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• Energy: 
$$W = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$$

# Electric Flux & the Gauss Law

Lecture 5.

### Announcements

• Reading for Friday: 22.4-22.6

### Lecture thoughts:

Gauss' Law, especially when applied to these symmetrical surfaces is EXTREMELY CONFUSING. The way FlipIt presented the information was hard to follow. Perhaps there is another way the info can be presented? I would just appreciate another perspective or maybe just a slower explanation.

Really confused about inner/outer shell stuff that stuff was kind of confusing. Also the 2nd/3rd questions were confusing? Spherical shells are confusing.

all hard!!!

This section is really confusing.

Checkpoint Qs 2 and 3 are very confusing.

Answer the question with the charge within the conducting sphere.

The part about the induced charge making the E field 0

### Electric Flux

 $d^2A$ 

 $\vec{E}$ 

• Definition of Electric Flux:

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{M}} = \oint_{\mathcal{M}} d^2 A \, \hat{n} \cdot \vec{E}$$

- Meaning of **flux**:
  ~ Number passing through a surface
- Flux measures *outgoingness* of vector field

#### How much water is flowing down the Amazon?

### Flux: water analogy

### Clicker 4-7: Flux

### Relation between **Electric flux** and **E field lines**

- Flux = # of field through surface
- Blue sphere: 24 lines leaving
- Green sphere: 24 lines entering
- Yellow sphere: 0 net lines entering/leaving



### Intuitive relation between Electric flux and E field lines

- Flux "=" # of field through surface
- Rule for field lines: # lines created "=" Q
- Flux "=" Q
- "Gauss Law"



### Relation between Gauss Law & Coulomb Law

• Gauss Law: E Flux "=" charge:

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{M}} = \oint_{\mathcal{M}} d^2 A \ \hat{n} \cdot \vec{E} = Q_{\text{inside}} / \epsilon_0$$

 $\epsilon_0$  is the **Electric Constant** 

• Coulomb Law:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{k \ q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

- Work out the relation between  $\epsilon_0$  and k



### Fundamental law of Electrostatics

Coulomb Law: (Solution to DE) Force between two point charges:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\kappa q}{r^2}\hat{r}$$

#### or

Gauss Law: (DE) Relationship between charge of E field

Integral Equation:

$$\oint_{\mathcal{M}} d^2 A \ \hat{n} \cdot \vec{E} = Q_{\text{inside}} / \epsilon_0$$

Differential Equation (DE):

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$$

# Intuitive meaning of the Gauss Law

Integral Equation:  $\oint d^2A \ \hat{n} \cdot \vec{E} = Q_{\text{inside}} / \epsilon_0$ 

- E Field lines must start (+q) and end (-q) on charges
- Implies flux "conservation"
- Flux measures "outgoingness" of vector field

#### Differential Equation:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$$



#### How much water is flowing down the Amazon?

#### For a closed surface:

 $\oint_{\mathcal{M}} d^2 A \,\,\hat{n} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ 

Flux: water analogy

### Solving Problems using Gauss Law

- Canonical approach (to date):
  - 1. Solve Differential Equation (GL) to get solution for a point charge (CL)
  - 2. Use superposition to solve for arbitrary charge distribution
- Solve problems directly from Gauss Law (new)

### Gauss Law solution

Symmetry is required

(ie NOT generally applicable)

$$\oint_{\mathcal{M}} d^2 A \ \hat{n} \cdot \vec{E} = Q_{\text{inside}} / \epsilon_0$$

- E is constant (or zero) on surfaces of  $\mathcal{M}$  (the gaussian surface)
- $\vec{E}$  is either || or  $\perp$  to the surface
- Surface does NOT exist

### FlipIt Physics: Symmetry

• What transformations (translations) leave objects invariant?



### FlipIt Physics: Symmetry is required!



## (1) Infinite plane/plate

- 1. Identify symmetry
- 2. Draw E field/field lines
- 3. Choose a gaussian surface
- 4. Compute E

### FlipIt Physics: Use superposition...



## (2) Infinite line

- 1. Identify symmetry
- 2. Draw E field/field lines
- 3. Choose a gaussian surface
- 4. Compute E

## (3) Point (or sphere)

- 1. Identify symmetry
- 2. Draw E field/field lines
- 3. Choose a gaussian surface
- 4. Compute E

### FlipIt Physics: Where do I draw the surface?



## (3B) Charged sphere

- 1. Identify symmetry
- 2. Draw E field/field lines
- 3. Choose a gaussian surface
- 4. Compute E

### Conductors vs insulators

- Conductor (Insulator): Charge is free (not free) to move to establish electrostatic equilibrium
- Conductor have free charge: A sufficient and equal number of + and - charges can be "created" to cancel any E field in the conductor



# All free charge is at the surface of conductors

• Use Gauss Law...