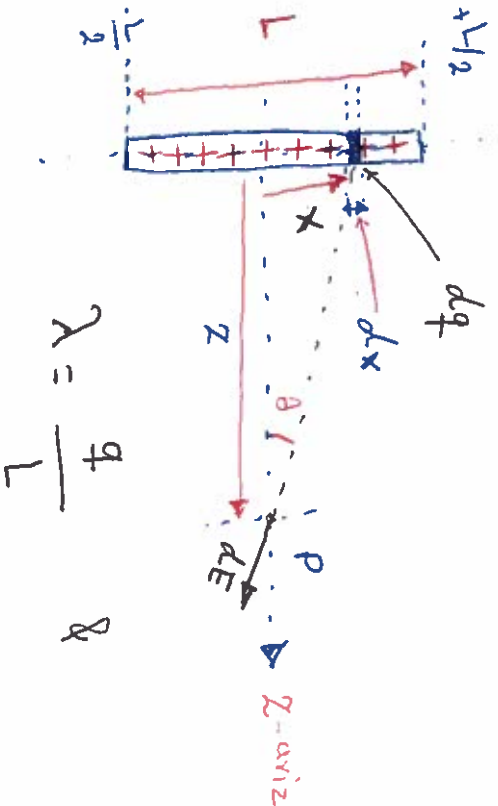


Electric Field of a ^{uniformly} charged rod.



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

$$dq = \lambda dx \quad \textcircled{I}$$

We know the x component of dE would cancel out due to the symmetry. Therefore, we only calculate the z component.

$$dE = \frac{k dq}{x^2 + z^2}$$

$$dE_x = \frac{k dq}{x^2 + z^2} \cos \theta = \frac{k dq}{x^2 + z^2} \times \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2}} = \frac{k z dq}{(x^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \quad \textcircled{II}$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = E_{z\text{net}} = \int_{-L/2}^{+L/2} dE_z = \int_{-L/2}^{+L/2} \frac{k z \lambda dx}{(x^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} = k z \lambda \int_{-L/2}^{+L/2} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

Here I used table of Integrals:

$$= k z \lambda \left. \frac{x}{z^2 \sqrt{x^2 + z^2}} \right|_{-L/2}^{+L/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lambda \frac{[x]_{-L/2}^{+L/2}}{z^2 \sqrt{(L/2)^2 + z^2}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lambda \frac{L}{z \sqrt{(L/2)^2 + z^2}} = \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 L} \frac{1}{\sqrt{L^2 + 4z^2}}$$

If $z \gg L$ it will act like a point charge ← prove it yourself.

For an infinite line with a uniform charge:

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 z}$$