

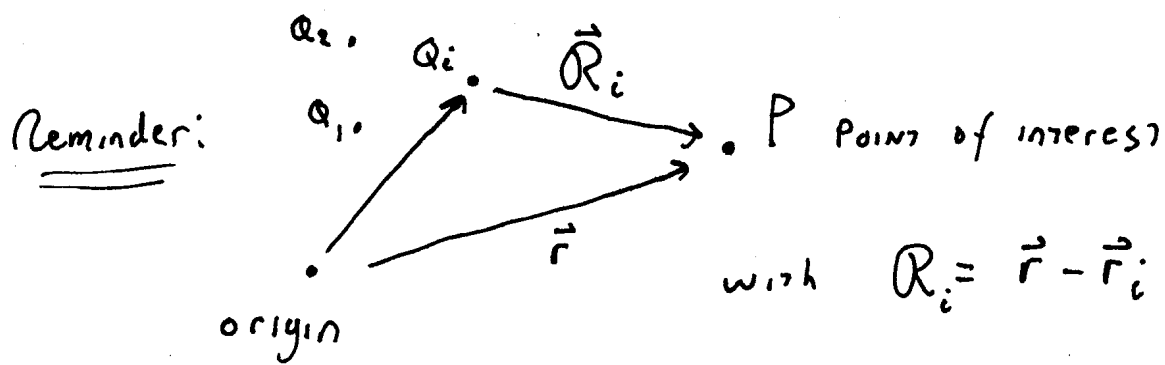
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E field : $\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F} \text{ on a test } q}{q}$

(Let $q \rightarrow 0$, so
doesn't mess w.
other q 's positions)

From last time, this means

$\vec{E} \text{ at } P$
due to Q_i 's = $\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{Q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{R}_i}{R_i^2}$



- \vec{E} fields are vectors
 - Present in empty space
 - Calculable (easily) if know where all other Q_i 's are.
 - Tells you $\vec{F} \text{ on any small } q \text{ at } P = q \vec{E} \text{ at } P.$
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Continuous charges: what if Q_i 's are "smeared"?

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \frac{Q_i}{R_i^2} \hat{R}_i \rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq}{R^2} \hat{R}$$

Here \hat{R} points FROM source (dq) TO point labeled \vec{r} .

(Subscript i is now hidden, be sure you can visualize this)

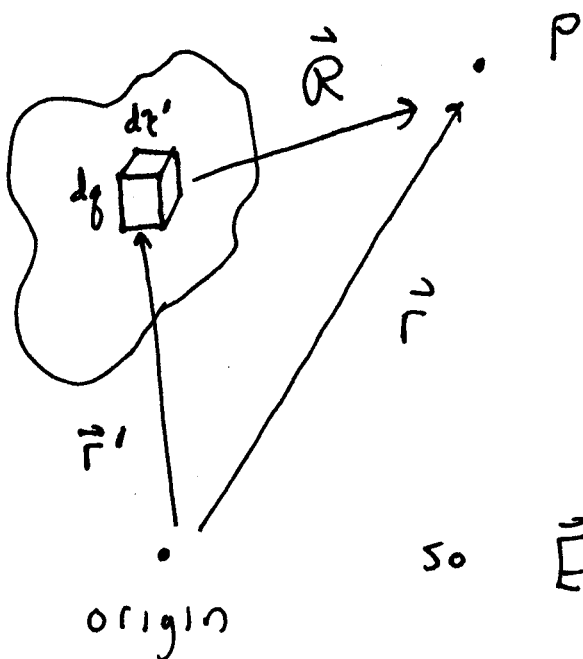
In 3-D, Volume charge density $\rho(\vec{r}) \equiv \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{volume}}$

IDENTIFICATION! $dq = \rho \cdot d(\text{Volume})$ \swarrow do you see this?

Griffiths calls $d(\text{Volume}) = d\tau'$

might also call it $d^3\vec{r}' = dx' dy' dz'$.

Why the prime? Draw a picture!



As usual, $\vec{R} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$.

Summing over dq 's means

$$\int \rho(\vec{r}') d^3\vec{r}' \dots$$

$$\text{so } \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint_{\text{volume}} \frac{\rho(\vec{r}') d^3\vec{r}'}{R^2} \hat{R}$$

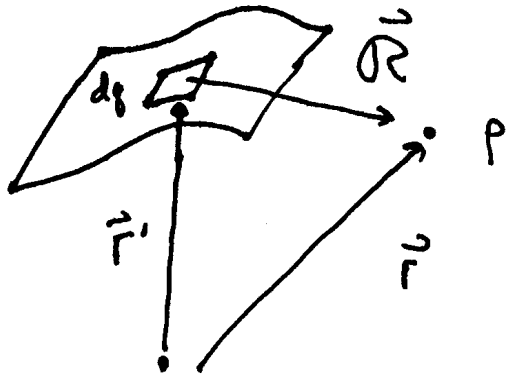
with $\vec{R} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$.

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If charges live on flat (or 2-D) surface, use

$$\sigma(\vec{r}) = \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{area}} \text{ (near } \vec{r} \text{)}$$

$$\text{so } dq = \sigma \cdot d(\text{Area})$$



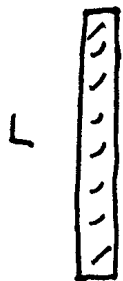
$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iint_{\text{Area}} \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}')}{R^2} d^2(\text{Area}) \cdot \hat{R}$$

If charges all live on a line (1-D), use

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{length}}$$

Draw your own picture, what's \vec{E} ?

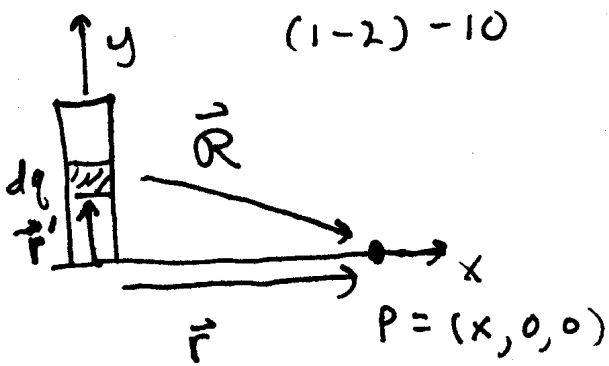
Example: Like Griffiths 2.1, but with a twist



charged rod
(un. form)

Let's find \vec{E} at the point
shown.

[Try it yourself, first]



$\lambda = Q/L$ is given.

Find $\vec{E}(x, 0, 0)$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\lambda(\vec{r}') dl'}{R^2} \hat{R}$$

That's the formula. But, I like to go back to basics - look at the picture + think about what E should be

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

• Dang, no symmetry! I'll find E_x , you try E_y if you like... *

• $dq = \lambda dy$ (Do you see it? Look @ the picture!
Here, dl' in the integral is just dy)

• What's \hat{R} ? Just look! $\vec{r} = (x, 0, 0)$
 $\vec{r}' = (0, y, 0)$ ← do you see that?

$$\vec{R} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}' = (x, -y, 0)$$

To get \hat{E}_x , just use $\hat{R}_x = \frac{\vec{R}_x}{|\vec{R}|}$

$$R = \sqrt{x^2 + (-y)^2}, \quad \vec{R}_x = x, \quad \vec{R}_y = -y, \quad \hat{R}_x = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

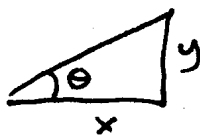
$$\text{so } E_x(x, 0) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{y=0}^{y=L} \frac{\lambda dy}{x^2 + y^2} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

What do you do when faced w. such an integral?

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- I would
- ① Look it up
 - ② Use Mathematica or
 - ③ Do it!

Let $y = x \tan \theta$



so $dy = x \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \cdot d\theta$

$$(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2} = x^3 (1 + y^2/x^2)^{3/2} = x^3 (1 + \tan^2 \theta)^{3/2} = x^3 \left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}\right)^{3/2}$$

so we have $\frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{(x/\cos^2 \theta) d\theta}{x^3 \cdot (1/\cos^3 \theta)} \cdot x = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x} \int \cos \theta d\theta$

$$\vec{E}(x,0) = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x} \sin \theta \Big|_0^L = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x} \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \Big|_0^L = \frac{\lambda L}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x \sqrt{x^2 + L^2}}$$

Look at picture, $\sin \theta = y / \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

(Griffiths' example went $-L$ to L !)

Does it make sense?

Units: λ is Coul/meter, so $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{[C/m \cdot m]}{m \cdot m}$ Good!!

Sign: is +, makes good physical sense.

Limits: often very good to look at \rightarrow

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$\vec{E}(x,0)$ if $x \gg L$, the "rod" looks small, like a point...

Let's see what the math limit gives:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+L^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2(1+L^2/x^2)}} = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{1+\epsilon}} \quad \text{with } \epsilon = \frac{L^2}{x^2} \ll 1$$

$$(1+\epsilon)^n = 1 + n\epsilon + \frac{n(n-1)\epsilon^2}{2!} \dots \quad \text{so } (1+\epsilon)^{-1/2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon + \frac{3}{8}\epsilon^2 + \dots$$

$$\vec{E}(x \gg L, 0) = \frac{\lambda L}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{L^2}{x^2} + \dots\right)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda L}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{L^2}{x^2} + \dots\right)$$

Cool! That's $\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x^2}$

I like that this is less than 1, does that make sense to you?

The field is a little less than a point @ the origin would give...

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If $x \rightarrow 0$, we're snug up to charges.... $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+L^2}} \approx \frac{1}{L}(1+\dots)$

$$\vec{E}(x \ll L, 0) = \frac{\lambda L}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x \cdot L} \quad \text{this blows up,}$$

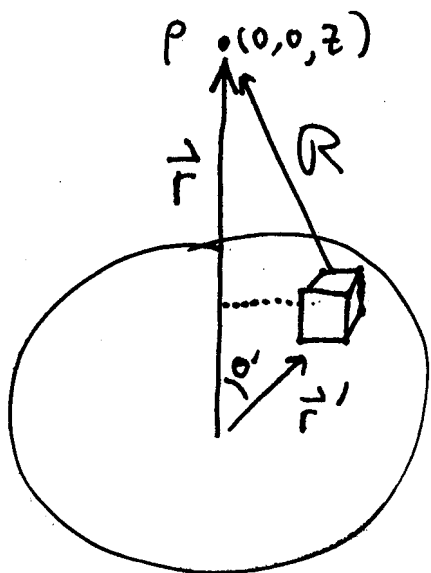
(although like $1/x$, not $1/x^2$)

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Another example. Sphere, uniform ρ , find \vec{E} outside.

You could put P anywhere, but by symmetry, all pts are equiv (if same radius away). So, pick easy one.

If $\vec{r} = (0, 0, z)$, $E_x = E_y = 0$ by symmetry
(convince yourself!)



$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq}{R^2} \hat{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{here: } dq &= \rho d\tau' = \rho dx dy dz \\ &= \rho r'^2 dr' \sin\theta' d\theta' d\phi' \end{aligned}$$

To get \hat{R} , look at picture!

$$\vec{r} = z \hat{k}, \quad \vec{r}' = \text{shown}$$

$$|R| = \sqrt{z^2 + r'^2 - 2zr' \cos\theta'} \quad \leftarrow \text{Law of cosines!}$$

$$\hat{R}_z = \frac{\vec{R}_z}{|R|} = \frac{z - r' \cos\theta'}{|R|} \quad \leftarrow \text{Look at picture, convince yourself}$$

This integral is ugly but doable...

But wait, there is a better way!

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Gauss' Law

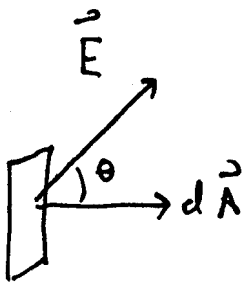
$$\oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} =$$

$$\frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

• Exp[']tal, a law of nature.

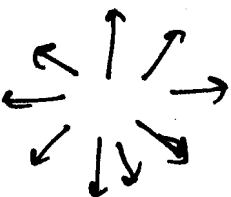
• Can "derive" * from Coulomb's law in electrostatics

This is flux



$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E dA \cos \theta = E_{\perp} \cdot \text{Area}$$

That's the idea of flux: Proportional to Area + the amount of E "poking through".

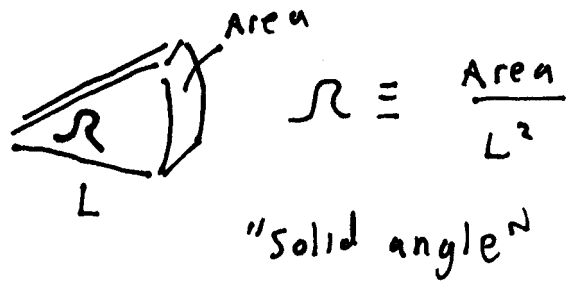
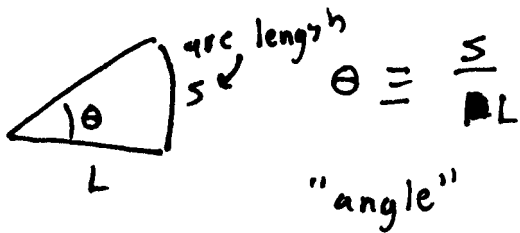
If draw field lines  then $|E|$ is represented by density of lines (in 3-D! 2-D pictures can fool you)


so $\frac{\# \text{ of lines}}{\text{area}} \leftrightarrow |E|$, which means flux is represented by how many lines "poke" through area.

* (Griffiths shows that Gauss' law follows from Coulomb's law, if the surface is a sphere centered around one q.)

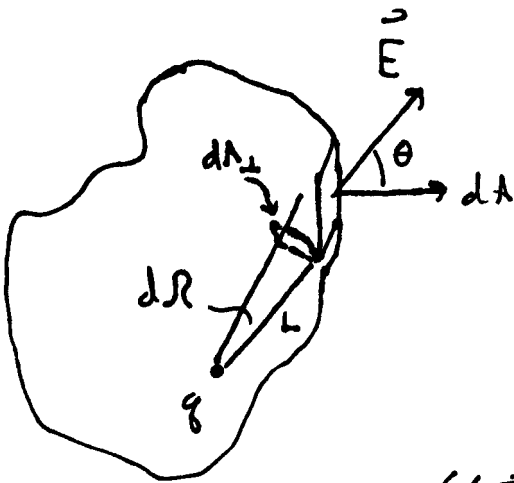
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Can we show Gauss' law for ugly surface, q off center?



For small Areas, 

$$d\Omega = \frac{\text{Perpendicular Area} = \frac{dA_{\perp}}{L^2}}$$



$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\cos\theta \cdot dA}{L^2}$$

$$\text{But note } d\Omega = \frac{dA_{\perp}}{L^2} = \frac{dA \cdot \cos\theta}{L^2}$$

$$\text{so } \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iint d\Omega = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} !$$

If add more q 's, by superposition

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{tot, enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Figure out for yourself why q 's outside do not contribute!

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Some vector calculus (at last!) [see Griff 1.56]

Divergence theorem (= Gauss' theorem, or Green's theorem)

$$\iiint_{\text{volume}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} \, d\tau = \oiint_{\text{closed } S} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad \text{for any function } \vec{F}.$$

this is a "3-D version" of $\int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(b) - f(a)$
integral of a deriv = function on boundary

Meaning: If $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}$ is any kind of "flow", then

$$\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A} = \text{flux exiting } dA$$

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} =$ "divergence", it's the spread from a point,
or the "creation" of arrows

$$\text{so } \iiint \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} \, d\tau = \text{total spread created at all points}$$

$$\oiint \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A} = \text{total outflow.}$$

what goes out \uparrow must have originated from sources inside

always true, so also for \vec{E} fields.



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$$\oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\lambda} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \iiint \rho \cdot d\tau \quad \leftarrow \text{Physics!}$$

$$\oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\lambda} = \iiint \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \, d\tau \quad \leftarrow \text{Math!}$$

True for any and all volumes, so integrands must agree

$$\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}} \quad \text{at all points.}$$

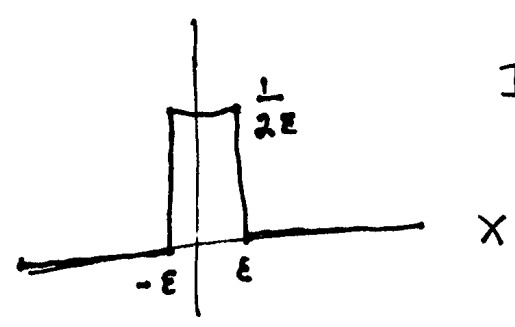
Suppose you have a point charge, so $\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$

- What should $\rho(\vec{r})$ look like??
- What's $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}$?

Need a math INTERLUDE: δ FUNCTIONS.

In 1-D, $\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \neq 0 \\ \infty & x = 0 \end{cases}$ such that $\int \delta(x) dx = 1$
+ anything
- anything

It's a limit of sensible functions, like



It's "Tall + skinny", with area 1.
Let it get very skinny, that's $\delta(x)$

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Back to $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$. focus on $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{r}}{r^3} \right)$

Method 1: Front flyleaf! $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v_r)$

Here, $v_r = \frac{1}{r^2}$, so $\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \cdot \frac{1}{r^2}) = 0$.

Method 2: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r^3} \hat{r} \right) = \underbrace{\left(\nabla \frac{1}{r^3} \right) \cdot \hat{r}} + \frac{1}{r^3} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \hat{r}$
 $\left(\frac{-3}{r^4} \hat{r} \right) \cdot \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r^3} (3) = 0$

Looks like $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$ for point charge.

It is, except maybe at $r=0$, where all those formulas above involve r^2/r^2 , not well defined.

So look again at Gauss: $\int \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} d\tau = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\lambda}$

Imagine a tiny surface. R.H.S. = $\iint \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \cdot d\vec{\lambda}$
around origin



$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \int d\lambda = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

so $\int \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} d\tau = q/\epsilon_0$ no matter what.

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}$ must be a δ fn! $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r})$

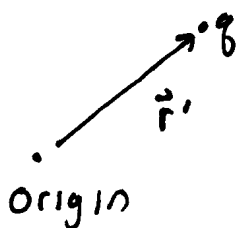
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$$\text{So } \rho(\vec{r}) = q \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r})$$

$$\text{And we've just learned } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r})$$

$$\text{So } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = 4\pi \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) \quad // \leftarrow (\text{see Griff. 1.100})$$

Summary: Point charges can be described by $\rho(\vec{r})$



$$\rho(\vec{r}) = q \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}'), \quad \text{and } \vec{E}(r) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

as usual.

$$\text{And then } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot 4\pi \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

$$= \rho(\vec{r}) \quad \text{as it must be.}$$

work it out! $\vec{\nabla} \cdot = \left(\hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$

$$\bullet \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} = \frac{(x-x')\hat{x} + (y-y')\hat{y} + \dots}{[(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + \dots]^{3/2}}$$

For $\vec{r} \neq \vec{r}'$, just do it!

you'll get zero ;)

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Applying Gauss $\oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\Lambda} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$ (or $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$)

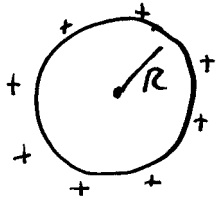
• Gauss' law is always true.

• Only useful to find \vec{E} if symmetry lets you "pull it out"

Ex 1: Remember the horrid hw problem, uniform σ on sphere of radius R ?

$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = ?$ • Symmetry says \vec{E} is radial.

what other direction could it be?



• Symmetry says $|E(\vec{r})|$ depends only on r , not θ , or ϕ .

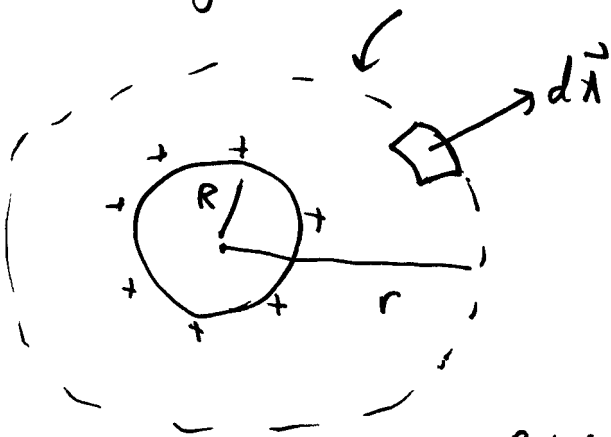
so $\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\Lambda} = E dA$ ← dot product $\Rightarrow \cos 0 = 1$.

↳ wait!

Because \vec{E} is radial, + so is $d\vec{\Lambda}$

• WHAT is my $d\vec{\Lambda}$? what surface? It's not the sphere, it's

imaginary ("Gaussian") sphere. I made it up!



$$\text{so } \oiint_{\text{imag sphere}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\Lambda} = \iint E dA$$

$$= E \iint dA$$

why? Because $r = \text{constant}$, so $E = \text{const}$,

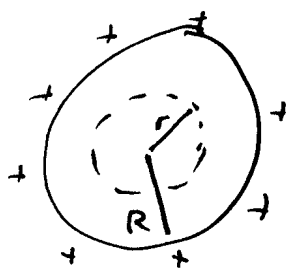
everywhere on that sphere.

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$$\text{so } E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{with} \\ Q = 4\pi R^2 \sigma \end{array} \right)$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}, \quad \text{like a point charge @ origin.}$$

what about inside? Same arguments!



\vec{E} is radial, E depends only on R ,

$$\text{so } \oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\Lambda} = \iiint E dx = E \iint dx = E \cdot 4\pi r^2$$

But Q_{enc} is now zero. So $E = 0$!

What if that sphere had uniform ρ , rather than just σ ?
Outside \Rightarrow no difference, you can't tell! Only Q_{tot} matters

Inside $\Rightarrow Q_{\text{enc}} \neq 0$ anymore. What is it?

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = \iiint_{\substack{V_{\text{inside}} \\ \text{Gauss surf}}} \rho d\tau = \rho \cdot \iiint d\tau = \rho \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

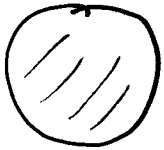
$$\text{so } E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \left(\frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0} r \right) \hat{r}$$

Vanishes only at origin!

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Basically 3 cases that are symmetric:

spherical geometry

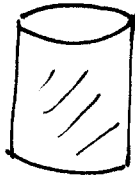


(Q 's uniform in θ, ϕ ,
but maybe not in r !)



Draw a spherical
Gaussian surface.

cylindrical

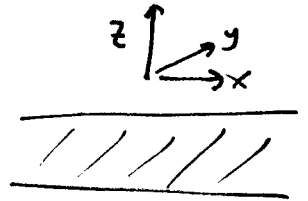


Q 's uniform in θ, z
but maybe not in r !
(Better be infinite in z ,
then!)



Draw a cylindrical
"beer can" surface

planar



Q 's uniform in x, y
maybe not in z
Better be ∞ in
 x, y though.



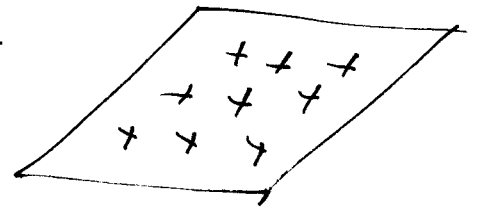
Draw a
"pillbox" *

* Let's do one planar case.

we'll take a sheet with uniform σ

(in x, y plane)

what's $\vec{E}(x, y, z)$?



This is clearly an idealization, but any flat surface will
look like this nearby, so it'll be quite useful!

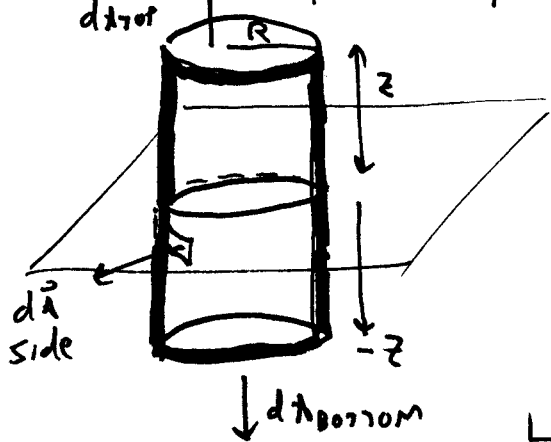
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What imaginary surface do we pick?

- Symmetry says $\vec{E}(x, y, z)$ can only point in $\pm \hat{z}$ direction
Do you see why? Don't take my word for it!

- Symmetry says $\vec{E}(x, y, z) = E(z) \hat{k}$

This guides me: Draw a pillbox with faces \perp or \parallel to \hat{k} to make dot prod simple, and so E is uniform along surfaces.



There are other choices (e.g. 2.22 of Griffiths)

But look:

$$\oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\lambda} = Q_{enc} / \epsilon_0$$

Do you see that?!

$$\iint_{TOP} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\lambda} + \iint_{curvy\ side} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\lambda} + \iint_{Bottom} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\lambda} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma \cdot \pi R^2}{\epsilon_0}$$

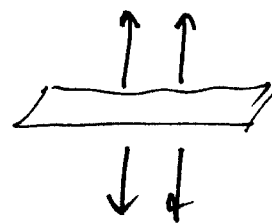
$$E(z) \cdot \pi R^2 + 0 + E(-z) \pi R^2 (-1)$$

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\lambda} = 0$$

do you see why?

because $d\vec{\lambda}$ points down

But $E(z) = -E(-z)$, by symmetry



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$$\text{so } 2 E(z) \pi R^2 = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \pi R^2$$

↑
This is critical + subtle. L.H.S. is total flux = flux through top and through bottom. But both are equal, so sum is twice the flux thru top!

$$\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{k} \quad \text{if } z > 0$$

$$\vec{E}(z) = -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{k} \quad \text{if } z < 0$$

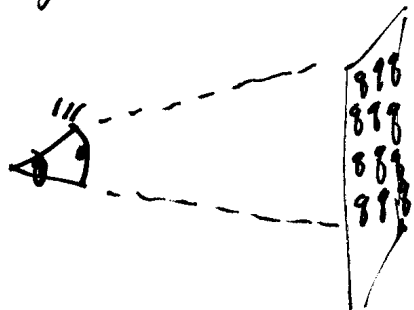
(you must think about that factor of 2!)

Notes: \vec{E} is discontinuous at the sheet.

$\Delta E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{k}$ as move across. This turns out to be "depp" + universal!

→ $E(z)$ is constant! Moving away from a sheet has no effect.

(How could you tell how far you are?)

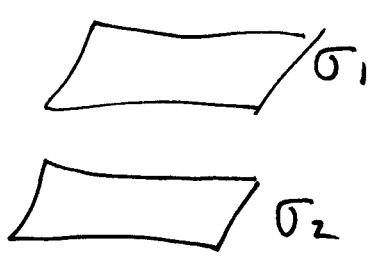


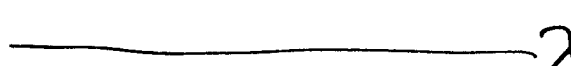
As move away, $E_{\text{from each } q} \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$
But you "see" an area $\propto r^2$
So effect of both cancels...

→ R of my imaginary surface dropped out. Good!!

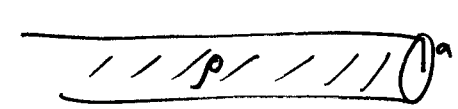
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• There aren't many more such "easily" solved problems,
except: can use superposition

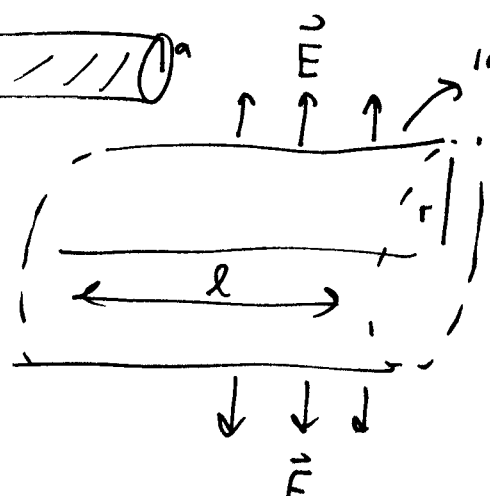
e.g.  \vec{E} everywhere is \vec{E} due to σ_1
 + \vec{E} due to σ_2 .
 (etc)

For line: 

or rod:
coated 

or rod:
filled 

\vec{E} outside is easy!



imaginary surface, radius r .

$$\iint E \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \iint dA = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda \cdot l}{\epsilon_0} \left(\text{or } \frac{\sigma \cdot 2\pi a l}{\epsilon_0}, \text{ or } \frac{\rho \cdot \pi a^2 l}{\epsilon_0} \right)$$

Beer can

$$E \cdot 2\pi r l = \dots \quad \left(l \text{ cancels, good! } E \sim \frac{1}{r}, \begin{array}{l} \text{not } 1/r^2 \\ \text{not uniform} \end{array} \right)$$

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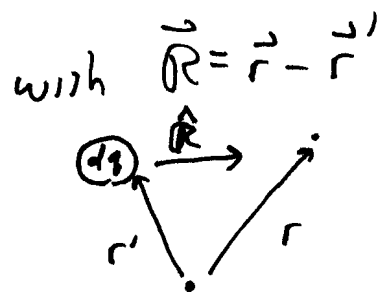
Maxwell's Eq'n #2 (Faraday's Law in Electrostatics)

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = ?$$

We know $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$ now.

What about $\nabla \times \vec{E}$? This adds more info about \vec{E} !

I know $d\vec{E}$ from a pt charge = $\frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{R}}{R^2}$



or, as we've been writing it:

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

I could just take $\nabla \times \vec{E}(\vec{r})$ and "grind":

It's a calc III problem, $\nabla \times \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2}$

~~It's a Griffiths ch. 1 problem too~~

(Though we'll see there are other, more useful ways to see the result!)
(See next page!)

And the result is... zero! (No matter what \vec{r}' is, this function is not "curly")

$$\boxed{\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0}$$

• \vec{E} fields (in electrostatics!) are not curly. certainly true for a pt charge $\leftarrow \uparrow \rightarrow$

but $\nabla \times (\vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 + \dots) = \nabla \times \vec{E}_1 + \nabla \times \vec{E}_2 + \dots = 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots = 0$

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MATH INTERLUDE

Th #1: For any f , $\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} f) = 0}$ Reminds me of $\vec{A} \times \vec{A} = 0!$

$\vec{\nabla} f$ points "up the hill", this $\vec{\nabla} f$ is a radial-like field, no curl!

[The proof: just do it! E.g. $(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})_z = \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y}$
here, $(\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} f))_z = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = 0$. etc.]

Th #2: $\vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{R} = -\frac{1}{R^2} \hat{R}$ Reminds me of $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$.

[The proof: just do it! $\vec{\nabla} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$, write out $\vec{R} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$
this is Griffiths HW prob. 1.13 b ...]

Now look: If $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(r') d\tau' \frac{\hat{R}}{R^2}$,

then Th #2 above says $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(r') d\tau' -\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{R} \right)$

Pull $\vec{\nabla}$ out of $\int d\tau'$ ($\vec{\nabla}$ has nothing to do with $d\tau'$!)

$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(r') \frac{d\tau'}{R} \right) \equiv -\vec{\nabla} V(r)$ with $\boxed{V \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(r') d\tau'}{R}}$

and since $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V$

then $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} V) = 0$ from Th. #1

$\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0}$, always, in electrostatics

\vec{E} is "radial-like", has no curl to it.

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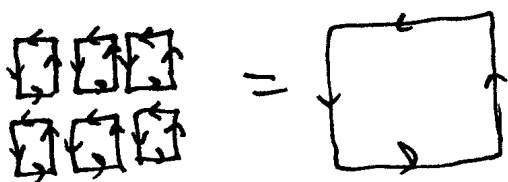
Another Math Include: Stoke's Theorem (Griff 1.3.5)

$$\iint_{\text{Any open } S} (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{A} = \oint_{\text{Line around } S} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{L} \quad (\text{for any } \vec{F})$$

again, like $\int \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(b) - f(a)$, ("integral of deriv = fn at boundary")

In words, $\nabla \times \vec{F}$ is circulation or swirl at a point.

If add up all the swirls \Rightarrow "total swirl", this is just what the circulation $\oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{L}$ around outside gives



If fish swims around edge of pond and has a current with it the whole way, there must be "whirlpools" somewhere in the middle! (Maybe it's in a toilet?)

So if $\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$, then $\oint_{\text{Any loop}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} = 0$ by Stoke's th!

\Rightarrow Maxwell's Eq'n in electrostatics (Faraday's Law)

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} = 0$$

or $\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$

Both say
[Same thing, by
Stoke's.]

\downarrow Griff worked from here, showing $\int \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r} \right) d\vec{L} = 0$ for any path.

One more math interlude: fund. theorem of calc:

$$\int_A^B (\vec{\nabla} F) \cdot d\vec{L} = F(B) - F(A)$$

$$\text{(like: } \int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(b) - f(a))$$

But, since $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V$ we have

$$-\int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} = + \int_A^B \vec{\nabla} V \cdot d\vec{L} = + (V(B) - V(A))$$

- V is a scalar fn, the "potential". (Not Pot. Energy, we'll get to that!)
It's a number at every point in space.

- For a point charge, $V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{R}$ (Because $\rho \rightarrow q \delta^{(3)}$)

Except, (ambiguity!) you could always add constant C to it,

Because $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V$ would not be changed.

- Usually choose $V(\vec{r} \rightarrow \infty) = 0$ to set the value of this constant

so $\dots \dots \dots \ominus V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$
 q at origin

By superposition, $V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(r') d\tau'}{|r-r'|}$, (as we had before)
~~with~~ with $\rho(r')$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} = \iint (\nabla \times \vec{E}) \cdot d\vec{A} = 0. \quad \left(\vec{E} \text{ is "conservative".} \right)$$

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Summary so far: If define $V(A) = 0$

$$V(r) = - \int_A^r \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} \quad \leftarrow \text{Find } V \text{ from } \vec{E}$$

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(r') d\tau'}{|r-r'|} \quad \leftarrow \text{or, Find } V \text{ from } \rho.$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V \quad \leftarrow \text{Find } \vec{E} \text{ from } V$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint \frac{\rho(r') d\tau'}{(r-r')^3} (\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \quad \leftarrow \text{or, Find } \vec{E} \text{ from } \rho$$

- The integral for V is easier, so we may want (prefer!) to find V , + then $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V$ is a "1-stepper".

$$\text{Finally, } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (-\vec{\nabla}V) = -\nabla^2 V$$

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

$$\text{so } \boxed{\nabla^2 V = -\rho/\epsilon_0}$$

\leftarrow Poisson's eq'n.

It's really Gauss + $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$ combined!!

This is all we really need. Given ρ , solve for V , then get \vec{E} , yay!

If empty space

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 V = 0}$$

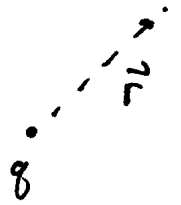
\leftarrow Laplace's Eq'n.

we'll spend a lot of time learning tricks to solve this, often with no integrals needed.

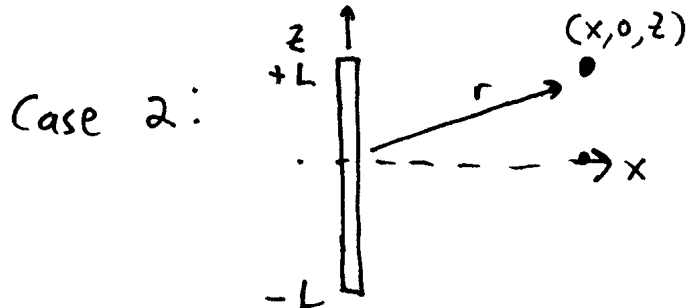
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Examples: let's find $V(r)$

Case 1: Point charges: $V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$



Superposition, if several.

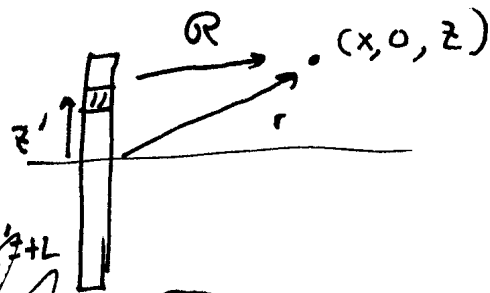


Uniform Line of charge, density λ ,
finite length, $-L$ to $+L$.
 Find $\vec{E}(\vec{r})$?

Hard! Gauss' law: no good, no symmetry. What surface would you draw? (\vec{E} not constant on any obvious surface)

Could integrate, but let's try using / find $V(\vec{r})$ instead.

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-L}^{+L} \frac{\lambda dz'}{\sqrt{x^2 + (z-z')^2}}$$



~~$$\frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \log \left(\frac{z' - z + \sqrt{x^2 + (z-z')^2}}{z' + z + \sqrt{x^2 + (z-z')^2}} \right)$$~~

$$= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \log \frac{L+z + \sqrt{x^2 + (L+z)^2}}{L-z + \sqrt{x^2 + (L-z)^2}}$$

(could always add $+C$, but no need, since $V(x \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow 0$)

(Take $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ to find E_x , etc)

Last Example Sometimes you know \vec{E} already.

Then V is even easier! $V(r) - V(a) = - \int_a^r \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L}$.

Consider our "shell of σ " : $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$ outside

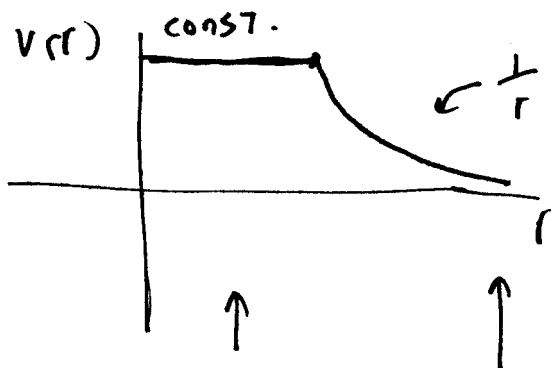
$E = 0$ inside.

Define $V(\infty) = 0$

$$V(r > R) = - \int_{\infty}^r \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r'^2} \cdot dr' = - \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(-\frac{1}{r'} \right)_{\infty}^r = + \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$V(r < R) - V(R) = - \int_R^r 0 \cdot dr' = 0.$$

so $V(r < R) = V(R) = q/(4\pi\epsilon_0 R)$



$-\nabla V = 0$
as it should
bc

$-\nabla V = -\nabla \frac{1}{r} = +\frac{1}{r^2}$ as it should be.