

Chapter 01

ELECTRIC CHARGES AND FIELDS

Gauss Law:

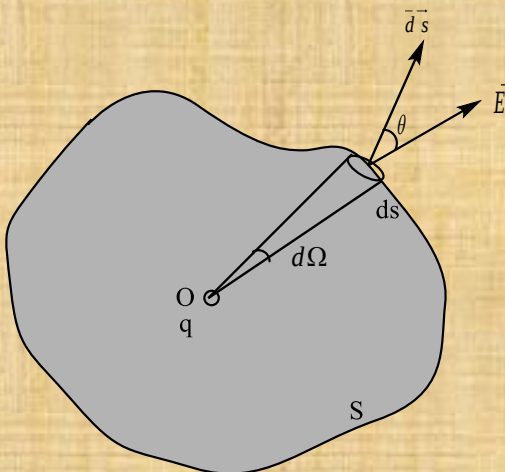
The total flux linked with a closed surface called gaussian surface is $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0}$ times the net charge enclosed by the closed surface.

$$\phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dA} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Proof:

Let us consider a point charge '+q' is placed in a closed surface at 'O'.

Consider a small elemental area 'ds' at 'P' at distance 'r' from 'O'.



Then the flux through $\vec{ds}$

$$d\phi = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{ds} = E ds \cos \theta$$

But $\vec{E}$ at P, $E = \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{r^2}$

$$\therefore d\theta = \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} ds \cos \theta$$

Flux through the whole closed surface

$$\oint d\theta = \oint \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} ds \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \oint \frac{ds \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \oint d\Omega$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon_0} 4\pi$$

Where $d\Omega$ = solid angle subtended by 'ds' at 'O'. But

$$\oint d\Omega = 4\pi.$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}.$$