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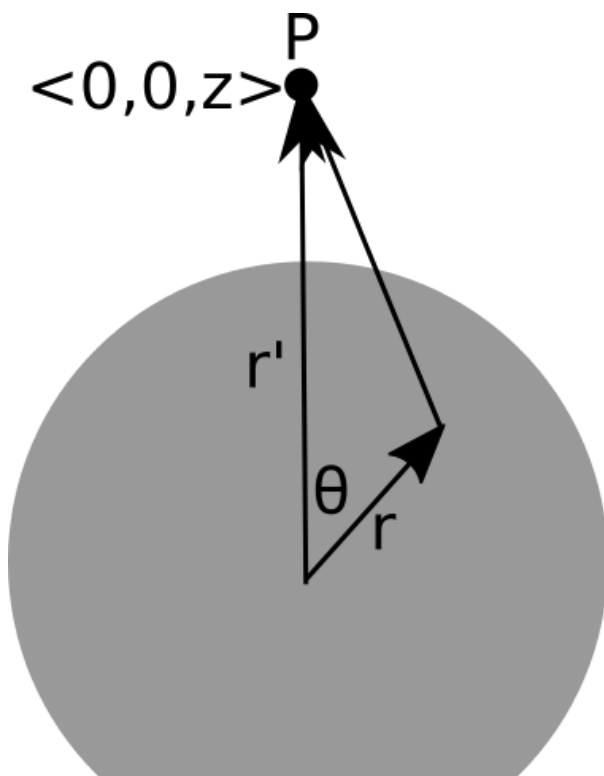
You determine that a particular electrostatics problem cannot be integrated analytically. How do you instruct a computer to do it for you?

Work with those around you to come up with a series of instructions (in plain words) to tell the computer to do it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Will start "counting" clickers next Monday
 - Register your clicker!
- If you need help with Python, let me know ASAP!
- Honors Option
 - Talk to me about your ideas
 - Option 1: Design a computational activity for this class
 - Option 2: Develop a computational model and paper for an interesting electrostatics phenomenon
 - Option 3: Pitch me your idea

Given the location of the little bit of charge (dq), what is $|\vec{\mathcal{R}}|$?



- A. $\sqrt{z^2 + r'^2}$
- B. $\sqrt{z^2 + r'^2 - 2zr' \cos \theta}$
- C. $\sqrt{z^2 + r'^2 + 2zr' \cos \theta}$
- D. Something else



Which of the following are vectors?

(I) Electric field, (II) Electric flux, and/or (III) Electric charge

A. I only

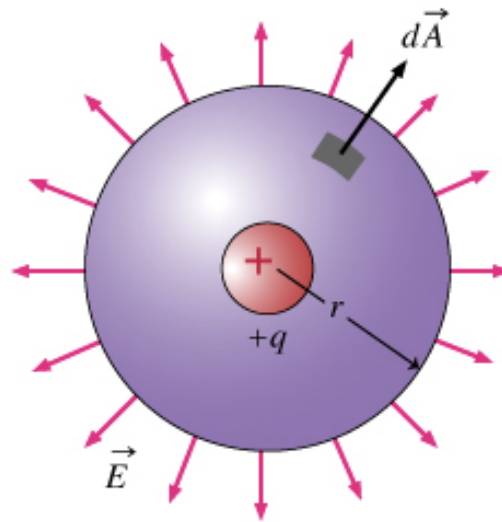
B. I and II only

C. I and III only

D. II and III only

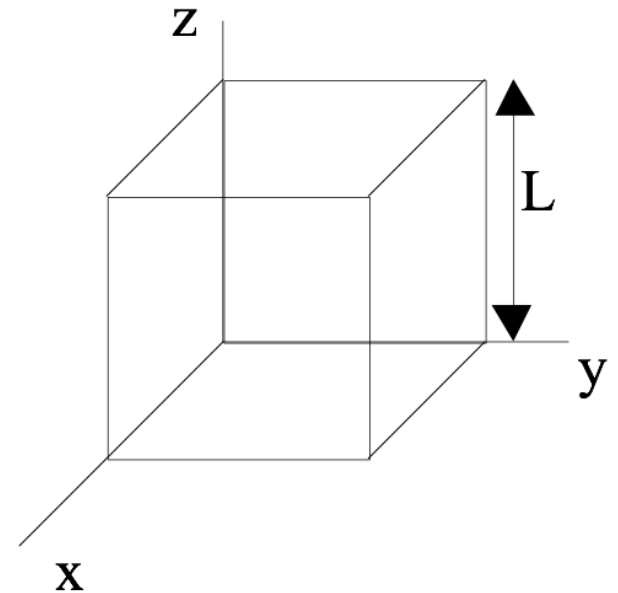
E. I, II, and III

GAUSS' LAW



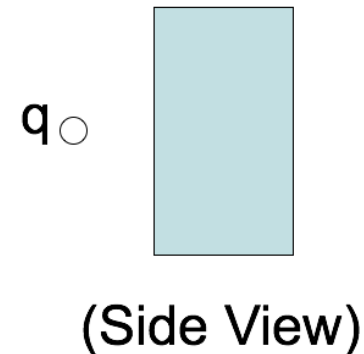
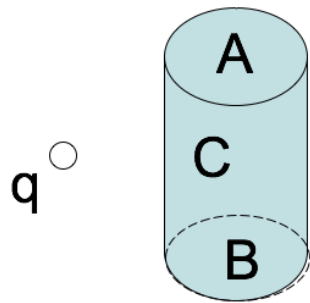
$$\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \int_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} d\tau$$

The space in and around a cubical box (edge length L) is filled with a constant uniform electric field, $\mathbf{E} = E_0 \hat{y}$. What is the TOTAL electric flux $\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$ through this closed surface?



- A. 0
- B. $E_0 L^2$
- C. $2E_0 L^2$
- D. $6E_0 L^2$
- E. We don't know $\rho(r)$, so can't answer.

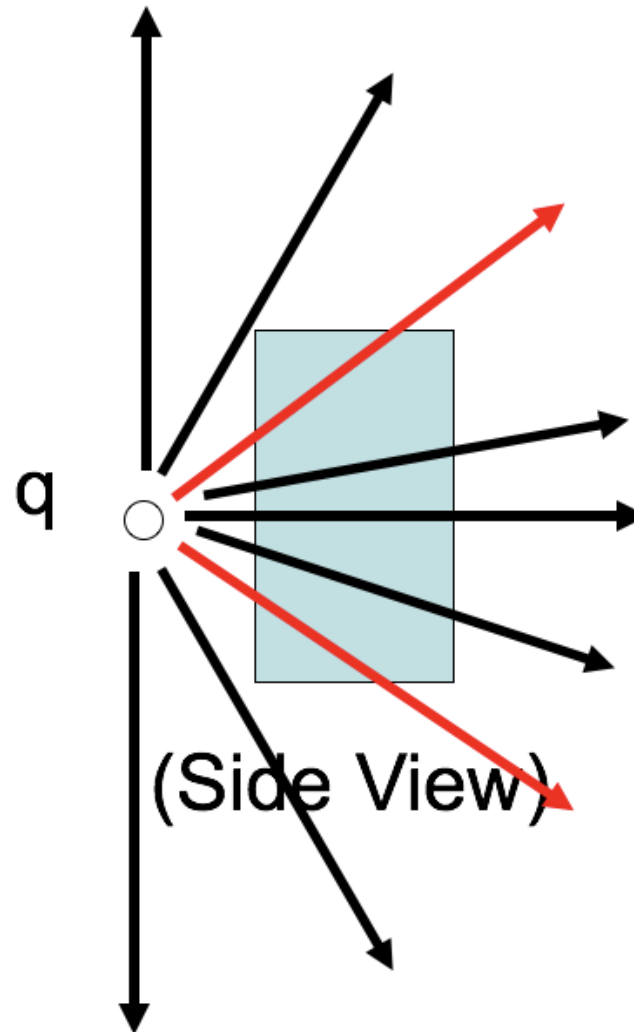
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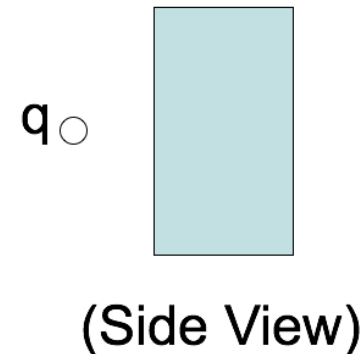
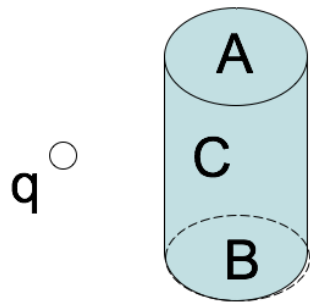
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- C. zero

D. not enough information given to decide

Let's get a better look at the side view.



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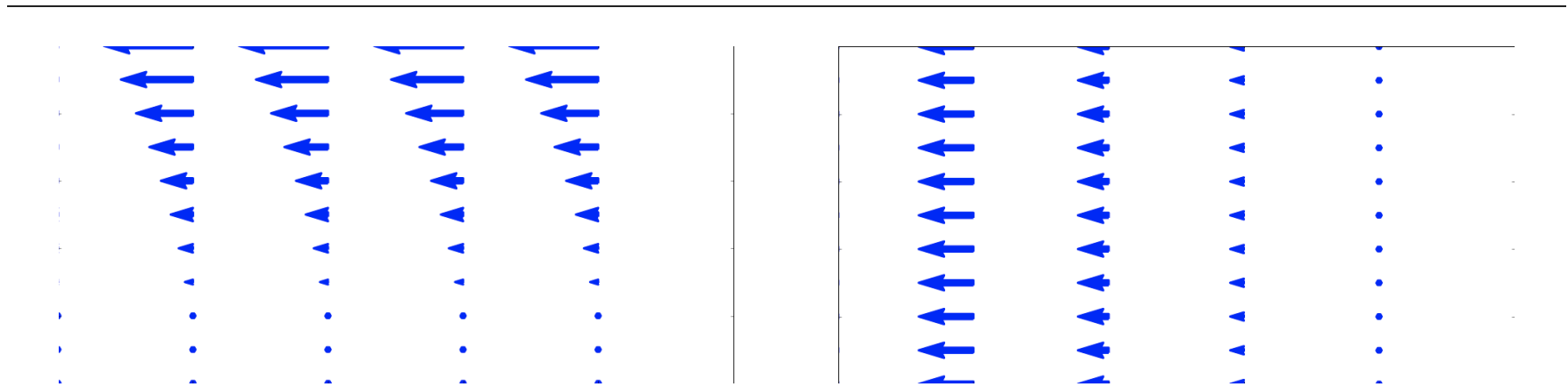
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Which of the following two fields has zero divergence?

I

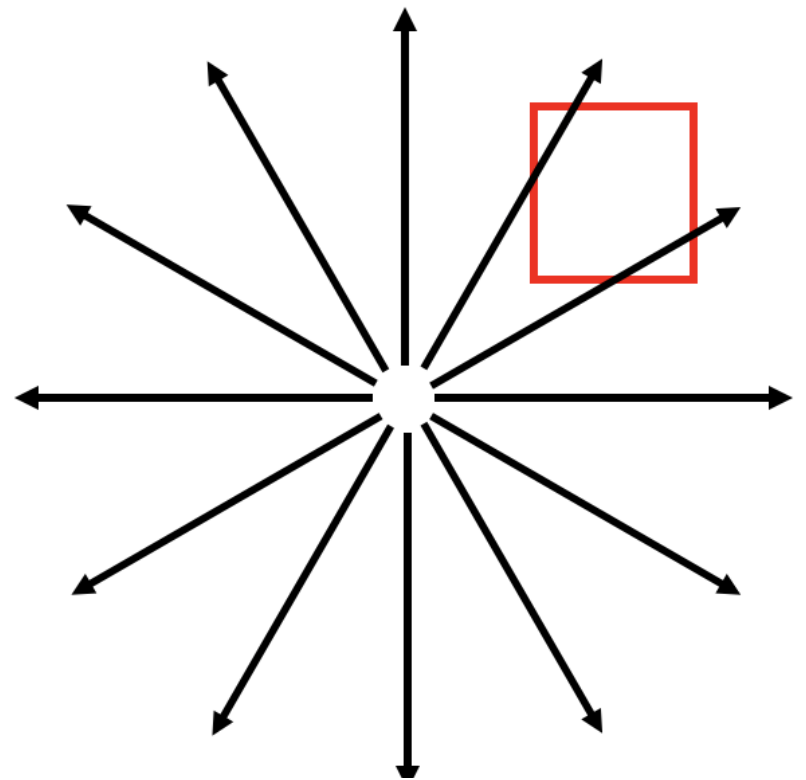
II



- A. Both do.
- B. Only I is zero
- C. Only II is zero
- D. Neither is zero
- E. ???

What is the divergence in the boxed region?

- A. Zero
- B. Not zero
- C. ???



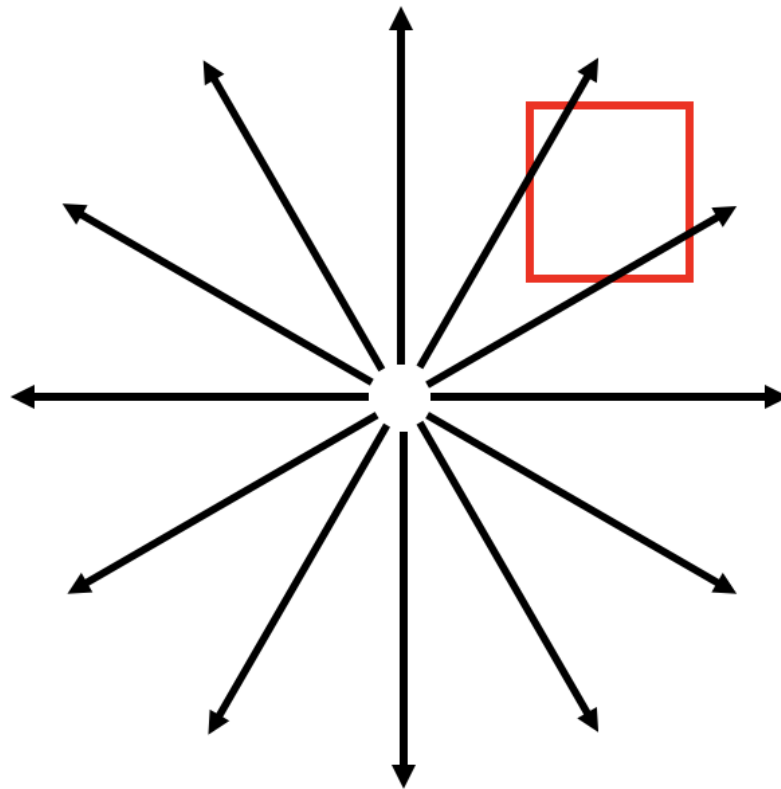
Activity: For a the electric field of a point charge,

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}, \text{ compute } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}.$$

Hint: The front fly leaf of Griffiths suggests that the we take:

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 E_r)$$

Remember this?



What is the value of:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \delta(x - 2) dx$$

A. 0

B. 2

C. 4

D. ∞

E. Something else

Activity: Compute the following integrals. Note anything special you had to do.

- Row 1-2: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^x \delta(x - 1) dx$
- Row 3-4: $\int_{\infty}^{-\infty} \log(x) \delta(x - 2) dx$
- Row 5-6: $\int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x \delta(x - 1) dx$
- Row 6+: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x + 1)^2 \delta(4x) dx$