

Physics 151

Electric Charge

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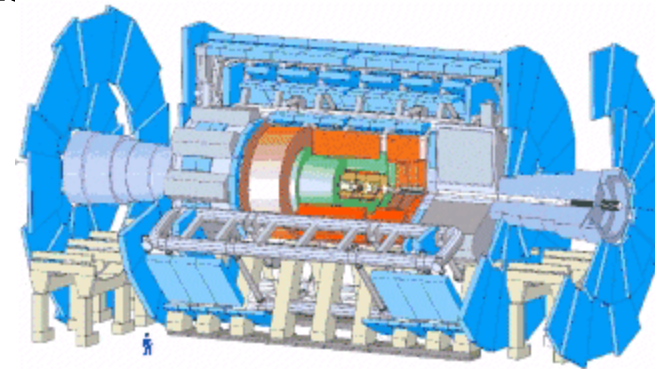
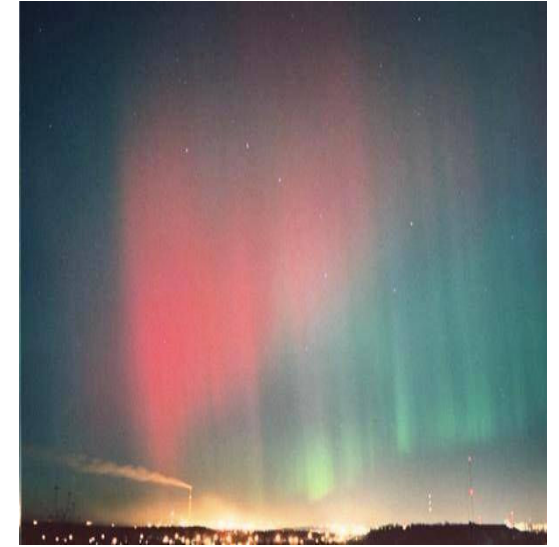
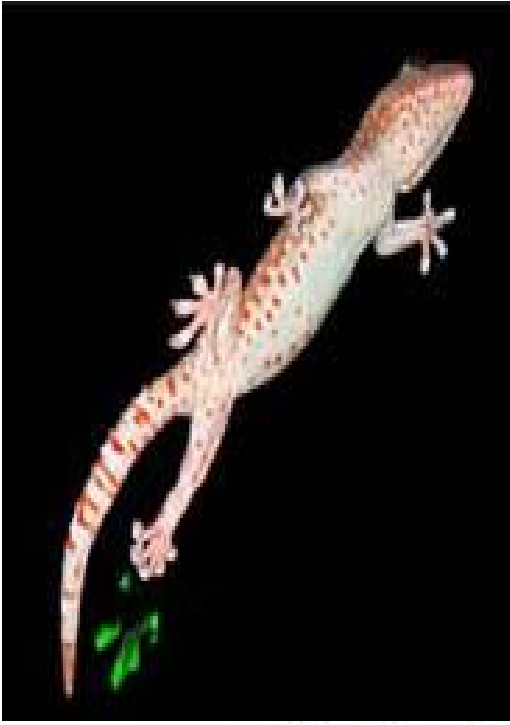
Inductance and Faraday's Law

Electromagnetic Waves

Propagation

Interference

Diffraction



Electric Charge

- **Experimental findings**
 - Exists in **two forms**: called positive (+) and negative (-) by Benjamin Franklin in 1700's
 - **Like charges repel**
 - **Unlike charges attract**
 - Charge is conserved in a closed system
 - Charge is quantized
 - Natural unit is charge on electron $|e| = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$ Coulomb (C)
 - First constituent of atom to be isolated in 1897 by J.J. Thomson
 - Electron charge is negative = $-e$
 - Proton charge is positive = $+e$
- **Note – both conductors and insulators can be charged**
 - **Conductor**
 - charge is free to move throughout this material
 - **Insulator**
 - charge is “locked in place” in this material

Coulomb's Law of Force

- Describes electric force, F , between two point charges, q_1 and q_2 , separated by a distance, r_{12} , in a vacuum
- Experimental findings
 - Magnitude of force is proportional to the product of the charges and inversely proportional to the square of the separation
 - Direction of forces the two charges exert on each other is always along the line joining them
 - Forces are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction

$$\left| \vec{F}_{1 \text{ on } 2} \right| = k \frac{|q_1| |q_2|}{r_{12}^2} = \left| \vec{F}_{2 \text{ on } 1} \right|$$

Units

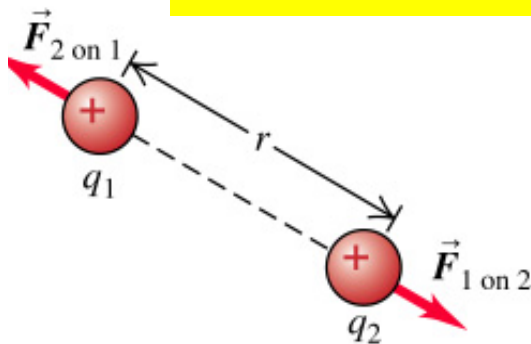
F in Newtons (N)
 q in Coulombs (C)
 r in Meters (m)
 $k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2\text{C}^{-2}$
 $= 1 / (4\pi\epsilon_0) = 10^{-7} \text{ c}^2$

Always remember to convert units!

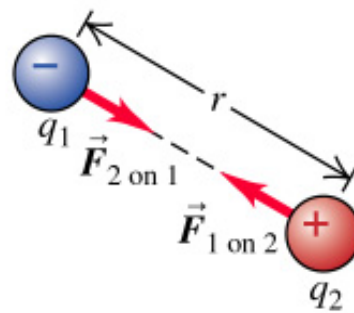
$\text{cm} = 10^{-2} \text{ m}$

$\mu\text{C} = 10^{-6} \text{ C}$

$\text{nC} = 10^{-9} \text{ C}$



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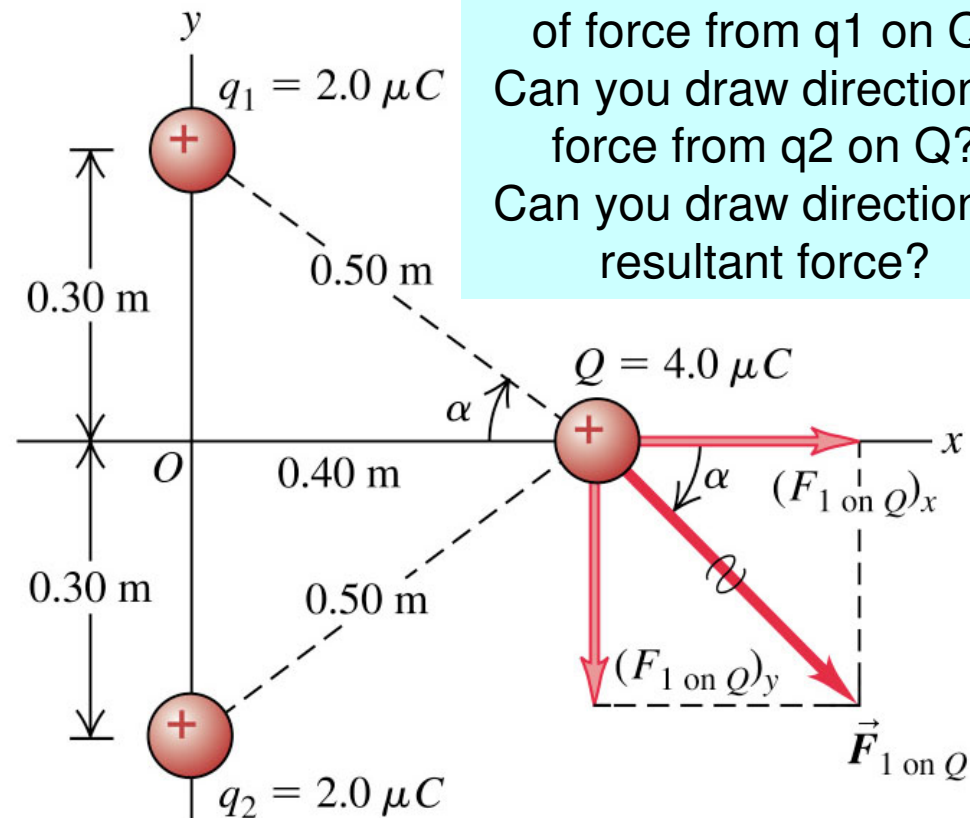
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Principle of Superposition

- What happens when there are more than two charges present?
- Experiments show that **the force on any charge is the vector sum of the Coulomb forces from each of the other charges**
 - This is called the principle of superposition.

- Now you can do any electrostatics problem where you know the location of all the charges!

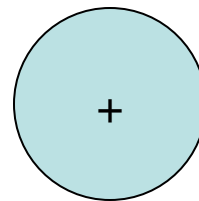
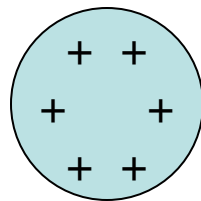
- Read 21.1-21.3
- Do homework exercises from section 21.3



This figure shows direction of force from q_1 on Q . Can you draw direction of force from q_2 on Q ? Can you draw direction of resultant force?

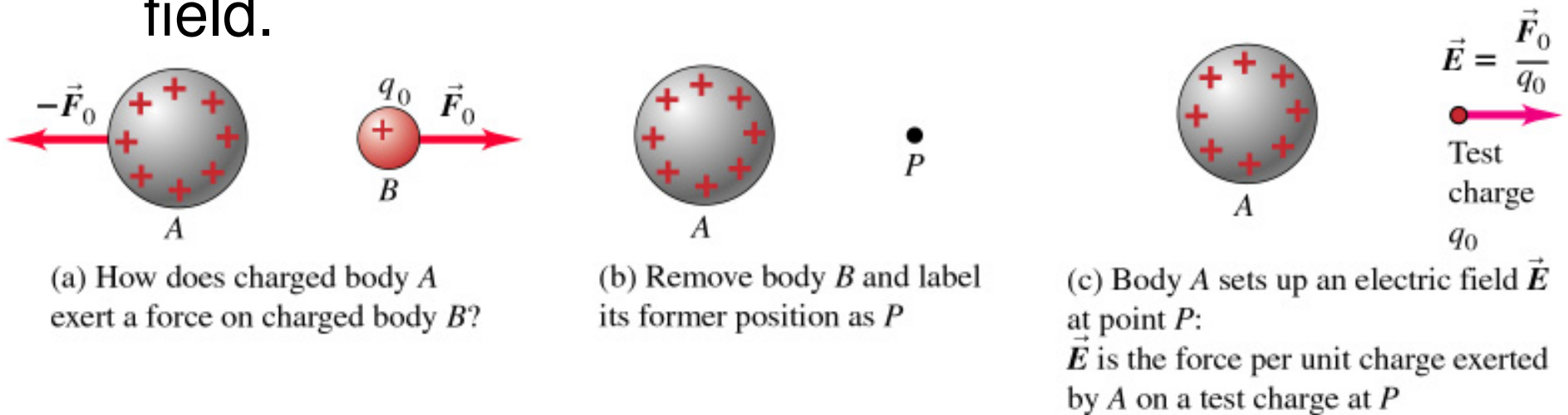
Do you understand...

- Polarization
 - How does a comb, charged by brushing your hair, pick up uncharged pieces of paper? Do you think the sign of the comb's charge matters?
- Induction
 - Why was the coke can attracted to both positive and negative rods?
 - What happens to the leaves of an uncharged electroscope when a positive rod is held near by?
- Draw force vectors on each charge with length proportional to the size of the force.



Electric Field

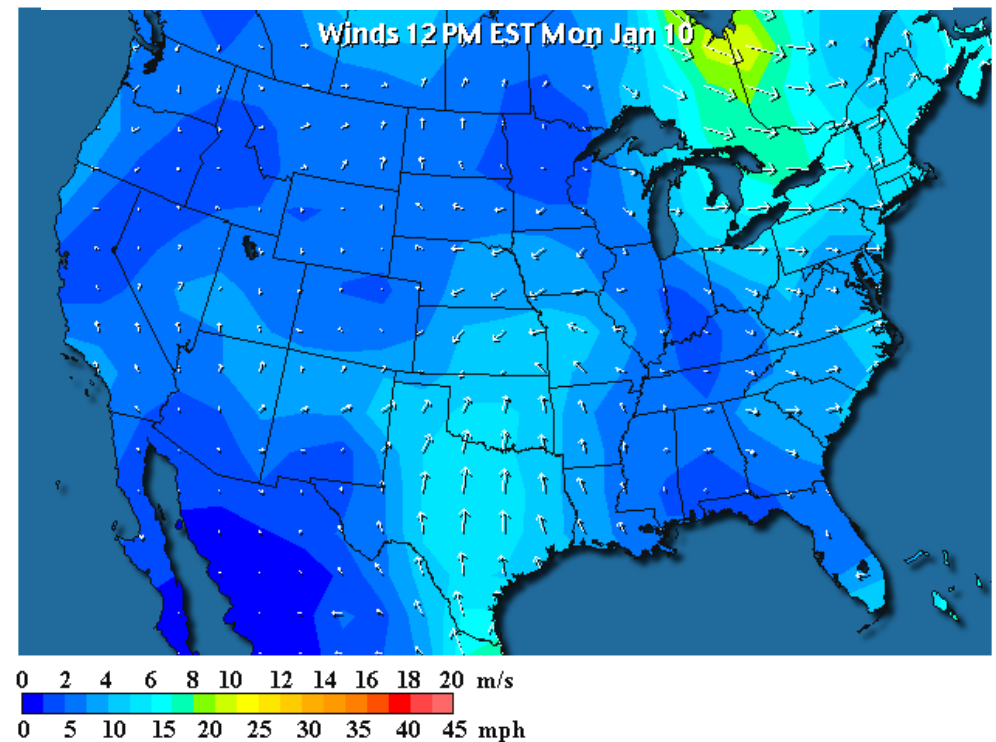
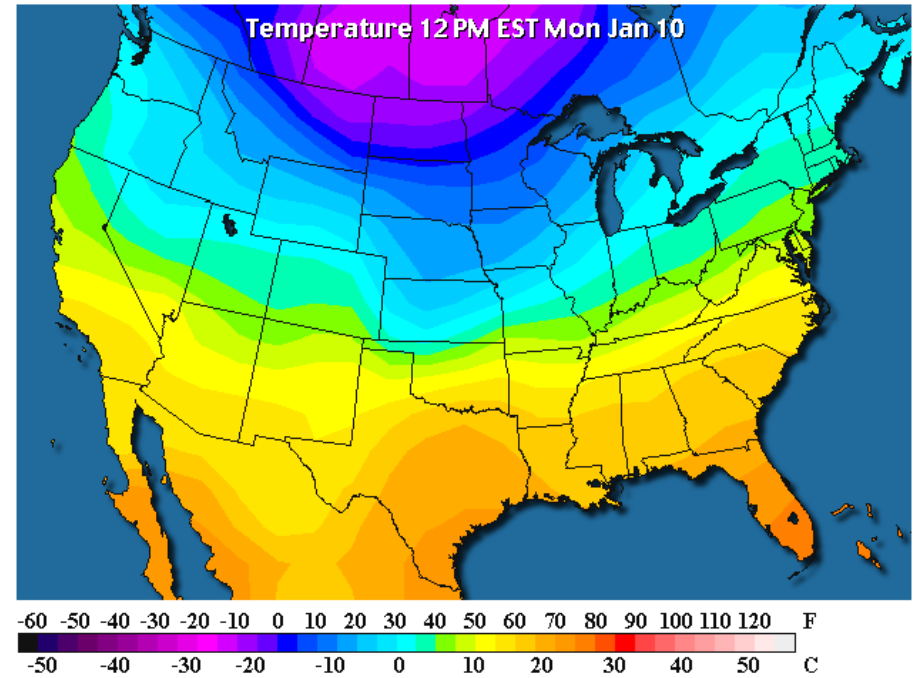
- A charge modifies the properties of the space around it. This modification is called the electric field.



- The electric field exists at all points in space around the charge.
- The electric field at each point is a vector because it causes a test charge to experience a force in a particular direction.

What are some other fields?

- Temperature is a scalar field – it has a magnitude at each point in space but no associated direction
- Wind speed is a vector field – it has a magnitude and a direction.



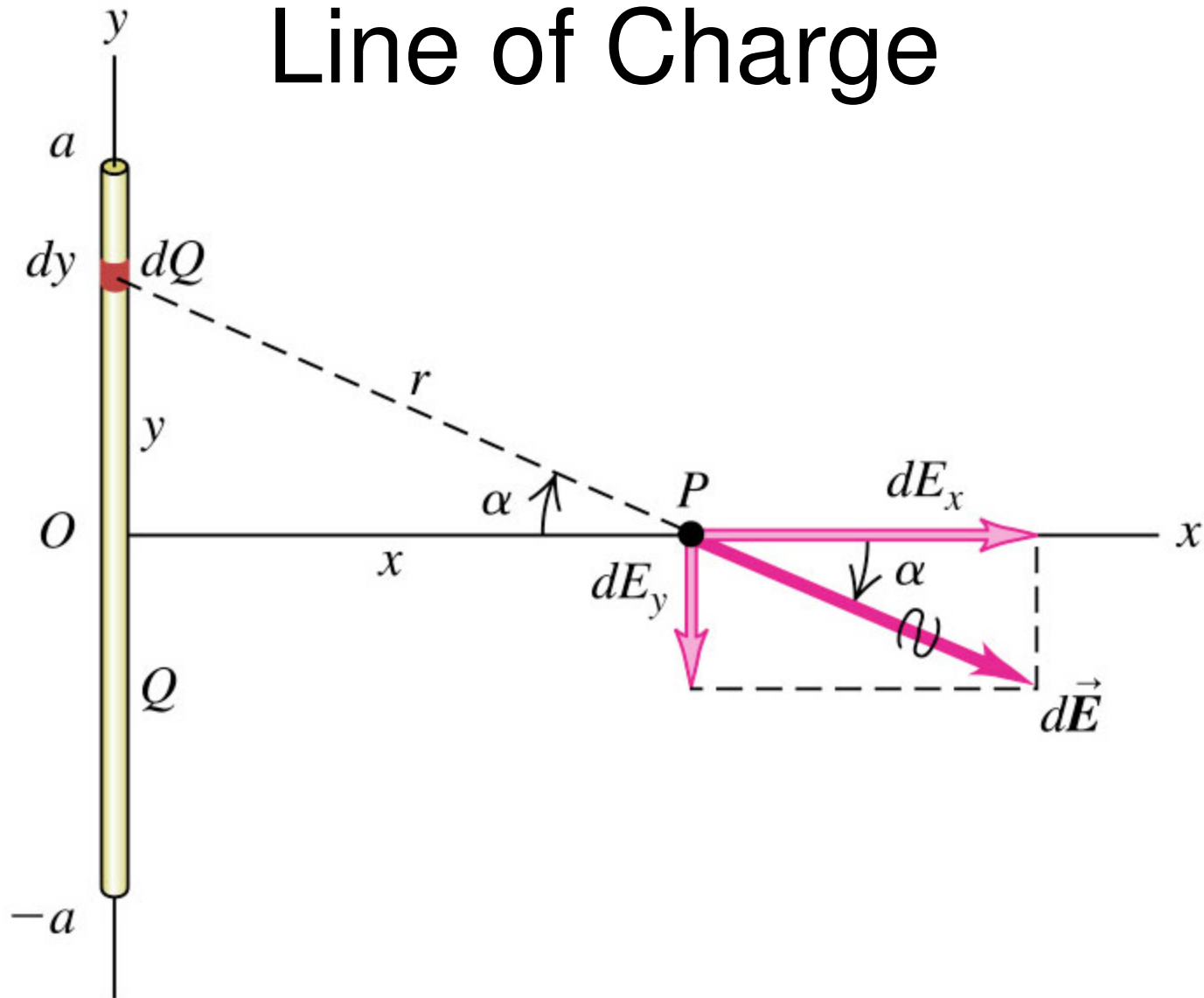
Electric Field Calculations

- Learning Objectives
 - To use the principle of superposition to calculate the electric field of multiple point charges and of continuous distributions of charge
 - To learn the electric fields of common charge distributions
 - Dipole
 - Point charge
 - Line of charge
 - Ring of charge
 - Sheet of charge
 - Two oppositely charged sheets
 - To study the motion of charged particles and dipoles in simple electric fields

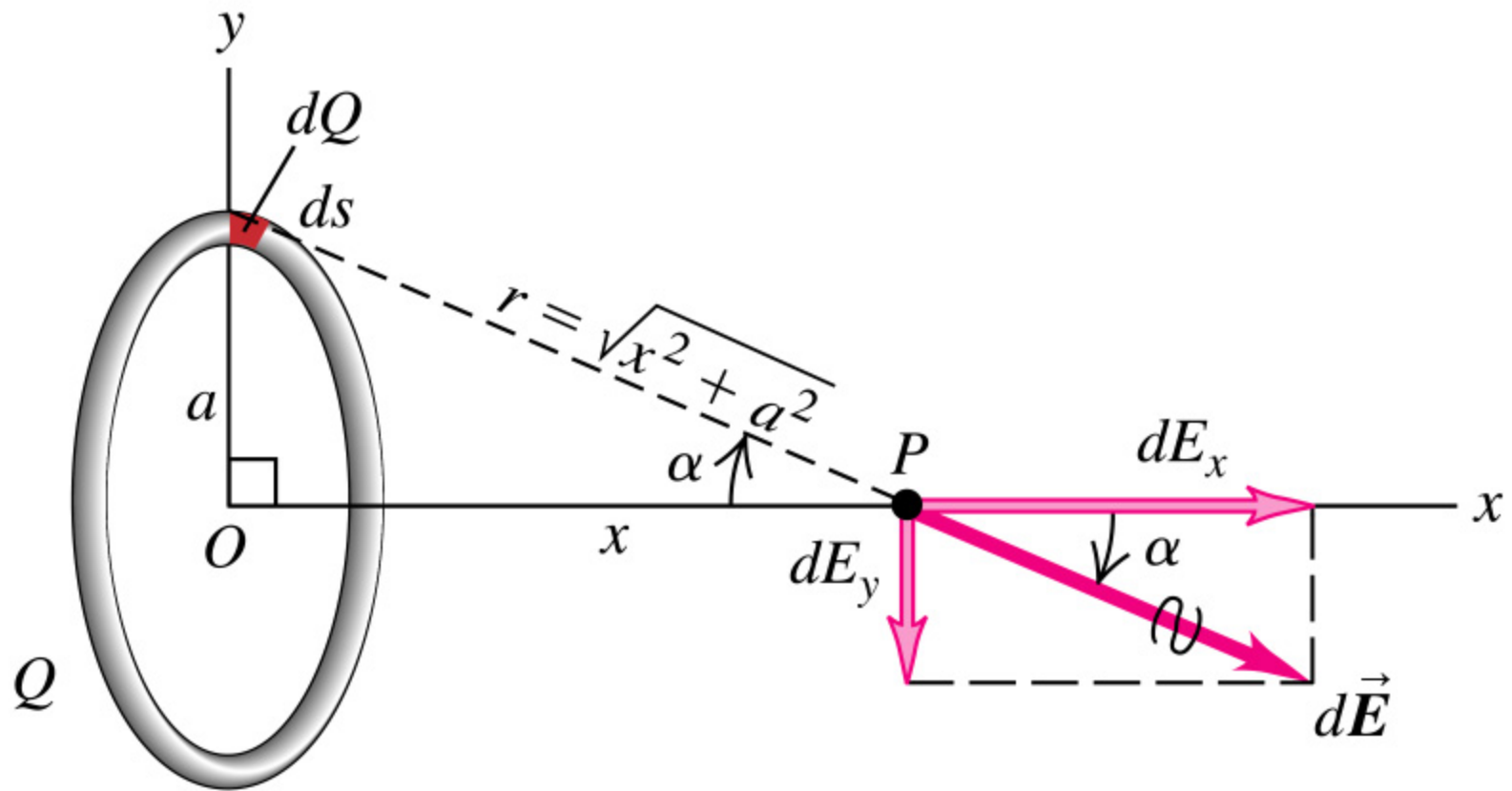
Electric Field Calculations: How to tackle them!

- Draw a picture
- Choose an element of charge dQ where you can write down the electric field dE
 - Usually choose a point charge
- Any symmetries?
- Replace dQ with an equivalent expression involving a charge density and a small geometric quantity that describes the shape of charge element dQ
- Choose coordinate to use for integration variable
 - All angles and distances must be expressed in terms of the integration variable
- Look at limiting cases – does your answer make sense?

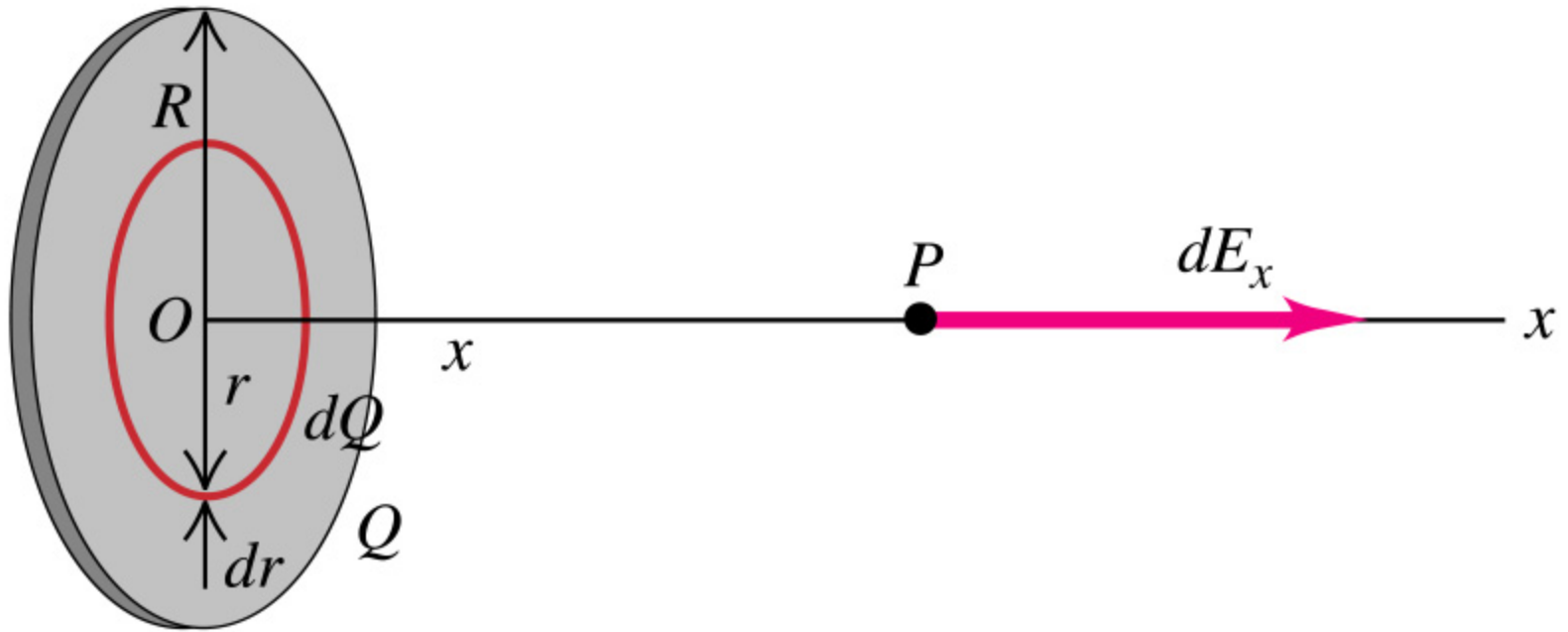
Line of Charge



Ring of Charge



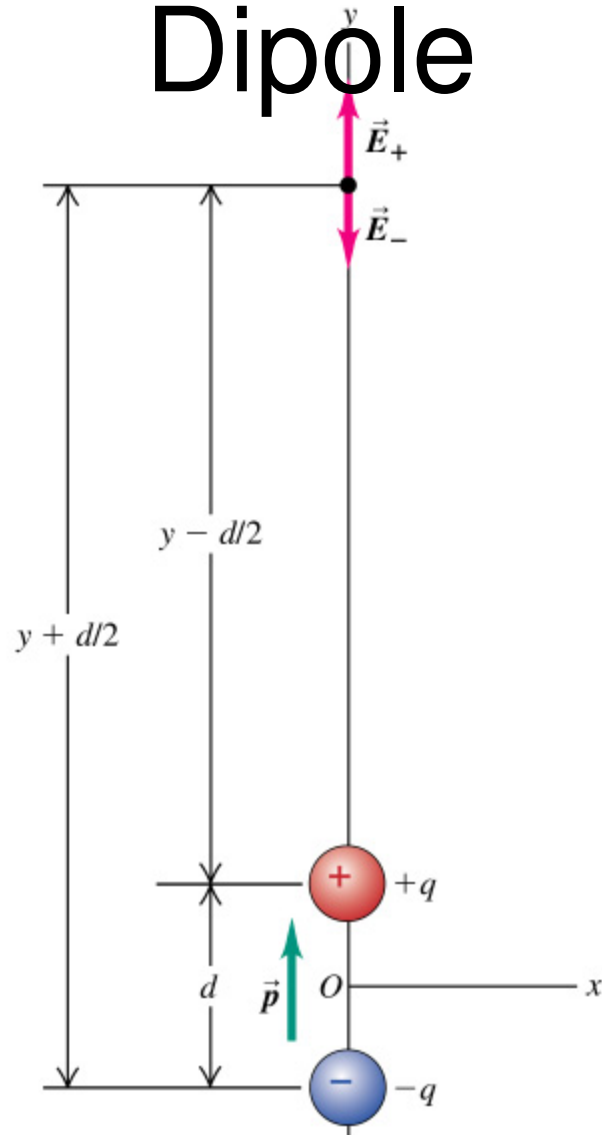
Disk of Charge



Problem 21.96

- A small sphere with mass m carries a positive charge q and is attached to one end of a silk fiber of length L . The other end of the silk fiber is attached to a large vertical insulating sheet that has a positive surface charge density σ . When the sphere is in equilibrium, what is the angle the fiber makes with the sheet?

Dipole



Summary

Configuration	$E(r)$	$E(r)$
Dipole	$\frac{1}{r^3}$	$\frac{qd}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r^3}$
Point	$\frac{1}{r^2}$	$\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r^2}$
Infinite line	$\frac{1}{r}$	$\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r}$
Infinite sheet	constant	$\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$

**We've covered everything in chapter 21 except for 21.6
On Friday, we will move onto chapter 22 and
learn about electric fields, electric flux and Gauss's Law**