

Physics 142 - Sept. 14, 2010

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Note Title

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Last Time

Electrostatic Force - Coulomb's Law

(I)



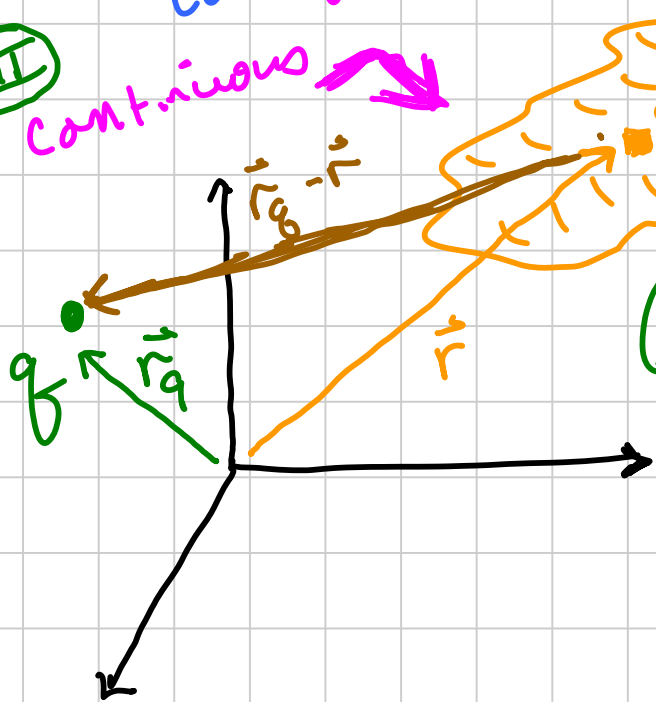
Force of \$Q\$ on \$q\$

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

(II)

continuous

discrete



differential \$dQ\$ of charge

Charge distribution

(III)

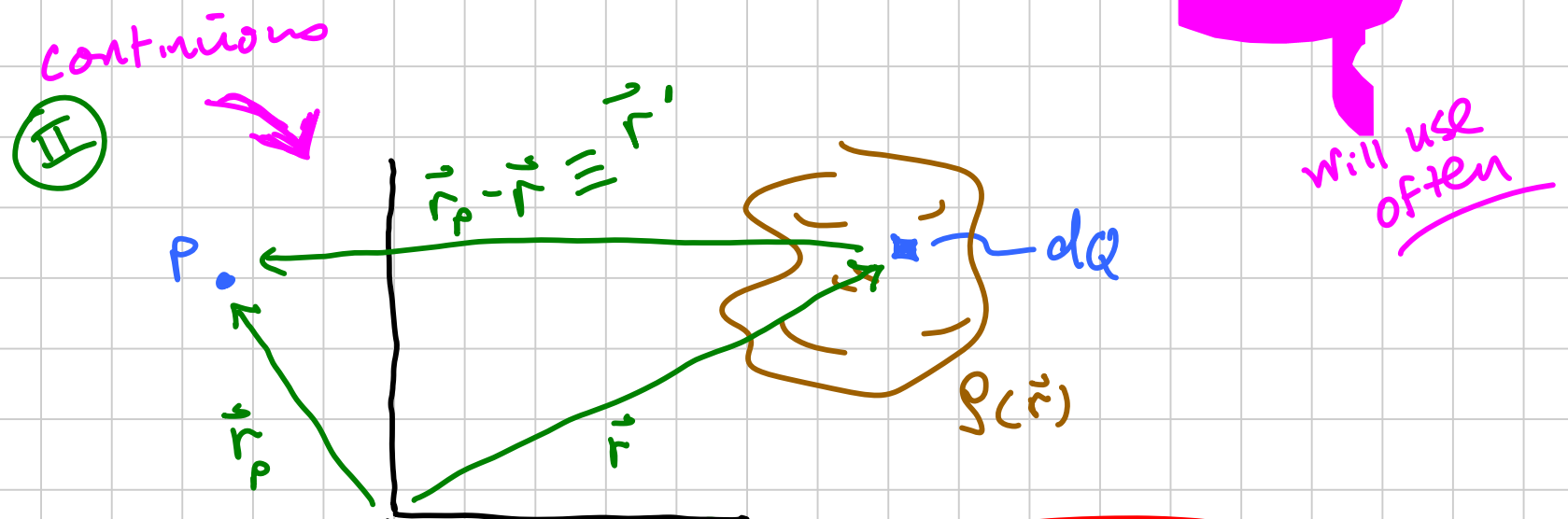
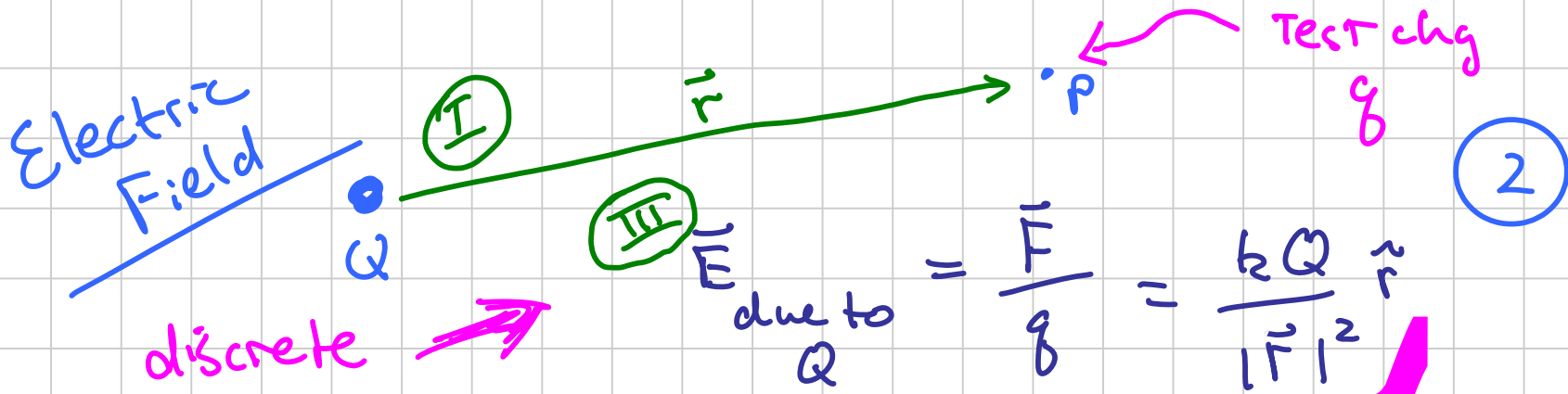
$$d\vec{F} = \frac{kq dQ}{|\vec{r}_q - \vec{r}|^2} (\vec{r}_q - \vec{r})$$

on \$q\$ due to

\$= dQ\$

(IV)

$$\vec{F}_q = \int_{\text{Vol of charge}} \frac{kq \rho(\vec{r}) dV}{|\vec{r}_q - \vec{r}|^2} (\vec{r}_q - \vec{r})$$



(IV)

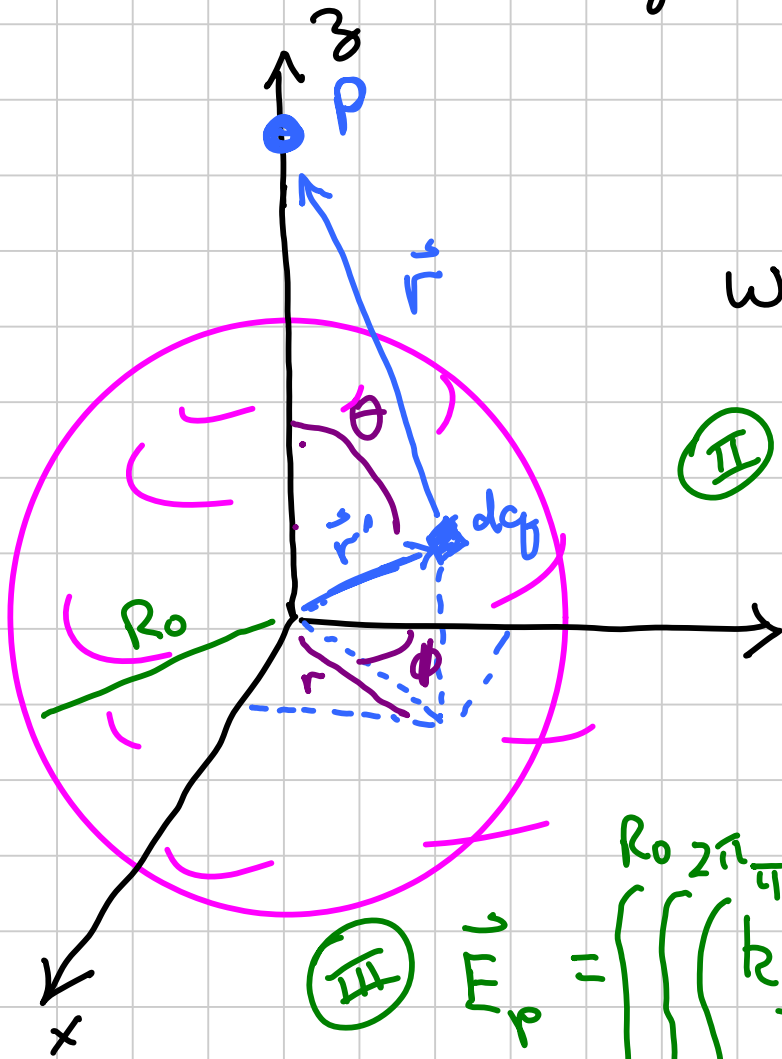
$$\vec{E}_p = \int_{\text{vol of charge}} \frac{k \rho(\vec{r}') \hat{r}'}{|\vec{r}'|^2} dv$$

charge Q is dist evenly in sphere

$$\textcircled{I} \rho(\vec{r}') = \frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_0^3} = \text{CONST}$$

What is \vec{E}_p ?

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$$\textcircled{II} \vec{E}_p = \int \frac{k \rho dv \hat{r}}{|\vec{r}'|^2}$$

chg
dist

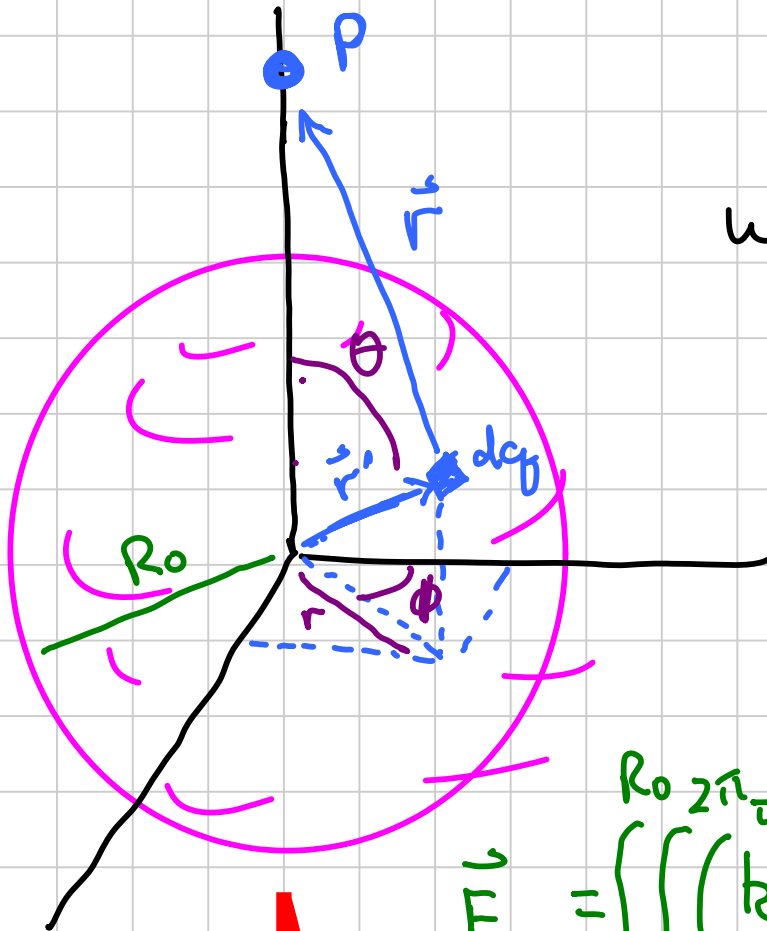
$$\textcircled{III} \vec{E}_p = \int_0^{R_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{k \rho r'^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi dr}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

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$$\rho(\vec{r}') = \frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_0^3} = \text{const}$$

(3a)

What is \vec{E}_p ?



$$\vec{E}_p = \int \frac{k \rho dV \hat{r}}{|\vec{r}'|^2}$$

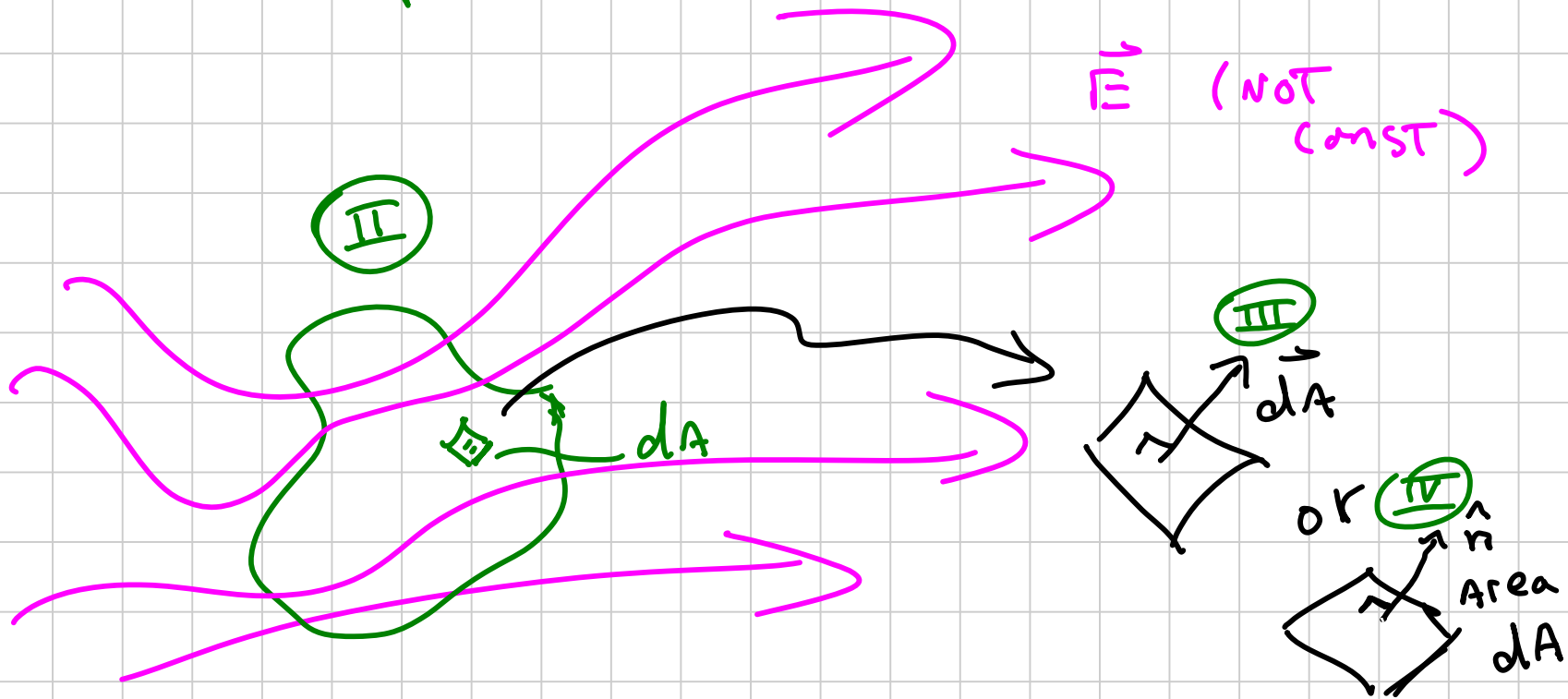
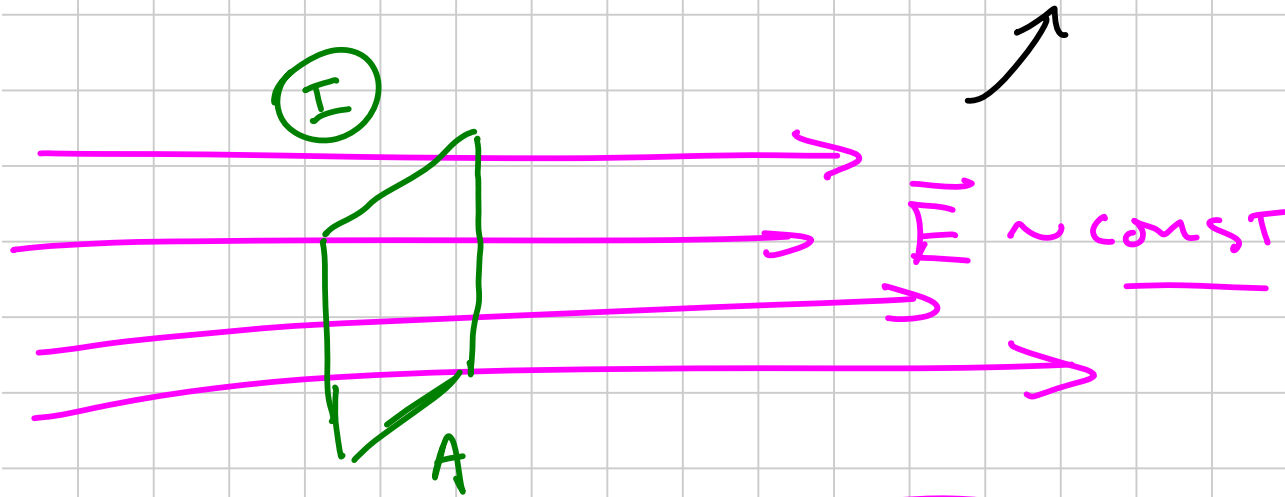
chg
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Holy Grail!

Electric Flux $\equiv \phi = A|\vec{E}|$

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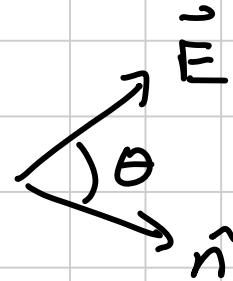
(I)

$$\phi = \int_{\text{surface}} \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA$$

General

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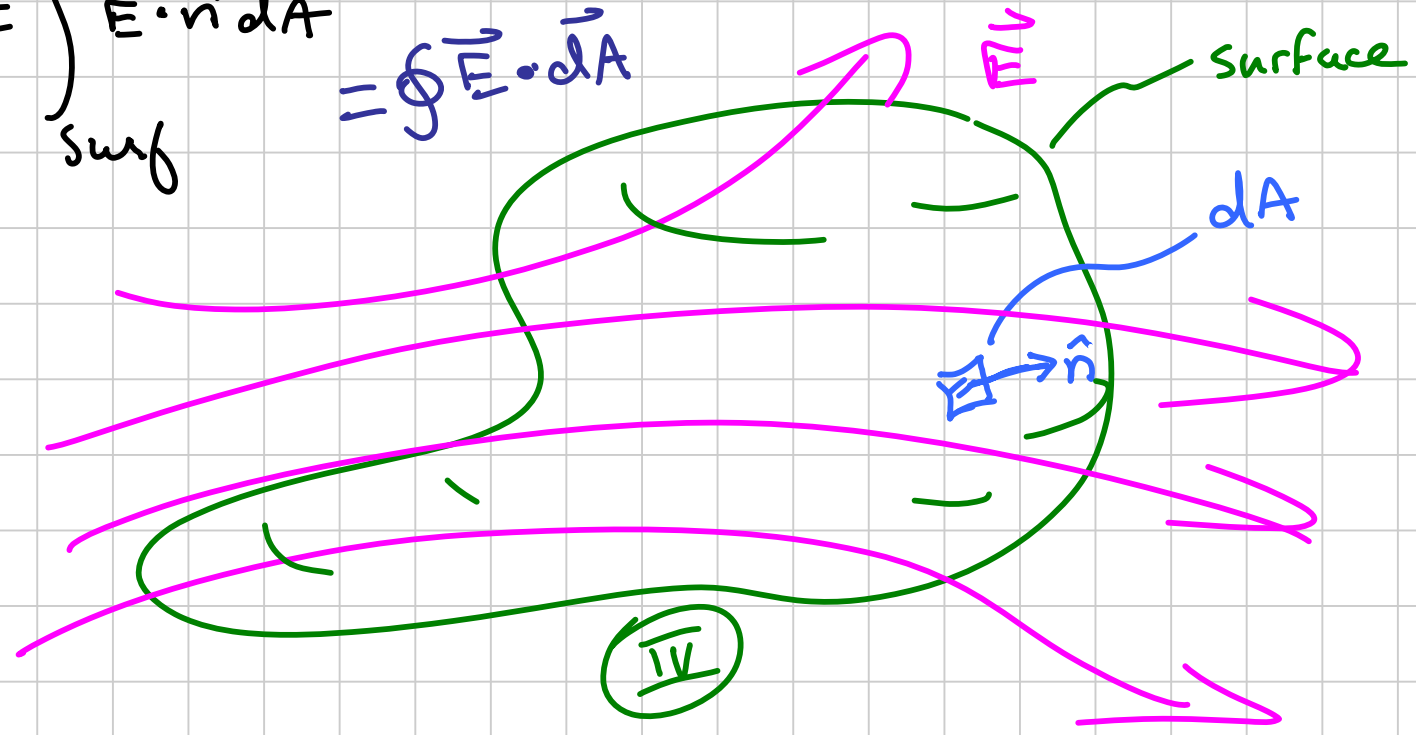
(II)



(III)

$$\phi = \int_{\text{surf}} \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA = \oint \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$\vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} = |\vec{E}| |\hat{n}| \cos \theta$$



(IV)

➔ See electric flux applet on class Web site

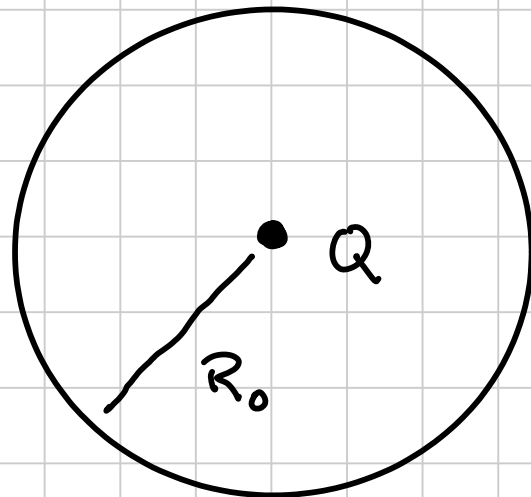
http://web.pas.rochester.edu/~manly/class/P142_2010/Lectures/Flux/index.html

5a

- Toggle \vec{E} on
- See how \vec{E} penetrates the surface
- Follow the flux calculation
- Vary the angle between the surface and \vec{E} and see how the flux changes.

Example

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Pt. chg at origin
of spherical
surface

→ what is ϕ
thru surface?

I

$$\phi_{\text{surf}} = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = |\vec{E}(R_0)| \oint dA = |\vec{E}| 4\pi R_0^2$$

$$\equiv \hat{n} dA$$

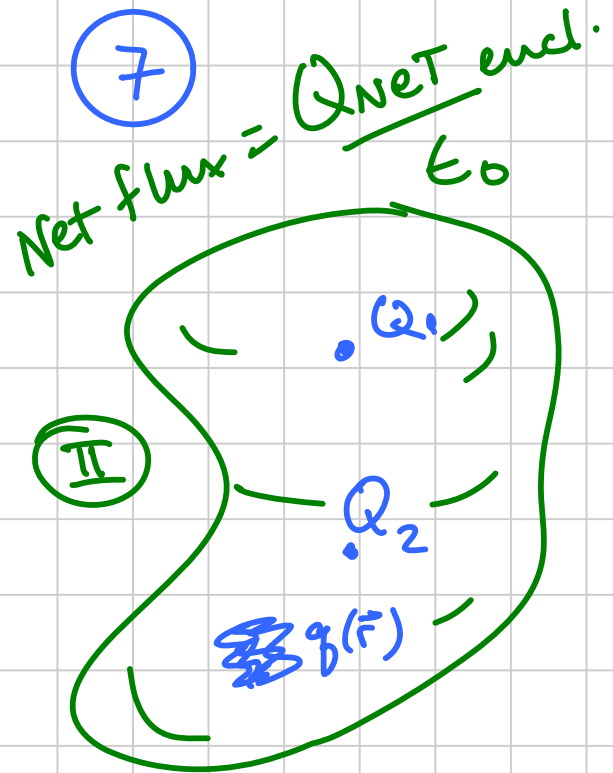
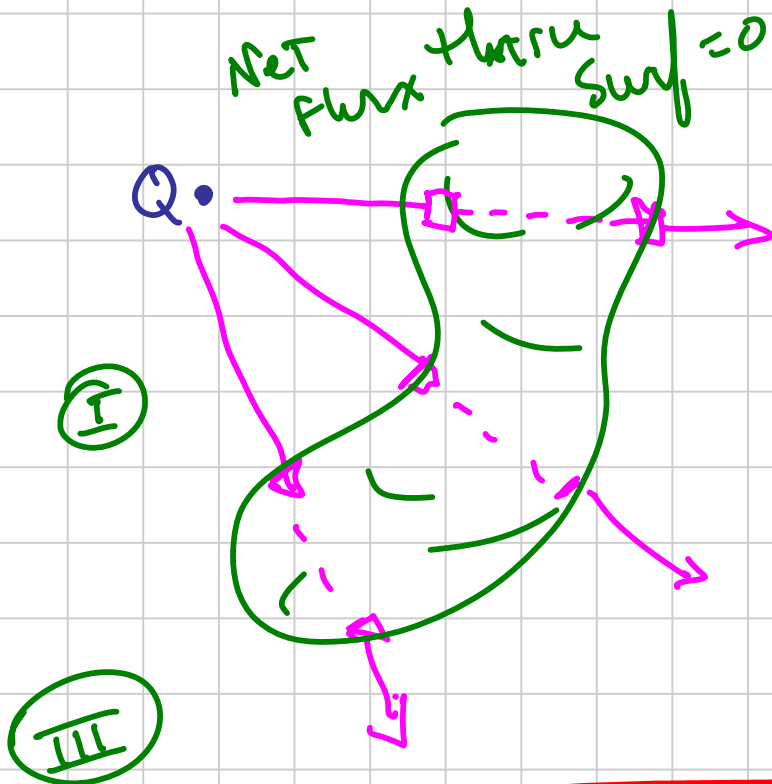
II

$$\phi_{\text{surf}} = |\vec{E}| 4\pi R_0^2 = \frac{kQ}{R_0^2} 4\pi R_0^2 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$k \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

is enclosed

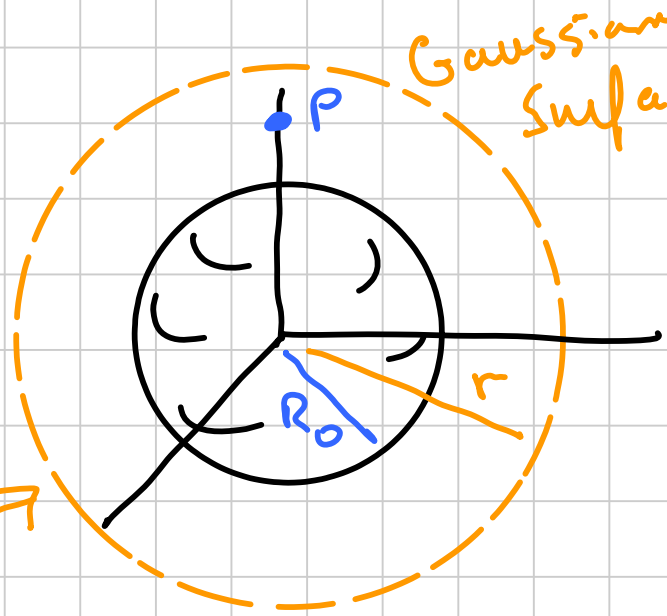




$$\Phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Gauss' Law
 very important

True in general - particularly useful if problem has certain symmetries



Gaussian Surface

Spherical dist
const ρ

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Total chg Q

What is \vec{E}_P ?

What is \vec{E} everywhere?

determine \vec{E} $r > R_0$

From symmetry \vec{E} radial

$|\vec{E}|$ on spherical surf
centered at origin
is const

evaluate

Gauss' law

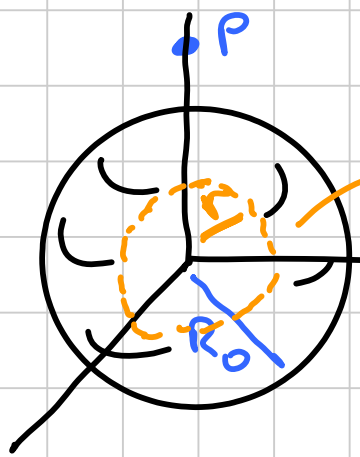
$$\textcircled{\text{I}} \quad \phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{II}} \quad |\vec{E}| \int dA = \frac{Q_{\text{tot}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

III

$$|\vec{E}|_{r > R_0} = \frac{Q_{\text{TOT}}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

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$r < R_0$

(I) $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$

Gaussian Surf

(II) $|\vec{E}| \oint dA = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$

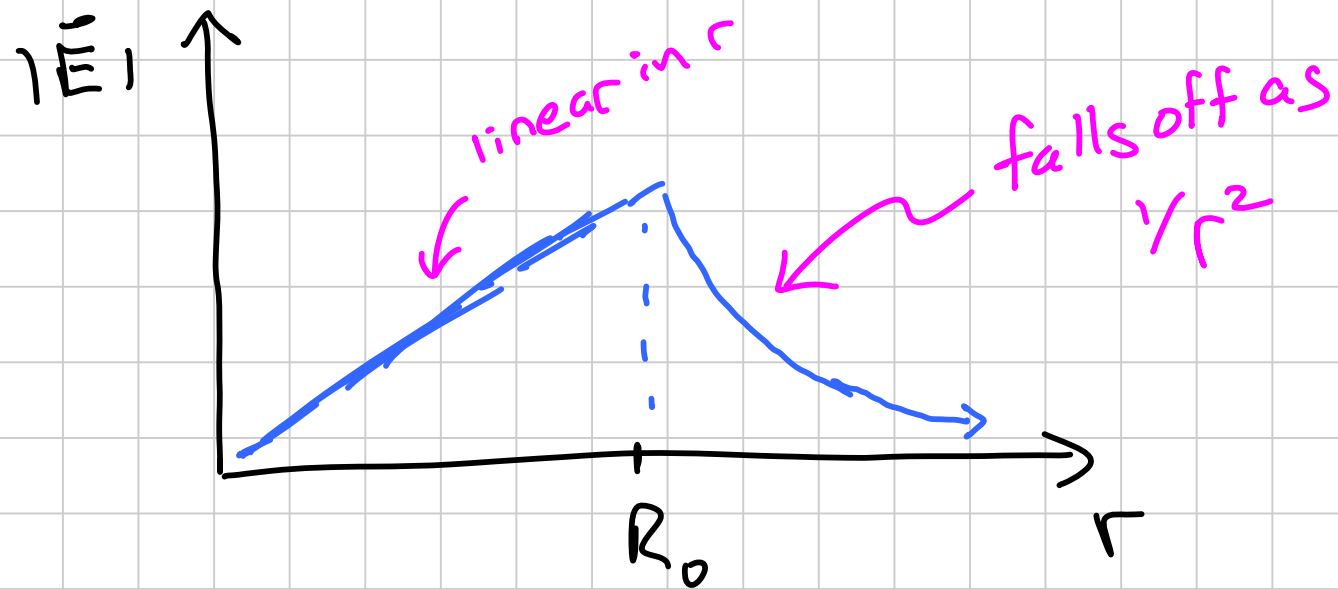
(III) $|\vec{E}| 4\pi r^2 = \frac{\int \rho dv}{\epsilon_0} = \int \frac{Q_{TOT}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_0^3} \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} dv$

(IV) $= \frac{Q_{TOT}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_0^3 \epsilon_0} \int dv$
small sphere

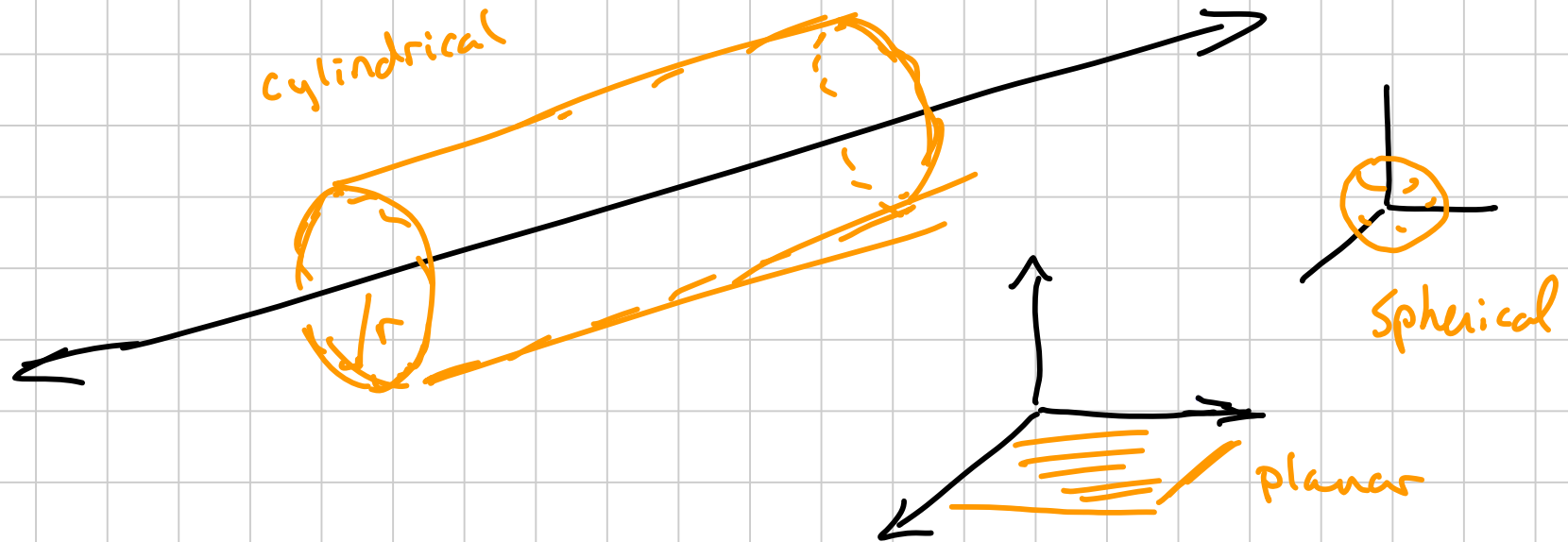
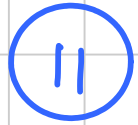
$$\textcircled{\text{I}} \quad |\vec{E}| 4\pi r^2 = \frac{Q_{\text{TOT}}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \epsilon_0}$$

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$$\textcircled{\text{II}} \quad |\vec{E}|_{r < R_0} = \frac{Q_{\text{TOT}} r}{4\pi \epsilon_0 R_0^3}$$



Very useful symmetries



Gauss' law useful when you have a physical situation such that $\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$ is simple to evaluate. Often most useful when (by symmetry)

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = |\vec{E}| dA$$

And $|\vec{E}| = \text{CONSTANT}$ on Gaussian surface so that

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} \rightarrow |\vec{E}| \int dA$$