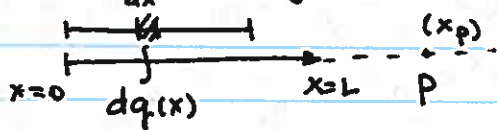


# Continuous charge distribution

1D

Linear charge density



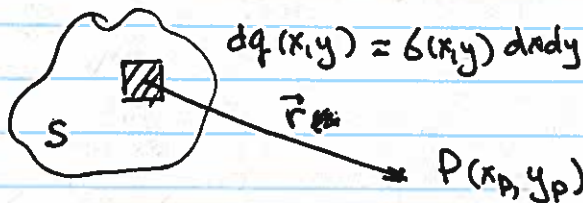
$$\lambda(x) = \frac{dq(x)}{dx}$$

$$E(x_p) = \int_0^L dE(x) = \int_0^L \frac{k dq(x)}{(x_p - x)^2} = \int_0^L \frac{k \lambda(x) dx}{(x_p - x)^2}$$

$$V(x_p) = \int_0^L \frac{k dq}{(x_p - x)} = \int_0^L \frac{k \lambda dx}{(x_p - x)}$$

2D

Surface charge density



$$\sigma(x, y) = \frac{dq(x, y)}{dxdy}$$

$$\vec{E}(x_p, y_p) = \iint_S \frac{k dq(x, y)}{r^2} \hat{r} = \iint_S \frac{k dq(x, y)}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

where  $\vec{r} = [(x_p - x), (y_p - y)]$

$$= \iint_S dxdy \frac{k \sigma(x, y)}{[(x_p - x)^2 + (y_p - y)^2]^{3/2}} \{ (x_p - x), (y_p - y) \}$$

$$V(x_p, y_p) = \iint_S \frac{k dq(x, y)}{r} = \iint_S \frac{k \sigma dxdy}{\sqrt{(x_p - x)^2 + (y_p - y)^2}}$$

3D

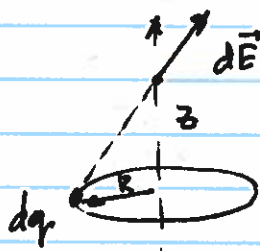
Volume charge density



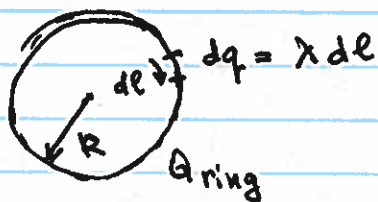
$$dq(x, y, z) = \rho(x, y, z) dxdydz$$

$$\rho(x, y, z) = \frac{dq(x, y, z)}{dxdydz}$$

## Uniformly - charged ring



Top view



(Detailed treatment in previous notes)

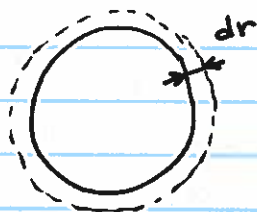
Need only  $dE_z = \frac{kz dq}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$

$$E_z(z) = \int dE_z = \int \frac{kz dq}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} =$$

$$= \frac{kz}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} \int dq = \frac{kz Q_{\text{ring}}}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$dV = \frac{k dq}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \Rightarrow V(z) = \frac{k Q_{\text{ring}}}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}}$$

## Uniformly charged disc



$$\delta = \frac{Q_{\text{disc}}}{\pi R^2}$$

$$dq_{\text{ring}} = \delta \cdot 2\pi r dr$$

$$dE_{z \text{ ring}} = \frac{kz}{(z^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} dq_{\text{ring}} =$$

$$= \frac{2\pi k \delta r z dr}{(z^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E_{z \text{ disc}} = \int_0^R \frac{[2\pi k \delta z] r dr}{(z^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} =$$

$$= 2\pi k \delta z \int_0^R \frac{r dr}{(z^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} = 2\pi k \delta z \left[ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2 + r^2}} \right]_0^R =$$

$$= 2\pi \delta k z \left( \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right) = 2\pi \delta k \left[ 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right]$$

$R \rightarrow \infty$  infinite plane  $E_{\text{plane}} = 2\pi \delta k$

## Electric potential of a disc

$$dV = \frac{k dq}{\sqrt{z^2 + r^2}} = \frac{k \cdot 2\pi r \delta dr}{\sqrt{z^2 + r^2}}$$

$$V = \int_0^R \frac{2\pi k \delta r dr}{\sqrt{z^2 + r^2}} = 2\pi k \delta \sqrt{z^2 + R^2} \Big|_0^R =$$

$$= 2\pi k \delta (\sqrt{z^2 + R^2} - |z|)$$

Here it is a little trickier to jump to the expression for the infinite plane since  $V \rightarrow \infty$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ . Here we have to remember that only difference in potential energy matters, so we can set  $V=0$  at any convenient location.

$$V = 2\pi k \delta (\sqrt{z^2 + R^2} - |z|) \stackrel{R \gg z}{\approx} 2\pi k \delta (R - |z|) + \textcircled{V_0}$$

Let's set  $V=0$  at  $z=0 \Rightarrow V_0 = -2\pi k \delta R$

$$\text{Then } V = -2\pi k \delta \cdot |z| = -\frac{\delta}{2\epsilon_0} \cdot z = -E_z \cdot |z|$$