

Questions
Chapter 23
Gauss' Law

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23-3 Flux of an Electric Field
m2-062

A uniform electric field $\vec{E} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$ intersects a surface of area A. The flux through the area is:

- A) bA if the surface lies yz plane.
- B) Zero if the surface lies in the xz plane.
- C) Zero if the surface lies in the yz plane.
- D) aA if the surface lies in xz plane.
- E) Zero if the surface lies in the xy plane.

Answer E

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23-3 Flux of an Electric Field
m2-061

When a piece of paper is held with its face perpendicular to a uniform electric field the flux through it is $25.0 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$. When the paper is turned 25.0° with respect to the field the flux through it is:

- A) $25.6 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$
- B) $17.6 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$
- C) $21.3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$
- D) $22.7 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$
- E) zero

Answer D

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23-4 Gauss' Law
m2-062

A point charge of $12 \mu\text{C}$ is placed at the center of a spherical shell of radius 12 cm . Find the ratio of the total electric flux through the entire surface of the shell to that of a concentric spherical surface of radius 6.0 cm .

- A) $1/2$
- B) 2
- C) 1
- D) $1/3$
- E) 4

Answer C

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23-4 Gauss' Law
m2-061

Charge Q is distributed uniformly throughout a spherical insulating shell. The net electric flux in $\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$ through the inner surface of the shell is:

- A) 0
- B) Q/ϵ_0
- C) $2Q/\epsilon_0$
- D) $Q/4\pi\epsilon_0$
- E) $Q/2\pi\epsilon_0$

Answer A

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23-4 Gauss' Law
m2-042

The net electric flux passing through a closed surface is $-4.00 \times 10^2 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$. What is net electric charge contained inside the surface if the surface is a cylinder of height 3.52 cm and radius 1.12 cm .

- A) $-3.54 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$.
- B) $-1.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ C}$.
- C) $3.54 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$.
- D) $1.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ C}$.
- E) zero.

Answer A

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23-4 Gauss' Law
m2-041

An imaginary closed spherical surface S of radius R is centered on the origin. A positive charge is originally at the origin, and the flux through the surface is "Phi". The positive charge is slowly moved from the origin to a point $2R$ away from the origin. In doing so the flux through S :

- A) remains the same Phi.
- B) increases to 4 Phi.
- C) increases to 2 Phi.
- D) decreases to Phi/4.
- E) decreases to zero.

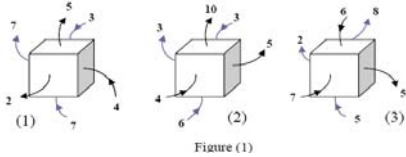
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23-4 Gauss' Law
m2-041

Figure 1 shows three situations in which a Gaussian cube sits in an electric field. The arrows and the values indicates the directions (in Nxm^2/C) of the flux through the six sides of each cube. In which situations does the cube enclose, positive net charge, a negative net charges and zero net charge? respectively.



- A) 1, 2 and 3.
- B) 2, 3 and 1.
- C) 3, 2 and 1.
- D) 2, 1 and 3.
- E) 1, 3 and 2.

Answer B

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23-7 Applying Gauss' Law: Cylindrical Symmetry
m2-062

The electric field, at a distance of 40 cm, from a very long uniform wire of charge is 840 N/C . How much charge is contained in a 2.0 cm long of the wire?

- A) 0.68 nC
- B) 0.37 nC
- C) 10 nC
- D) 5.0 nC
- E) 3.5 nC

Answer B

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23-7 Applying Gauss' Law: Cylindrical Symmetry
m2-061

A long wire, of linear charge density λ_w , runs along the cylindrical axis, of a cylindrical conducting shell, which carries a net linear charge density of λ_c . The charge per unit length on the inner and outer surfaces of the shell, respectively are: [Note: linear charge density charge per unit length]

- A) $-\lambda_w$ and $\lambda_c - \lambda_w$
- B) λ_w and λ_c
- C) $-\lambda_w$ and $\lambda_c + \lambda_w$
- D) $\lambda_w + \lambda_c$ and $\lambda_c - \lambda_w$
- E) $\lambda_w - \lambda_c$ and $\lambda_c + \lambda_w$

Answer C

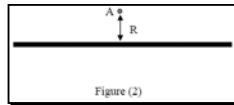
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23-7 Applying Gauss' Law: Cylindrical Symmetry
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In figure 2, the magnitude of the electric field at point A, due to an infinite line charge density of 9.0×10^{-6} C/m, is 7.2×10^4 N/C. If the point A is at a distance R from the line charge, what is R?

- A) 0.3 m.
- B) 1.2 m.
- C) 3.4 m.
- D) 2.3 m.
- E) 25 m.



Answer D

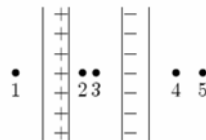
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23-8 Applying Gauss' Law: Planar Symmetry
m2-061

Two large insulating parallel plates carry uniformly-distributed surface charge densities of equal magnitude, one positive and the other negative. Rank the points 1 through 5 according to the magnitude of the electric field at the points, least to greatest.

- A) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- B) 2, then 1, 3, and 4 tied, then 5
- C) 1, 4, and 5 tie, then 2 and 3 tie
- D) 2 and 3 tie, then 1 and 4 tie, then 5
- E) 2 and 3 tie, then 1, 4, and 5 tie



Answer C

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23-8 Applying Gauss' Law: Planar Symmetry
m2-042

A charged, isolated, large non-conducting plate is placed on the XY-plane. At 1.5 m from the plate, on Z-axis, the electric field measured was 10^4 N/C and directed into the plate. What is the charge density on the plate?

- A) zero.
- B) 1.8×10^{-7} C/m².
- C) -3.2×10^{-7} C/m².
- D) 3.2×10^{-7} C/m².
- E) -1.8×10^{-7} C/m².

Answer E

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23-9 Applying Gauss' Law: spherical Symmetry
m2-062

An insulating sphere of radius $R = 10$ mm has a uniform charge density $\rho = 6.00 \times 10^{-3}$ C/m³. Calculate the electric flux through a concentric spherical surface with radius 5.00 mm.

- A) 355 N.m²/C
- B) 300 N.m²/C
- C) 250 N.m²/C
- D) 100 N.m²/C
- E) 150 N.m²/C

Answer A

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23-9 Applying Gauss' Law: spherical Symmetry
m2-042

A positive point charge q sits at the center of a hollow spherical shell. The shell, with radius R and negligible thickness, has net charge $-2q$. The electric field strength outside the spherical shell (at $r > R$) will be:

- A) kq/r^2 radially outwards.
- B) kq/r^2 radially inwards.
- C) $3kq/r^2$ radially inwards.
- D) $3kq/r^2$ radially outwards.
- E) zero.

Answer B

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23-9 Applying Gauss' Law: spherical Symmetry
m2-041

A non conducting sphere, of radius 4.0 m, has a charge density of 2.0 micro-C/m³. What is the electric field at a distance 1.7 m from the center?

- A) 1.9×10^5 N/C.
- B) 2.5×10^5 N/C.
- C) 1.3×10^5 N/C.
- D) 4.8×10^3 N/C.
- E) 6.2×10^3 N/C.

Answer C
