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# Exam Reminders

- 5 multiple choice questions, 4 worked problems
- There will be one multiple choice question (#5) with no incorrect answer (free question)
- **Do not bring a calculator**
- no external communications, any use of a cell phone, tablet, smartwatch etc. will be considered **cheating**
- no headphones
- be on time, you will not be admitted after 5:15pm

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- grade spreadsheets will be posted the **day after the exam**
- you will need your **PIN** to find your grade  
(PINs should have been distributed by recitation instructors)
- test preparation homework 1 is posted on course website, will be discussed in recitation tomorrow
- problems on the test preparation home work are **NOT** guaranteed to cover all topics on the exam!!!

# Exam 1 topics

**Electric charge and electric force**, Coulomb's Law

**Electric field** (calculating electric fields, motion of a charged particle in an electric field, dipoles)

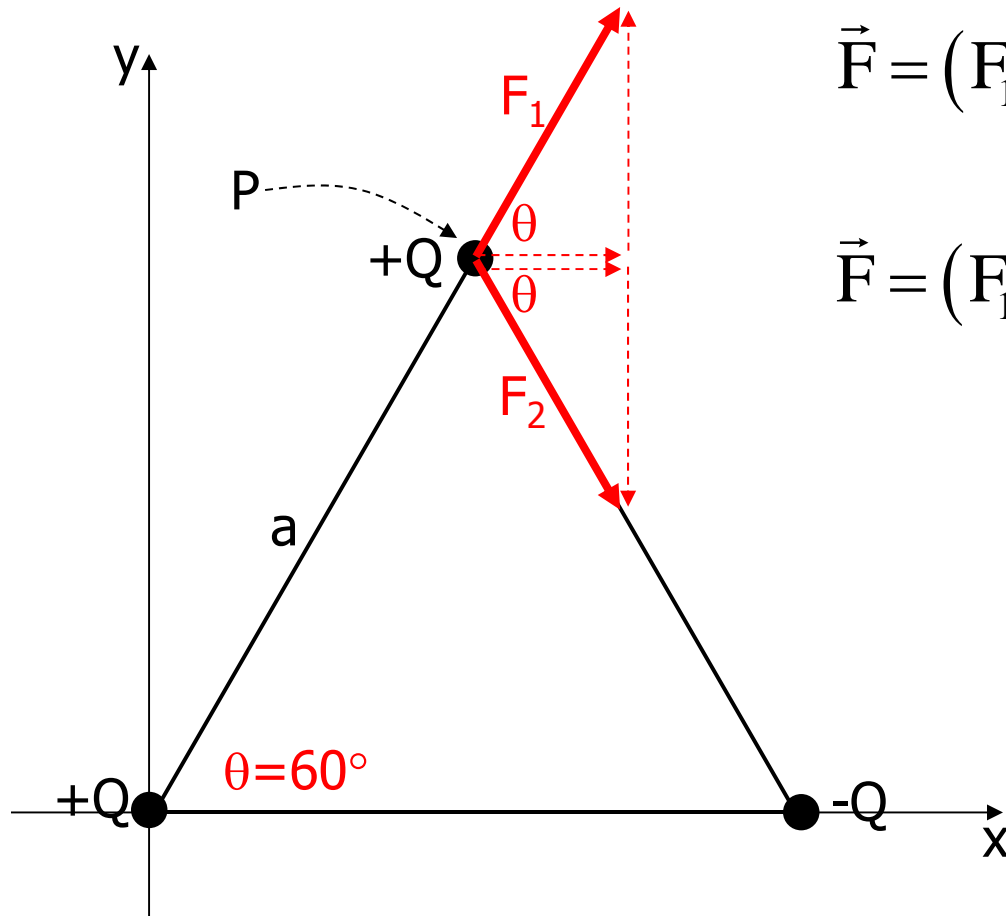
**Gauss' Law** (electric flux, calculating electric fields via Gaussian surfaces, fields and surface charges of conductors)

**Electric potential and potential energy** (calculating work, potential energy and potential, calculating fields from potentials, equipotentials, potentials of conductors)

# Exam 1 topics

- don't forget the Physics 1135 concepts
- look at old tests (2014 to 2017 tests are on course website)
- exam problems **may come from topics not covered** in test preparation homework or test review lecture

Three charges  $+Q$ ,  $+Q$ , and  $-Q$ , are located at the corners of an equilateral triangle with sides of length  $a$ . What is the force on the charge located at point P (see diagram)?



$$\vec{F} = (F_{1x} + F_{2x})\hat{i} + (F_{1y} + F_{2y})\hat{j}$$

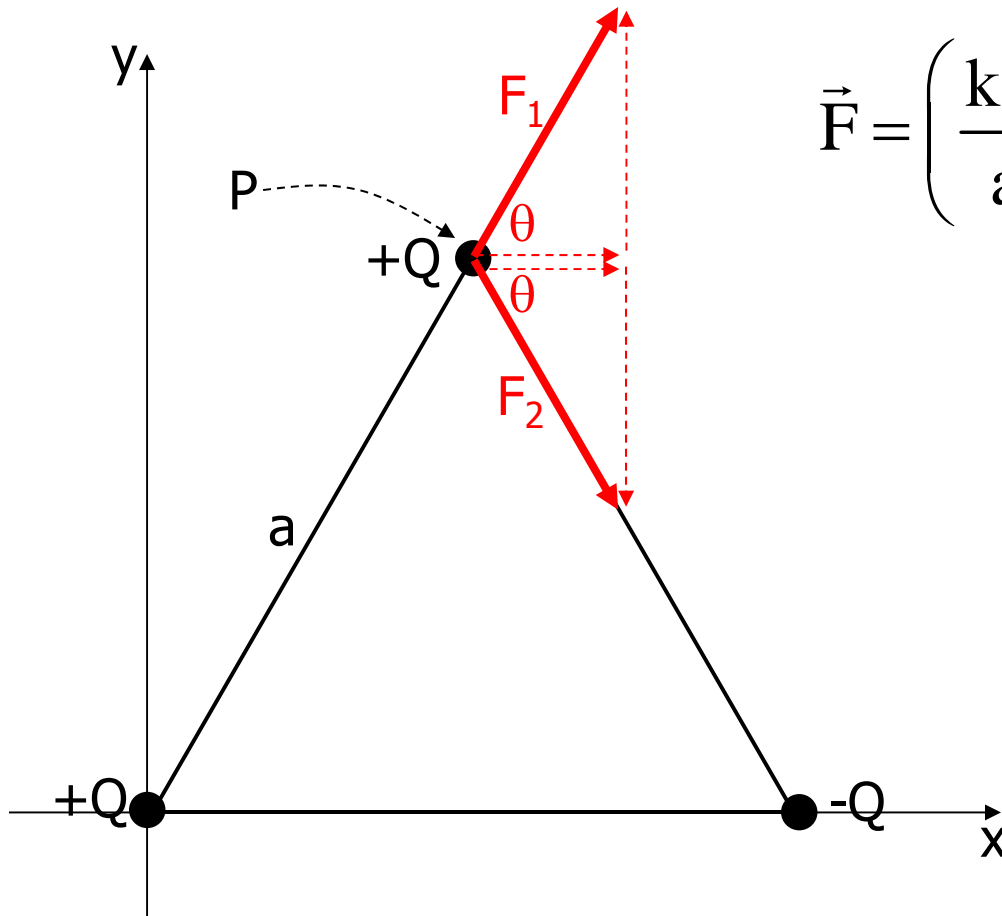
$$\vec{F} = (F_1 \cos \theta + F_2 \cos \theta)\hat{i} + (F_1 \sin \theta - F_2 \sin \theta)\hat{j}$$

$$F_1 = k \frac{|(+Q)(+Q)|}{a^2} = k \frac{Q^2}{a^2}$$

$$F_2 = k \frac{|(-Q)(+Q)|}{a^2} = k \frac{Q^2}{a^2}$$

Note: if there is not a problem like this on Exam 1, there will be one on the Final!

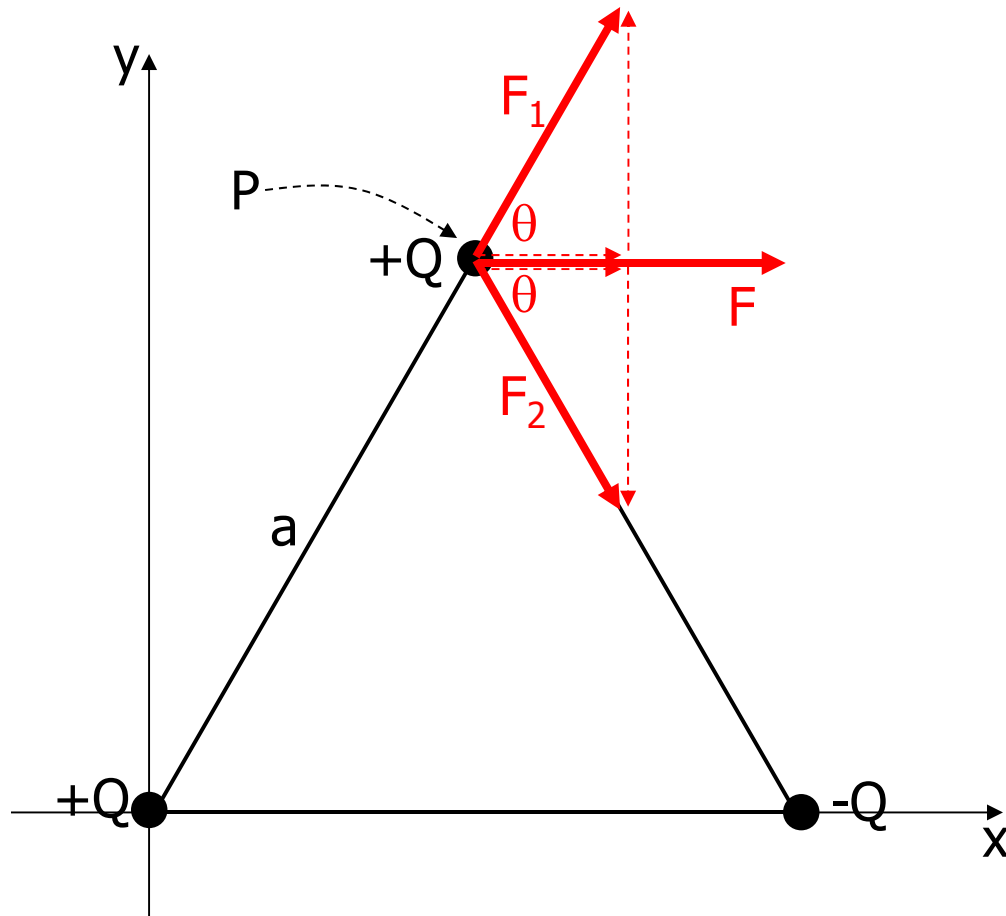
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$$\vec{F} = \left( \frac{kQ^2}{a^2} \cos 60^\circ + \frac{kQ^2}{a^2} \cos 60^\circ \right) \hat{i} + \left( \frac{kQ^2}{a^2} \sin 60^\circ - \frac{kQ^2}{a^2} \sin 60^\circ \right) \hat{j}$$

I could have stated that  $F_y=0$  and  $F_x=2F_{1x}$  by symmetry, but I decided to do the full calculation here.

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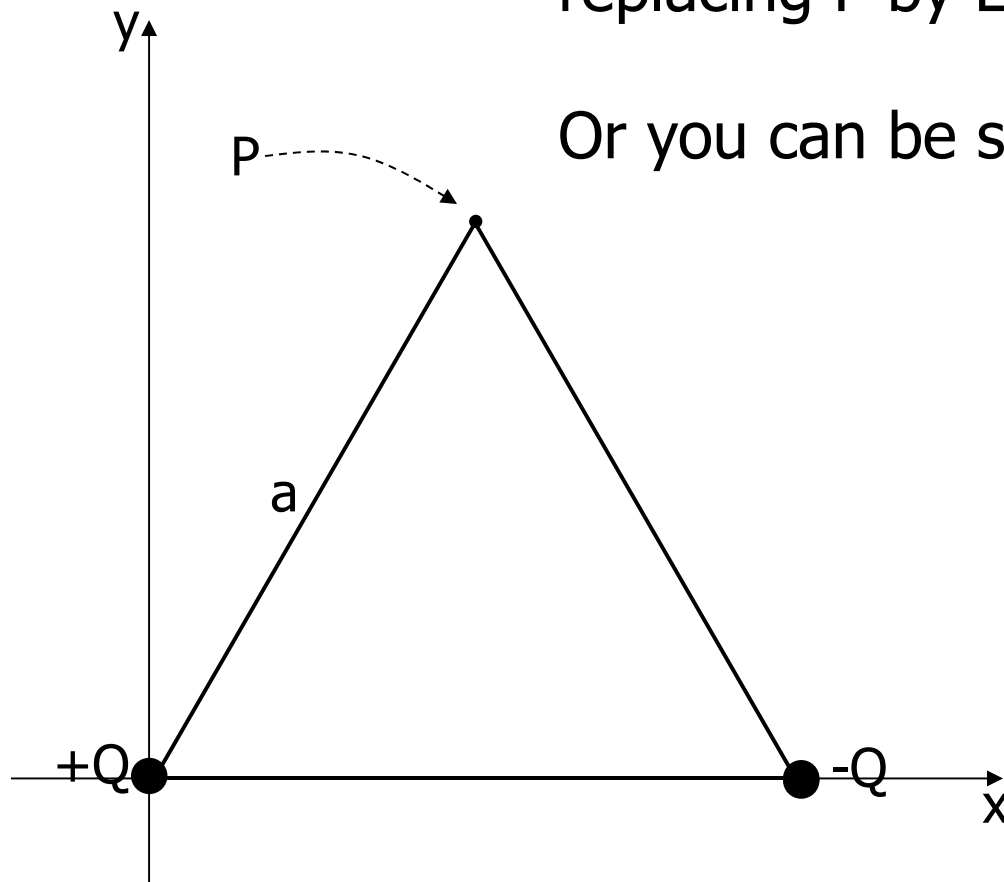
$$\vec{F} = \frac{kQ^2}{a^2} \hat{i}$$



What is the electric field at P due to the two charges at the base of the triangle?

You can "repeat" the above calculation, replacing F by E (and using Coulomb's Law).

Or you can be smart...  $\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$

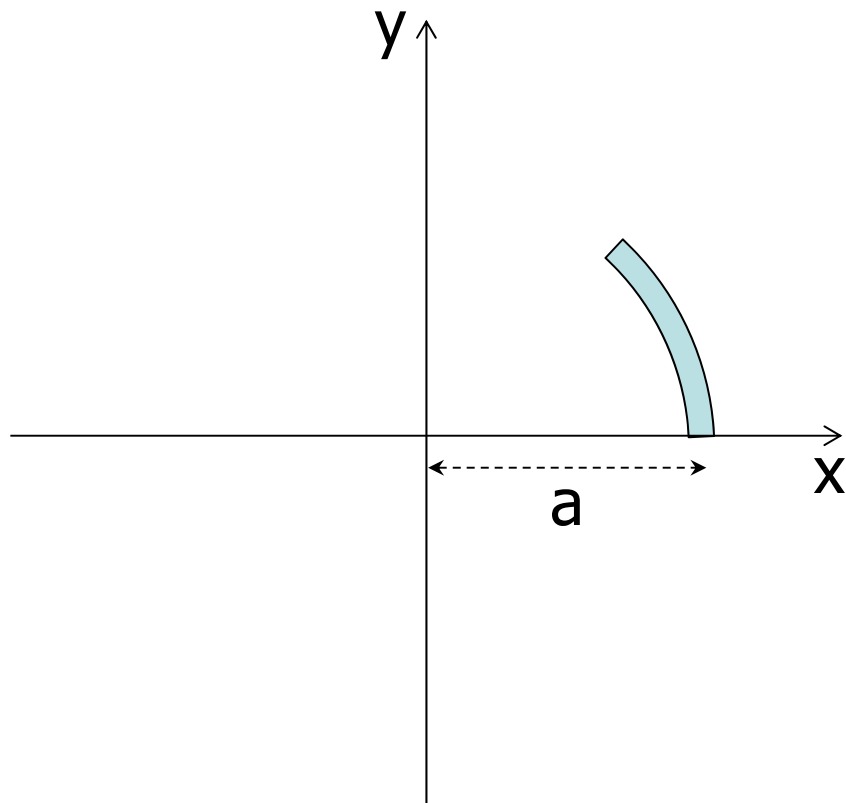


$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q} = \frac{\frac{kQ^2}{a^2} \hat{i}}{Q} = \boxed{\frac{kQ}{a^2} \hat{i}}$$

This is the charge which had been at point P, "feeling" the force  $\vec{F}$ .

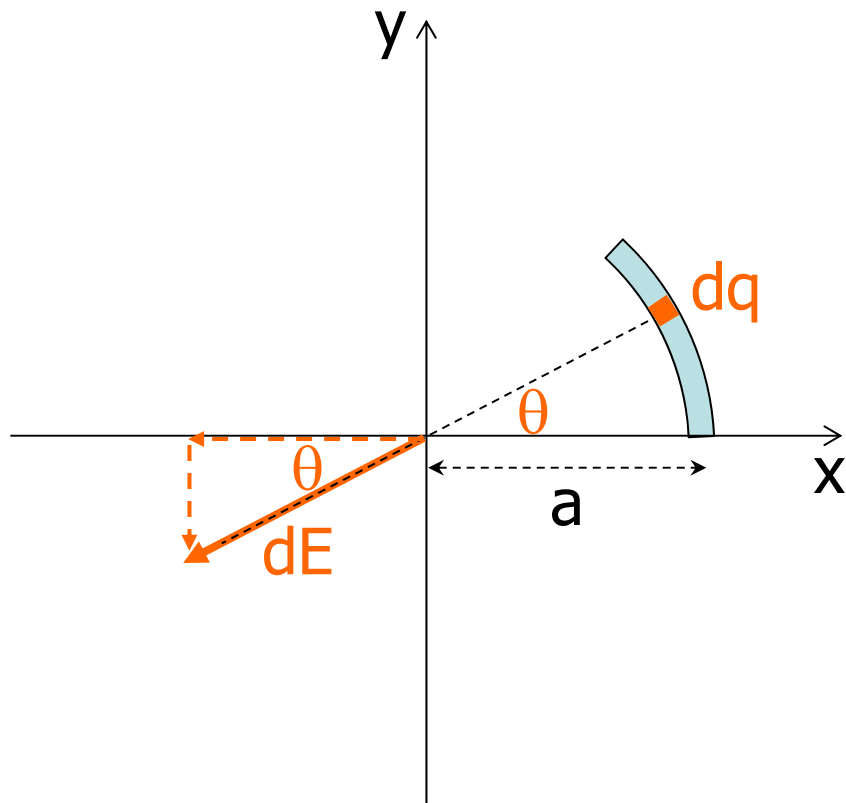
Caution: never write  $q = \frac{\vec{E}}{\vec{F}}$ . Why?

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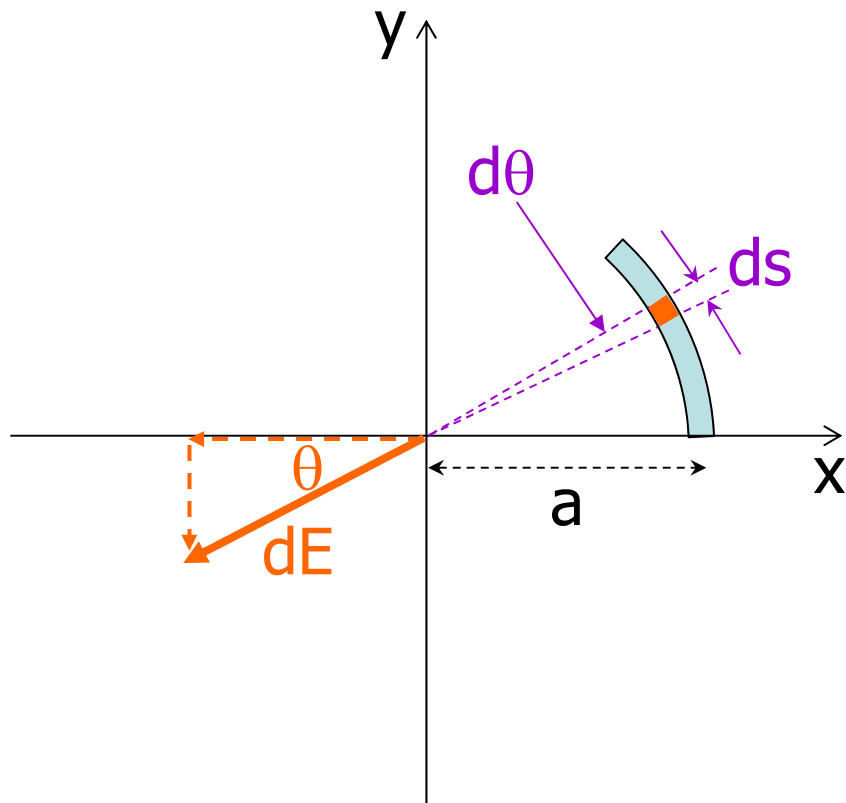
$$dE = k \frac{|dq|}{r^2} = k \frac{|dq|}{a^2}$$

$$|dq| = |\lambda| ds = \frac{|\text{charge}|}{\text{length}} ds$$

$$|dq| = \frac{|+Q|}{(\text{length of arc})} ds$$

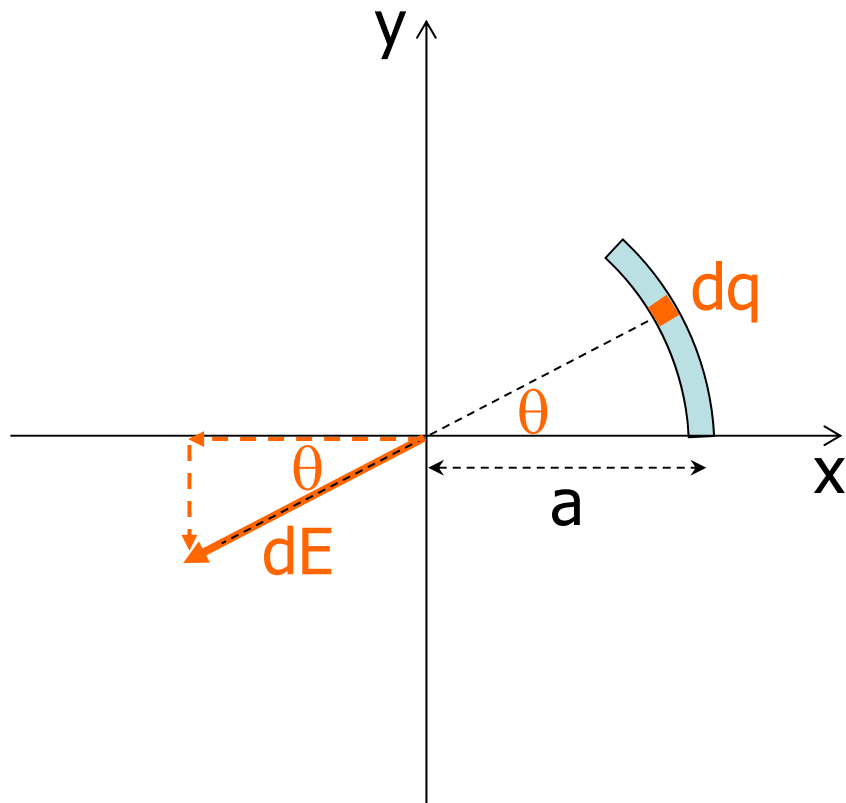
$$|dq| = \frac{|+Q|}{\left(\frac{2\pi a}{8}\right)} ds = \frac{4|+Q|}{\pi a} ds$$

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$$dE = \frac{k}{a^2} \left[ \left( \frac{4|+Q|}{\pi a} \right) (a d\theta) \right]$$

$$dE_x = -dE \cos \theta$$

$$dE_y = -dE \sin \theta$$

$$E_x = - \int_0^{\pi/4} dE \cos \theta$$

$$E_y = - \int_0^{\pi/4} dE \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{8}(2\pi) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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$$E_x = - \frac{4k|+Q|}{\pi a^2} (\sin \theta) \Big|_0^{\pi/4} = - \frac{4k|+Q|}{\pi a^2} \left( \sin \frac{\pi}{4} - \sin 0 \right)$$

$$E_x = - \frac{4k|+Q|}{\pi a^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 0 \right) = - \frac{2\sqrt{2}k|+Q|}{\pi a^2}$$

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$$E_y = - \frac{4k|+Q|}{\pi a^2} (-\cos \theta) \Big|_0^{\pi/4} = - \frac{4k|+Q|}{\pi a^2} \left( -\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos 0 \right)$$

$$E_y = - \frac{4k|+Q|}{\pi a^2} \left( -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 1 \right) = - \frac{4k|+Q|}{\pi a^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$$

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$$\vec{E} = -\frac{2kQ}{\pi a^2} \left[ (\sqrt{2})\hat{i} + (2 - \sqrt{2})\hat{j} \right]$$

You should provide reasonably simplified answers on exams, but remember, each algebra step is a chance to make a mistake.



**What would be different if the charge were negative?**

**What would you do differently if you were asked to calculate the **potential** rather than the electric field?**

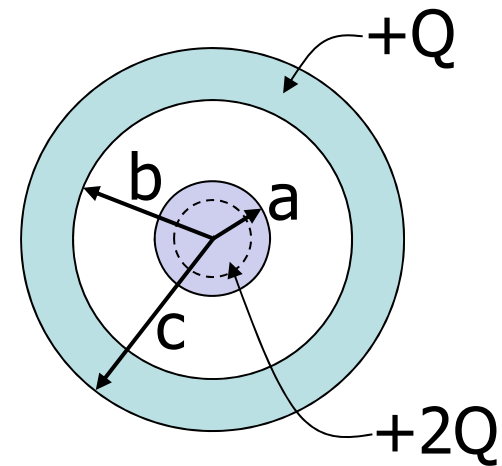
**How would you find the force on a test charge  $-q$  at the origin?**

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For  $0 < r < a$ , we are inside the conductor, so  $E=0$ .

If  $E=0$  there is no need to specify a direction (and the problem doesn't ask for one anyway).

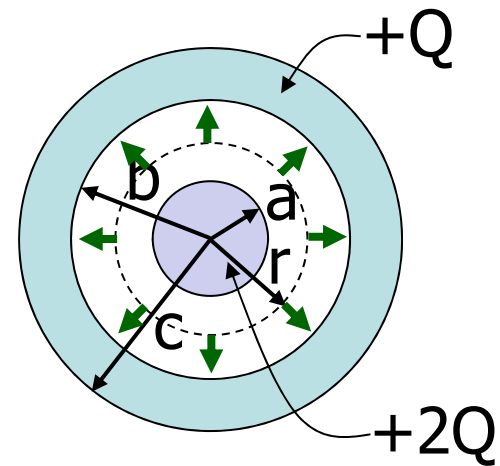


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$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{2Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$



Be able to do this: begin with a statement of Gauss's Law. Draw an appropriate Gaussian surface on the diagram and label its radius  $r$ . Justify the steps leading to your answer.

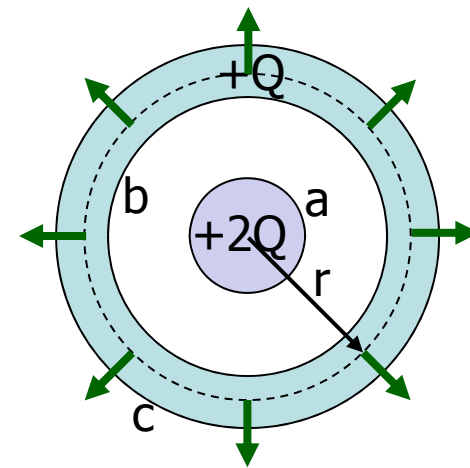
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$$E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{q_{\text{shell,enclosed}} + q_{\text{conductor,enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$q_{\text{conductor,enclosed}} = 2Q$$

$$q_{\text{shell,enclosed}} = \rho_{\text{shell}} V_{\text{shell,enclosed}} = \frac{Q_{\text{shell}}}{V_{\text{shell}}} V_{\text{shell,enclosed}}$$

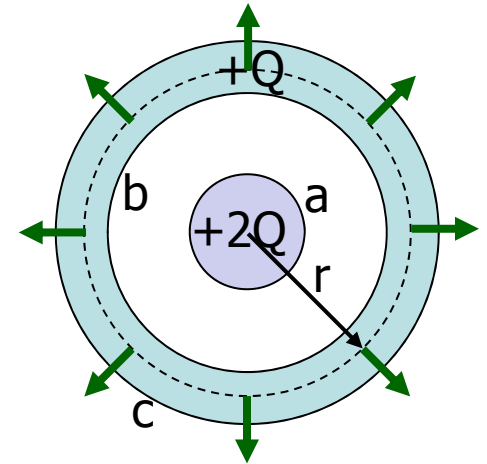


$$q_{\text{shell,enclosed}} = \frac{Q_{\text{shell}}}{V_{\text{shell}}} V_{\text{shell,enclosed}}$$

$$q_{\text{shell,enclosed}} = \frac{Q}{\left[ \frac{4}{3} \pi c^3 - \frac{4}{3} \pi b^3 \right]} \left[ \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 - \frac{4}{3} \pi b^3 \right]$$

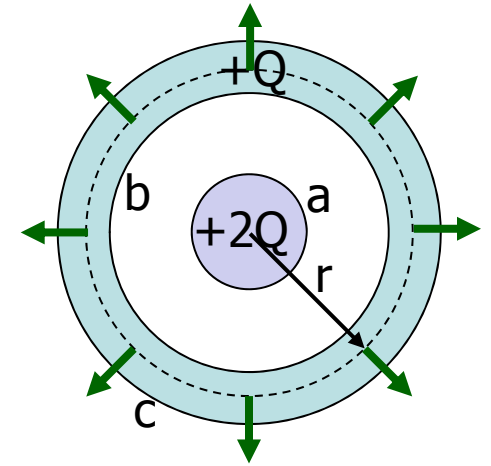
$$q_{\text{shell,enclosed}} = \frac{Q(r^3 - b^3)}{(c^3 - b^3)}$$

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The direction of  $\vec{E}$  is shown in the diagram. Solving for the magnitude  $E$  (do it!) is "just" math.

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$$Q_{\text{shell}} = \rho \left[ \frac{4}{3} \pi c^3 - \frac{4}{3} \pi b^3 \right]$$

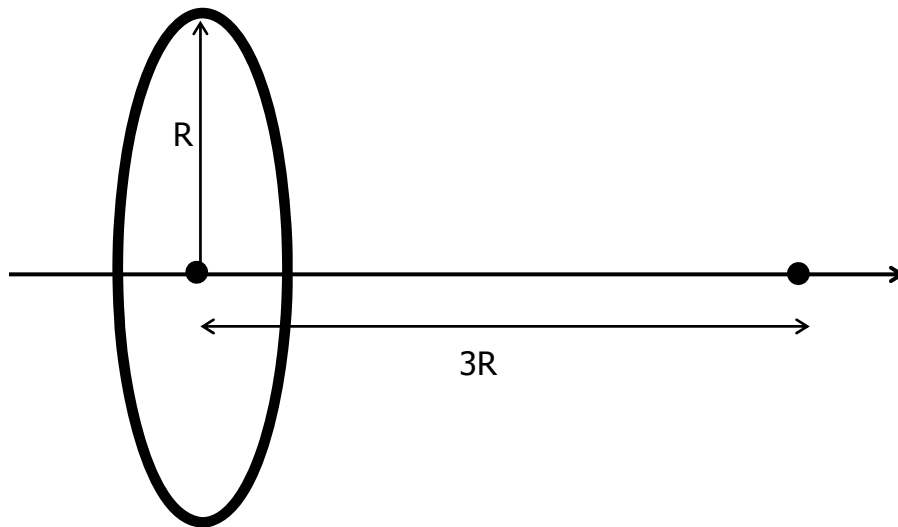
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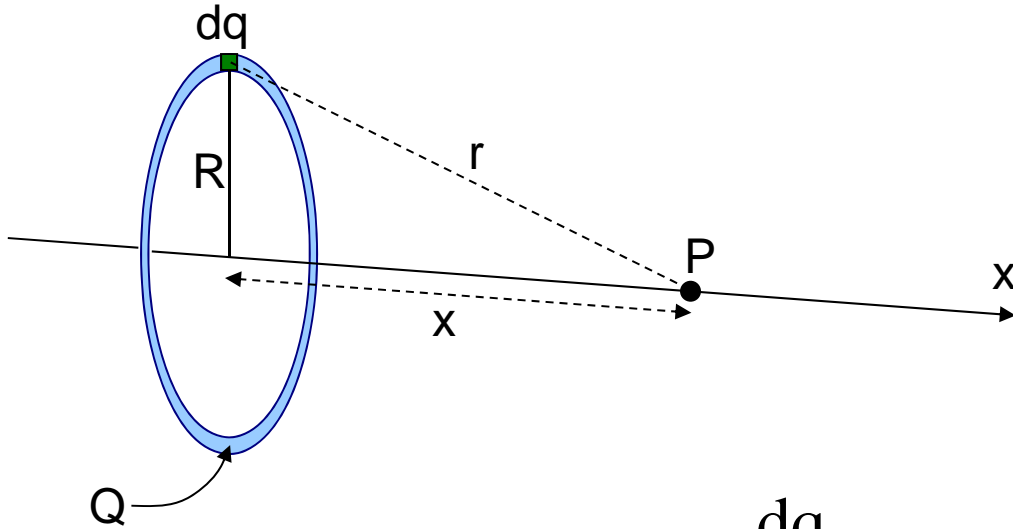


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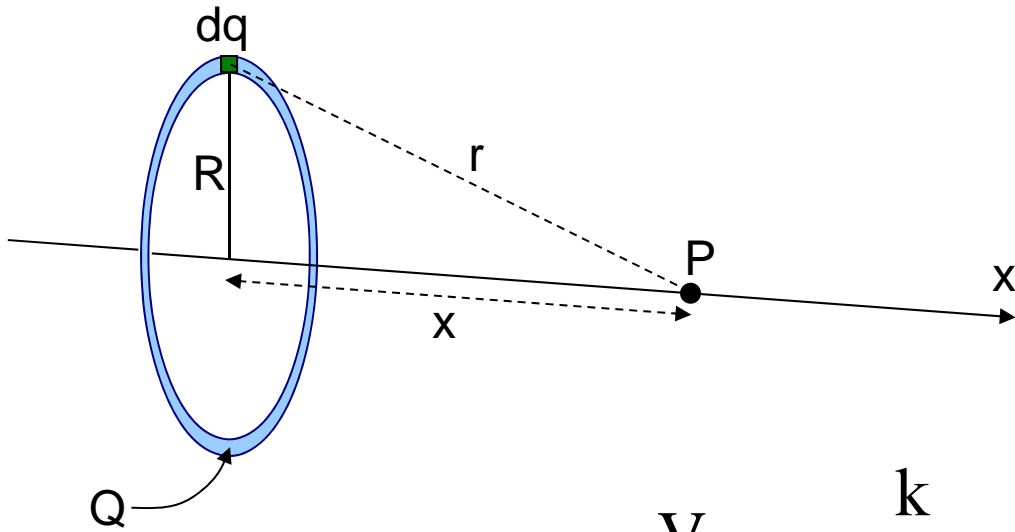
Begin by deriving the equation for the potential along the central axis of a ring of charge. We did this back in part 2 of lecture 6. I am going to be lazy... err, efficient... and just copy the appropriate slides.

Every  $dq$  of charge on the ring is the same distance from the point P.



$$dV = k \frac{dq}{r} = k \frac{dq}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}}$$

$$V = \int_{\text{ring}} dV = \int_{\text{ring}} \frac{k dq}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}} = \frac{k}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}} \int_{\text{ring}} dq$$

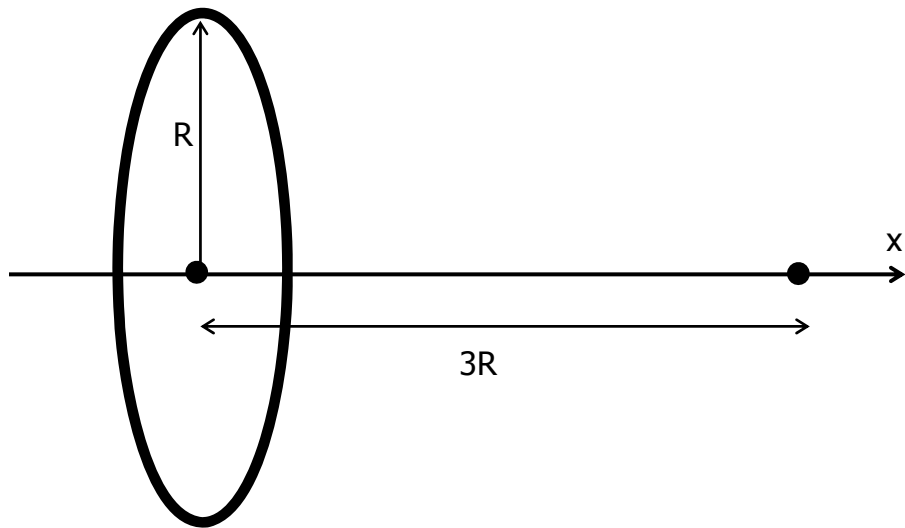


$$V = \frac{k}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}} \int_{\text{ring}} dq$$

$$V = \frac{kQ}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}} \quad Q = \lambda(2\pi R)$$

$$V = \frac{2\pi\lambda kR}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}}$$

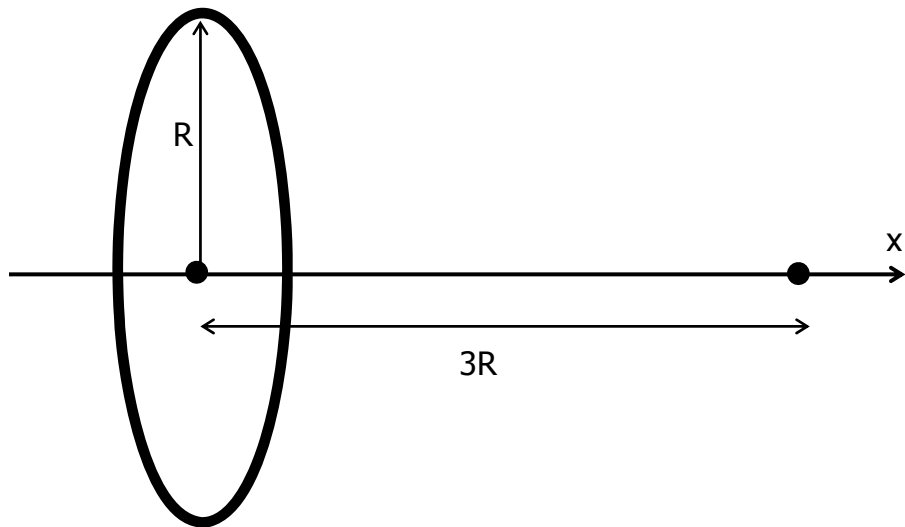
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$$V(x) = \frac{2\pi\lambda kR}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}}$$

$$V(0) - V(3R) = \frac{2\pi\lambda kR}{\sqrt{0^2 + R^2}} - \frac{2\pi\lambda kR}{\sqrt{(3R)^2 + R^2}} = 2\pi\lambda kR \left( \frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{R\sqrt{10}} \right)$$

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$$V(0) - V(3R) = 2\pi\lambda k \left( \frac{\sqrt{10} - 1}{\sqrt{10}} \right)$$

If a proton is released from rest at the center of the ring,  
how fast will it be at point P?