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ELECTROSTATICS PART 2

Electric Field Intensity due to a uniformly charged hollow sphere (shell):

Consider a hollow sphere of radius R, uniformly charged with surface charge density σ and placed in a dielectric medium with permittivity ϵ (= ϵ o.k). Total charge q on the hollow sphere = σ A = σ 4 π R² To find electric field intensity at a point P, which is r away from the center of this hollow sphere, we construct a concentric Gaussian sphere centered around O and having radius r.

Let ds be a small area around P (which is on the Gaussian surface). Electric Field at P is directed radially outwards and the angle θ between E

and ds is zero. Thus $\cos \theta = 1$

 $d\phi = flux$ through $ds = \overline{E} \cdot \overline{ds} = E \cdot ds \cdot \cos\theta = E \cdot ds$ Thus, total flux through the Gaussian surface $\phi = \oint d\phi$ $\phi = \oint \overline{E} \cdot \overline{ds} = \oint E \cdot ds = E \oint ds = E (4\pi r^2)$ by Gauss' Theorem $\phi = q/\epsilon o$

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$$E = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon or^2}$$

But q= σ (4 π R²)

Thus, $E = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon or^2} = \frac{\sigma 4\pi R^2}{4\pi\varepsilon or^2}$ Thus $E = \frac{\sigma R^2}{\varepsilon o r^2}$

Case 1: Point P is on the hollow sphere (r=R) then $E = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon o R^2} = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon o}$

Case 2: Point P in inside the hollow sphere, then the charge enclosed by the Gaussian Sphere will be q=0. Thus E=0

Electric Field Intensity due to a uniformly charged infinite long straight Wire:

Consider a uniformly charged wire of infinite length having a constant linear charge density λ (=q/l), kept in a material medium of permittivity ε (= εok).

To find the electric intensity a point P, r away from the charged wire, we imagine a Gaussian cylinder of radius r and length *l*. Consider a very small area ds at P, which is on the Gaussian cylinder.



Electric Field at P is directed radially outwards and the angle θ between E and ds is zero. Thus $\cos \theta = 1$ $d\phi = flux$ through $ds = \overline{E} . d\overline{s} = \text{E.ds}$. Thus, total flux through the Gaussian surface $\phi = \oint d\phi$ $\phi = \oint \overline{E} . d\overline{s} = \oint E . ds = E \oint ds = E(2\pi r I)$ by Gauss' Theorem $\phi = q/\epsilon_0$ Thus, $q/\epsilon_0 = E(2\pi r I)$ Thus, $E = \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r I}$

 $2\pi \varepsilon o r l$

Thus,
$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi r \varepsilon o}$$
 (Since $\lambda = q/l$)

Electric Field Intensity due to a uniformly charged infinite Plane Sheet:

Consider a uniformly charged infinite plane sheet with surface charge

density σ (=q/A) Electric field E is directed outwards and perpendicular to the sheet and equal on both side at the same distance from the sheet.

To find the electric field at point P on either side of the sheet, we consider a Gaussian cylindrical surface of length 2r and area of cross section A with axis perpendicular to the sheet and the ends include point P

Electric Field at P is directed outwards and the angle θ between E and ds is zero. Thus cos θ =1



Total flux $\phi = [\oint E. ds]_P + [\oint E. ds]_{P}$ = EA + EA = 2EA by Gauss' Theorem $\phi = q/\epsilon o = \sigma A/\epsilon o$ Thus, $\sigma A/\epsilon o = 2EA$



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