

Ch. 20: Electric Charge, Force, and Field



Interaction b/w these two distributions of charges : via the electric fields \vec{E}_1 (by distribution #1) & \vec{E}_2 (by distribution #2). To calculate the electric force of Q_1 on Q_2 , we first calculate the \vec{E}_1 , then $\vec{F}_{12} = Q_2 \vec{E}_1$

$\underbrace{\vec{F}_{12}}_{\substack{\text{force of 1} \\ \text{on 2}}} = Q_2 \underbrace{\vec{E}_1}_{\substack{\text{electric field} \\ \text{by 1}}}$

We will calculate the electric fields for simple charge distributions.

Charges: • types: 2 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} + \text{ (a proton has } 1e^+) \\ - \text{ (that of an electron } 1e^-) \end{array} \right.$

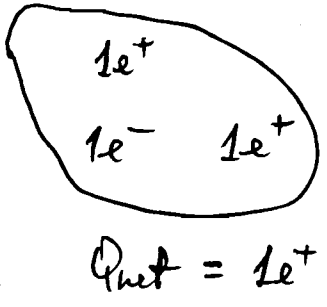
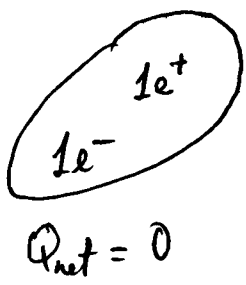
$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

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Coulombs,
SI unit for
charge

$1e^- = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

$1e^+ = +1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

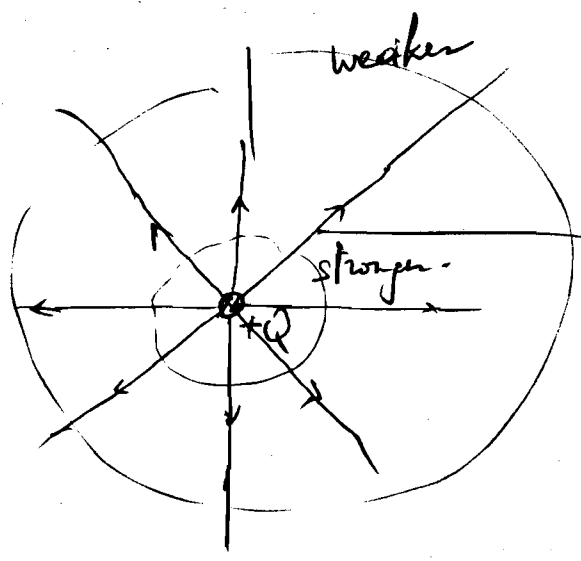
• Superposition



• Source of electric field:

$$\vec{E} = k \frac{Q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

- k : electric constant: $9 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2}$
- Q : net charge
- r : separation from the charge
- \hat{r} : unit radial vector, pointing away from the charge



Field lines
Strength \sim density of field lines.

Electric field

$$\vec{E} = k \frac{Q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Field: attractive (-) or repulsive (+)

$$k = 9 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2}$$

Gravitational field

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

always +

Field: always attractive

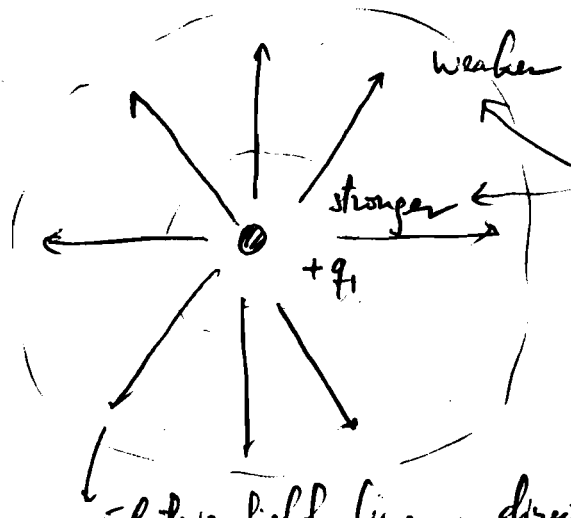
$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{kg}^2}$$

$$\frac{\text{Electric force}}{\text{Gravitat. force}} = ? \approx 10^{40}$$

for a proton & an electron:

$$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}; \quad m_p \approx 2000 m_e$$

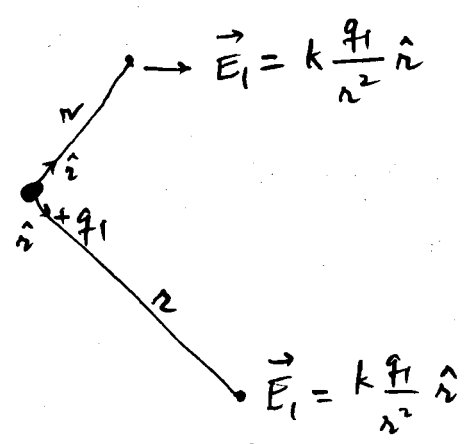
Electric field due to one charge, (from the field we can calculate forces on test charges)



$$\vec{E}_1 = k \frac{q_1}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

\hat{r} = unit vector, pointing along radial directions away from the charge
 r = separation from the source charge

Electric field lines: directions & strengths of electric fields
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 (higher density of lines, stronger fields)

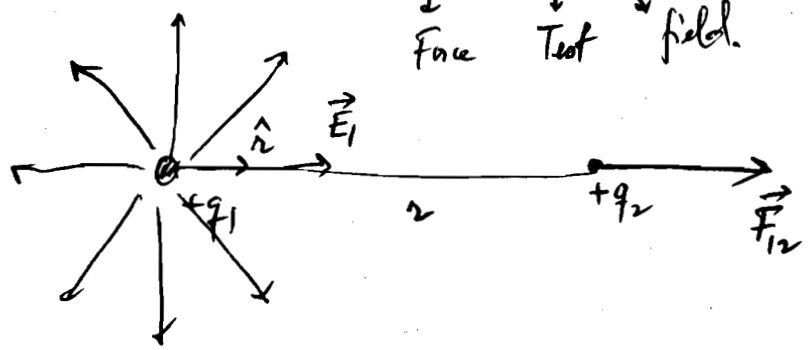


The field created by this positive charge q_1 is repulsive.
 (lines point away from the charge)

A positive test charge in this field will feel a repulsive force:

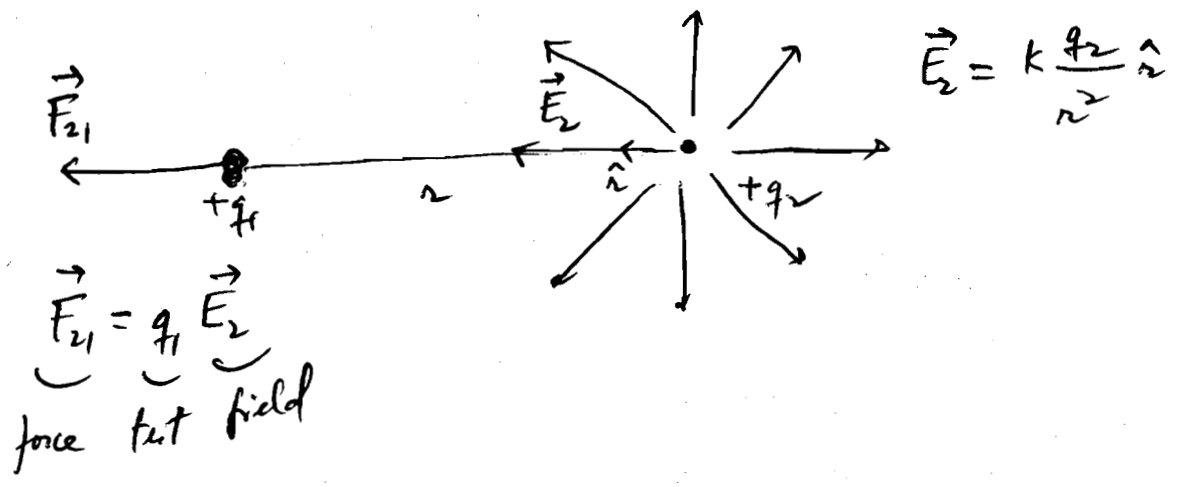
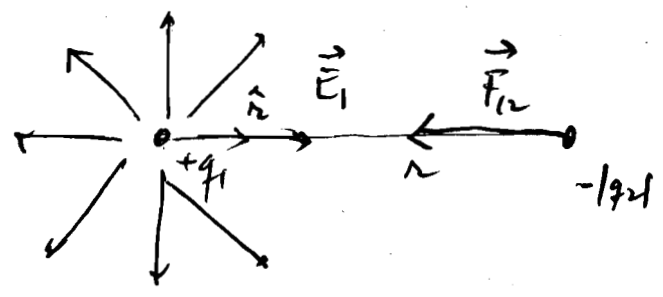
$$\vec{F}_{12} = q_2 \vec{E}_1 = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

\downarrow Force \downarrow Test \downarrow field.



A negative test charge in this field will feel an attractive force:

$$\vec{F}_{12} = -|q_2| \vec{E}_1 = -k \frac{|q_1| |q_2|}{r^2} \hat{r}$$



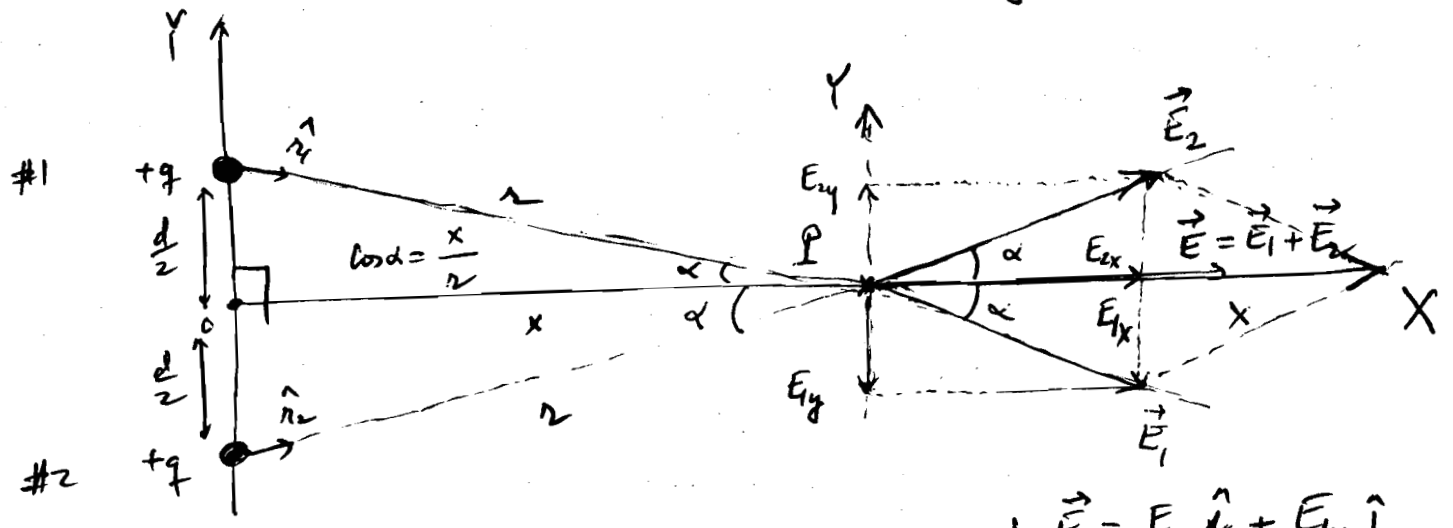
$$\vec{F}_{21} = q_1 \vec{E}_2$$

\downarrow force \downarrow test \downarrow field

$$\vec{E}_2 = k \frac{q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

→ Electric forces b/w 2 charges of the same type or sign are repulsive; b/w 2 charge of opposite types or signs are attractive.

Electric field due to two positive charges: by superposition of fields created by each charge. What is the electric field along the centerline?



$$\vec{E}_1 = k \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{n}_1 ; \quad \vec{E}_2 = k \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{n}_2$$

$$E_1 = |\vec{E}_1| = \frac{kq}{r^2} = E_2 = |\vec{E}_2| = \frac{kq}{r^2}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{E}_1 &= E_{1x} \hat{i} + E_{1y} \hat{j} \\ \vec{E}_2 &= E_{2x} \hat{i} + E_{2y} \hat{j} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{unit vectors} \\ \text{along} \\ \text{x or y direction} \end{array}$$

$$\vec{E}_1 = E_{1x} \hat{i} + E_{1y} \hat{j} = E_1 \cos \alpha \hat{i} - E_1 \sin \alpha \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{E}_2 = E_2 \cos \alpha \hat{i} + E_2 \sin \alpha \hat{j} \stackrel{E_2=E_1}{=} E_1 \cos \alpha \hat{i} + E_1 \sin \alpha \hat{j}$$

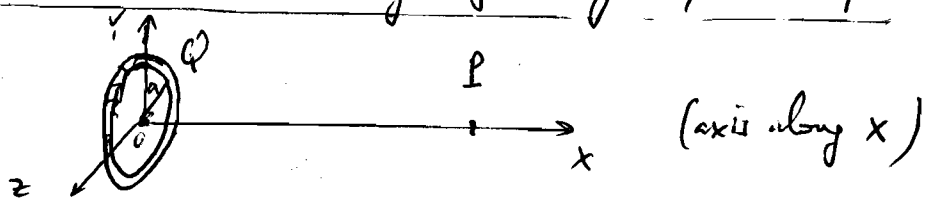
$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 = E_1 \cos \alpha \hat{i} - E_1 \sin \alpha \hat{j} + E_1 \cos \alpha \hat{i} + E_1 \sin \alpha \hat{j}$$

$$= \underline{2E_1 \cos \alpha} \hat{i} \quad \rightarrow \text{Total field points along x-axis.}$$

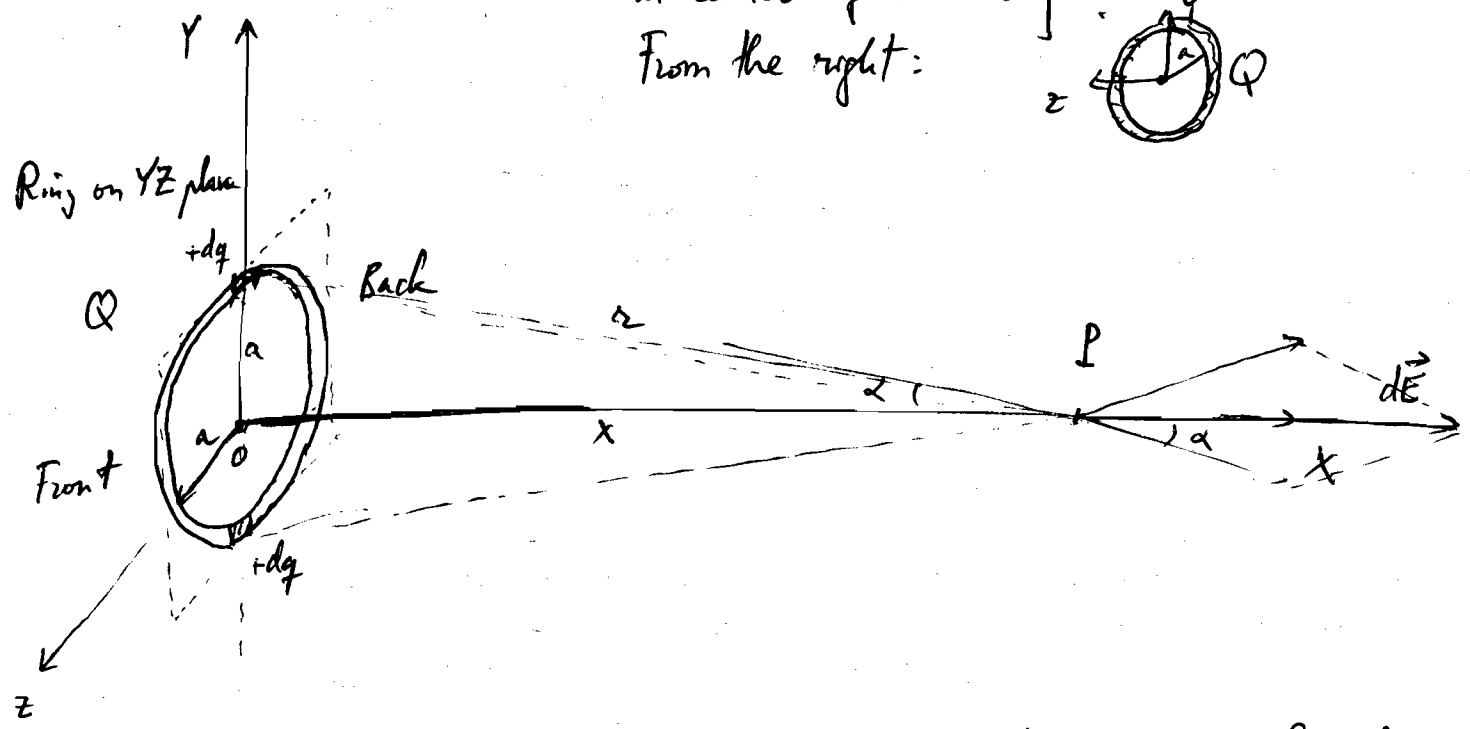
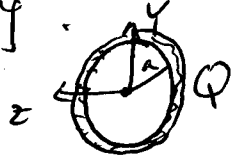
$$\vec{E} = 2E_1 \cos \alpha \hat{i} = 2 \frac{kq}{r^2} \cos \alpha \hat{i} = \frac{2kq}{x^2 + \frac{d^2}{4}} \frac{x}{(x^2 + \frac{d^2}{4})^{1/2}} \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{2kq x}{(x^2 + d^2)^{3/2}} \hat{i} \quad \text{Unit in S.I.: } \frac{N}{C}$$

Electric field due to a continuous ring of charge, at a point along its axis;



Ring on yz plane, origin of coordinates at center of the ring.
From the right:



To use previous results: focus on $+dq$ top of ring & $+dq$ bottom of ring. $\rightarrow d\vec{E} = \frac{2kdq x}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{i}$

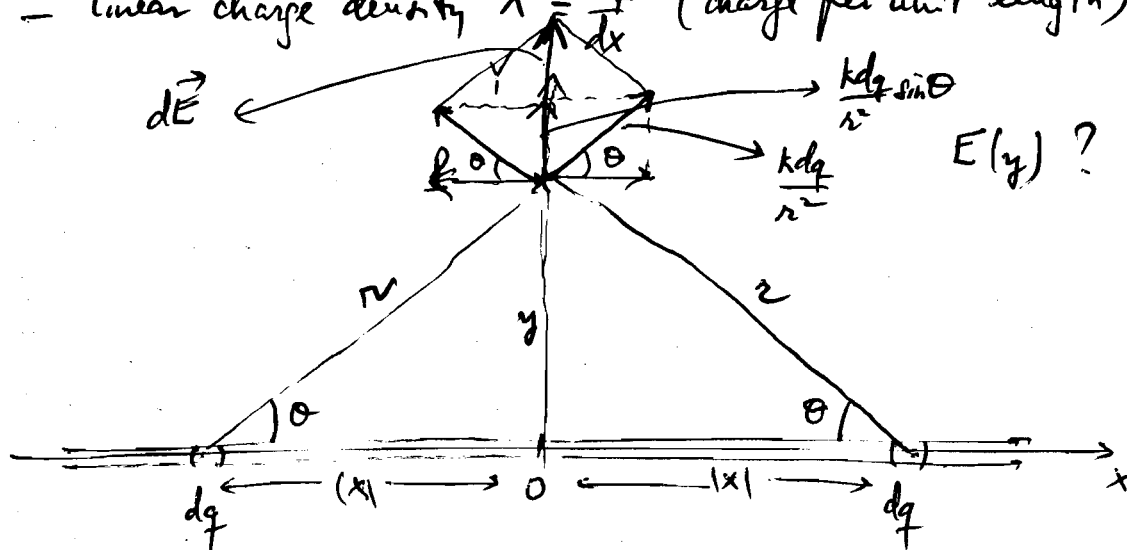
total
For Field due to whole ring = $\vec{E} = \int_{\text{half ring}} d\vec{E} = \frac{2kx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{i} \int_{\text{half ring}} dq$
bring out what is constant $\frac{Q}{2}$
along ring

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

Approx: far from ring: $x \gg a \rightarrow x^2 + a^2 \approx x^2 \rightarrow$
 \rightarrow Makes sense: it's field of a point charge Q

$$\vec{E}_{\text{far}} = \frac{kQ}{x^2} \hat{i}$$

Electric field due to a ∞ long line of charge :
 - linear charge density $\lambda = \frac{dq}{dx}$ (charge per unit length)



$$d\vec{E} = 2 \frac{k dq \sin \theta}{r^2} \hat{j} \quad (\text{no component along } x)$$

↓
from both element of charge.

$$= 2 \frac{k dq}{r^2} \frac{y}{r} \hat{j} = 2k \frac{\lambda dx y}{r^3} \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{E} = \int_{\text{half line}} d\vec{E} = 2k\lambda y \hat{j} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

From table. $\int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x}{a^2 (x^2 + a^2)^{1/2}}$

$$\vec{E} = 2k\lambda y \hat{j} \left[\frac{x}{y^2 (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}} \right]_{0=0}^{\infty=\infty} = 2k\lambda y \hat{j} \left[\frac{1}{y^2} - 0 \right]$$

$$\vec{E}(y) = \frac{2k\lambda}{y} \hat{j}$$

L'Hopital Rule of limits : $\frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{ or } \frac{0}{0} = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

↳ $\frac{\frac{df}{dx}}{\frac{dg}{dx}}$

Ch. 21 Gauss Law

How to calculate the Electric field ?

- 1) Vector addition (Ch. 20)
- 2) Gauss Law (Ch. 21) using symmetry
- 3) Electric potential (Ch. 22) using scalars and derivatives.

Electric flux : $\Phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$

"Phi"

closed surface

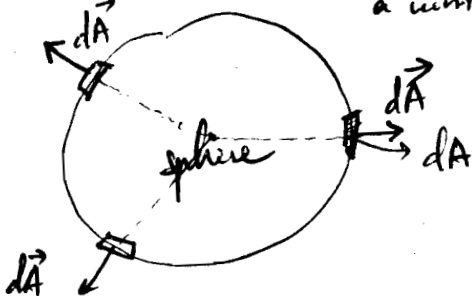
scalar product

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$|\vec{A}| \quad |\vec{B}| \quad \text{angle b/w } \vec{A} \text{ \& } \vec{B}$

$d\vec{A}$: element of area ^{vector} of the closed surface, direction is given by a unit vector perpendicular to the element of area.



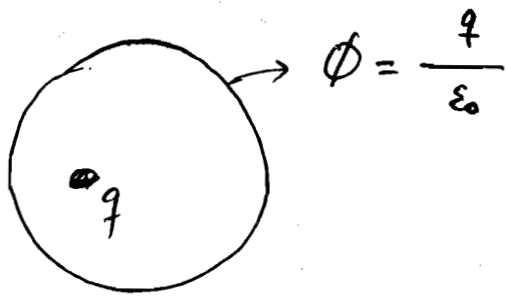
* Φ can be calculated easily for simple surfaces sphere, cylinder, rectangular box, etc.

Gauss Law:

$$\Phi_{\text{closed surface}} = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed by surface}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$\epsilon_0 = \text{dielectric constant in vacuum} = \frac{1}{4\pi k} = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2}{Nm^2}$

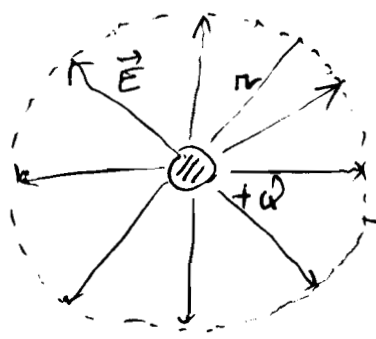
E.g.:



* If we can write the flux Φ easily in term of the electric field, then we can use Gauss Law to obtain the electric field.

} Simple geometries (sphere, cylinder, boxes) & highly symmetric situations.

1) Let's use Gauss Law to calculate the field from a point charge.



Gauss law \rightarrow Flux \rightarrow surface (Gaussian surface)

\rightarrow spherical Gaussian surface with charge Q at center.

$$\Phi = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \text{ (Gauss Law)} \rightarrow \Phi = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int \frac{kQ}{r^2} \hat{r} \cdot dA \hat{r} = \frac{kQ}{r^2} \int dA$$

$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} = 1$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \phi &= \frac{kQ}{r^2} 4\pi r^2 \\ \phi &= \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \end{aligned} \right\} kQ 4\pi = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi k}$$

But I wanted to calculate the field! Should not plug in $\vec{E} = \frac{kQ}{r^2} \hat{r}$ but only $\vec{E} = E \hat{r}$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \phi &= \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int E \hat{r} \cdot dA \hat{r} = \int E dA = E \int dA = E 4\pi r^2 \\ \phi &= \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \end{aligned} \right.$$

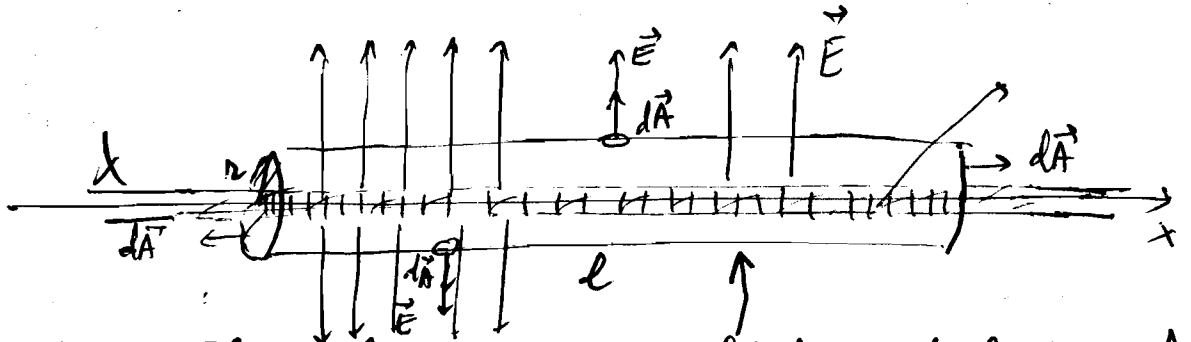
\downarrow
 $\hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} = 1$

\downarrow
E is constant for a fixed separation r (over the surface)

$$\rightarrow E 4\pi r^2 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow E = \frac{Q}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{kQ}{r^2} \text{ (as expected from ch. 20)}$$

\downarrow
Gauss law is useful!

2) Electric field due to a ∞ long line of charge using Gauss law,
 linear density of charge is $\lambda = \frac{dq}{dx}$



Gauss Law \rightarrow Flux \rightarrow Gaussian surface: Cylinder with the line at center.

$$\phi = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda l}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\phi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \oint E dA = E \oint dA$$

\vec{E} points away from the line along perpendicular direction. always parallel to $d\vec{A}$ on this Gaussian cylindrical surface external at the line.

Body of cylinder (not the left & right ends!)

$$= E \cdot \underbrace{2\pi r l}_{\text{area of body of cylinder}}$$

$$\frac{\lambda l}{\epsilon_0} = E \cdot 2\pi r l \rightarrow \left[E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r} = \frac{2k\lambda}{r} \right]$$

$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi k}$

Same as
if using vector
addition!

Ch. 22 Electric Potential

$$\Delta U_{AB} = - \int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Potential energy difference
b/w A & B

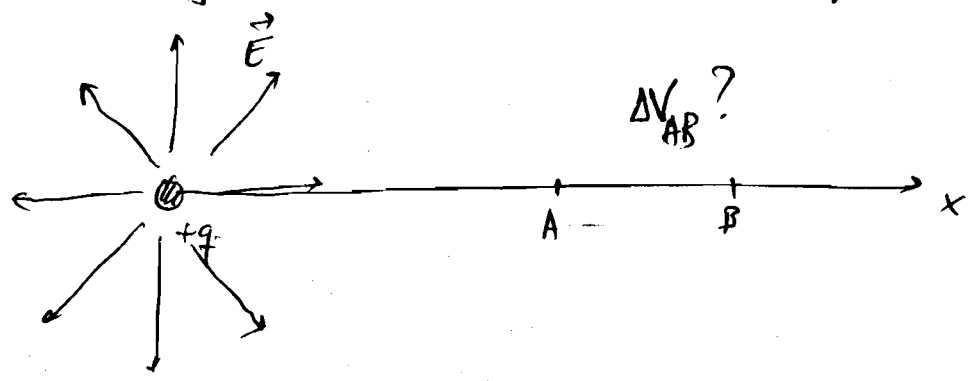
For electric interaction: $\vec{F} = q' \vec{E}$
↓ Test charge
↘ field

Electric potential energy difference U_{AB} A & B:

$$\Delta U_{AB} = -q' \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Electric potential difference: $\Delta V_{AB} = \frac{\Delta U_{AB}}{q'} = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$
↓ Unit: SI: $\frac{J}{C} = V$ for Volt
↑ Field!

1) Point charge: what is the electric potential?

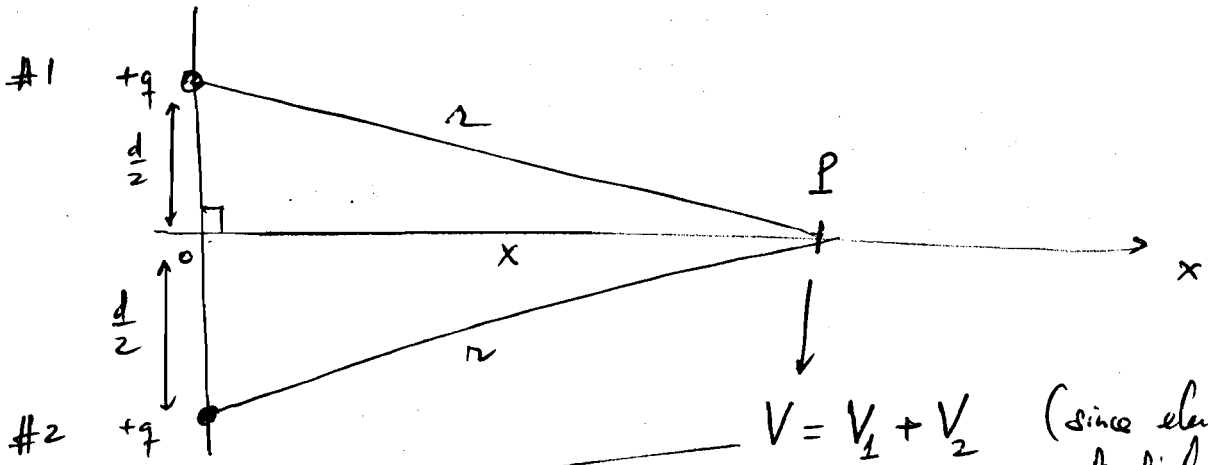


$$\Delta V_{AB} = - \int_A^B \frac{kq}{x^2} \hat{i} \cdot dx \hat{i} \stackrel{\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = 1}{=} -kq \int_A^B \frac{dx}{x^2} = kq \left(\frac{1}{x_B} - \frac{1}{x_A} \right)$$

Ref. point $A \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow \Delta V_{\infty B} \equiv V_B = \frac{kq}{x_B}$ or $\frac{kq}{r_B}$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{V(r) = \frac{kq}{r}}$$

Electric potential due to 2 charges: at point P.



$V = V_1 + V_2$ (since electric potentials are numbers, we just add numbers)

$$V = \frac{2kq}{r} = \frac{2kq}{(x^2 + \frac{d^2}{4})^{1/2}} = V(x)$$

$$V = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \rightarrow \vec{E} = - \vec{\nabla} V$$

↓
gradient (derivative)
↓
a vector operator:

$$\vec{\nabla} \equiv \left(\frac{d}{dx} \hat{i} + \frac{d}{dy} \hat{j} + \frac{d}{dz} \hat{k} \right)$$

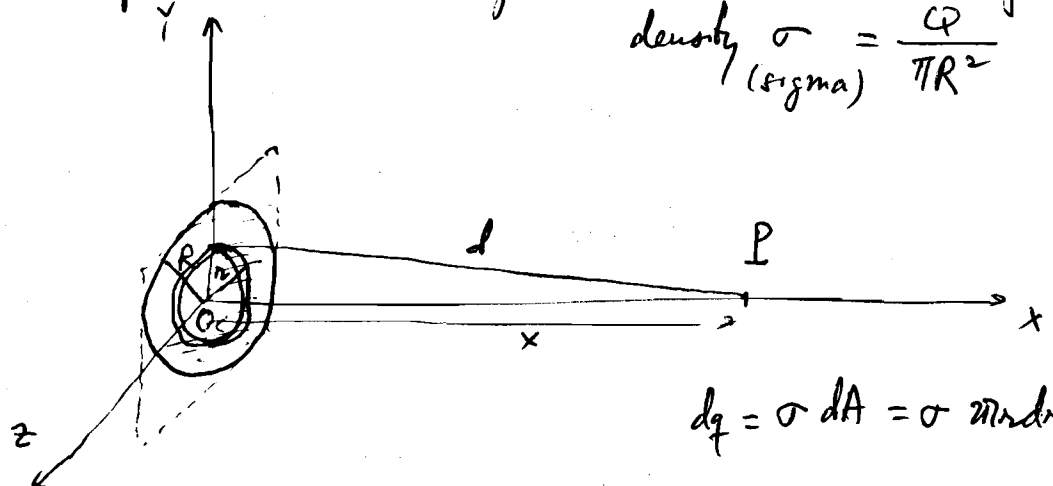
$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V = -\left(\frac{dV}{dx} \hat{i} + \frac{dV}{dy} \hat{j} + \frac{dV}{dz} \hat{k} \right)$$

For 2 point charges: $V = V(x)$ (there is no dependence on y or z)

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \vec{E} &= -\frac{dV}{dx} \hat{i} = -2kq \frac{d}{dx} \left(x^2 + \frac{d^2}{4} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \hat{i} \\ &= kq \left(x^2 + \frac{d^2}{4} \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} 2x \hat{i} = \frac{2kqx}{\left(x^2 + \frac{d^2}{4} \right)^{3/2}} \hat{i} \end{aligned}$$

Electric potential due to a uniformly charged circular disk at a point along its axis...

Disk on YZ plane: total charge Q , radius $R \rightarrow$ charge density $\sigma = \frac{Q}{\pi R^2}$ (sigma)



$$dq = \sigma dA = \sigma 2\pi r dr$$

We will first start with dV from a ring of radius r , & thickness dr . Charge on this ring: dq , all point on this ring is at a fixed separation d to P : $dV = \frac{k dq}{d}$

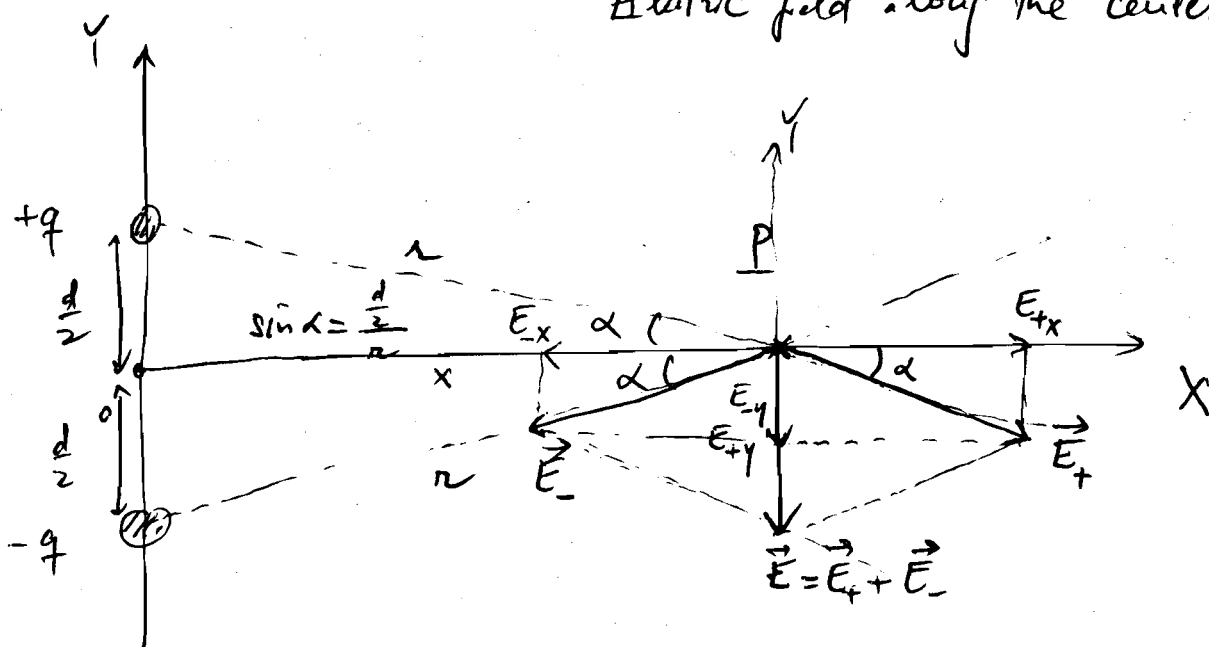
$$dV = \frac{k dq}{(x^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

infinitesimal electric potential due to ring

$$\rightarrow V = \int_{r=0}^{r=R} dV = k \int_{r=0}^{r=R} \frac{dq}{(x^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} = k \int_{r=0}^{r=R} \frac{\sigma 2\pi r dr}{(x^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} = 2\pi \sigma k \int_{r=0}^{r=R} \frac{r dr}{(x^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

Electric field due to a dipole (one positive and one negative charge)

Electric field along the center line (x-axis)



$$\vec{E}_+ = k \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}_1 ; \quad \vec{E}_- = -k \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}_2 ; \quad |\vec{E}_+| = |\vec{E}_-| = E_+ = \frac{kq}{r^2}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{E}_+ &= E_+ \cos \alpha \hat{i} + E_+ \sin \alpha \hat{j} \\ \vec{E}_- &= -E_+ \cos \alpha \hat{i} - E_+ \sin \alpha \hat{j} \end{aligned} \right\} \vec{E} = \vec{E}_+ + \vec{E}_-$$

$$= E_+ \cos \alpha \hat{i} - E_+ \sin \alpha \hat{j} - E_+ \cos \alpha \hat{i} - E_+ \sin \alpha \hat{j}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = -2E_+ \sin \alpha \hat{j}}$$

pointing along $-y$ direction.

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = -2 \frac{kq}{r^2} \sin \alpha \hat{j} = -2 \frac{kq}{r^2} \frac{d}{2} \hat{j} = -k \frac{qd}{r^3} \hat{j}}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = -k \frac{qd}{(x^2 + \frac{d^2}{4})^{3/2}} \hat{j}}$$

dipole moment.

Approximation:

$$x \gg \frac{d}{2} \rightarrow x^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2 \approx x^2$$

$$\left(x^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2\right)^{3/2} \approx x^3$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{E}_{\text{dipole}} \approx -\frac{kqd}{x^3} \hat{j} \quad (\text{large distances})$$

$$\int \frac{r dr}{(r^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2} \int u^{-3/2} du = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{-1/2}}{-1/2} = -\sqrt{u}$$

$$r^2 + a^2 = u \rightarrow 2r dr = du \rightarrow r dr = \frac{1}{2} du$$

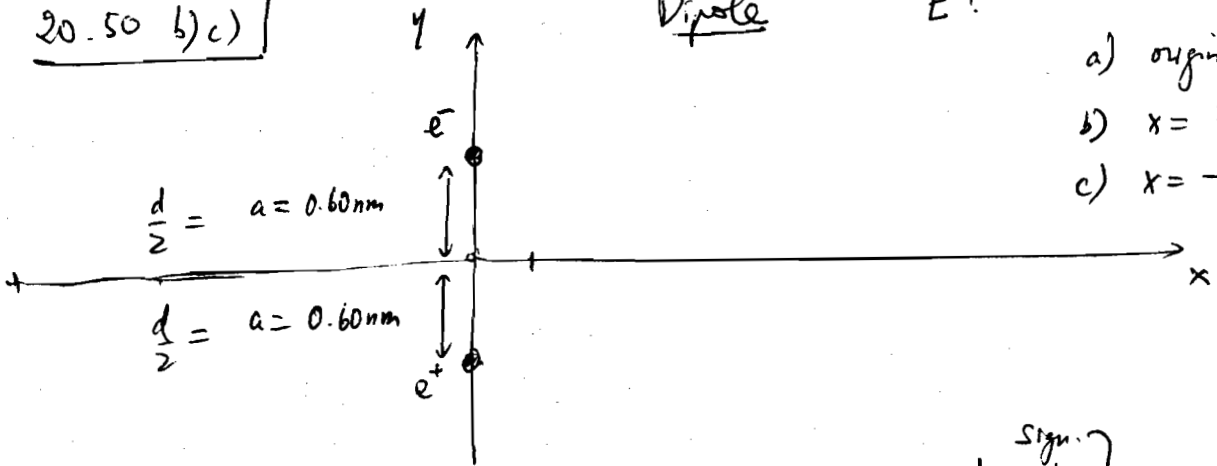
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const.

$$V(x) = 2\pi\sigma k \int_{x^2+a^2}^{R^2+a^2} \frac{r dr}{(r^2+a^2)^{3/2}} = 2\pi\sigma k (\sqrt{R^2+a^2} - \sqrt{x^2+a^2}) \leftarrow$$

20.50 b) c)

Dipole

\vec{E} ?



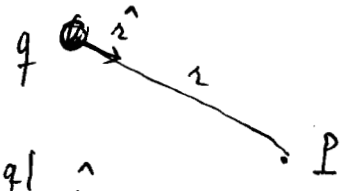
- a) origin
- b) $x = 2\text{nm}$
- c) $x = -20\text{nm}$.

$$a) \vec{E}(x=0, y=0) = \vec{E}_{e^-} + \vec{E}_{e^+} = \frac{k|(-e)|}{a^2} (+\hat{j}) + \frac{k(e)}{a^2} (+\hat{j})$$

$$= \frac{2ke}{a^2} \hat{j} = \frac{2 \times 9 \times 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{(0.6 \times 10^{-9})^2} \hat{j} = 8 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{C} \hat{j}$$

alternative from result derived previously = $\frac{-k(-e)d}{(0 + \frac{d^2}{4})^{3/2}} \hat{j} = \frac{9 \cdot 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 1.2 \times 10^{-9}}{(0.6 \times 10^{-9})^2} \hat{j}$

Field due to a point charge at P



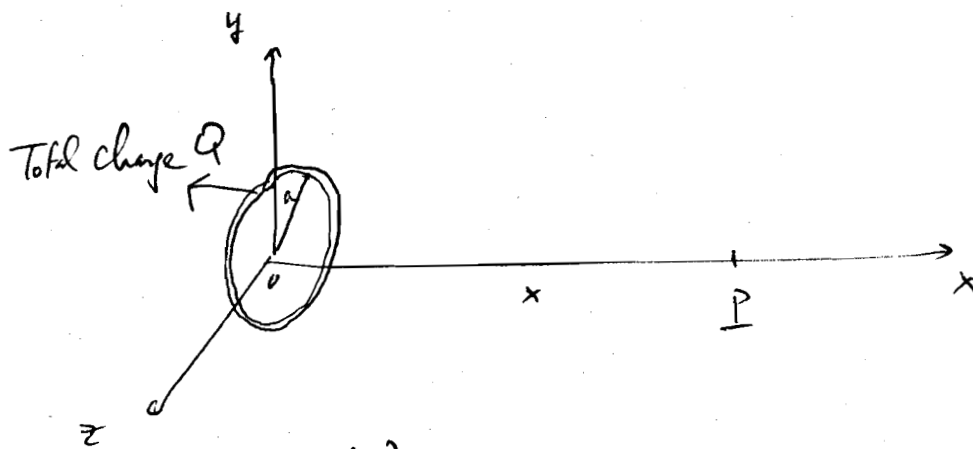
$$\vec{E} = \frac{kq}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{k|q|}{r^2} \hat{n}$$

↳ (away from charge for + charge
toward charge for - charge)

$$b) \vec{E}(x=2\text{nm}, y=0) = \frac{-k(-e)d}{[(2 \times 10^{-9})^2 + (0.6 \times 10^{-9})^2]^{3/2}} \hat{j} = 190 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} \hat{j}$$

$$c) \vec{E}(x=-20\text{nm}, y=0) = \frac{-k(-e)d}{[(-20 \times 10^{-9})^2 + (0.6 \times 10^{-9})^2]^{3/2}} \hat{j} = 216 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} \hat{j}$$

20.65 Electric field due to a uniformly charged ring at a point along its axis: $\vec{E}(x) = \frac{kQx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z}$



$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 = 0.15\text{m} &\rightarrow |\vec{E}| = 380 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{C}} \\ x_2 = 0.05\text{m} &\rightarrow |\vec{E}| = 160 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{C}} \end{aligned} \right\} Q? a?$$

$$\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{\frac{kQx_1}{(x_1^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}}{\frac{kQx_2}{(x_2^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}} \rightarrow \left(\frac{380}{160} \right)^{2/3} = \left(\frac{0.05}{0.15} \right)^{2/3} \frac{(0.15^2 + a^2)}{(0.05^2 + a^2)}$$

$$\left(\frac{38}{16} \times 3 \right)^{2/3} (0.05^2 + a^2) = 0.15^2 + a^2$$

$$3.70$$

$$2.7 a^2$$

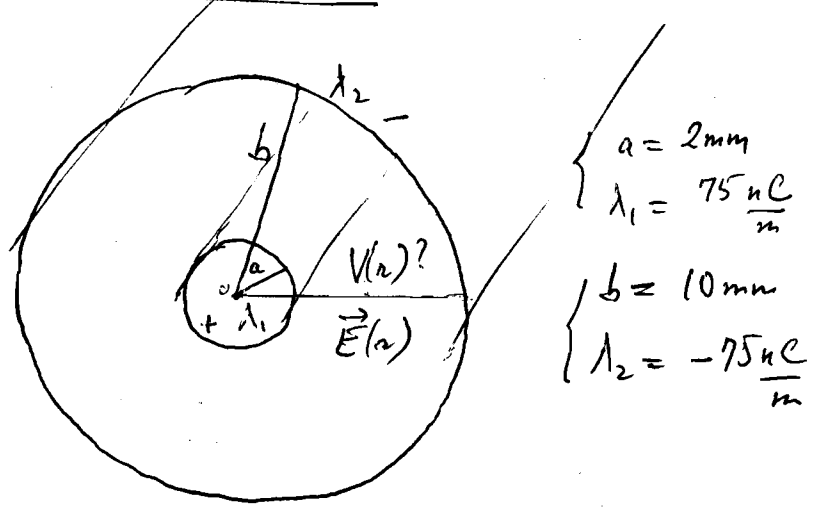
$$a^2 = \frac{0.15^2 - 3.7 \times 0.05^2}{2.7} \quad m = 0.07\text{m}$$

$$E_1 = \frac{kQx_1}{(x_1^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \rightarrow Q = \frac{E_1 (x_1^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}{kx_1}$$

$$= \frac{380 \times 10^3 (0.05^2 + 0.07^2)^{3/2}}{9 \times 10^9 \times 0.05} = 538 \text{ nC}$$

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Look at cross section:



- $a = 2 \text{ mm}$
- $\lambda_1 = 75 \frac{\text{nC}}{\text{m}}$
- $b = 10 \text{ mm}$
- $\lambda_2 = -75 \frac{\text{nC}}{\text{m}}$

a) Pot. difference b/w outer & inner conductors

$$\Delta V = - \int_2^1 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \int_2^1 \frac{2k\lambda_1}{r} dr = -2k\lambda [\ln r]_2^1$$

↓ Field $\perp d\vec{r}$

$\vec{E}(r)$: is due to the long inner wire: $\frac{2k\lambda_1}{r} \hat{r}$

$$\Delta V_{21} = -2k\lambda \ln \frac{2 \text{ mm}}{10 \text{ mm}} = 2k\lambda \ln \left(\frac{10}{2} \right)$$

$$= 2 \times 9 \times 10^9 \times 75 \times 10^{-9} \ln 5$$

$$= 1350 \ln 5 = 2170 \text{ V}$$

b) if $\lambda_2 \rightarrow 150 \frac{\text{nC}}{\text{m}} \rightarrow$ same: $\Delta V = 2170 \text{ V}$
 (no λ_2 involved in ΔV)