

Electromagnetic Field Theory

Week 2

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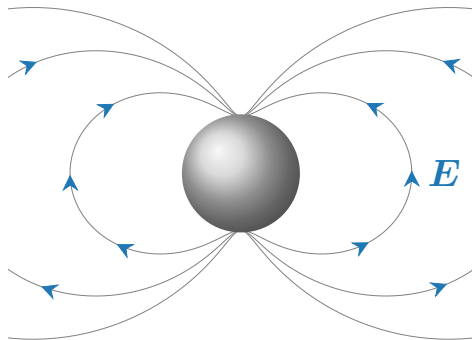
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1. Definition of Electrostatic Field
2. Coulomb's Law
3. Gauss's Law





Electrostatic Field

Maxwell's equations (in differential form)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

Electrostatics ($\partial/\partial t = 0$)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}$$

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

- Electric charge is displaced and fixed.
- All phenomena are time-independent.



Coulomb's Law

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$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1(\mathbf{r})q_2(\mathbf{r}')(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3}, \quad [\text{N}]$$

Permittivity of vacuum

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2} \approx 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1}$$



Superposition

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{n=1}^N q_n \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'_n}{|\mathbf{r}'_n - \mathbf{r}|^3}$$



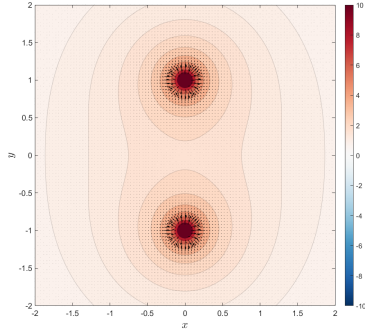
Electric Field Intensity $\mathbf{E}$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = q\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}), \quad [\text{N}]$$

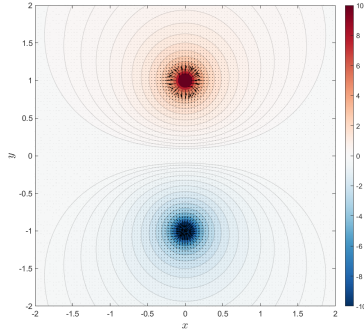
Electric field intensity $\mathbf{E}$ is a vector function in V/m.



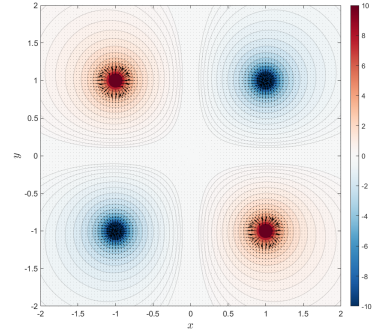
Electric Field of Several Point Charge Configurations



Two point charges of the same polarity.



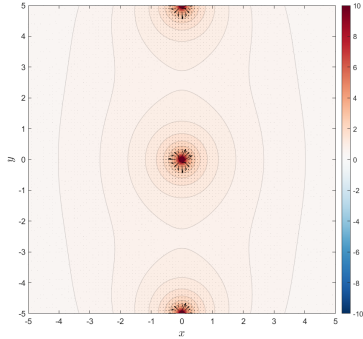
Two point charges of the opposite polarity.



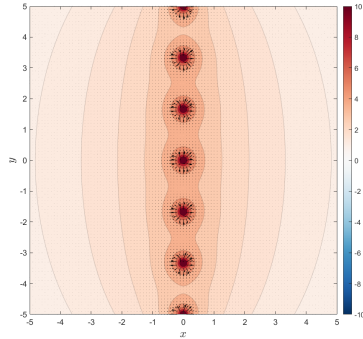
Four point charges – quadrupole configuration.



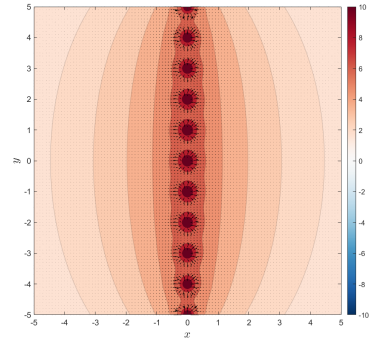
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3 point charges along straight line.



7 point charges along straight line.



11 point charges along straight line.



Electric Field of Continuous Charge Distributions

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_l \tau(\mathbf{r}') \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} dl$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iint_S \sigma(\mathbf{r}') \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} dS$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint_V \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} dV$$



Gauss's Law

- integral form

$$\oiint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \int_{V'} \rho(\mathbf{r}') dV' = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0}$$

- differential form

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}$$

Questions?

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