

September 8th

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

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

- Electric field,  $E$ , felt by positive test charge,  $q_0$

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

- Conversely  $F$  on a charged particle in an  $E$  field is

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

# Review

- **Gauss' law** – form of Coulomb's law
  - $q_{enc}$  is the total charge enclosed by a Gaussian surface

$$\epsilon_0 \Phi = q_{enc}$$

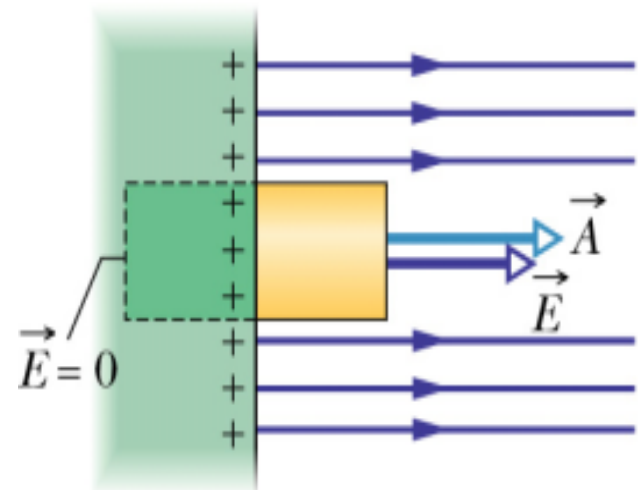
- Flux is proportional to # of  $E$  field lines passing through a Gaussian surface

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

# Conductors

- $E$  just outside a conductor is proportional to surface charge density at that location

$$E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

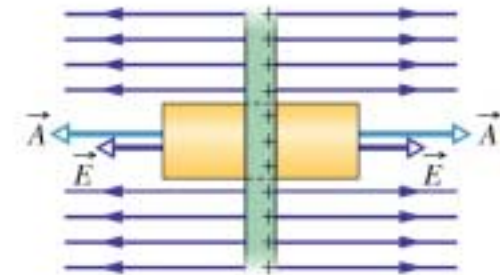


- If – charge on conductor,  $E$  toward conductor
- If + charge on conductor,  $E$  directed away

# Gauss' Law

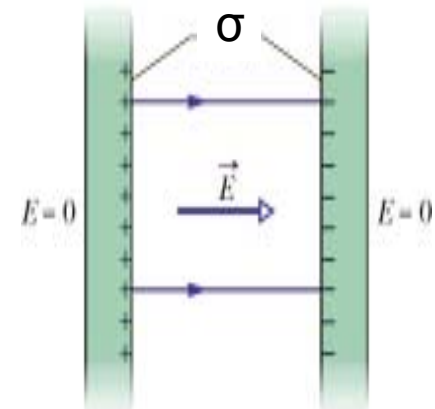
- Non-conducting sheet - of charge  $\sigma$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$



- Parallel conducting sheets – of charge  $\sigma$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

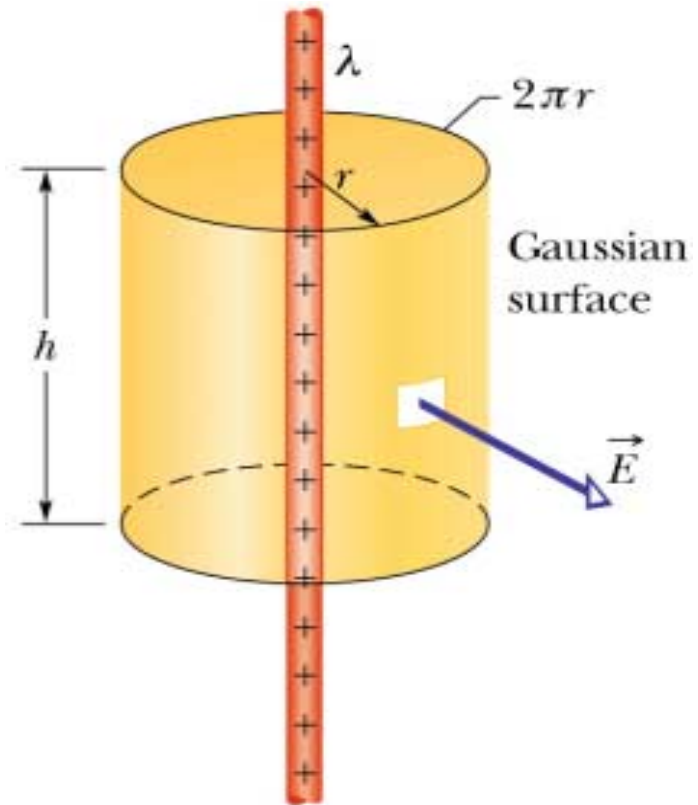


# Gauss' Law

- Line of charge -

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{L}$$

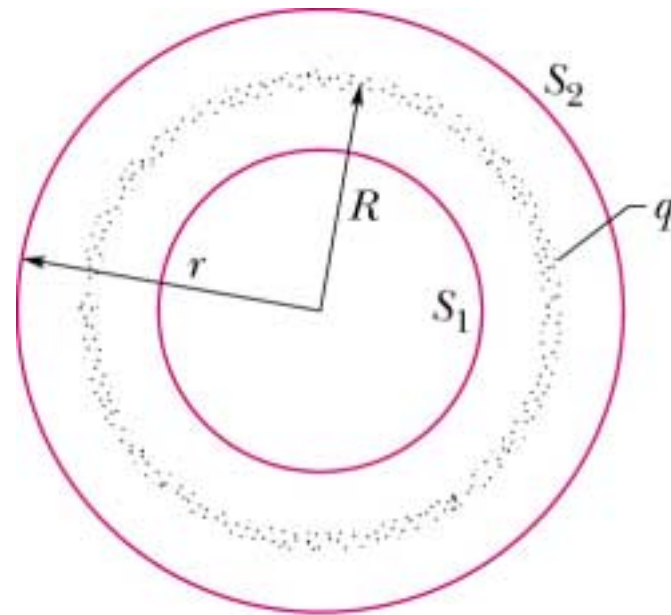


# Gauss' Law

- Conducting spherical shell -
- Outside shell  $E$  is

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

- Inside shell  $E = 0$

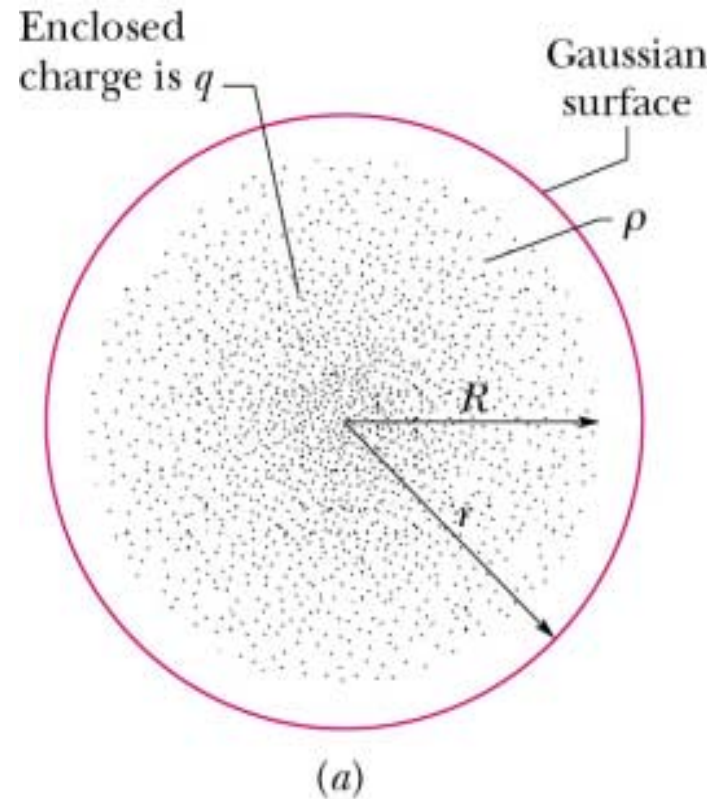


# Gauss' Law

- **Non-conducting solid sphere** of radius  $R$  and total uniform charge  $q$
- Gaussian sphere outside of radius  $R$

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

- Same as shell





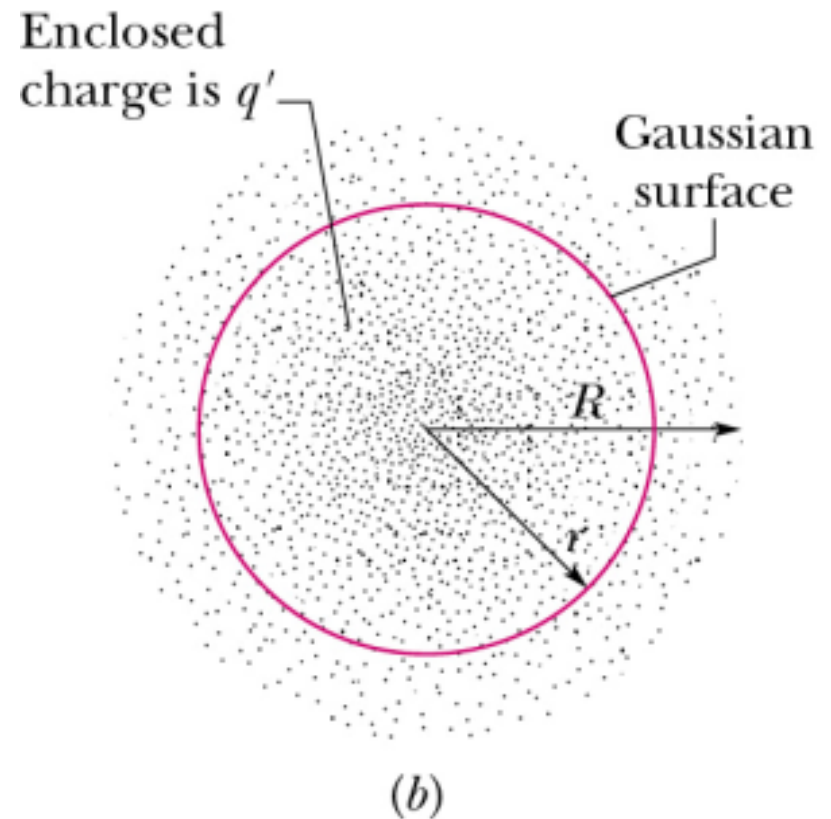
# Gauss' Law

- Use Gaussian sphere inside at radius  $r$

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

- Charge is **uniform**
  - Total  $q$  inside radius  $R$  is proportional to  $q'$  within  $r$

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



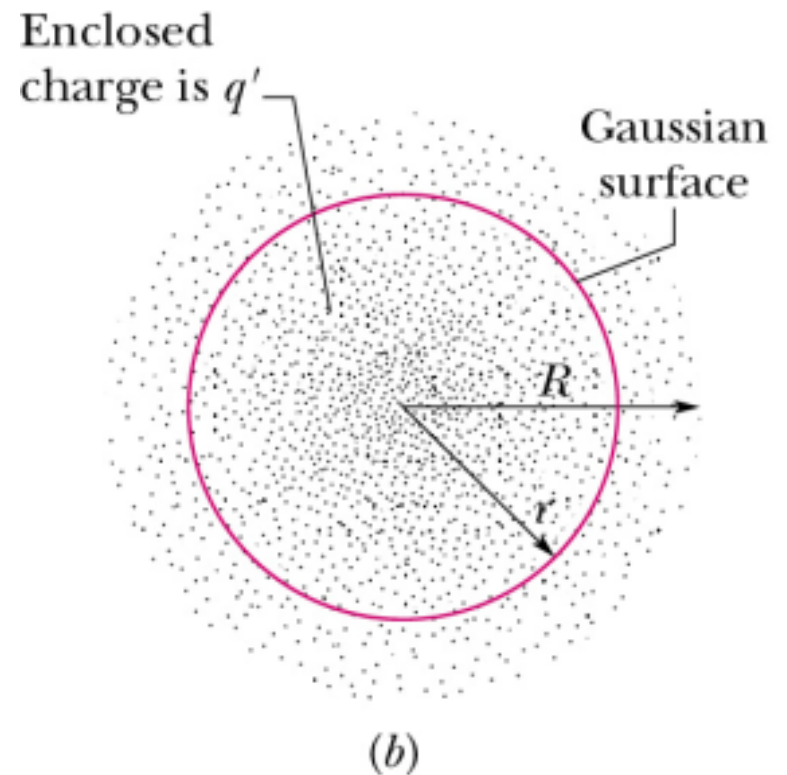
# Gauss' Law

- Enclosed charge at  $r$  is

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

- $E$  field inside **non-conducting sphere of uniform charge**

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



# Review

- For *conductors*
  - Excess charge resides on the surface
  - $E$  field is  $\perp$  to surface of conductor
  - $E = 0$  inside a conductor