

In[*]:= (*Gauss*)

(*we first define electric field of a point charge,
 $\vec{E} = k_e q \vec{r} / r^3$ *)

In[30]:= efield[rvec_, q_] := ke q rvec / Norm[rvec]^3

In[31]:= rvec := {x, y, z}

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In[32]:= efield[rvec, q]

Out[32]=

$$\left\{ \frac{k_e q x}{\left(\text{Abs}[x]^2 + \text{Abs}[y]^2 + \text{Abs}[z]^2 \right)^{3/2}}, \frac{k_e q y}{\left(\text{Abs}[x]^2 + \text{Abs}[y]^2 + \text{Abs}[z]^2 \right)^{3/2}}, \frac{k_e q z}{\left(\text{Abs}[x]^2 + \text{Abs}[y]^2 + \text{Abs}[z]^2 \right)^{3/2}} \right\}$$

In[34]:= Clear[q];

ef = 1 / (ke q)

FullSimplify[efield[rvec, q], Assumptions -> {x ∈ Reals, y ∈ Reals, , z ∈ Reals}]

Out[34]=

$$\left\{ \frac{x}{\left(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \right)^{3/2}}, \frac{y}{\left(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \right)^{3/2}}, \frac{z}{\left(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \right)^{3/2}} \right\}$$

(*which is just $\vec{r} / r^3$; thus the dimensionless Gauss integral is expected to be
4Pi *)

In[36]:= efx05 = ef /. x -> x - 0.5

Out[36]=

$$\left\{ \frac{-0.5 + x}{\left((-0.5 + x)^2 + y^2 + z^2 \right)^{3/2}}, \frac{y}{\left((-0.5 + x)^2 + y^2 + z^2 \right)^{3/2}}, \frac{z}{\left((-0.5 + x)^2 + y^2 + z^2 \right)^{3/2}} \right\}$$

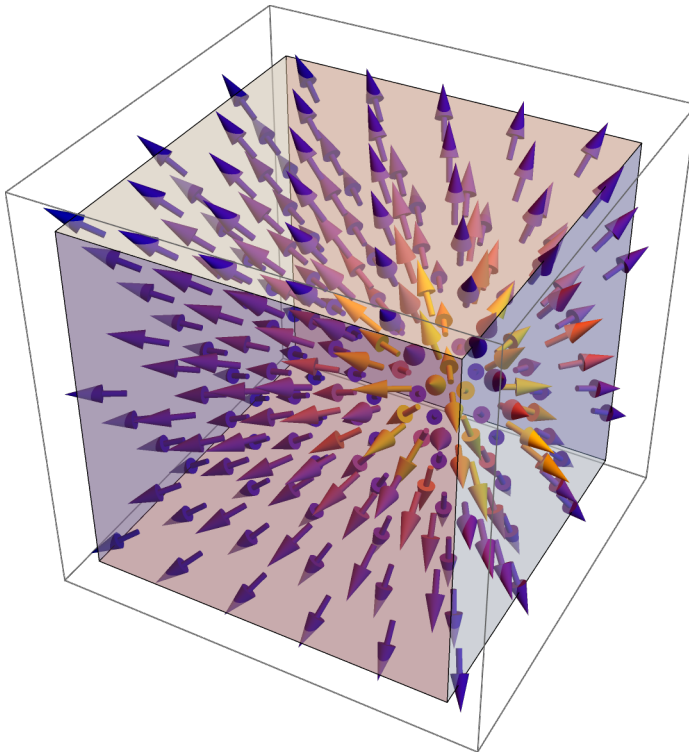
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In[38]:= Show[Graphics3D[{{Opacity[.4], Cube[2]}}],  
VectorPlot3D[efx05, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}]]
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Out[38]=

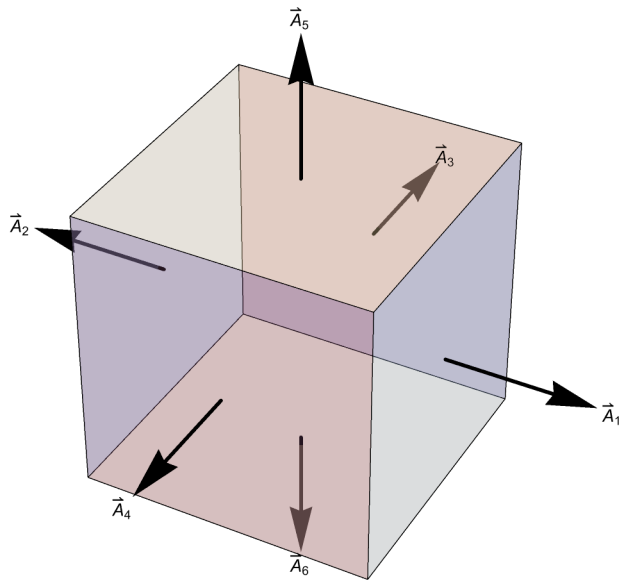


In[*]:=

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Clear[A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6]; (*vector areas; for a unit cube coincide with normals*)  
A1 = {1, 0, 0}; (*right face*)  
A2 = -A1; (*left face*)  
A3 = {0, 1, 0}; (*back face*)  
A4 = -A3; (*front face*)  
A5 = {0, 0, 1}; (*top face*)  
A6 = -A5; (*bottom face*)
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In[41]:= Graphics3D[{Opacity[.3], Cube[2]}, Thick, Arrow[{A1, 2 A1}],
  Text[" $\vec{A}_1$ ", 2.1 A1], Arrow[{A2, 2 A2}], Text[" $\vec{A}_2$ ", 2.1 A2], Arrow[{A3, 2 A3}],
  Text[" $\vec{A}_3$ ", 2.1 A3], Arrow[{A4, 2 A4}], Text[" $\vec{A}_4$ ", 2.1 A4], Arrow[{A5, 2 A5}],
  Text[" $\vec{A}_5$ ", 2.1 A5], Arrow[{A6, 2 A6}], Text[" $\vec{A}_6$ ", 2.1 A6]}, Boxed → False]
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Out[41]=



(*to shorten notations and make them closer to those used in MATLAB, we introduce*)

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int := Integrate;
nint := NIntegrate
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(*start with charge at the center; *)

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In[46]:= A1.ef /.
  x → 1 (*projection of the field near the front face on the direction of its normal*)
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Out[46]=

$$\frac{1}{(1 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

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In[47]:= phi1 = int[A1.ef /. x → 1, {y, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}]
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Out[47]=

$$\frac{2\pi}{3}$$

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In[48]:= phi2 = int[A2.ef /. x → -1, {y, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}]
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Out[48]=
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$$\frac{2\pi}{3}$$

(*etc., the rest check together*)

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In[*]:= {int[A3.ef /. y → 1, {x, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}], int[A4.ef /. y → -1, {x, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}],
  int[A5.ef /. z → 1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}], int[A6.ef /. z → -1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}]}
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Out[*]=
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$$\left\{ \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3} \right\}$$

phi1 + phi2 + 4 * 2 Pi / 3 (*total flux*)

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Out[*]=
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$$4\pi$$

(*as expected*)

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(*now we shift the charge to x=1/2*)

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In[49]:= efx05 = ef /. x → x - 1 / 2
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Out[49]=
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$$\left\{ \frac{-\frac{1}{2} + x}{\left(-\frac{1}{2} + x\right)^2 + y^2 + z^2}^{3/2}, \frac{y}{\left(-\frac{1}{2} + x\right)^2 + y^2 + z^2}^{3/2}, \frac{z}{\left(-\frac{1}{2} + x\right)^2 + y^2 + z^2}^{3/2} \right\}$$

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In[50]:= phi1 = int[A1.efx05 /. x → 1, {y, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}]
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Out[50]=
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$$\pi + \text{ArcTan}\left[\frac{336}{527}\right]$$

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In[51]:= phi2 = int[A2.efx05 /. x → -1, {y, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}]
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Out[51]=
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$$2 \text{ArcTan}\left[\frac{24\sqrt{17}}{137}\right]$$

(*etc., we will not show all long analytical expressions,
also expressed through varios ArcTan *)

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In[52]:= phi3 = int[A3.efx05 /. y -> 1, {x, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}];
phi4 = int[A4.efx05 /. y -> -1, {x, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}];
phi5 = int[A5.efx05 /. z -> 1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}];
phi6 = int[A6.efx05 /. z -> -1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}];
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In[53]:= (*they are all the same, e.g.*) phi3 - phi4
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Out[53]=
0
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In[*]:= (*now total flux*)
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In[54]:= phi1 + phi2 + 4 phi3
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Out[54]=

$$\pi + \text{ArcTan}\left[\frac{336}{527}\right] + 2 \text{ArcTan}\left[\frac{24 \sqrt{17}}{137}\right] + 8 \text{ArcTan}\left[\frac{1}{24} (13 + 5 \sqrt{17})\right]$$

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In[55]:= % // Simplify(*does not work analytically*)
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Out[55]=

$$\pi + \text{ArcTan}\left[\frac{336}{527}\right] + 2 \text{ArcTan}\left[\frac{24 \sqrt{17}}{137}\right] + 8 \text{ArcTan}\left[\frac{1}{24} (13 + 5 \sqrt{17})\right]$$

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In[56]:= % - 4. Pi(*4. forces a switch to Numerics*)
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Out[56]=

$$8.88178 \times 10^{-16}$$

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In[57]:= (*which is a machine zero*)
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(*Extra: we now try to verify if outside charge indeed
contributes zero flux. We select x=2 for the location of the charge:*)

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In[60]:= efx2 = ef /. x -> x - 2
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Out[60]=

$$\left\{ \frac{-2 + x}{((-2 + x)^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}, \frac{y}{((-2 + x)^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}, \frac{z}{((-2 + x)^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \right\}$$

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In[61]:= phi1 = int[A1.efx2 /. x -> 1, {y, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}]
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Out[61]=

$$-\frac{2\pi}{3}$$

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(*note the "-")

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In[62]:= phi2 = int[A2.efx2 /. x -> -1, {y, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}]
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Out[62]=
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$$2 \operatorname{ArcTan}\left[\frac{3\sqrt{11}}{49}\right]$$

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In[63]:= phi3 = int[A3.efx2 /. y -> 1, {x, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}];
phi4 = int[A4.efx2 /. y -> -1, {x, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}];
phi5 = int[A5.efx2 /. z -> 1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}];
phi6 = int[A6.efx2 /. z -> -1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}];
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In[64]:= (*again, they should be the same*) {phi3, phi4, phi5, phi6}
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Out[64]=
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$$\left\{ -\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2 \operatorname{ArcTan}\left[10 + 3\sqrt{11}\right], -\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2 \operatorname{ArcTan}\left[10 + 3\sqrt{11}\right], \right. \\ \left. -\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2 \operatorname{ArcTan}\left[10 + 3\sqrt{11}\right], -\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2 \operatorname{ArcTan}\left[10 + 3\sqrt{11}\right] \right\}$$

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In[65]:= phi1 + phi2 + 4 * phi3
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Out[65]=
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$$-\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2 \operatorname{ArcTan}\left[\frac{3\sqrt{11}}{49}\right] + 4 \left(-\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2 \operatorname{ArcTan}\left[10 + 3\sqrt{11}\right] \right)$$

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In[66]:= % // N
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Out[66]=
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$$-2.22045 \times 10^{-16}$$

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In[67]:= Chop[%]
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Out[67]=
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0

(*Yes! A machine zero*)

(*good, but since pure analytics seems to get unmanageable,
we switch to numerical integration. *)

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In[69]:= (*General; get rid of 4Pi, so the theoretical value is 1;
the function below does the same integrations as before, only without interruptions,
computes the total flux, and gives the error compared to exact value*)
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testCube[x0_, y0_, z0_] := {Clear[f, phiTot];
  f = 1 / (4 Pi) ef /. {x -> x - x0, y -> y - y0, z -> z - z0};
  phi1 = nint[A1.f /. x -> 1], {y, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}];
  phi2 = nint[A2.f /. x -> -1], {y, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}];
  phi3 = nint[A3.f /. y -> 1, {x, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}];
  phi4 = nint[A4.f /. y -> -1, {x, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}];
  phi5 = nint[A5.f /. z -> 1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}];
  phi6 = nint[A6.f /. z -> -1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}];
  phiTot = phi1 + phi2 + phi3 + phi4 + phi5 + phi6;
  phiTot - 1}
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(*we first double check the two cases which we verified analytically, and then other*)
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In[71]:= {testCube[0, 0, 0], testCube[.5, 0, 0]}
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Out[71]= {{-1.9264 × 10-9}, {-4.82647 × 10-9}}
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In[113]:=
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testCube[.5, .5, 0]
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Out[113]=
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{-1.77243 × 10-8}
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In[112]:=
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In[74]:=
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(*now a random test*)
x0 = RandomReal[];
y0 = RandomReal[];
z0 = RandomReal[];
testCube[x0, y0, z0];
Print["x0=", x0, " ", "y0=", y0, " ", "z0=", z0, " ", "error=", phiTot - 1];
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x0=0.473341 y0=0.912875 z0=0.644184 error=-2.79505 × 10-8
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x0=0.693657 y0=0.00268512 z0=0.372206 error=-6.23508 × 10-8
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In[75]:= (*Extra: test for a charge outside the cube. Note: error in this case is |phiTot|,
which should be close to zero*)
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(*Advanced. To repeat a random test many times we can use, e.g. the "Do" loop:*)
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In[77]:= Do[{x0 = RandomReal[{-1, 1}];
  y0 = RandomReal[{-1, 1}];
  z0 = RandomReal[{-1, 1}];
  testCube[x0, y0, z0];
  Print["x0=", x0, " ", "y0=", y0, " ", "z0=", z0, " ", "error=", phiTot - 1];}
, {10}]

x0=0.179191 y0=0.32641 z0=0.764337 error=-6.74868×10-9
x0=0.758191 y0=0.617569 z0=0.207494 error=-1.4149×10-8
x0=0.861654 y0=-0.910783 z0=-0.636172 error=-5.70543×10-8
x0=0.191913 y0=0.442232 z0=0.165241 error=-7.03791×10-9
x0=0.223338 y0=-0.899776 z0=0.438585 error=-3.66678×10-8
x0=-0.674594 y0=0.771644 z0=0.196429 error=-7.55091×10-9
x0=-0.615067 y0=-0.575982 z0=0.49445 error=-3.28598×10-8
x0=-0.760207 y0=0.875595 z0=0.715869 error=-2.50768×10-8
x0=0.569451 y0=-0.18703 z0=-0.0940902 error=3.1311×10-9

NIntegrate: Numerical integration converging too slowly; suspect one of the following: singularity, value of the integration is 0,
highly oscillatory integrand, or WorkingPrecision too small. ⓘ
x0=0.985526 y0=-0.631114 z0=-0.0470422 error=-4.00439×10-8

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In[119]:=

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In[120]:=

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(*Advanced. Analytics for r>*)

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Out[118]=
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In[109]:=

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