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## WEEK 1

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Office hours: Mondays 4pm - 6pm  
in my office OR  
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- If you need to quarantine, please let me know ASAP via email.
- Routine very similar to PHY103, but:
  - Quiz in lecture, not precept.
  - Need to hand in one LGR problem.  
(Use LyX: get extra point).

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## My conventions if you are unfamiliar

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- I would often omit arrows above vectors: I write  $\vec{v} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \equiv v_1 e_1 + \dots$   
instead of  $\vec{v}$ ,  $\underline{v}$ ,  $v$ .  
Unit vector

Recall  $e_1 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $e_2 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $e_3 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- I use Greek alphabet:  
 $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \dots$
- $\mathbb{R}^n \equiv$  set of  $n$ -vectors w/ real entries
  - $\mathbb{R}^2$  - 2D vectors
  - $\mathbb{R}^3$  - 3D vectors
- $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function  
from 3D vectors into (real) numbers.

Sometimes will write

$\mathbb{R}^3 \ni x \mapsto f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$   
to be explicit about formula, e.g.,  
 $\mathbb{R}^3 \ni x \mapsto \|x\| \in [0, \infty)$ .

- || $\vartheta$ || norm of vector:

$\mathbb{L}^3$

for  $\vartheta \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\|\vartheta\|^2 = \vartheta_1^2 + \vartheta_2^2 + \vartheta_3^2$ .

- Better notation for integrals:

$$\int_S f = \int_{x \in S} f(x) dx \equiv \int_{x \in S} dx f(x).$$

-  $x \mapsto \delta(x) \equiv \text{delta-fn}$ :  $\int f \delta = f(0)$ .

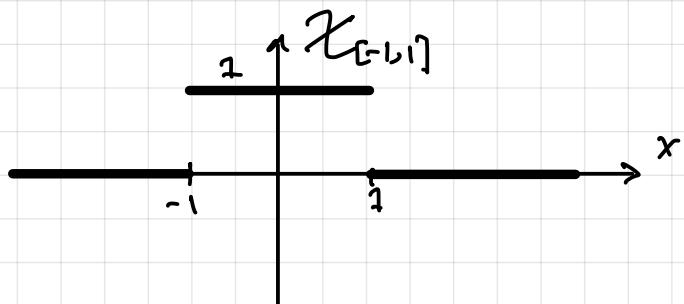
"Symbolic" function useful for densities:

$$\text{"} \delta(0) = \infty ; \delta(x)=0 \text{ if } x \neq 0 \text{ "}$$

- Characteristic func.:

$$\chi_S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in S \\ 0 & x \notin S \end{cases}$$

Example:



- 4 units:  $k \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \equiv 1$ .

More on that later...

# Theory recap

① Two point particles w/ charges  $q_1, q_2$  will exert force on each other. The force on  $q_1$  due to  $q_2$  is

$$F_{12} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{\|r_1 - r_2\|^3} (r_1 - r_2)$$

"inverser-square-law"

where  $r_1, r_2$  are the positions of the two particles.

② The el. field at  $r_1$  due to the existence of  $q_2$  at  $r_2$  is

$$E_2(r_1) = \frac{q_2}{\|r_1 - r_2\|^3} (r_1 - r_2)$$

③ The el. field at  $r_1$  due to given charge dist.  $\rho: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is

$$E(r_1) = \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} dx \frac{\rho(x)}{\|r_1 - x\|^3} (r_1 - x)$$

$\rho$  is called "charge density". Defined

s.t.  $\int \rho \equiv$  total charge in entire volume.

Example p's: ① Point charge  $q$  at some point  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$\rho(x) = q \delta(x - x_0)$$

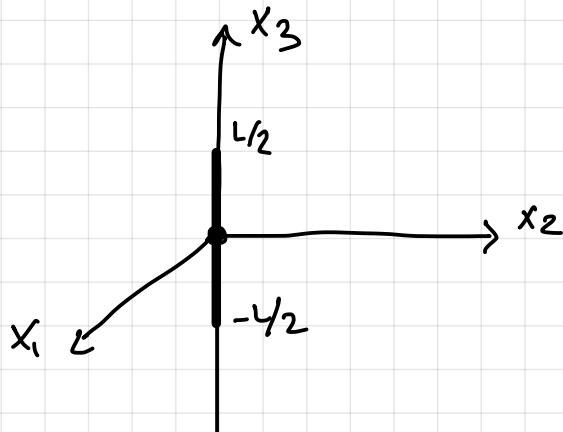
Check:  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rho(x) dx = q \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \delta(x - x_0) dx$

$$= q . \checkmark$$

$$E(r) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{\rho(x)}{\|r - x\|^3} (r - x) dx$$

② Linear charge density: wire of length  $L$  and total homogeneous charge  $Q$ :

$$\rho(x) = \frac{Q}{L} \delta(x_1) \delta(x_2) \chi_{[-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2}]}(x_3)$$



Check:  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rho(x) dx = Q . \checkmark$

③ Plate (2D) or cube (3D) also possible.

Example: Infinite thin rod of charge 16

$\lambda$  per unit length.

$$\Rightarrow \rho(x) = \delta(x_1) \delta(x_2) \lambda$$

$$E(r) = \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} dx \frac{\rho(x)}{\|r-x\|^3} (r-x)$$

$$= \int_{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_1 \int_{x_2 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_2 \int_{x_3 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_3 \frac{\rho(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\|r-x\|^3} (r-x)$$

$$= \int_{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_1 \delta(x_1) \int_{x_2 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_2 \delta(x_2) \int_{x_3 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_3 \frac{\lambda(r-x)}{\|r-x\|^3}$$

$$= \lambda \int_{x_3 \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{r - x_3 e_3}{\|r - x_3 e_3\|^3} dx_3$$

$$\int_{x_3 \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{r - x_3 e_3}{\|r - x_3 e_3\|^3} dx_3 = - \int_{x_3 \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{(x_3 - r_3) e_3 - r_1 e_1 - r_2 e_2}{[r_1^2 + r_2^2 + (x_3 - r_3)^2]^{3/2}} dx_3$$

transl. invariant.

$$\stackrel{\square}{=} - \int_{x_3 \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{x_3 e_3 - r_1 e_1 - r_2 e_2}{[r_1^2 + r_2^2 + x_3^2]^{3/2}} dx_3$$

$$R := r_1 e_1 + r_2 e_2$$

$$\stackrel{\square}{=} - \frac{1}{\|R\|^3} \int_{x_3 \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{x_3 e_3 - R}{[1 + (x_3/\|R\|)^2]^{3/2}} dx_3$$

$$z := \frac{x_3}{\|R\|}$$

$$\stackrel{\square}{=} - \frac{1}{\|R\|^2} \int_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{\|R\| z e_3 - R}{(1 + z^2)^{3/2}} dz$$

$$= - \frac{1}{\|R\|^2} \left( -R \int_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{dz}{(1 + z^2)^{3/2}} + \|R\| e_3 \underbrace{\int_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{z dz}{(1 + z^2)^{3/2}}}_{=0} \right)$$

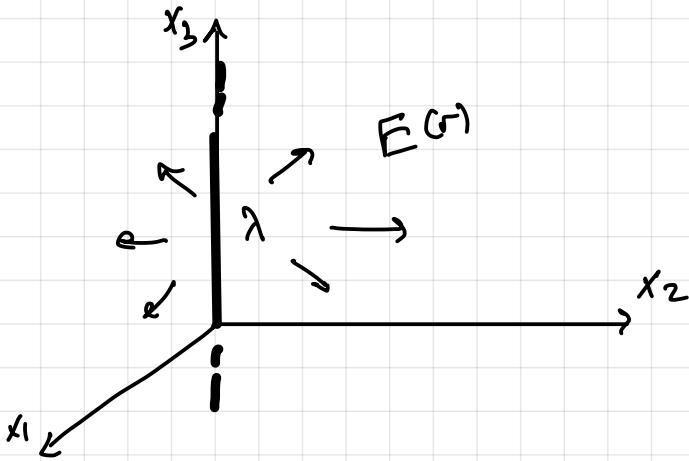
by symmetry

$$\left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{1+z^2}} \right)' = \frac{1}{(1+z^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{dz}{(1+z^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{z}{\sqrt{1+z^2}} \Big|_{z=-\infty}^{\infty} = 1 - (-1) = 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow E(r) = \lambda \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{R}{\|R\|^2} = 2\lambda \cdot \frac{r_1 e_1 + r_2 e_2}{\|r_1 e_1 + r_2 e_2\|^2}$$

$$E(r) = 2\lambda \cdot \frac{r_1 e_1 + r_2 e_2}{\|r_1 e_1 + r_2 e_2\|^2}.$$



- Note:
- Does NOT dep. on \$r\_3\$. ✓
  - If \$R \equiv r\_1 e\_1 + r\_2 e\_2 = 0\$, undef. ✓
  - Mag. prop to \$\frac{2\lambda}{\|R\|}\$.

Example: Thin rod of charge  $\lambda$  per unit length, [9]  
of length  $2L$ .

$$\Rightarrow \rho(x) = \lambda \delta(x_1) \delta(x_2) \chi_{[-L, L]}(x_3)$$

Where  $\chi_S(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & a \in S \\ 0 & a \notin S \end{cases}$

$$E(r) = \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} dx \frac{f(x)}{\|r-x\|^3} (r-x)$$

$$= \int_{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_1 \int_{x_2 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_2 \int_{x_3 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_3 \frac{f(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\|r-x\|^3} (r-x)$$

$$= \int_{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_1 \delta(x_1) \int_{x_2 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_2 \delta(x_2) \int_{x_3 \in \mathbb{R}} dx_3 \frac{\lambda \chi_{[-L, L]}(x_3) (r-x)}{\|r-x\|^3} dx_3$$

$$= \lambda \int_{x_3=-L}^{L} \frac{r - x_3 e_3}{\|r - x_3 e_3\|^3} dx_3$$

Case 1:  $R := r_1 e_1 + r_2 e_2 \neq 0$

$$E(r) = \lambda \int_{x_3=-L}^{L} \frac{R + (r_3 - x_3) e_3}{(\|R\|^2 + (r_3 - x_3)^2)^{3/2}} dx_3$$

$$= \lambda R \int_{x_3 = -L}^L \frac{dx_3}{(\|R\|^2 + (r_3 - x_3)^2)^{3/2}} dx_3 +$$

$$+ \lambda e_3 \int_{x_3 = -L}^L \frac{(r_3 - x_3)}{(\|R\|^2 + (r_3 - x_3)^2)^{3/2}} dx_3$$

$$z := \frac{x_3 - r_3}{\|R\|}$$

$$\int_{x_3 = -L}^L \frac{1}{(\|R\|^2 + (r_3 - x_3)^2)^{3/2}} dx_3 =$$

$$= \int_{\frac{-L-r_3}{\|R\|}}^{\frac{+L-r_3}{\|R\|}} \frac{1}{(\|R\|^2 + \|R\|^2 z^2)^{3/2}} \|R\| dz$$

$$z = \frac{-L-r_3}{\|R\|}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\|R\|^2} \int_{\frac{-L-r_3}{\|R\|}}^{\frac{+L-r_3}{\|R\|}} \frac{1}{(1+z^2)^{3/2}} dz$$

$$z = \frac{-L-r_3}{\|R\|}$$

$$\left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{1+z^2}} \right)^1 = \frac{1}{(1+z^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Rightarrow \int \frac{\frac{+L-r_3}{\|R\|}}{(1+z^2)^{3/2}} dz = \\
 & z = \frac{-L-r_3}{\|R\|} \quad z = \frac{+L-r_3}{\|R\|} \\
 & = \frac{z}{\sqrt{1+z^2}} \quad z = \frac{-L-r_3}{\|R\|} \\
 & = \frac{(L-r_3)/\|R\|}{\sqrt{1+(L-r_3)^2/\|R\|^2}} - \frac{(L-r_3)/\|R\|}{\sqrt{1+(L-r_3)^2/\|R\|^2}} \\
 & = \frac{L-r_3}{\sqrt{\|R\|^2 + (L-r_3)^2}} - \frac{-L-r_3}{\sqrt{\|R\|^2 + (L+r_3)^2}} \\
 & = \frac{L-r_3}{\|r - L e_3\|} + \frac{L+r_3}{\|r + L e_3\|}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{x_3=-L}^L \frac{(r_3-x_3)}{(\|R\|^2 + (r_3-x_3)^2)^{3/2}} dx_3 = \\
 & z := \frac{x_3-r_3}{\|R\|}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= - \frac{1}{\|R\|^2} \int^{\frac{+L-r_3}{\|R\|}} \frac{z}{(1+z^2)^{3/2}} dz$$

$$z = \frac{-L-r_3}{\|R\|}$$

$$\left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1+z^2}} \right)^1 = \frac{z}{(1+z^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int^{\frac{+L-r_3}{\|R\|}} \frac{z}{(1+z^2)^{3/2}} dz =$$

$$z = \frac{-L-r_3}{\|R\|}$$

$$= - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+z^2}} \quad \begin{cases} z = \frac{+L-r_3}{\|R\|} \\ z = \frac{-L-r_3}{\|R\|} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(L+r_3)^2}{\|R\|^2}}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(L-r_3)^2}{\|R\|^2}}}$$

$$= \frac{\|R\|}{\|r+Le_3\|} - \frac{\|R\|}{\|r-Le_3\|}$$

All together we find:

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$$E(r) = \lambda R \int_{x_3=-L}^L \frac{dx_3}{(\|R\|^2 + (r_3 - x_3)^2)^{3/2}} dx_3 + \\ + \lambda \int_{x_3=-L}^L \frac{(r_3 - x_3)}{(\|R\|^2 + (r_3 - x_3)^2)^{3/2}} dx_3$$

$$= \frac{\lambda R}{\|R\|^2} \left[ \frac{L - r_3}{\|r - L e_3\|} + \frac{L + r_3}{\|r + L e_3\|} \right] +$$

$$+ \lambda e_3 \frac{1}{\|R\|} \left[ \frac{1}{\|r - L e_3\|} - \frac{1}{\|r + L e_3\|} \right].$$

This reduces back to the infinite case

if we take the limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} E(r) = \frac{2 \lambda R}{\|R\|^2} . \quad \checkmark$$

Another limit:  $r_3 = 0$

$$\lim_{r_3 \rightarrow 0} E(r) = \frac{2 \lambda R}{\|R\|^2} .$$

Another limit:  $\frac{L}{\|r_j\|} \ll 1$  for  $j=1, 2, 3$ . [14]

Then

$$\frac{L - r_3}{\|L e_3 + r\|} = \frac{r_3 \left( \frac{L}{r_3} + 1 \right)}{\|r\| \left\| \frac{L}{\|r\|} + \frac{r}{\|r\|} \right\|}$$

$$\|\hat{r} - \frac{L}{\|r\|}\|^2 = 1 + \frac{L^2}{\|r\|^2} - \langle \hat{r}, \frac{L}{\|r\|} \rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\|L e_3 + r\|} \approx \frac{1}{\|r\|} \left( 1 \pm \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{r}, \frac{L}{\|r\|} \rangle + \dots \right)$$

$$\frac{L - r_3}{\|L e_3 + r\|} \approx \frac{r_3}{\|r\|} \left( \frac{L}{r_3} + 1 \right) \left( 1 \pm \langle \hat{r}, \frac{L}{\|r\|} \rangle \right) + \dots$$

$$= \frac{r_3}{\|r\|} \left( \frac{L}{r_3} + 1 - \langle \hat{r}, \frac{L}{\|r\|} \rangle \right)$$

$$\frac{L - r_3}{\|L e_3 - r\|} - \frac{L + r_3}{\|L e_3 + r\|} \approx 2 \frac{r_3}{\|r\|}$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{1}{\|L e_3 - r\|} - \frac{1}{\|L e_3 + r\|} \approx \frac{1}{\|r\|} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{r}, \frac{L}{\|r\|} \rangle \right) -$$

$$- \frac{1}{\|r\|} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{r}, \frac{L}{\|r\|} \rangle \right)$$

$$= \frac{\langle \hat{r}, \frac{L}{\|r\|} \rangle}{\|r\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(r) \approx \frac{\lambda R}{\|R\|^2} - \frac{r_3}{\|r\|} + \lambda e_3 \cdot \frac{1}{\|R\|} \quad (r)$$

 $\frac{L}{\|r_j\|} < 1$

Case 2:

$$\mathbf{r} = r_3 \mathbf{e}_3, \quad |r_3| > L.$$

$$E(r_3 \mathbf{e}_3) = \lambda \int_{x_3=-L}^L dx_3 \frac{(r_3 - x_3) e_3 dx_3}{|r_3 - x_3|^3}$$

$$z := x_3 - r_3 \stackrel{?}{=} -\lambda e_3 \int_{z=-L-r_3}^{L-r_3} \frac{\frac{z}{|z|^3}}{|z|^3} dz$$

$$r_3 > L \quad \text{or} \quad r_3 < -L \iff$$

$$L - r_3 < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad -L - r_3 > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$z < 0 \quad z > 0$$

Case 2.1:  $z < 0$

$$E(r_3 \mathbf{e}_3) = \lambda e_3 \int_{z=-L-r_3}^{L-r_3} \frac{1}{z^2} dz$$

$$= \lambda e_3 \left[ -\frac{1}{z} \right]_{z=-L-r_3}^{L-r_3}$$

$$= \lambda e_3 \left( \frac{1}{-L-r_3} - \frac{1}{L-r_3} \right)$$

$$= \lambda e_3 \left( \frac{1}{r_3-L} - \frac{1}{r_3+L} \right)$$

$$= \lambda e_3 \frac{2L}{r_3^2 - L^2}$$

$$= \frac{2L \lambda e_3}{r_3^2} \frac{1}{1 - (L/r_3)^2} \approx \frac{2L \lambda}{r_3^2} e_3$$

$$\frac{L}{r_3} \ll 1.$$

Makes sense that very far away from wire it will behave like Coulomb law!

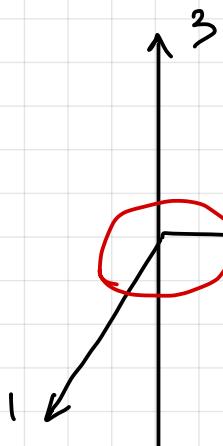
$2\lambda L \equiv$  total charge of wire

$\frac{1}{r_3^2} \equiv$  inverse square law

Example :

Hoop of radius  $R > 0$

in the  $1-2$  plane of charge  $Q \in \mathbb{R}$ .



$\Rightarrow$  Density is

$$\rho(x) = \delta(x_3) \delta(\|x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2\| - R) \frac{Q}{2\pi R}$$

Change to cylindrical coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} r \cos(\varphi) \\ r \sin(\varphi) \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rho(r, \varphi, z) = \delta(z) \delta(r - R) \frac{Q}{2\pi R}$$

Electric field:

$$E(r^1, \varphi^1, z^1) = \int_{r=0}^{\infty} \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{z=-\infty}^{\infty} r dr dz d\varphi \rho(r, \varphi, z)$$

$$\frac{\left[ \begin{array}{c} r^1 \cos(\varphi^1) \\ r^1 \sin(\varphi^1) \\ z^1 \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} r \cos(\varphi) \\ r \sin(\varphi) \\ z \end{array} \right]}{\left\| \left[ \begin{array}{c} r^1 \cos(\varphi^1) \\ r^1 \sin(\varphi^1) \\ z^1 \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} r \cos(\varphi) \\ r \sin(\varphi) \\ z \end{array} \right] \right\|^3}$$

$$= \frac{Q}{2\pi R} R \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} d\varphi \frac{\left[ \begin{array}{c} r^l \cos(\varphi) \\ r^l \sin(\varphi) \\ z^l \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} R \cos(\varphi) \\ R \sin(\varphi) \\ 0 \end{array} \right]}{\left\| \left[ \begin{array}{c} r^l \cos(\varphi) \\ r^l \sin(\varphi) \\ z^l \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} R \cos(\varphi) \\ R \sin(\varphi) \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \right\|^3}$$

How to calculate distances in cylindrical coordinates?

$$\left\| \left[ \begin{array}{c} r^l \cos(\varphi) \\ r^l \sin(\varphi) \\ z^l \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} R \cos(\varphi) \\ R \sin(\varphi) \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \right\|^2 = (z^l)^2 + R^2 + r^l^2 - 2r^l R \cos(\varphi - \varphi^l)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} r^l \cos(\varphi) \\ r^l \sin(\varphi) \\ z^l \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} R \cos(\varphi) \\ R \sin(\varphi) \\ 0 \end{array} \right] = z^l e_3 + [r^l \cos(\varphi^l) - R \cos(\varphi)] e_1 + [r^l \sin(\varphi^l) - R \sin(\varphi)] e_2$$

$$\Rightarrow E(r^l, \varphi^l, z^l) = \frac{Q}{2\pi} z^l e_3 \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{\left[ (z^l)^2 + R^2 + r^l^2 - 2r^l R \cos(\varphi - \varphi^l) \right]^{3/2}} +$$

$$+ \frac{Q}{2\pi} (r^l \cos(\varphi^l) e_1 + r^l \sin(\varphi^l) e_2) \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{\left[ (z^l)^2 + R^2 + r^l^2 - 2r^l R \cos(\varphi - \varphi^l) \right]^{3/2}}$$

$$- \frac{Q}{2\pi} R \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{[\cos(\varphi) e_1 + \sin(\varphi) e_2] d\varphi}{\left[ (z^l)^2 + R^2 + r^l^2 - 2r^l R \cos(\varphi - \varphi^l) \right]^{3/2}}$$

$$=: \frac{Q}{2\pi} (z^l e_3 + r^l \cos(\varphi^l) e_1 + r^l \sin(\varphi^l) e_2) I_1 - \frac{Q R}{2\pi} I_2$$

$$I_1 \equiv \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 \cos(\varphi - \varphi_1))^{3/2}}$$

$$\alpha^2 = (z')^2 + R^2 + r'^2 \quad [20]$$

$$\beta^2 = 2r' R$$

transl.

invar.

$$I_2 \equiv \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 \cos(\varphi))^3}$$

= Some terrible elliptic functions

$$I_3 \equiv \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{\cos(\varphi)}{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 \cos(\varphi - \varphi_1))^{3/2}} d\varphi$$

= not any better ...

Special case :  $r'^1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = 0, \quad \alpha^2 = (z')^2 + R^2$$

$$I_1 = \frac{2\pi}{R^3} = \frac{2\pi}{((z')^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

$I_2 = 0$  due to symmetry.

$$\Rightarrow E(r'^1 = 0, z') = \frac{Q^2 e^2}{((z')^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} .$$

Example : Scattered finite # of point charges:

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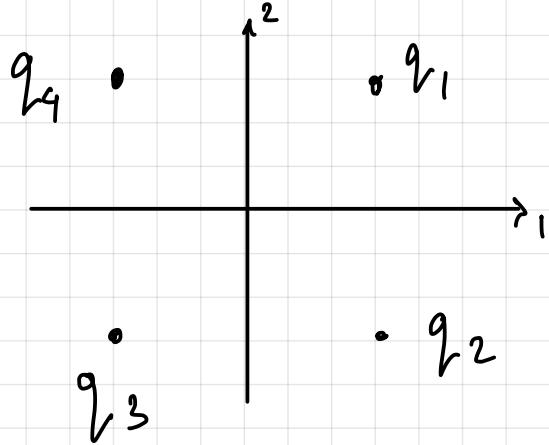
$$\rho(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N q_j \delta(x - r_j)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(r) = \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \frac{\rho(x)}{\|r-x\|^3} (r-x) dx$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^N q_j \frac{r - r_j}{\|r - r_j\|^3}$$

as expected.

Special case:  $N = 4$



$$q_1 = -q, q_2 = -2q, q_3 = 2q, q_4 = q$$

$$r_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix}, r_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -a \end{bmatrix}, r_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -a \\ -a \end{bmatrix}, r_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -a \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$

yields:

$$E(r) = -q \frac{r - \begin{bmatrix} q \\ a \end{bmatrix}}{\|r - \begin{bmatrix} q \\ a \end{bmatrix}\|^3} - 2q \frac{r - \begin{bmatrix} q \\ -a \end{bmatrix}}{\|r - \begin{bmatrix} q \\ -a \end{bmatrix}\|^3}$$

$$+ 2q \frac{r - \begin{bmatrix} -q \\ -a \end{bmatrix}}{\|r - \begin{bmatrix} -q \\ -a \end{bmatrix}\|^3} + q \frac{r - \begin{bmatrix} -q \\ a \end{bmatrix}}{\|r - \begin{bmatrix} -q \\ a \end{bmatrix}\|^3}$$

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} \pm q \\ \pm a \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2 = a^2 + a^2 = 2a^2$$

$$\rightsquigarrow E(0) = \frac{q}{(\sqrt{2}a)^3} \left( + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} 1+2+2+1 \\ 1-2+2-1 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$E(0) = \frac{6q}{2^{3/2}a^2}$$