## **Electric Flux**

Proportional to the number of electric field lines penetrating a surface.



$$\Phi_E = EA\cos\,\theta$$

 $\Phi_E = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{A}$ 

 $\Phi_E = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$ 

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# Gauss's Law

$$\Phi_E = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

#### Example 24.3:

What happens to the total flux through The surface if:

- a. The charge is tripled
- b. The radius of the sphere is doubled
- c. The surface is changed to a cube
- d. The charge is moved to a another location inside the surface



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## **Application of Gauss's Law**

Determine a surface such that:

1.Value of the electric field is constant over the surface
2. The dot product between E and dA can be expressed as a simple algebraic product because E and dA are parallel
3. The dot product is zero because E and dA are perpendicular
4. The field is zero over the surface.

Example 24.4: Electric field due to a point charge





$$q_{in} = \rho V' = \rho(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3)$$



**Example 24.6**: The electric field due to a thin spherical shell

**Example 24.7**: Find the electric field a distance r from a line of positive charge of infinite length and constant linear charge density  $\lambda$ 



**Example 24.8**: Find the electric field due to a non-conducting , infinite plane of positive charge with uniform surface charge density  $\sigma$ 



## **Conductors in Electrostatic equilibrium**

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$$\Phi_E = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \oint E \ dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0}$$