

PHYS 121

Feb. 2, 2024

To do: - Complete HW4 by 23:59 today

- No Pre-lab #2.

Last Time: Gauss's Law

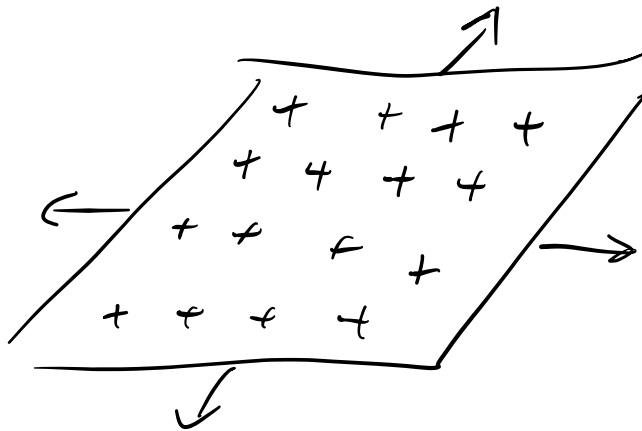
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Choose Gaussian surface s.t.

- ①  $\vec{E} \parallel d\vec{A}$  or  $\vec{E} \perp d\vec{A}$
- ②  $|\vec{E}|$  is const over parts of surface where  $\vec{E} \parallel d\vec{A}$

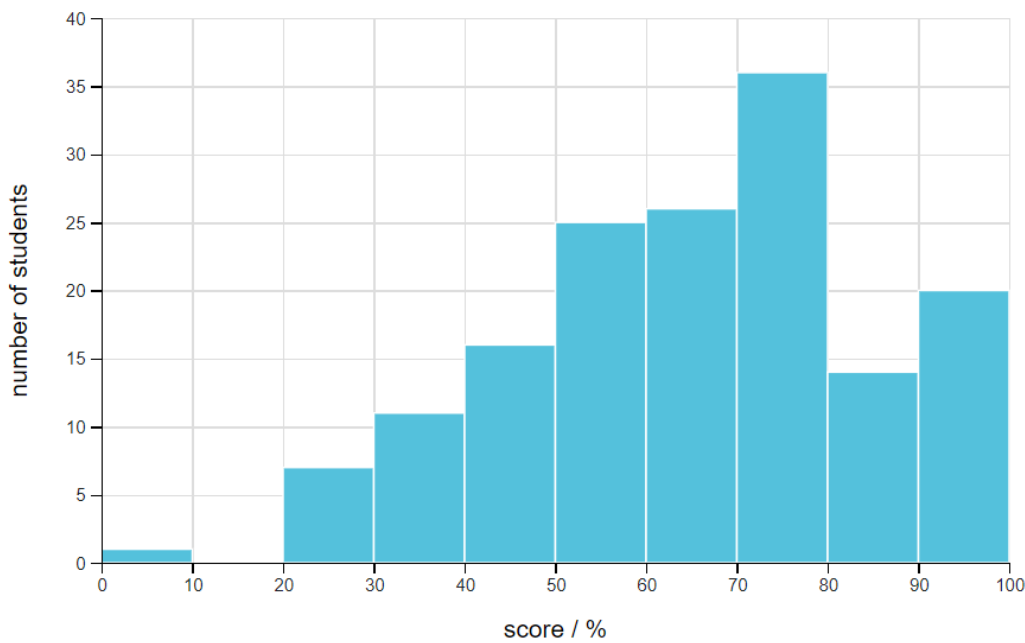
Sheet of charge

charge per unit  
area  $\sigma = \frac{Q}{\text{area}}$



$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

indep. of position/distance  
from sheet.

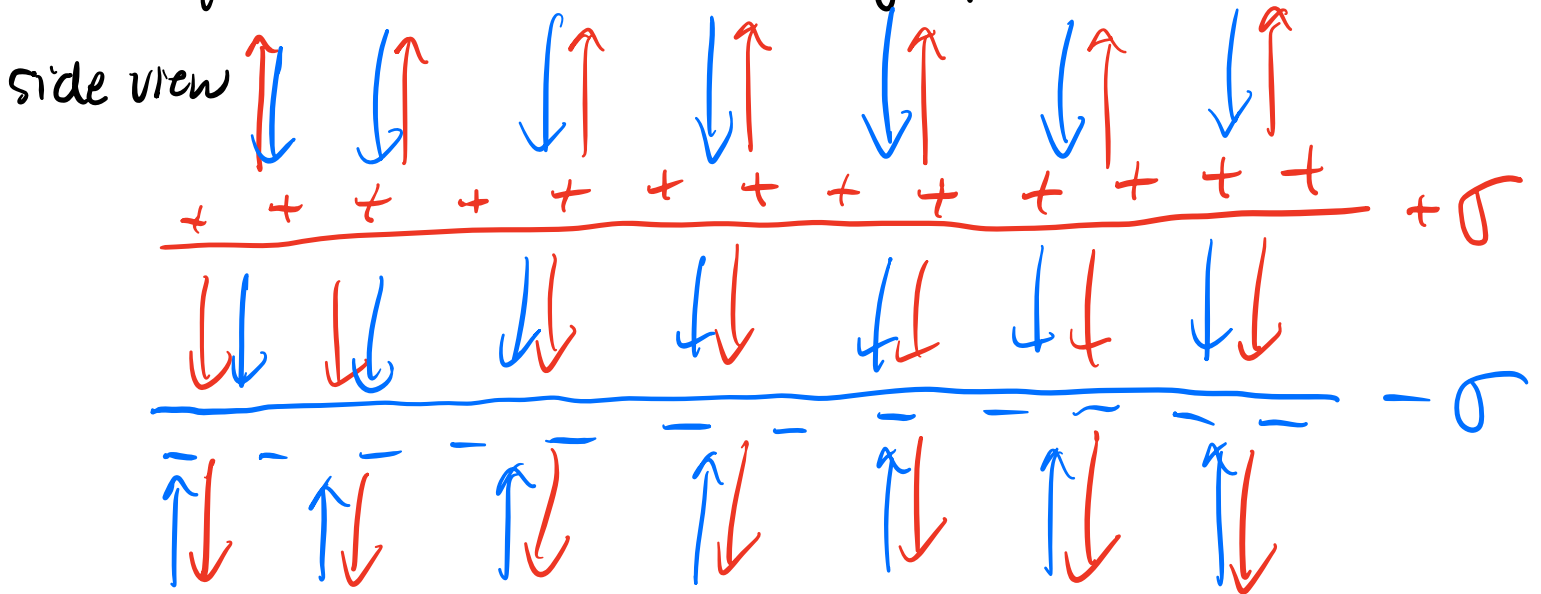


22% of class got 80% or better

Number of students	156
Mean score	64%
Standard deviation	19%

Sheet of uniform charge - Application.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Parallel Plate Capacitor.

Consider two parallel sheets of charge w/ equal but opposite charge per unit area  $\sigma$ .



We will first draw  $\vec{E}$  due to pos. sheet.  
Then draw  $\vec{E}$  due to neg. sheet.  
Net  $\vec{E}$ -field is the sum of the two.

$$E_{\text{sheet}} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

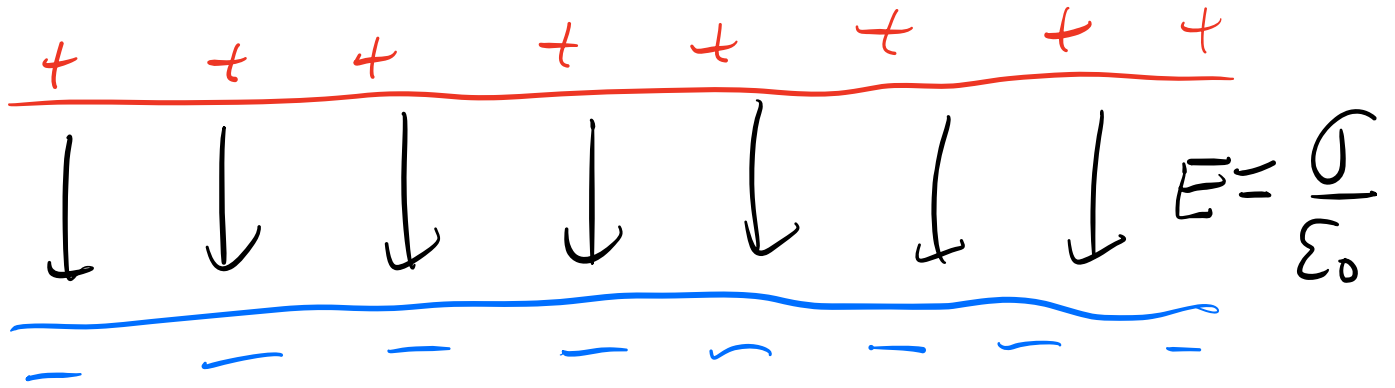
Above & below the parallel sheets  $\vec{E}_{\text{net}} = 0$   
b/c the two contributions are equal in  
mag. & opposite in dir'n.

On the hand, the two contributions to  
 $\vec{E}_{\text{net}}$  add between the sheets s.t.

$$\vec{E}_{\text{net}} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \text{ between sheets.}$$

The parallel sheets of the capacitor gives  
us a way to create a uniform  $\vec{E}$  between  
the plates w/  $\vec{E} = 0$  every where else.

$$\vec{E} = 0$$

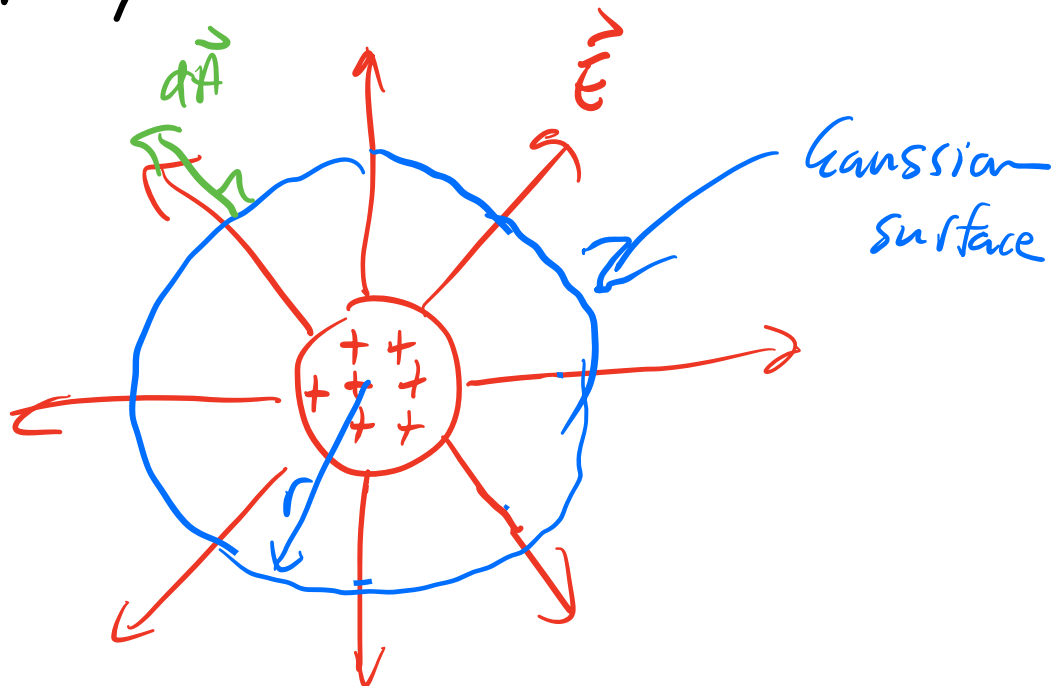


$$\vec{E} = 0$$

Gauss's Law is easy to apply in 3 scenarios

① Pt. charge or a spherical dist'n of charge.

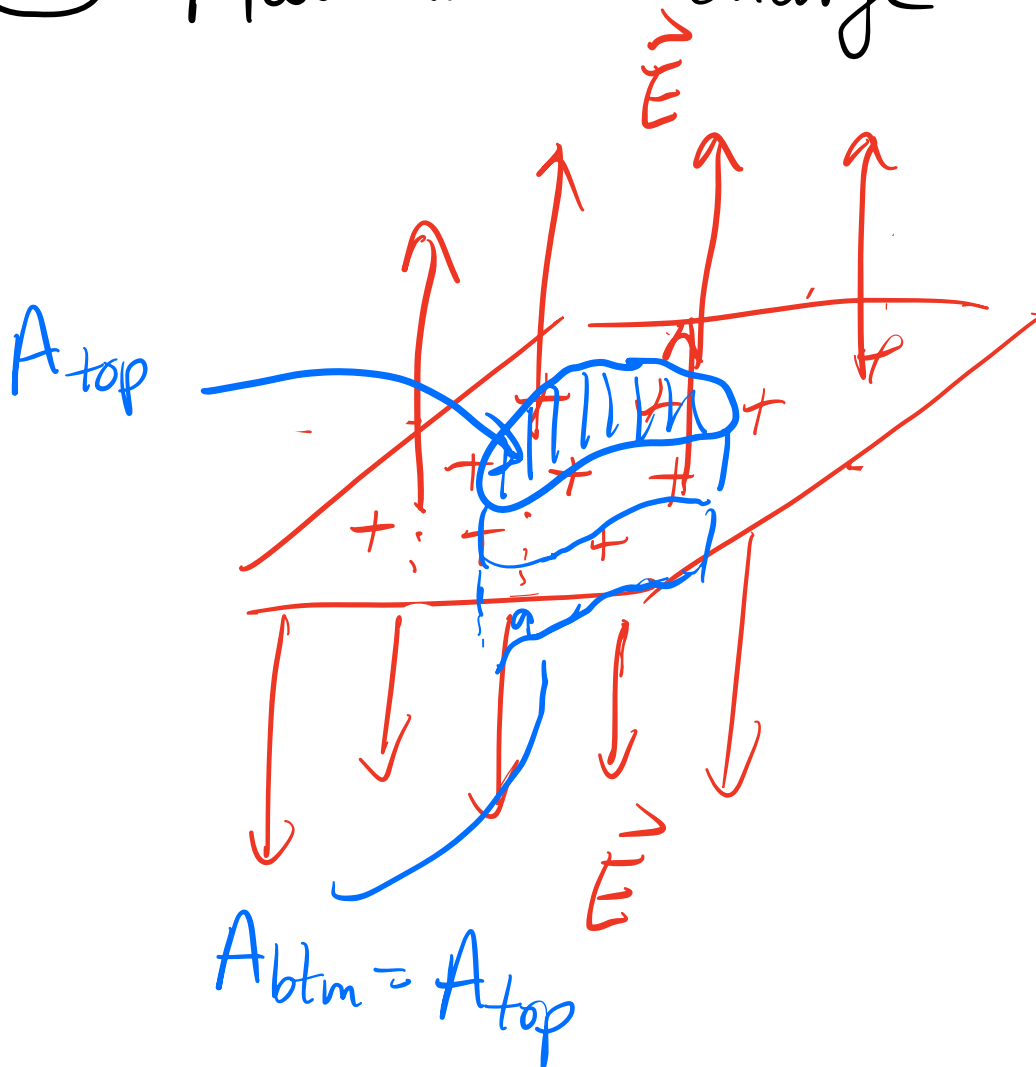
Here,  $\vec{E}$  will be in radial dir'n.



Select a spherical Gaussian surface  
s.t.  $\vec{E}$  is const &  $\perp$  at the surface.

$$\begin{aligned}\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} &= \oint E dA = E \oint dA \\ &= EA_{\text{sphere}} \\ &= E4\pi r^2\end{aligned}$$

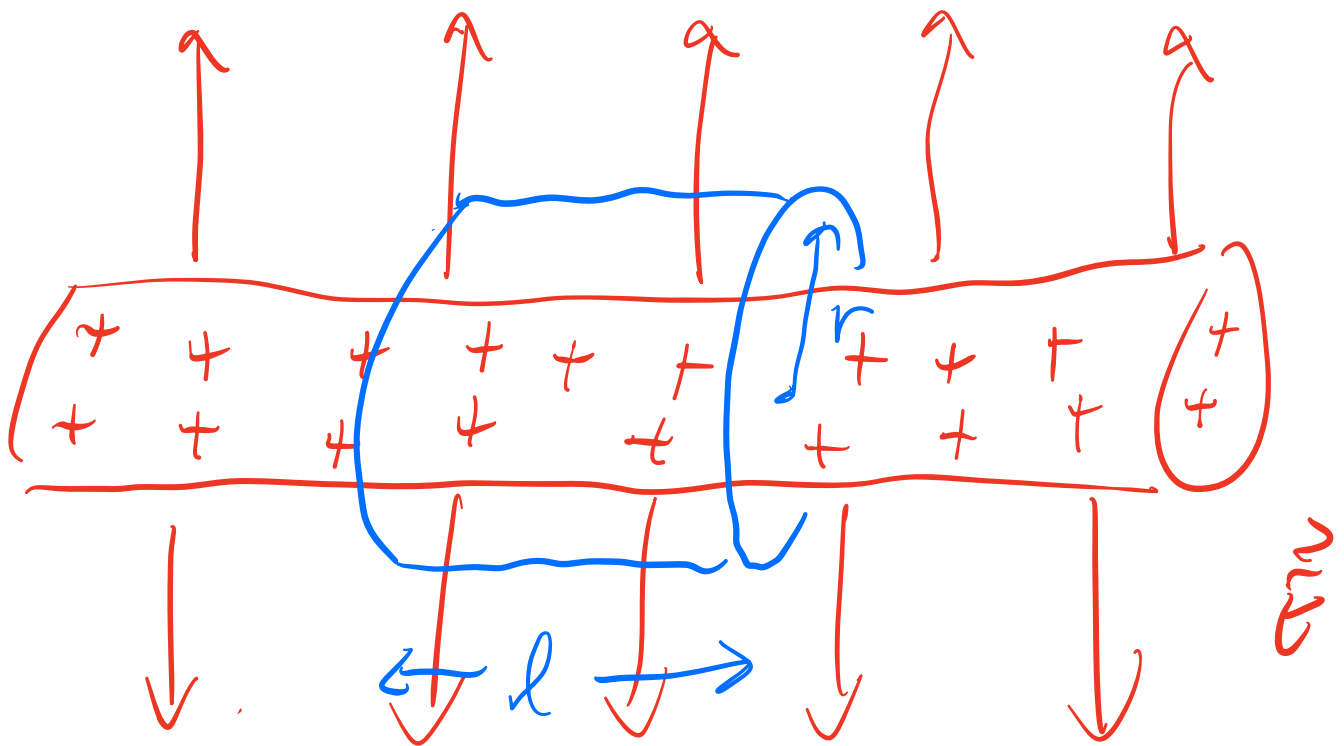
② Flat dist'n of charge



- $\vec{E} \perp$  to sheet.
- Select a Gaussian surface w/  
flat top & btm

$$\begin{aligned}\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} &= \int_{\text{top}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} + \int_{\text{btm}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} \\ &= 2 \int_{\text{top}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 2 \int_{\text{top}} E dA \\ &= 2E \int_{\text{top}} dA = \boxed{2EA_{\text{top}}}\end{aligned}$$

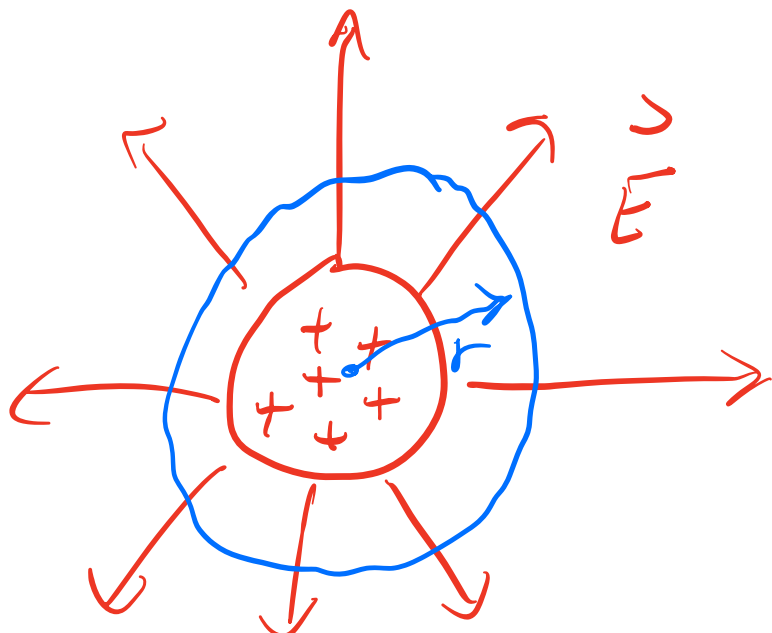
③ Cylindrical dist'n of charge. (v. long)



Assume rod is charge uniformly throughout its volume.

$$\rho = \frac{Q}{V}$$

Side View



Select a cylindrical gaussian surface.

Cylindrical surface has two side areas & a curved surface.

$$\Phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_{\text{left side}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} + \int_{\text{right side}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$+ \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

curved.

$$\Phi = \int_{\text{curved}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_{\text{curved}} E dA = E \int_{\text{curved}} dA$$



$$\Phi = E A_{\text{curved}} = E (2\pi r l)$$

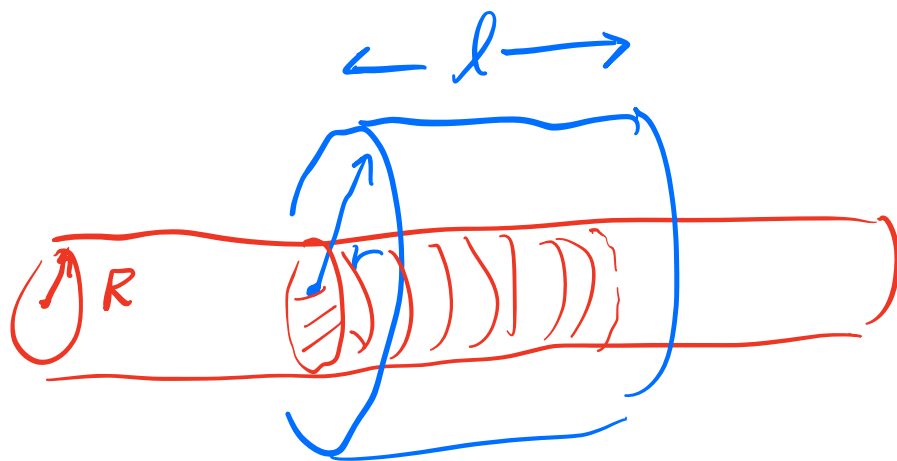
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Consider a long uniformly-charged rod of radius  $R$  & charge density  $\rho$ . Find  $\vec{E}$

(a) a dist  $r > R$  away from axis of rod  
(outside)

(b) a dist  $r < R$  from axis of rod  
(inside).

(a)



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0}$$



$$E(2\pi r l)$$

charge per unit  
volume of rod

$$q_{\text{enc}} = \rho \left( \text{volume of section of rod inside} \right. \\ \left. \text{blue gaussian surface} \right)$$



$$\pi R^2 l$$

$$q_{\text{enc}} = \rho \pi R^2 l$$

Gauss's Law:

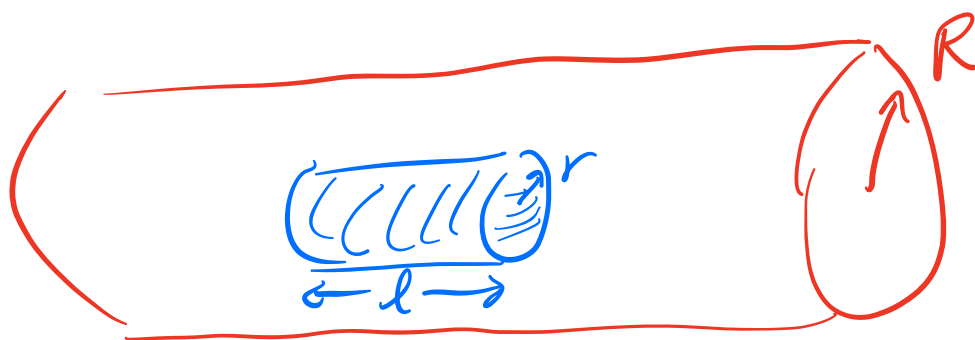
$$E(\cancel{2\pi r l}) = \frac{\rho \cancel{\pi R^2 l}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\rho R^2}{2\epsilon_0 r}$$

outside the rod

$$r > R$$

(b)



Just like in (a)  $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E(2\pi r l)$

Now  $q_{\text{enc}} = \rho$  (Blue shade volume)

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\pi r^2 l}$

$$q_{\text{enc}} = \rho \pi r^2 l$$

$\therefore$  Gauss's law requires

$$E(\cancel{2\pi r l}) = \frac{\rho \cancel{\pi r^2 l}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{\rho r}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$r < R$  points inside rod.