

# Charge and current elements

for 1-, 2- and 3-dimensional integration

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# Presentations:

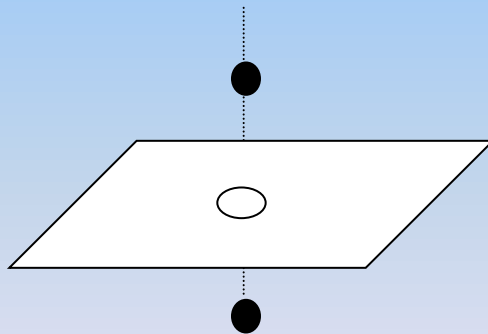
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- E-field of a charged disk
- E-field of a dipole
- E-field of a line of dipoles
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- B-field of a conducting charged sphere
- B-field of a homogeneously charged sphere

# Charge and current elements for 1-, 2- and 3-dimensional integration

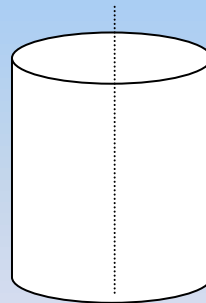
To perform integrations:

always rewrite **charge and current elements** ( $dQ$ ,  $dI$ )  
in the form of **coordinate elements** ( $dx, dy, dz$  or other),  
using **charge and current densities** ( $\lambda$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\rho$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ ).

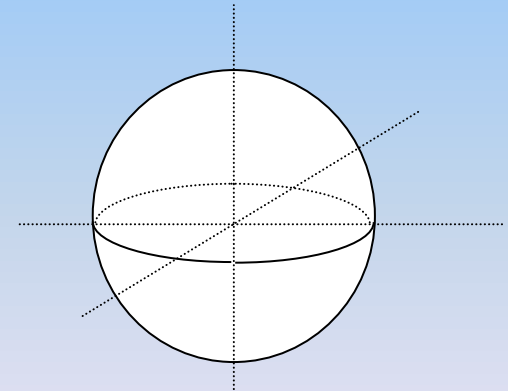
## Basic symmetries



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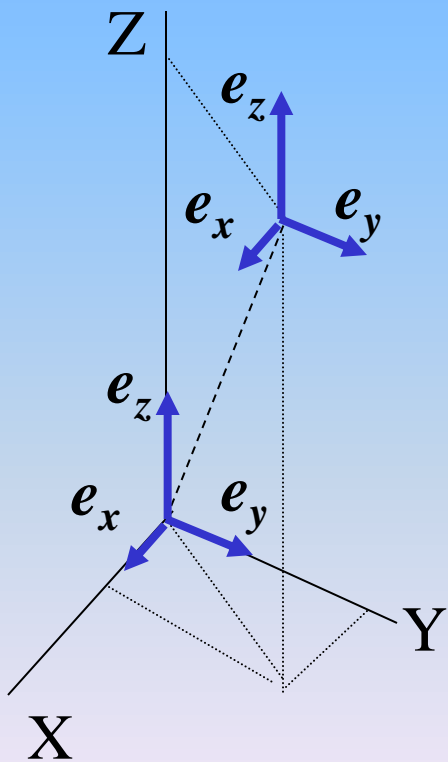
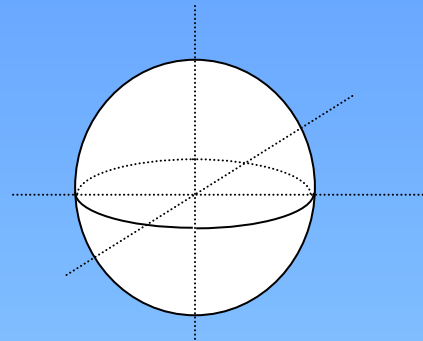
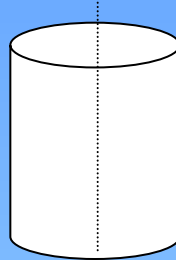
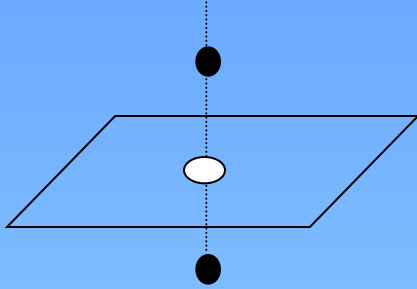


cylindrical

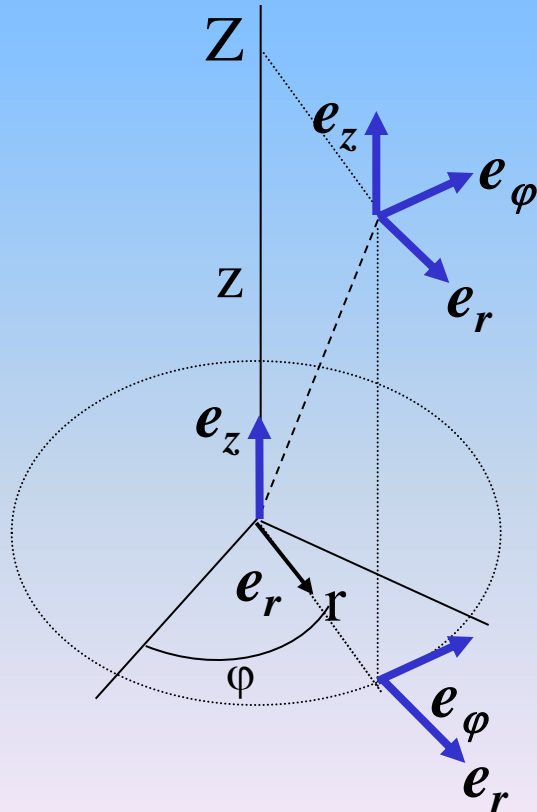


spherical

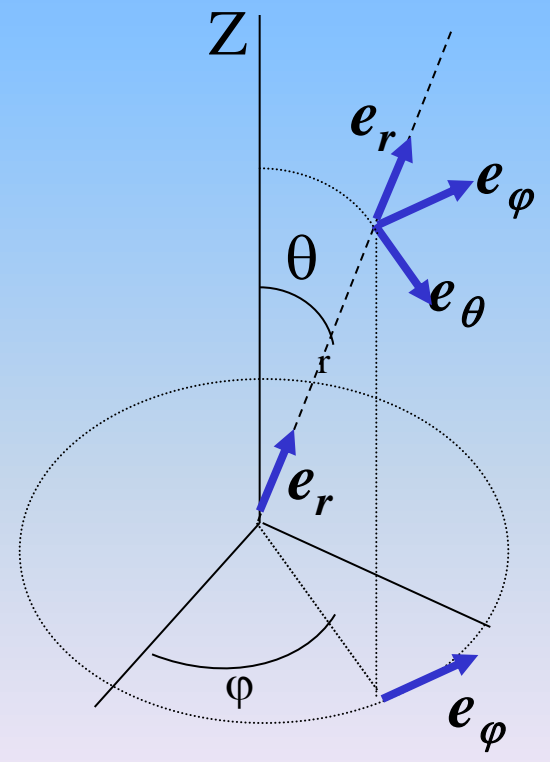
# Coordinate systems



$(x, y, z)$



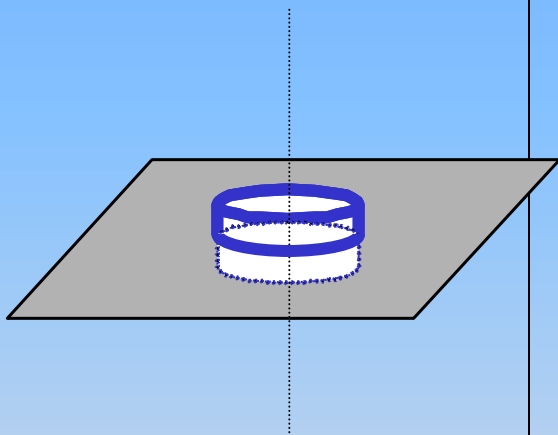
$(r, \phi, z)$



$(r, \theta, \phi)$

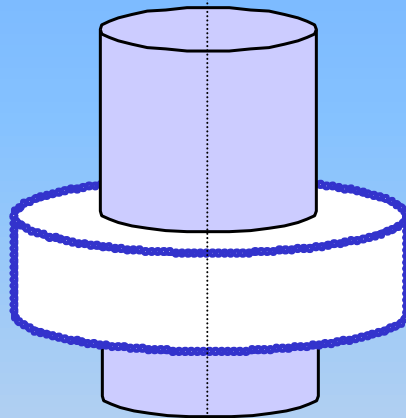
# Basic symmetries for Gauss' Law

$\infty$  extending plane



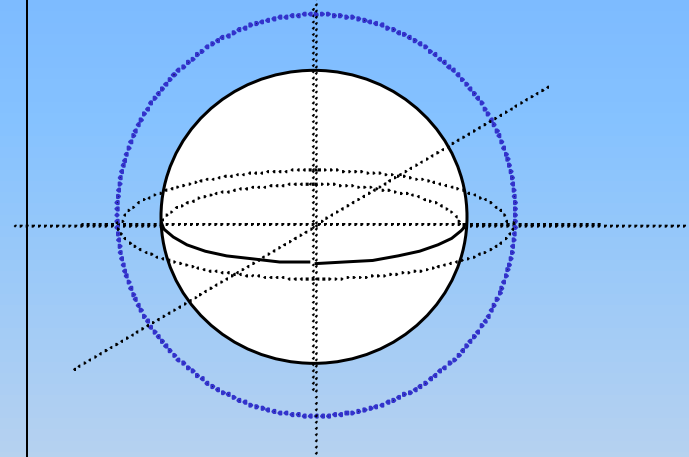
Gauss "pill box"  
Height  $\rightarrow 0$

$\infty$  long cylinder



Gauss cylinder,  
Radius  $r$  ( $r < R$  or  $r > R$ ),  
length  $L$

sphere

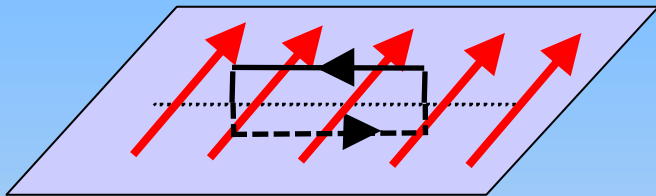


Gauss sphere,  
Radius  $r$  ( $r < R$  or  $r > R$ ).

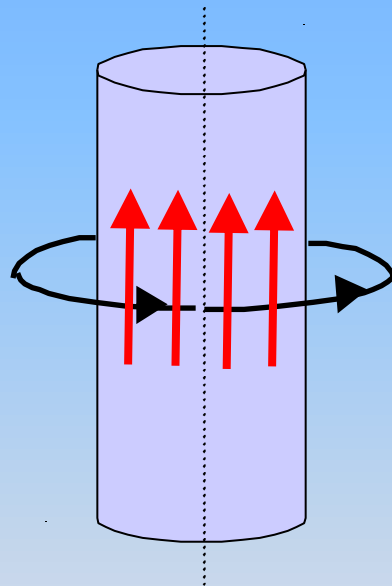
# Basic symmetries for Ampere's Law

 = current direction

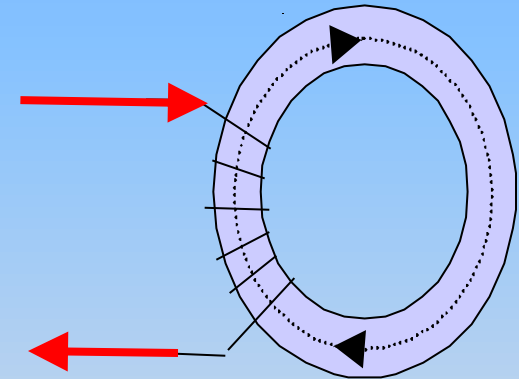
$\infty$  extending plane  
long solenoide



$\infty$  long cylinder



toroide  
with/without gap

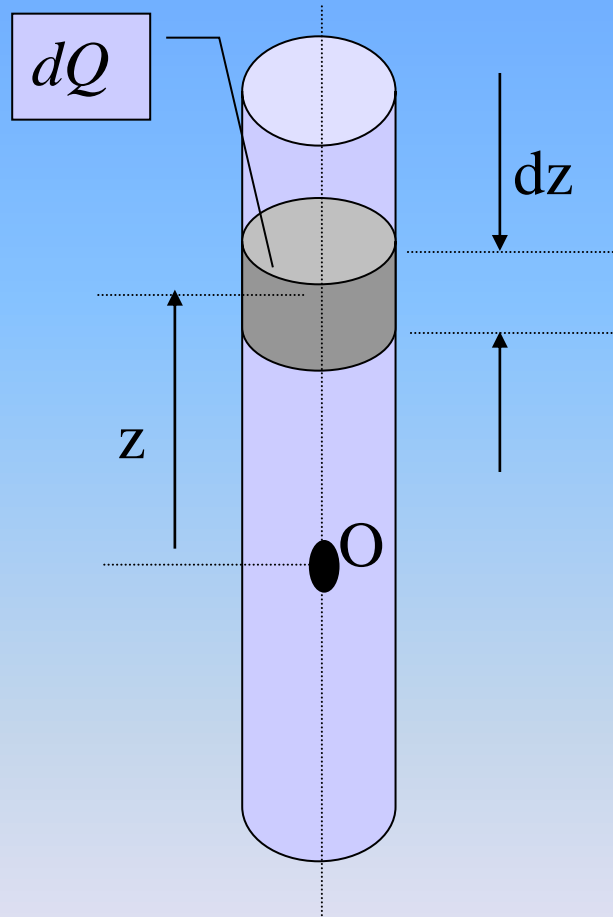


Ampère-circuit  
Length  $L$ ;  
Height  $h \rightarrow 0$

Ampère-circle,  
Radius  $r$  ( $r < R$  or  $r > R$ )

Ampère-circuit,  
Mean circumference  
line, length  $L$

# Charge elements: Thin wire



## Thin wire

Charge distribution:  $\lambda(z)$

[C/m]

If homogeneous:

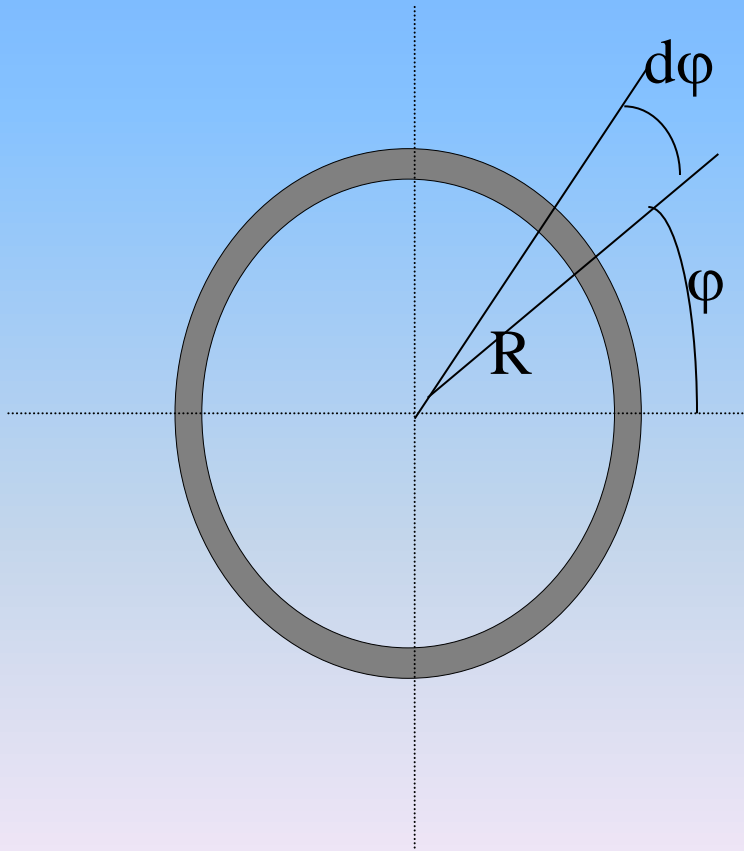
$\lambda = \text{const}$

$$dQ = \lambda dz$$

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# Charge elements: Thin ring



**Thin ring** (thickness  $\ll R$ )

Charge distribution:

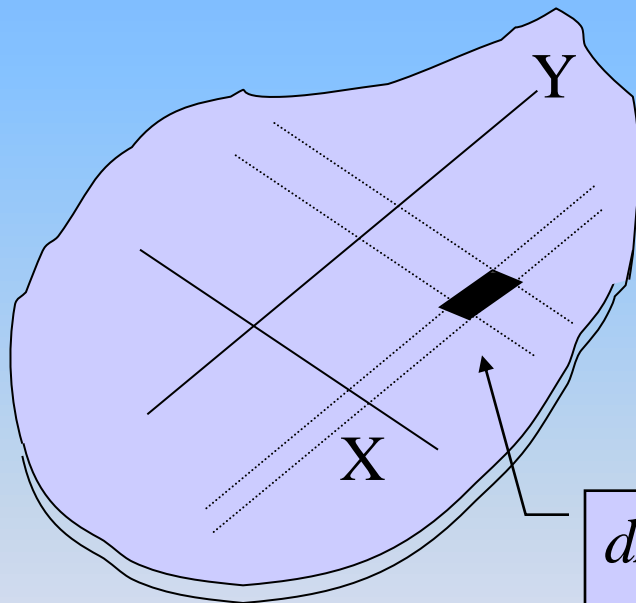
$$\lambda(\varphi) \quad [\text{C/m}]$$

If homogeneous:  $\lambda = \text{const.}$

$$dQ = \lambda R d\varphi$$



# Charge elements: Flat surface



## Flat surface (in general)

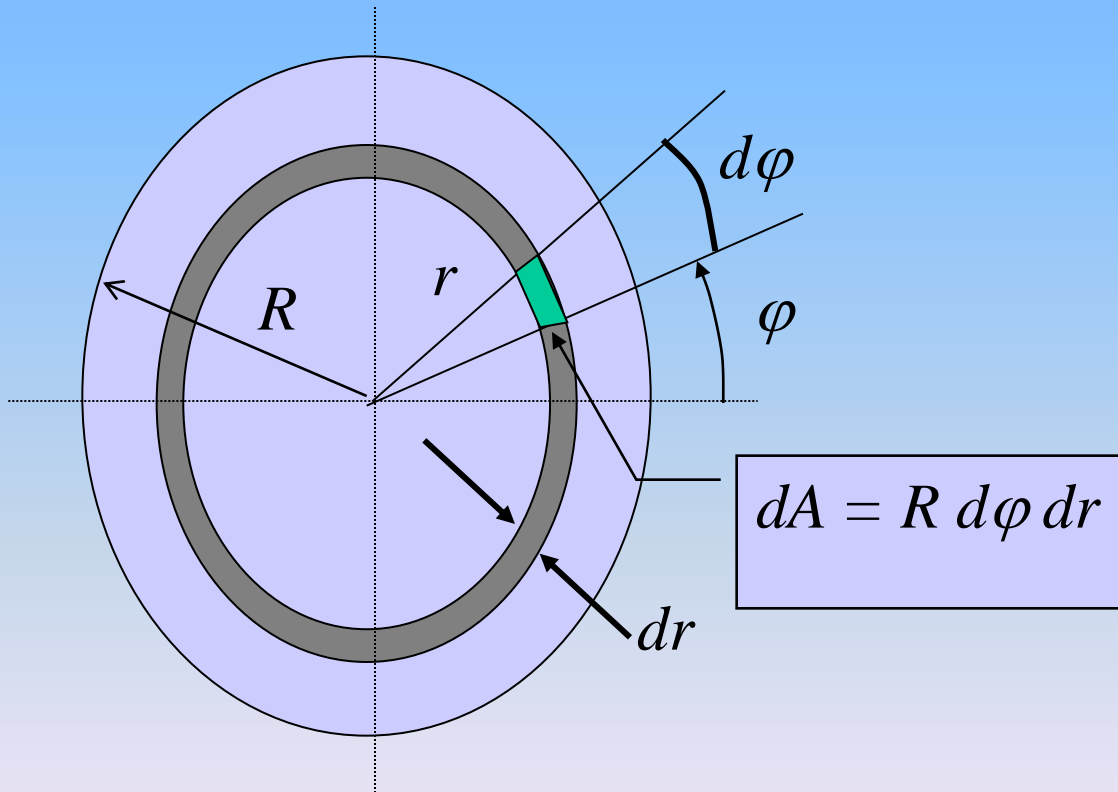
(also for rectangles)

Charge distribution:

$$\sigma(x,y) \text{ [C/m}^2\text{]}$$

$$dQ = \sigma(x,y) dx dy$$

# Charge elements: Thin circular disk



## Thin circular disk

Charge distribution:

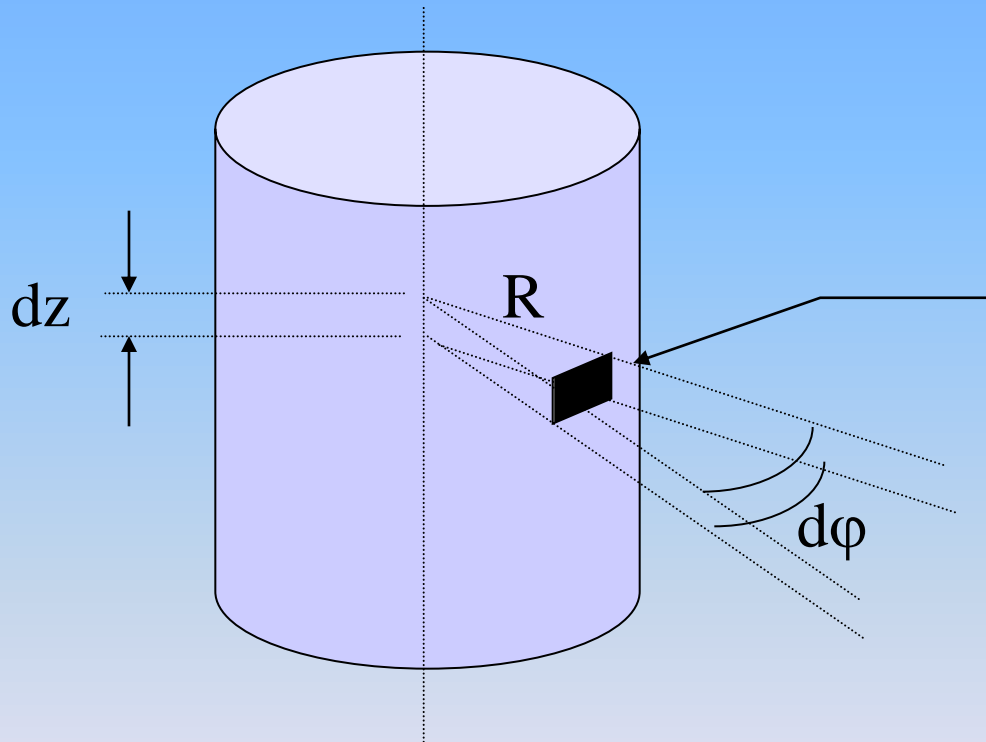
$$\sigma(r, \phi) \quad [\text{C/m}^2]$$

$$dQ = \sigma(r, \phi) \cdot r \, d\phi \cdot dr$$

If  $\sigma = \text{const}$ :

$$dQ = \sigma \cdot 2\pi r \cdot dr$$

# Charge elements: Cylindrical surface



## Cylinder surface

Charge distribution:

$$\sigma(\phi, z) \text{ [C/m}^2\text{];}$$

Radius  $R$

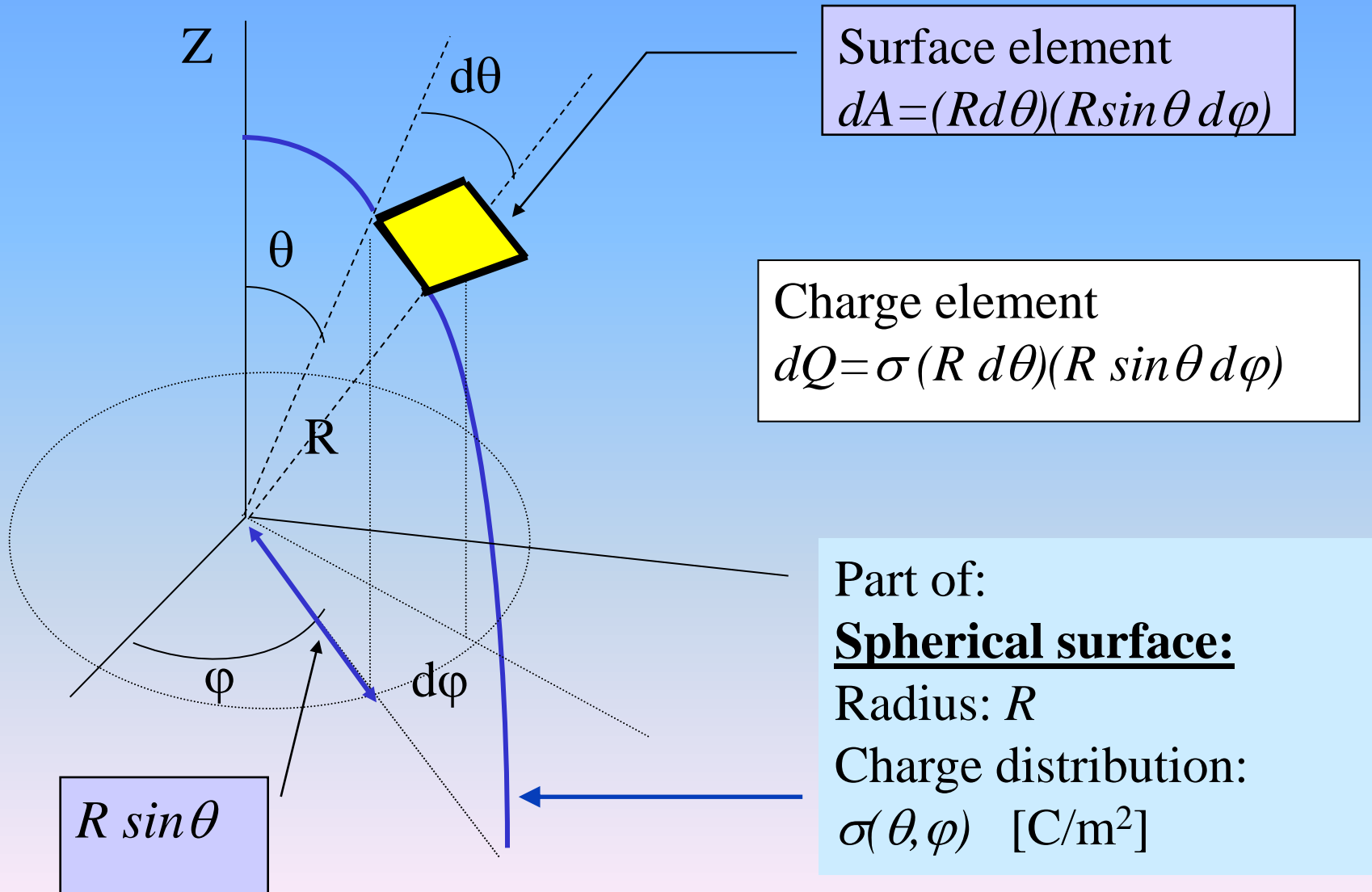
$$dA = R d\phi dz$$

$$dQ = \sigma(\phi, z) R d\phi dz$$

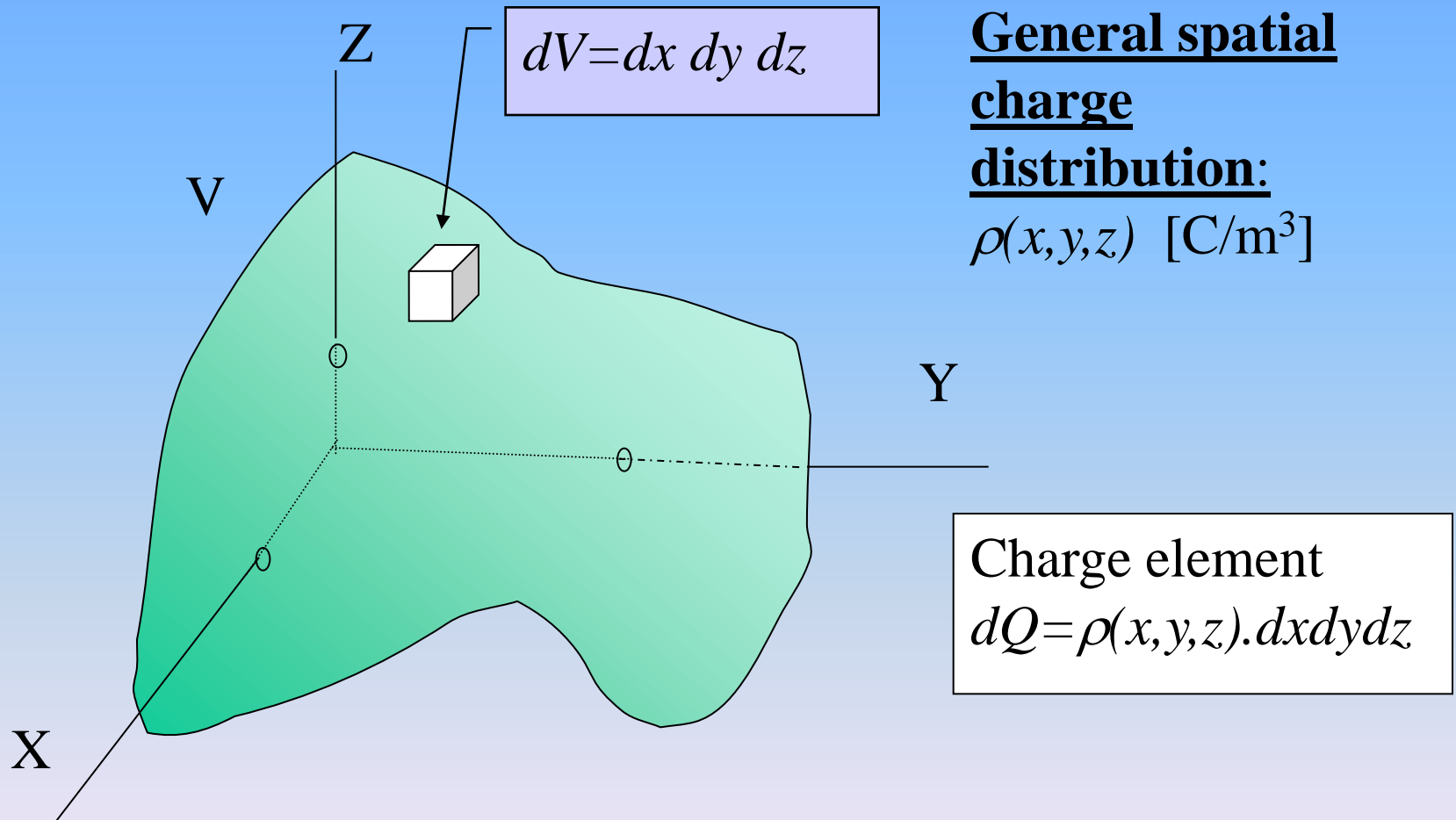
If  $\sigma = \text{const}$ :

$$dQ = \sigma 2\pi R dz$$

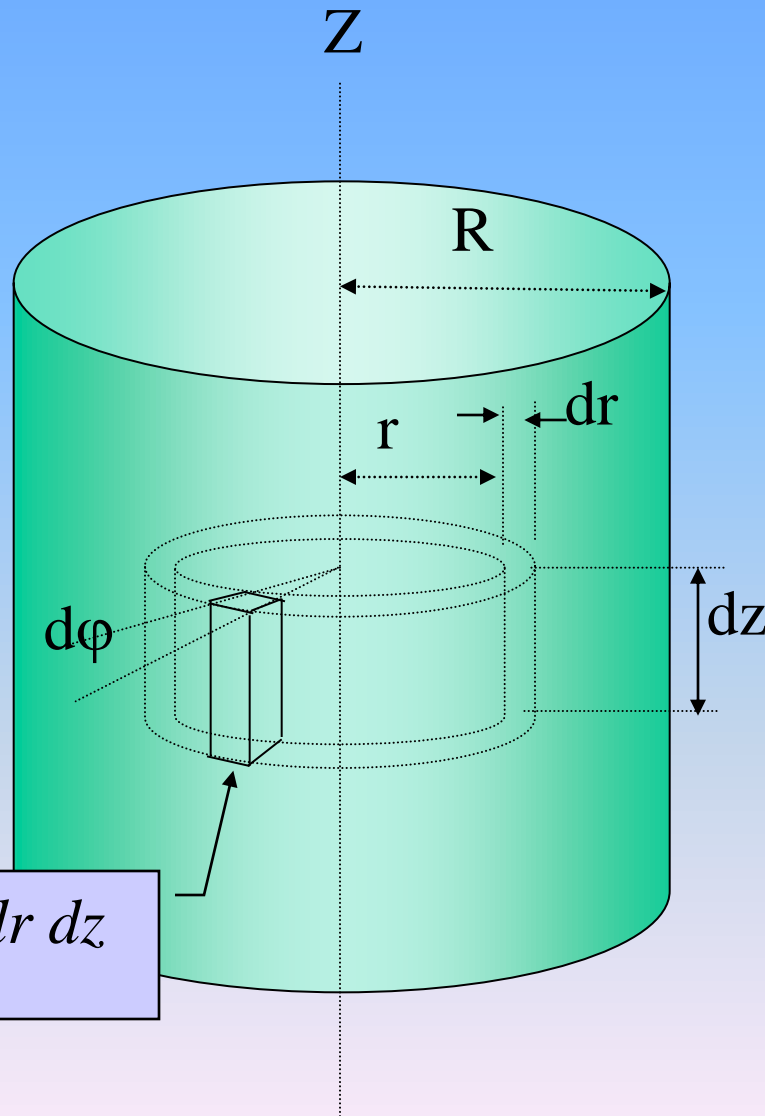
# Charge elements: Spherical surface



# Charge elements: Spatial distribution



# Charge elements: Cylindrical volume



$$dV = r d\phi dr dz$$

**Cylindrical spatial charge distribution:**

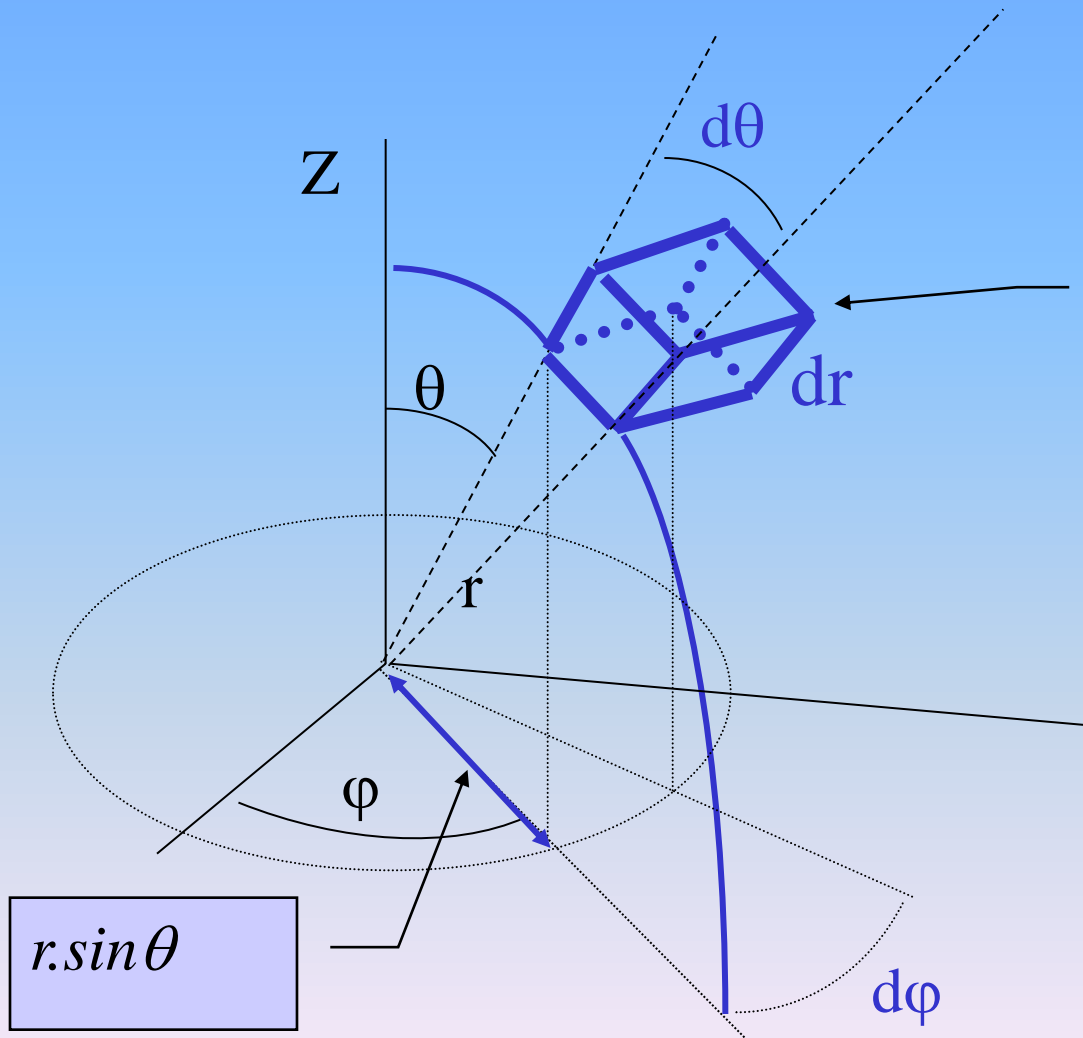
$$\rho(r, \phi, z) \text{ [C/m}^3\text{]}$$

Charge element  
 $dQ = \rho r d\phi dr dz$

If  $\rho$  independent of  $\phi$ :

$$dQ = \rho 2\pi r dr dz$$

# Charge elements: spherical distribution



## Spherical charge distribution

$$\rho(r, \theta, \phi) \quad [\text{C/m}^3]$$

Volume element

$$dV = (r d\theta)(r \sin \theta d\phi) dr$$

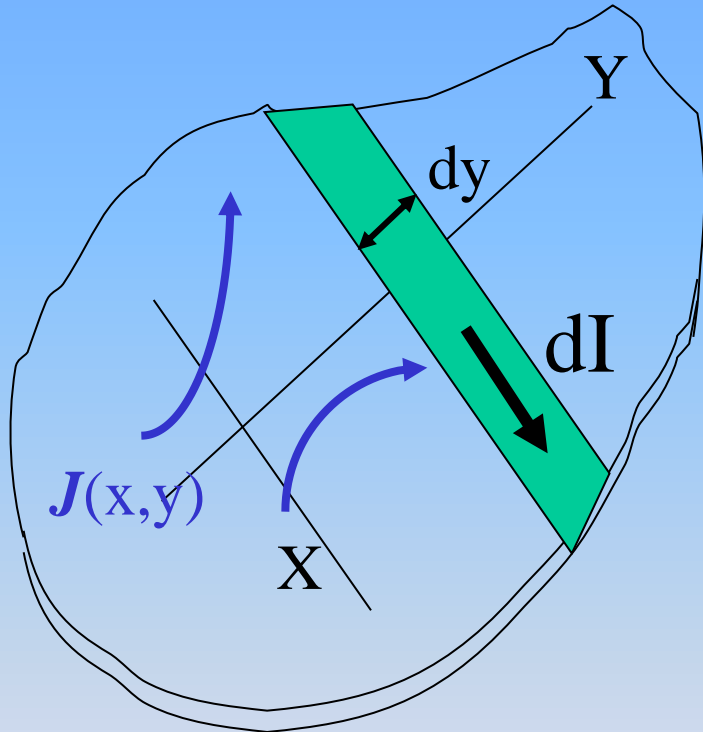
Charge element

$$dQ = \rho (r d\theta)(r \sin \theta d\phi) dr$$

If  $\rho$  independent of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ :

$$dQ = \rho 4\pi r^2 dr$$

# Current elements: Flat surface



**General flat surface**  
**with current density:**  
 $J(x,y)$ , in [A/m]

Contribution to current element  $dI$  through strip  $dy$  in +X-direction:

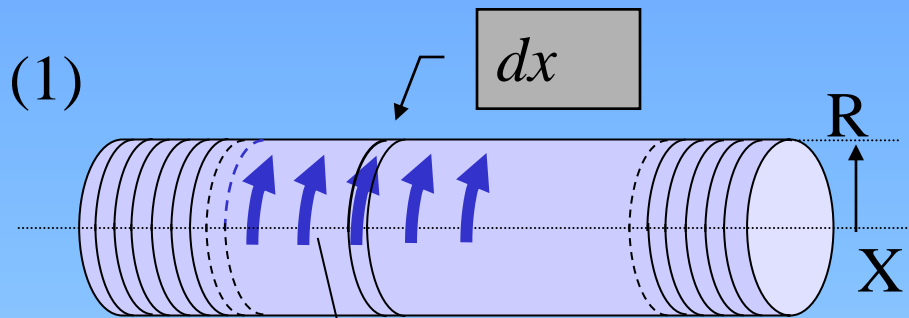
Current element

$$dI = (\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{e}_x) dy = J_x \cdot dy$$

$J_x$  current density [A/m]



# Current elements: solenoid surface



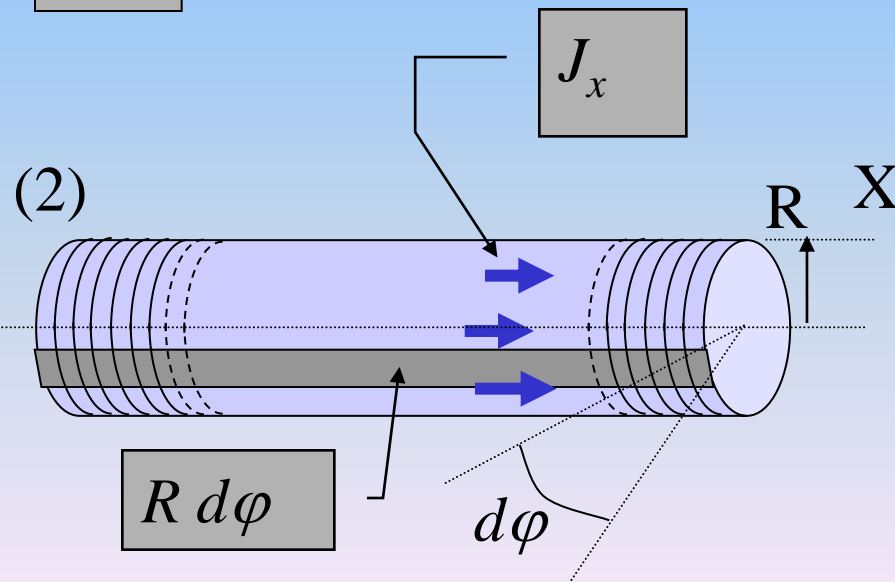
## Solenoid surface current

$N$  windings, length  $L$ ;

### Current densities:

(1):  $j_\phi$  tangential  
[in A per m length]

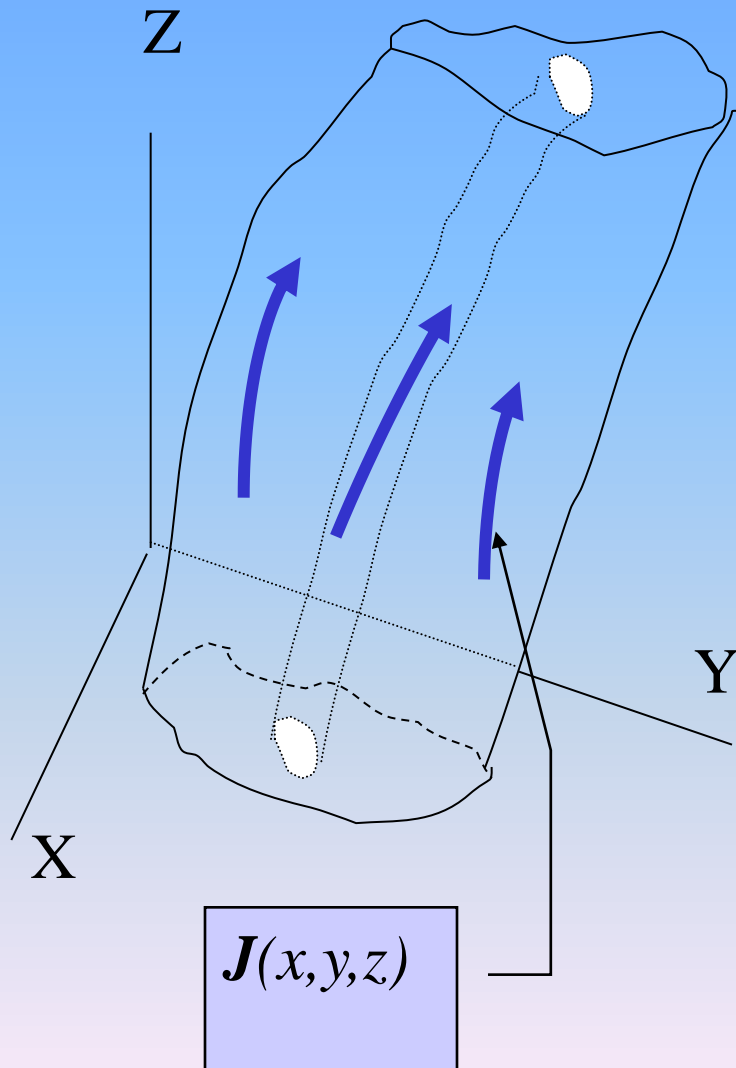
$$dI = J_\phi dx = NI dx/L$$



(2):  $j_x$  parallel to X-as  
[in A per m  
circumference length]

$$dI = J_x R \cdot d\phi$$

# Current elements: General current tube



## General current tube:

$\mathbf{J}(x,y,z) : [\text{A/m}^2] =$   
volume current through  
material,

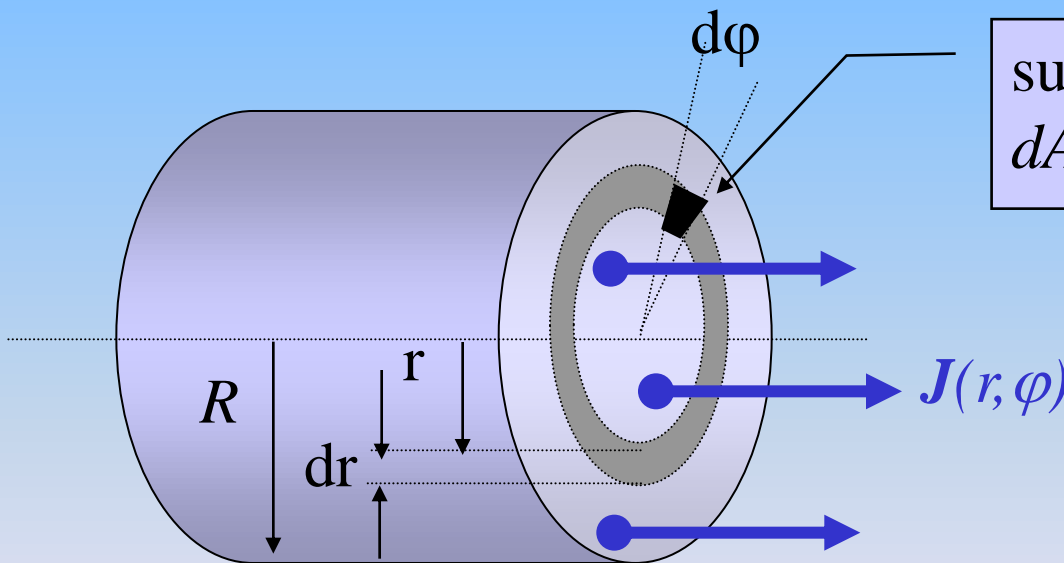
current element  $dI_z =$   
contribution to current in  
Z-direction :

$$\begin{aligned} dI_z &= \mathbf{J}(x,y,z) \cdot \mathbf{e}_z \, dx dy \\ &= J_z \, dx dy \end{aligned}$$

# Current elements: Thick wire

## Cylinder

Current density [ $\text{A}/\text{m}^2$ ]  
through material, parallel  
to symmetry axis



surface element: ring element  
 $dA = r d\phi dr$

Current density  
 $dI = J(r, \phi) \cdot r d\phi \cdot dr$

the end