

# Chap 22: Electric field

The electric field: ( $\vec{E}$ ) vector field meaning that we pay attention to directions when we calculate it

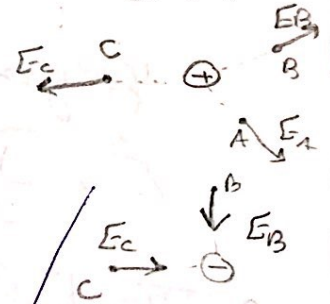
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→  $E$  due to a point charge

To know the direction :- we place a positive charge at the point that we wanna calculate  $\vec{E}$  at

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q_0} = \frac{kq}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad |\vec{E}| = N/C$$

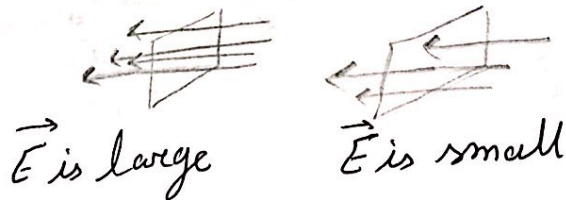
$$\vec{E}_{net} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 + \vec{E}_3 + \dots$$



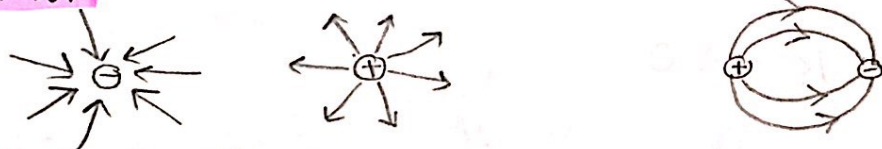
## Electric field lines:

Firstly: If the field line is straight:  $\vec{E}$  is in its direction  
 If the field line is curved:  $\vec{E}$  is in the direction of the tangent

Secondly: If the field lines are close together:  $\vec{E}$  is large  
 If the field lines are far apart:  $\vec{E}$  is small



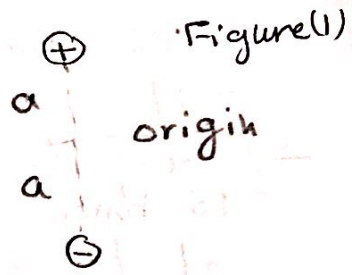
Thirdly: If the charge is negative the lines point toward it  
 If the charge is positive the lines point away from it



Uniform electric field: The electric field is called uniform if it was equal in magnitude

and direction at every point

An Electric dipole: 2 charges equal in magnitude and opposite in charges between them distance  $2a$  (Figure 1)



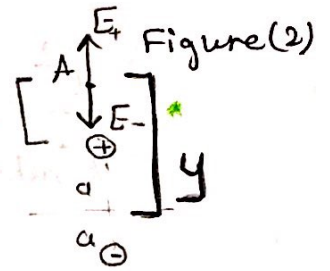
at point A:-

(Figure 2) 
$$\vec{E} = \frac{2y}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{j} = \frac{Py}{(2\pi\epsilon_0)(y^2 - a^2)^2} \hat{j}$$

if  $y \gg a$  then

$$\vec{E} = \frac{P}{2\pi\epsilon_0 y^3} \hat{j}$$

where  $P$  is the Electric field moment and  $= (2a)q$



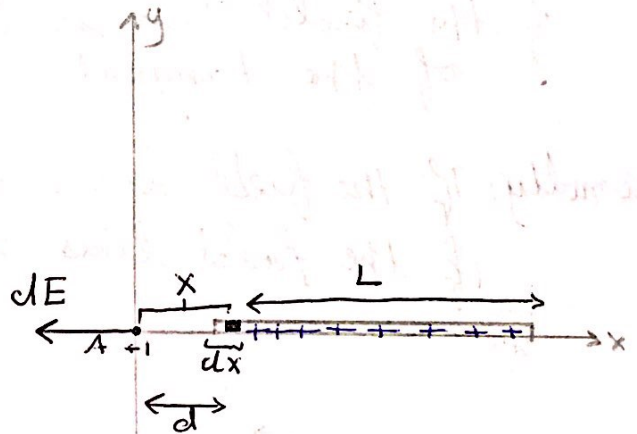
• The Electric Field due to line of Charge

( $E$  due to a continuous charge distribution)

$$E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (L+dl)d} (-\hat{i})$$

if  $d \gg L$ ,  $L \rightarrow 0$

$$E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (d^2)} -\hat{i}$$

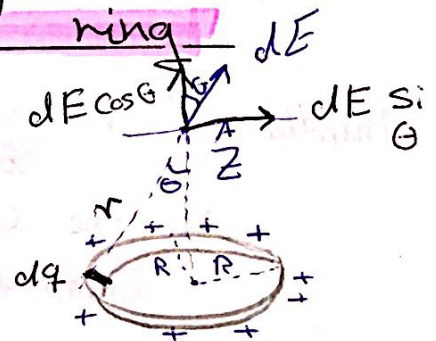


•  $\vec{E}$  due to a uniformly charged ring

$$E_{ring} = \frac{qZ}{[R^2 + Z^2]^{3/2}} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

if  $R^2 \rightarrow 0$

$$E_{ring} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (Z)^2} \text{ (as a point charge)}$$



E due to a uniformly charged disk

$$E_{\text{disk}} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{R^2+z^2}} \right]$$

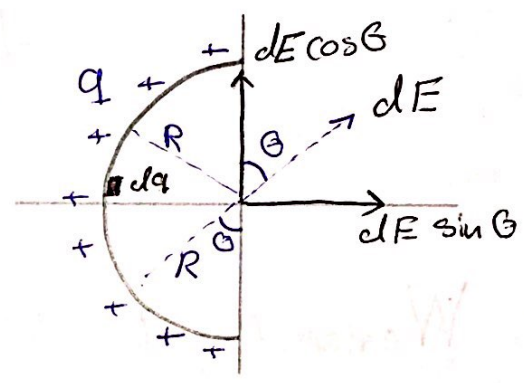


if  $R \gg z$ ,  $\frac{z}{\sqrt{R^2+z^2}} \rightarrow 0$

$E_{\text{disk}} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow E$  for infinite plane of charge is constant.

E due to a uniformly charged arc

$$E_{\text{Arc}} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R}$$



Note: in a uniform Electric field

Newton's second law

$$F = qE$$

$$ma = qE$$

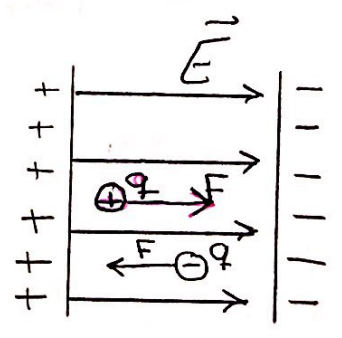
$$a = \frac{qE}{m}$$

F same direction as E if  $q > 0$   
 F opposite direction of E if  $q < 0$

Constant: So we use equations of constant acceleration

- $v_x = v_{0x} + at$
- $v_x^2 = v_{0x}^2 + 2a_x \Delta x$
- $\Delta x = v_{0x}t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2$
- $\Delta x = \frac{v_{0x} + v_x}{2} \Delta t$

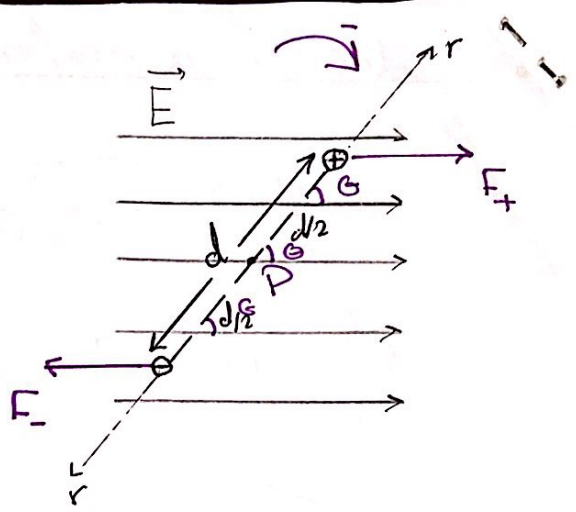
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## Torque

D will rotate around origin

$$\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$



## Potential Energy of an Electric Dipole

$$W_{\text{conservative } F} = -\Delta U$$

$$= -[U_f - U_i]$$

$$= -[pE \cos \theta_f - pE \cos \theta_i]$$

$$W_{\text{external agent}} = W_u = +\Delta U$$

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