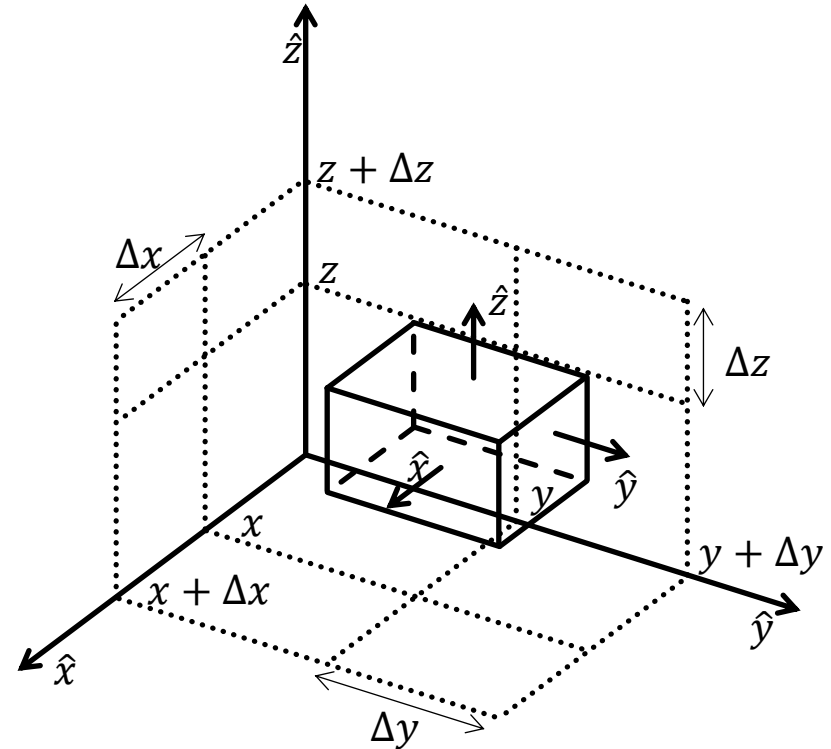
Let us take a cube like structure



# Towards the Divergence (2)

$\Delta V$  **small enough** such that  $\vec{F}$  components can be approximated as **constant** within the **surfaces** which delimit the volume.

I.e. there can be a variation, but if we assume a constant field equal to the average we do not get significant errors



$$\Phi = \oiint_A \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$= \int_y^{y+\Delta y} \int_z^{z+\Delta z} \vec{F}(x+\Delta x) \cdot \hat{x} \, dydz + \int_x^{x+\Delta x} \int_z^{z+\Delta z} \vec{F}(y+\Delta y) \cdot \hat{y} \, dx dz + \int_x^{x+\Delta x} \int_y^{y+\Delta y} \vec{F}(z+\Delta z) \cdot \hat{z} \, dx dy \\ + \int_y^{y+\Delta y} \int_z^{z+\Delta z} \vec{F}(x) \cdot (-\hat{x}) \, dydz + \int_x^{x+\Delta x} \int_z^{z+\Delta z} \vec{F}(y) \cdot (-\hat{y}) \, dx dz + \int_x^{x+\Delta x} \int_y^{y+\Delta y} \vec{F}(z) \cdot (-\hat{z}) \, dx dy$$

$$= F_x(x+\Delta x)\Delta y\Delta z + F_y(y+\Delta y)\Delta x\Delta z + F_z(z+\Delta z)\Delta x\Delta y - F_x(x)\Delta y\Delta z - F_y(y)\Delta x\Delta z - F_z(z)\Delta x\Delta y$$

# Towards the Divergence (3)

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= [F_x(x + \Delta x) - F_x(x)]\Delta y\Delta z + [F_y(y + \Delta y) - F_y(y)]\Delta x\Delta z + [F_z(z + \Delta z) - F_z(z)]\Delta x\Delta y \\&= \left[ \frac{F_x(x + \Delta x) - F_x(x)}{\Delta x} \right] \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z + \left[ \frac{F_y(y + \Delta y) - F_y(y)}{\Delta y} \right] \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z + \left[ \frac{F_z(z + \Delta z) - F_z(z)}{\Delta z} \right] \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z \\&= \left[ \frac{F_x(x + \Delta x) - F_x(x)}{\Delta x} \right] \Delta V + \left[ \frac{F_y(y + \Delta y) - F_y(y)}{\Delta y} \right] \Delta V + \left[ \frac{F_z(z + \Delta z) - F_z(z)}{\Delta z} \right] \Delta V\end{aligned}$$

Dividing by the volume and doing the limit for small volume

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Phi}{\Delta V} &= \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta V} \oiint_A \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A} \\&= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{F_x(x + \Delta x) - F_x(x)}{\Delta x} \right] + \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{F_y(y + \Delta y) - F_y(y)}{\Delta y} \right] + \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{F_z(z + \Delta z) - F_z(z)}{\Delta z} \right]\end{aligned}$$

# Nabla and Divergence

From previous courses:

Derivative Definition

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta V} \oiint_A \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{F_x(x + \Delta x) - F_x(x)}{\Delta x} \right] + \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{F_y(y + \Delta y) - F_y(y)}{\Delta y} \right] + \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{F_z(z + \Delta z) - F_z(z)}{\Delta z} \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_z = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \equiv \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

*Nabla vector*

*Divergence Operator Definition:*

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oiint_A \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A}}{\Delta V} \quad (\text{when the limit exists})$$

# Gauss Theorem in Local Form

$$\Phi = \oiint_A \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

*Gauss Theorem*

$$\lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Phi}{\Delta V} = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta V} \oiint_A \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta V} \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

*Gauss Theorem  
for small volumes*

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta V} \frac{\rho \Delta V}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

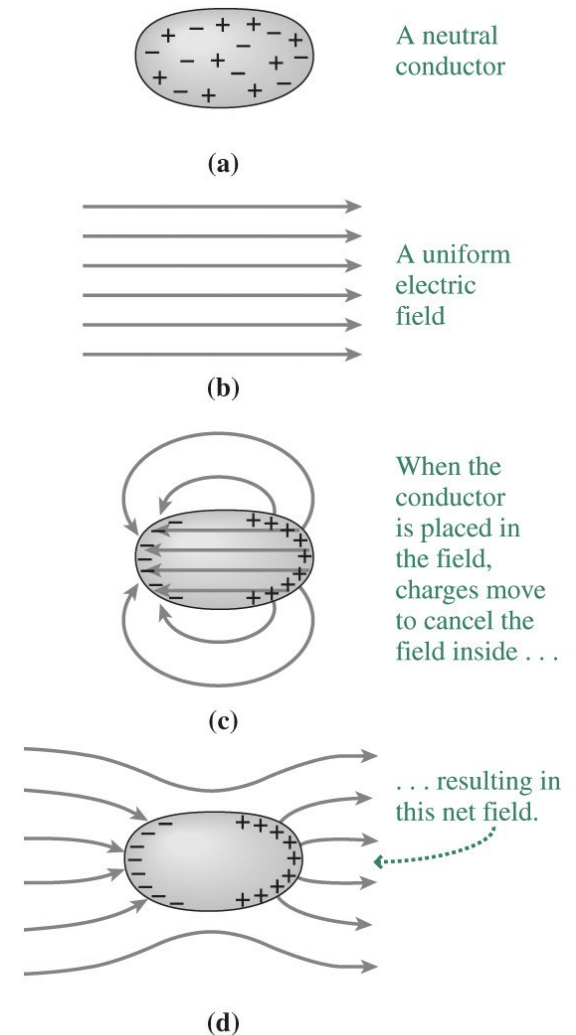
*Gauss Theorem  
in Local (differential) form*

$$\oiint_A \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \quad \xRightarrow{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\rho(\vec{r})}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

# Electrostatic Field Inside Conductors=0

Charges in conductors are free to move, and they do so in response to an applied electric field.

- If a conductor is allowed to reach **electrostatic equilibrium**, a condition in which there is no net charge motion, then charges redistribute themselves to cancel the applied field inside the conductor.
- Therefore **the electric field is zero inside a conductor in electrostatic equilibrium.**

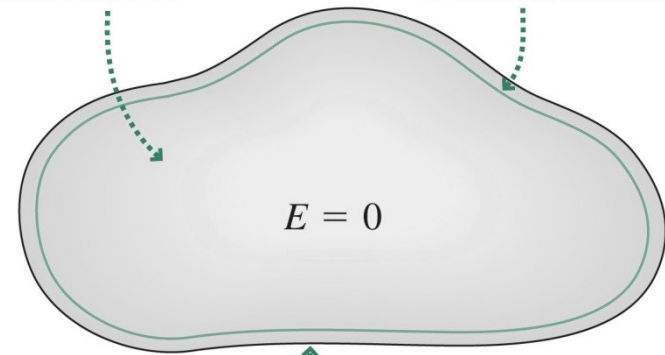


# Charged Conductors

- Gauss's law requires that any free charge on a conductor reside on the conductor surface.

There's no electric field inside the conductor . . .

. . . so there's no flux  $\Phi$  through this Gaussian surface.

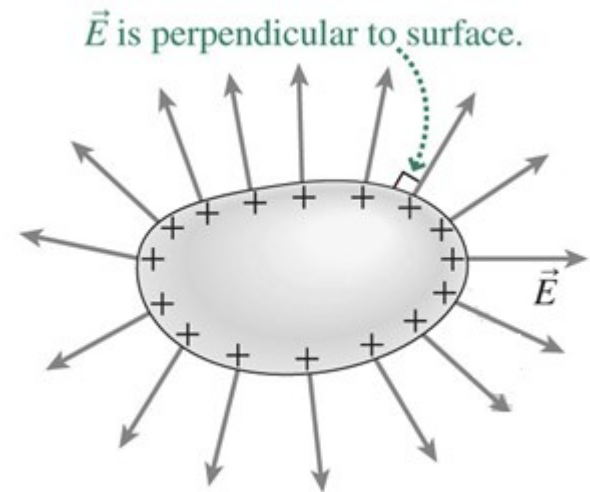


Because Gauss's law says  $\Phi \propto q_{\text{enclosed}}$ , all excess charge resides on the conductor surface.

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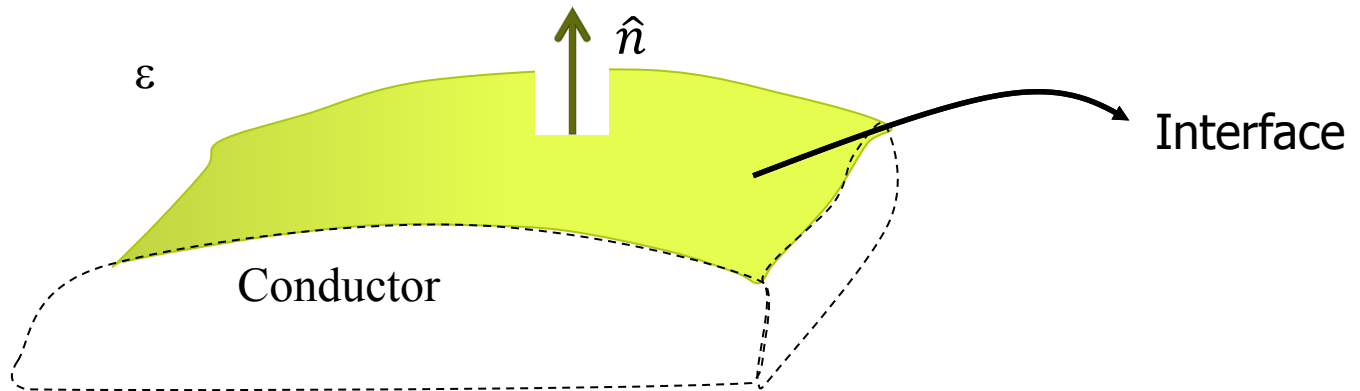
# The polarization of Electric Field at a Conductor Surface

- The electric field at the surface of a charged conductor in electrostatic equilibrium is perpendicular to the surface.
- **If it weren't, charge would move along the surface until equilibrium was reached.**



# The intensity of the Electric Field at a Conductor Surface

Let us consider two media (1) and (2), characterized by  $\epsilon$ , and perfect conductivity respectively and separated by a certain interface.



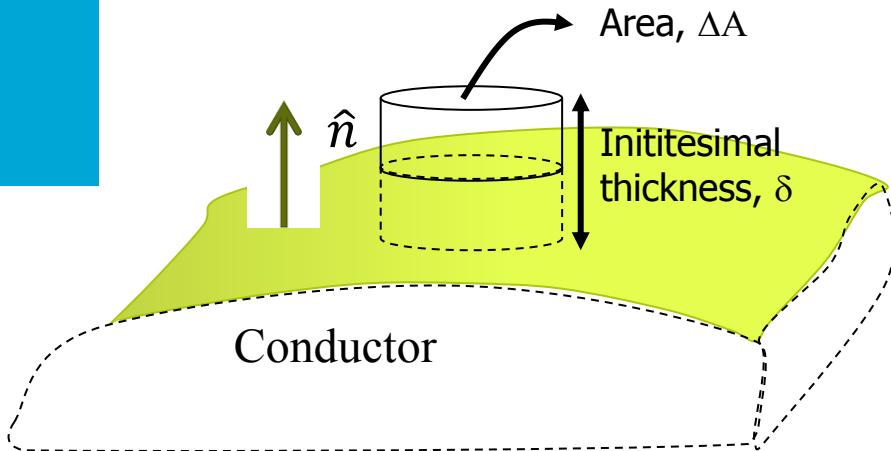
Let us indicate with  $\hat{n}$  the normal outside the metal

What happens to the electric fields at the boundaries?

We will establish relations for electrostatic field using Gauss law in integral form



# The intensity of the Electric Field at a Conductor Surface



Gauss' law: the electrical charges are the sources of the electrical field

$$\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{E} dV = \iiint_V \frac{\rho_V}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} dV$$

Integrating over the volume LHS and RHS

Using the divergence theorem on the LHS

$$\text{S=entire cylinder} \quad \oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \iiint_V \frac{\rho_V}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} dV$$

# Surface conductivity

Let us imagine, that the following decomposition is valid

$$\rho_V(\rho, \phi, z) = \rho_V^{\rho, \phi}(\rho, \phi) \rho_V^z(z)$$

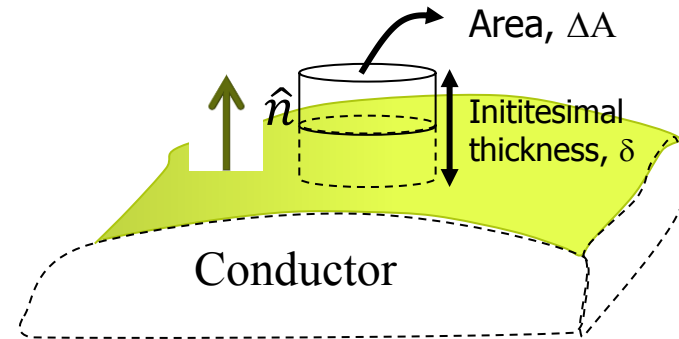
It is certainly valid when we investigate small thickness

$$\int_0^a \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\delta/2}^{\delta/2} \rho_V(\rho, \phi, z) \rho d\rho d\phi dz$$

Considering,  $\Delta A$  so small  
that charge is constant  
w.r.t.  $\rho$  and  $\phi$

$$\sim \rho_V^{\rho, \phi}(\rho, \phi) \int_0^a \int_0^{2\pi} \rho d\rho d\phi \int_{-\delta/2}^{\delta/2} \rho_V^z(z) dz$$

$$\sim \rho_V^{\rho, \phi}(\rho, \phi) \pi a^2 \int_{-\delta/2}^{\delta/2} \rho_V^z(z) dz$$



If charge distribution is  
volumetric the integral is zero

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \iiint_V \rho_V dv = 0$$

# Surface conductivity (2)

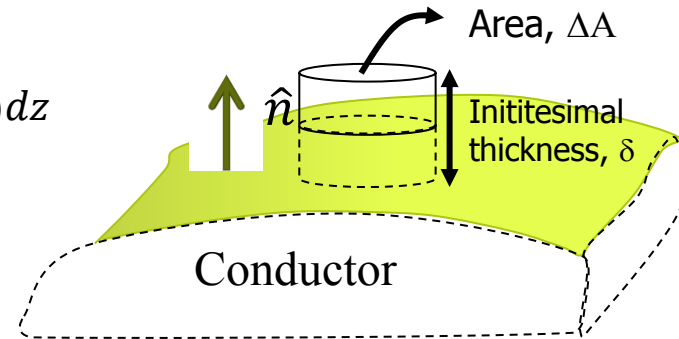
$$\sim \rho_v^{\rho,\phi}(\rho, \phi) \pi a^2 \int_{-\delta/2}^{\delta/2} \rho_v^z(z) dz$$

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\delta/2}^{\delta/2} \rho^z(z) dz \neq 0$$

C is a constant  
 $\rho^z(z) = C\delta(z)$

$$\rho_v(\rho, \phi, z) = \rho_v^{\rho,\phi}(\rho, \phi) C \delta(z) = \rho_s^{\rho,\phi}(\rho, \phi) \delta(z)$$

Surface charge distribution



$$\int_{-\delta/2}^{\delta/2} \delta(z) dz = 1$$

DELTA FUNCTION

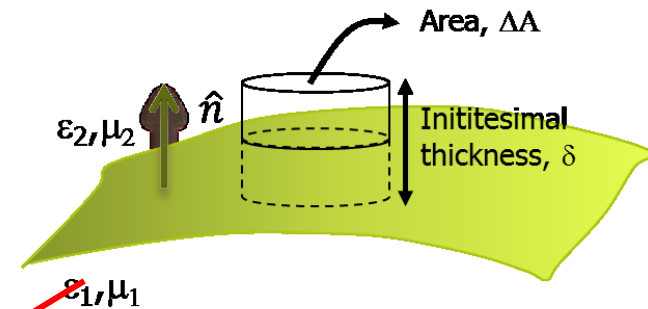
So having indicated

$$\pi a^2 = \Delta A; \rho_s^{\rho,\phi}(\rho = 0, \phi) = \rho_s$$

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \iiint_V \rho_v dv = \rho_s \Delta A$$

# Boundary Conditions

$$\oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{\rho_s \Delta A}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \quad \iiint_V \frac{\rho_V}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} dV$$



$$\oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \iint_{\Delta A} \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} ds + \cancel{\iint_{\Delta A} \vec{E} \cdot -\hat{n} ds} + \cancel{\iint_{\Delta A_{lat}} \vec{E} \cdot d\hat{s}}$$

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \iint_{\Delta A_{lat}} \vec{E} \cdot d\hat{s} = 0 \quad \text{Because the lateral surface goes to zero,}$$

$$\iint_{\Delta A} \vec{E} \cdot -\hat{n} ds = 0 \quad \text{Because field in conductor is zero}$$

$$\iint_{\Delta A} \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} ds = \iint_{\Delta A} E_n \hat{n} \cdot \hat{n} ds \sim E_n(\rho = 0, \frac{\delta}{2}) \Delta A$$

$$E_n(\rho = 0, \frac{\delta}{2}) \Delta A = \frac{\rho_s \Delta A}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

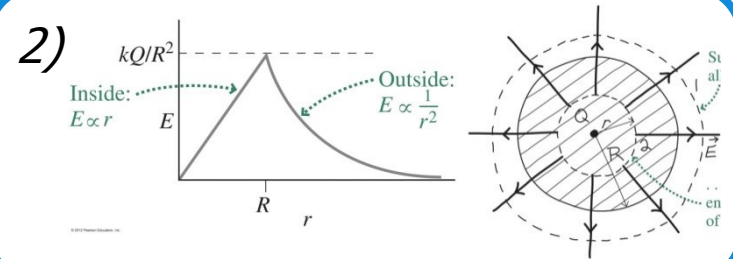
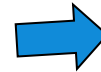
$$E_n \left( z = \frac{\delta}{2} \right) = \frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

# Truly Important from Lecture 3

1)

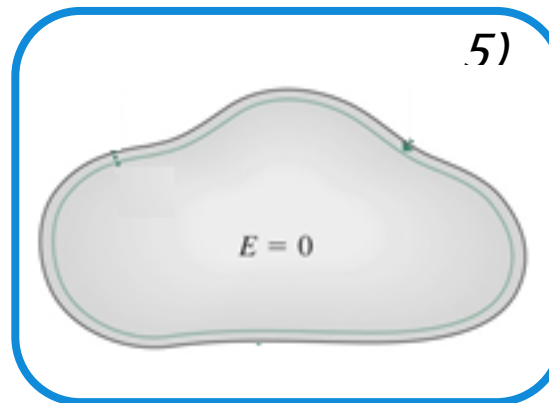
$$\oiint_{\text{Closed Surf.}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

$$\vec{F}_{12} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}^2} \hat{r}_{12}$$



3)

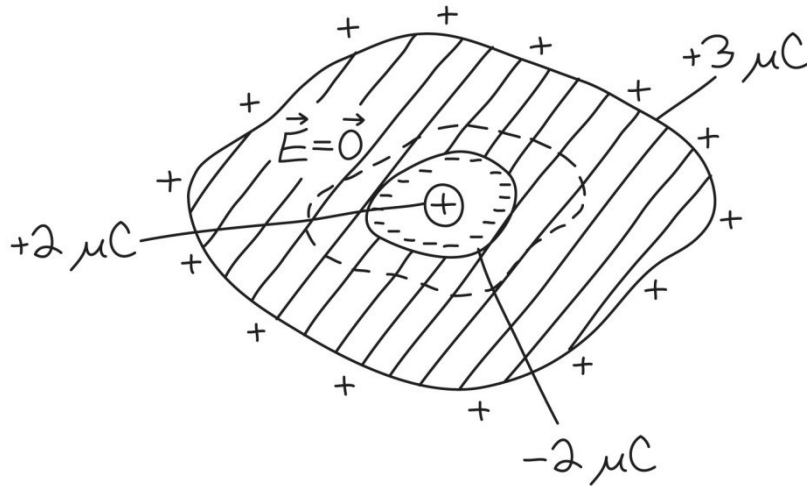
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_V}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$



6)

$$E_n = \frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

# Charged hollow Conductors



- When charge resides inside a hollow, charged conductor, then there may be charge on the inside surface of the conductor.

This charged conductor (shaded) carries a net charge of  $1\ \mu\text{C}$ . There's a  $2\text{-}\mu\text{C}$  point charge within a hollow cavity in the conductor. Notice how the charge redistributes itself to be consistent with Gauss's law.