

Class 02: Outline

Answer questions

Hour 1:

Review: Electric Fields

Charge

Dipoles

Hour 2:

Continuous Charge Distributions

Last Time: Fields Gravitational & Electric

Gravitational & Electric Fields

Mass M

Charge q (\pm)

CREATE:

$$\vec{g} = -G \frac{M}{r^2} \hat{r}$$


$$\vec{E} = k_e \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

FEEL:

$$\vec{F}_g = m\vec{g}$$

$$\vec{F}_E = q\vec{E}$$

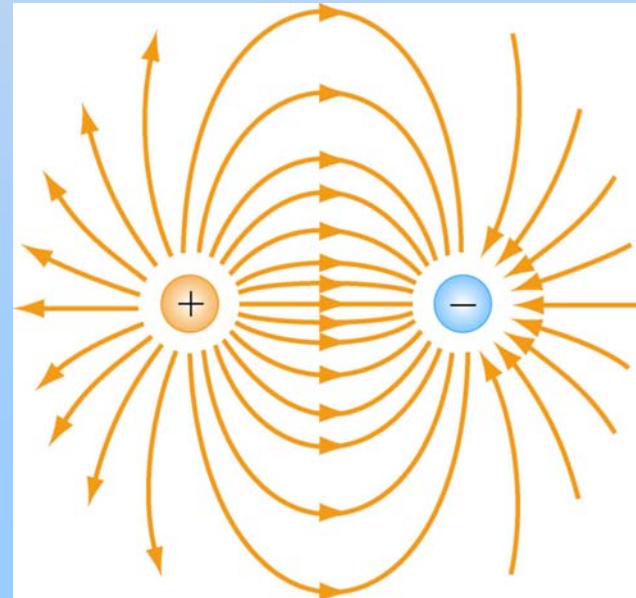
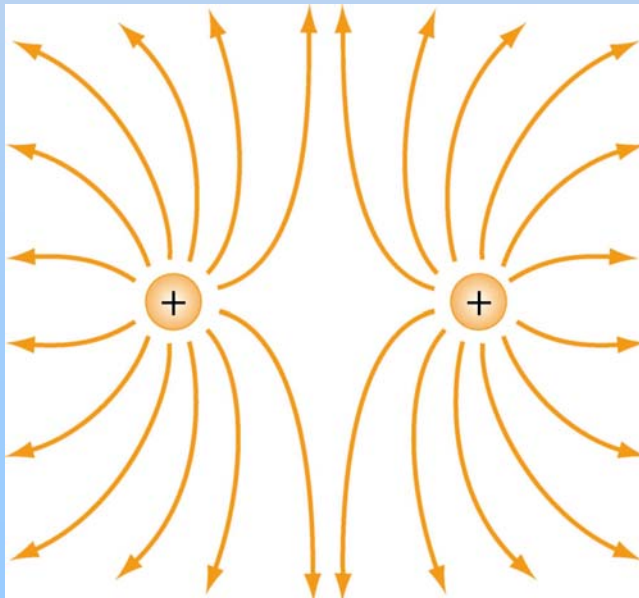
This is easiest way to picture field



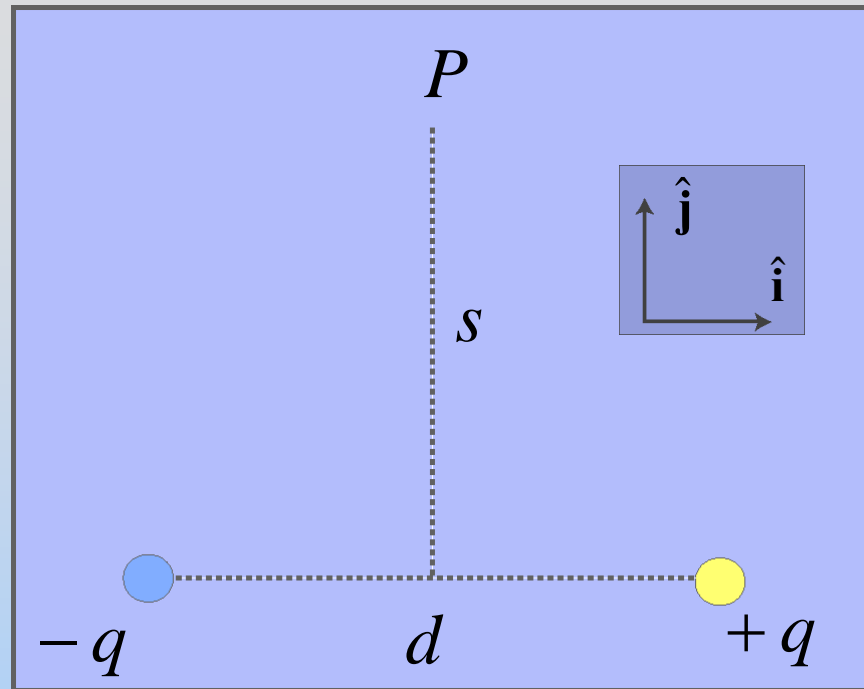
PRS Questions: Electric Field

Electric Field Lines

1. Direction of field line at any point is tangent to field at that point
2. Field lines point away from positive charges and terminate on negative charges
3. Field lines never cross each other



In-Class Problem



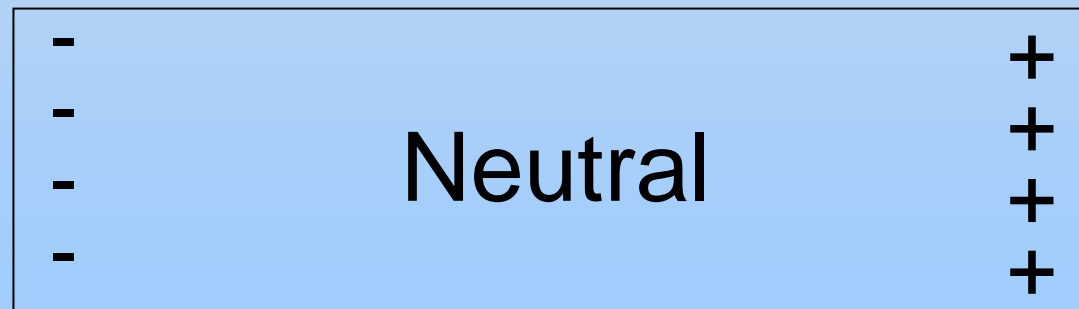
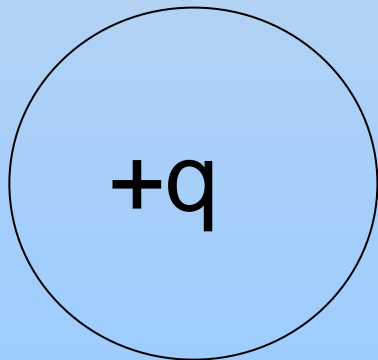
Consider two point charges of equal magnitude but opposite signs, separated by a distance d . Point P lies along the perpendicular bisector of the line joining the charges, a distance s above that line. What is the E field at P ?

Two PRS Questions: E Field of Finite Number of Point Charges

Charging

How Do You Charge Objects?

- Friction
- Transfer (touching)
- Induction



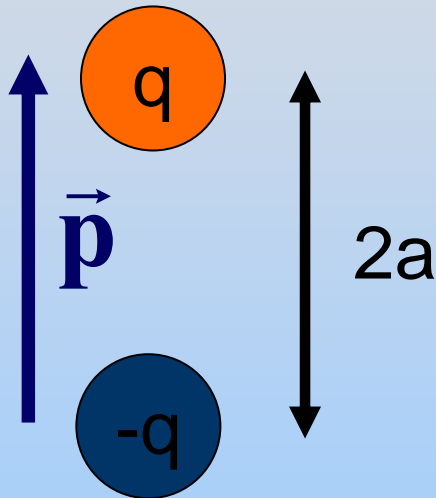
Demonstrations: Instruments for Charging

Electric Dipoles

A Special Charge Distribution

Electric Dipole

Two equal but opposite charges $+q$ and $-q$, separated by a distance $2a$



Dipole Moment

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{p} &\equiv \text{charge} \times \text{displacement} \\ &= q \times 2a \hat{j} = 2qa \hat{j}\end{aligned}$$

\vec{p} points from negative to positive charge

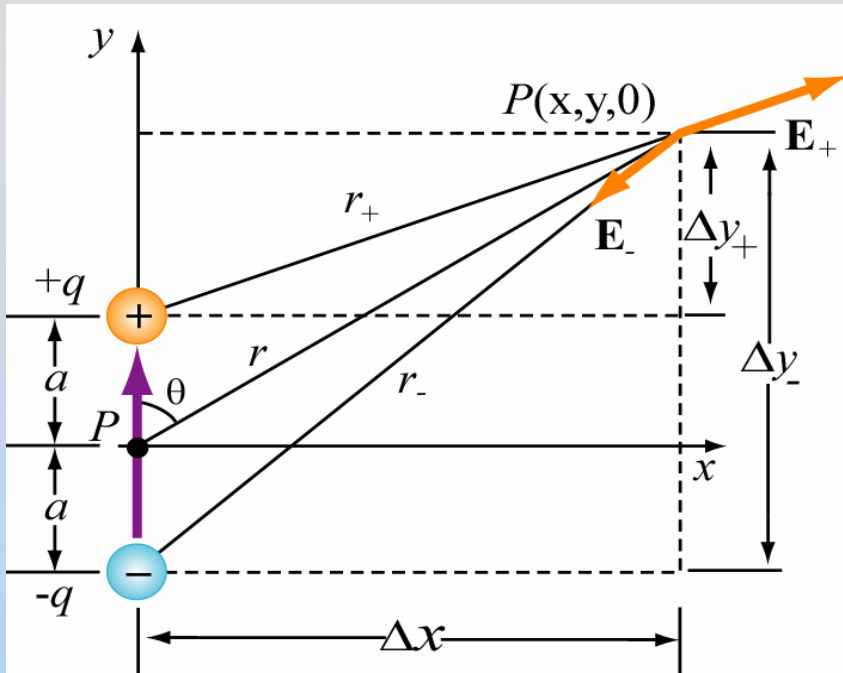
Why Dipoles?

Nature Likes To Make Dipoles!

A collection of blue and orange spheres scattered on a dark blue background. The spheres are arranged in a way that suggests they are interacting or forming dipoles. There are approximately 15 orange spheres and 15 blue spheres. Some are paired together, while others are isolated. The overall distribution is somewhat random but suggests a natural tendency to form pairs or dipoles.

Dipoles *make* Fields

Electric Field Created by Dipole



Thou shalt use components!

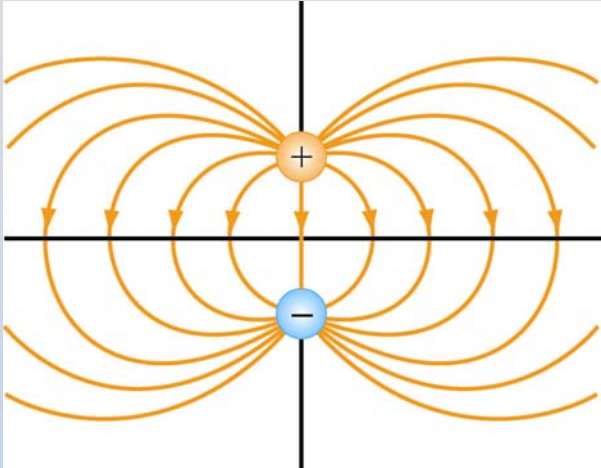
$$\frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} = \frac{\vec{\mathbf{r}}}{r^3} = \frac{\Delta x}{r^3} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{\Delta y}{r^3} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

$$E_x = k_e q \left(\frac{\Delta x}{r_+^3} - \frac{\Delta x}{r_-^3} \right) = k_e q \left(\frac{x}{[x^2 + (y-a)^2]^{3/2}} - \frac{x}{[x^2 + (y+a)^2]^{3/2}} \right)$$

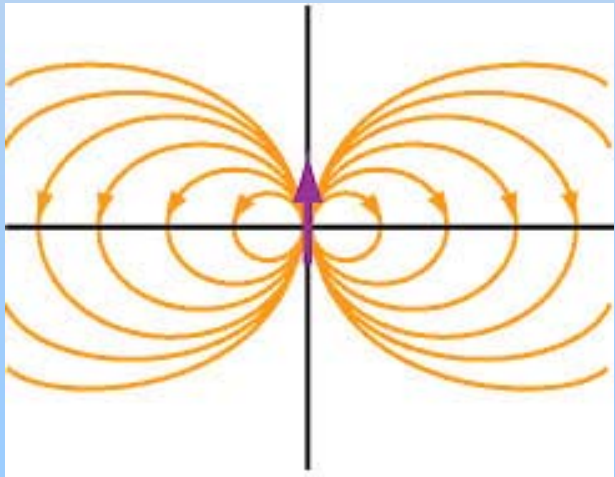
$$E_y = k_e q \left(\frac{\Delta y_+}{r_+^3} - \frac{\Delta y_-}{r_-^3} \right) = k_e q \left(\frac{y-a}{[x^2 + (y-a)^2]^{3/2}} - \frac{y+a}{[x^2 + (y+a)^2]^{3/2}} \right)$$

PRS Question: Dipole Fall-Off

Point Dipole Approximation



Finite Dipole



Point Dipole

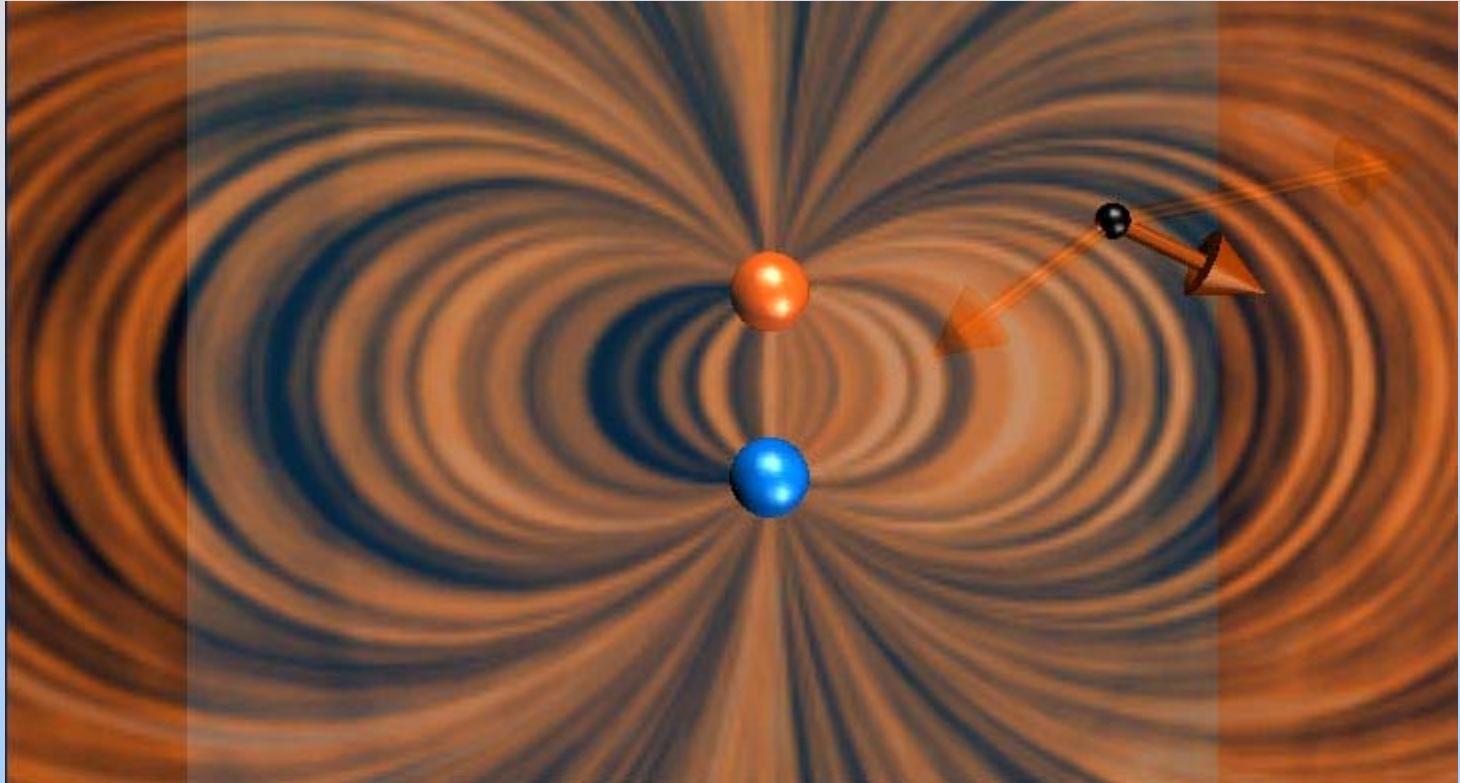
Take the limit $r \gg a$

You can show...

$$E_x \rightarrow \frac{3p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \sin\theta \cos\theta$$

$$E_y \rightarrow \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} (3\cos^2\theta - 1)$$

Shockwave for Dipole

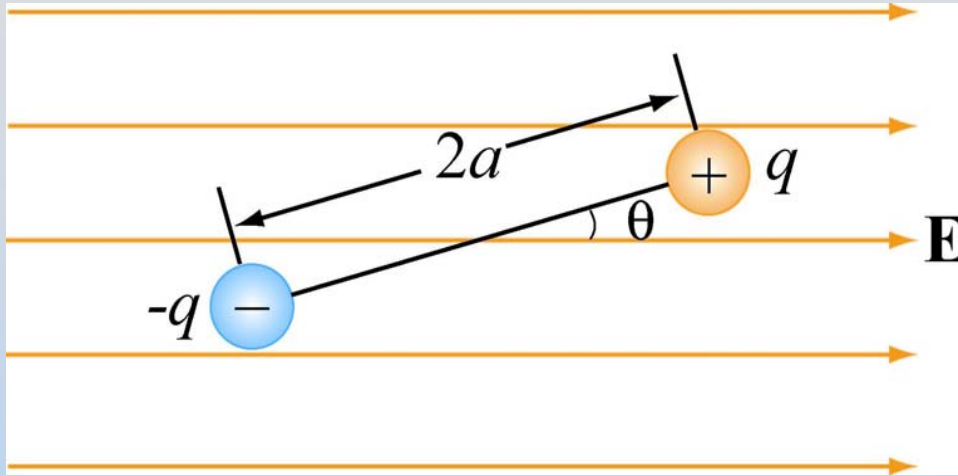


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Dipoles *feel* Fields

Demonstration: Dipole in Field

Dipole in Uniform Field



$$\vec{E} = E\hat{i}$$

$$\vec{p} = 2qa(\cos\theta\hat{i} + \sin\theta\hat{j})$$

$$\text{Total Net Force: } \vec{F}_{net} = \vec{F}_+ + \vec{F}_- = q\vec{E} + (-q)\vec{E} = 0$$

$$\text{Torque on Dipole: } \boxed{\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}}$$

$$\tau = rF_+ \sin(\theta) = (2a)(qE)\sin(\theta) = pE \sin(\theta)$$

\vec{p} tends to align with the electric field

Torque on Dipole

Total Field (dipole + background) shows torque:

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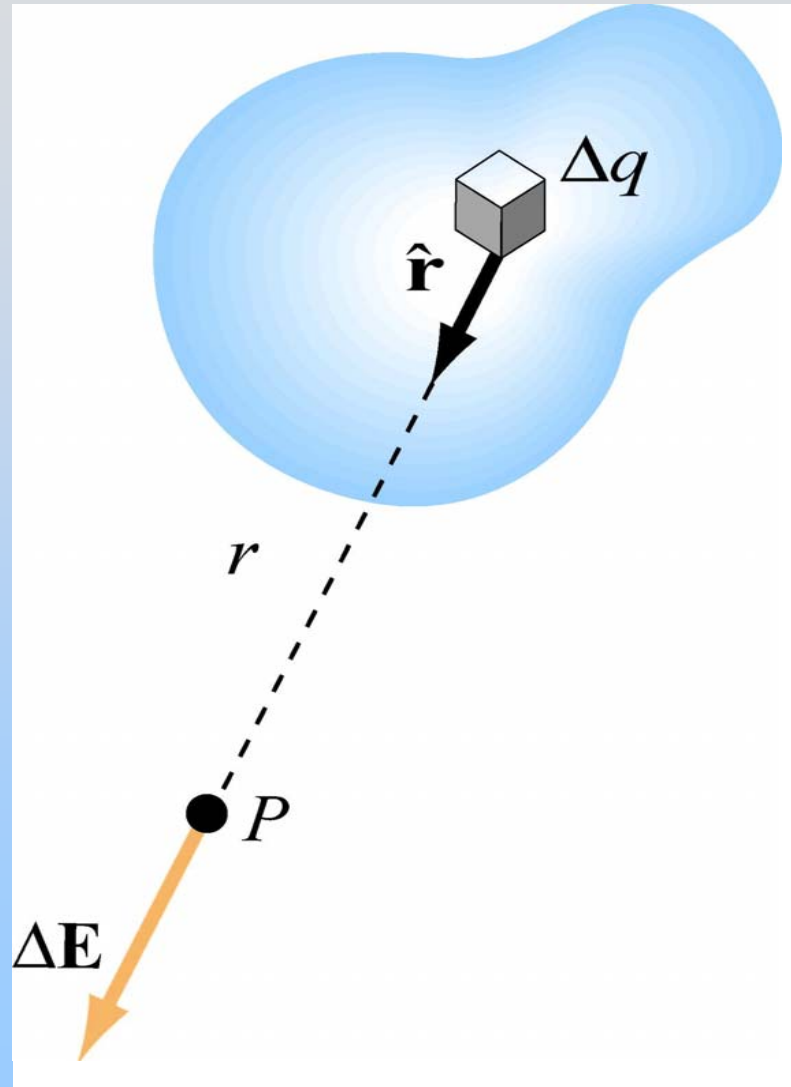


- Field lines transmit tension
- Connection between dipole field and constant field “pulls” dipole into alignment

PRS Question: Dipole in Non-Uniform Field

Continuous Charge Distributions

Continuous Charge Distributions



Break distribution into parts:

$$Q = \sum_i \Delta q_i \rightarrow \int_V dq$$

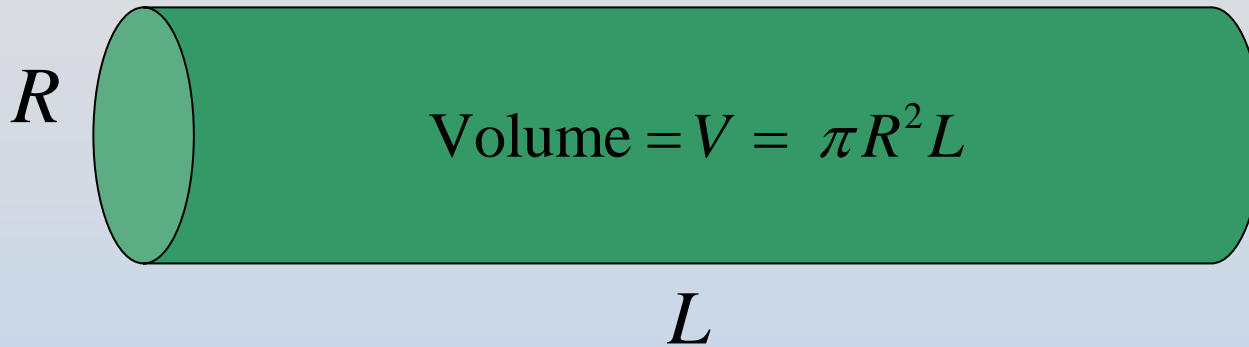
E field at P due to Δq

$$\Delta \vec{\mathbf{E}} = k_e \frac{\Delta q}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \rightarrow d\vec{\mathbf{E}} = k_e \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

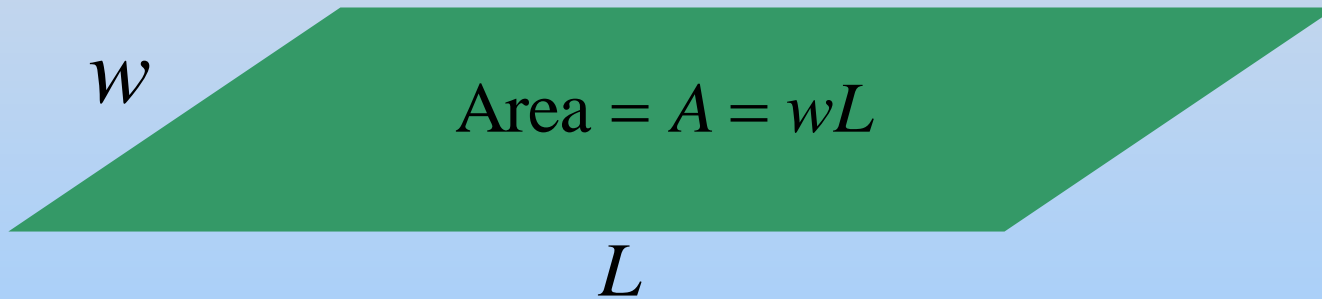
Superposition:

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = \sum \Delta \vec{\mathbf{E}} \rightarrow \int d\vec{\mathbf{E}}$$

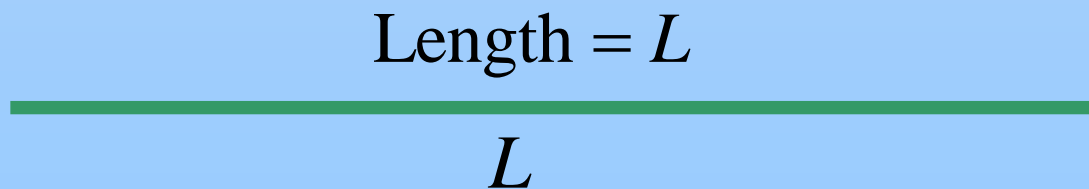
Continuous Sources: Charge Density



$$dQ = \rho dV$$
$$\rho = \frac{Q}{V}$$



$$dQ = \sigma dA$$
$$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$$



Length = L

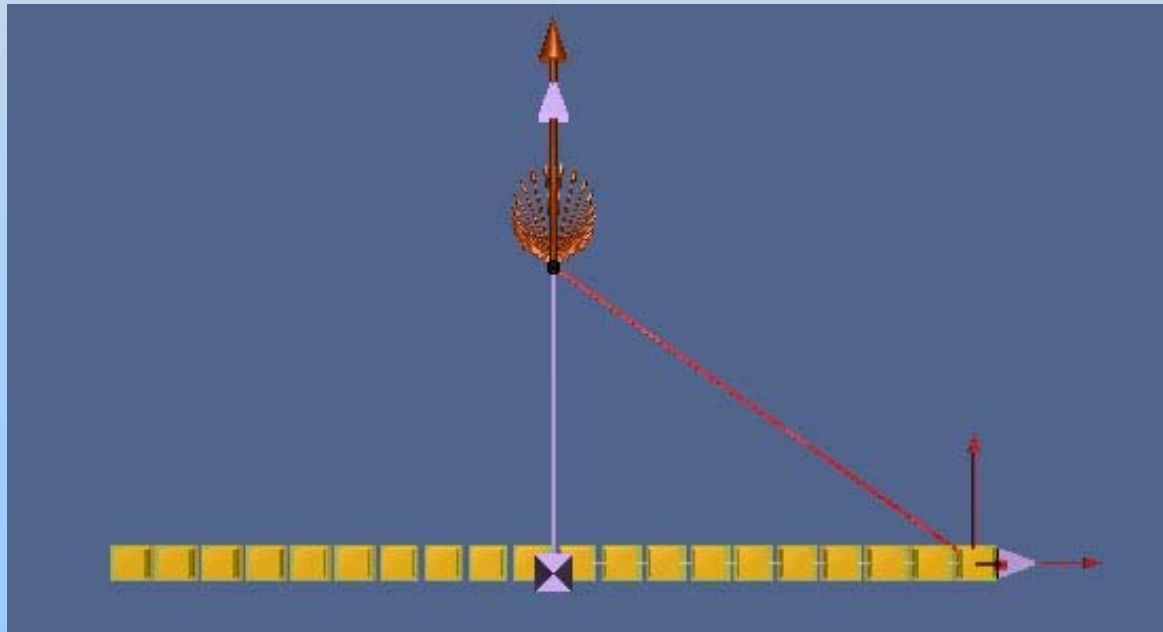
$$dQ = \lambda dL$$
$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{L}$$

Examples of Continuous Sources: Line of charge

Length = L

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$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{L}$$

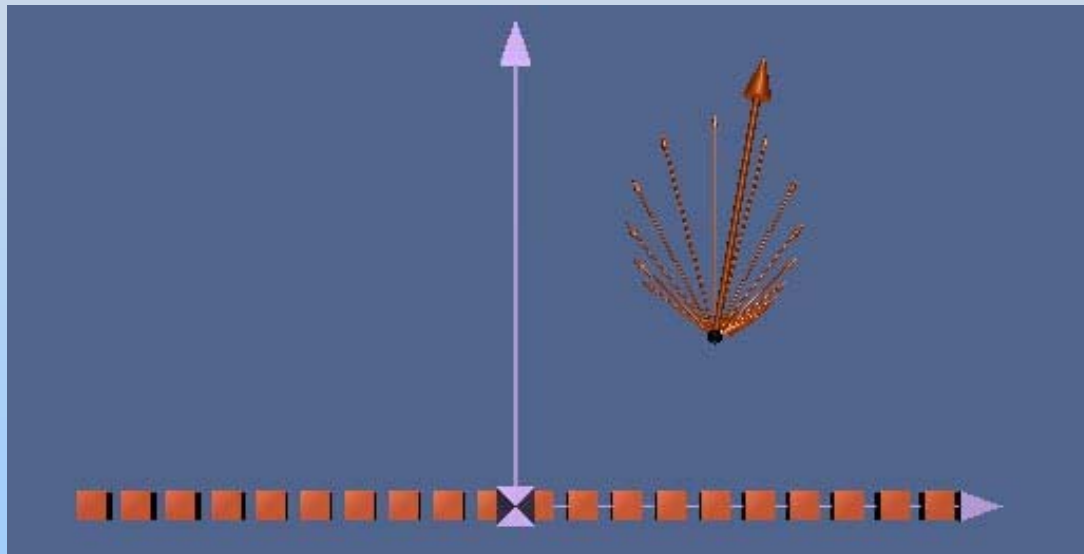


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Examples of Continuous Sources: Line of charge

Length = L

L



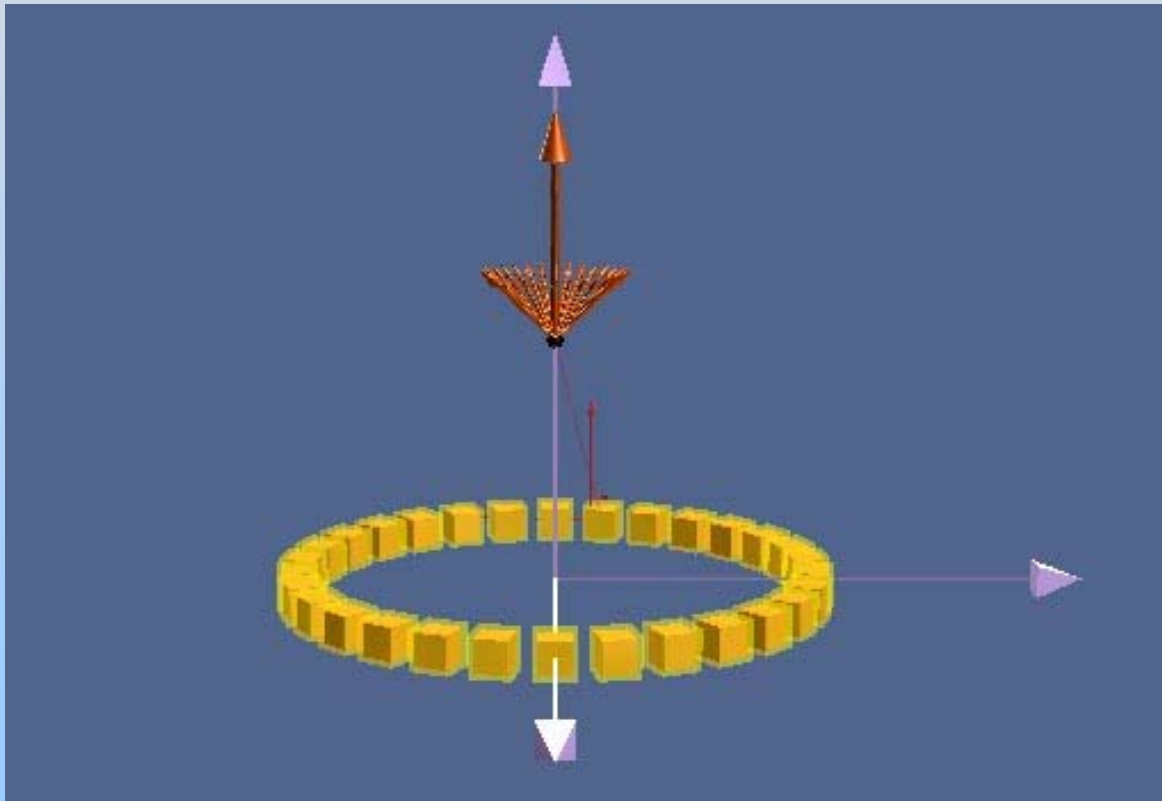
$$dQ = \lambda dL$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{L}$$

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Examples of Continuous Sources: Ring of Charge

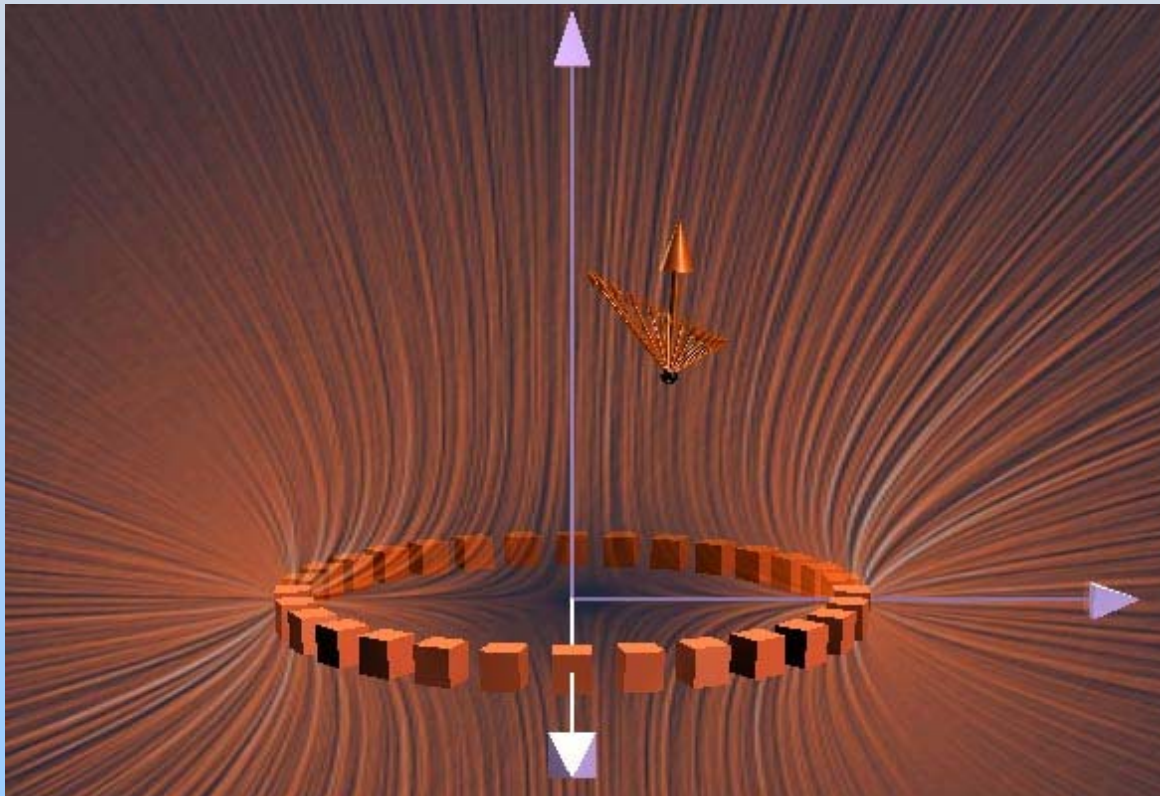
$$dQ = \lambda dL \quad \lambda = \frac{Q}{2\pi R}$$



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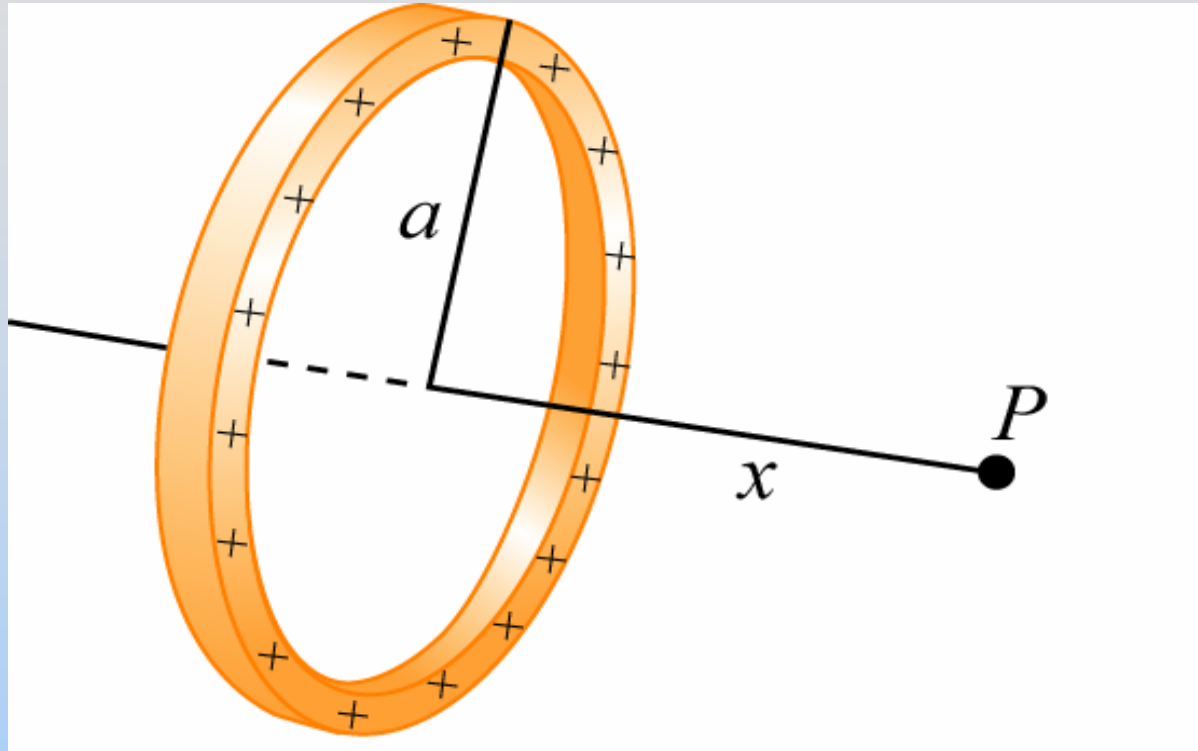
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Example: Ring of Charge



P on axis of ring of charge, x from center
Radius a , charge density λ .

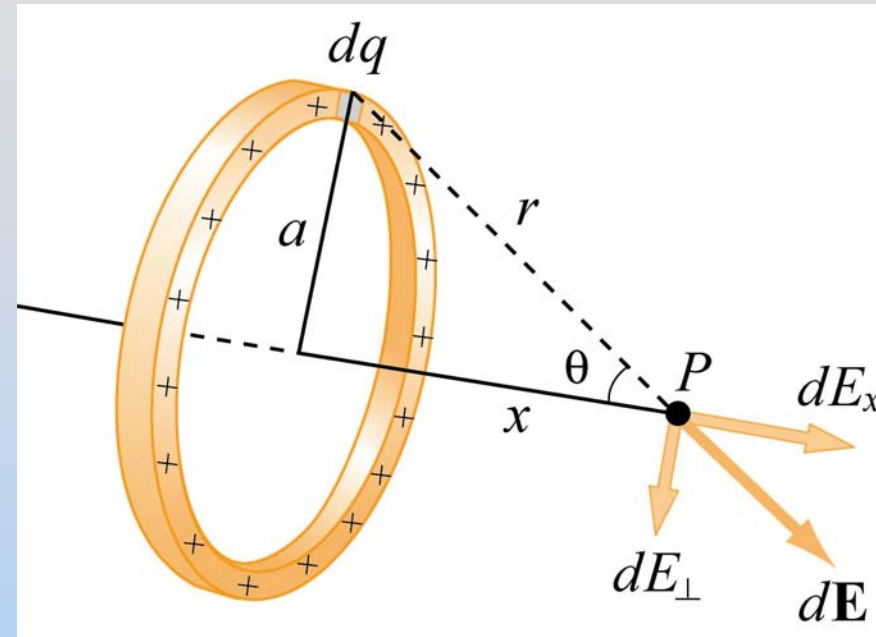
Find \mathbf{E} at P

Ring of Charge

1) Think about it

$E_{\perp} = 0$ Symmetry!

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2) Define Variables

$$dq = \lambda dl = \lambda (a d\varphi)$$

$$r = \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$$

Ring of Charge

3) Write Equation

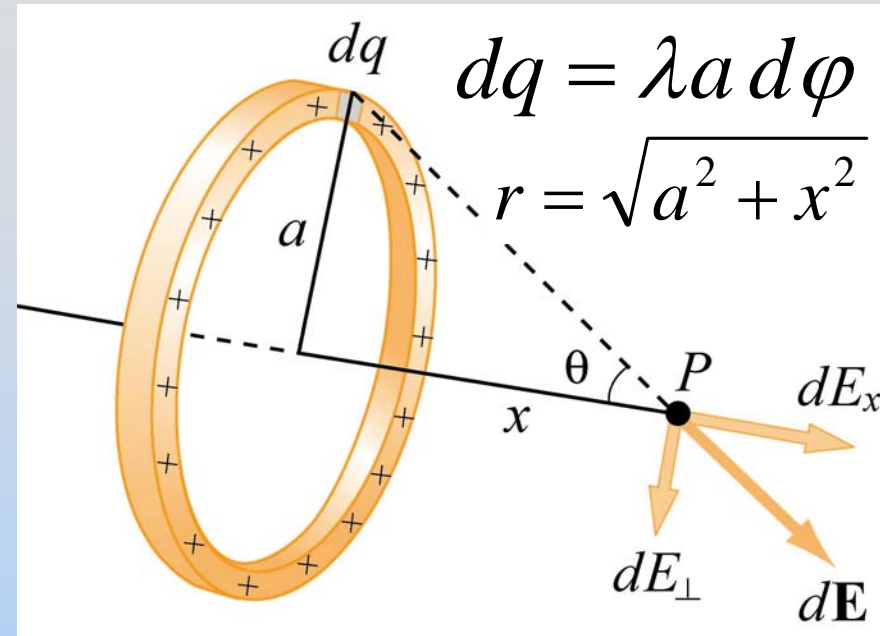
$$d\vec{\mathbf{E}} = k_e dq \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = k_e dq \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}$$

a) My way

$$dE_x = k_e dq \frac{x}{r^3}$$

b) Another way

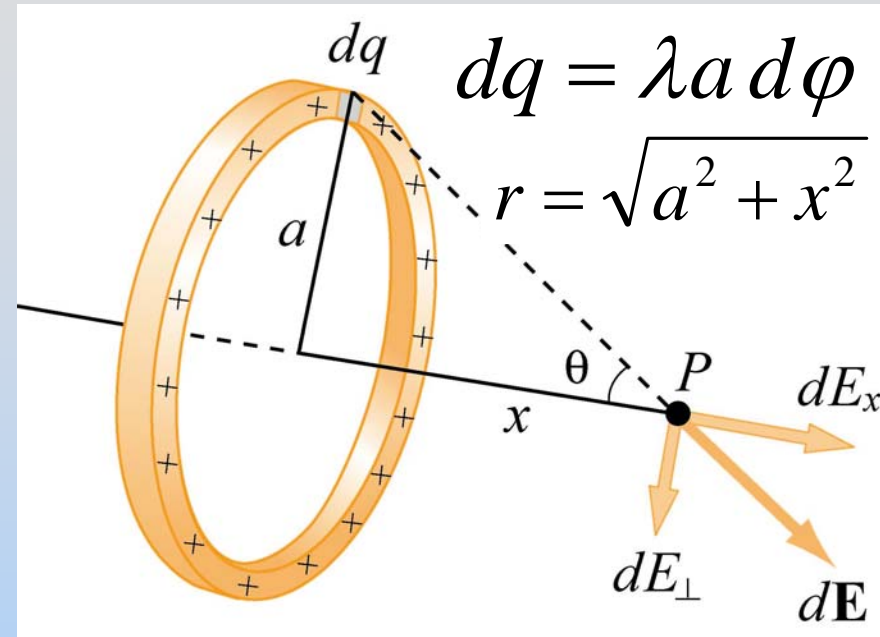
$$dE_x = |d\vec{\mathbf{E}}| \cos(\theta) = k_e dq \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot \frac{x}{r} = k_e dq \frac{x}{r^3}$$



Ring of Charge

4) Integrate

$$\begin{aligned} E_x &= \int dE_x = \int k_e dq \frac{x}{r^3} \\ &= k_e \frac{x}{r^3} \int dq \end{aligned}$$



Very special case: everything except dq is constant

$$\begin{aligned} \int dq &= \int_0^{2\pi} \lambda a d\phi = \lambda a \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = \lambda a 2\pi \\ &= Q \end{aligned}$$

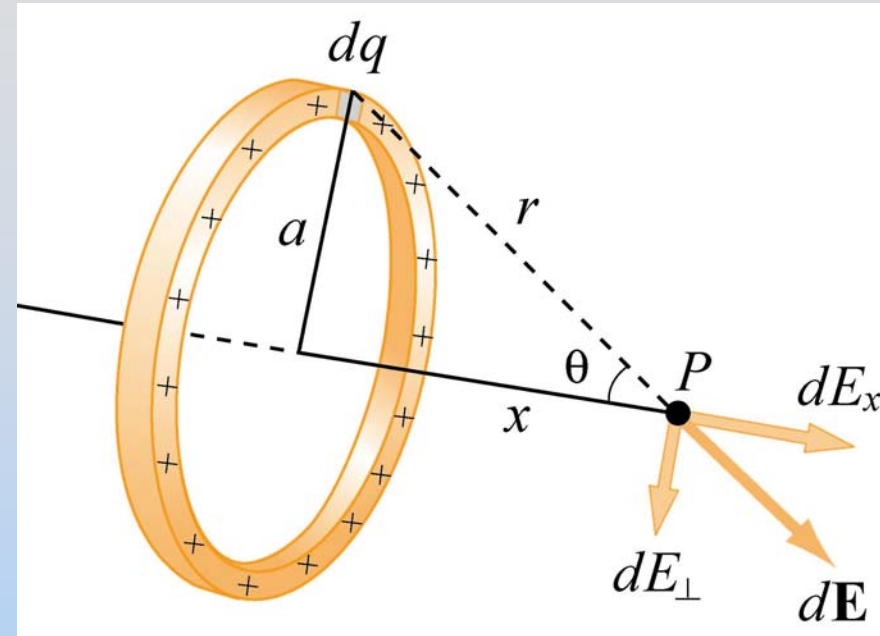
Ring of Charge

5) Clean Up

$$E_x = k_e Q \frac{x}{r^3}$$

$$E_x = k_e Q \frac{x}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}}$$

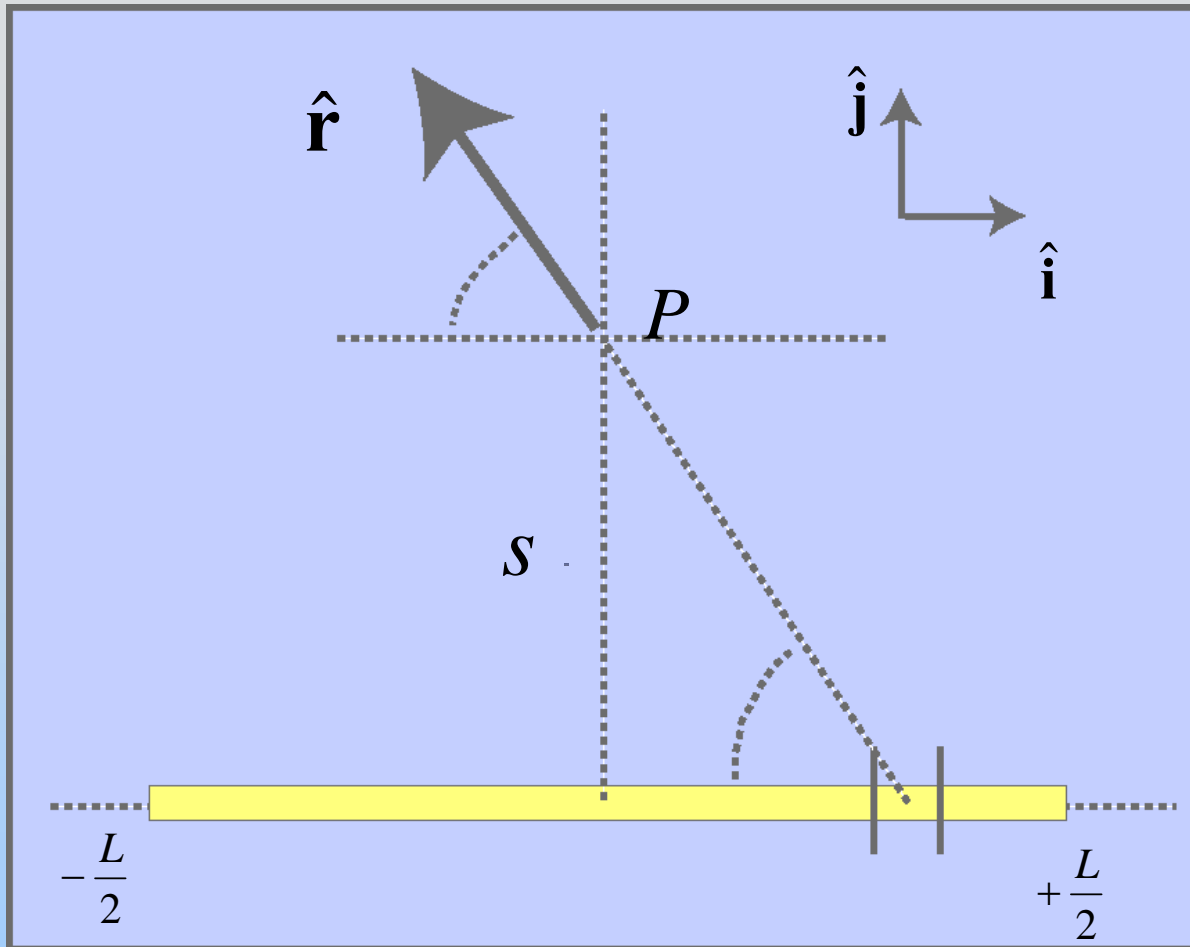
$$\vec{E} = k_e Q \frac{x}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$



6) Check Limit $a \rightarrow 0$

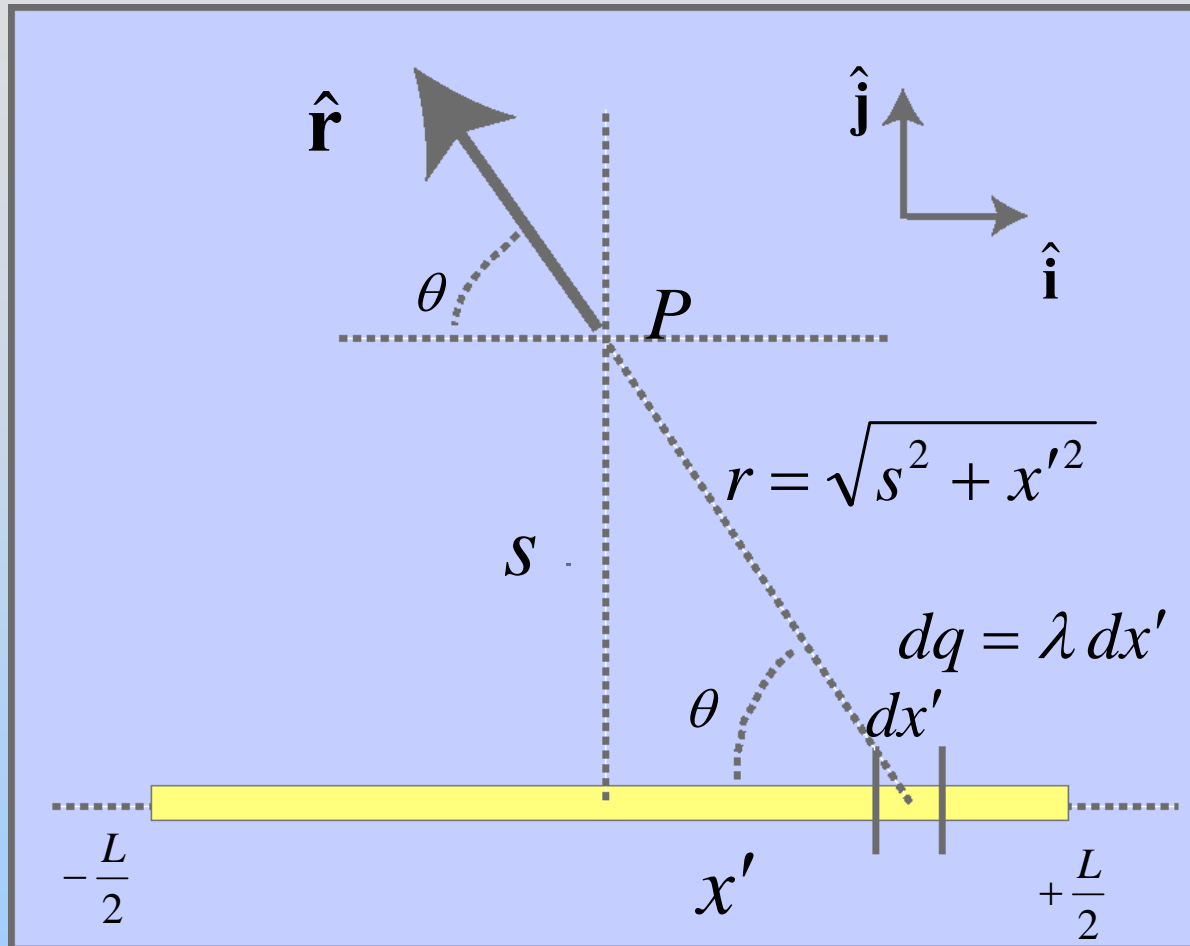
$$E_x \rightarrow k_e Q \frac{x}{(x^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{k_e Q}{x^2}$$

In-Class: Line of Charge



Point P lies on perpendicular bisector of uniformly charged line of length L , a distance s away. The charge on the line is Q . What is \mathbf{E} at P ?

Hint: <http://ocw.mit.edu/ans7870/8/8.02T/f04/visualizations/electrostatics/07-LineIntegration/07-LineInt320.html>



Typically give the integration variable (x') a “primed” variable name.

E Field from Line of Charge

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = k_e \frac{Q}{s(s^2 + L^2 / 4)^{1/2}} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

Limits:

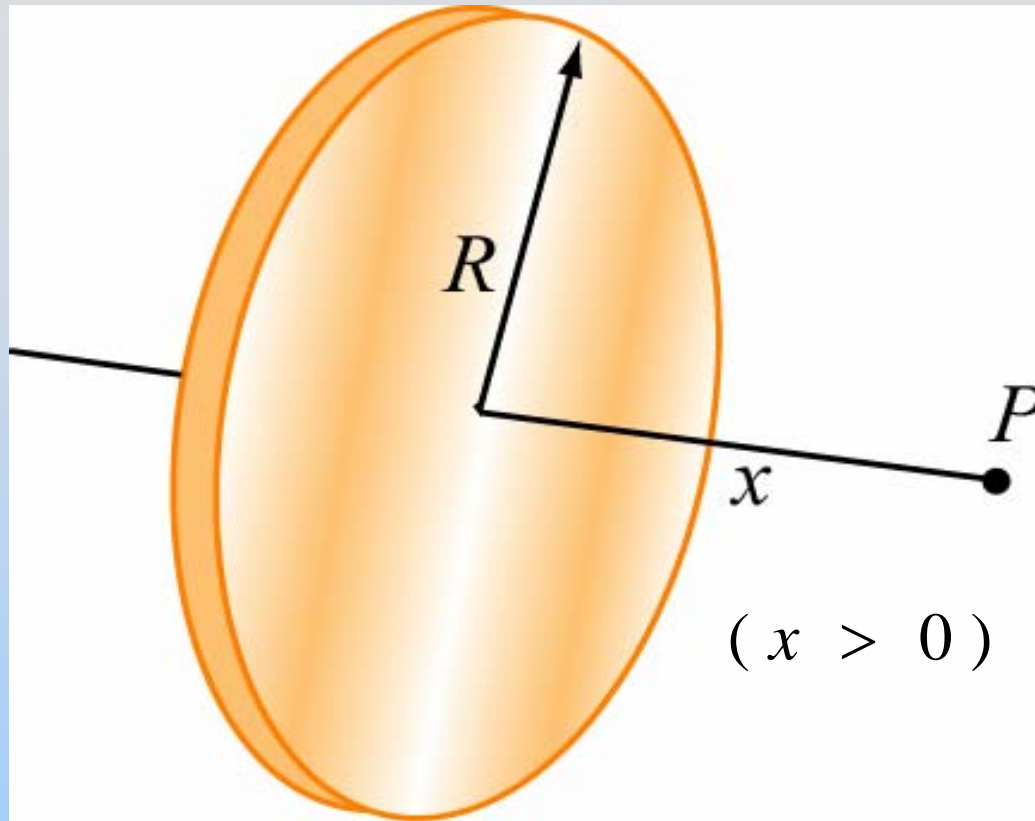
$$\lim_{s \gg L} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \rightarrow k_e \frac{Q}{s^2} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

Point charge

$$\lim_{s \ll L} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \rightarrow 2k_e \frac{Q}{Ls} \hat{\mathbf{j}} = 2k_e \frac{\lambda}{s} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

Infinite charged line

In-Class: Uniformly Charged Disk



P on axis of disk of charge, x from center
Radius R , charge density σ .

Find \mathbf{E} at P

Disk: Two Important Limits

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}}_{disk} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[1 - \frac{x}{(x^2 + R^2)^{1/2}} \right] \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

Limits:

$$\lim_{x \gg R} \vec{\mathbf{E}}_{disk} \xrightarrow{***} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{x^2} \hat{\mathbf{i}} \quad \text{Point charge}$$

$$\lim_{x \ll R} \vec{\mathbf{E}}_{disk} \rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{\mathbf{i}} \quad \text{Infinite charged plane}$$

E for Plane is Constant????

- 1) Dipole: E falls off like $1/r^3$
- 2) Point charge: E falls off like $1/r^2$
- 3) Line of charge: E falls off like $1/r$
- 4) Plane of charge: E constant