

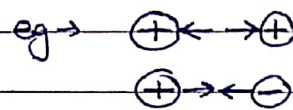
# Electrostatics: Electric Charges & Field

Electrostatics is the study of charge at rest

## # Charge (q):

- Charge is an intrinsic property of matter due to which it experiences electrostatic forces of attraction and repulsion.
- There are two types of charges; positive (e.g. proton) and negative (e.g. electron)
- Charge on a single electron is  $[e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}]$  SI Unit - Coulomb (C)

## # Properties of Charge

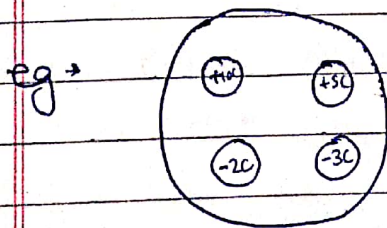


### 1- Attraction and Repulsion:

- Like charges repels each other
- Unlike charges attract each other

### 2- Additive nature of charge:

- Charges is additive in nature.
- i.e. total charge on a body is the algebraic sum of all charges present on the body.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total charge on body} &= +10\text{C} + 5\text{C} - 2\text{C} - 3\text{C} \\ &= 10\text{C} \text{ Ans} \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Quantisation of charge :

→ Charge on a body is the integral multiple of charge on a single electron.  
i.e.  $Q = ne$

(Where  $e$  is the charge on a single electron and  $n=1,2,3,\dots$ )

~~eg: Q → Calculate the no. of e. in~~

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Q → Calculate the no. of electrons in 1C charge.

Ans →  $q = ne$

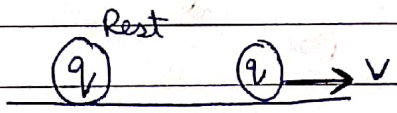
$$1 = n \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$n = \frac{1}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \Rightarrow \frac{10^{19}}{1.6}$$

$$n = 6.25 \times 10^{18} \text{ electrons.}$$

### 4. Invariable of charge :

→ Charge is invariable in nature.  
→ i.e. the charge of a body does not depend on its state of rest or motion.



## # Principle Of Conservation Of Charge

'In an isolated system, charge can neither be created nor destroyed.'

Note: → If a body has excess electrons, it has a negative charge.

→ If a body has excess protons, it has a positive charge.

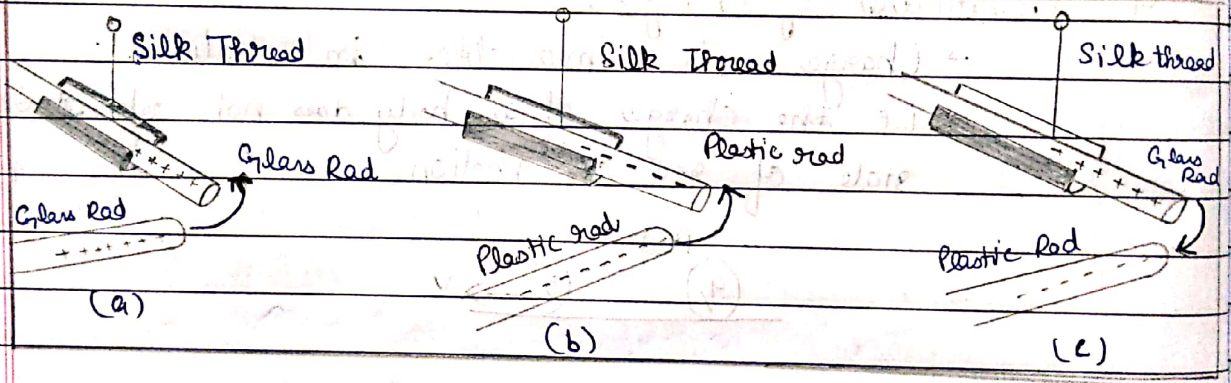


# # Method of Charging Bodies

## 1- Charging bodies by rubbing / friction :

When two bodies are rubbed together, the friction b/w the bodies causes transfer of electrons from one body to another and as a result both bodies become charged. The body which loses electrons becomes positively charged and the body which gains electrons becomes negative charged.

Eg -> rubbing glass rod with silk  
-> rubbing plastic rod with fur

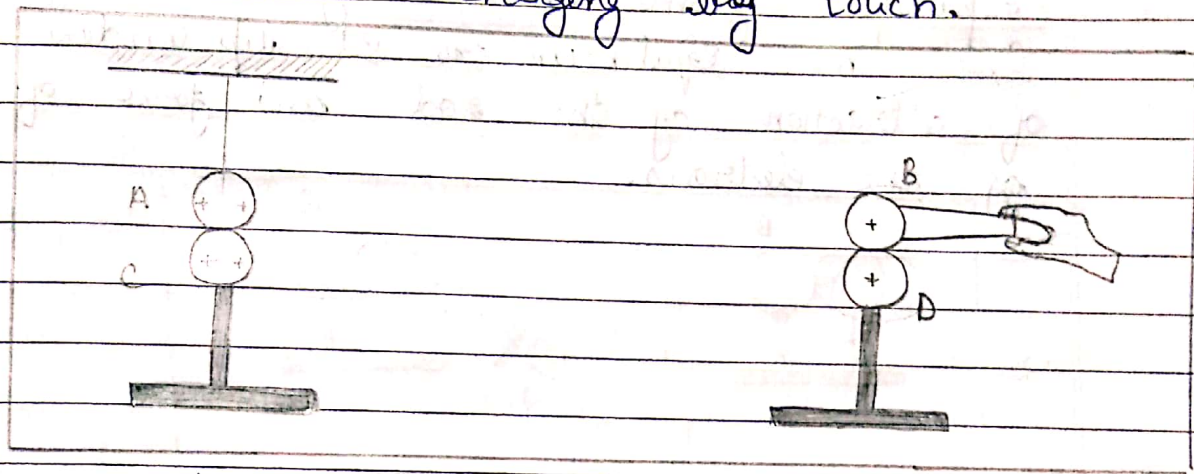


-> By Convention, charge on glass rod and fur is positive and charge on silk cloth and plastic rod is negative.



## 2- Charging by touch :

When a charged body is made to touch an uncharged body, some of the charge from the charged body is transferred to the other body. This is called charging by touch.



## 3- Charging by induction

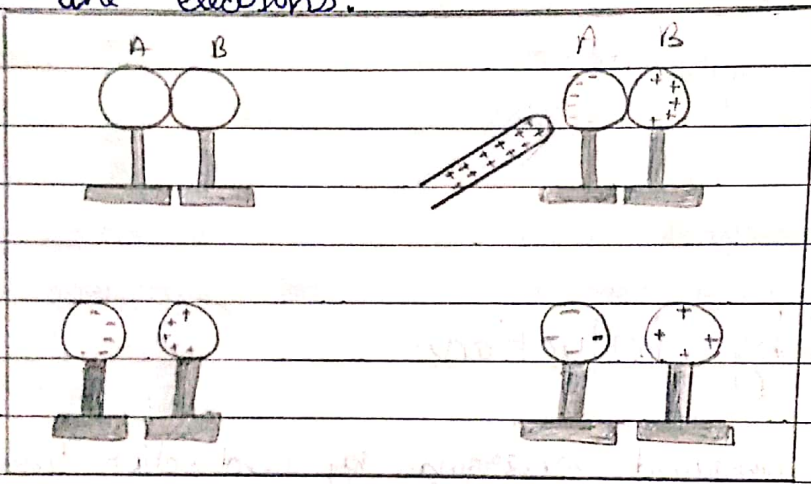
Let us understand charging by induction through an example.

- Take two metallic spheres A and B (mounted on insulating stands) and bring them together.
- Now, bring a positively charged rod near the left end of sphere A (not touching).
- The +ve charge of the rod attracts the electrons of A as a result there is an excessive -ve charge on left side of A. At the same time, there is an accumulation of excessive positive charge on right side of sphere B due to repulsive forces.
- So, we see that at the end of this process, both spheres become charged. This process of charging is called charging by induction.



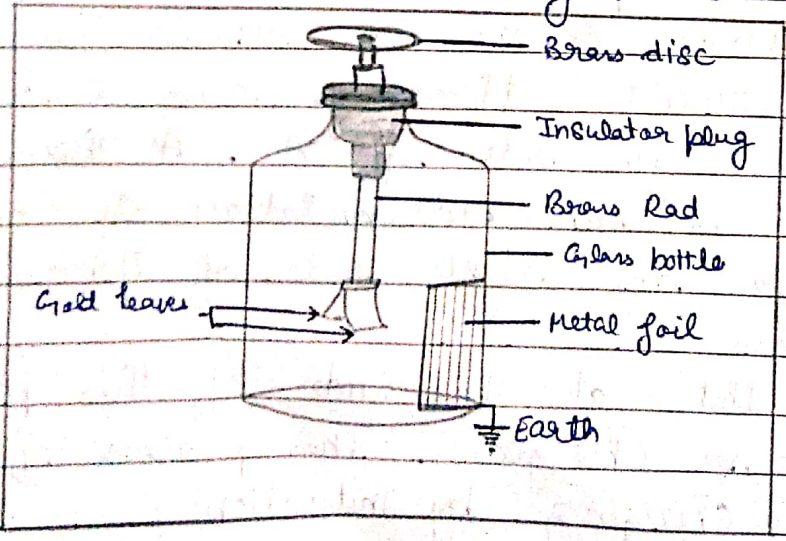
Note: 1- Charges on both spheres will be equal and opposite

2- Not all the  $e^-$  in the sphere accumulate on one side. Because as electrons keep getting accumulated the incoming electrons feel a strong force of repulsion from the already accumulated electrons. Over time equilibrium is set up under the force of attraction of the rod and force of repulsion of the electrons.



## # Gold Leaf Electroscope

-> Used to detect charge on a body





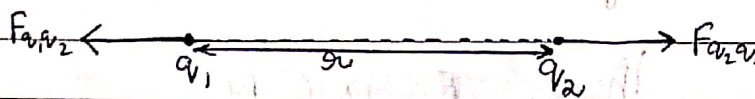
Working:

When a charged body is brought near or touched with the metal knob, charge travels to the leaves through the rod. Since both the leaves have the same charge they diverge (repel). The degree of divergence is an indicator of amount of charge.

## # Coulomb's Law

The force of attraction or repulsion between two stationary point charges is.

- i-) directly proportional to the product of the magnitudes of the two charges, and
- ii-) inversely proportional to the square of the distance b/w them. This force acts along the line joining the two charges.



$$\text{i.e. } F \propto |q_1 q_2| \quad \& \quad F \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

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

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|q_1 q_2|}{r^2}$$



$k =$  electrostatic force constant

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2$$

### Permittivity Of Free Space ( $\epsilon_0$ )

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$$

Unit Charges:

SI unit  $\Rightarrow$  Coulomb (C)

$$1 \mu\text{C} = 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$1 \text{ pC} = 10^{-12} \text{ C}$$

↑  
Pico

Definition of 1 C  $\Rightarrow$

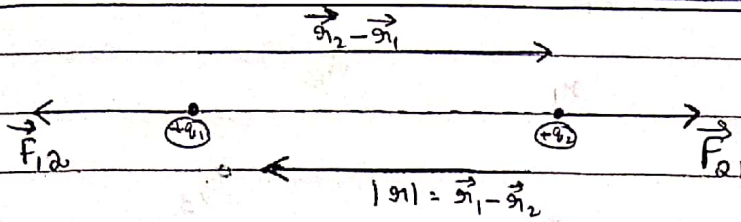
if  $q_1 = q_2 = 1 \text{ C}$  &  $r = 1 \text{ m}$

then,  $F = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N}$

“ 1 C is that amount of charge that repels an equal & similar charge with a force of  $9 \times 10^9 \text{ N}$  when placed in vacuum at a distance of 1 m from it ”



## # Coulomb's Law in Vector Form



$$\vec{F}_{12} = kq_1q_2 \left[ \frac{\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|^3} \right]$$

unit vector

$$\hat{A} = \frac{\vec{A}}{|\vec{A}|}$$

$$\vec{F}_{12} = kq_1q_2 \left[ \frac{\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|^3} \right]$$

$$[\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2]$$

$$* \vec{F}_{12} = \frac{kq_1q_2 (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|^3}$$

↳ Similarly

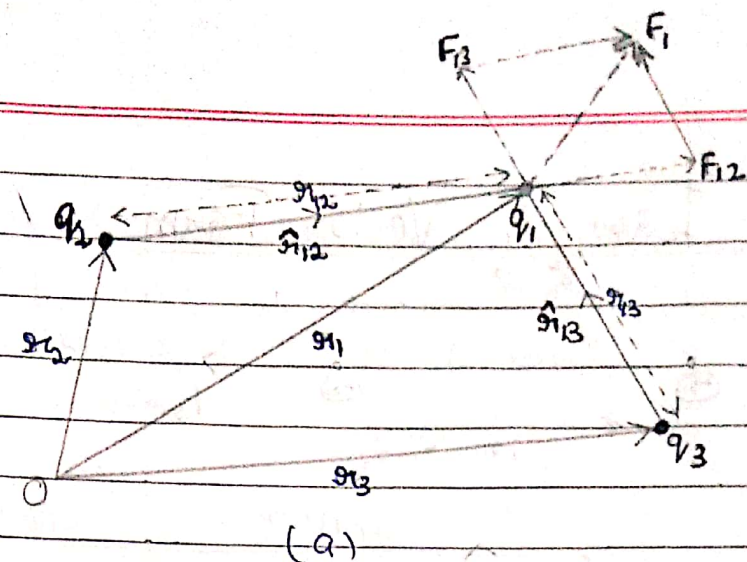
$$* \vec{F}_{21} = \frac{kq_1q_2 (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3}$$

## # Principle Of Superposition:

In a system of  $n$  charges the net force on any one charge is the vector sum of the forces due to all remaining charges on that charge.

- \* The force b/w any two charges is unaffected by the presence of any third charge.





**Example 1.6**  
NCERT

Consider three charges  $q_1, q_2, q_3$  each equal to  $q$  at the vertices of an equilateral triangle of side  $l$ . What is the force on a charge  $Q$  (with the same sign as  $q$ ) placed at the centroid of the triangle, as shown in fig. 1.9?

**Sol<sup>n</sup>** → In a  $\triangle ABC$ , we can calculate

$$AO = BO = CO = r$$

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{BD}{BO}$$

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{l/2}{r}$$

$$r = \frac{l/2}{\cos 30^\circ} \Rightarrow \frac{l \times 2}{2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{l}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$r = \frac{l}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$AO = BO = CO = \frac{l}{\sqrt{3}}$$

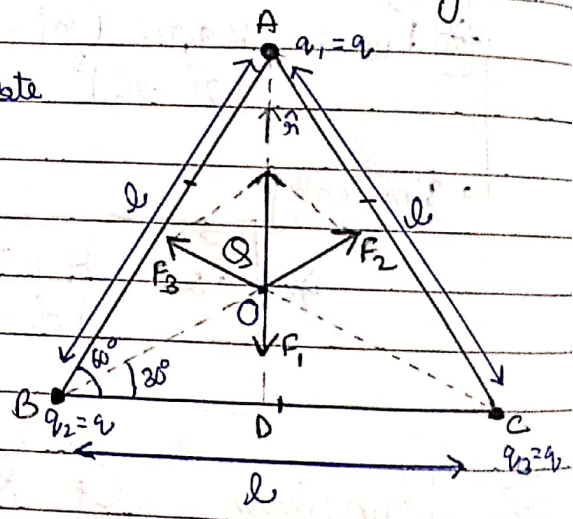


Fig. 1.9



Now, let us calculate the forces b/w the three charges at the vertices and charge  $Q$  at the centroid individually. (principle of superposition).

$$F_1 = \frac{kq_1 Q (-\hat{j})}{\left(\frac{l}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2} \Rightarrow \frac{3kq_1 Q (-\hat{j})}{l^2}$$

$$F_2 = \frac{3kq_1 Q (\sin 60^\circ \hat{i} + \cos 60^\circ \hat{j})}{l^2}$$

$$F_3 = \frac{3kq_1 Q (-\sin 60^\circ \hat{i} + \cos 60^\circ \hat{j})}{l^2}$$

Now to calculate the net force on  $Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{net}} &= F_1 + F_2 + F_3 \\ &= \frac{3kq_1 Q (-\hat{j})}{l^2} + \frac{3kq_1 Q (\sin 60^\circ \hat{i} + \cos 60^\circ \hat{j})}{l^2} + \frac{3kq_1 Q (-\sin 60^\circ \hat{i} + \cos 60^\circ \hat{j})}{l^2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3kq_1 Q}{l^2} \left[ -\hat{j} + \sin 60^\circ \hat{i} + \cos 60^\circ \hat{j} - \sin 60^\circ \hat{i} + \cos 60^\circ \hat{j} \right] \\ &= \frac{3kq_1 Q}{l^2} \left[ -\hat{j} + 2 \cos 60^\circ \hat{j} \right] \\ &= \frac{3kq_1 Q}{l^2} \left[ -\hat{j} + 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \hat{j} \right] \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3kq_1 Q}{l^2} [-\hat{j} + \hat{j}] \Rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

We find the vector sum of the forces  $F_1 + F_2 + F_3$  which amounts to zero.

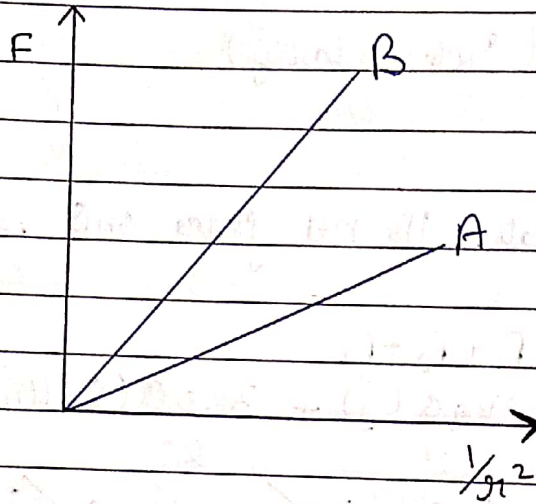
$\Rightarrow$  We can also see by symmetry that net force on  $Q$  is zero.



Ques. Plot a graph showing variation of coulomb force ( $F$ ) versus  $(\frac{1}{r^2})$ , where  $r$  is the distance b/w the two ( $q_1, q_2$ ) charges of each pair of charges A ( $1\mu C, 2\mu C$ ) and B ( $1\mu C, -3\mu C$ ) [P/18. 2011]

Sol<sup>n</sup> - We know,

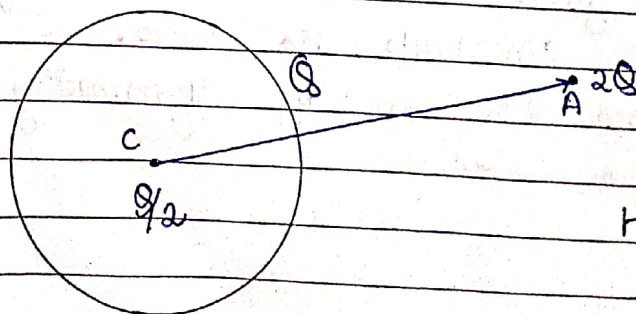
$$F \propto \frac{1}{r^2}, \text{ therefore}$$



Since,  $F \propto q_1 q_2$ , graph pair B will have greater slope, than slope of pair A.

Ques. A thin metallic spherical shell of radius  $R$  carries a charge  $Q$  on its surface. A point charge  $q/2$  is placed at its centre  $C$  and another charge  $+2Q$  is placed at a distance  $r$  from the centre. Find the force on the charge  $q/2$  and  $2Q$ . (P/18 2015)

Do it Yourself  
Question



Hint: field inside shell is zero

# # Dielectric Constant : Permittivity & Relative Permittivity

→ Permittivity :

\* Permittivity is a property of the medium determines the electric force b/w two charges situated in that medium.

\* It permits its own field to decrease the interaction field b/w charges.

$$F_{vac} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

[  $\epsilon_0$  = permittivity of free space ]

$$F_{med} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

[  $\epsilon$  = Absolute permittivity or permittivity of intervening medium ]

Dividing eq<sup>n</sup> (1) & (2)

$$\frac{F_{vac}}{F_{med}} = \frac{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}}{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{F_{vac}}{F_{med}} = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}}$$

Note -

$\epsilon_0 \rightarrow$  free space =  $8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2$  (minimum)

$\epsilon_w \rightarrow$  water  $\Rightarrow 7.12 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2$

$\epsilon_{glass} \rightarrow$  glass  $\Rightarrow 3.01 \times 10^{-11} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2$   
(plexi)

$$\boxed{\epsilon_m > \epsilon_0}$$





$$\frac{F}{4} = F_m = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_m} \frac{q_1 q_2}{d^2}$$

$$\text{Since, } \frac{F_0}{F_m} = \frac{\epsilon_m}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \epsilon_m$$

$$F_m = F_0$$

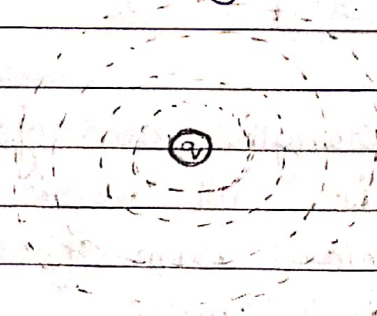
$$\epsilon_{90}$$

$$\frac{F}{4} = \frac{F}{\epsilon_m}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_m = 4}$$

## # Electric Field

Electric field can be defined as the space around charge experience an electrostatic force of attraction and repulsion. An electric charge  $Q$  produces an electric field "everywhere" in its surrounding.



Electric field strength / field intensity ( $E$ )

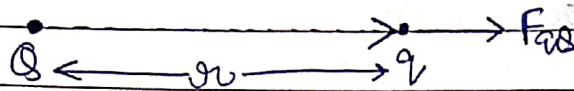
- Electric field strength at a point is defined as the force that a unit charge experiences when kept at that point.



- Mathematically,  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 0} E = F/q$

- It is a vector quantity | SI unit - N/C or V/m

General expression for field strength.



Let us take a charge  $Q$ , at a distance  $r$  from it, there is another unit charge  $q$ , the force on  $q$  due to  $Q$  can be written as-

$$F = \frac{kQq}{r^2}$$

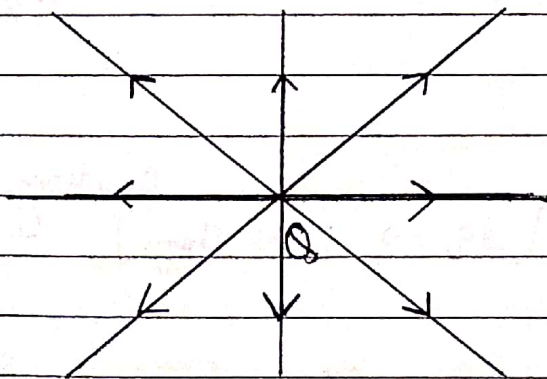
$$E = \frac{F}{q}$$

$$E = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$$

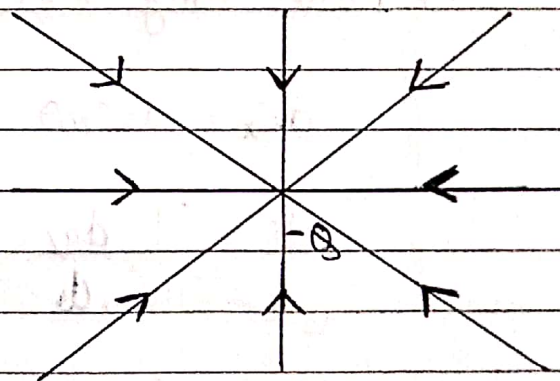
Note- Electric field strength also follows law of superposition i.e. net electric field strength at a point is the vector sum of all field strengths due to individual charges.

## Characteristics of Electric ~~field~~ field

- 1- Electric field at a point doesn't depend on charge  $q$ , as the ratio  $F/q$  is independent of  $q$ .
- 2- For a +ve point charge electric field is directed radially outwards.
- 3- For a negative point charge electric field directed radially inwards.
- 4- Magnitude of  $E$  due to a charge  $Q$  depends inversely on  $R^2$ , so at equal distances from the charge  $Q$ ,  $E$  will have same magnitude i.e. it shows radial symmetry.



radially outwards

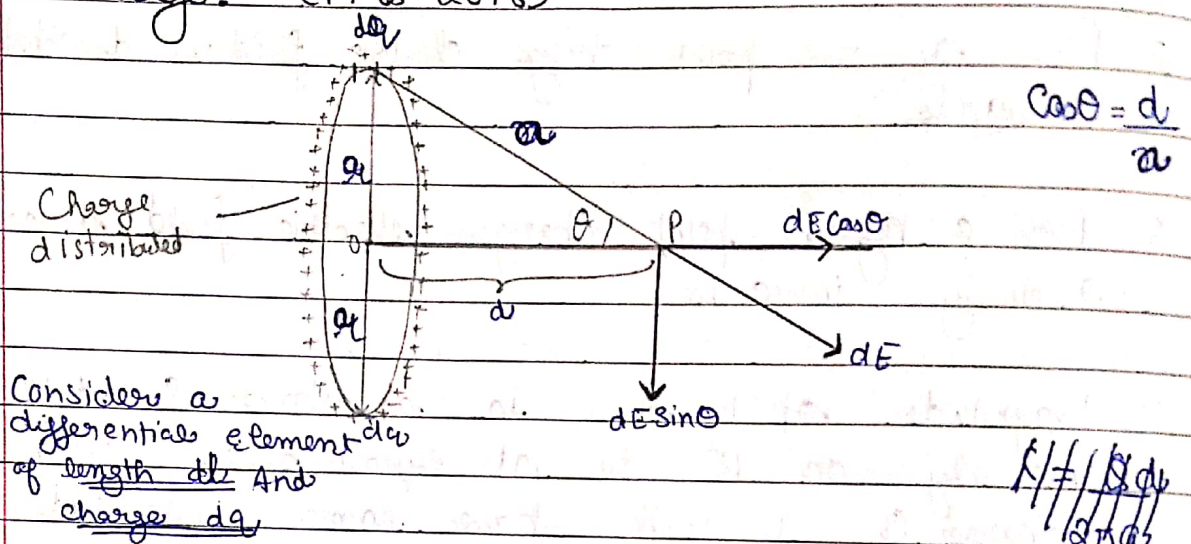


radially inwards



Ques. A charge is uniformly distributed over a ring of radius  $a$ . Obtain an expression for the electric field at its centre. Hence show that for large distances it behaves like a point charge. (PYQ 2016)

Soln



i-) Field along x-axis

$$dE_x = dE \cos \theta$$

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r^2}$$

Considering  $[dq \rightarrow \text{point charge}]$

$$E_x = \int dE \cos \theta$$

$$= \int \frac{k dq \cos \theta}{a^2}$$

$$\left[ \cos \theta = \frac{d}{a} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{k dq}{a^2} \times \frac{d}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k d}{a^3} \int dq$$

$$E_x = \frac{KQd}{a^3}$$

$$a^2 = r^2 + d^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{r^2 + d^2}$$

$$E_x \Rightarrow \frac{KQd}{(r^2 + d^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E_x = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qd}{(r^2 + d^2)^{3/2}}$$

2) Field along y-axis

$$E_y = 0 \quad [\text{Due to symmetry}]$$

$$\therefore E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qd}{(r^2 + d^2)^{3/2}}$$

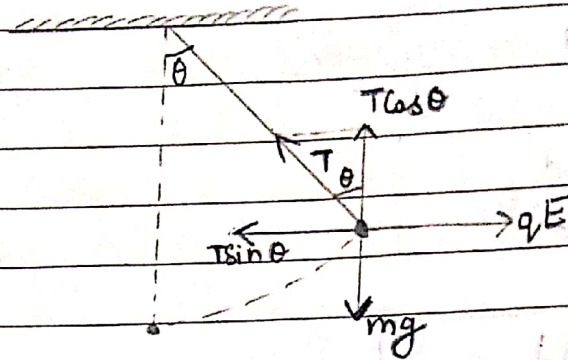
So, field at centre

$$E_c = 0$$

Ques. A pendulum of mass 80 milligram carrying a charge of  $2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$  is at rest in a horizontal uniform electric field of  $2 \times 10^4 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$ . Find the tension in the thread of the pendulum and the angle it makes with the vertical.

Sol<sup>n</sup> - Given:  $m = 80 \text{ mg} = 80 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Kg}$   
 $q = 2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$ ;  $E = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$





Let  $T$  be the tension in the thread and  $\theta$  be the angle it makes with vertical; when bob is in equilibrium

$$T \sin \theta = qE \quad \text{(i)} \quad ; \quad T \cos \theta = mg \quad \text{(ii)}$$

$$\frac{T \sin \theta}{T \cos \theta} = \frac{qE}{mg}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{qE}{mg}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 10^{-8} \times 2 \times 10^4}{80 \times 10^{-6} \times 9.8} = 0.51$$

$$\tan \theta = 0.51$$

$$\theta = 27^\circ$$

Also,  $T = \frac{qE}{\sin \theta}$  from eq (i)

$$T = \frac{2 \times 10^{-8} \times 2 \times 10^4}{\sin 27^\circ}$$

$$= \frac{8.81 \times 10^{-4}}{\sin 27^\circ}$$

$$= 8.81 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N}$$

Ques. An electron falls through a distance of 1.5 cm in a uniform electric field of magnitude  $2.0 \times 10^4 \text{ NC}^{-1}$  [Fig 1]. The direction of the field is reversed keeping its magnitude unchanged and a proton falls through the same distance [Fig 2]. Compute the time of fall in each case. Contrast the situation.

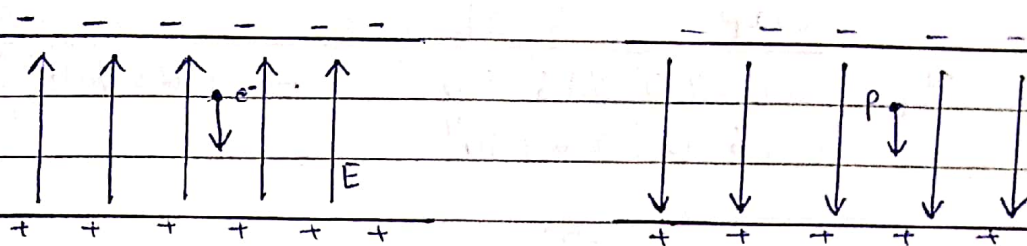


Fig 1

a-) The upward field exerts a downward force  $eE$  on the electron  
Fig 1

∴ Acceleration of the electron,  $a_e = \frac{eE}{m_e}$

$$\text{As, } u=0, \quad s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 = \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

∴ Time of fall on the electrons is

$$t_e = \frac{\sqrt{2s}}{\sqrt{a_e}} = \frac{\sqrt{2s m_e}}{\sqrt{eE}} = \frac{\sqrt{2 \times 1.5 \times 10^{-2} \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31}}}{\sqrt{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 2 \times 10^4}}$$

$$t_e = 2.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s} \quad \text{Ans}$$

b-) Fig 2- The downward field exerts a downward force  $eE$  on the proton



$$a_p = \frac{eE}{m_p}$$

Time of fall of the proton is

$$t_p = \sqrt{\frac{2s}{a_p}} = \sqrt{\frac{2sm}{eE}}$$

$$t_p = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 1.5 \times 10^{-2} \times 1.67 \times 10^{-27}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 2 \times 10^4}} = 1.25 \times 10^{-7}$$

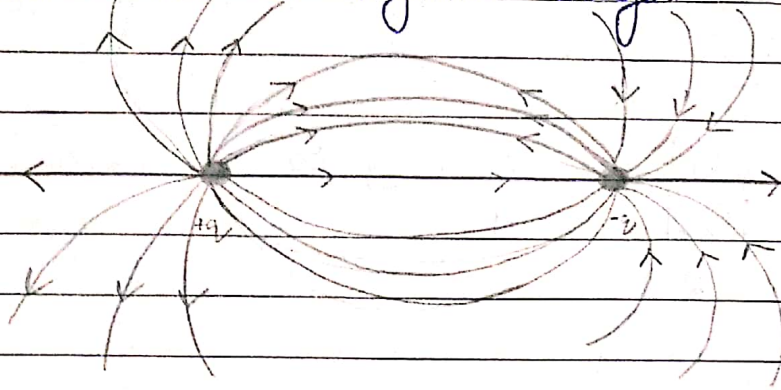
$$t_p = 1.25 \times 10^{-7} \text{ Ans.}$$

## Electric Field Lines

- The concept of electric field lines was given by Faraday to visualise the strength of electric field.
- Electric field lines are imaginary, straight or curved lines around charged bodies such that tangent to it at a point gives direction of electric field at that point.
- It is the pictorial way of representing electric field around the charge.

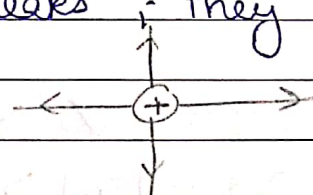
## Properties of Electric Field

- (1) Field lines originate from a positive charge and terminate at a negative charge.

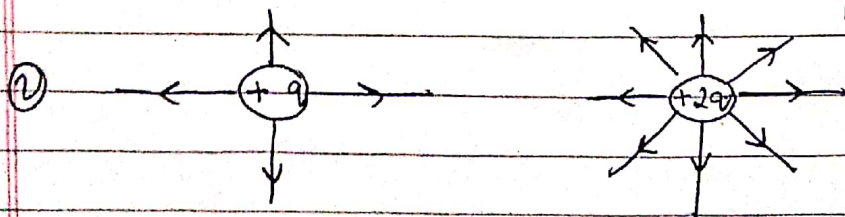
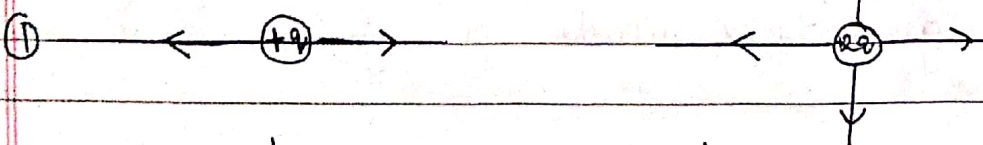


- (2) Electrostatic field lines do not form closed loops because of the conservative nature of electric field. (i.e. work done by electrostatic field depends on final and initial position and not path followed)

- (3) They do not have any breaks; they are continuous in nature.

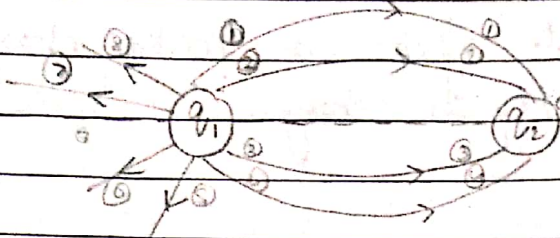


- (4) The no. of field lines from/to a charge is directly proportional to magnitude of charge.





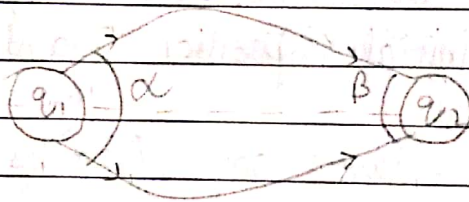
eg- Find the ratio of  $q_1$   
 $q_2$



$$\frac{|q_1|}{|q_2|} = \frac{8}{4} \Rightarrow 2$$

$$q_1 : q_2 = 2 : 1$$

(6) The field lines are symmetric about the line joining two charges.

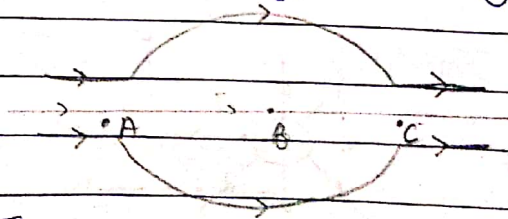


$$\alpha > \beta$$

$$\text{so, } |q_2| > |q_1|$$

$|q_1|$  is less

(7) The density (relative closeness) of field lines gives Magnitude of field



$$* E_A > E_B$$

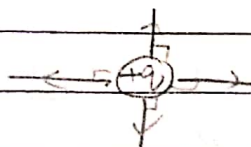
$$E_C > E_B$$

$$E_A = E_C$$

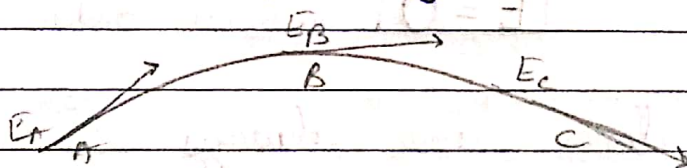
\* greater is the density of field lines, greater is the strength of electric field in the region.



⑧ The electric field lines are  $\perp^{\text{sc}}$  to surface of charge

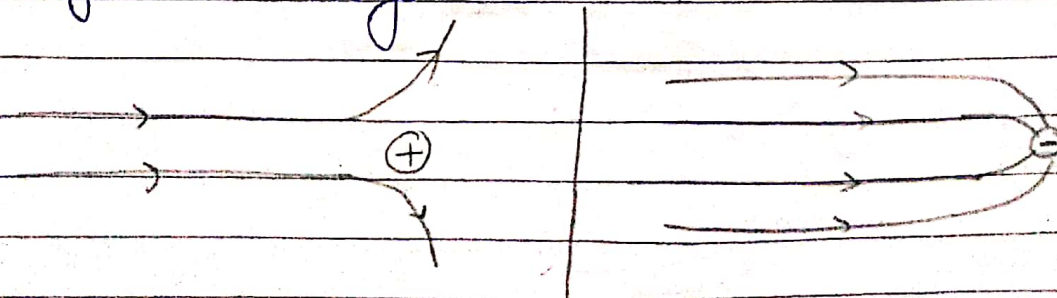


⑨ The tangent drawn on a field lines gives the direction of  $\vec{E}$  field at that point.



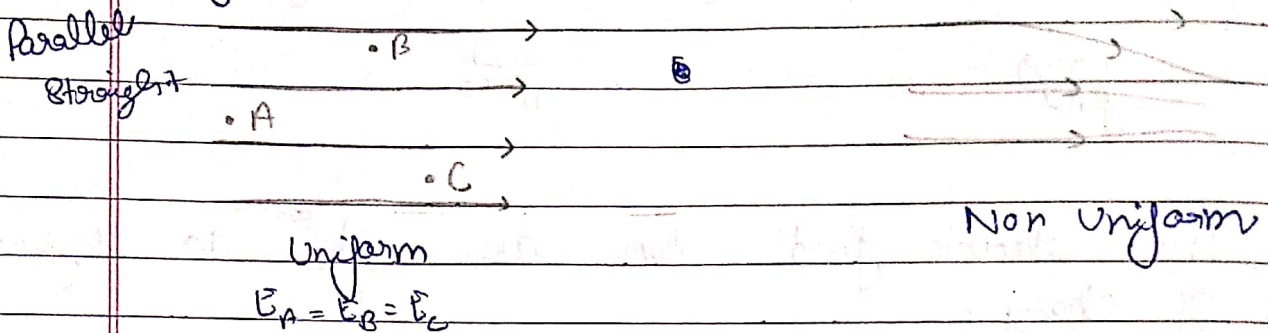
⑩ Two field lines can never intersect each other. (This is because at the point of intersection we can draw two tangents which means electric field at the point of intersection will have two directions, which is not possible.)

⑪ Field lines repel by +ve charge / attracted by -ve charge.





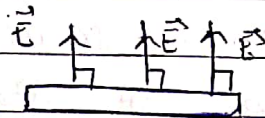
- (12) Parallel, straight, equispaced field lines represent uniform  $\vec{E}$  field.



- (13) Under electrostatic conditions  $\vec{E}$  field inside a conductor is absent.

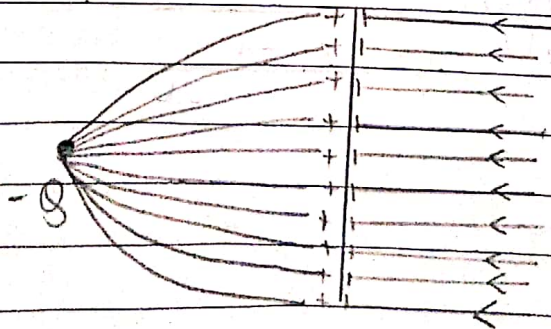
$$\boxed{E = 0} \text{ electrostatic condition}$$

- (14)  $\vec{E}$  field lines are always  $\perp^{\text{ar}}$  to surface of a conductor



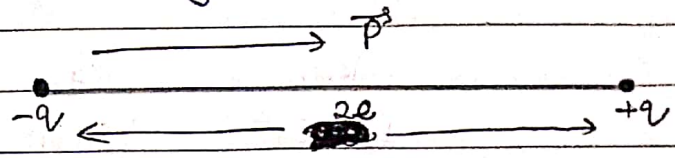
Ques- Draw a pattern of electric field lines, which a point charge  $-Q$  is kept near an uncharged conducting plate.

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## # Electric Dipole

An electric dipole is an arrangement of 2 equal and opposite charges kept at some finite distance.



### Dipole Moments

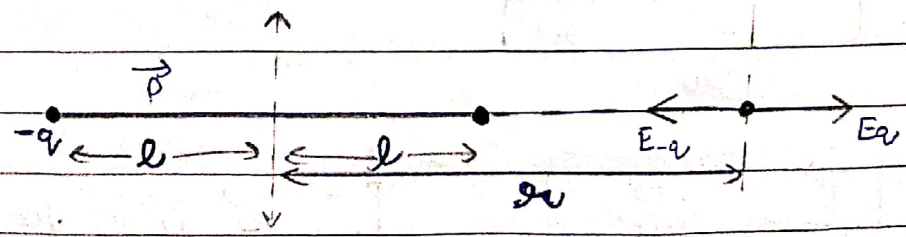
- The dipole moment (vector quantity) of an electric dipole measures the strength of the dipole.
- Its magnitude is equal to the product of the charge and the separation b/w the two charges.

$$P = q \cdot 2a$$

- Its direction is along the dipole axis, from the negative charge to the positive charge.

## # Electric Field due to dipole

a. Field on axial position / End on position (Pya 2015)





$$\vec{E}_1 = \frac{kq_1}{(a+l)^2}, \quad \vec{E}_2 = \frac{kq_2}{(a-l)^2}$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = \vec{E}_2 - \vec{E}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{kq_1}{(a-l)^2} - \frac{kq_2}{(a+l)^2}$$

$$\left[ \frac{k=1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow kq \left[ \frac{1}{(a-l)^2} - \frac{1}{(a+l)^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow kq \left[ \frac{(a+l)^2 - (a-l)^2}{(a-l)^2(a+l)^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow kq \left[ \frac{a^2 + l^2 + 2al - a^2 - l^2 + 2al}{(a^2 - l^2)^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{kq [4al]}{(a^2 - l^2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2kq(2l)a}{(a^2 - l^2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2kqa}{a^4}$$

$$E \approx \frac{2kq}{a^3}$$

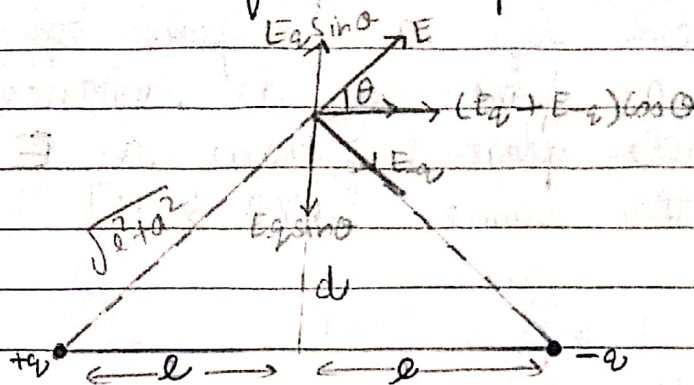
or

$$\vec{E}_{\text{axis}} = \frac{2p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \times a^3}$$

[ $\because \vec{E}$  is  $\parallel$  to  $\vec{p}$ ]

since  $[a \gg l]$   
so, by neglecting  $l$

b- Electric field on equatorial position / Board on position (Pro 2017)



$$E = E_1 = E_2 = \frac{Kq}{(\sqrt{l^2 + d^2})^2} \Rightarrow \frac{Kq}{l^2 + d^2}$$

$$E_{net} = E \cos \theta + E \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2E \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times \frac{Kq}{l^2 + d^2} \cos \theta$$

$$\left[ \cos \theta = \frac{l}{\sqrt{l^2 + d^2}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2Kq \times l}{l^2 + d^2} \times \frac{l}{\sqrt{l^2 + d^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2Kql}{(l^2 + d^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$[d \gg l]$$

$$E \Rightarrow \frac{Kp}{d^3}$$

$$[p = 2ql]$$

or

$$\vec{E}_{eq} = - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p}}{d^3}$$

( $\vec{E}$  is antiparallel to  $\vec{p}$ )

Note :

$$E_{axis} = 2 E_{equatorial}$$

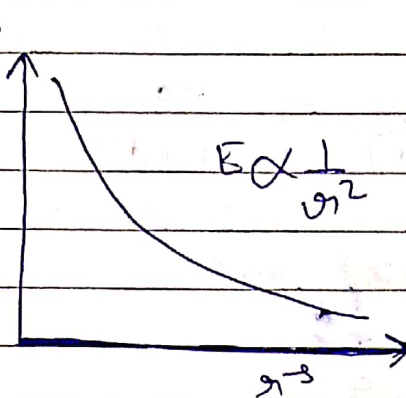


Ques. What is the expression for the electric field produced by a dipole of moment  $p$  at a point at a distance  $r$  in the equatorial plane? Draw a  $E$  vs  $r$  graph for the same [PYQ 2015]

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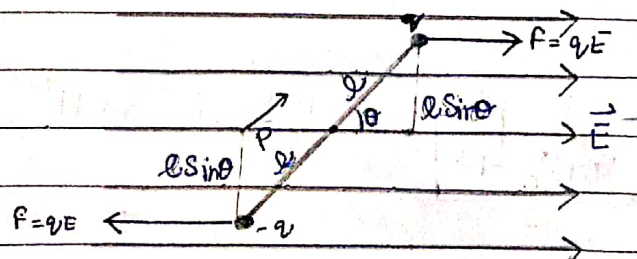
$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \times \frac{\vec{p}}{r^3}$$

$\vec{E}$



## # Behaviour Of Dipole in external electric field.

Let us assume that a dipole of dipole moment  $p$  is kept in a uniform external field



As we can see from the figure, the net force on the dipole will be zero. But since line of action of the two forces is not the same, the dipole will experience a torque  $\tau$  which can be written as,

$$\boxed{F_{\text{net}} = 0} \text{ Always } \rightarrow \text{ Translation equilibrium}$$

"Two equal & opposite forces which do not have same line of action"

↳ It will rotate about (Centre of Mass (COM)) (Spin)

$$\boxed{\tau = F \times \text{distance}}$$

Between F and axis of rotation

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\tau} &= \vec{\tau}_1 + \vec{\tau}_2 \\ &= F_1 d + F_2 d \\ &= q_1 E l \sin \theta + q_2 E l \sin \theta \\ &\quad (\text{clockwise}) \quad (\text{clockwise}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & 2 q_1 E l \sin \theta \\ &= q(2l) E \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{p = q(2l)}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{\tau} = \mathbf{i} p \times E \sin \theta}$$

or

$$\boxed{\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}}$$

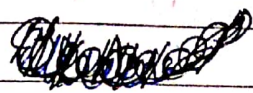


## Points

- From this we can see that net  $\tau$  torque on the dipole is zero when it makes an angle of  $0^\circ$  (parallel) or  $180^\circ$  (antiparallel) with the field.
- When the dipole is parallel to the field, it is known as the position of stable equilibrium and when it anti-parallel, it is known as the position of unstable equilibrium.
- The torque on a dipole is maximum when it is perpendicular to the field.  $\tau = pE$

Dipole in non-uniform field.

In a non-uniform field, the two charges  $+q, -q$  experience different forces therefore net force is not zero.

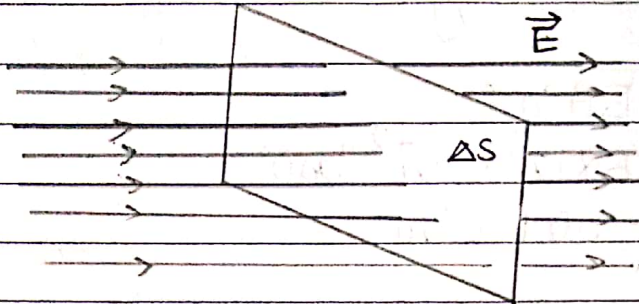
Area vector

- Direction of Area vector is  $\perp$  to plane surface.
- The direction of a planar area vector is specified by the normal to the plane.



## Electric flux

Electric flux can be defined as the number of field lines crossing per unit area, perpendicular to it.

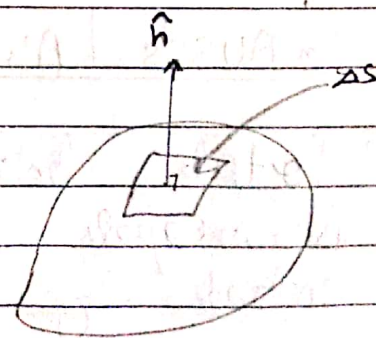
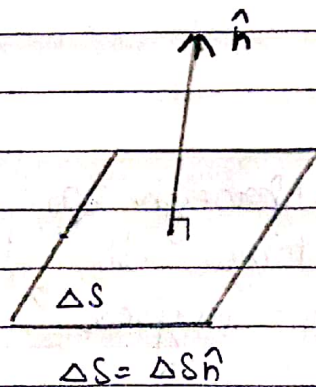


Mathematically

$$\Phi = E \cdot A$$

$= EA \cos \theta$  [When  $E$  is the field vector and  $A$  is the area vector]

Note: the direction of the area vector is along the normal to the area.



Points

- Electric field  $\uparrow$  → Field lines density  $\uparrow$  [ $\Phi \propto A$ ]
- Unit →  $\frac{Nm^2}{C}$



Ques- Given a uniform electric field  $E = 5 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C}$ . Find flux of this field through a square of side  $10 \text{ cm}$  whose plane is parallel to the  $y-z$  plane. What would be the flux through the same square if its plane makes an angle  $30^\circ$  with  $x$ -axis? [PYQ 2014]

Sol<sup>n</sup> → i-) 
$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= EA \cos \theta \\ &= 5 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-2} \cos 0^\circ \\ &= 50 \text{ NC}^{-1} \text{ m}^2\end{aligned}$$

ii-) Since plane makes angle of  $30^\circ$ , normal will make angle of  $90^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= EA \cos \theta \\ &= 5 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-2} \cos 60^\circ \\ &= 25 \text{ NC}^{-1} \text{ m}^2\end{aligned}$$

## GAUSS'S LAW

\* "Total electric flux through a closed surface is equal to  $1/\epsilon_0$  times the total charge enclosed by the closed surface."

$$\phi = \oint E \cdot ds = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Derivation:

Let us assume a sphere of radius  $r$  which encloses charges  $q$ . Consider differential area  $ds$ . The flux through  $ds$  can be written as:

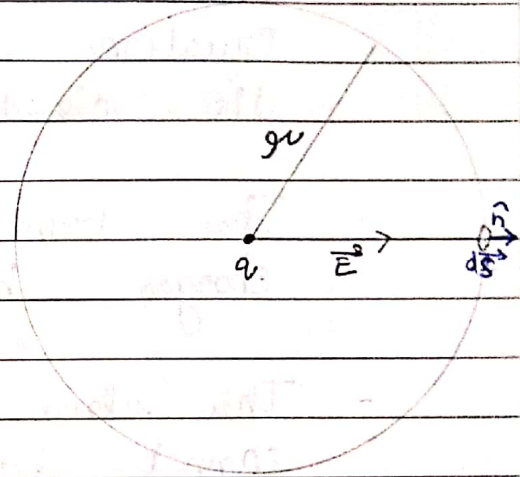
$$\phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= \oint E ds \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \times \frac{q}{r^2} \oint ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \times \frac{q}{r^2} \times 4\pi r^2$$

$$\boxed{\phi = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}}$$



$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}}$$

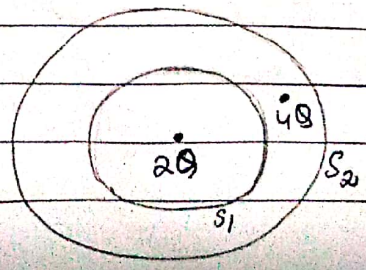
Note: if net charge enclosed by a surface is zero, then the flux through that surface is also zero [since  $\phi = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$ ].



## Important Points regarding Gauss's Law

- Gauss' Law is true for any closed surface irrespective of its shape.
- The term  $q$  on the right side of the equation refers to all the charges inside the closed surface.
- The term  $E$  on the left side is due to all charges both inside and outside the surface.
- The closed surface called Gaussian surface and it cannot pass through a point charge. (Can pass through continuous charge)
- Gauss law is based on inverse square dependence on distance as seen in Coulomb's law. Any violation of Gauss law will result in departure from the inverse square law.

**Ques.** Consider two hollow concentric spheres  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  enclosing charges  $2Q$  and  $4Q$  resp. Find the ratio of flux through them. How will the flux through  $S_1$  change if a medium of dielectric constant  $k$  is introduced in  $S_1$ ? [PQ 2014]





Ans. According to Gauss law,  $\Phi = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$

$$i) \quad \Phi_1 = \frac{2Q}{\epsilon_0}, \quad \Phi_2 = \frac{6Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

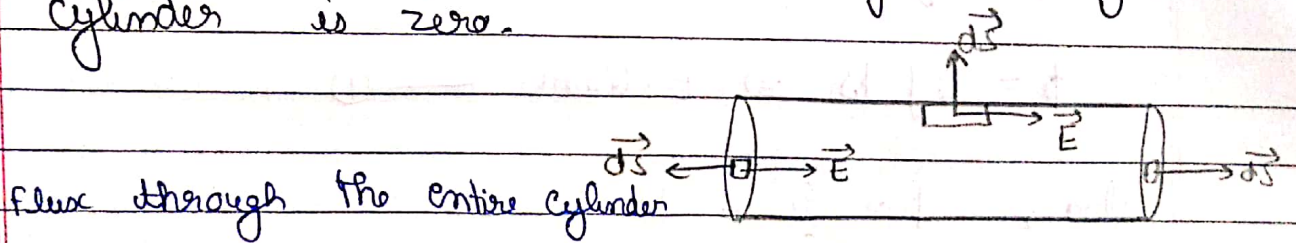
$$\frac{\Phi_1}{\Phi_2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

ii-) If a medium of dielectric constant  $k$  is introduced in  $S_1$ ,

$$\epsilon = k\epsilon_0$$

$$\Phi = \frac{2Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Ans. A cylinder is placed in a uniform electric field  $\vec{E}$  with its ~~the~~ axis parallel to the field. Show that the total electric flux through the cylinder is zero.



$$\Phi_E = \int_{\text{left face}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \int_{\text{right face}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \int_{\text{curved surface}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$= \int E dS \cos 180^\circ + \int E dS \cos 0^\circ + \int E dS \cos 90^\circ$$

$$= -E \int dS + E \int dS + 0$$

$$= -E \times \pi r^2 + E \times \pi r^2 = 0$$



## # APPLICATION OF GAUSS'S LAW

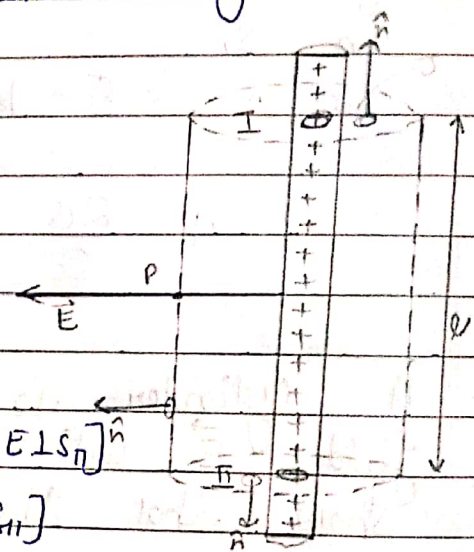
I.] Field due to an infinitely long straight uniformly charged wire (PYQ 2017)

Consider an infinite straight wire with uniform charge density, draw a cylinder Gaussian surface of radius  $r$  and length  $l$  around it

$$\phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} =$$

$$= \int_I \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{II} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{III} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$



$$\Rightarrow \phi = \int E \, ds \cos 0^\circ \quad [ \because E \perp s_I, E \perp s_{III} ] \hat{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = E \int ds \Rightarrow E \times 2\pi r l \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{also, } \phi = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda l}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

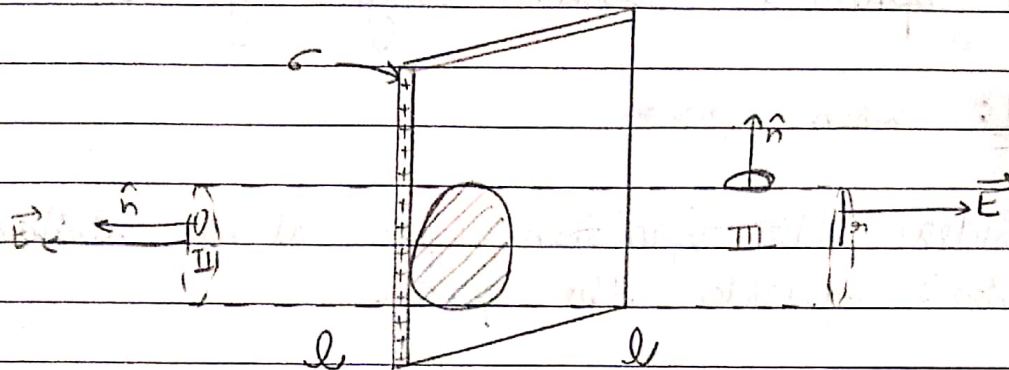
Equating 1, 2

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

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

## II-] Field Due To Uniformly Charged Plate [P+Q 2017]

Consider an infinite plane sheet with uniform charge density  $\sigma$ , draw a cylinder Gaussian surface of radius  $r$  and length  $2l$  as shown



$$\phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$[\because E \perp S_{III}]$$

$$\phi = \int_I \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{II} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_{III} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$[\because E \parallel S_I, E \parallel S_{II}]$$

$$= \int_I E ds \cos 0^\circ + \int_{II} E ds \cos 0^\circ$$

$$= E \int ds + E \int ds$$

$$\phi = 2E\pi r^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Also, } \phi = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma \pi r^2}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Equating 1, 2

$$\Rightarrow 2E\pi r^2 = \frac{\sigma \pi r^2}{\epsilon_0}$$

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

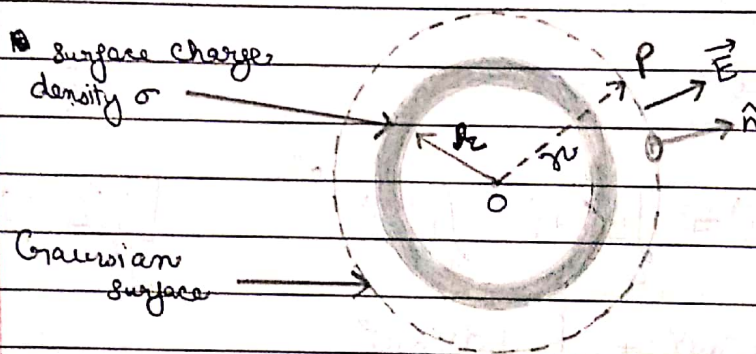


### III Field Due To a Uniformly Charged Thin Spherical Shell [Pro 2020]

Consider a uniformly charge spherical shell of radius  $a$  with uniform charge density, draw a spherical Gaussian surface of radius  $r$ .

Case 1: When  $r > a$

Consider the Gaussian surface, at a distance  $r$  (from centre) outside the sphere.



According to Gauss's law

$$\phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\phi = \oint E ds \cos 0^\circ = E \oint ds$$

$$[\because \vec{E} \parallel \hat{n}]$$

$$\phi = E \cdot 4\pi r^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

also,

$$\phi = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma 4\pi a^2}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Equating ① & ②

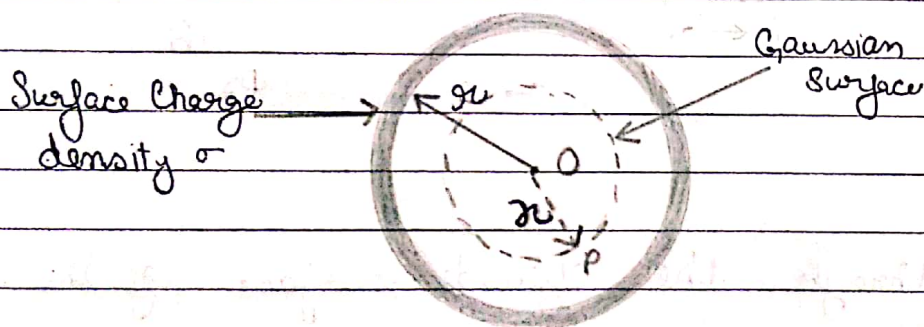
$$\Rightarrow E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{\sigma 4\pi R^2}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E = \frac{\sigma R^2}{\epsilon_0 r^2}}$$

For  $r = R$

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

Case 2: When  $r < R$



Consider the Gaussian surface inside the sphere. As shown in the previous part

$$E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Charge enclosed in this Gaussian surface is 0, therefore

$$\underline{E = 0}$$



Ques. A hollow cylindrical box of length 1m and area of cross-section  $25 \text{ cm}^2$  is placed in a three dimensional coordinate system as shown in the fig. The electric field in the region is given by  $E = 50x\hat{i}$ , where  $E$  is in  $\text{NC}^{-1}$  and  $x$  is in meters.

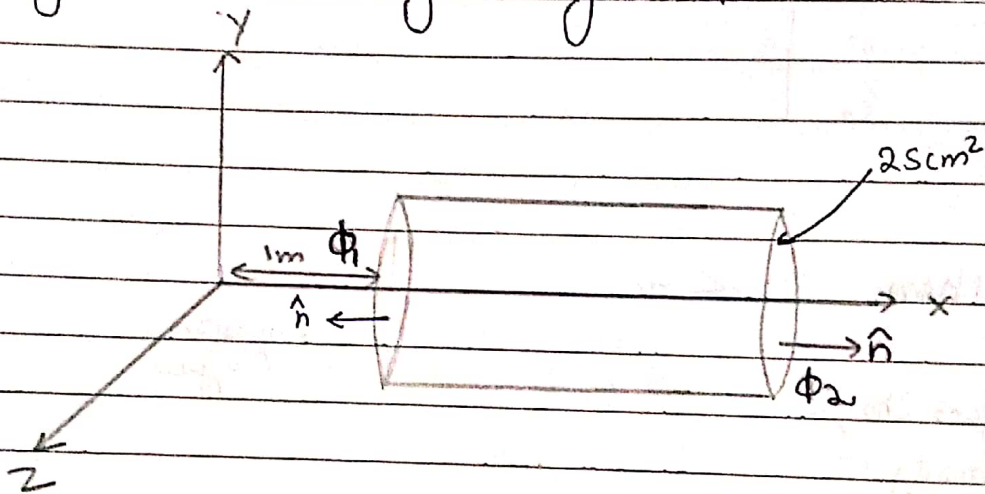
Find.

i) Net flux through the cylinder

ii) Charge enclosed by the cylinder.

[PXT 2013]

Ans



i) Flux through the curved surface of the cylinder is zero.

→ Magnitude of the electric field at the left surface.

$$E = 50 \times 1 = 50 \text{ NC}^{-1}$$

Flux through the left face,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_L &= ES \cos \theta = 50 \times 25 \times 10^{-4} \cos 180^\circ \\ &= -1250 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

→ Magnitude of the electric field at the right face,

$$E = 50 \times 2 = 100 \text{ NC}^{-1}$$

∴ Flux through the right face,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_R &= 100 \times 25 \times 10^{-4} \cos 0^\circ \\ &= 2500 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

→ Net flux through the cylinder,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_E - \phi_L + \phi_R &= (2500 - 1250) \times 10^{-4} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1} \\ &= 1250 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1} \\ &= 1.250 \times 10^{-1} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

ii) Total charge enclosed by the cylinder

$$\begin{aligned} q &= \epsilon_0 \phi_E \\ &= 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \times 1250 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C} \\ &= 11067.5 \times 10^{-16} \text{ C} = 1.107 \text{ pC.} \end{aligned}$$