

# Electric Flux & Gauss Law

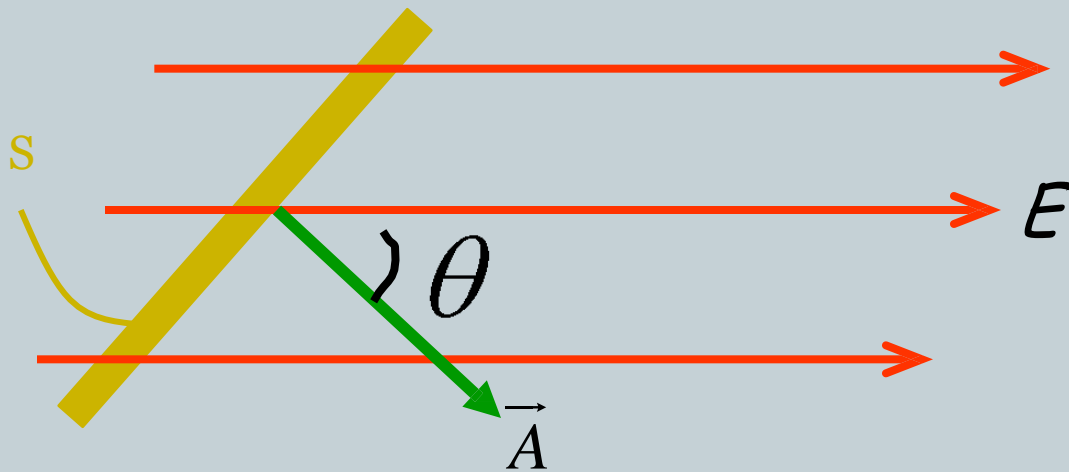
# Electric Flux

Electric flux is the measure of the –number of field lines passing through a surface  $S$  ||

For uniform :  $E$

Define: Electric Flux

$$\Phi_E = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{A} \quad \text{Units: N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$$



A is the surface area perpendicular to  $\mathbf{E}$ , so  $\Phi = EA \cos(\theta)$

$E$

# Notes:

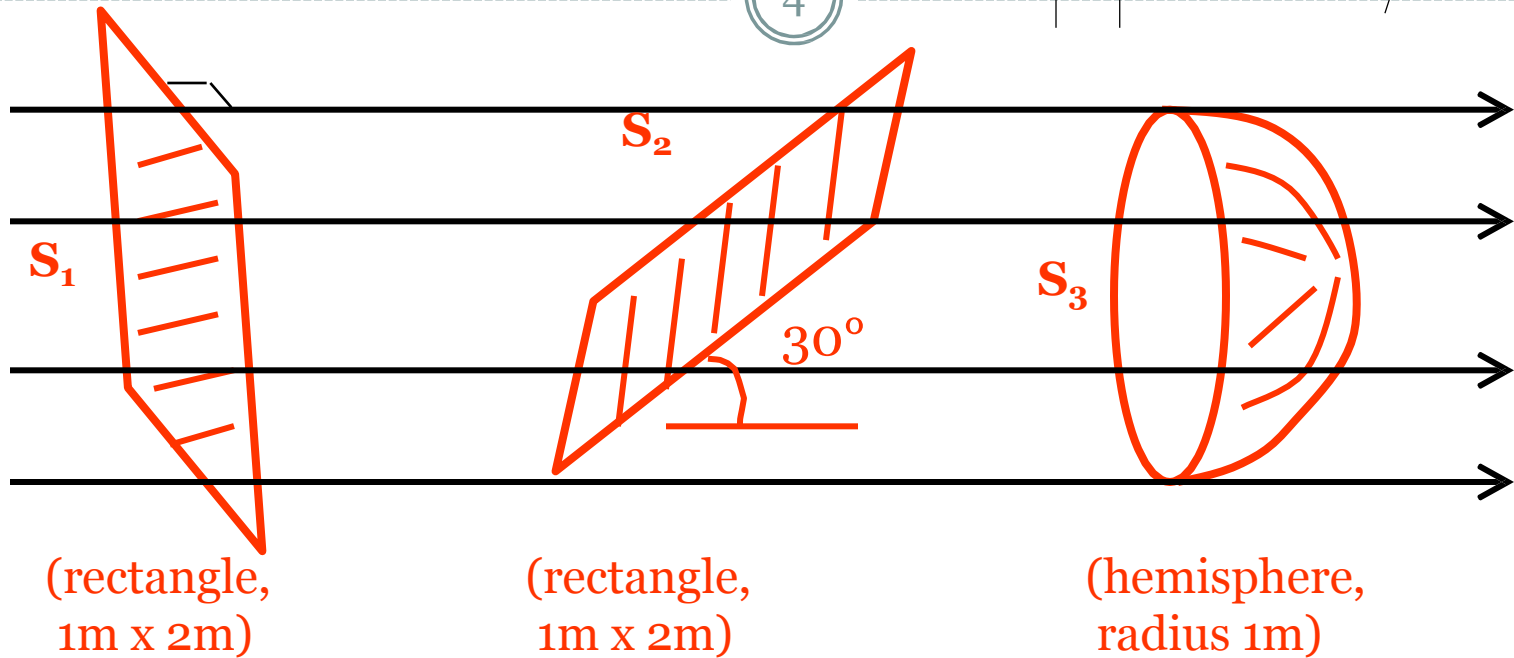
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- 1)  $\Phi_E$  is a scalar called electric flux
- 2) Units:  $\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$
- 3)  $\Phi_E$  represents the –number of field lines through surface  $S$
- 4) For a closed surface, the area vector points in the outward direction.
- 5) Flux is zero for a surface parallel to the field (normal is at  $90^\circ$  to  $\mathbf{E}$ )

# Example:

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$$|\vec{E}| = 1000 \text{ N/C}$$



(rectangle,  
1m x 2m)

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(hemisphere,  
radius 1m)

**Find:** flux  $\Phi_E$  through  $S_1, S_2, S_3$ .

# → Faraday's Experiment:

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- From this experiment

$$\psi = Q \text{-----} (1)$$

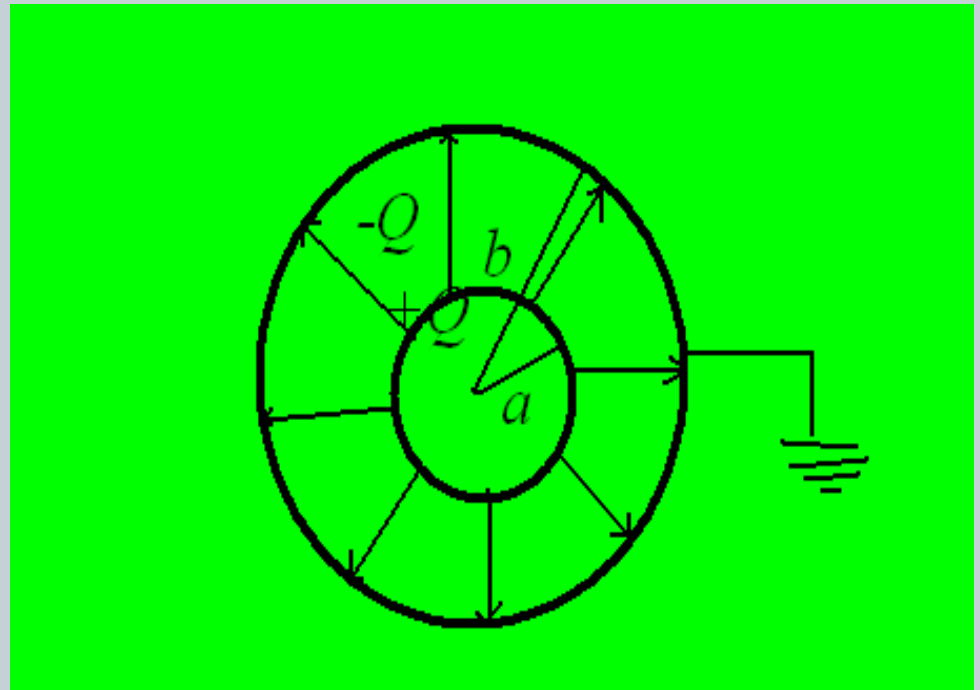
Now we can find surface charge or flux density

$$D|_{r=a} =$$

---for inner sphere.

$$D|_{r=b} = \frac{Q}{4\pi b^2} a_r$$

---for outer sphere



- $D = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} a_r$  --for  $a < r < b$ ;

→ now, the electric field at any point in free space

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

→ hence for free space

$$D = \epsilon_0 E$$

# → Gauss's Law

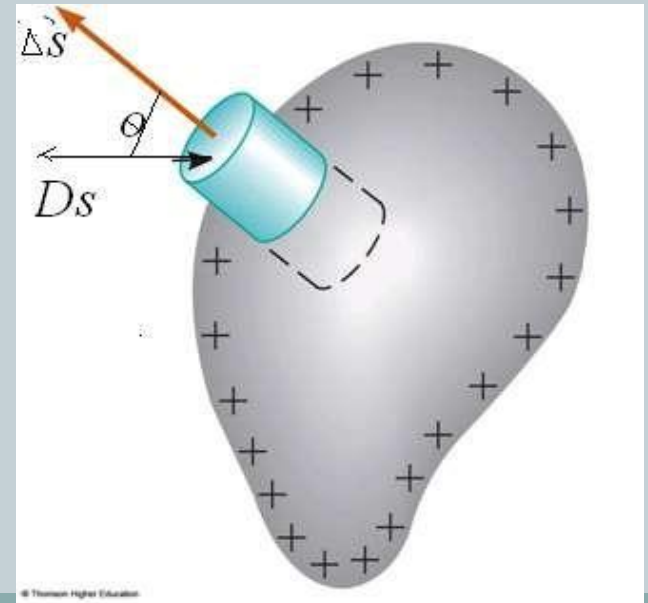
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- The Faraday's experiment leads to generalized statement known as Gauss Law

*“The Electric flux passing through any closed surface (known as Gaussian surface) is equal to total charge enclosed by the surface.”*

*Mathematically:*

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\psi &= \text{flux crossing } \Delta S \\ &= D_s \Delta S \cos\theta = D_s \cdot \Delta S\end{aligned}$$



- → the total flux passing through surface:

$$\Psi = \oint d\psi = \oint Ds \cdot ds$$

- the closed surface is known as Gaussian surface

$$\Psi = \text{charge enclosed} = Q$$



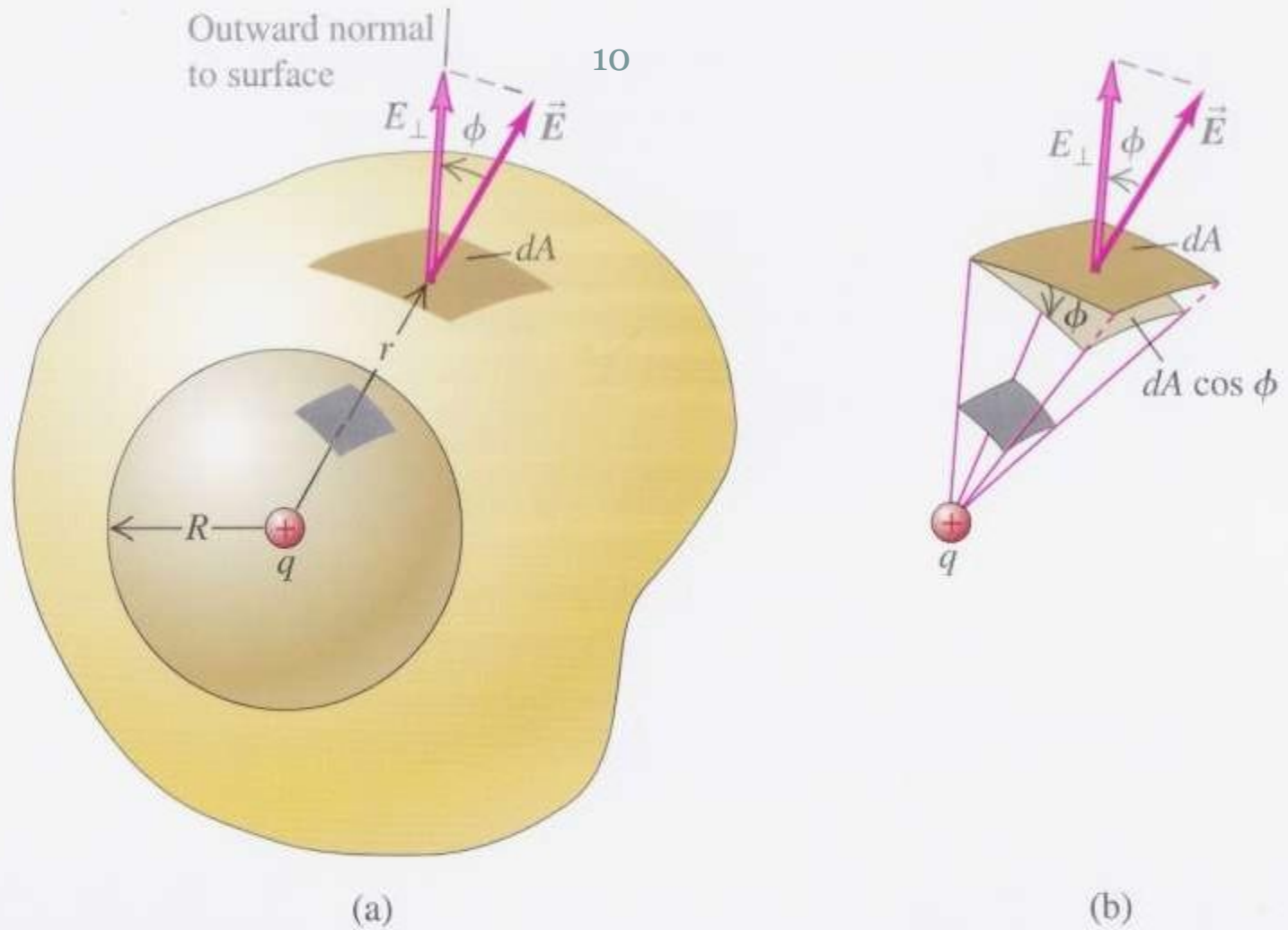
- → now we know that

$$D = \epsilon_0 E$$

- → *“The total electric flux through any closed surface equals the net charge inside that surface divided by  $\epsilon_0$ ”*

$$\oint_s E \cdot ds = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

- → This relates an electric field to the charge distribution that creates it.



**Figure 22.13** Calculating electric flux through an arbitrary surface

## → Application of Gauss's Law:

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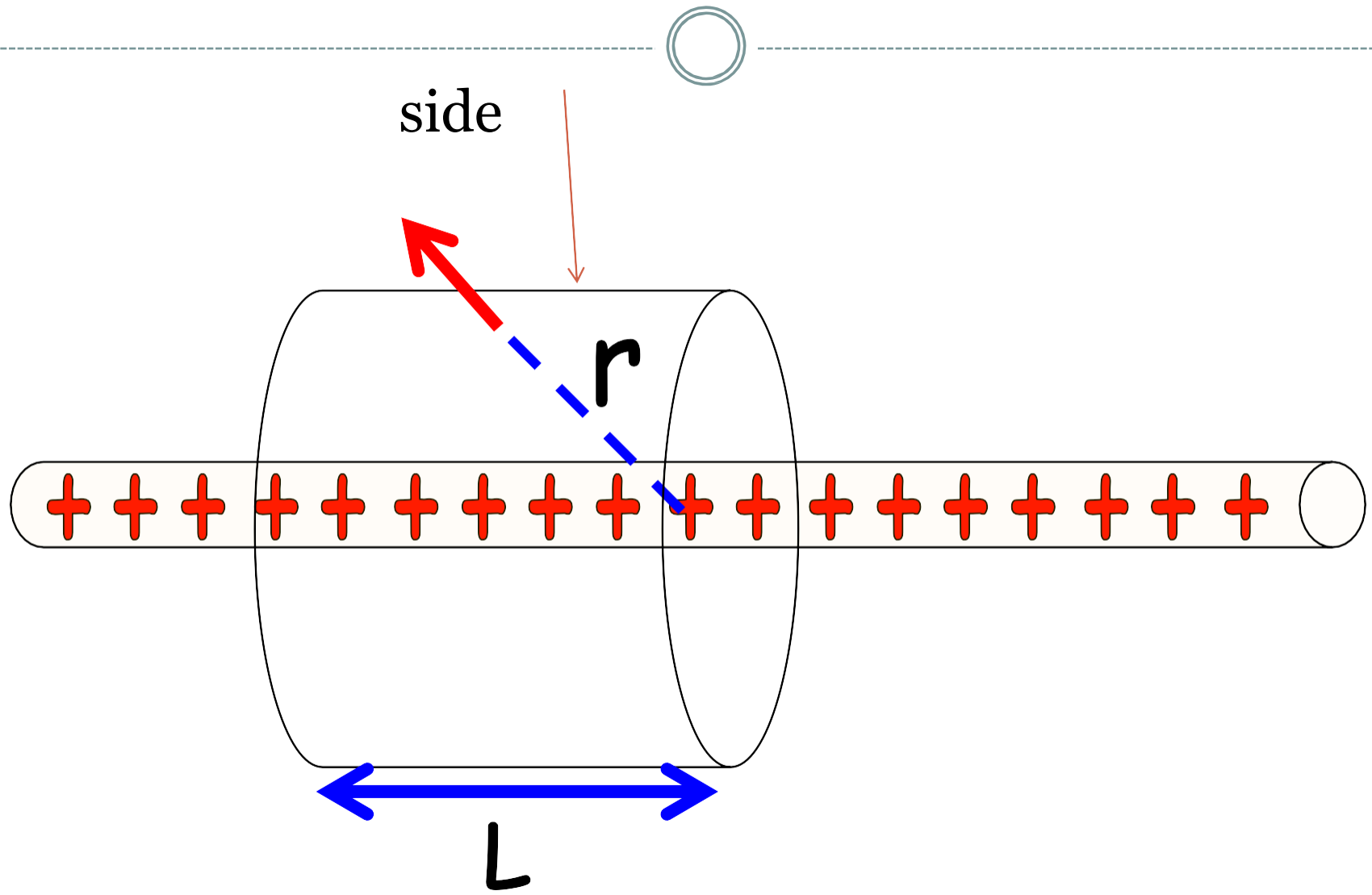
- → By using Gauss's law we can determine Electric field or Charge density.
- → But the solution is easy if we are able to choose a closed surface, which satisfies two conditions :
  - 1:  $D_s$  is everywhere either normal or tangential to the closed surface, so that  $D_s \cdot ds$  become either  $D_s ds$  or Zero.
  - 2: One portion of the closed surface for which  $D_s \cdot ds$  is not zero,  $D_s = \text{constant}$

- → Note:

*“Gauss’s Law depends upon symmetry, so that if we can not show symmetry exist then we can not use Gauss law”*

*→ For Example : Electric field due to line charge distribution:*

Let a cylindrical closed surface around the charged line having radius  $r$



- Now apply gauss law

$$Q = \oint_{cyl} Ds \cdot ds = Ds \int_{side} ds + 0 \cdot \int_{top} ds + 0 \cdot \int_{bottom} ds$$

$$= Ds \cdot 2\pi r L$$

$$\Rightarrow Ds = \frac{Q}{2\pi r L}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{Ds}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q}{2\pi r \epsilon_0 L} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r}$$

## Exercise 4

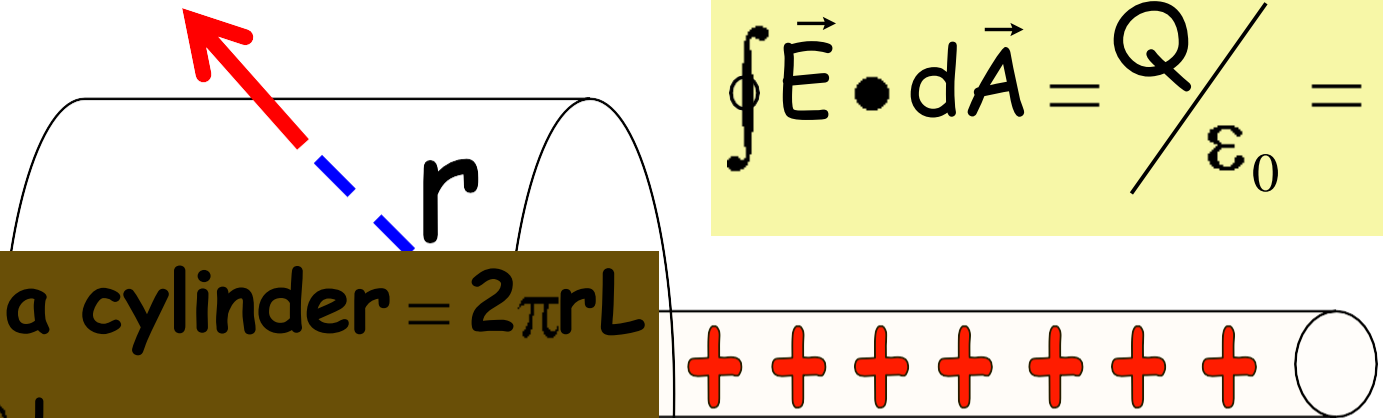
Gauss

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$

Area of a cylinder =  $2\pi rL$

$$E2\pi rL = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$

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



# → Electric field due to Co-axial cable

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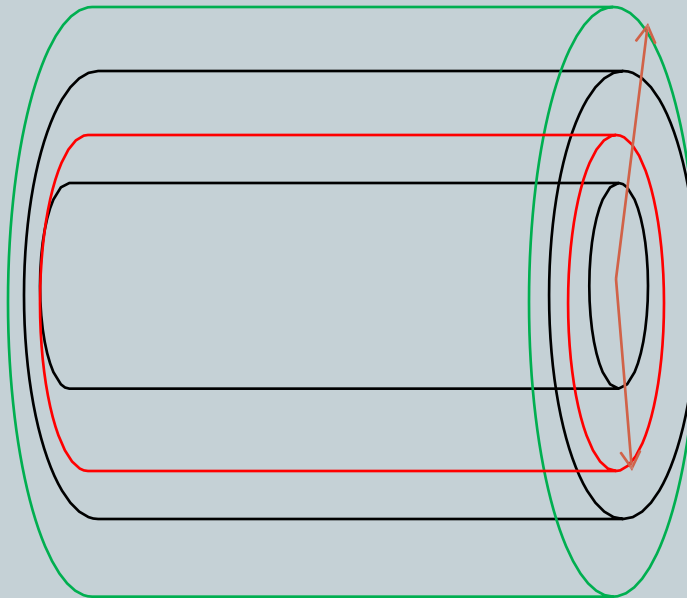
- Let us consider a coaxial cable having inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$ . and the outer surface of inner cylinder is  $P_s$ .
- Now we are interested to find field inside and out side..

- → Green surface:

$$r > b$$

- → Red Surface:

$$a < r < b$$





# Energy and Potential

# → Energy Expended in Moving A Point Charge In An Electric Field

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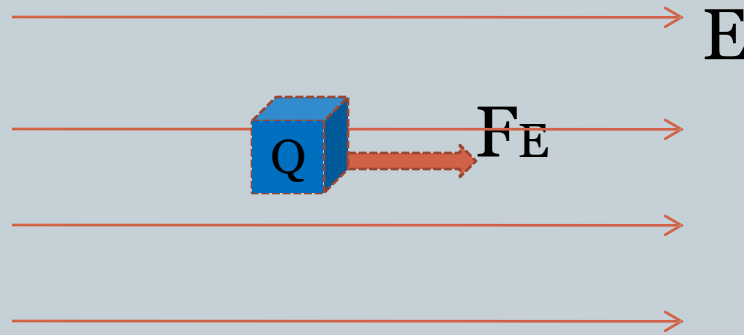
- The Electric field intensity defined as---

*“The force on a unit test charge at that point at which we wish to find the value of this vector field”*

Now, if we attempt the test charge against the Electric field, we have to exert a force equal and opposite to that exerted by field. And this requires us to expend energy or do work.



- **→** Now , suppose we wish to move a charge  $Q$  a distance  $dL$  in Electric field  $E$ .



$$\vec{F} = QE\hat{a}_l$$

**→**  $\hat{a}_l$  = unit vector in  $dL$  direction

→ The applied force:

$$F_{\text{applied}} = -Q E \cdot \hat{a}_l$$

→ The work done

$$dW = -QE \cdot dL$$

→ Net work done:

$$W = -Q \int_{\text{initial}}^{\text{final}} E \cdot dL$$

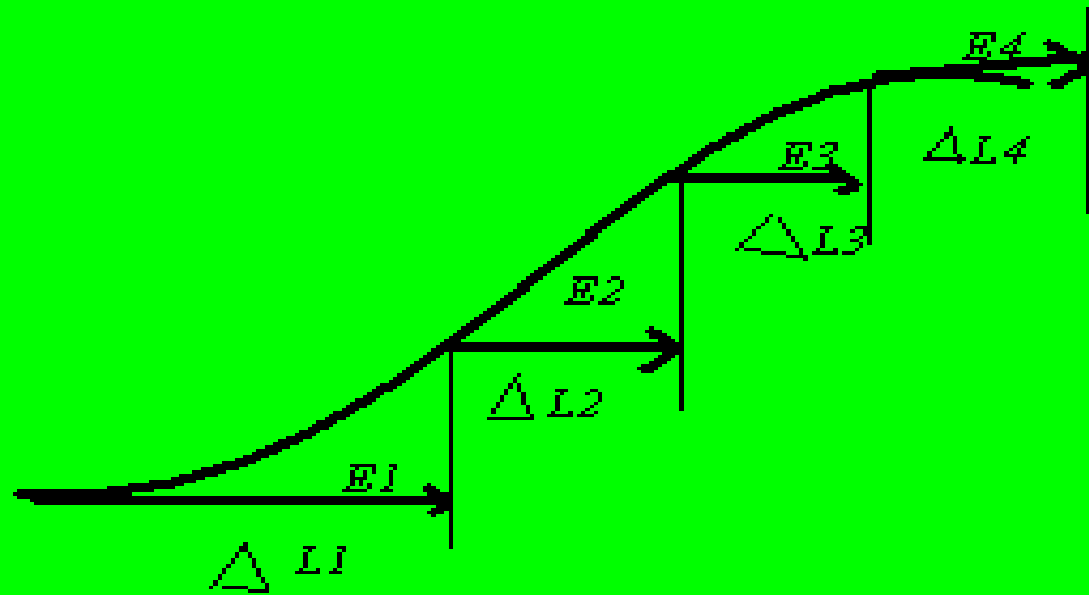
## → How to perform line integral:

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- To perform line integral choose a path , then break it up into large number of very small segments,
- multiply the component of the field along each segment by the length of the segments
- and add the results for all the segments.

For example :

*“Let an uniform Electric field for the simplicity and break the path into segments as in figure”*



- Now for  $w = -Q \int_{initial}^{final} E \cdot dL$

Apply the method:

$$w = -Q(E_1\Delta L_1 + E_2\Delta L_2 + E_3\Delta L_3 + E_4\Delta L_4)$$

For Uniform field

$$E_1 = E_2 = E_3 = E_4 = E$$

→ 
$$W = -QE(\Delta L_1 + \Delta L_2 + \Delta L_3 + \Delta L_4)$$

$$\Rightarrow W = -QE.L_{BA}$$

- Now if there are infinite number of elements the sum can be converted as integral:

$$w = -QE \cdot \int dL$$

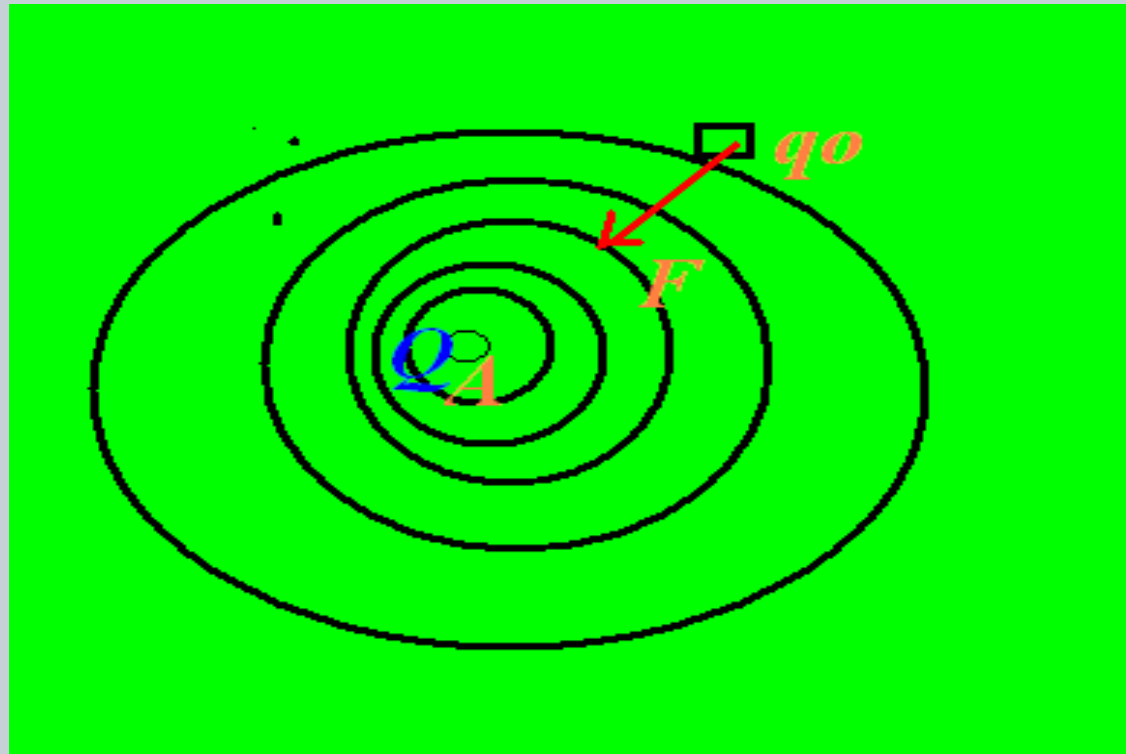
- ---here dL called differential length
- \*Note:
- $dL = dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j} + dz \hat{k}$  -- for cartesian coordinates
- $dL = d\rho \hat{a}_\rho + \rho d\phi \hat{a}_\phi + dz \hat{a}_z$  --- for cylindrical
- $dL = dr \hat{a}_r + r d\theta \hat{a}_\theta + r \sin\theta d\phi \hat{a}_\phi$  -- for spherical



## → Potential & Potential Difference:

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- Potential at any point P can be defined as..  
*“Work done to bring the unit charge from infinity to point P”*



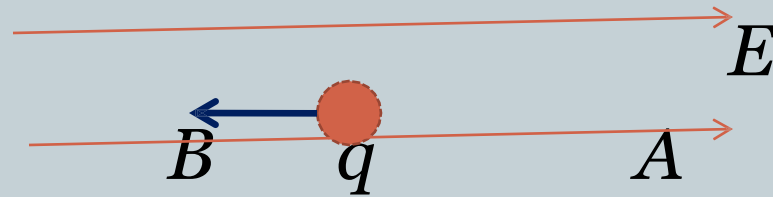
# → Potential Difference:

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- “Work done by external source in moving a positive unit test charge from one point to another point (in an electric field)”

→ Work done:

- $$W_{AB} = -q \int_A^B E \cdot dl$$



→ Potential difference:

$$V_{AB} = - \int_A^B E \cdot dl$$

- → Or We Can say

$$V_{AB} = V_A - V_B \quad : \text{Where } V_A - \text{Potential at Point A}$$

$V_B$  - Potential at point B

: UNIT → -Joule/Coulomb or Volt.

- Potential difference for
  - 1: In electric field due to line charge distribution.
  - 2: In electric field due to point charge at radial points.

## → Equi potential Surface

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- $V_{a+dl} = V_a + (dV/dL)dl$

Let  $C_1$  constant rate of change in potential per unit distance.,

Now, if  $V_{a+dl} = V_a$

→  $dV/dL = 0$  →  $V = \text{Constant}$

→ Hence Equipotential surface can be defined as:

*“Surface composed of all those points having the same value of potential. No work is involve in moving a unit test charge”*

# → Potential Gradient

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- → As we Know the relation

$$V = -\int E \cdot dl$$

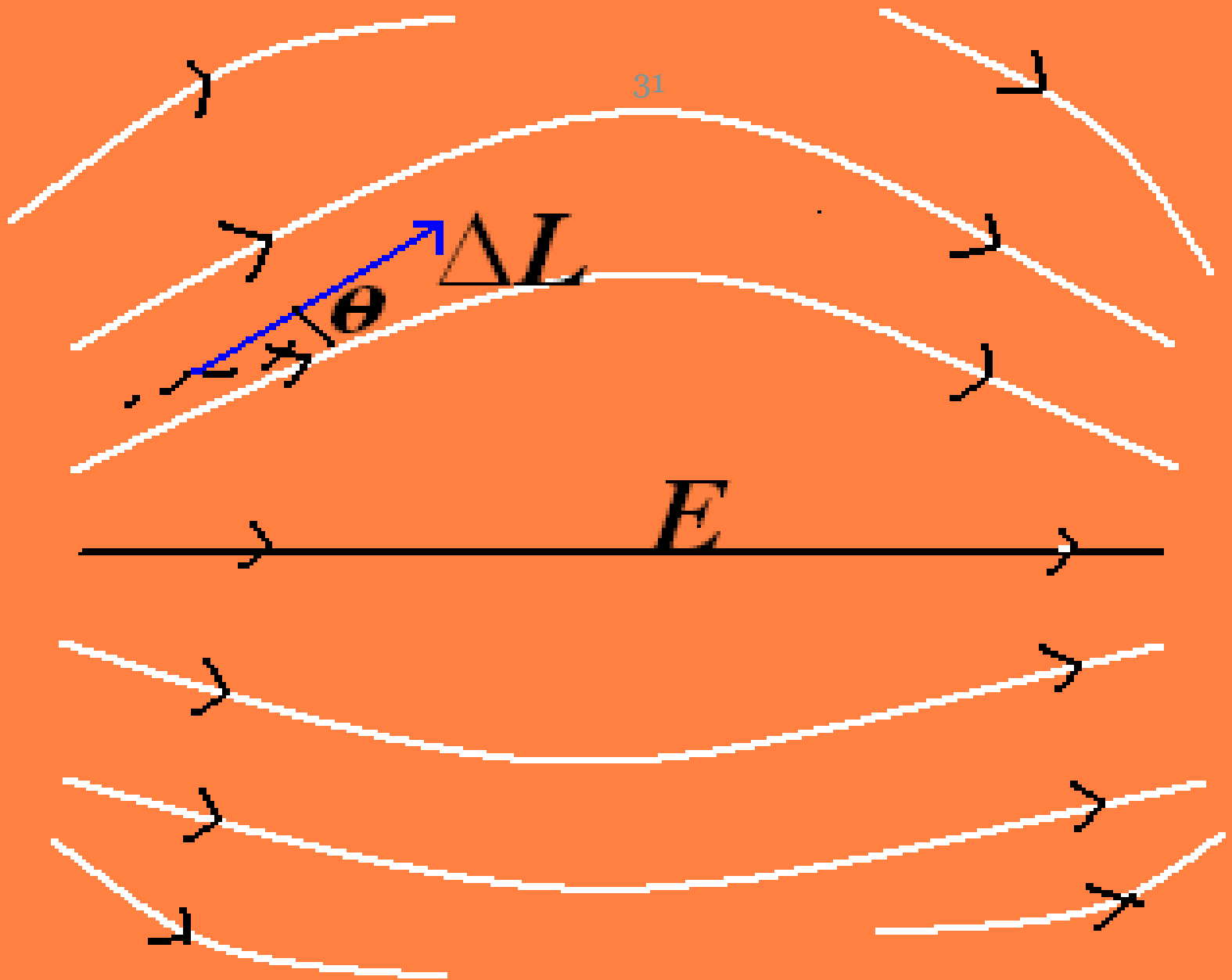
- But we can make this relation much easy using in reverse order:i.e

$$\Delta V = -E \Delta L \rightarrow \text{for short length}$$

- Now, we suppose a region in which a vector is making angle  $\theta$  with field direction:  $\Delta L = \Delta L a_L$

So we will get the relation:

$$\Delta V = -E \Delta L \cos \theta$$



- → Now we can convert this relationship in derivative by applying limits:

$$\frac{dV}{dL} = -E \cos \theta$$

- if we want to maximize this relationship the we must move in opposite to electric field(Cos $\theta$ =-1)

$$\left. \frac{dV}{dL} \right|_{\text{max}} = E$$



## Here we observed two characteristics of relationship between E&V:

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- 1: The magnitude of the electric field intensity is given by the maximum value of the rate of change of potential with distance.
- 2: the maximum value is obtained when the direction of distance increment is opposite to E.

Or we can say

*“The direction of E is opposite to the direction in which potential is increasing the most rapidly.”*

- Now , if we consider “Equipotential surface” then we will get the relation:

$$\Delta V = -E \cdot \Delta L = 0$$

*Here we know that neither  $E$  nor  $\Delta L$  can be zero. So  $E$  must be perpendicular direction of incremental vector  $\Delta L$ .*

*So electric field intensity can be expressed se...*

$$E = - \left. \frac{dV}{dL} \right|_{\max} \hat{a}_N$$

- $\rightarrow$  so  $E$  can be expressed as *maximum rate of change in voltage with distance* and direction is *normal* to Equipotential surface.
- So, here we conclude “ *$(dV/dl)_{max}$  occure when  $\Delta L$  is in the direction of  $\mathbf{A}_N$* ”

•  $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{dV}{dL} \Big|_{\text{max}} = \frac{dV}{dN}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = - \frac{dV}{dN} \hat{a}_N$$

- → The operation on  $V$  by which  $E$  is obtained is known as gradient.

$$E = -\text{grad } V$$

- → *Proof:*

Let  $V$  is an unique function of  $x, y, z$  and we take its complete differential.

$$dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} dz$$

- But we have also

$$dV = -E \cdot dL = -E_x dx - E_y dy - E_z dz$$

- → Comparing the both equations:

$$E_x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$$

$$E_y = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}$$

$$E_z = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z}$$

- → then result may be combined as:

$$E = - \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \hat{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \hat{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \hat{a}_z \right)$$

- →  $E = -gradV$

- →  $gradV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \hat{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \hat{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \hat{a}_z$

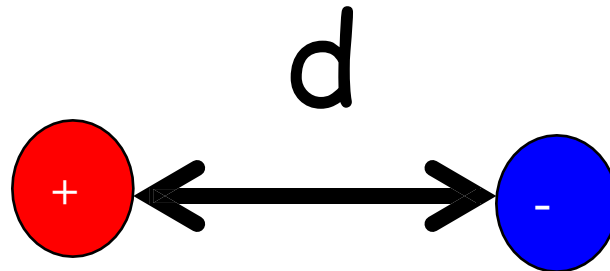
Gradient of  $V$  in other coordinate system:

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho} \hat{a}_\rho + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \hat{a}_\phi + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \hat{a}_z \rightarrow \text{Cylindrical}$$

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \hat{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \hat{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \hat{a}_\phi \rightarrow \text{Spherical}$$

# Electric Dipole

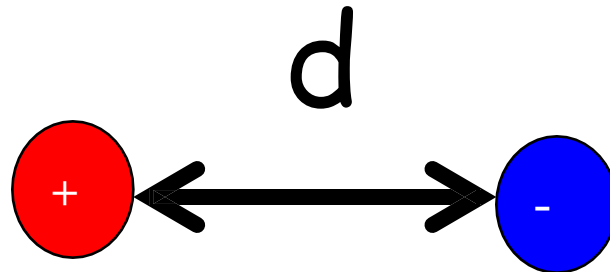
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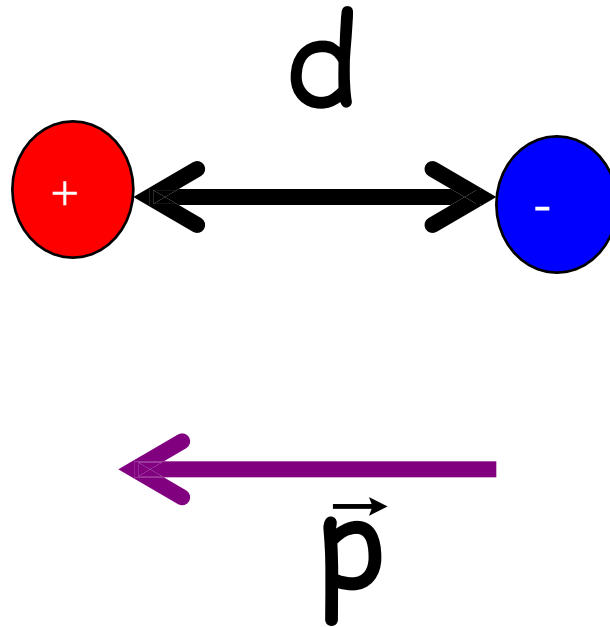
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$$p = q \times d$$

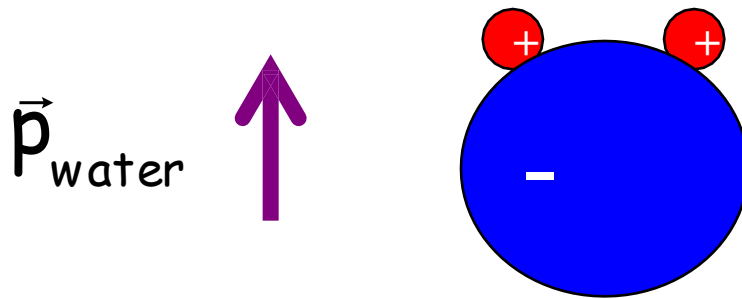
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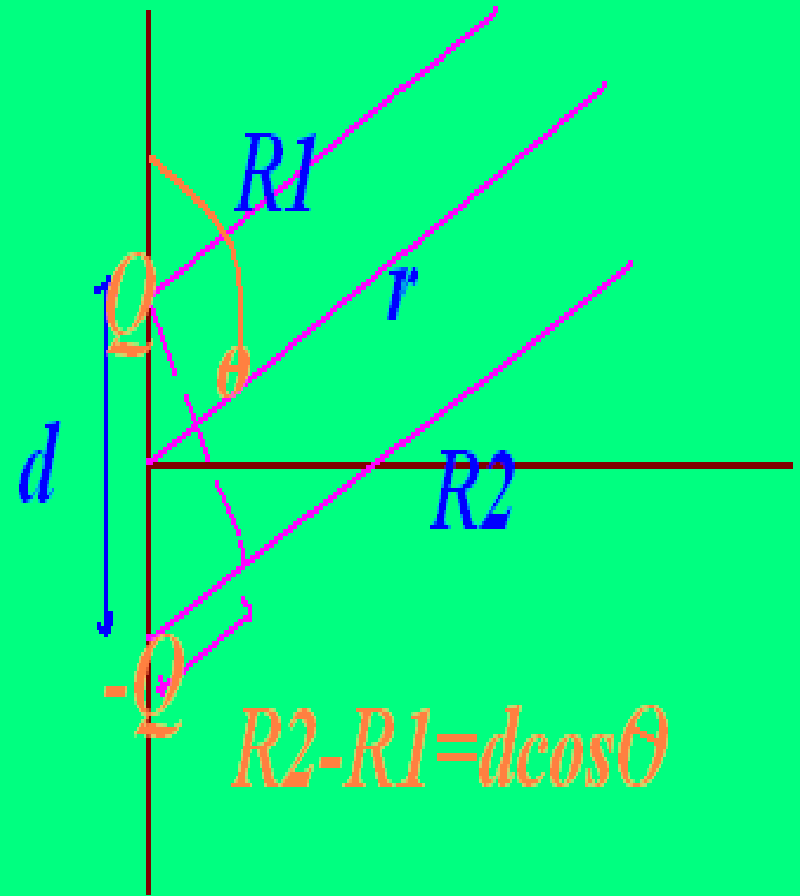
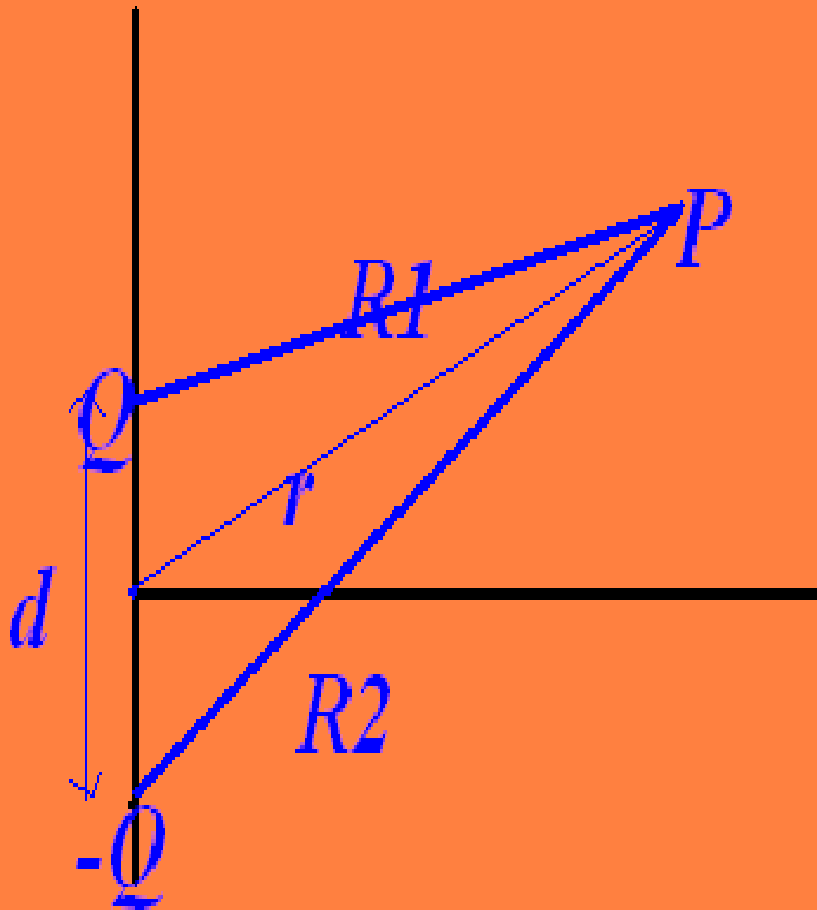
# Electric Dipole

- Water molecules are electric dipoles



# → potential due to electric dipole

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- **→** Potential at point P

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{R_2 - R_1}{R_1 R_2}$$

- $R_2 - R_1$  may be approximated very easily if  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are assumed to be parallel,

- $R_2 - R_1 = d \cos \theta$

- **→** The final result is then:

$$V = \frac{Q d \cos \theta}{4 \pi \epsilon_0 r^2}$$

## → Now Electric field:

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- By using gradient relationship for spherical coordinates:

$$E = -\nabla V = -\left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \hat{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \hat{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \hat{a}_\phi \right)$$

- So , we will get....

$$E = -\left( -\frac{Qd \cos \theta}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \hat{a}_r - \frac{Qd \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \hat{a}_\theta \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{Qd}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \left[ \cos \theta \hat{a}_r + \sin \theta \hat{a}_\theta \right]$$