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Coulomb's Law for Continuous Charge Distributions

If a charge distribution is continuous, then the natural extension of Coulomb's Law is to integrate the electric field or force over the contributions from the infinitesimal charge elements dq at F':

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_0} \int \frac{1}{R^2} \vec{R} dq(\vec{r}')$$
 (2.4)

where \vec{R} varies with the location r' of dq as the integral is performed. dq is admittedly undefined here. However, before worrying about that, let us note that the integrand is a vector and so this integral requires some care: we must break up \hat{R} into its components and individually integrate each component. For example, if we use Cartesian coordinates, then $\hat{R} = \vec{x} \left(\hat{R} \cdot \vec{x} \right) + \vec{y} \left(\hat{R} \cdot \vec{y} \right) + \vec{z} \left(\hat{R} \cdot \vec{z} \right)$, and, since the Cartesian unit vectors do not depend on the location of the infinitesimal charge $dq(\vec{r}')$, we may write the integral out as follows:

$$\tilde{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\hat{x} \int \frac{1}{R^2} (\hat{R} \cdot \hat{x}) dq(\vec{r}') + \hat{y} \int \frac{1}{R^2} (\hat{R} \cdot \hat{y}) dq(\vec{r}') + \hat{z} \int \frac{1}{R^2} (\hat{R} \cdot \hat{z}) dq(\vec{r}') \right]$$

which is sum of three integrals with scalar integrands.

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Now, consider some specific charge distributions:

volume charge distribution:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_o} \int_{\mathcal{V}} \frac{d\tau' \rho(\vec{r}')}{R^2} \hat{R}^{2} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{with } \rho(\vec{r}') \text{ having units of C m}^{-3}, \\ \vec{r}' \text{ running over all points in the volume distribution } \mathcal{V}, \text{ and } d\tau' \\ \text{being the differential volume} \\ \text{element at } \vec{r}' \text{ for } \mathcal{V} \end{array}$$
 (2.6)

surface charge distribution:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_o} \int_{\mathcal{S}} \frac{da' \sigma(\vec{r}')}{R^2} \hat{R}$$
with $\sigma(\vec{r}')$ having units of C m⁻², \vec{r}' running over all points in the surface distribution \mathcal{S} , and da' being the differential area element at \vec{r}' for \mathcal{S} (2.7)

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Coulomb's Law, Electrostatic Forces, and Superposition

We begin with two empirical facts:

▶ Coulomb's Law: the empirical fact that the force on a test charge q at position \vec{r} due to a source charge q' at \vec{r}' is given by Coulomb's Law:

$$\vec{F} \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q' q}{R^2} \hat{R}$$
 with $\vec{R} \equiv \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$ (2.1)

where $\epsilon_o=8.85\times 10^{-12}~{\rm C^2~N^{-1}~m^{-2}}$. The force points along the line from q' to q as indicated by the sign of the definition of \widetilde{R} . The electric charge is in the units of Coulombs (C), which is a fundamental unit that cannot be written in terms of other fundamental units.

Recall that: we use "rather than boldface to indicate vectors; R where Griffiths uses a script r; and a different convention from Griffiths for the symbols for the two charges and their position vectors.

Superposition: the empirical fact that Coulomb's Law obeys the principle of superposition: the force on a test charge q at r due to N charges {q'_i} at positions {r''_i} is obtained by summing the individual vector forces:

$$\vec{F} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \vec{F}_{i} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_{0}} \frac{q_{i}^{i} q}{R_{i}^{2}} \widetilde{R}_{i}$$
 with $\vec{R}_{i} \equiv \vec{r} - \vec{r}_{i}^{\prime}$ (2.2)

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The Electric Field

Given that any test charge q placed at the position \vec{r} feels the same force, we are motivated to abstract away the test charge and define what we call the **electric field** at that position \vec{r} .

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\vec{r}}{q} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_o} \frac{g'}{R^2} \hat{R} & \text{for a single source charge } q' \text{ at } \vec{r}' \\ \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_o} \frac{g'}{R_i^2} \hat{R}_i & \text{for } N \text{ source charges } \{q'_i\} \text{ at positions } \{\vec{r}_i'\} \end{cases}$$
(2.3)

The electric field has units of N/C.

volume charge distribution:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{V}} \frac{d\tau' \rho(\vec{r}')}{R^2} \hat{R}$$
with $\rho(\vec{r}')$ having units of C m⁻³, \vec{r}' running over all points in the volume distribution \mathcal{V} , and $d\tau'$ being the differential volume element at \vec{r}' for \mathcal{V}

surface charge distribution:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{S}} \frac{da'\sigma(\vec{r}')}{R^2} \widehat{R}^2 \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{with } \sigma(\vec{r}') \text{ having units of C m}^{-2}, \\ \vec{r}' \text{ running over all points in the surface distribution } \mathcal{S}, \text{ and } da' \\ \text{being the differential area element at } \vec{r}' \text{ for } \mathcal{S} \end{array}$$

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line charge distribution:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{d\ell' \lambda(\vec{r}')}{R^2} \hat{R}$$
 with $\lambda(\vec{r}')$ having units of C m⁻¹, \vec{r}' running over all points in the line distribution \mathcal{C} , and $d\ell'$ being the differential length element at \vec{r}' for \mathcal{C}

Using the Dirac delta function we will define below, one can write the first two as special cases of the latter, using delta functions in the dimensions in which the charge distribution has no extent.