

# Physics 1412 - September 23, 2008

- How did Thurs. "Lecture" work out?
- Exam I - Oct 7 0800-0920 Loc TBA  
NOT Oct 2 during class time
  - Calculators
  - 1 3x5 index card (both sides) formulas
  - Past P1412 exams
  - formula sheet + integral tables supplied
  - Material coverage forth coming

Last time



Work  
charge

to move  $Q$  from  $I \rightarrow II$  is potential difference

$$\Delta \text{ Energy of system} \equiv \Delta U$$

$$\frac{W}{q} = - \frac{\Delta U}{q} \equiv \text{Potential difference}$$

well defined

Absolute potential requires  
that a "zero" be defined

$$V \text{ or } \Delta V \text{ or } V_{I,II} \text{ or } V_{II} - V_I$$

units  $\rightarrow$  Joules / Coulomb

# Man of the Hour



$$1 \text{ Volt} = 1 \text{ Joule} / \text{Coulomb}$$

Count Alessandro Giuseppe  
Antonio Anastasio Volta

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Como, Lombardy, Italy

1745 - 1827

hopefully this man  
didn't go thru his whole life  
this pissed off

Invented the Voltaic pile  
forerunner of the

Modern battery

Electrostatics (Electromagnetism)  
is a conservative force



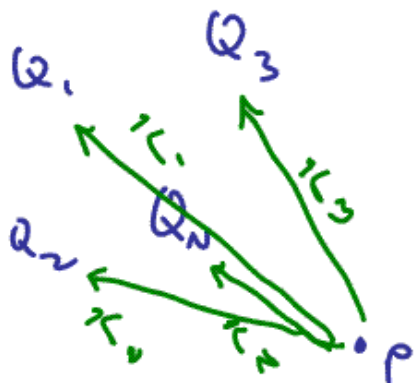
Potential difference is Path independent

Point  
charge



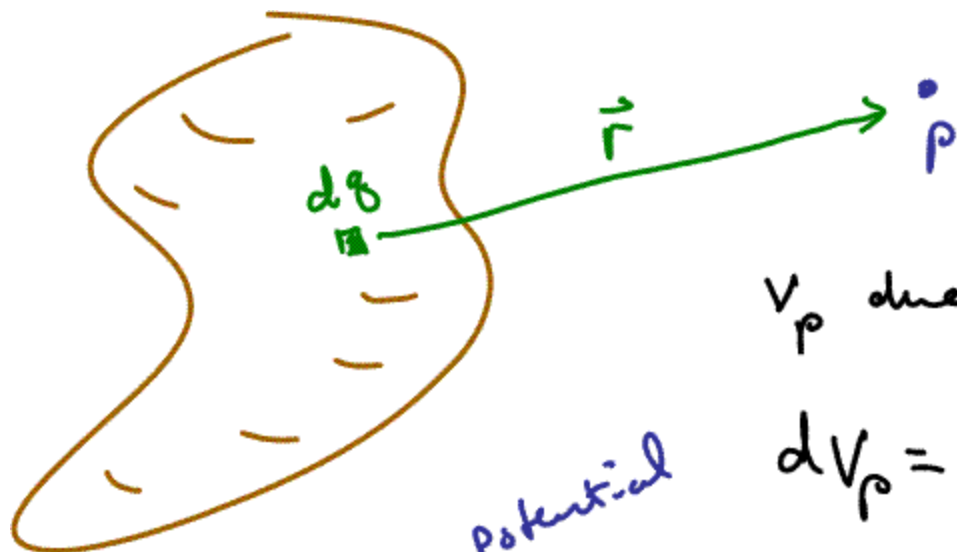
$$V_p = \frac{kQ}{r}$$

Note this is  
a scalar



$$V_p = \sum_i \frac{kQ_i}{r_i}$$

Potential of  
sum is  
scalar sum  
of potentials



$V_p$  due  $dg$

$$dV_p = \frac{1}{r} dg$$

Potential

$$V_p = \int_{\text{Volume}} \frac{1}{r} dg$$

$\int dv$   
Volume

Why do you care??

$$E_s = - \frac{dV}{ds}$$

can get  $\vec{E}$  from  $V$ .

$$V(x) \rightarrow E_x = - \frac{dV}{dx}$$

$$V(x, y, z)$$

$$\vec{E} = \hat{i} E_x + \hat{j} E_y + \hat{k} E_z$$

$$\vec{E} = \hat{i} \left( - \frac{dV}{dx} \right) + \hat{j} \left( - \frac{dV}{dy} \right) + \hat{k} \left( - \frac{dV}{dz} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial s} = \frac{dV}{ds} \quad \text{where all other variables are treated as constant}$$

$$\vec{E} = \hat{i} \left( -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{j} \left( -\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + \hat{k} \left( -\frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\vec{E} \equiv -\vec{\nabla} v = -\text{grad } v$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \equiv \text{gradient} \equiv \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$v = f(x, y, z) = e^x y^2 z^3$$

$$\vec{E} = -e^x y^2 z^3 \hat{i} - 2y e^x z^3 \hat{j} - 3z^2 e^x y^2 \hat{k}$$

Vector operator



2 conducting spheres  
connected by conducting wire

← Deposit  $Q$   
How does it get  
distributed?

$$\frac{kQ_1}{R_1} = \frac{kQ_2}{R_2}$$

$$Q_1 : Q_2 \text{ as } R_1 : R_2$$



where does breakdown occur?

$$E_1 = \frac{kQ_1}{R_1^2}$$

$$\frac{kQ_1}{R_1^2}$$

$$\frac{kQ_2}{R_2^2}$$

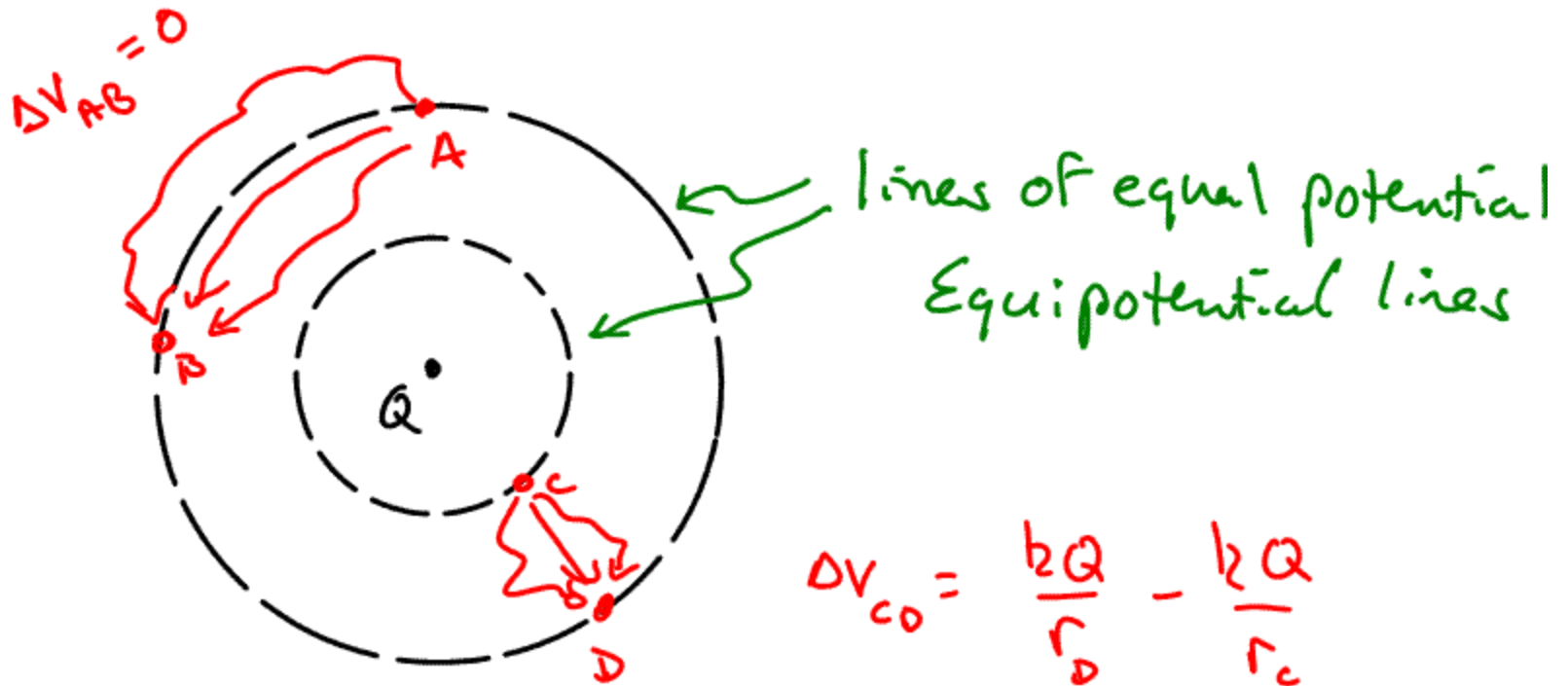
$$E_2 = \frac{kQ_2}{R_2^2}$$

$$\frac{kQ_1}{R_1} \frac{1}{R_1}$$

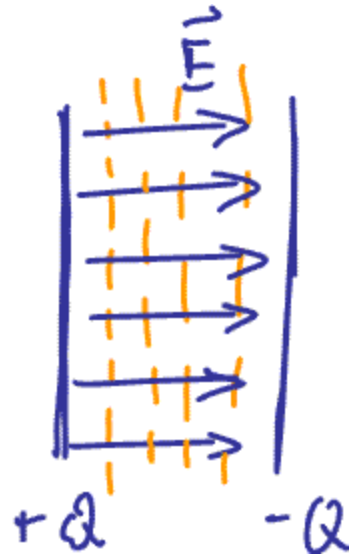
$$\frac{kQ_2}{R_2} \frac{1}{R_2}$$



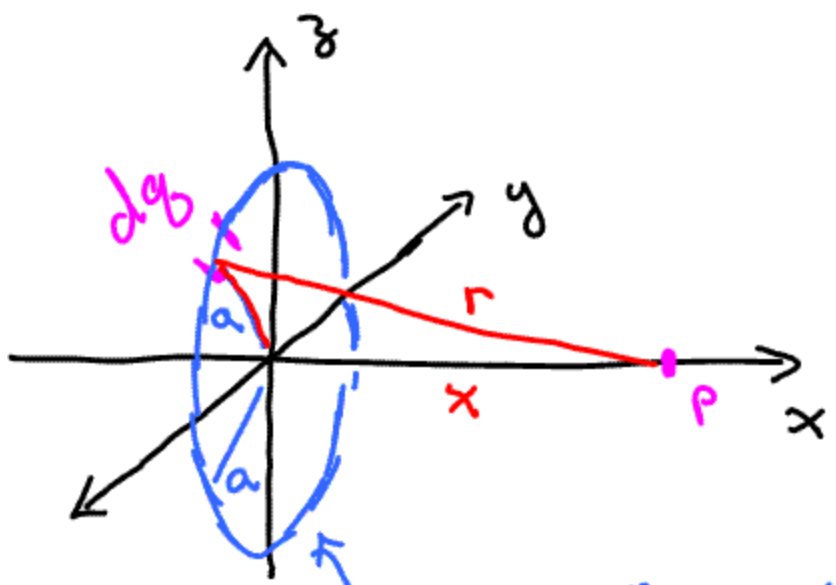

$$V_P = \frac{kQ}{r}$$



Equipotential lines always at right angles  
to electric field



Determine  $V_p$  and  $\vec{E}_p$

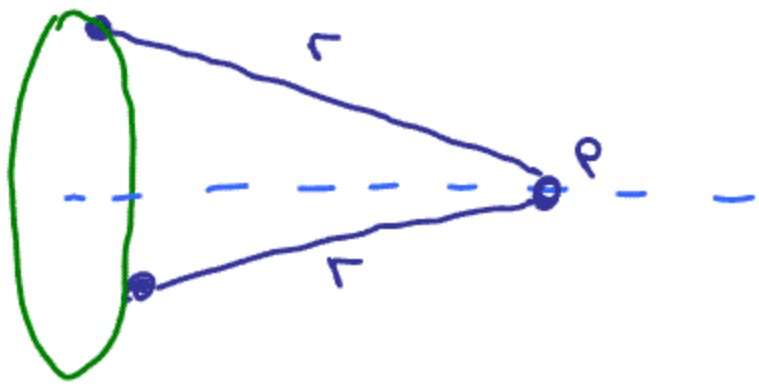


Charge  $Q$  evenly distributed on ring

$$dq = \lambda ds$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{2\pi a}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}$$



$$V_p = \int_{\text{ring}} \frac{k dq}{r}$$

$$V_p = \frac{k}{r} \int \lambda ds = \frac{k \lambda}{r} 2\pi a$$

$$V_p = k \frac{Q}{2\pi a} \frac{2\pi a}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} = \frac{kQ}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}}$$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$   $V_p \rightarrow k \frac{Q}{x}$  (looks like point charge from distance)

$$\vec{E}_p = -\nabla V = -\frac{d}{dx} \frac{kQ \hat{x}}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} = \frac{kQx}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} \hat{x}$$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$   $\vec{E} \rightarrow \frac{kQ}{x^2} \hat{x}$  (looks like a point chg)