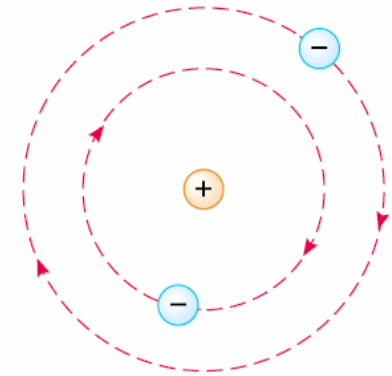


- **Two kinds of charges:**
 unlike charges attract
 like charges repel
- **Charge is conserved**
- **Charge is quantized**

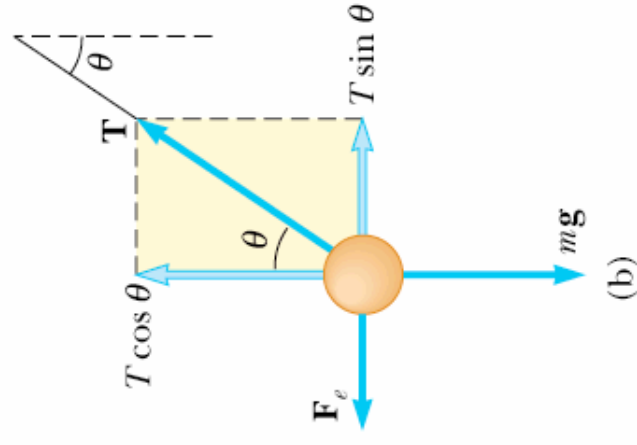
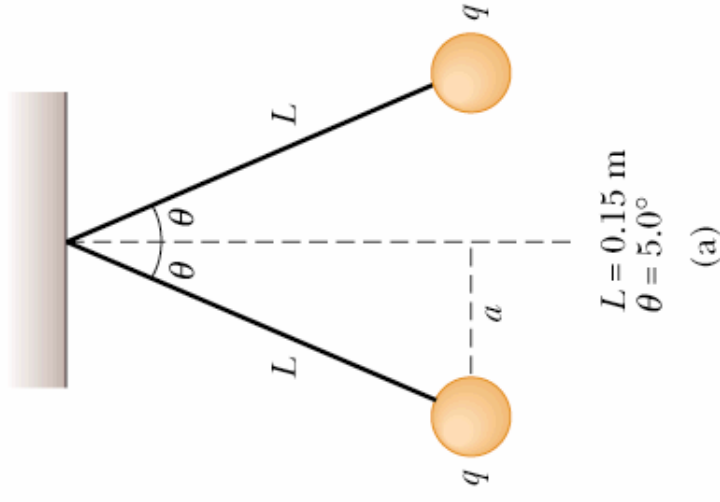


(b)

Fundamental amount of charge: Charge of a single electron: e

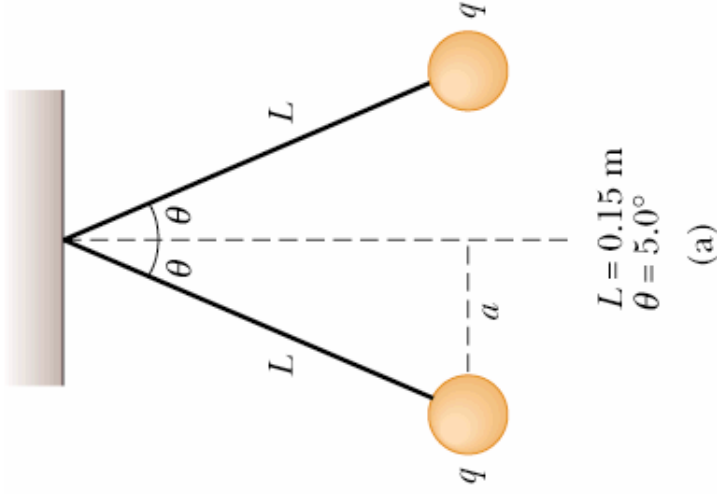
Coulomb's Law

$$F = k_e \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$



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Two identical small charged spheres, each having a mass of $3.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg}$, hang in equilibrium. The length of each string is 0.15 m , and the angle is 5.0° . Find the magnitude of the charge on each sphere.



$$\sin \theta = \frac{a}{L}$$

$$a = L \sin \theta = 0.013 \text{ m}$$

$$\sum F_x = T \sin \theta - F_e = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = T \cos \theta - mg = 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow T = mg / \cos \theta$$

$$F_e = T \sin \theta = mg \sin \theta / \cos \theta$$

$$F_e = mg \tan \theta$$

$$F_e = k_e \frac{q^2}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |q| = \sqrt{\frac{F_e r^2}{k_e}}$$

Electric Field

A Field:

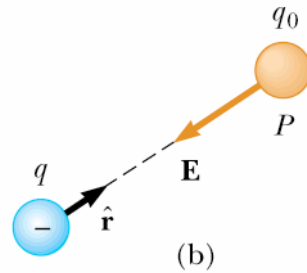
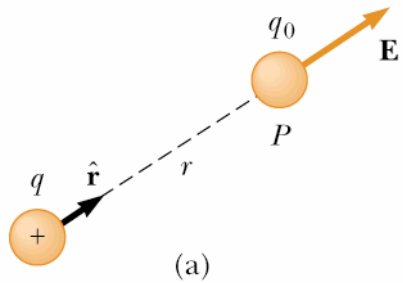
- **Has a well defined value at every point of space**

Examples:

- Elevation: $H(x,y)$
- Temperature $T(x,y,z)$ Scaler field
- Wind Speed $\mathbf{W}(x,y,z)$ Vector field

A Field:

- **Has a well defined value at every point of space**
- **Field does not depend on how we measure it: ie: our measurement does not change the field**
- **The field is “out there” whether we measure it or not**



Electric Field due to a charge q

$$\mathbf{F}_e = k_e \frac{qq_0}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

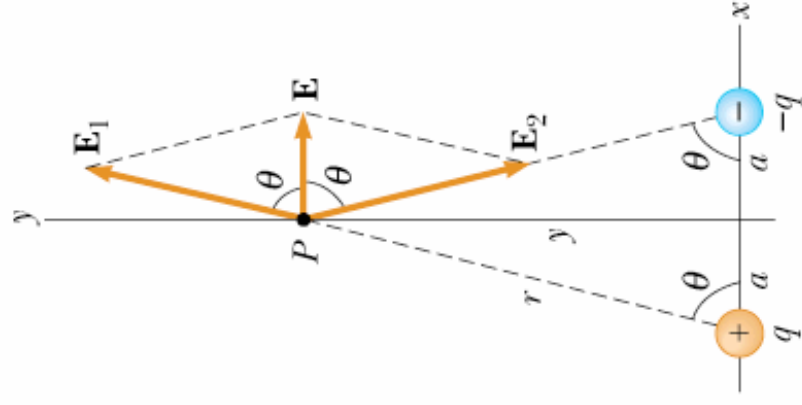
Electric field is the electric force acting on a unit positive charge

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$$\mathbf{E} = k_e \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{F}_e}{q_0} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{F}_e = \mathbf{E} q_0$$

$$\mathbf{E} = k_e \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_i$$



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For the dipole shown, find the electric field \mathbf{E} at a point P due to the charges, where P is a distance $y \gg a$ from the origin.

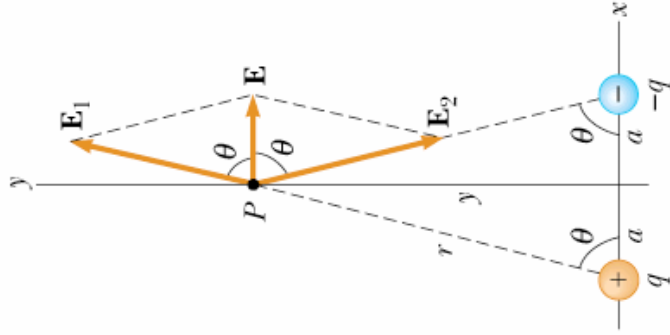
The total field is $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2$ where

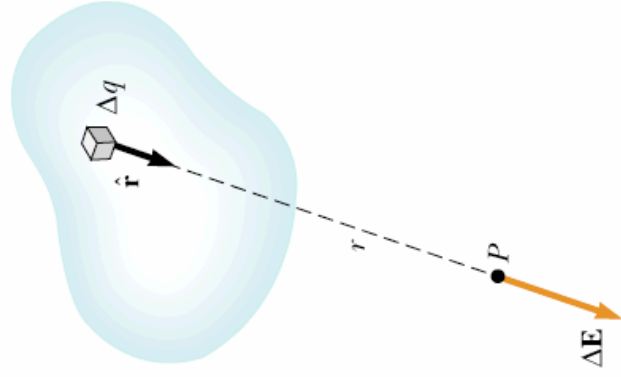
$$E_1 = E_2 = k_e \frac{q}{r^2} = k_e \frac{q}{y^2 + a^2}$$

$$E = 2 \cdot E_1 \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = a/r = a/(y^2 + a^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= 2 \cdot E_1 \cos \theta = k_e \frac{q}{y^2 + a^2} \cdot \frac{a}{(y^2 + a^2)^{1/2}} \\ &= k_e \frac{2qa}{(y^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \\ &\approx k_e \frac{2qa}{y^3} \end{aligned}$$





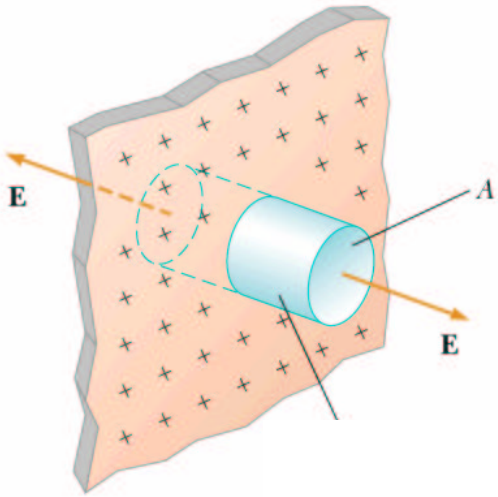
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The electric field at P due to one element carrying charge Δq is:

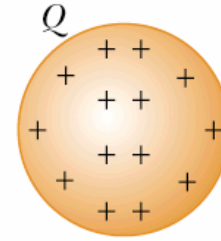
$$\mathbf{E} = k_e \frac{\Delta q}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = k_e \sum_i \frac{\Delta q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_i$$

$$\mathbf{E} = k_e \lim_{\Delta q \rightarrow 0} \sum_i \frac{\Delta q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_i = k_e \int \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$



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- **Volume charge density ρ :**

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

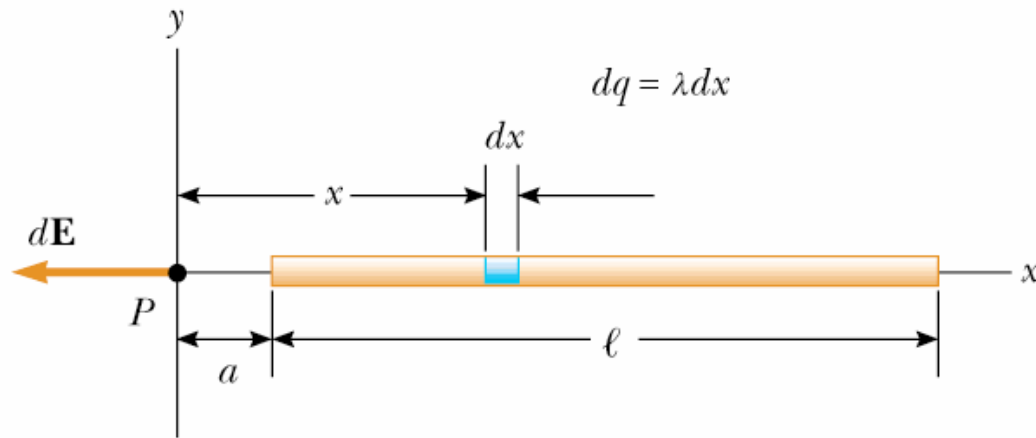
- **Area charge density σ :**

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

- **Linear charge density λ :**

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

Example 23.7 from the text book: Electric field due to a charged Rod



The example worked out in detail in the text book is similar to the one We did in class (the location of the rod is different).

