October 15, 2017





Theorem. The flux of the electric field through the closed surface is proportional to the charge enclosed inside this surface.





$$E_n = k \frac{q}{\epsilon r^2}$$
.



Homework problem 1. Use Gauss' law to find the electric field of a thin infinite straight wire with a linear density of charge ρ .

Note: One can of course compute the same result differently: imagine that wore is made of tiny pieces, so small that each produces field of a single particle. Then one can add-up fields of all these pieces. This harder exercise requires knowledge of integrals but gives the same answer!

Homework problem 2. Positive charge q is uniformly spread along the length on the thin wire ring with radius R (so it is spread along the perimeter of a circle). Find the field along the axes of the symmetry of the ring as a function of h, the height from the plane of the ring. (Hint: see Note above).