

# 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:

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

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

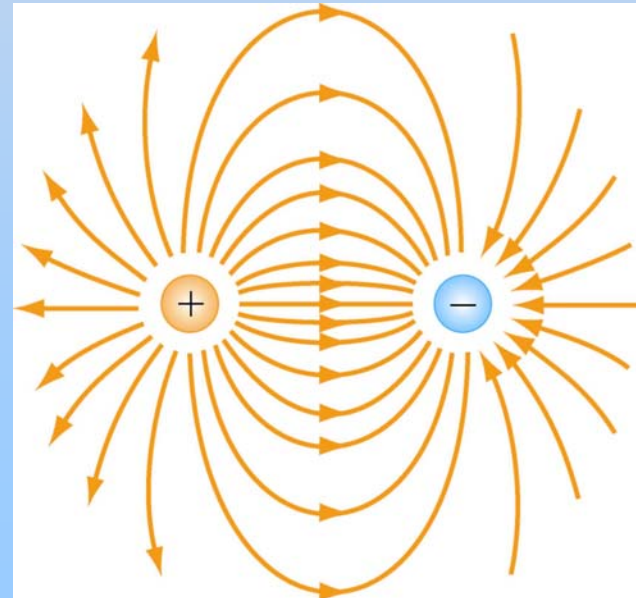
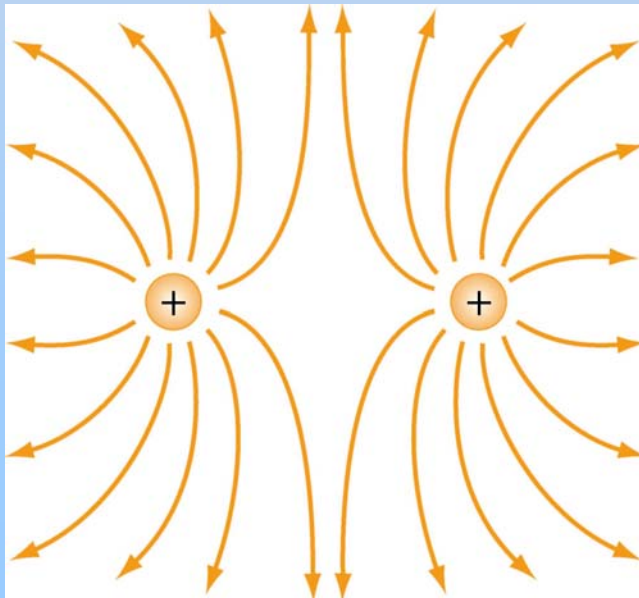
This is easiest way to picture field



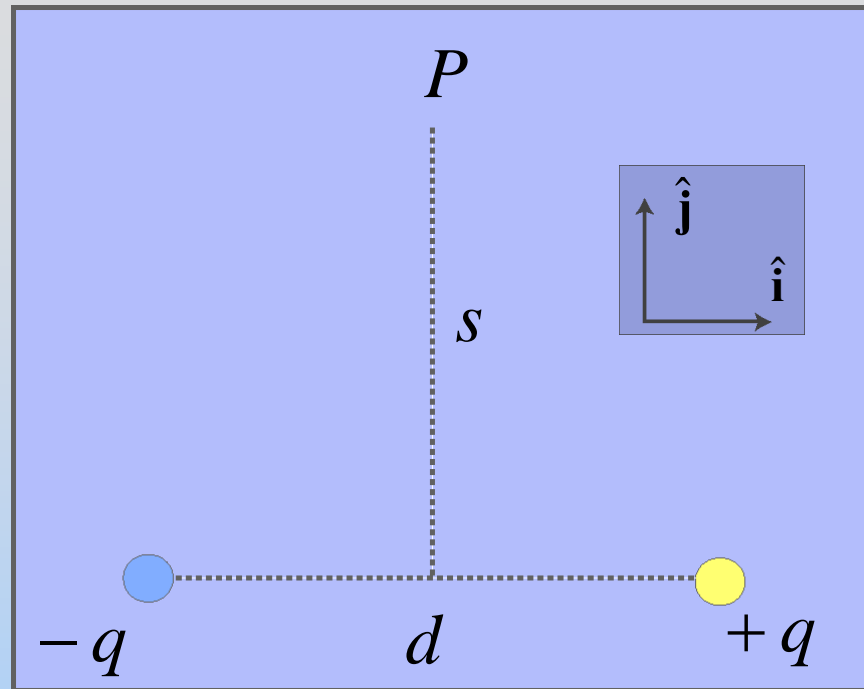
# **PRS Questions: Electric Field**

# 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  $P$ ?

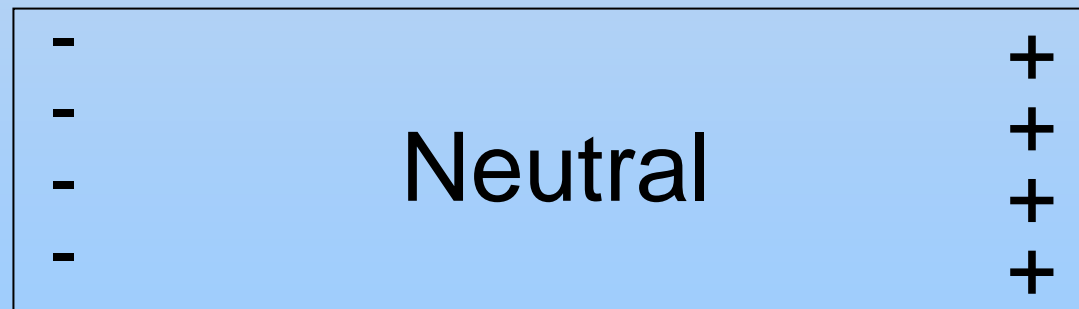
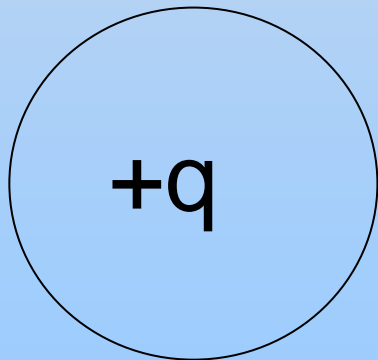
# **Two PRS Questions: E Field of Finite Number of Point Charges**

# Charging



# How Do You Charge Objects?

- Friction
- Transfer (touching)
- Induction



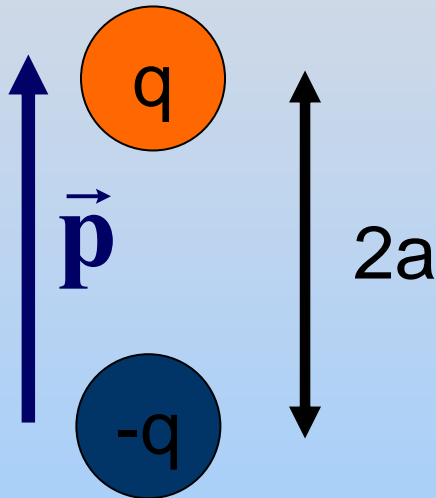
# **Demonstrations: Instruments for Charging**

# 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

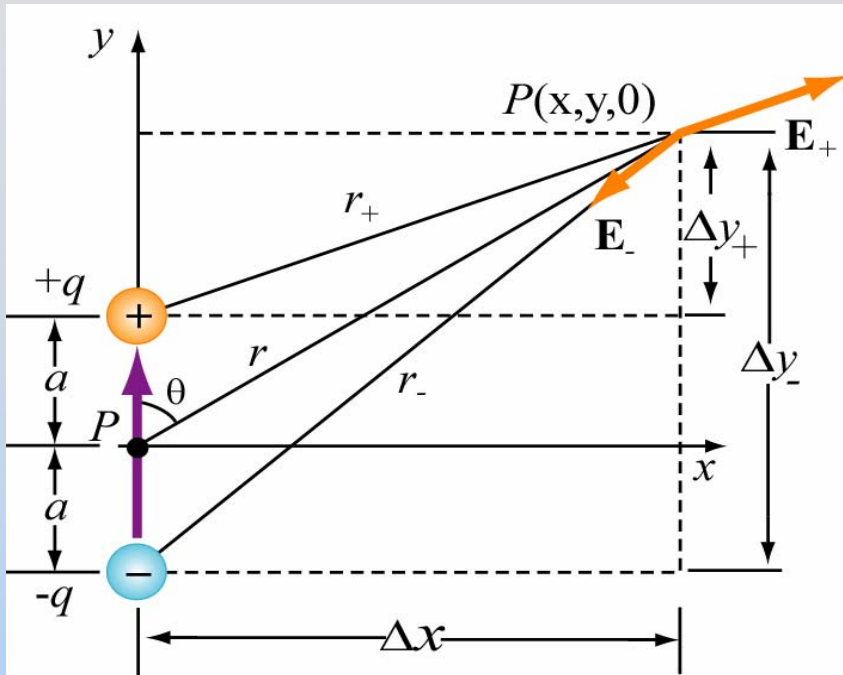
# Why Dipoles?

Nature Likes To Make Dipoles!

A collection of orange and blue spheres scattered on a dark blue background. The spheres are arranged in a way that suggests they are interacting or forming dipoles. The text "Nature Likes To Make Dipoles!" is overlaid on the image.

# Dipoles *make* Fields

# Electric Field Created by Dipole



Thou shalt use components!

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

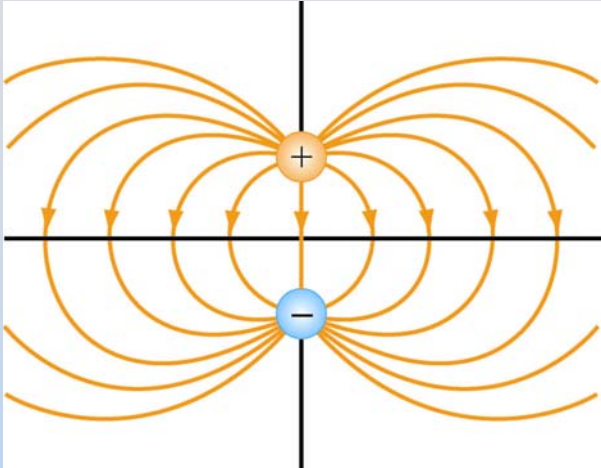
$$E_x = k_e q \left( \frac{\Delta x}{r_+^3} - \frac{\Delta x}{r_-^3} \right) = k_e q \left( \frac{x}{[x^2 + (y-a)^2]^{3/2}} - \frac{x}{[x^2 + (y+a)^2]^{3/2}} \right)$$

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

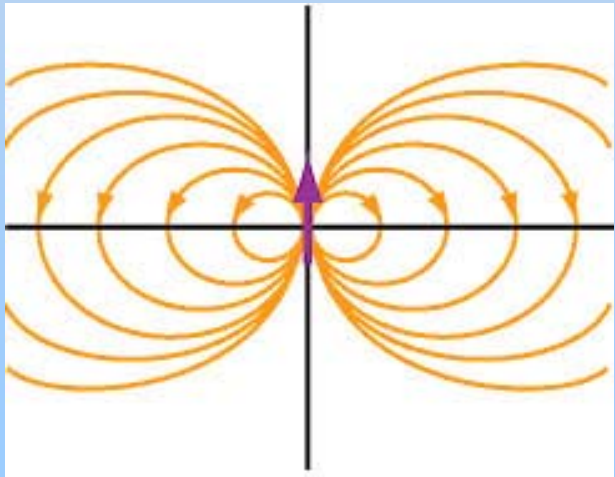
# PRS Question: Dipole Fall-Off



# Point Dipole Approximation



Finite Dipole



Point Dipole

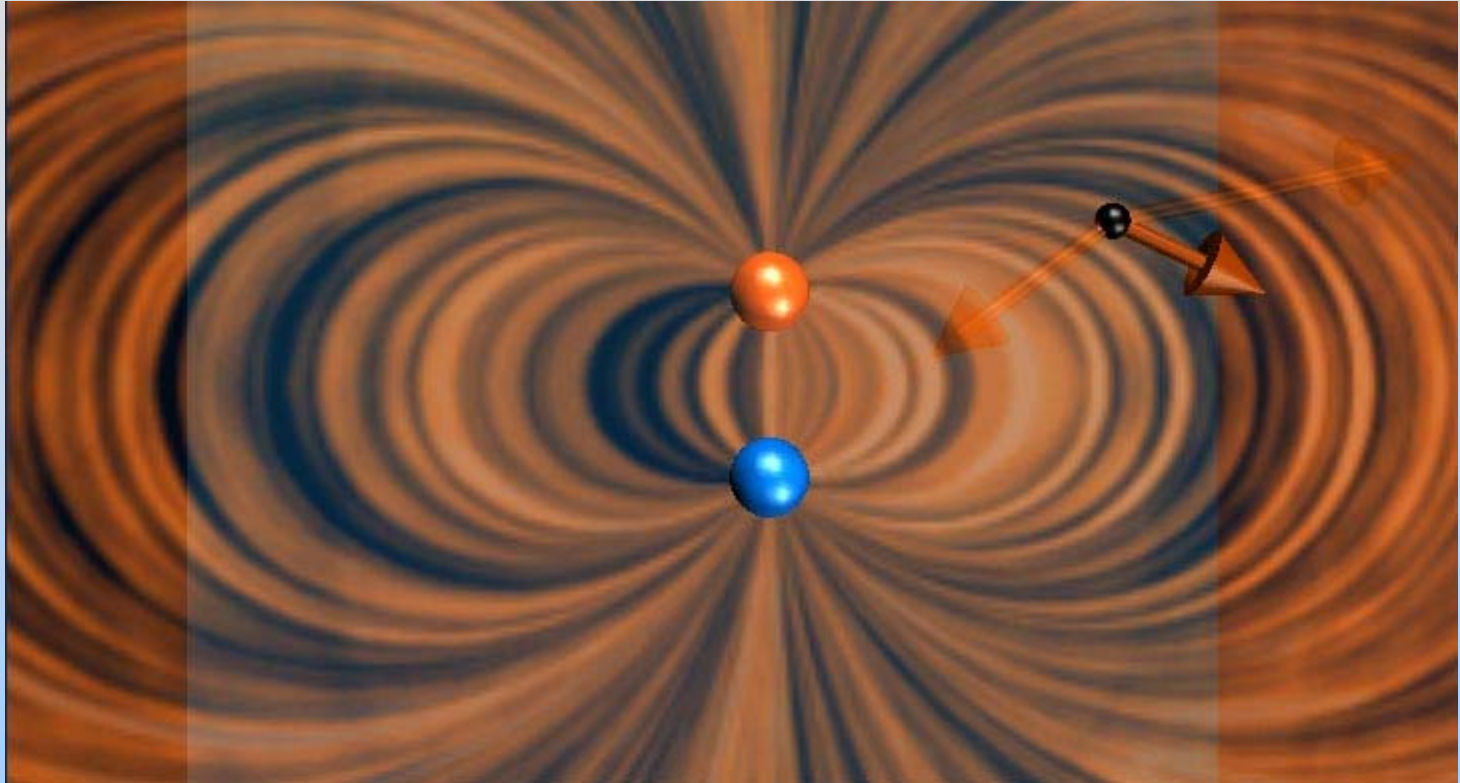
Take the limit  $r \gg a$

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

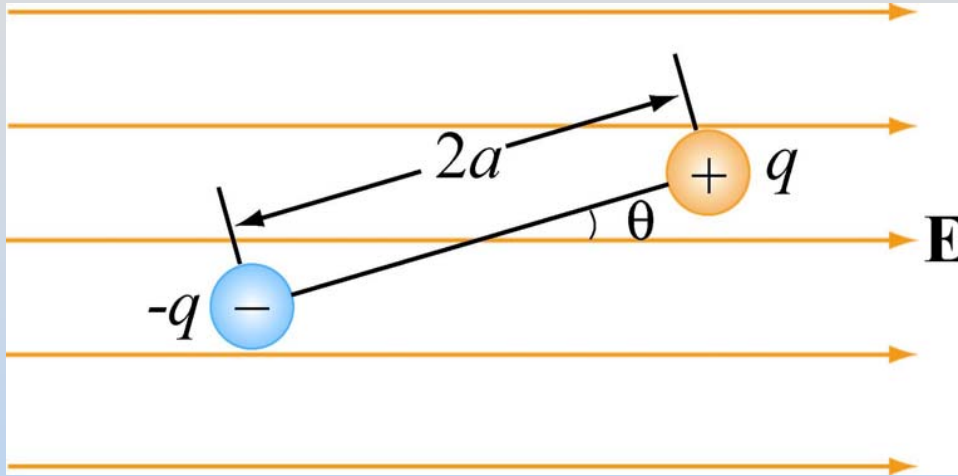


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# Dipoles *feel* Fields

# Demonstration: Dipole in Field

# Dipole in Uniform Field



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

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

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

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

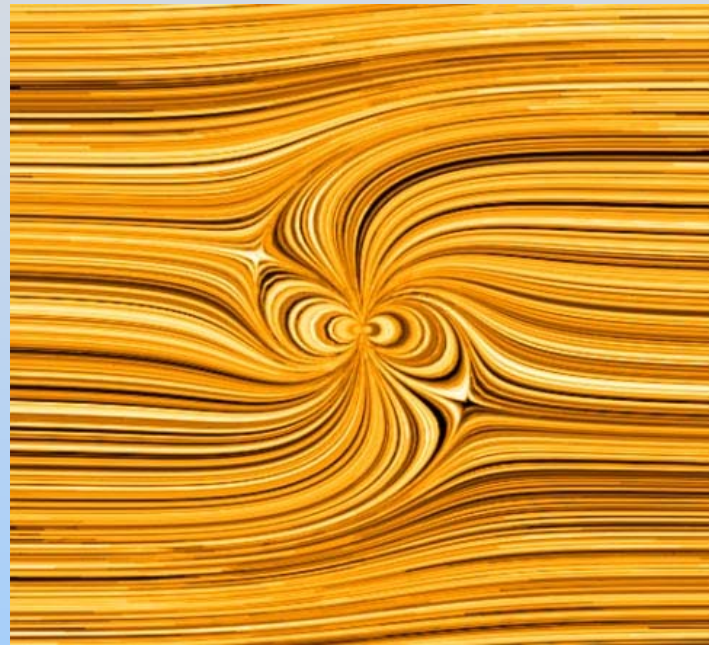
$$\tau = rF_+ \sin(\theta) = (2a)(qE)\sin(\theta) = pE \sin(\theta)$$

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

# Torque on Dipole

Total Field (dipole + background) shows torque:

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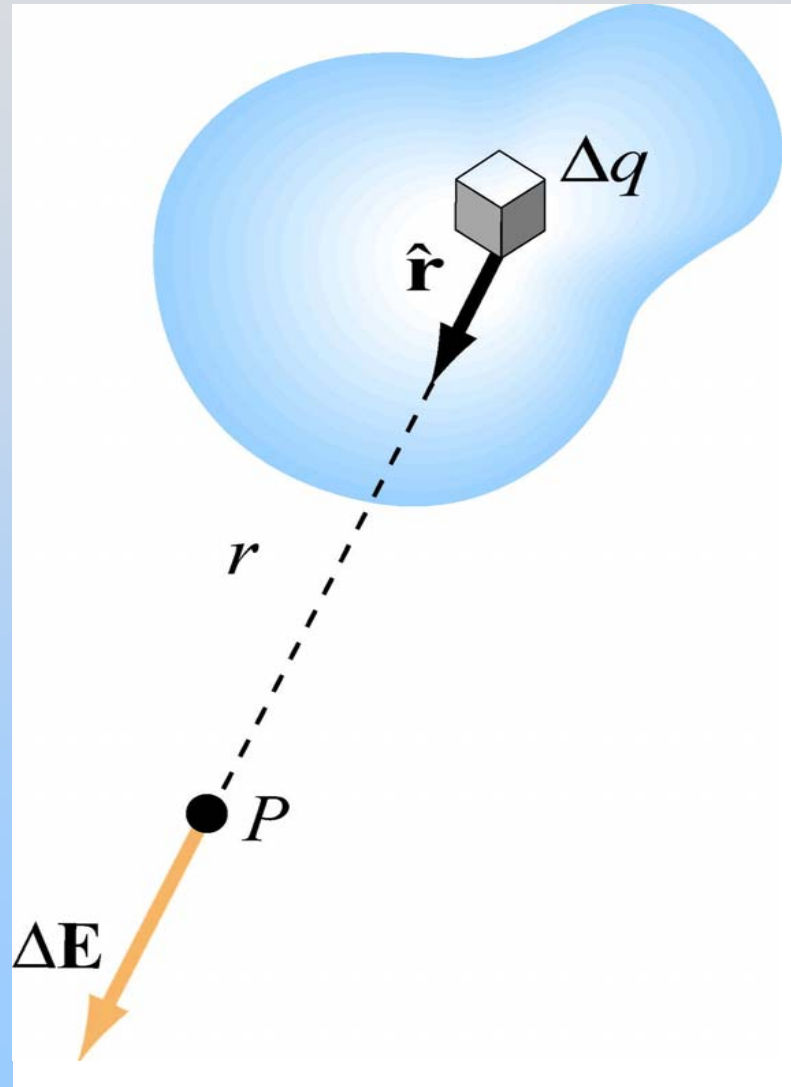
- Field lines transmit tension
- Connection between dipole field and constant field “pulls” dipole into alignment

# PRS Question: Dipole in Non-Uniform Field

# Continuous Charge Distributions



# Continuous Charge Distributions



Break distribution into parts:

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

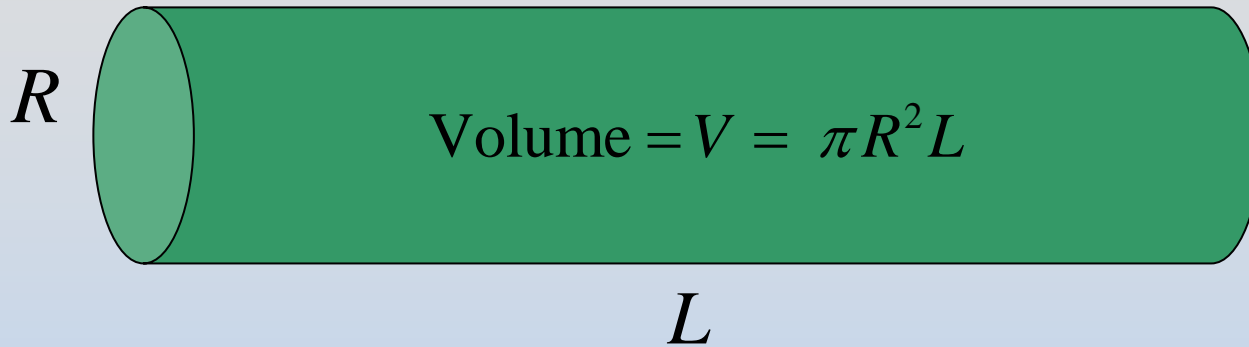
E field at  $P$  due to  $\Delta q$

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

Superposition:

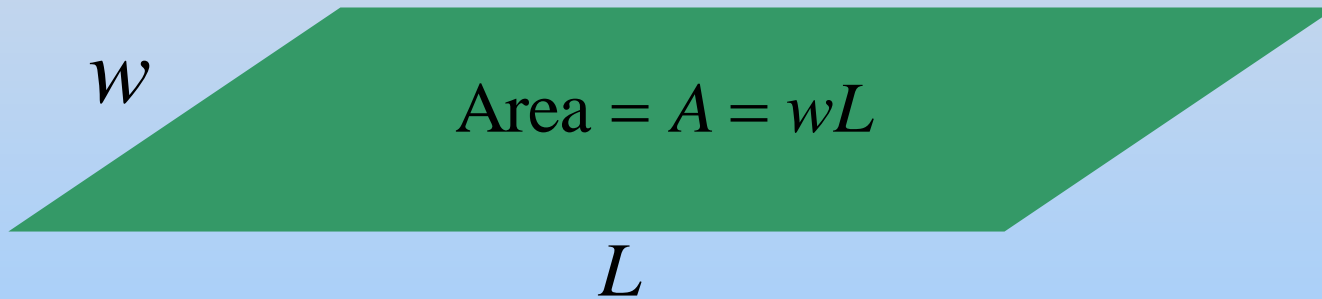
$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = \sum \Delta \vec{\mathbf{E}} \rightarrow \int d\vec{\mathbf{E}}$$

# Continuous Sources: Charge Density



$$dQ = \rho dV$$

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



$$dQ = \sigma dA$$

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

Length =  $L$



$$dQ = \lambda dL$$

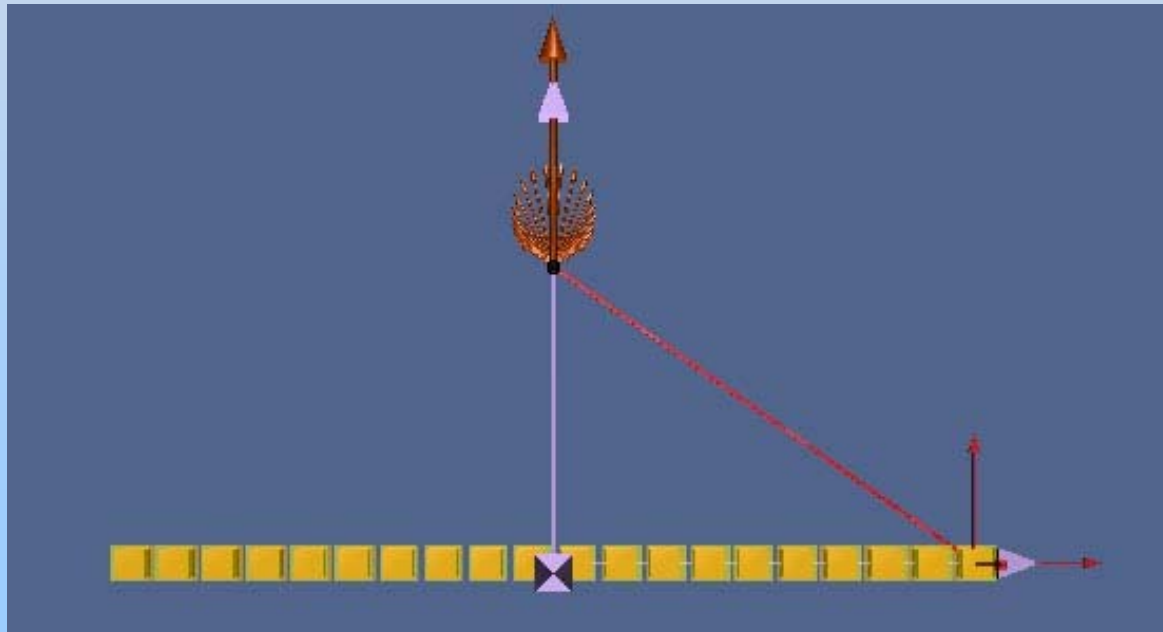
$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{L}$$

# Examples of Continuous Sources: Line of charge

Length =  $L$

$$dQ = \lambda dL$$

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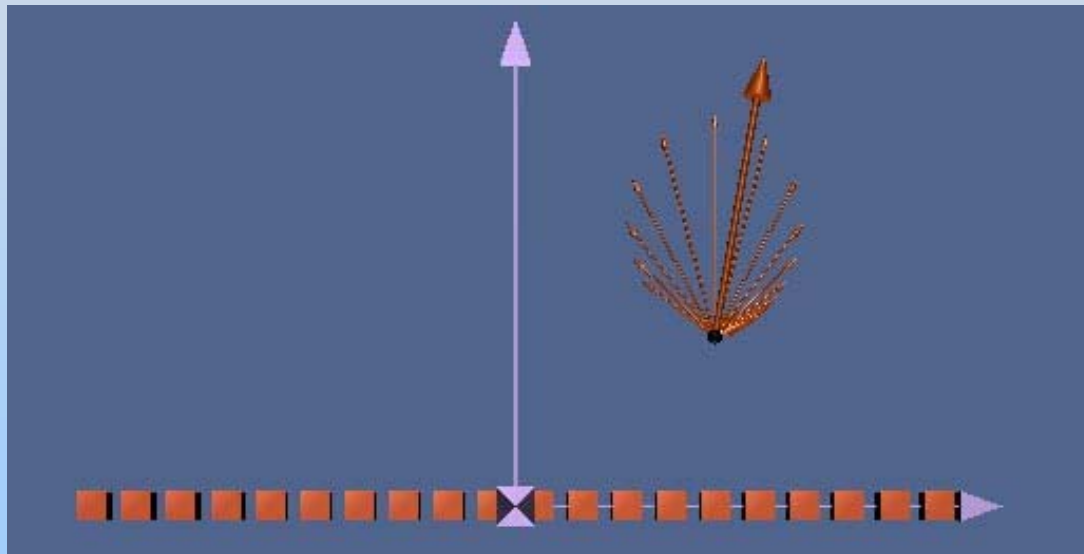


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# Examples of Continuous Sources: Line of charge

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$L$



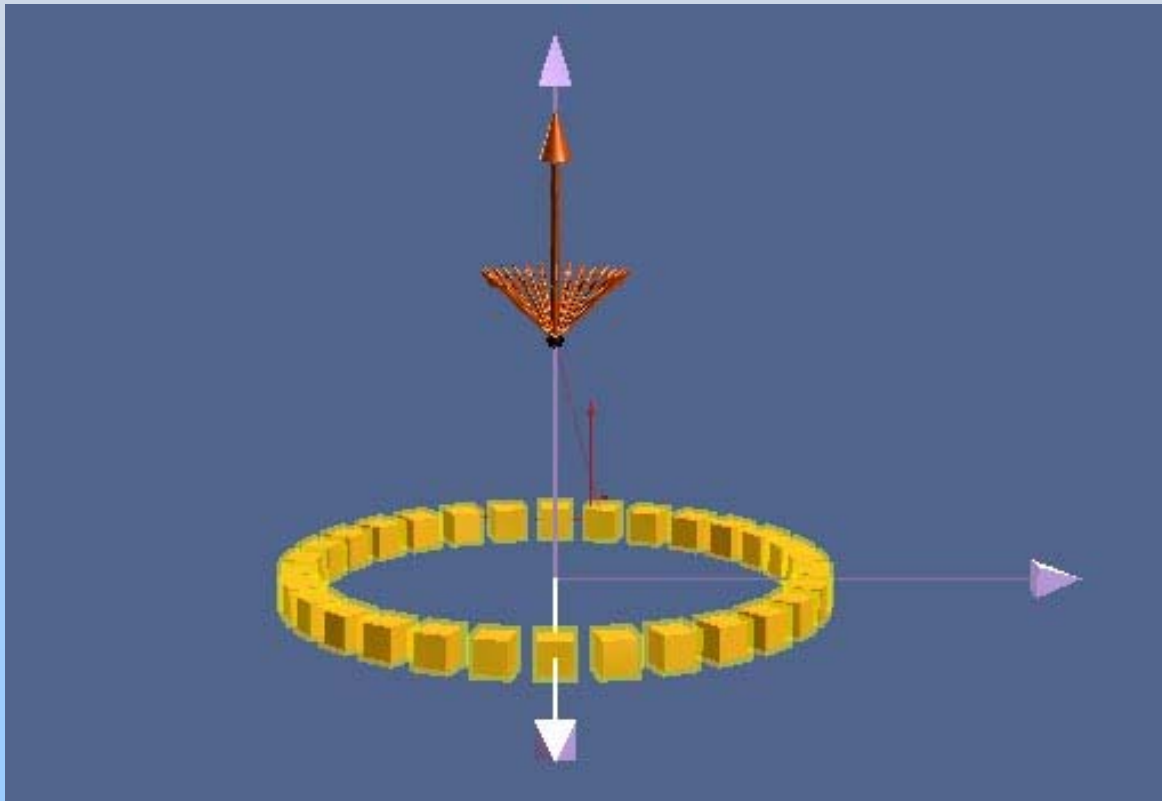
$$dQ = \lambda dL$$

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

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# Examples of Continuous Sources: Ring of Charge

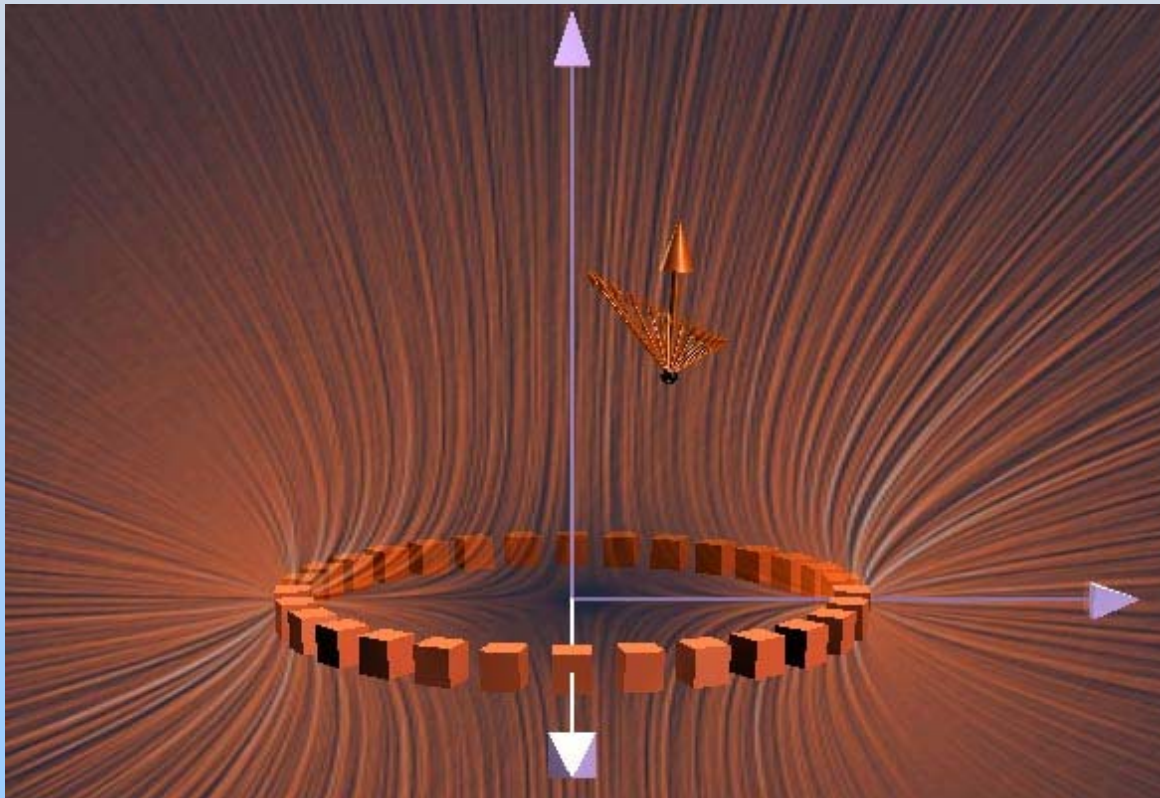
$$dQ = \lambda dL \qquad \lambda = \frac{Q}{2\pi R}$$



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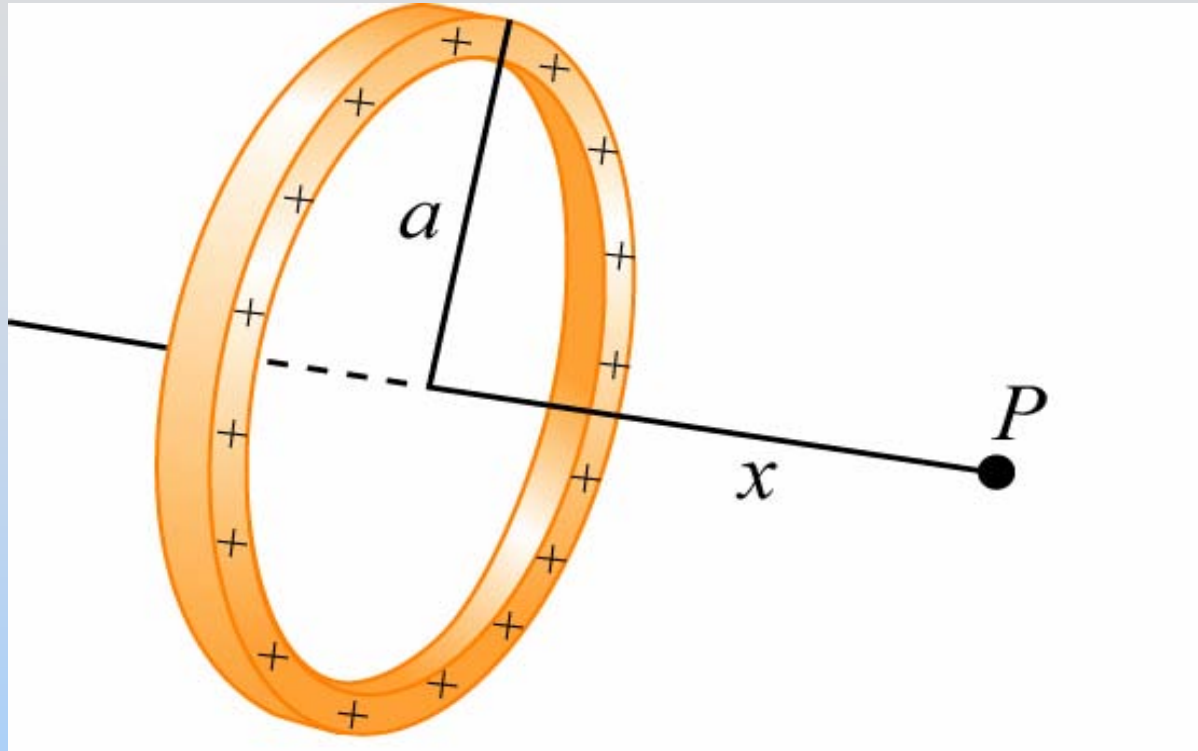
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# Example: Ring of Charge



$P$  on axis of ring of charge,  $x$  from center  
Radius  $a$ , charge density  $\lambda$ .

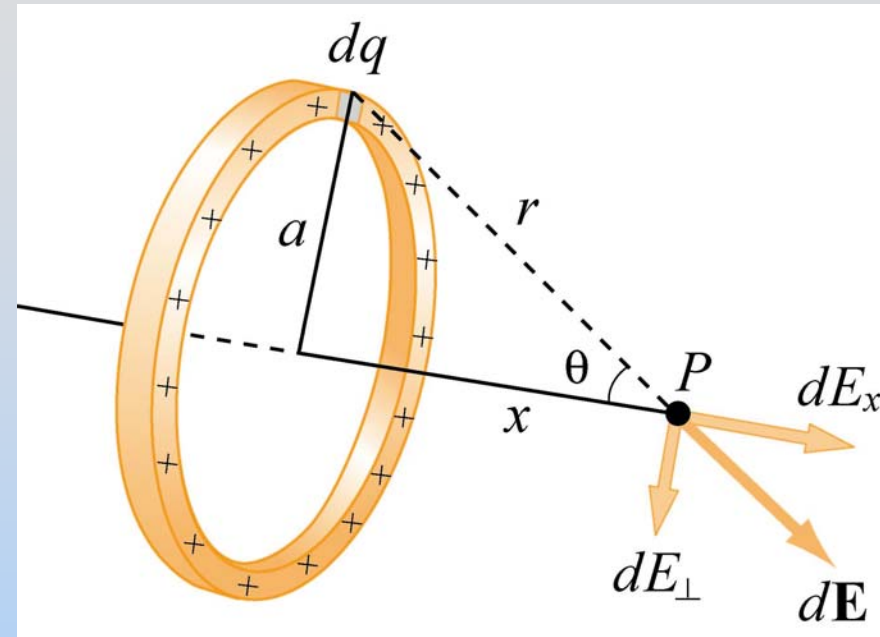
Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $P$

# 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

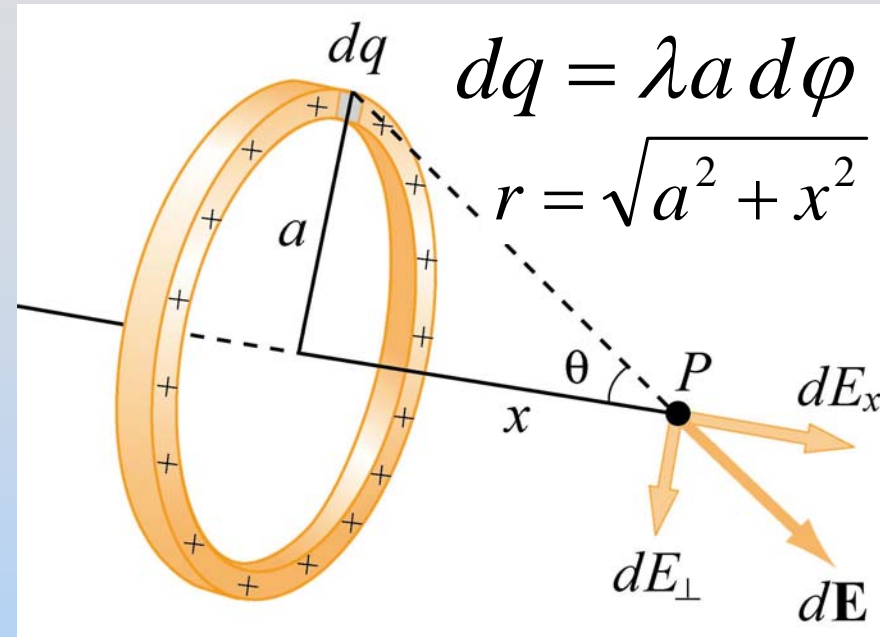
$$d\vec{\mathbf{E}} = k_e dq \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = k_e dq \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}$$

a) My way

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

b) Another way

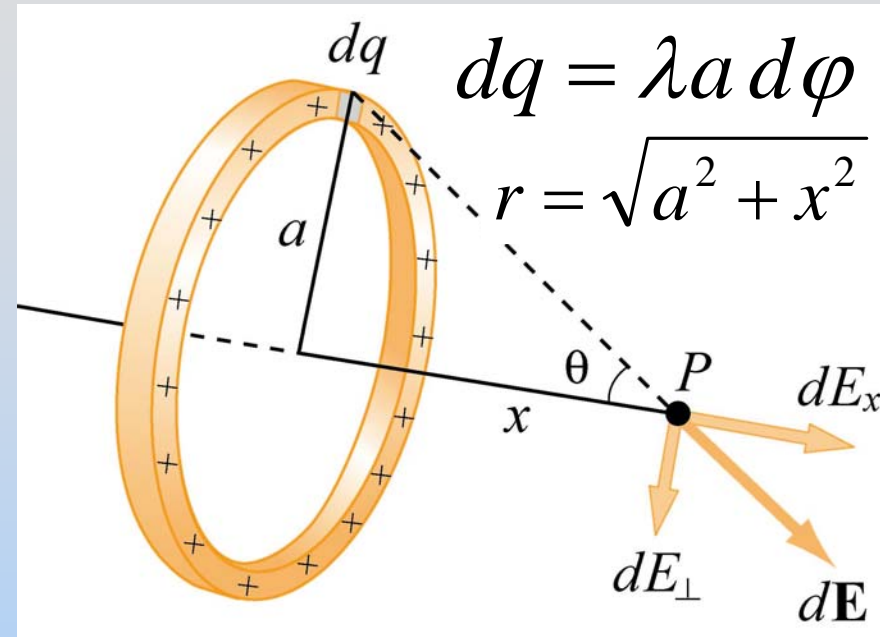
$$dE_x = |d\vec{\mathbf{E}}| \cos(\theta) = k_e dq \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot \frac{x}{r} = k_e dq \frac{x}{r^3}$$



# 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

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

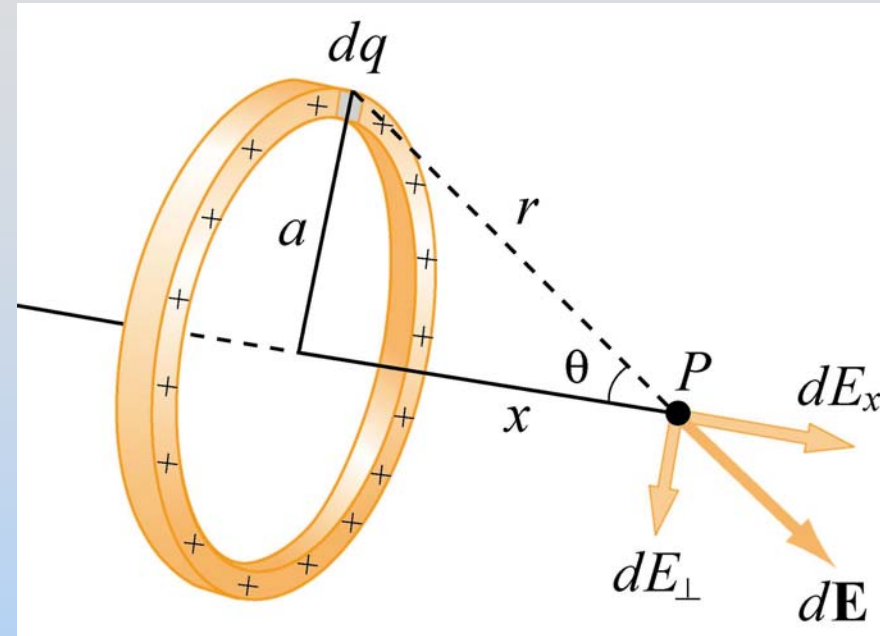
# Ring of Charge

5) Clean Up

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

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

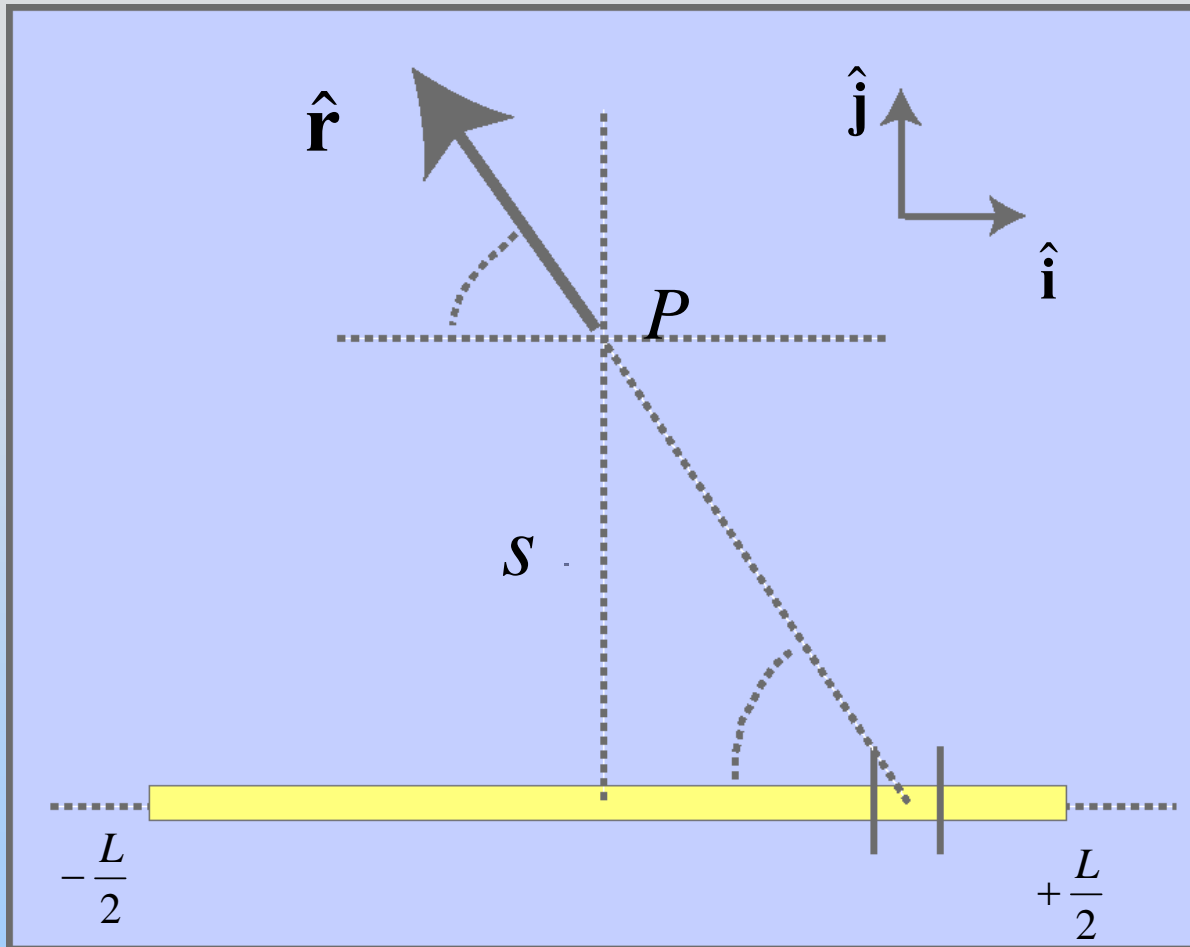
$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = k_e Q \frac{x}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$



6) Check Limit  $a \rightarrow 0$

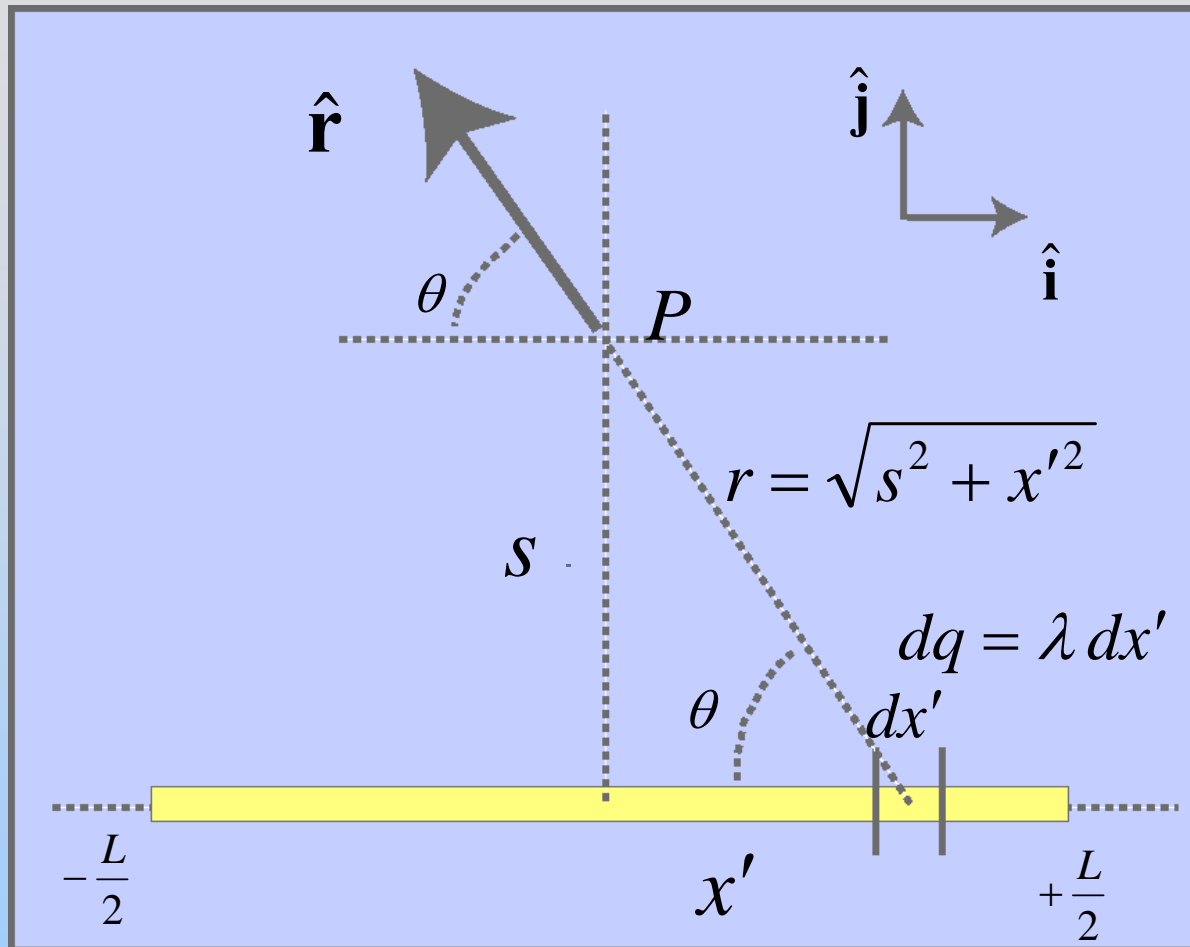
$$E_x \rightarrow k_e Q \frac{x}{(x^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{k_e Q}{x^2}$$

# 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:

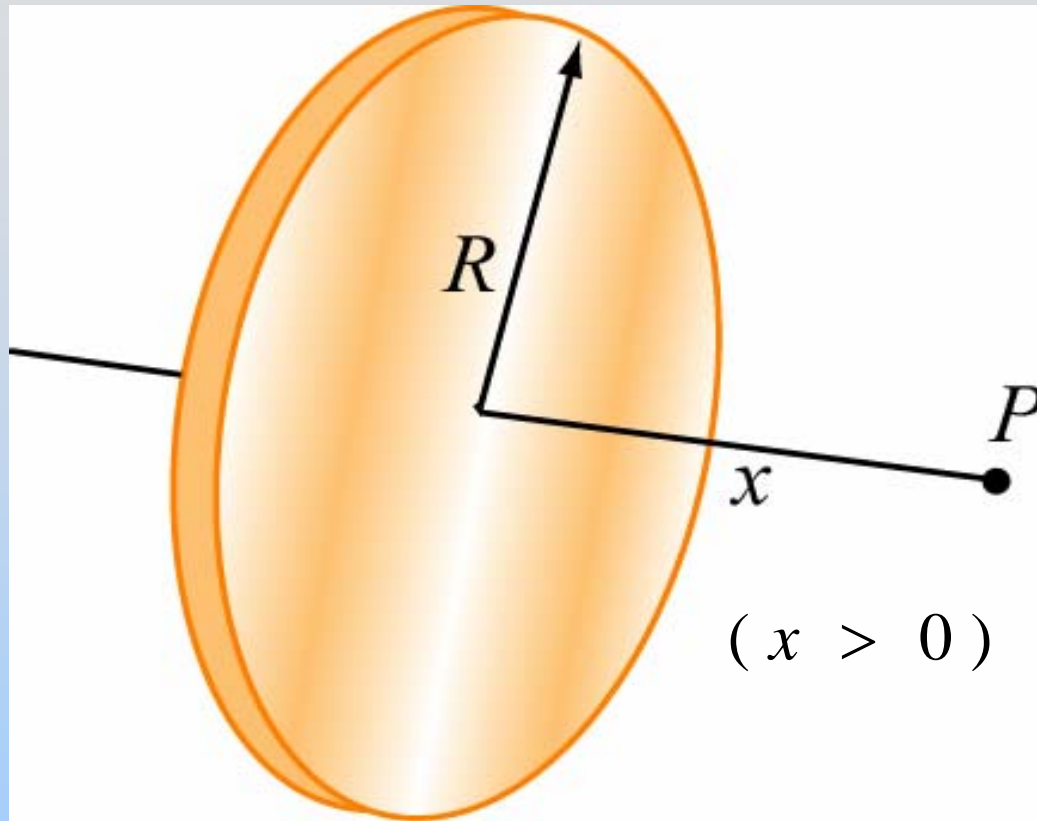
$$\lim_{s \gg L} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \rightarrow k_e \frac{Q}{s^2} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

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  $\sigma$ .

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