

Electric monopole - A single point-charge can be termed as 'monopole'

" Dipole - if a monopole is displaced through a very small distance and the original monopole is replaced by an equal and opposite point charge, the system termed as a dipole.

Quadrupole - obtained by displacing a dipole through a very small distance and then replacing the original dipole by one of same magnitude but of opposite sign.

→ This concept can be continued further to obtain octapole and multipoles

→ The dipole potential varies as  $\frac{1}{r^2}$

→ The Quadrupole " " "  $\frac{1}{r^3}$

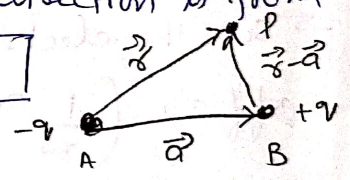
General (2n)th multipole, the potential at large distances from the system varies as  $\frac{1}{r^{2n+1}}$  and the field intensity as  $\frac{1}{r^{2n+2}}$

### Electric dipole

Two equal and opposite point charges separated by a small distance from a system called an electric dipole.

Electric dipole Moment :→ It is a vector quantity, whose magnitude is equal to the product of magnitude of one charges and the separation between the charges and whose direction is from negative charge, i.e. dipole moment,  $\vec{p} = q \cdot \vec{a}$

Unit → Coulomb-meter



Electric potential due to an electric dipole :

Let P is a point whose position vector relative to A is  $\vec{r}$ .

the position vector of P relative to B will be  $(\vec{r} - \vec{a})$ .

The potential at P is due to -q and +q given as

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{q}{|\vec{r}-\vec{a}|} - \frac{q}{r} \right] \quad \text{--- (1) Here } a \text{ is very small than } r \text{ so we expand}$$

$$|\vec{r}-\vec{a}|^{-1} = (r^2 - 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} + a^2)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{r} \left[ 1 - \frac{2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} + a^2}{r^2} \right]^{-1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{a}|} \right]^{-1}$$

using binomial expansion and taking only first order terms.

$$|\vec{r}-\vec{a}|^{-1} = \frac{1}{r} \left[ 1 + \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}}{r^2} \right] = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}}{r^3} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Putting this value in eq (1) we get

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} q \left[ \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}}{r^3} - \frac{1}{r} \right] = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} q \left( \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}}{r^3} \right) \quad \text{--- (3) } [\because p = qa]$$

$$\boxed{V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

As  $\nabla\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}$  therefore eq. (4) may be expressed as

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Electric field strength at point P found by relation

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = -\text{grad } V(\vec{r})$$

using eq. (5) we get

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = -\text{grad} \left\{ \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3} \right\} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \vec{\nabla} \left( \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

→ Now use vector identity -

$$\text{grad}(S_1 S_2) = S_1 \text{grad } S_2 + S_2 \text{grad } S_1$$

→ taking  $S_1 = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}$  and  $S_2 = \frac{1}{r^3}$

$$\text{we get } \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}) \nabla\left(\frac{1}{r^3}\right) + \frac{1}{r^3} \nabla(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}) \right]$$

As  $\nabla(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}) = \vec{p}$  and  $\nabla\left(\frac{1}{r^3}\right) = -3\left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^5}\right)$  So

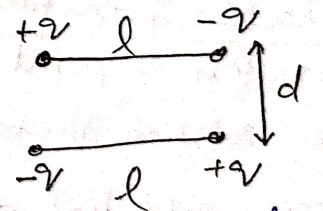
$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \vec{p} \cdot \vec{r} \left(-\frac{3\vec{r}}{r^5}\right) + \frac{1}{r^3} \vec{p} \right] = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r})\vec{r}}{r^5} - \frac{\vec{p}}{r^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r^3} \left[ \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r})\vec{r}}{r^2} - \vec{p} \right]$$

→ so the electric field strength due to an electric dipole fall off as  $\left(\frac{1}{r^3}\right)$

### Electric Quadrupole

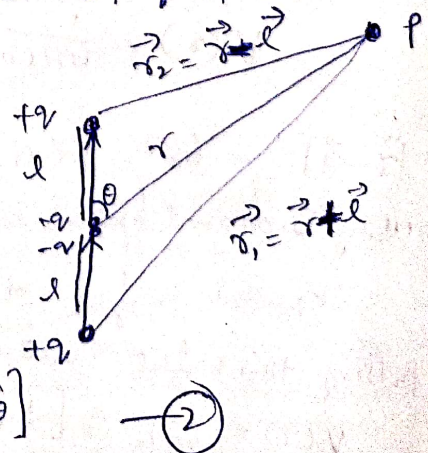
An electric quadrupole consists of two equal and opposite dipoles that do not coincide in space, so that their electric field effect do not quite cancel each other at distance points



⇒ The potential due to linear quadrupole

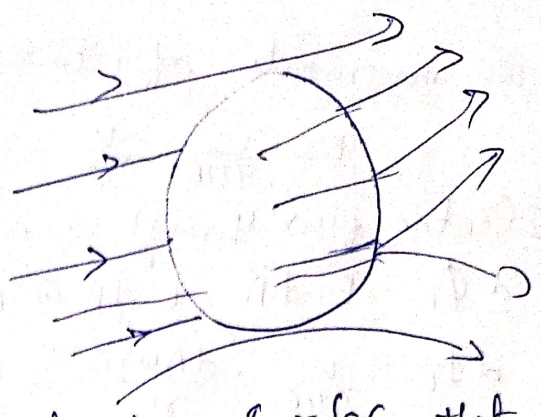
$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{ql^2}{r^3} (3\cos^2\theta - 1) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{3ql^2}{r^4} (3\cos^2\theta - 1)\hat{r} + \frac{3ql^2}{r^4} \sin 2\theta \hat{\theta} \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



Electric flux -

Total No. of electric lines of force passing through any surface which is placed in an electric field is called electric flux.



In case of a closed surface, that is a surface that completely encloses a volume, the net flux through the surface is  $\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$  - (1)

where  $d\vec{A}$  is the area vector of small element  $dA$  on the surface. Since  $d\vec{A}$  is normal to the surface the angle between  $\vec{E}$  and  $d\vec{A}$  is  $\theta$  and then eq (1)

$\Phi_E = \oint E dA \cos \theta$  - (2)

if plane surface normal to the electric field then  $\Phi_E = EA$

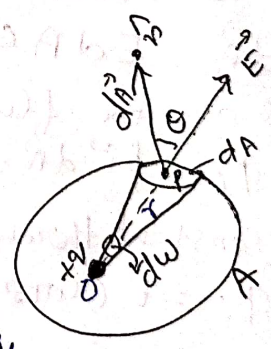
UNIT  $\rightarrow$  Newton-m<sup>2</sup>/Coulomb, Volt-meter

Dimensional formula -  $[M L^2 T^{-3} A^{-1}]$

Quantity - scalar

Gauss's law in electrostatics

"The electric flux  $\Phi_E$  through any closed surface is equal to  $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0}$  times of net charge  $q$  enclosed by the surface".  $\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$



This is integral form of Gauss law.

Proof: - Let us consider a point charge +q situated at "O" inside a closed surface A. Let dA is a small area element surrounding a point P on the surface. Let OP = r. The area element may be represented by a vector  $d\vec{A}$  drawn outwards along the normal to the element.

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The magnitude of intensity of electric field at P is

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (1) where } OP = r$$

Electric flux through area element dA is

$$d\phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E dA \cos\theta \quad \text{--- (2) [where } \theta \text{ is angle between } \vec{E} \text{ and } d\vec{A}]$$

$$d\phi_E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{dA \cos\theta}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (3) But } \frac{dA \cos\theta}{r^2} \text{ is solid angle } d\omega$$

Subtended by the area of the point o. therefore

$$d\phi_E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} d\omega \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Total flux  $\phi_E$  through entire surface A is

$$\phi_E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oint d\omega \quad \text{--- (5) But } \oint d\omega = 4\pi, \text{ the solid angle}$$

subtended by the entire closed surface A at the point o. So

$$\boxed{\phi_E = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}} \quad \text{--- (6) Hence proved}$$

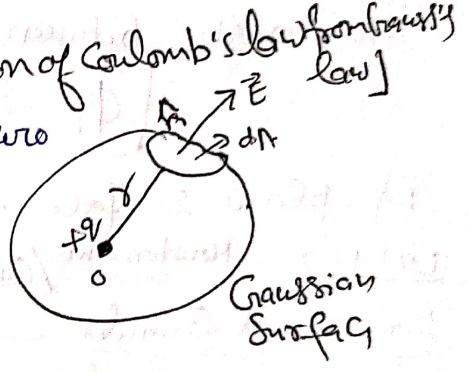
Electric field due to point charge [Deduction of Coulomb's law from Gauss's law]

from fig angle between  $\vec{E}$  and  $d\vec{A}$  will be zero due to same direction. so

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E dA \cos 0 = E dA \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Total electric flux leaving the Gaussian surface is

$$\phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E \oint dA \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



E is constant through out the surface. But  $\oint dA = 4\pi r^2$  (area of the sphere)

$$\phi_E = E (4\pi r^2) \quad \text{--- (3) using Gauss theorem.}$$

$$\frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = E (4\pi r^2) \Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

If we put a test charge  $q_0$  at that point then the force experienced by  $q_0$  will be -

$$F = q_0 E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q q_0}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Differential form of Gauss's law  $\rightarrow$

According to integral form of Gauss's law.  $\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$  --- (1)

Let  $\rho$  is volume charge density then net charge  $q = \int \rho dV$  --- (2)

So eq (1) will be  $\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho dV$  --- (3)

According to Gauss divergence theorem  $\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_V (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) dV$  --- (4)

Comparing (3) and (4)  $\int (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) dV = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho dV$  or  $\int (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) dV = \int (\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}) dV$  --- (5)

This can true for any arbitrary volume V only when

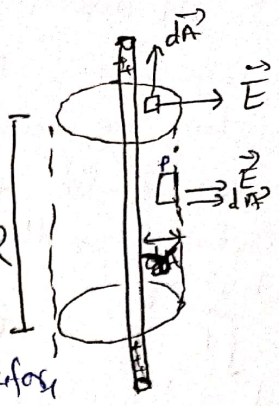
$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \text{ or } \text{div } \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

# Application of Gauss law

## ① Electric field due to an infinite line of charge

Let linear charge density of thin wire or thin long charged rod  $\lambda$  C/m. Let P is a point distance  $r$  meter from the wire at which the  $\vec{E}$  is required.

Draw a Co-axial Gaussian cylindrical surface of length  $l$  through the point P.  $E$  will be same at all points on this surface and directed radially outwards, therefore



$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E dA \cos 0 = E dA$$

So electric flux through the Gaussian surface is

$$\Phi_E = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int E dA = E \int dA = E (2\pi r l) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Flux through the plane ends of the surface is zero because  $E \perp dA$

So total flux through Gaussian surface.

$$\Phi_E = E (2\pi r l) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

According to Gauss law,  $\Phi_E = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$ , where  $q = \lambda l$  so that

$$\Phi_E = \frac{\lambda l}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{--- (3)} \quad \text{Comparing (2) and (3) we get}$$

$$E (2\pi r l) = \frac{\lambda l}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{or} \quad E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{1}{2\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{r} \hat{r}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

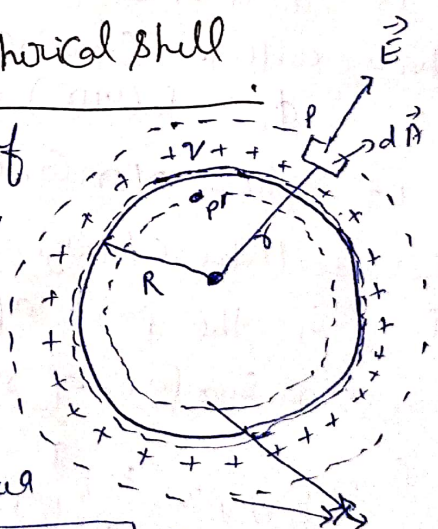
$$\text{or} \quad \boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{2\lambda}{r} \hat{r}} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

## ② Electric field due to a charged spherical shell

Let us consider a spherical shell of radius  $R$  having surface charge density  $\sigma$  then

$$q = 4\pi R^2 \sigma \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Case - 1  $\rightarrow$  At external point (outside the charged shell)  $(r > R)$



from fig the angle between  $\vec{E}$  and  $d\vec{A}$  at point P zero. electric flux through area element  $dA$  is,

$$d\Phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E dA \cos 0 = E dA \quad \text{--- (2)} \quad \text{Gaussian Surface}$$

flux through entire area element  $dA$  is  $\Phi_E = \oint E dA = E (4\pi r^2)$  --- (3)

By Gauss theorem  $\Phi_E = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{4\pi R^2 \sigma}{\epsilon_0}$  --- (4) [use eq (1)]

from eq (3) and (4)  $E (4\pi r^2) = \frac{4\pi R^2 \sigma}{\epsilon_0}$

$$\boxed{E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \frac{R^2}{r^2}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Case - 2  $\rightarrow$  At surface  $(r = R) \rightarrow \boxed{E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}} \quad \text{--- (5)}$

Case 3. At internal point (inside the shell)  $r < R$

Gaussian surface through P' does not enclose any charge, so according to Gauss theorem  $\Phi_E = E(4\pi r^2) = 0$  or  $E = 0$  - (6)

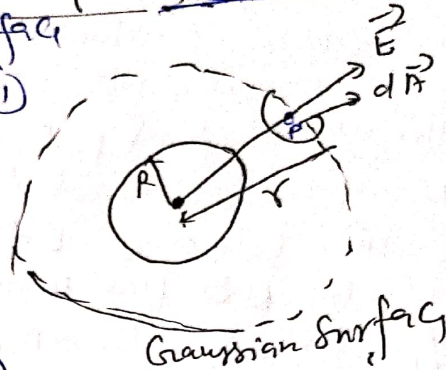
(3) Electric field of a uniformly charged sphere,  $[Case-1 \rightarrow r > R]$

Total electric flux through the Gaussian surface of radius  $r$ :

$$\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E \oint dA = E(4\pi r^2) \quad (1)$$

According to Gauss theorem  $\Phi_E = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$  - (2)

from (1) and (2)  $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2}$  - (3)

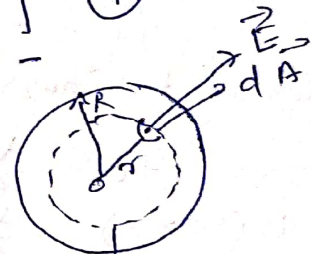


So electric field strength at any point outside a charged sphere is the same as if the whole charge were concentrated at the center.

Case-2  $r = R$ . eq (3) will be  $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{R^2}$  - (4)

Case-3 ( $r < R$ ) when point lies inside the sphere - flux through Gaussian surface.

$$\Phi_E = E(4\pi r^2) \quad (5)$$



There arises two cases.

(A) if sphere is conducting  $\rightarrow$

charge within Gaussian surface will be zero then

$$\Phi_E = E(4\pi r^2) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad E = 0 \quad (5A)$$

Gaussian surface

(B) if sphere non-conducting  $\rightarrow$

there will be charge distribution through whole volume if  $q'$  is the part of  $q$  which is included within the Gaussian surface of radius  $r$ , then volume density

$$\rho = \frac{q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = \frac{q'}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3} \quad \text{so from this } q' = q \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^3 \quad (6)$$

and by Gauss law, flux through Gaussian surface of radius  $r$ .  $\Phi_E = \frac{q'}{\epsilon_0}$  using (5)  $E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{q'}{\epsilon_0}$

or  $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q'}{r^2}$  - (7) putting the value of  $q'$  from (6)

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q r}{R^3} \quad (8)$$

$\rightarrow$  So  $E$  due to a uniformly charged sphere of an internal point is proportional to distance  $r$  of the point from center.