

WELCOME TO PHY 482

ELECTRODYNAMICS

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IMPORTANT SITES

- Course Webpage: dannycab.github.io/phy482msu_s2019/
- Discord Group: discord.gg/FcktcXz (*Check your email*)

COURSE ACTIVITIES

- Projects:
 - 2 of them; Mar 1 & Apr 29 - 20% each
- In-Class Quizzes:
 - 7 of them; Every other Friday; 1 dropped - 20%
- Homework:
 - 14 of them; Due on Fridays by 5pm; 1 dropped - 40%
- Clickers:
 - Pure Extra Credit - up to 2% bonus

[Much more detail on website](#)

Learning is a social and collaborative act!

HOMEWORK HELP SESSION

Evening session once per week (Location TBD)

Question to you: When should we do this?

Reminder: Homework is due on Fridays (expect this first one).

THIS WEEK!!!

- Homework 1 is already up (Due Fri. Jan. 11 at 5pm)
- Read (seriously do this!)
 - Griffiths Ch 7.1.1-7.1.2 (Review? Chs 1-6)
- [Download Anaconda distribution of Python](#)

Stay up-to-date by checking website, calendar, and discussion forum regularly.

COMPUTATIONAL HOMEWORK PROBLEMS

- We will be using Python on homework problems this semester.
- Installation instructions appear on the piazza site.
- Homework solutions should take the form of a Jupyter notebook, which you can print to PDF and turn in.
- If you get stuck somewhere, post on piazza, so your classmates benefit from your question.

PROJECTS

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT (MAR. 1)

- Literature review of some interesting topic in E&M (4-5 pages)
- Homework questions will support you on this
 - See syllabus for sample questions
- Paper should be typed, inline references, bibliography, etc.
- Evaluation rubric will be ready in a couple of weeks

PROJECTS

PAIR PROJECT (APR 29)

- Poster presentation of an original contribution (theory and computation)
- Homework questions will support you on this
 - See syllabus for sample questions
- Can be something that has been done before that you just extend
- Evaluation rubric will be ready in a few weeks
- There will be a significant self-evaluation component to this also

QUESTIONS?

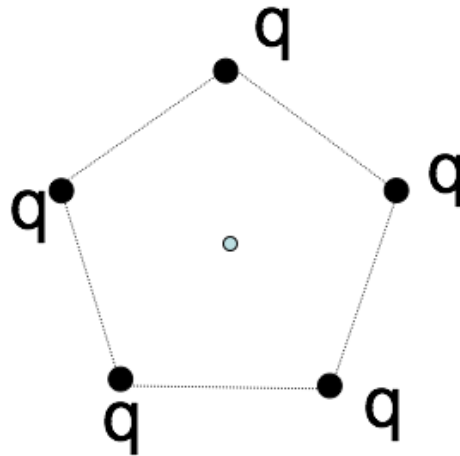
**WHAT DO YOU THINK PHY 482 IS
ABOUT?**

ELECTROMAGNETISM IS THE FOUNDATIONAL FIELD THEORY OF PHYSICS

Think about everything you already know about electromagnetism (it's a lot already!).

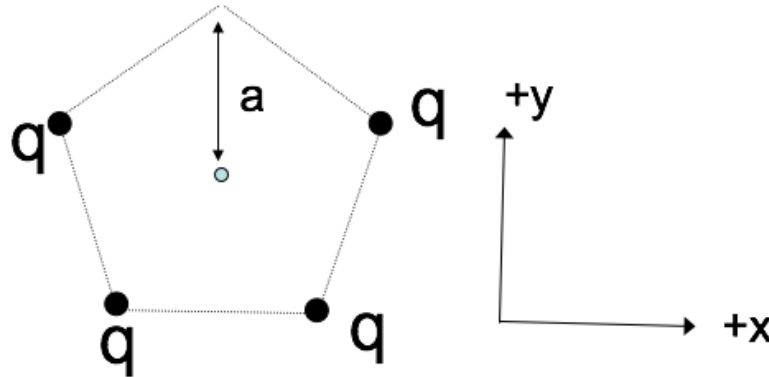
Work with a partner to map out the electromagnetism concepts that you know and how they are related to each other.

5 charges, q , are arranged in a regular pentagon, as shown.
What is the E field at the center?



- A. Zero
- B. Non-zero
- C. Really need trig and a calculator to decide

1 of the 5 charges has been removed, as shown.
What's the E field at the center?



- A. $+(kq/a^2)\hat{y}$
- B. $-(kq/a^2)\hat{y}$
- C. 0
- D. Something entirely different!
- E. This is a nasty problem which I need more time to solve

To find the E-field at P from a thin line (uniform charge density λ):

$$E(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\lambda dl'}{R^2} \hat{R}$$

What is R?

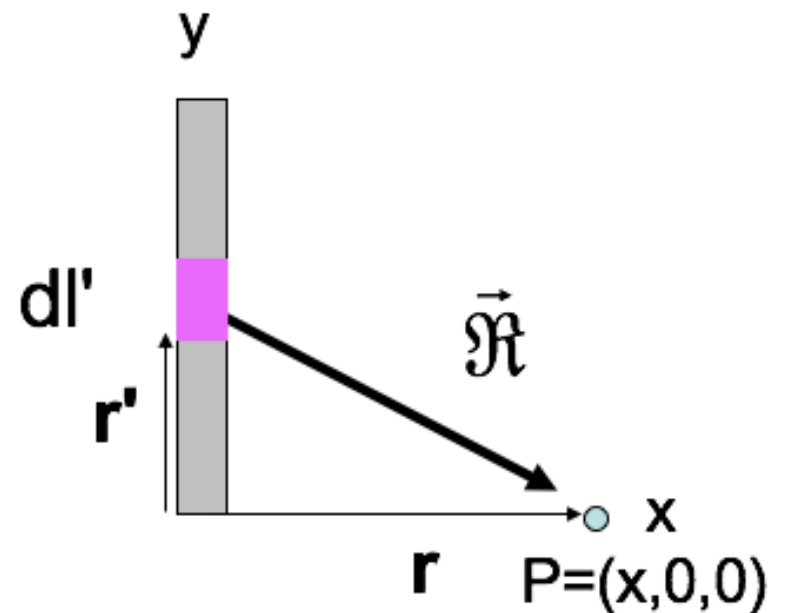
A. x

B. y'

C. $\sqrt{dl'^2 + x^2}$

D. $\sqrt{x^2 + y'^2}$

E. Something else

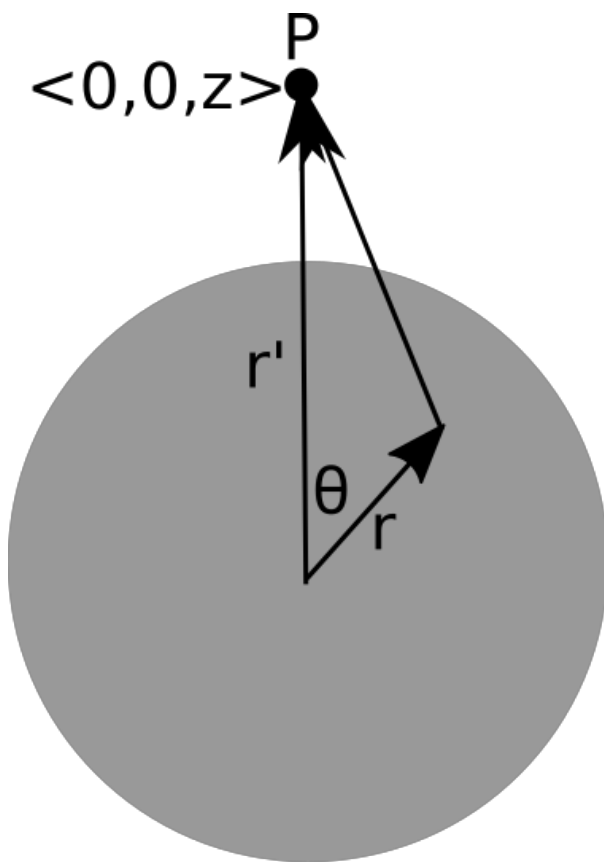


What do you expect to happen to the field as you get really far from the rod?

$$E_x = \frac{\lambda L}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x \sqrt{x^2 + L^2}}$$

- A. E_x goes to 0.
- B. E_x begins to look like a point charge.
- C. E_x goes to ∞ .
- D. More than one of these is true.
- E. I can't tell what should happen to E_x .

Given the location of the little bit of charge (dq), what is $|\vec{R}|$?



A. $\sqrt{z^2 + r'^2}$

B. $\sqrt{z^2 + r'^2 - 2zr' \cos \theta}$

C. $\sqrt{z^2 + r'^2 + 2zr' \cos \theta}$

D. Something else

Which of the following are vectors?

(I) Electric field, (II) Electric flux, and/or (III) Electric charge

A. I only

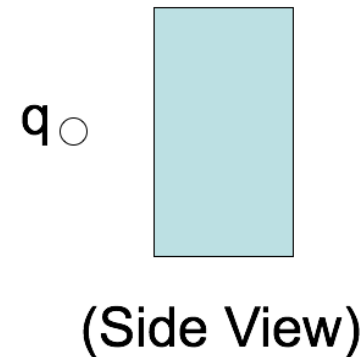
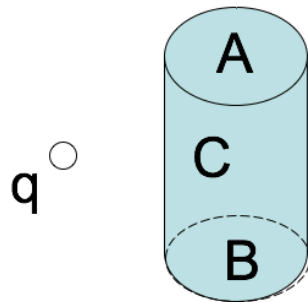
B. I and II only

C. I and III only

D. II and III only

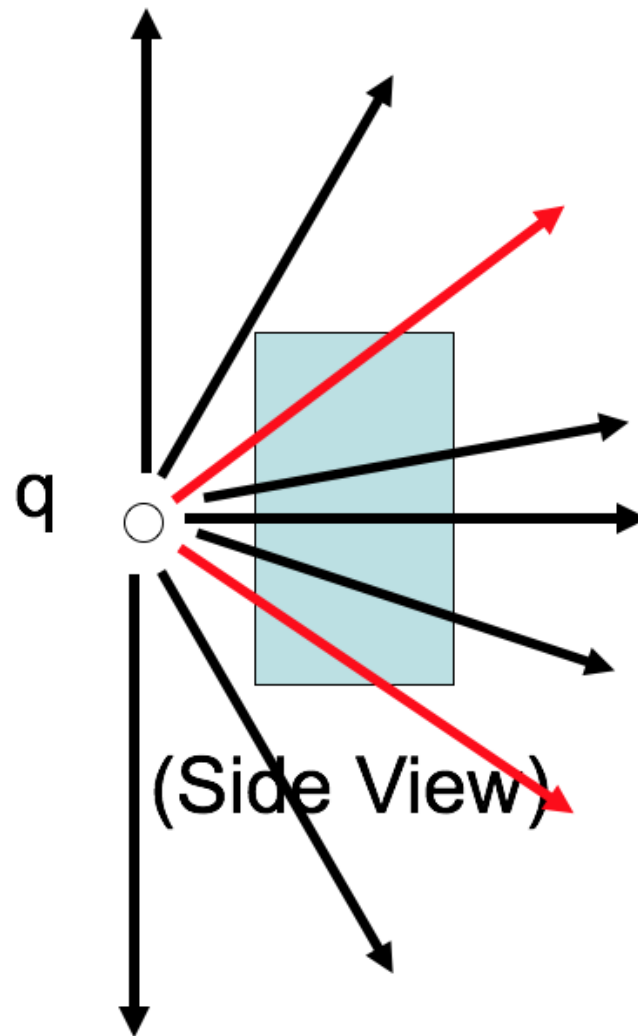
E. I, II, and III

A positive point charge $+q$ is placed outside a closed cylindrical surface as shown. The closed surface consists of the flat end caps (labeled A and B) and the curved side surface (C). What is the sign of the electric flux through surface C?



- A. positive
- B. negative
- C. zero
- D. not enough information given to decide

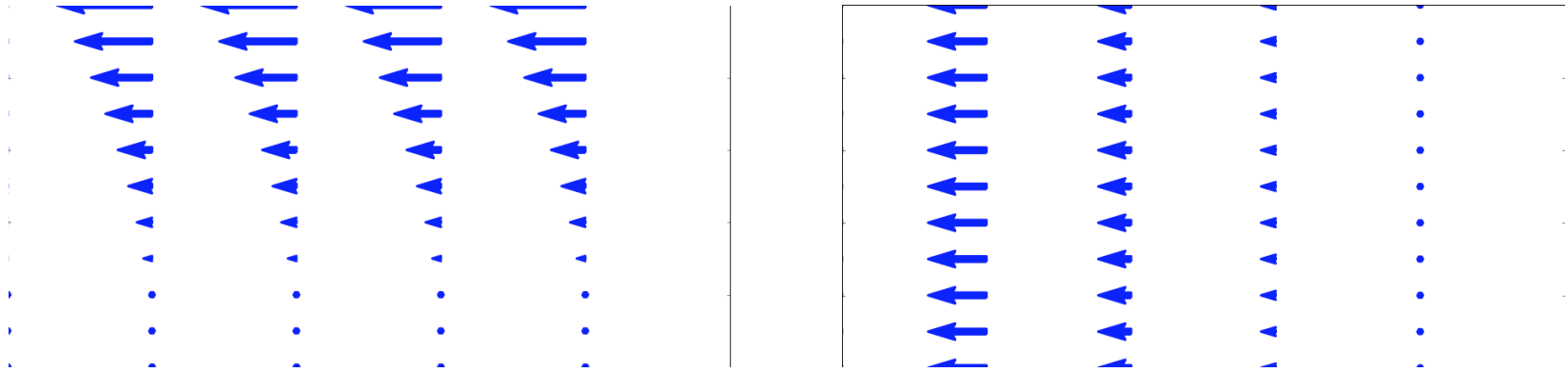
Let's get a better look at the side view.



Which of the following two fields has zero divergence?

I

II



- A. Both do.
- B. Only I is zero
- C. Only II is zero
- D. Neither is zero
- E. ???

What is the value of:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \delta(x - 2) dx$$

A. 0

B. 2

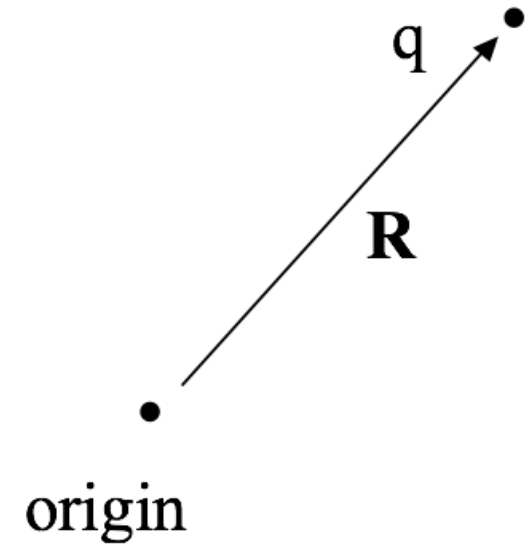
C. 4

D. ∞

E. Something else

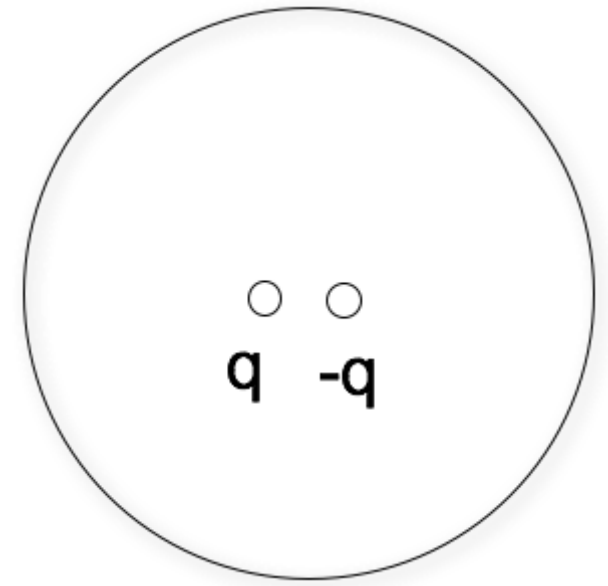
A point charge (q) is located at position \mathbf{R} , as shown. What is $\rho(\mathbf{r})$, the charge density in all space?

- A. $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = q\delta^3(\mathbf{R})$
- B. $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = q\delta^3(\mathbf{r})$
- C. $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = q\delta^3(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r})$
- D. $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = q\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R})$
- E. Something else??



An electric dipole ($+q$ and $-q$, small distance d apart) sits centered in a Gaussian sphere.

What can you say about the flux of E through the sphere, and $|E|$ on the sphere?

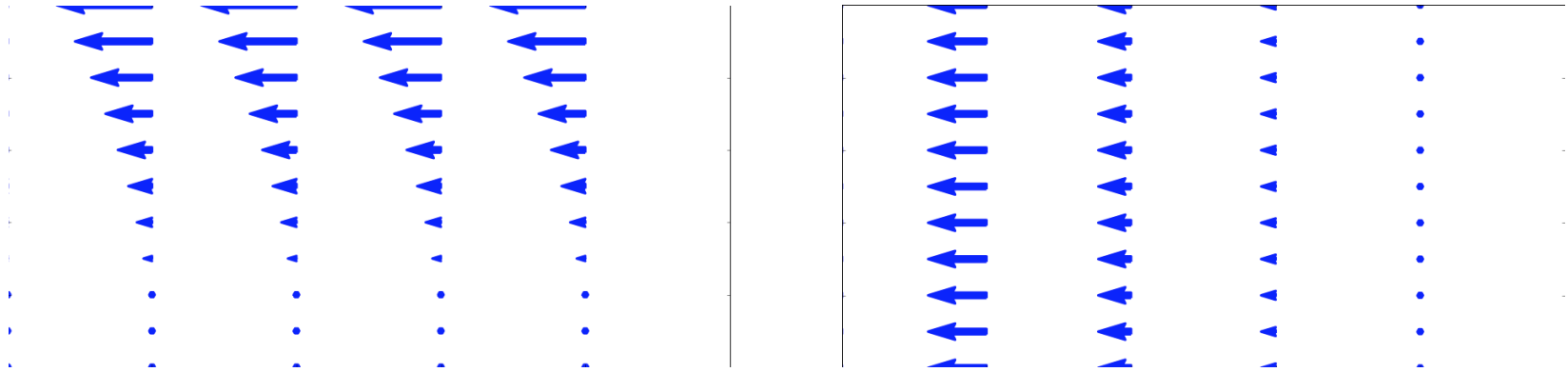


- A. Flux = 0, $E = 0$ everywhere on sphere surface
- B. Flux = 0, E need not be zero *everywhere* on sphere
- C. Flux is not zero, $E = 0$ everywhere on sphere
- D. Flux is not zero, E need not be zero...

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Can superposition be applied to electric potential, V?

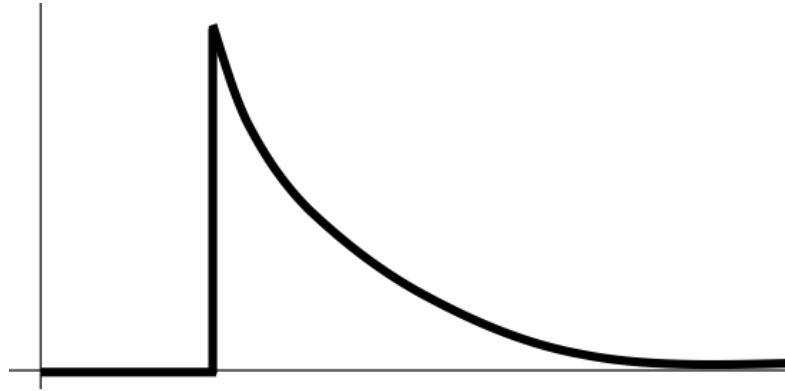


$$V_{\text{tot}} = \sum_i V_i = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + \dots$$

A. Yes

B. No

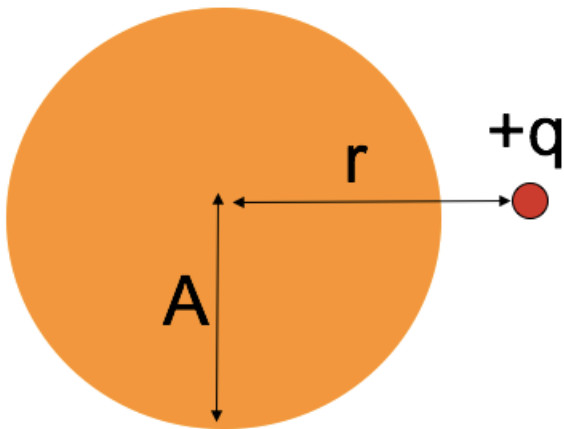
C. Sometimes



Could this be a plot of $|E(r)|$? Or $V(r)$? (for SOME physical situation?)

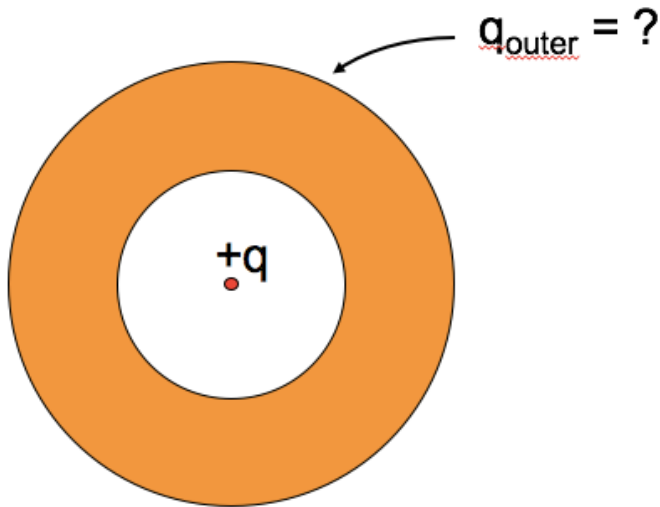
- A. Could be $E(r)$, or $V(r)$
- B. Could be $E(r)$, but can't be $V(r)$
- C. Can't be $E(r)$, could be $V(r)$
- D. Can't be either
- E. ???

A point charge $+q$ sits outside a **solid neutral conducting copper sphere** of radius A . The charge q is a distance $r > A$ from the center, on the right side. What is the E-field at the center of the sphere? (Assume equilibrium situation).



- A. $|E| = kq/r^2$, to left
- B. $kq/r^2 > |E| > 0$, to left
- C. $|E| > 0$, to right
- D. $E = 0$
- E. None of these

A neutral copper sphere has a spherical hollow in the center. A charge $+q$ is placed in the center of the hollow. What is the total charge on the outside surface of the copper sphere? (Assume Electrostatic equilibrium.)



- A. Zero
- B. $-q$
- C. $+q$
- D. $0 < q_{\text{outer}} < +q$
- E. $-q < q_{\text{outer}} < 0$