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# Physics Pre-reading – Gauss's Law

Please read chapters 27.2, 27.3 and 27.4 from Knight 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. The following questions will focus on some basic concepts you'll need for Tuesday's lecture.

## Question 1

a) An electric field of 2 N/C points to the right. Calculate the flux through a surface of area A =  $4 \text{ m}^2$  that is tilted 30° above the horizontal as shown. Be sure to use the right angle.



b) Does the circle have more, less, or the same flux through it as the square?



## **Question 2**

- a) Draw a Gaussian Surface around the charge below with the same symmetry as the electric field. Label it  $S_1$ .
- b) Draw a second possible Gaussian Surface with the same symmetry as the electric field. Label it S<sub>2</sub>.

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- c) Is the electric field strength at  $S_1$  greater than, less than, or the same as the electric field at  $S_2$ ? Explain.
- d) Is the flux through  $S_1$  greater than, less than, or the same as the flux through  $S_2$ ? Explain.

#### Question 3

Below is part of an infinite plane of charge. Draw a Gaussian Surface that would be suitable for calculating the electric field for this charge distribution.



### **Question 4**

 a) Consider the closed surface in the shape of a prism that's drawn to the right. What is the electric flux through this closed surface? Explain.



b) Could there be charge inside this surface? Explain. (All electric fields are shown).