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* Unit of potential : Joule/Coulomb = Volt

Unit of \vec{E} -field : N/Coulomb = Volt-m

* Fundamental properties of \vec{E} -field

① $\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$ (Curl)

② $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$ for any closed path

line integral around a closed path

often $\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$

③ $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$

$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$ charge enclosed

Maxwell-I

charge density (charge per unit volume)

flux thru closed surface

Gauss's Theorem

Exercise: ① Show for $\vec{E}_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|^3}$,

by direct computation, that $\nabla \times \vec{E}_0 = 0$

② Look up Stokes's theorem. Using $\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$, use Stokes's theorem to prove ~~$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$~~ for

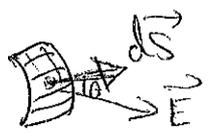
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Gauss's Law (Gauss's dielectric flux theorem)

Flux through an infinitesimal patch!

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = E ds \cos \theta$$



$d\vec{S}$ points perpendicular to surface & has magnitude equal to area of patch.

$$\Phi = \int_{\Sigma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

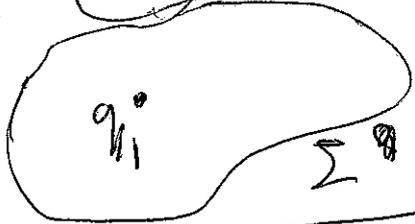
definition of flux thru surface Σ

Gauss's law is about flux thru a closed surface:

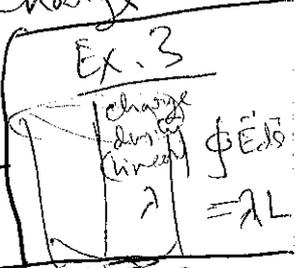
$$\oint_{\Sigma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Q_{enc} = total enclosed charge

Ex. 1

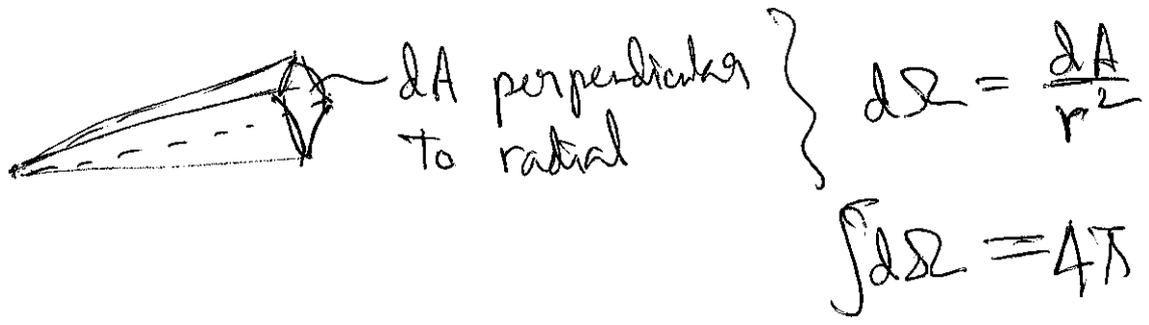


$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_0}$$



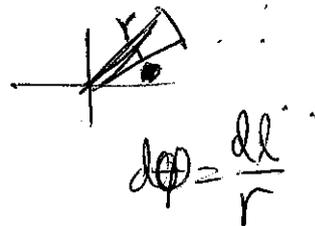
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{\sum q_i}{\epsilon_0}$$

To prove, we will use the concept of solid angle



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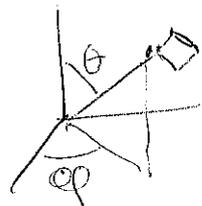
Contrast to usual (planar) angle:



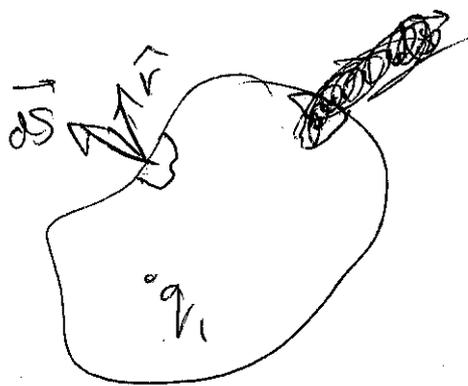
$$\int d\phi = 2\pi$$

If you know spherical coordinates,

$$d\Omega = \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$



Proving Gauss's law for a single point charge enclosed!



$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$= \frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

Now $\hat{r} \cdot d\vec{S} = |dS| \cos\theta = dA$

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} d\Omega$$

(perpendicular to radial direction)

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d\Omega = \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_0}$$

for single point charge.

* Using superposition principle, can extend to any collection/distribution of charges

GAUSS' LAW EXAMPLES

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Ex.1 A point charge in a closed surface



$$\oint_{\Sigma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_0}$$

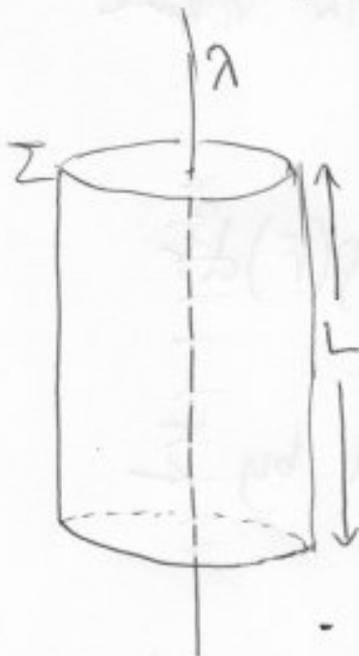
Ex.2 Multiple point charges in a closed surface



$$\oint_{\Sigma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q_1 + q_2 + q_3 + \dots}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_i q_i$$

Ex.2a Constant line charge. Cylinder encloses part of this line charge. Linear charge density λ



$$\oint_{\Sigma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \lambda L$$

λL = charge enclosed
WITHIN cylindrical
closed surface

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Ex. 3a

Same charge, spherical surface

Length of line inside surface
= $2R$

$$\oint_{\Sigma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \lambda \cdot 2R$$

What if linear charge density
were not constant?

Instead of $\lambda(2R)$, you would
need to integrate over line to obtain
enclosed charge

Ex. 4Charge distribution with volume
charge density $\rho(\vec{r})$ 

$$\oint_{\Sigma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\vec{r}) d^3r$$

 $V =$ volume enclosed by Σ

Ex. 5a

Point charge at centre of spherical surface.



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Did you know this already? $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{R^2} \hat{r}$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oint \frac{q}{R^2} \hat{r} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{R^2} \oint dS$$

$\hat{r} \parallel d\vec{S}$ every where!

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

Ex. 5b

Point charge inside spherical surface, not at centre.



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Did not know this without Gauss's law, $\vec{E} \parallel d\vec{S}$; integral not as trivial.

* From Gauss's Theorem To Maxwell's 1st eq and Poisson's Eq.

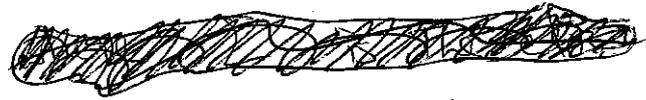
$$\oint_{\Sigma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho dV$$

Here V is the volume enclosed by Σ (Assuming continuous charge distⁿ)
Notation: $dV \equiv d^3r \equiv dx dy dz$

We use Gauss's divergence theorem! $\int_{\Sigma} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_V (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) dV$

$$\oint_{\Sigma} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_V (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) dV$$

Exercise! Review the divergence theorem and Stokes's theorem.



$$\Rightarrow \int_V (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) dV = \int_V \rho dV$$

This is true for arbitrary volume V .

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}} \rightarrow \text{Maxwell I}$$

Recalling $\vec{E} = -\nabla V$,

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}} \quad \text{Poisson's equation.}$$

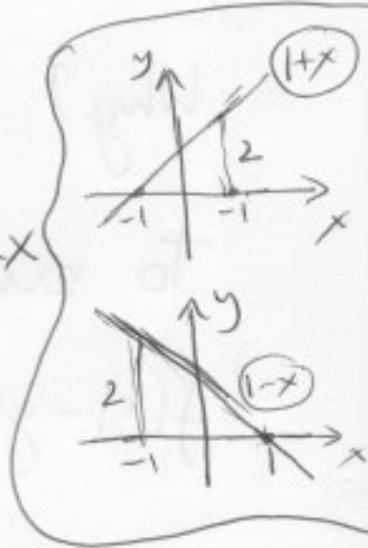
* Integrals equal \implies integrands equal ?

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

If true for a particular (a,b), does NOT imply $f(x) = g(x)$

Example $\int_{-1}^1 (1-x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 (1+x) dx$

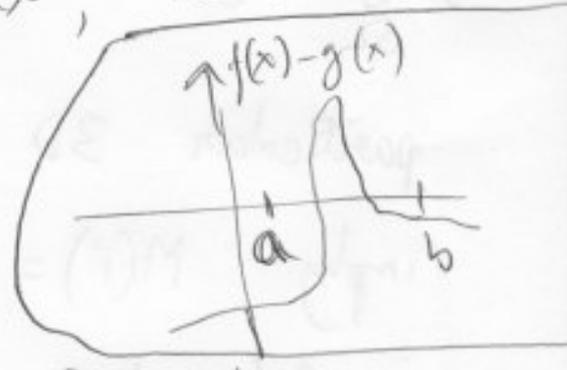
$\nRightarrow 1-x = 1+x$



Integrals cannot be anceled.

* If $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx$, then

$$\int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx = 0$$



Does not imply $f(x) - g(x) = 0$, because integral can vanish even if $f(x) - g(x)$ is nontrivial, nonzero function

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$$\text{If } \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx \text{ for}$$

ANY interval (a, b) , then $f(x) = g(x)$.

$$\text{Why? If } \int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx \text{ has}$$

to vanish for ANY (a, b) , then

$f(x) - g(x)$ has to vanish everywhere.

* Similar for 3D integrals.

$$\text{If } \int_{\Omega_0} M(\vec{r}) d^3r = \int_{\Omega_0} N(\vec{r}) d^3r \text{ for a}$$

particular 3D region Ω_0 , does NOT

imply $M(\vec{r}) = N(\vec{r})$

$$\text{If } \int_V (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) d^3r = \int_V \left(\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \right) d^3r \text{ for ANY}$$

~~any~~ 3D region V , we must have $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$

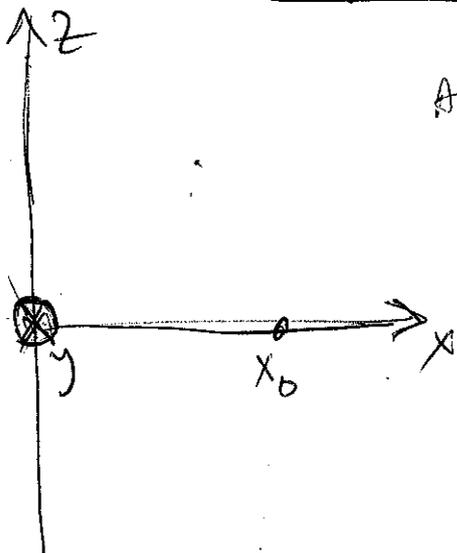
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* Applications of Gauss's law,

Application - I A

Infinite thin rod

Done in assignments using integration.



At $(x_0, 0, 0)$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{x_0} \hat{x}$$

At a general point, using Cylindrical coordinates

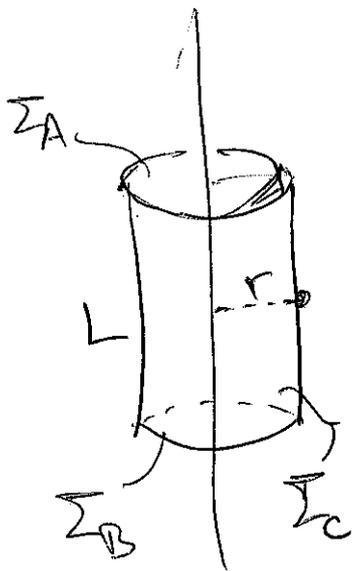
$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{r} \hat{r}$$

Using Gauss's law

(Here r is the cylindrical coordinate.)

symmetry:

Same $|\vec{E}|$, pointing outward, at all points of the curved part of cylinder.



$$\int_{\Sigma_C} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = |\vec{E}| \int_{\Sigma_C} |d\vec{S}|$$

$$= |\vec{E}| \times 2\pi r L$$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_A \cup \Sigma_B \cup \Sigma_C$$

$$\int_{\Sigma_A} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_{\Sigma_B} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

Gauss's law
thin

$$\int_{\Sigma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0 + 0 + |\vec{E}| 2\pi r L = \frac{2L}{\epsilon_0} \lambda$$

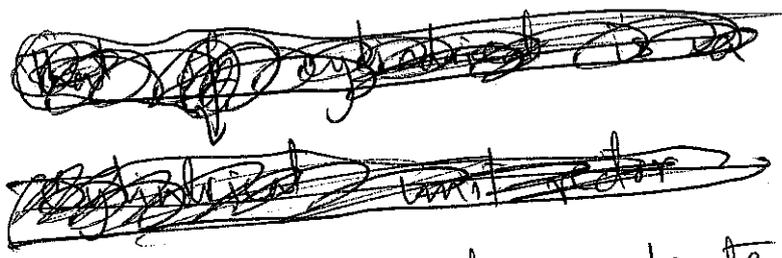
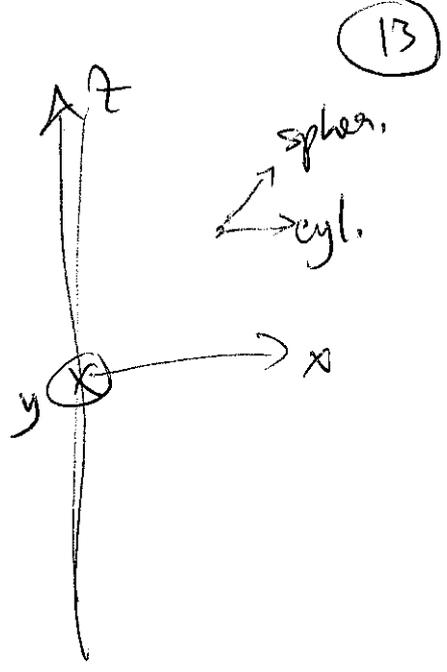
$$E = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{r}$$

For thin charged rod,

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{r} \hat{r}$$

CAUTION

\vec{r}, r, \hat{r}

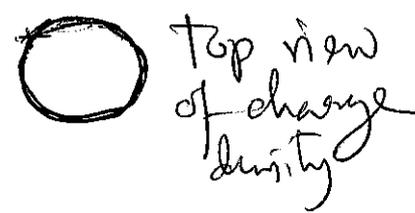


is a cylindrical coordinate/vector, not a spherical one.

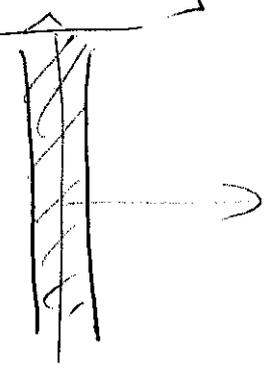
* A CONDUCTOR : conducts charge.
 Static situation \rightarrow all charge sits at surface.

Infinite thick rod of charge :

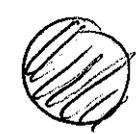
when metallic (conducting)



top view of charge density



When uniformly charged



top view of charge density

Could also consider HOLLOW rod



\rightarrow For electric field OUTSIDE, internal structure doesn't matter

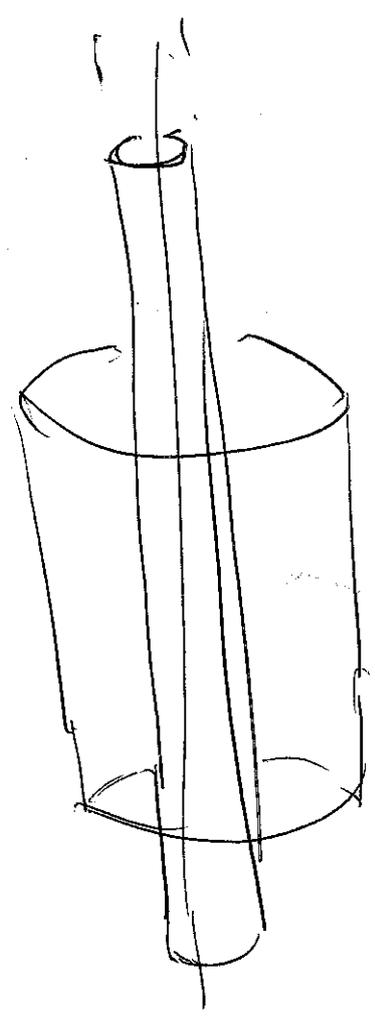
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Applicatⁿ - IB Infinitely long cylinder -
~~infinitely long rod~~ either metallic
or filled with charge uniformly.

Charge λ per unit length.

charge resides on outside



~~For~~ For electric field outside the rod, exactly the same argument holds.

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{r}$$

As if it was a thin rod

~~Applicatⁿ - IB~~

Application 1c

Inside an infinite hollow charged cylinder (or metallic cylinder)



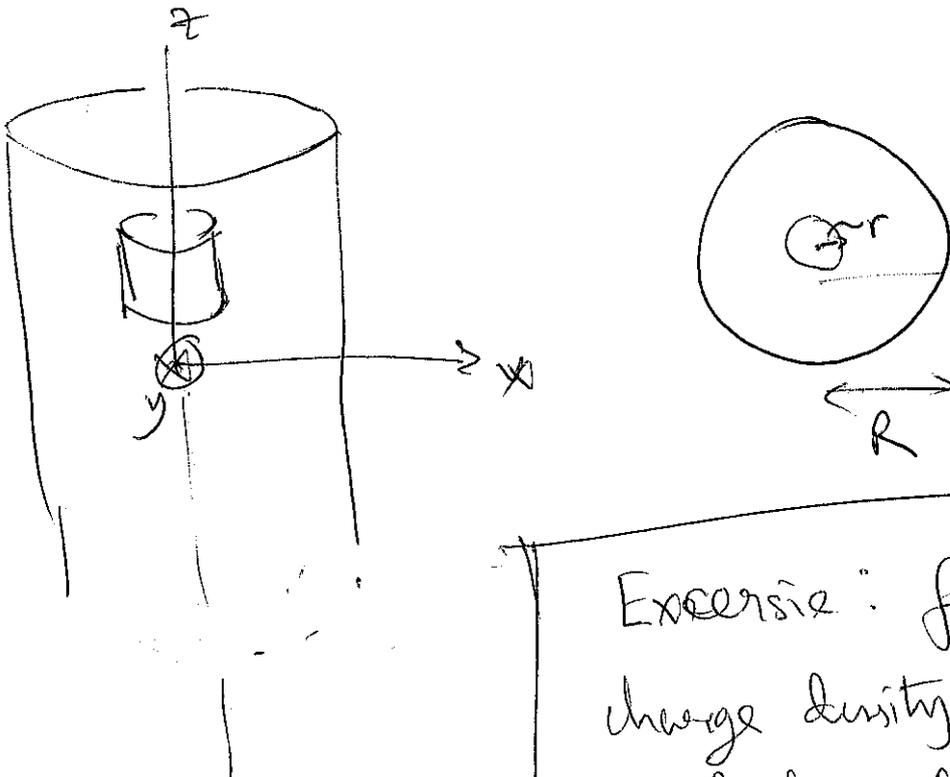
Exercise! Construct smaller cylinder & show that $E=0$

Applicatⁿ 1D

Thick rod uniformly filled with charge,

CYLINDRICALLY symmetric. Charge density ρ .

Calculate \vec{E} inside the rod:



Excercise: find the linear charge density of the rod, as function of R and ρ

\vec{E} should depend on r only, and point radially ~~away~~ away from axis.

$$\oint_{\Sigma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \oint_{\text{curved}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \oint_{\text{caps}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$= E \cdot 2\pi r L + 0$$

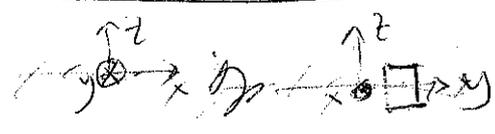
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$$E \cdot 2\pi r L = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho \cdot \pi r^2 L$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{\rho}{2\epsilon_0} 2r$$

Exercise: Plot E as a function of r, clearly differentiating $r < R$, $r \geq R$ and $r > R$.

Application 2



Infinite sheet of charge (Problem Set 03)

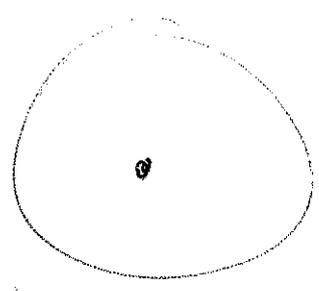


$$E \cdot A + E \cdot A = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$
$$\Rightarrow 2EA = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

Application 3a

Point charge Q



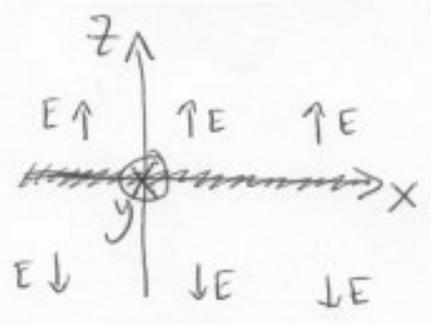
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = E \cdot \pi r^2 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

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

→ "circular" derivation: we derived Gauss's ~~thm~~ from the eq., so of course Gauss's ~~thm~~ gives it back.

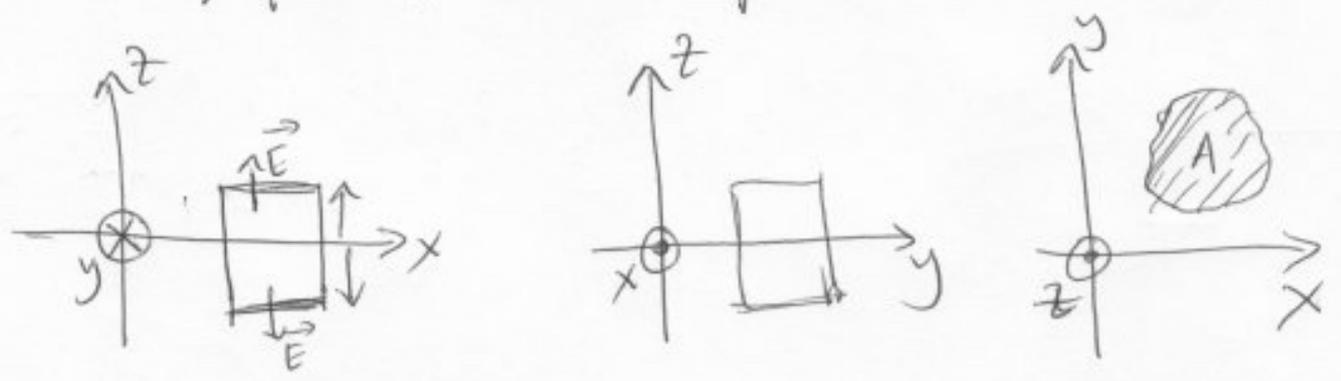
Application 2 Infinite sheet of charge

XY-plane carries uniform surface charge; surf. charge density σ .



By symmetry, if σ is positive, \vec{E} -field points in $+\hat{k}$ direction for $z > 0$ and in $-\hat{k}$ direction for $z < 0$.

Choose Gaussian surface with two sides parallel to xy plane; the rest parallel to z-axis



Use Gauss' law. Flux = $EA + EA = 2EA$

Charge enclosed = σA

$$2EA = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \boxed{E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}} \quad \text{Indep. of distance!!}$$