# September 4th/5th

#### Gauss' Law – Chapter 24

#### Review

#### Coulomb's law

- Like charges repel, F is away from other charge
- Unlike charges attract, F is toward other charge
- Electric field, *E*, felt by positive test charge,  $q_0$

 $F = k \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r^2}$ 

 $E = \frac{F}{q_0} = k \frac{|q|}{r^2}$ 

 Conversely F on a charged particle in an E field is

 $\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$ 

# Gauss' Law (Review)

- Gauss' law form of Coulomb's law
  - *q*<sub>enc</sub> is the total charge enclosed by a Gaussian surface

$$\mathcal{E}_0 \Phi = q_{enc}$$

 Flux is proportional to # of *E* field lines passing through a Gaussian surface

$$\Phi = \oint \vec{E} \bullet d\vec{A}$$

#### Gauss' Law (Review)

#### For conductors

• Excess charge resides on the surface

- E field is  $\perp$  to surface of conductor
- E = 0 inside a conductor

## Conductors (Example)

A ball of charge -50e lies at the center of a hollow spherical metal shell that has a net charge of -100e. What is the charge on a) the shell's inner surface and b) its outer surface?

#### Example 1a

- Have point charge of -5.0µC not centered inside an electrically neutral spherical metal shell
- What are the induced charges on the inner and outer surfaces of the shell?



## Example 1b

- E=0 inside conductor
- Thus Φ=0 for Gaussian surface
- So net charge enclosed must be 0
- Induced charge of +5.0µC lies on inner wall of sphere
- Shell is neutral so charge of -5.0µC on outer wall



## Example 1c

- Are the charges on the sphere surfaces uniform?
- Charge is off-center so more + charge collects on inner wall nearest point charge
- Outer wall the charge is uniform
  - No E inside shell to affect distribution
  - Spherical shape



#### Conductors

How do we find *E* for just outside of a conducting surface?

# Conductors (Fig. 24-10)

- Pick a cylindrical Gaussian surface embedded in the conductor
- Sum the flux through surface
- Inside conductor E = 0 so  $\Phi = 0$
- Along walls of the cylinder outside the conductor E is  $\perp$  to A so  $\Phi = 0$
- Outer endcap  $\Phi = EA$





#### Conductors

• Using Gauss' law and  $\Phi = EA$ 

$$\mathcal{E}_0 \Phi = \mathcal{E}_0 EA = q_{enc}$$

• If  $\sigma$  is charge per unit area, then

$$q_{enc} = \sigma A$$

• So *E* for a conducting surface is

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}$$

#### Conductors

• *E* just outside a conductor is proportional to surface charge density at that location

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}$$

- If charge on conductor, *E* toward conductor
- If + charge on conductor, *E* directed away

#### Gauss' Law (Fig. 24-12)

- Infinitely long insulating rod with linear charge density  $\lambda$
- Pick Gaussian surface of cylinder coaxial with rod
- What does *E* look like?
- $\Phi = 0$  for the endcaps
- $\Phi = EA$  for cylinder



## Gauss' Law (Fig. 24-12)

#### Substituting in Gauss' law gives

$$\mathcal{E}_{0}\Phi = \mathcal{E}_{0}EA = q_{enc}$$
$$A = 2\pi rh \quad q_{enc} = \lambda h$$

• E for a line of charge is

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\varepsilon_0 r}$$



# Gauss' Law (Fig. 24-18)

 Apply Gauss' law to a uniformly charged spherical shell S<sub>2</sub>

$$\varepsilon_0 \Phi = \varepsilon_0 \oint \vec{E} \bullet d\vec{A} = q_{enc}$$

• E radiates out || to A so

$$\oint \vec{E} \bullet d\vec{A} = EA$$

$$A=4\pi r^2$$

• Substitute to find E

enc  

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2}, r \ge R$$

## Gauss' Law (Fig. 24-18)

- *E* outside of a charged spherical shell is same as *E* of point charge at center of shell.
- Charge inside S<sub>1</sub> is zero, so by Gauss' law E=0 inside shell, r < R.</li>
- If a charge is placed inside there will be no force on it.

$$E = k \frac{q}{r^2}$$



### Gauss' Law (Fig. 24-15)

• Non-conducting sheet of charge  $\sigma$ 

$$\mathcal{E}_0 \oint \vec{E} \bullet d\vec{A} = q_{enc}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_0(EA + EA) = \sigma A$$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\varepsilon_0}$$





## Gauss' Law (Fig. 24-16)

- Conducting sheet of charge
  - Total charge spreads over two surfaces
  - σ<sub>1</sub> is charge on one surface,

• 
$$\sigma_1 = \sigma/2$$

$$E = \frac{\sigma_1}{\varepsilon_0}$$





# Gauss' Law (Fig. 24-16)

- Positive and negative charged conducting plates put together
  - Excess charges moves to inner faces
  - New total surface density, σ, is equal to 2σ<sub>1</sub>

$$E = \frac{2\sigma_1}{\varepsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}$$



#### Gauss' Law (Checkpoint #5)

 Two large, parallel, non-conducting sheets with identical + charge and a sphere of uniform + charge. Rank magnitude of net *E* field for 4 points (greatest first).



## Gauss' Law (Checkpoint #5)



• *E* due to point charge

$$E = k \frac{q}{r^2}$$

 Magnitude depends on distance r from point charge

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#### Gauss' Law (Fig. 24-19)

- Non-conducting solid sphere of radius R and total (uniform) charge q
- Gaussian sphere outside sphere

$$E = k \frac{q}{r^2}, r \ge R$$

Same as shell



# Gauss' Law (Fig. 24-19)

 Use series of Gaussian spheres for inside

$$E = k \frac{q'}{r^2}$$

 Full charge enclosed within R is uniform so q' within r is proportional to q

$$\frac{q'}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3} = \frac{q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3}$$



# Gauss' Law (Fig. 24-19)

Enclosed charge at r is

$$q' = q \frac{r^3}{R^3}$$

• E field inside sphere

$$E = \frac{kqr}{R^3}, r \le R$$

