

Where is my clicker  
number?

# Reading for next time

- 22-1
- 22-2

# Other business...

- Number of midterms = 2
- Server down on Sunday due to power outage in physics
- Should be back up soon

# FlipIt Physics

- Lots of questions about **flux**...
- We will deal with this **next time**. I haven't forgotten the questions.
- We will talk today about **field lines** and **forces on charges**.

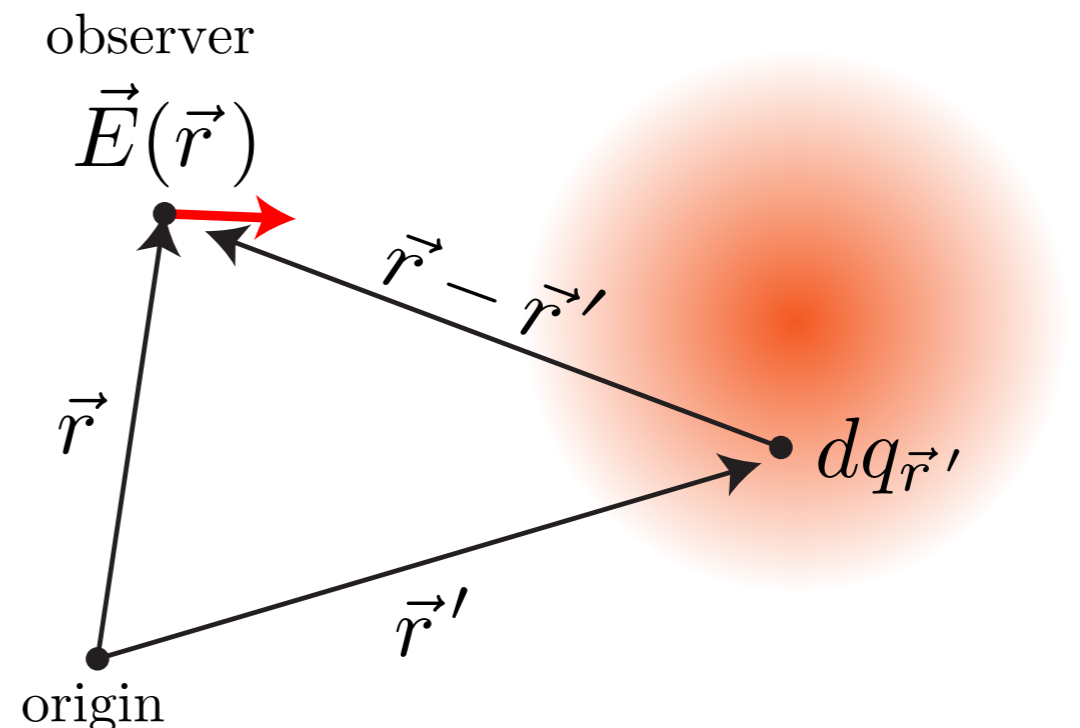
# E field from a charge distribution

- **Electric Field** from a collection of charges:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}_0) = \sum_{j \neq 0} \frac{k q_j}{r_{j,0}^2} \hat{r}_{j,0}$$

- **Electric Field** from a continuous charge distribution:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = k \int dq_{\vec{r}'} \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$



# E field from a charge distribution

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- **Electric Field** from a 1D source:  $[\lambda] = \text{C/m}^1$

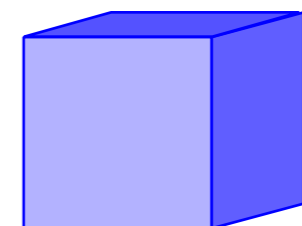
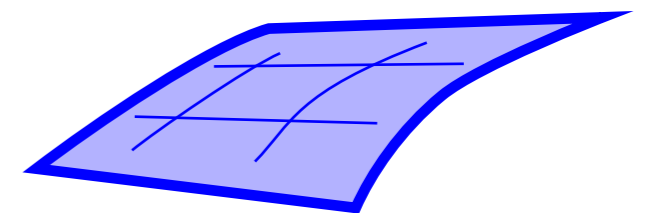
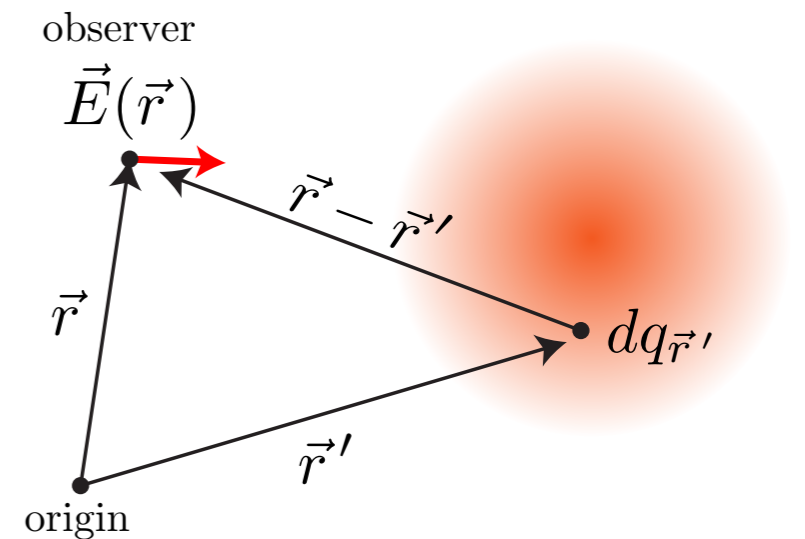
$$dq_{\vec{r}'} \rightarrow d\ell \lambda(\vec{r}')$$

- **Electric Field** from a 2D source:  $[\sigma] = \text{C/m}^2$

$$dq_{\vec{r}'} \rightarrow d^2x \sigma(\vec{r}')$$

- **Electric Field** from a 3D source:  $[\rho] = \text{C/m}^3$

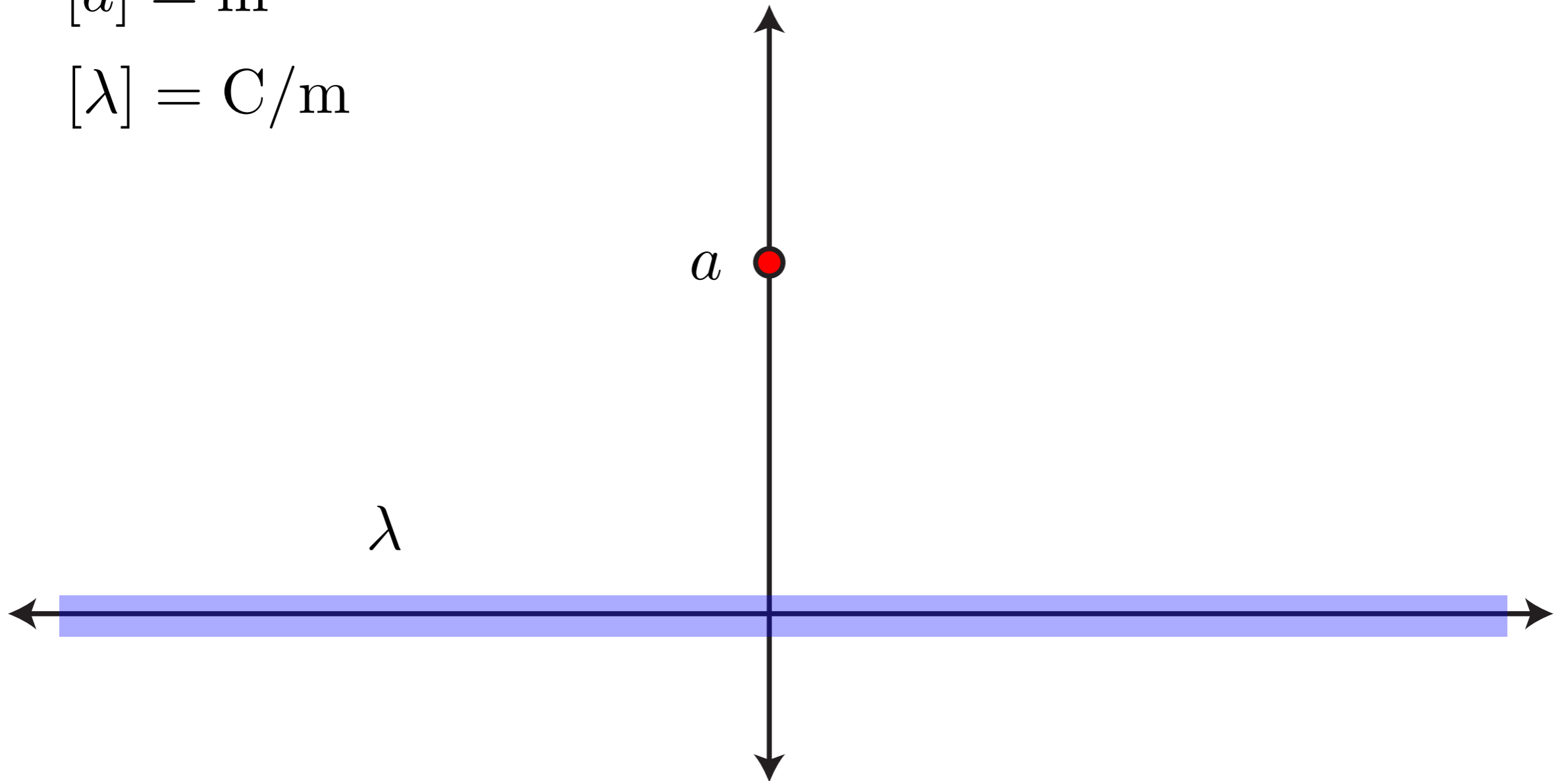
$$dq_{\vec{r}'} \rightarrow d^3x \rho(\vec{r}')$$



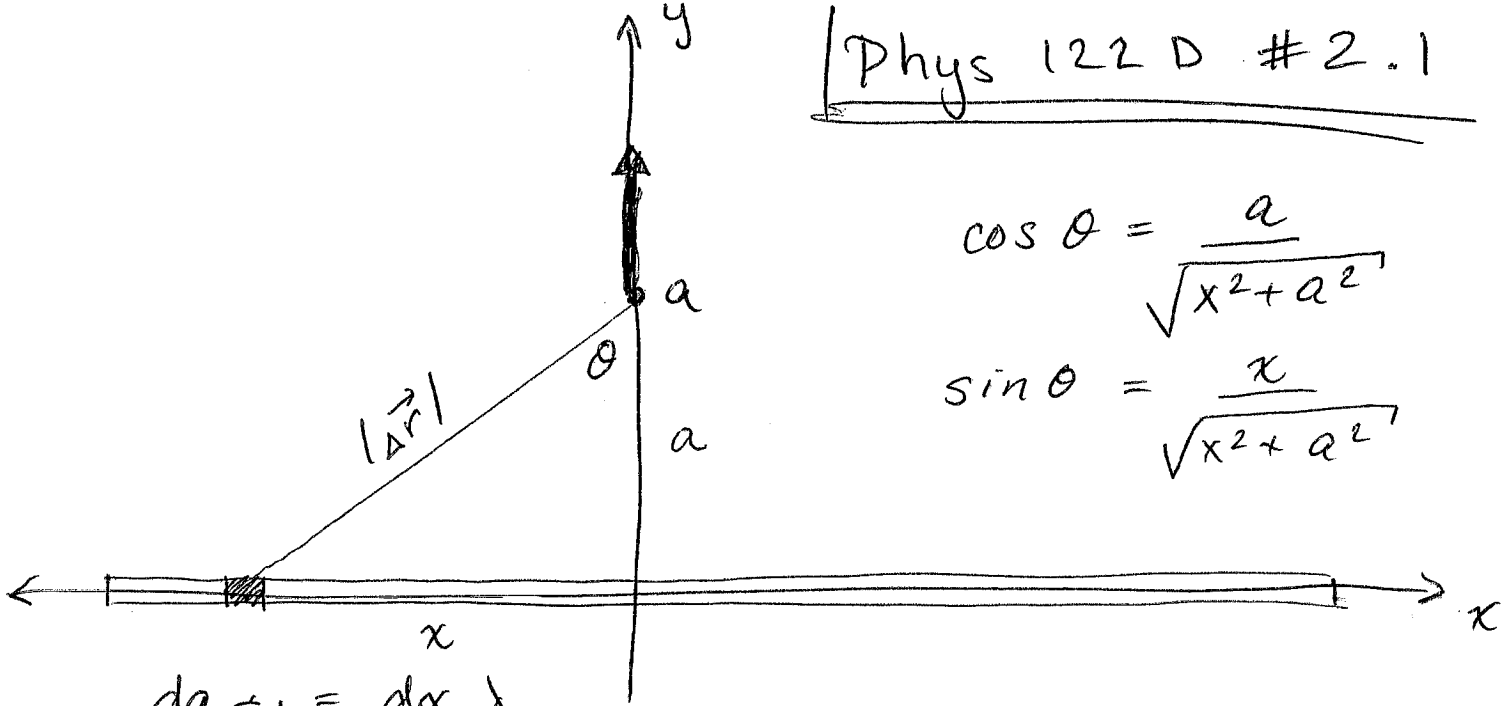
# E field from a line charge

$$[a] = \text{m}$$

$$[\lambda] = \text{C/m}$$



Phys 122 D #2.1



$$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}$$
$$\sin \theta = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}$$

$$dq_{\vec{r}'} = dx \lambda$$

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linear charge density

$$[\lambda] = \frac{C}{m} \quad \text{Coulombs per meter.}$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}(\underbrace{a\hat{j}}_{\vec{r}}) = k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{dx \lambda}_{dq_{\vec{r}'}} \frac{\overbrace{a\hat{j} + 0\hat{i} - x\hat{i} - 0\hat{j}}^{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}}{\underbrace{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}}_{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}}$$
$$= k \lambda \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{a\hat{j} - x\hat{i}}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}}$$



by symmetry:  $\hat{z} \times$  contribution must be 0.

Dimensional analysis:

get right units.

$$[\vec{E}] = \frac{N}{C} = [\lambda^\alpha a^\beta k^\gamma]$$

$$= \frac{C^\alpha m^\beta N^\gamma m^{2\gamma}}{C^{2\gamma}}$$

$\gamma = 1$  to get  $N'$

$$2\gamma + \beta - \alpha = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha - \beta = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \beta = -1$$

$$\alpha - 2\gamma = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = 1$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{k \lambda}{a} \cdot \text{const}$$

↑

doing the integral will give const. (order unity)

$$d(\cos \theta) = \frac{d a}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}$$

$$-\sin \theta d\theta = -\frac{1}{x} a \frac{dx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$d\theta = \frac{a dx}{(x^2 + a^2)}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{k\lambda}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{a \hat{j} - x \hat{i}}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{k\lambda}{a} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} d\theta \frac{\hat{j} a}{(x^2 + a^2)^{1/2}}$$

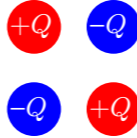
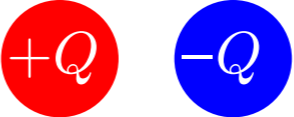



$$= \frac{k\lambda}{a} \hat{j} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} d\theta \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{k\lambda}{a} \hat{j} \sin \theta \Big|_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{2k\lambda}{a} \hat{j}}$$

# Clicker

# Field lines more examples...

Charge configuration	Symbol	Illustration	Asymptotic field
quadrupole	$Q_{ij}$		$\propto r^{-4}$
dipole	$p_i$		$\propto r^{-3}$
point charge	$q$		$\propto r^{-2}$
line charge	$\lambda$		$\propto r^{-1}$
plane charge	$\sigma$		$\propto r^0$
...			

Work the integral...

# Compute the force on a charge...

- Use the definition of the Electric field:

$$\vec{E} \equiv \frac{\vec{F}_{\text{Net},0}}{q_0}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Net},0} = q_0 \vec{E}$$