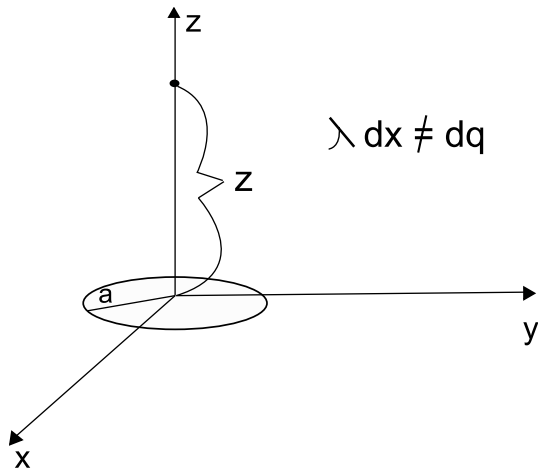


8.022 Lecture Notes Class 8 - 09/19/2006

What is the E-Field on the axis of a circular loop of a uniformly charged thin wire with total charge q ?



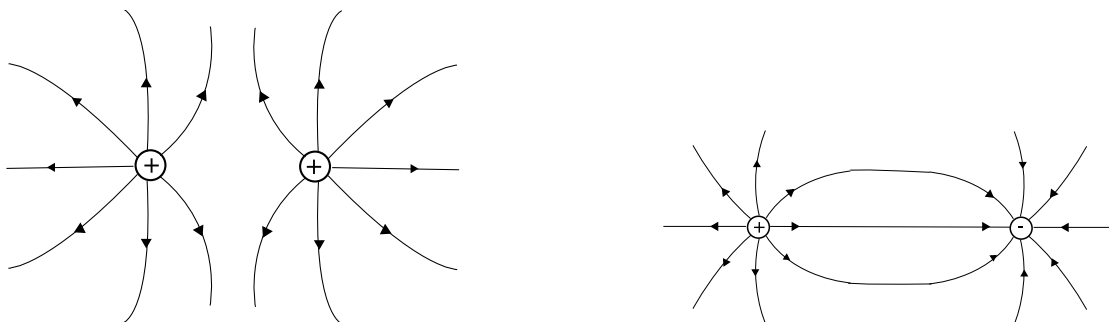
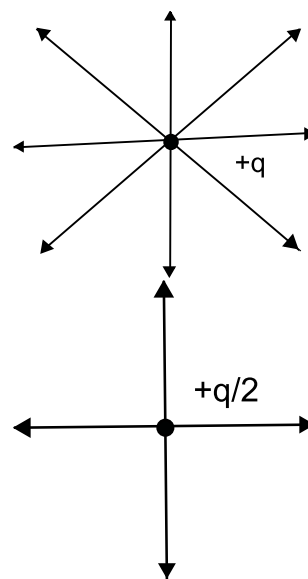
$$dE_z = dE \cos \alpha$$

$$= dE \frac{z}{\sqrt{a^2+z^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}(z) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oint_C \frac{dq}{r^3} \vec{r} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{q}{2\pi a} \frac{(\cos\theta \hat{i} + \sin\theta \hat{j} + z \hat{k})}{(a^2+z^2)^{3/2}} r d\theta \\ &= \frac{qz}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{k}}{z^2(a^2+z^2)^{1/2}} \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{z(a^2+z^2)^{1/2}} \end{aligned}$$

Field Lines

- Lines start and end on charges
- Number of lines proportional to charge
- Line density proportional to field strength
- $\frac{1}{r^2}$ in 3D space
- Never cross



Point Charge at Origin

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\text{Sphere}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} &= \int \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} (r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \hat{r}) \text{ where } d\vec{a} = \hat{r}(r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi) \\
 &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} \int \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \\
 &= \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \\
 \Rightarrow \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} &= \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E = \sum_i E_i$$

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \sum_i \int \vec{E}_i \cdot d\vec{a} = \sum_i \frac{q_i}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{enclosed}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S \vec{E} d\vec{a} &= \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} d\tau \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{enclosed} &= \text{""} \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho d\tau &= \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} d\tau \\ \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} &= \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \end{aligned}$$

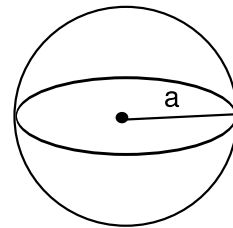
Gaussian Surfaces and Symmetry

Spherical $\vec{E} = \vec{E}(r)$ where r is the a distance.

\vec{E} everywhere

Find $\vec{E}(r)$ for $r > a$

and $r < a$.



- $r > a$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{enclosed} \\ E(r) \cdot \int d\vec{a} &= \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \\ E(r) \cdot 4\pi r^2 &= \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \\ E(r) &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \\ \vec{E}(\vec{r}) &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \end{aligned}$$

- $r < a$

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{\text{enclosed}}$$
$$E(r) \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}{\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3}$$
$$E(r) = \frac{Qr}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3}$$
$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{Qr}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3} \hat{r}$$