

Physics 2: Series 2

Electric dipole and continuous charge distribution

Exercise 1

Consider an electric dipole having a dipole moment  $\vec{p}$  and  $a$  the distance between its two charges  $-q$  and  $+q$  (Figure 1).

1. Calculate the electric potential  $V$  and field  $\vec{E}$  produced by the dipole at point  $M$  ( $\overline{OM} = \vec{r}$ ) as a function of  $p$ ,  $\theta$  and  $r$ , knowing that  $a \ll r$ .
2. Find the equation of equipotential surfaces and the equation of field lines.

Exercise 2

We consider a wire  $F'F$  of length  $2d$  charged with a constant linear density  $\lambda > 0$ .

- 1- Calculate the field  $\vec{E}$  and the potential  $V$  created at a point  $M$  of the axis  $OY$  located at a distance  $y$  from the wire (figure 2).
2. Deduce  $E$  and  $V$  when  $M$  is in the mediating plane of the wire  $F'F$ .
3. Deduce  $E$  when the wire  $F'F$  is of infinite length.

Exercise 3

A disk with center  $O$  and radius  $R$  carrying a constant and positive surface charge  $\sigma$ .

1. Calculate  $\vec{E}$  and  $V$  created at a point  $M$  of its axis  $OX$ , located at a distance  $x$  from the disk (figure 3).
2. Check the relationship between the field and the potential:  $\vec{E} = -\text{grad}V$ .
3. What becomes to the field  $E$  when the radius of the disk  $R$  tends towards infinity?

Exercise 4

We consider a uniformly charged ring with center  $O$ , radius  $R$  and positive linear charge  $\lambda$  ( Figure 3).

1. Calculate the total charge  $Q$  of the ring.
2. Calculate the field  $\vec{E}_{tot}$  and the potential  $V$  created at point  $M$  located on its axis  $OY$  such that  $OM = y$ .
3. Find the potential  $V$  using the relationship between the field and the potential.

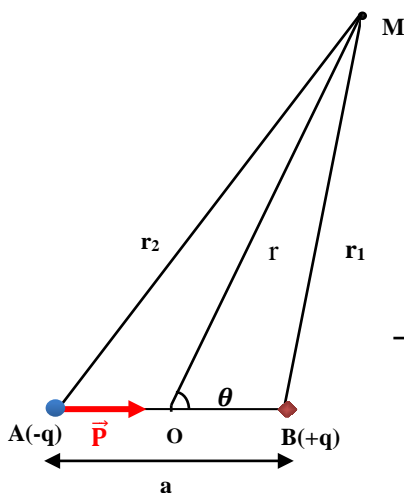


Figure 1

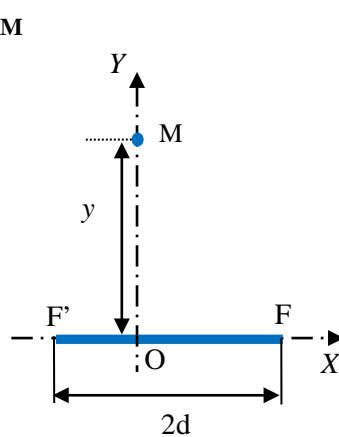


Figure 2

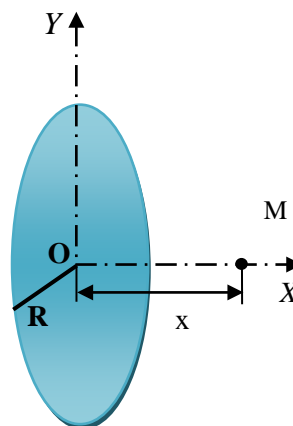


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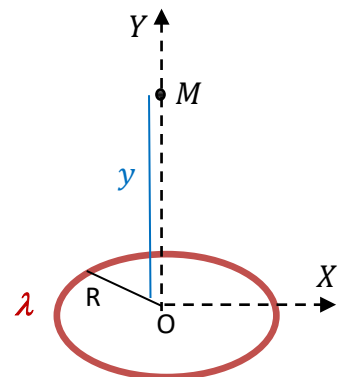


Figure 4

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