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▶ Gauss's Law

⊙ E-field lines and \vec{E} vector field.

\vec{E} from a point charge q at $\vec{r}=0$

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

Field lines: a set of continuous lines w/ direction.

- (i) \vec{E} -direction: tangential direction of the field line
- (ii) $|\vec{E}|$: density of the field lines near the point \vec{r}
- (iii) Nature made the representation (work extremely well?)

Coulomb's Law

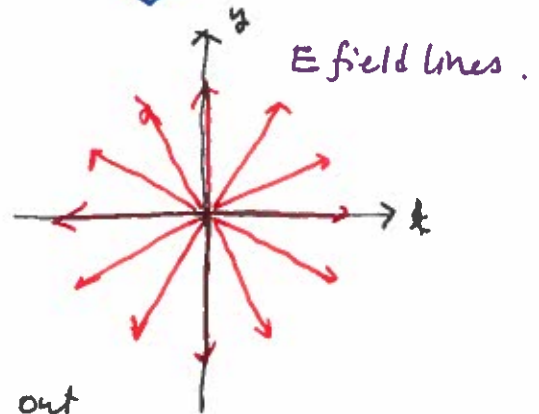
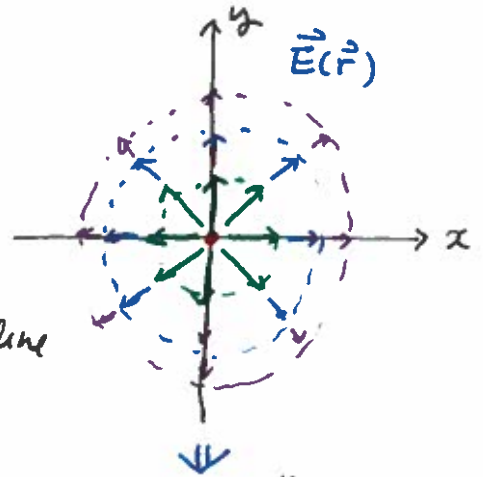
\vec{E} from a point charge is spherically symmetric!

Therefore, E-field lines should come out of the pt. charge radially & uniformly. But the direction depends on the type of the charge. Then the $|\vec{E}|$ comes naturally from the geometry.

Set the total # of field lines as N . The line density n through spherical surfaces of radius r_1 & r_2 can be written

$$n_1 = \frac{N}{4\pi r_1^2} \quad \text{and} \quad n_2 = \frac{N}{4\pi r_2^2}$$

$$\frac{|E(\vec{r}_2)|}{|E(\vec{r}_1)|} = \frac{r_1^2}{r_2^2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

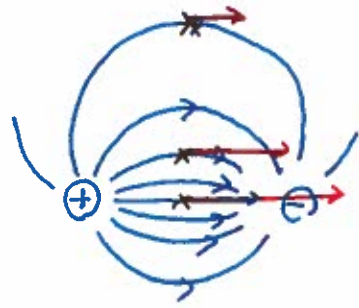
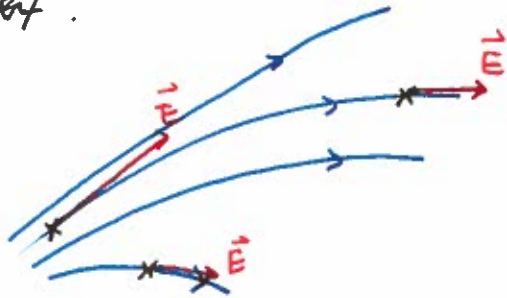


Notes

- (i) The total # of field lines per ^{unit} charge must be set.
- (ii) Field lines come out of (+) charge : source of field lines
enter into (-) charge : sink of field lines.
- (iii) E-field lines can not end or start in empty space pt.
- (iv) E-field lines can not cross each other.

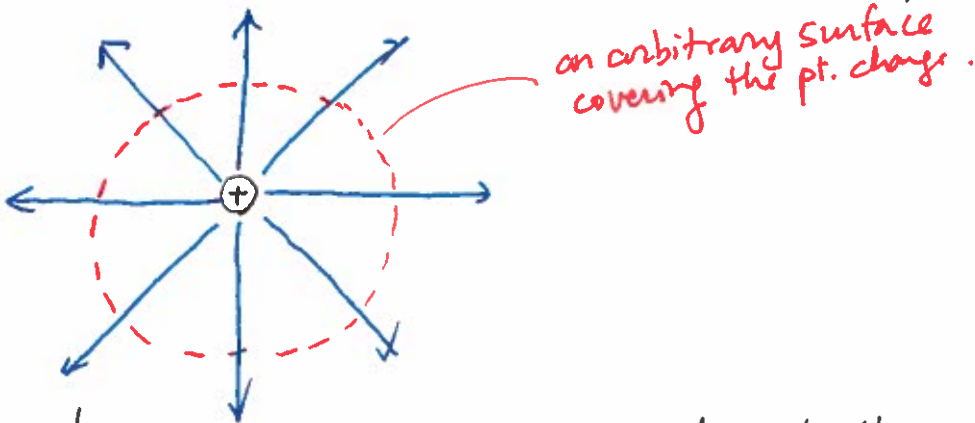


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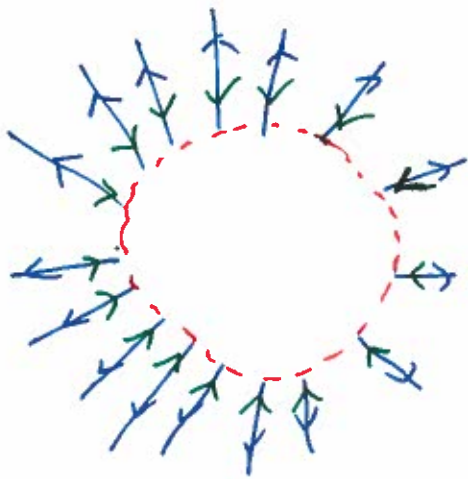


⊙ Flux.

Let's set 8 total field lines come out of a unit (+) charge.



There are 8 lines penetrating through the surface .



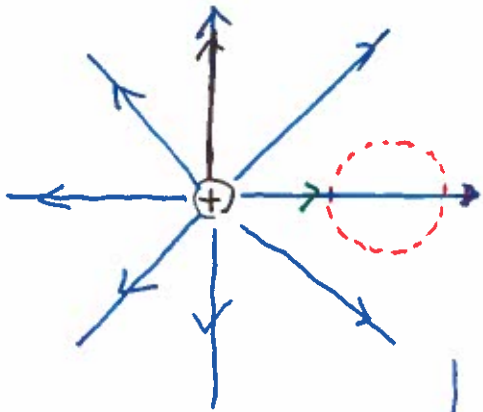
16 lines are penetrating through the surface.

What charge is hidden inside?

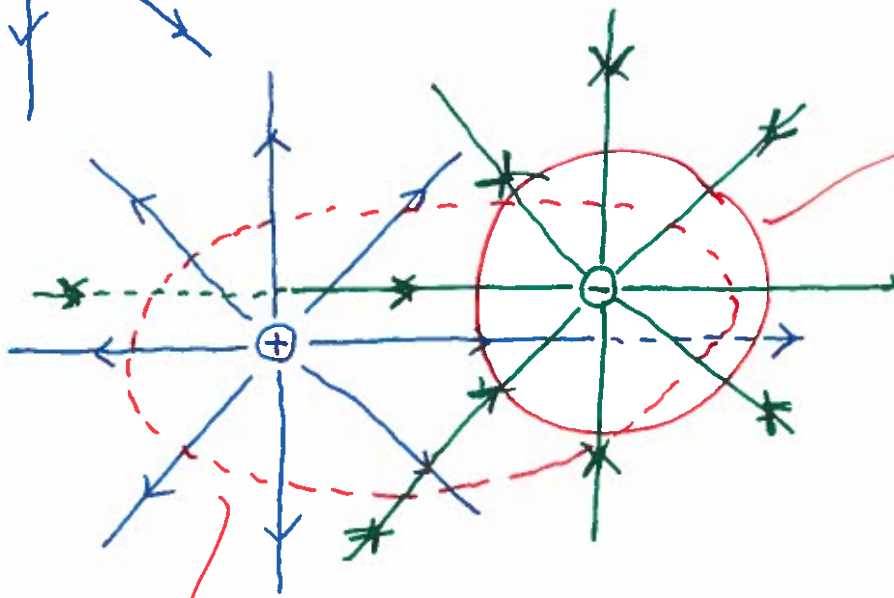
$$\frac{16}{8} = 2 \Rightarrow 2\oplus \text{ for } \nearrow$$

$$2\ominus \text{ for } \nwarrow$$

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$$\nearrow + \nwarrow = 0 \Rightarrow \text{no } \overset{\text{net}}{\text{charge}} \text{ inside}$$



$$\oint \vec{E} = \ominus$$

$$\oint \vec{E} + \oint \vec{E} = 0 \text{ (net) charge}$$

of ^{net} field lines through a closed surface

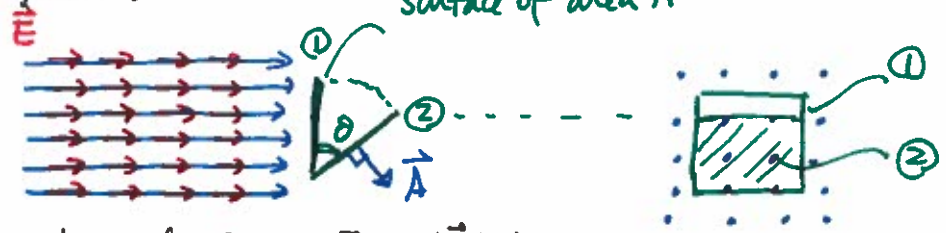


Amount of net charge enclosed by the surface

Gauss's Law

Flux: Amount of vector field penetrating through a surface.

Uniform field lines surface of area A



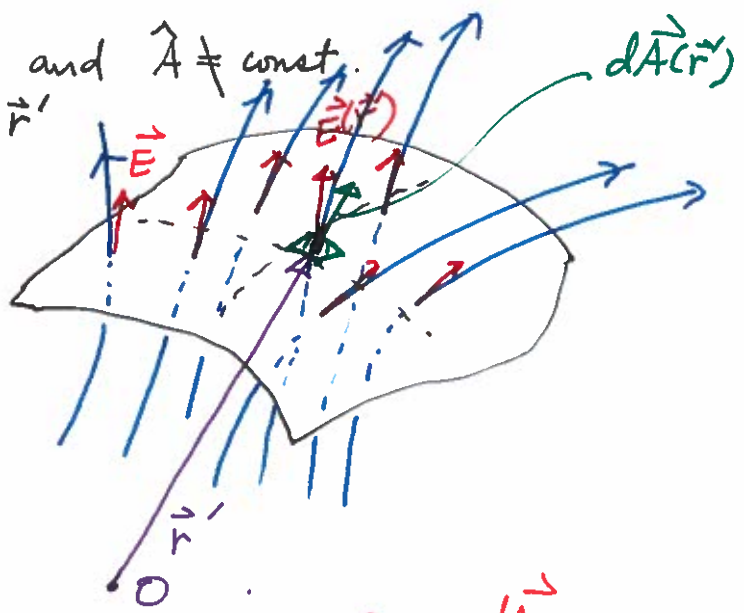
Flux through ① $\Phi_1 = |\vec{E}| \cdot A$
 Flux through ② $\Phi_2 = |\vec{E}| A \cos \theta$
 $\Phi = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}$
 (Note: $A \cos \theta$ is labeled as 'effective area')

Surface vector $|\vec{A}| = \text{area}$ \hat{A} : surface normal vector.

In general, $\vec{E} = \vec{E}(\vec{r})$ and $\hat{A} \neq \text{const.}$
 Then the local flux at \vec{r}' should be defined as

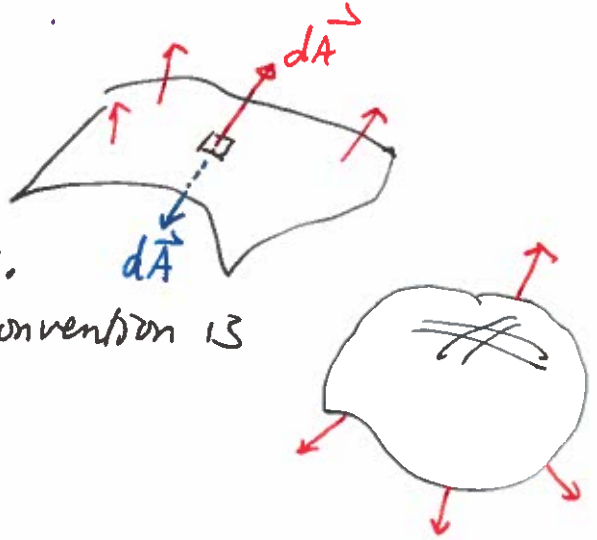
$$d\Phi_E = \vec{E}(\vec{r}') \cdot d\vec{A}(\vec{r}')$$

$$\Phi_E = \int_S \vec{E}(\vec{r}') \cdot d\vec{A}(\vec{r}')$$

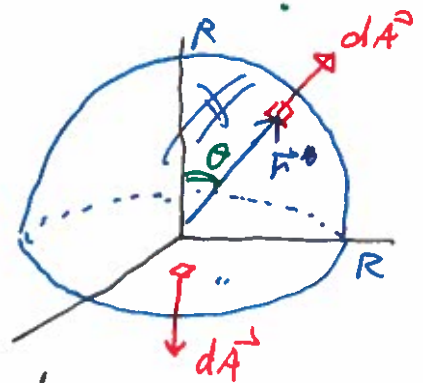


Notes

- Choice of $d\vec{A}$
- (i) For an open surface, either choice works. Just be consistent to choose one side.
 - (ii) For a closed surface, the convention is outward direction



EX Calculate Φ for the closed surface of a hemisphere of radius R . ($z \geq 0$)
 $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = E_0 \hat{z}$ (uniform field)



(i) bottom flat surface

$$d\vec{A} = dx dy (-\hat{z}) : \text{no position depend.}$$

$$\therefore \Phi_B = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = E_0 \hat{z} \cdot (-\pi R^2) \hat{z} = -\pi R^2 E_0$$

(ii) top spherical surface

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \vec{E} \cdot dS \hat{r} = E_0 R^2 \sin\theta d\varphi d\theta \underbrace{\hat{z} \cdot \hat{r}}_{\cos\theta}$$

$$\therefore \Phi_S = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{2\pi} E_0 R^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta d\theta d\varphi$$

$$= 2\pi E_0 R^2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin\theta \cos\theta d\theta \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \sin\theta = t \\ d\theta \cos\theta = dt \end{array} \right)$$

$$= 2\pi E_0 R^2 \int_0^1 t dt = +\pi R^2 E_0$$

$$\therefore \Phi_{\text{tot}} = \Phi_B + \Phi_S = -\pi R^2 E_0 + \pi R^2 E_0 = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

⊙ Gauss's Law

Consider a point charge q at $\vec{r} = 0$

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

Flux of \vec{E} through a spherical surface of radius r : Φ_r

$$\Phi_r = \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_S \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{r} \cdot (r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi) \hat{r}$$

$$= \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \quad \Phi_r \propto q$$

scaling factor for dimensional correctness.



physical dimension .

$$[\Phi] = [EA] = \left[\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \right] [A] = \left[\frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \right] \left[\frac{A}{r^2} \right] = \left[\frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \right]$$

$$\Phi = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

→ for any closed surface enclosing charge q the charge cannot be "on" the surface!

For multiple charges (q_1, \dots, q_n) at ($\vec{r}'_1, \dots, \vec{r}'_n$)

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{E}_i(\vec{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{r}_i \quad \text{when } \vec{r}_i = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'_i$$

Flux through an arbitrary surface that encloses all

$$\Phi = \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_S \vec{E}_i \cdot d\vec{s} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{q_i}{\epsilon_0} \right) = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

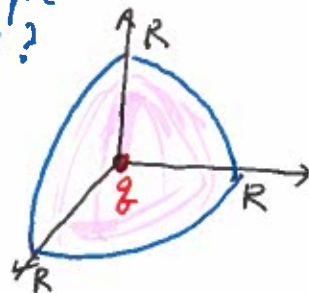
In general, $Q_{\text{enc}} = \int_V \rho \, d\tau$ = charge density

$$\therefore \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{E} \, d\tau = \int_V \rho \, d\tau / \epsilon_0$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \rho(\vec{r}) / \epsilon_0$$

HW Prob. 2.9, 2.10, 2.46

→ Do you really need to do the full calculation?
 * What is the flux through the surface of $1/8$ sphere?



$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{r^2} \hat{r} d\tau'$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\vec{r}') \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) d\tau'$$

$$\vec{\nabla}_r \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) = \vec{\nabla}_r \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = 4\pi \delta^3(\vec{r})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\vec{r}') 4\pi \delta^3(\vec{r}) d\tau' \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\vec{r}') 4\pi \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') d\tau' \\ &= \rho(\vec{r}) / \epsilon_0 \end{aligned}$$

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