

Section 2.2 - Divergence and Curl of E

* 5 formulations of electrostatics

Coulomb eq. & Superposition

$$\vec{E} = \int \frac{dq' \hat{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \quad \vec{F} = q\vec{E}$$

$$W = qV$$

Integral field eq's

$$\Phi_E = Q/\epsilon_0$$

$$\mathcal{E}_E = 0 \quad (\text{closed regions})$$

Differential field eq's

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$$

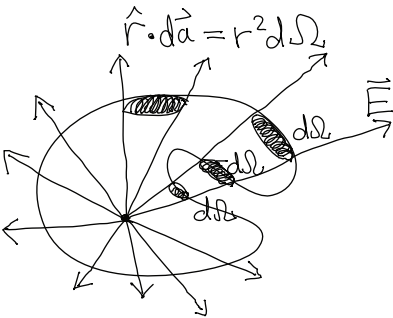
Potential

$$\mathcal{E}_E = -\Delta V$$

$$V = \int \frac{dq'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

Poisson eq.

$$\nabla^2 V = -\rho/\epsilon_0$$



* Gauss' law
 ~ solid angle
 $d\Omega \equiv \frac{\hat{r} \cdot d\vec{a}}{r^2}$
 ~ angle (rad.)
 $d\vec{\theta} = \frac{\hat{r} \times d\vec{l}}{r}$

~ solid angle of a sphere

$$d\Omega = \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = -d\cos\theta d\phi$$

$$\int \Omega = \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} -d\cos\theta \cdot \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} d\phi = 2 \cdot 2\pi = 4\pi$$

~ $\frac{1}{r^2}$ force laws mean there is a const. flux "carrier" field

* Divergence theorem: relationship between differential and integral forms of Gauss' law

$$\Phi_E = \int_{\partial V} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_V \frac{q \hat{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \cdot \hat{r} r^2 d\Omega = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \int_V \frac{dq}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{E} d\tau = \int_V \rho/\epsilon_0 d\tau$$

~ since this is true for any volume, we can remove the integral from each side

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$$

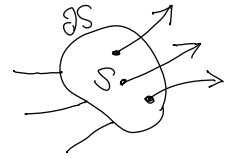
~ all of electrostatics comes out of Coulomb's law & superposition principle
 ~ we use each of the major theorems of vector calculus to rewrite these into five different formulations
 - each formulation useful for solving a different kind of problem
 ~ geometric pictures comes out of schizophrenic personalities of fields:

* FLOW (Equipotential surfaces)

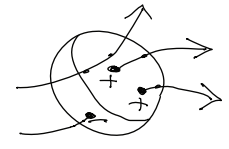
$\mathcal{E}_E \equiv \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$ ~ integral ALONG the field
 ~ potential = work / charge
 ~ \mathcal{E}_E equals # of equipotentials crossed
 ~ $\Delta \mathcal{E}_E = 0$ along an equipotential surface
 ~ density of surfaces = field strength

* FLUX (Field lines)

$\Phi_E \equiv \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a}$ ~ integral ACROSS the field
 ~ potential = work / charge
 $d\Phi = \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a}$ = # of lines through area
 $\vec{E} = \frac{d\Phi}{d\vec{a}}$



~ closed loop
 $\int_S d\Phi_E = \text{\# of lines through loop}$



~ closed surface
 $\int_S d\Phi_E = \text{net \# of lines out of surface}$
 = # of charges inside volume

ϵ_0 is unit of proportionality of flux to charge