

1 Case 1 - Charge on Surface

So, we have a conductor with charge on the surface.

- $r_1 < a$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\vec{x}) d^3x \quad (1)$$

Inside the sphere, $\rho = 0$, and \vec{E} is in the \hat{n} direction. So,

$$E \cdot A = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 0, r < a$$

- $r_2 < a$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\vec{x}) d^3x \quad (3)$$

So,

$$E \cdot A = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}, r > a$$

2 Case 2 - Uniform Charge Density

For both inside and out, $\hat{n} = \hat{r}$ and \vec{E} .

- $r - 1 < a$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\vec{x}) d^3x \quad (5)$$

$$E \cdot A = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho V \quad (6)$$

$$E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \right) \quad (7)$$

But $\rho = \frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3}$. So,

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3} r, \quad r < a$$

- $r > a$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\vec{x}) d^3x \quad (8)$$

$$E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q \quad (9)$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}, \quad r > a$$

3 Case 3 - Non-Uniform Charge Density

Now we have a sphere with charge density, $\rho(r) = \gamma r^n$.

- $r < a$

Start with the charge density.

$$\int_V \rho(r) dV = \int_0^r \gamma r^n 4\pi r^2 dr \quad (10)$$

$$= 4\pi\gamma \int_0^r r^{n+2} dr \quad (11)$$

$$= 4\pi\gamma \frac{r^{n+3}}{n+3} \quad (12)$$

$$n > -3 \quad (13)$$

$$(14)$$

Now to find γ . Set the above integral equal to Q for $r = a$.

$$Q = 4\pi\gamma \frac{a^{n+3}}{n+3} \quad (15)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{Q}{4\pi} \left(\frac{n+3}{a^{n+3}} \right) \quad (16)$$

So,

$$\int_V \rho(r) dV = Q \frac{r^{n+3}}{a^{n+3}} \quad (17)$$

And then,

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\vec{x}) d^3x \quad (18)$$

$$E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q \frac{r^{n+3}}{a^{n+3}} \quad (19)$$

$$(20)$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a^{n+3}} r^{n+1}, \text{ for } r < a, n > -3$$

- $r > a$

Outside, the field is the same as the outside field of the previous two cases.

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} r, r > a$$