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## Electric Forces & Fields



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# Electric Forces & fields

Electric charge:

SI unit Coulomb (C)

fundamental attributes of particles of which matter is made of.

It is physical property of certain fundamental particles (electron, proton)

(matter  $\rightarrow$  atom) made of proton, electron & neutron

To distinguish the nature of interaction charge

positive

negative

proton

electron

+

neutral no charge

orbits around nucleus

and neutrons made

We represent charge on proton & electron by  $+e$  &  $-e$

| particle | mass                               | charge                            |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| electron | $9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$   | $-1.69 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ |
| proton   | $1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$  | $1.69 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$  |
| neutron  | $1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ | $0 \text{ C}$                     |

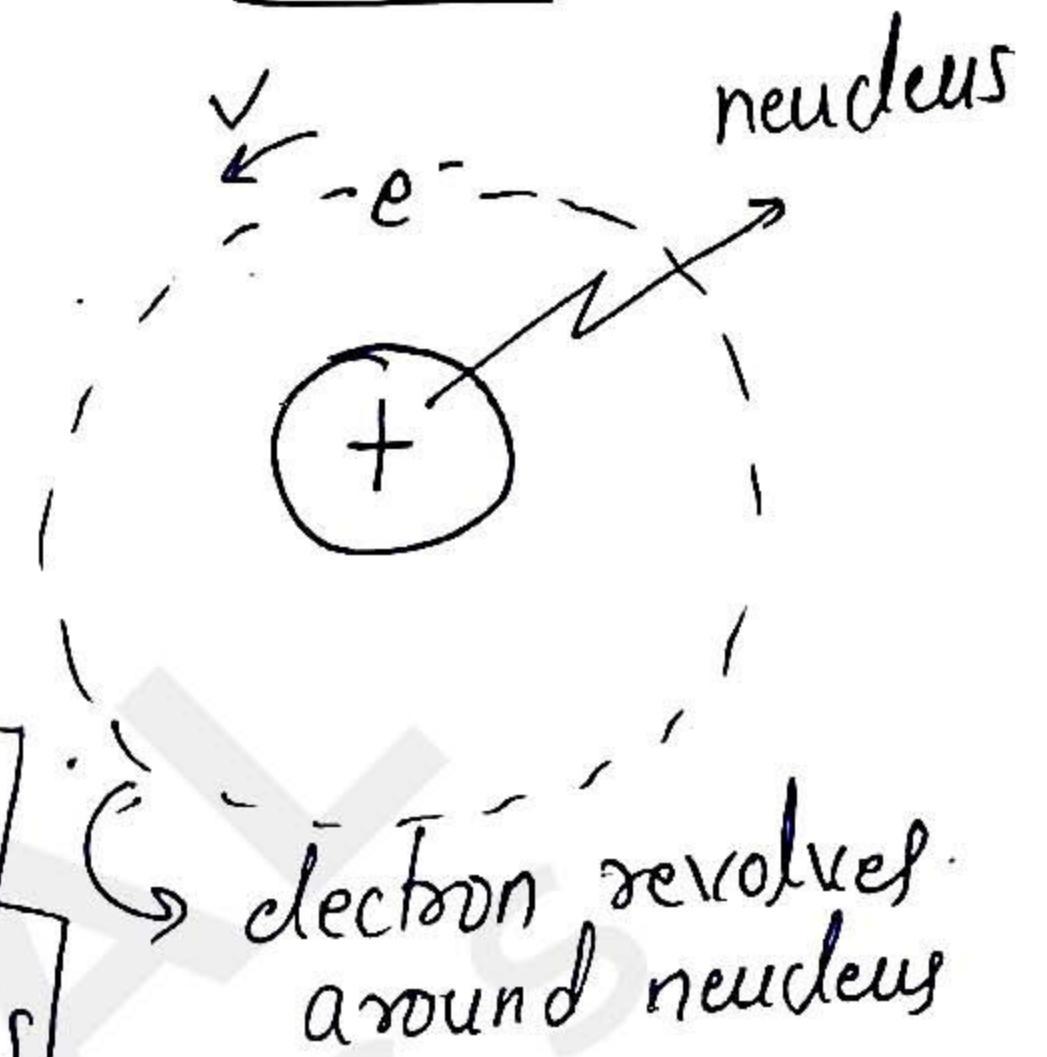
so  $|e| = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

represents electronic charge



⇒ like charges repels and unlike charges attracts.

⇒  $\leftarrow (+) \quad (+) \rightarrow$  → repels  
 $\leftarrow (-) \quad (-) \rightarrow$  → repels  
 $(-) \rightarrow \leftarrow (+)$  → attracts



Ordinary matter contains equal number of protons and electrons

electron revolves around nucleus

body → charged by → transfer of electrons

Electrons are in outer shells and it is easier to remove.

protons can't be removed from nucleus

" To charge a body negatively  
electrons given to it "

" To charge a body positively →

Some electrons are taken from it.

Work function → work to be done on a body in order to remove an electron from its surface



# charging

friction

conduction

Induction

"When two bodies rubbed, one body transfer electron to other."

transfer of charge from other body

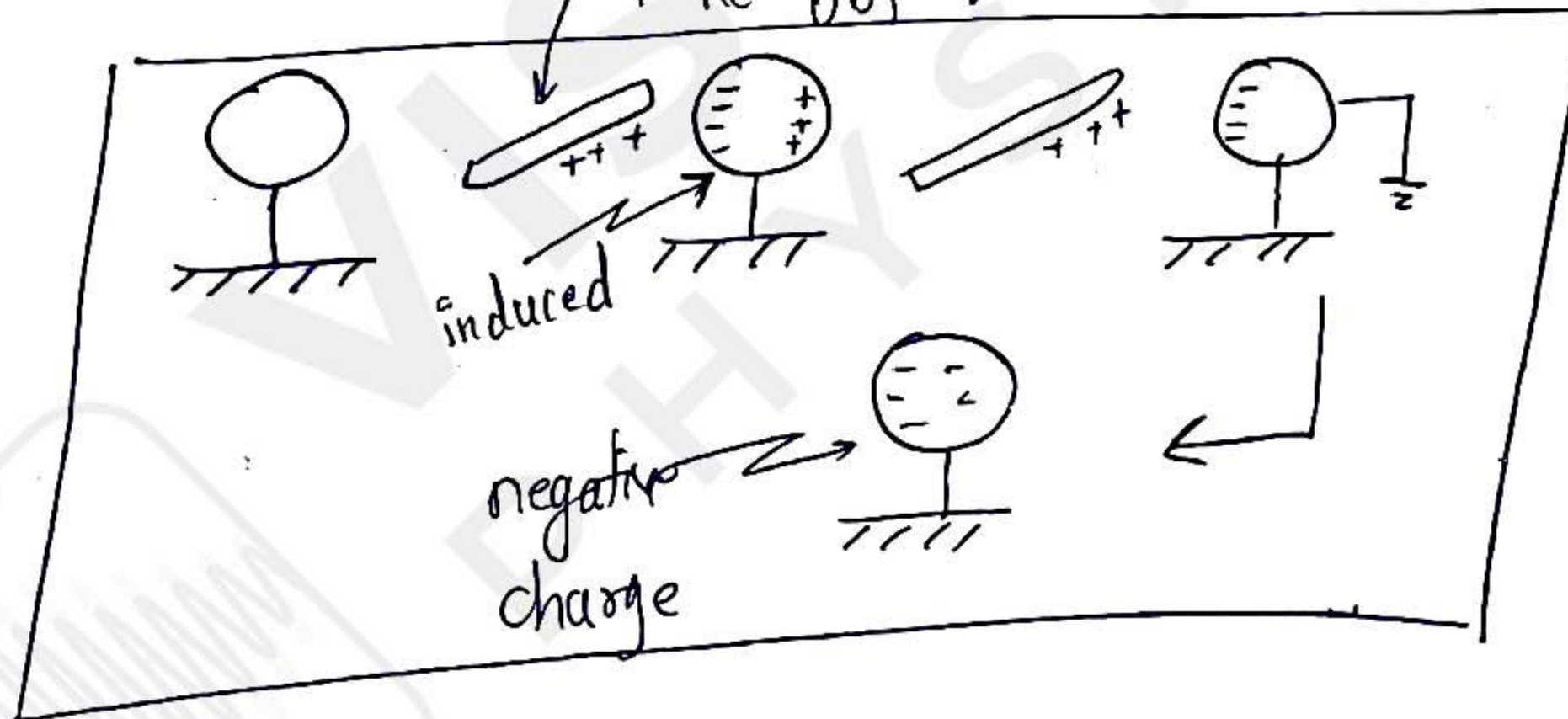
charge body attracts opposite charge and repel similar charge.  $\oplus$  Let bring positive charge

glass rod rubbed with silk

$\oplus$

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bringing positive to neutral object



When charge is stationary force between them is called "Electrostatic force"

## Properties of Electric charge

Quantization of charge

$$Q = \pm ne$$

where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Conservation of charge

total charge on isolate system is constant

Additivity

"net charge is algebraic charge"  
e.g.  $2C, -5C, 4C$   
 $net\ q = 2 - 5 + 4 = 1C$

charge is Invariant

does not depend on speed



## Coulomb's law:



$|\vec{F}| = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$

charge magnitude on charges  
 separation between them.

$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$

$\epsilon_0 \rightarrow 1$  for air or vacuum  
 absolute permittivity of free space  
 $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$

$\epsilon_r =$  dielectric constant  
 relative permittivity of space

$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$

Coulomb's law:  $\rightarrow$  applicable only for point charges

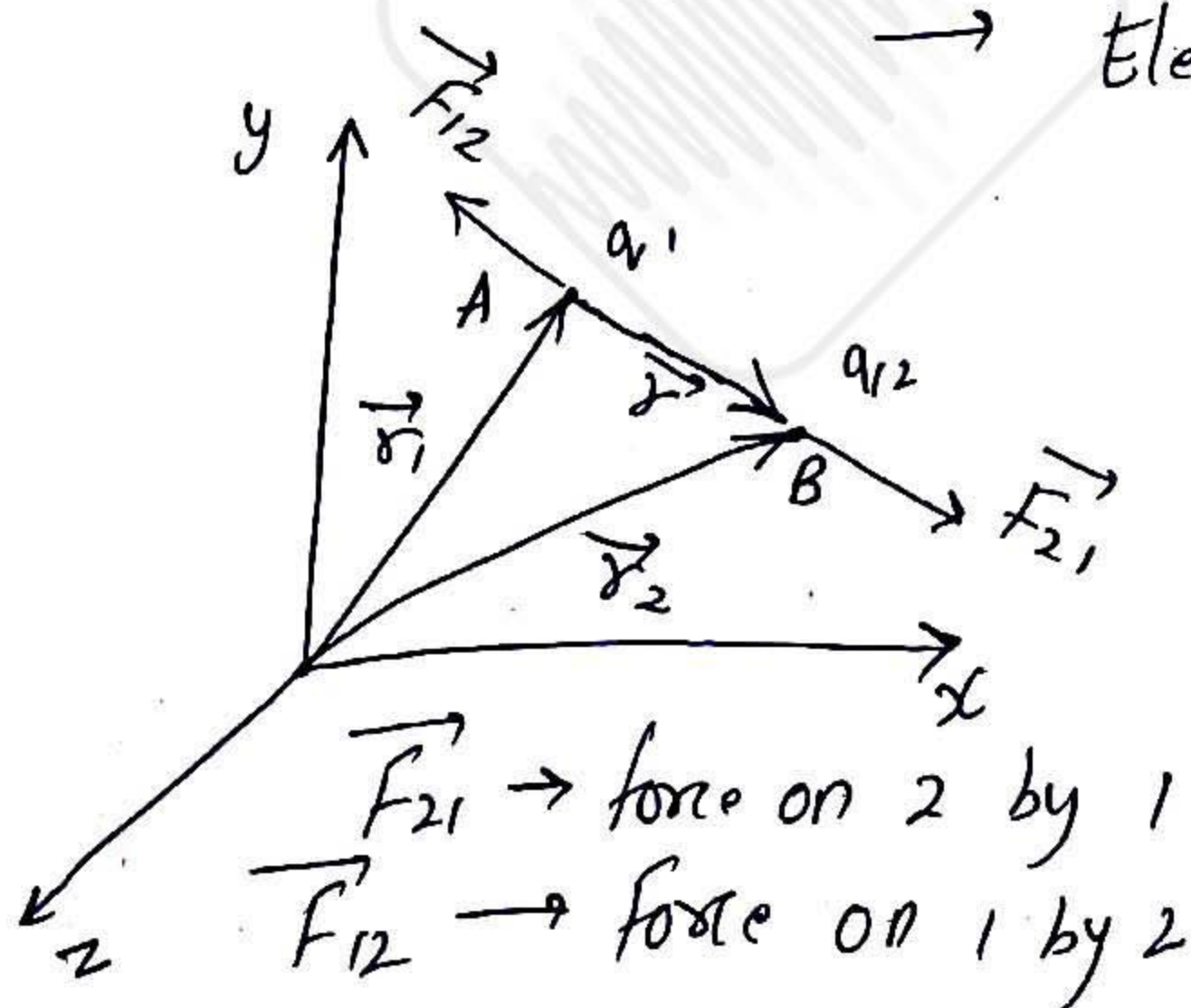
$|\vec{r}| = r$   
 $=$  distance between  $q_1$  &  $q_2$

$\rightarrow$  It is inverse square law

$\rightarrow$  obey's Newton's third law

$\rightarrow$  Force acts along the line joining two particles

$\rightarrow$  Electrostatic force is conservative force.



$$\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|} = \frac{\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|}$$

$$\vec{F}_{21} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{F}_{21} = \frac{q_1 q_2 (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{4\pi\epsilon |\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3}}$$

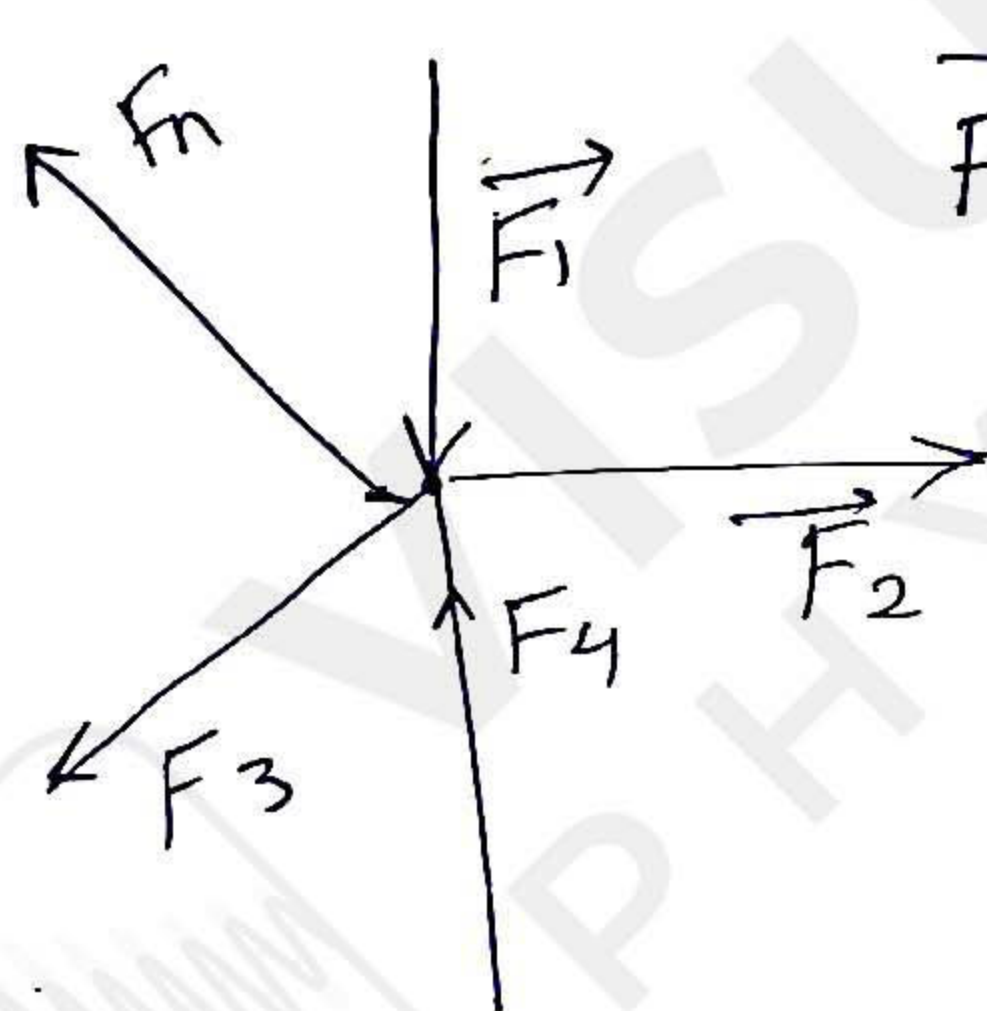


and as  $|\vec{F}_{12}| = |\vec{F}_{21}| \rightarrow$  Newton's third law

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_{12} = -\vec{F}_{21}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{F}_{12} = -\frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3}} = -\vec{F}_{21} \{$$

superposition principle:



$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \dots + \vec{F}_n$$

# To find the net force either we can use vector addition formula or can first resolve the vectors in given 2 or 3 directions (Depending on whether it is a 2D or 3D question) And then using algebraic sum in each direction and  $\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}$  to get final answer.



# Electric field

A space around a charge in which its influence can be felt by any other charged particle.

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{Q}{r^2}$$

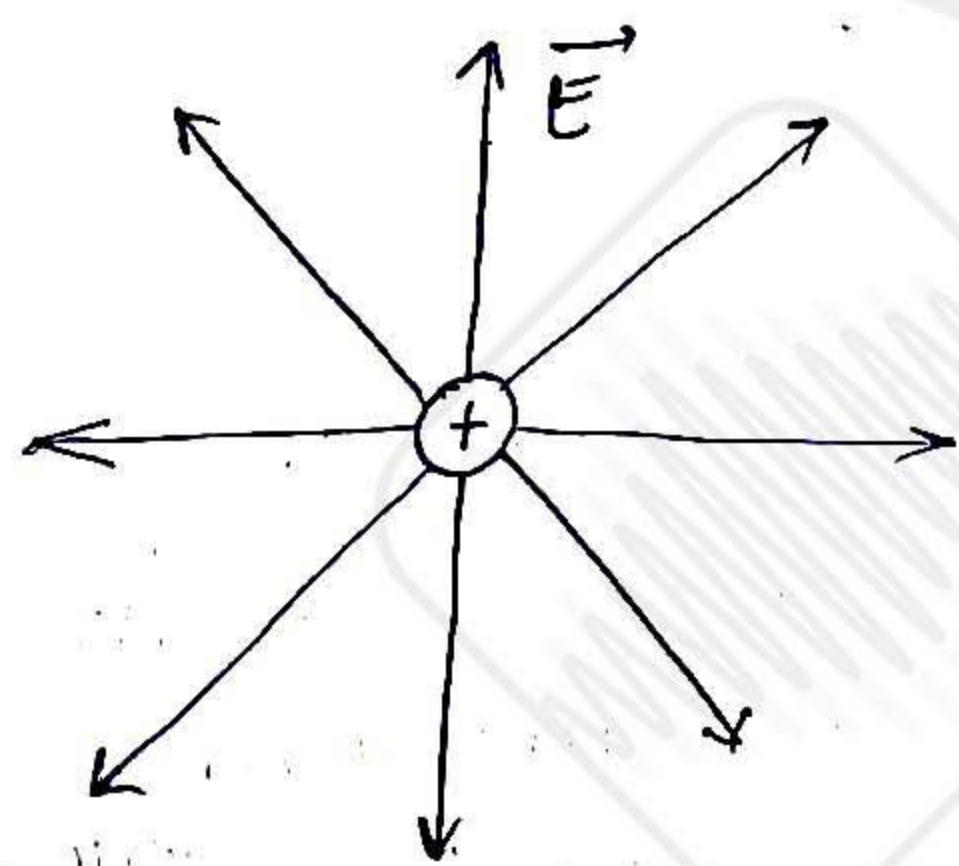
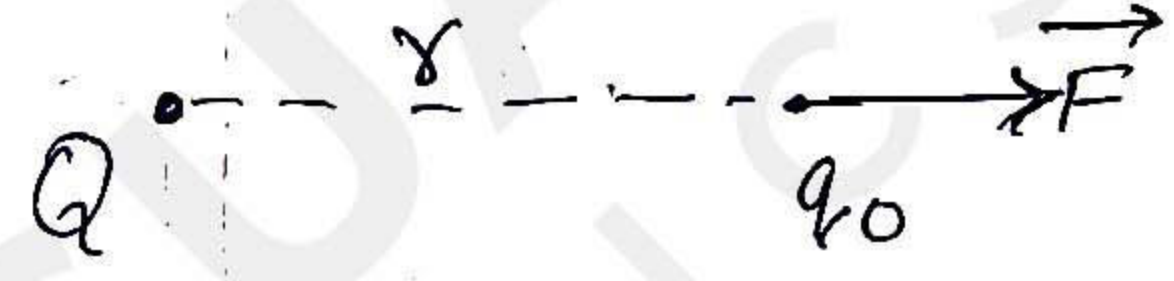
charge of the particle

distance, at which we are finding intensity.

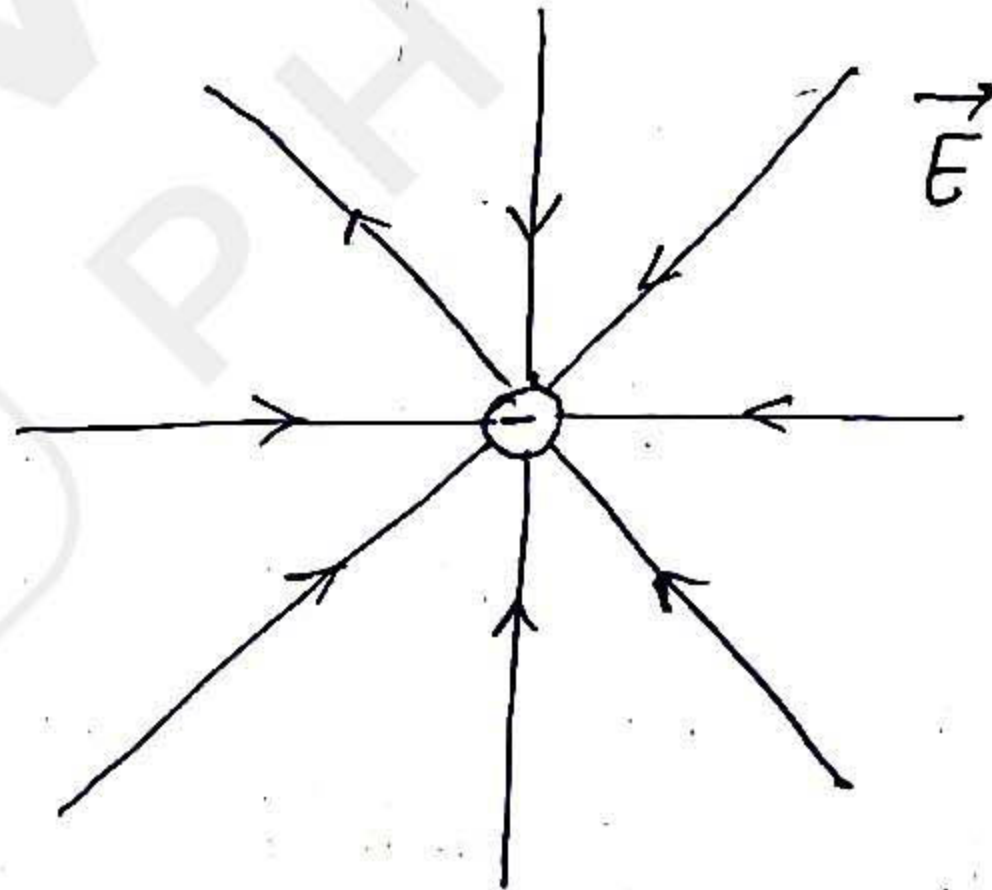
electric field intensity

$$\vec{E} = \lim_{q_0 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}}{q_0}$$

force on test charge  $q_0$  due to  $Q$   
unit positive charge



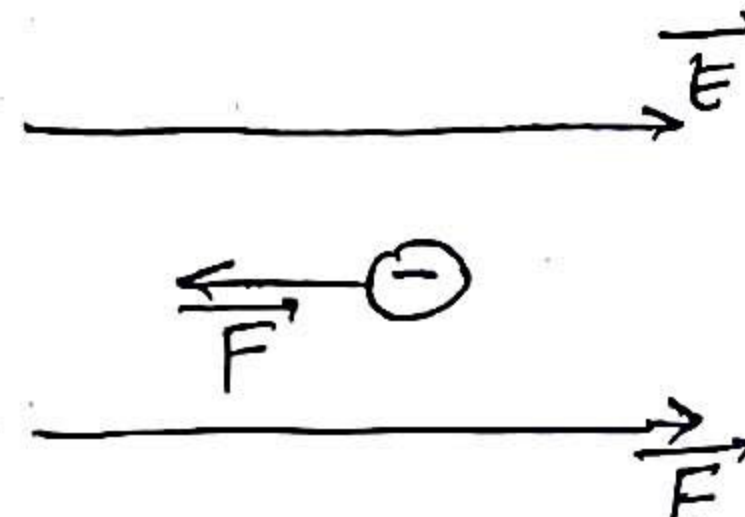
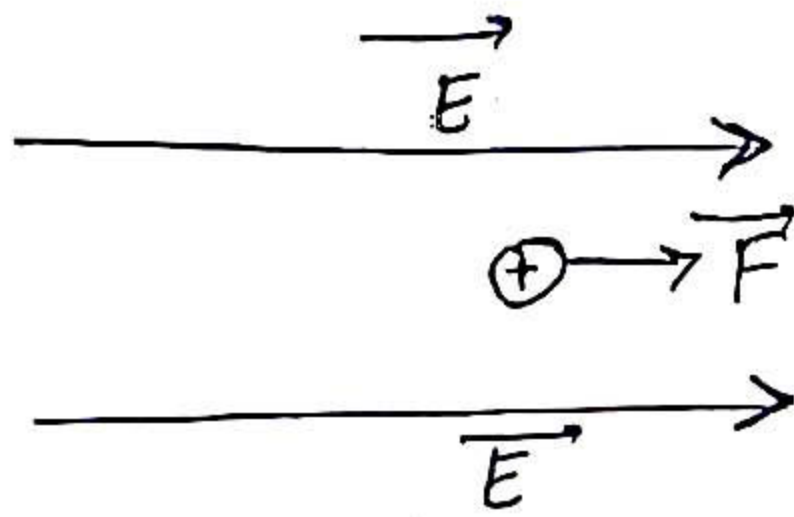
$\vec{E}$  point outwards for positive charge



$\vec{E}$  point inward for negative charge

$\vec{E} \rightarrow$  spherically symmetric



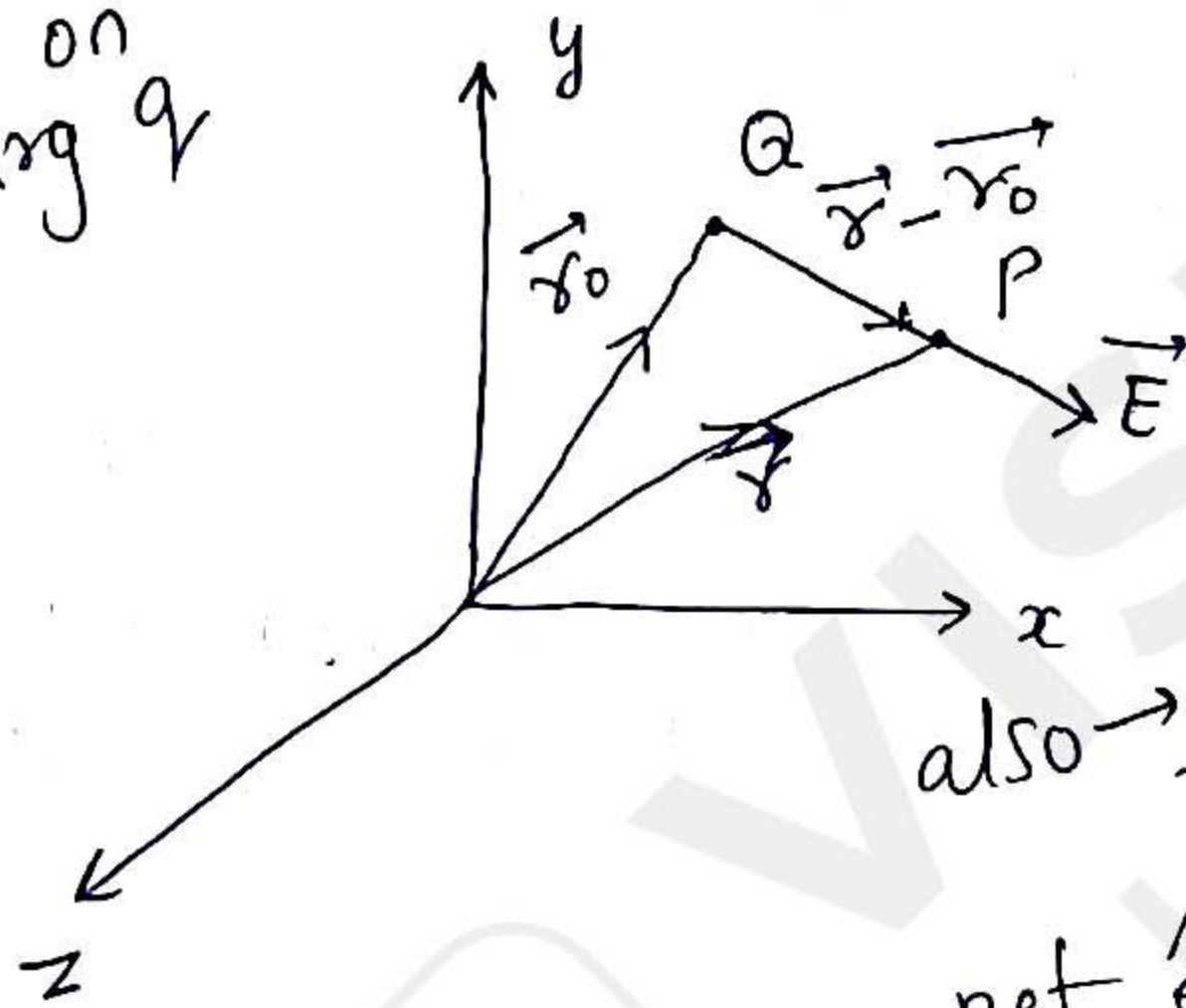


Force direction on charge when placed in External Electric field.

$$\vec{F} = q \vec{E}$$

External electric field

force on charge  $q$



$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^3}$$

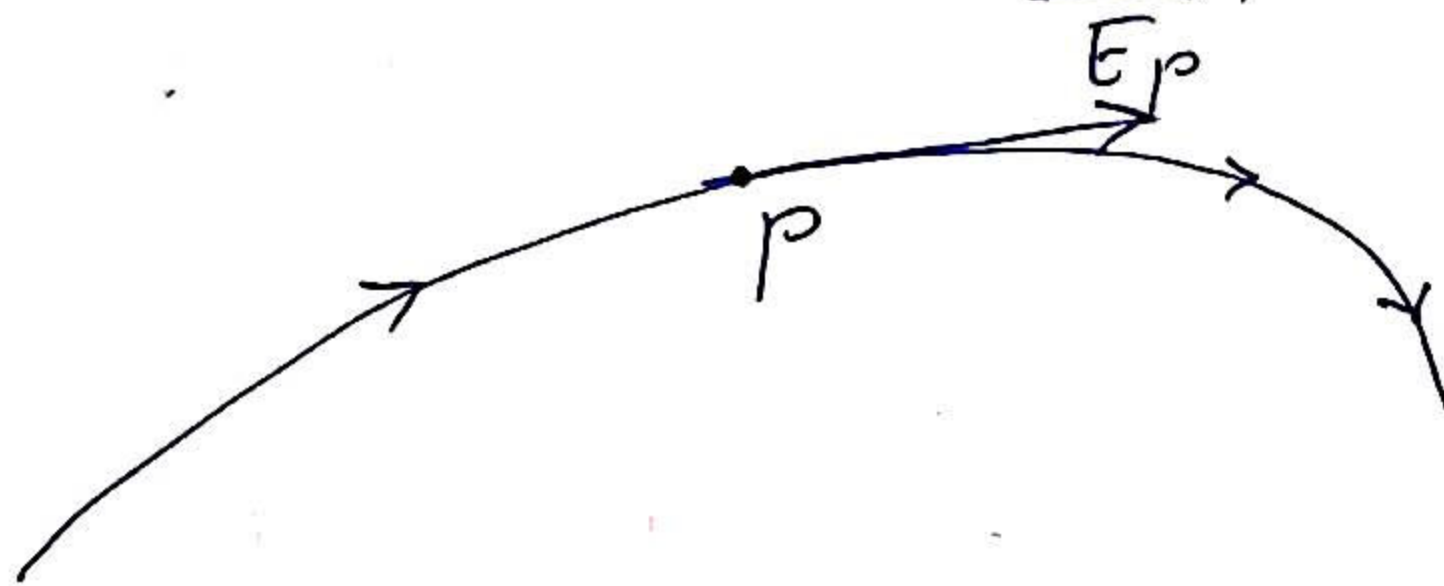
$$\vec{E}_{\text{net}} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 + \dots + \vec{E}_n$$

net electric field at any point

Electric fields at given point

Lines of force:

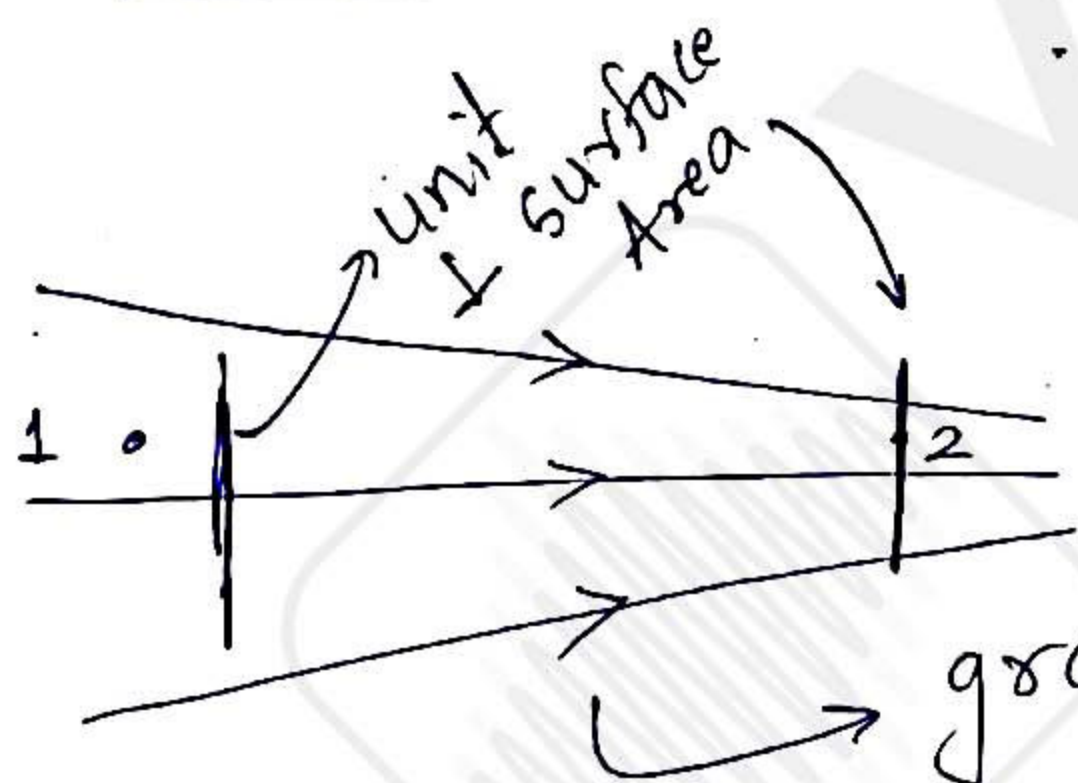
drawn in space in such a way that tangent to the line at any point gives the direction of electric field at that point.



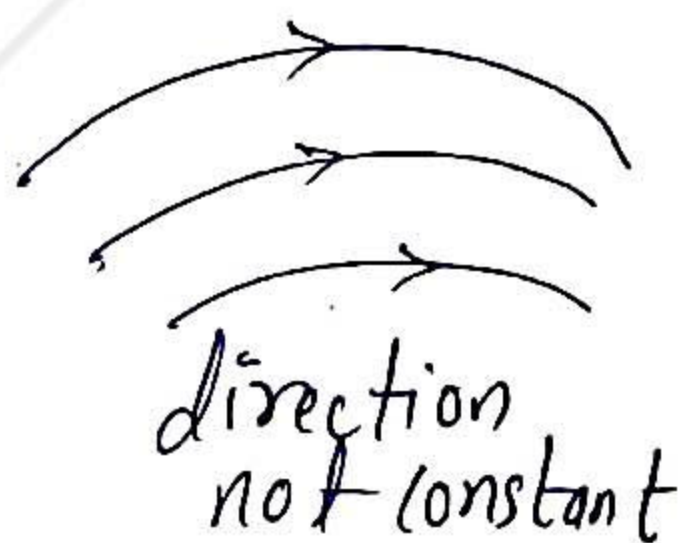
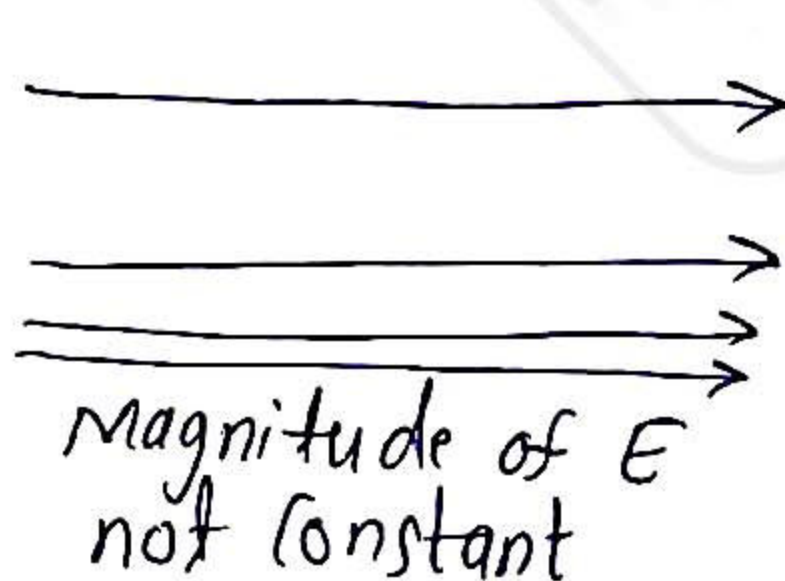


- Electric line of force start from positive charge and ends at negative charge.
- The tangent drawn gives direction of force acting on positive charge.
- Unit  $\rightarrow \text{N/C}$
- Can never be closed loop.
- Electric field lines can never cross each other
- $\vec{E}$  field inside a conductor is always zero, in static condition
- $\vec{E}$  field lines can never end and starts at same point.

★ Electric field intensity = number of  $\vec{E}$  field lines passing through a unit perpendicular surface Area.

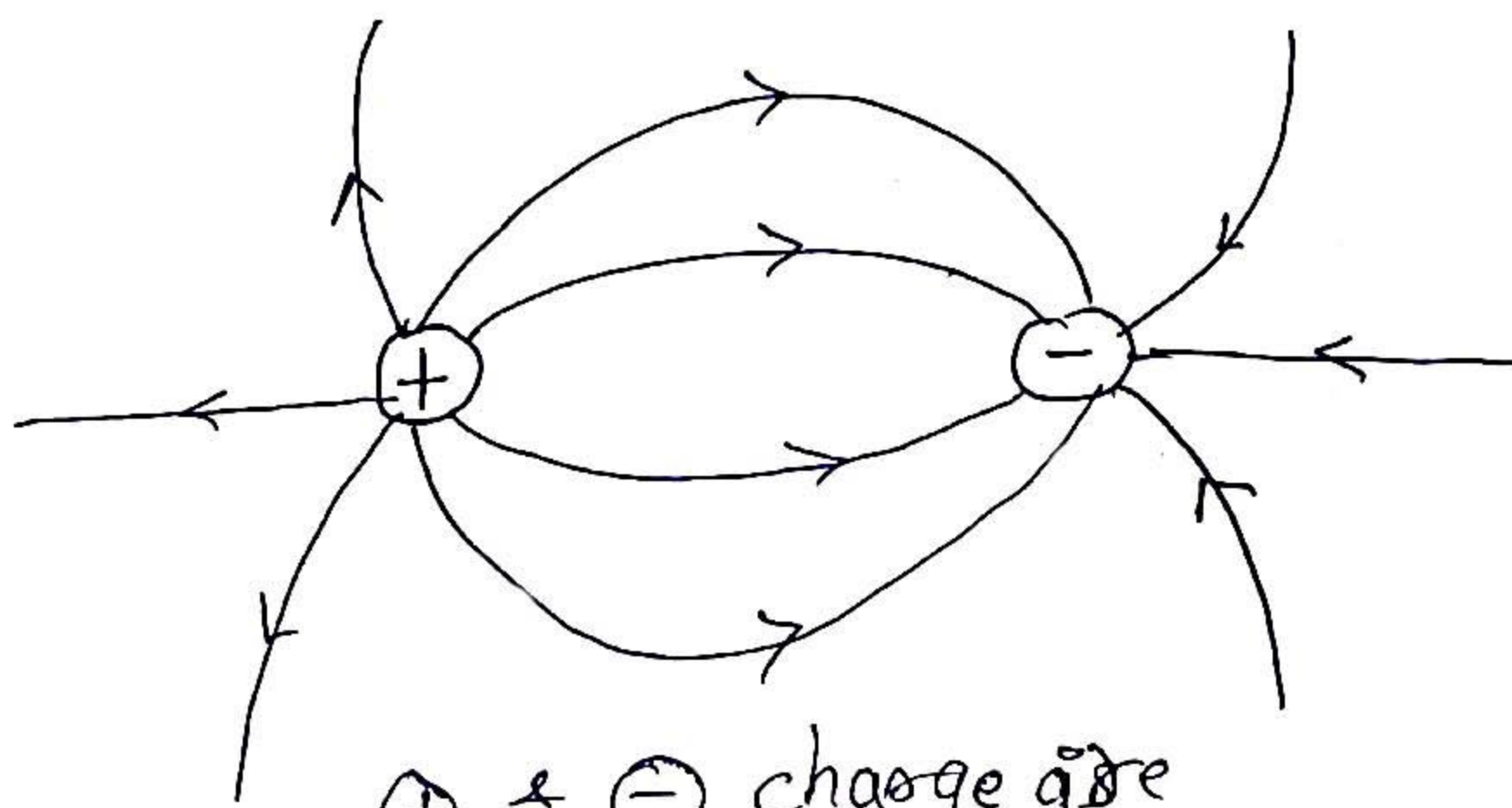


graphically we can say  $\vec{E}_1 > \vec{E}_2$

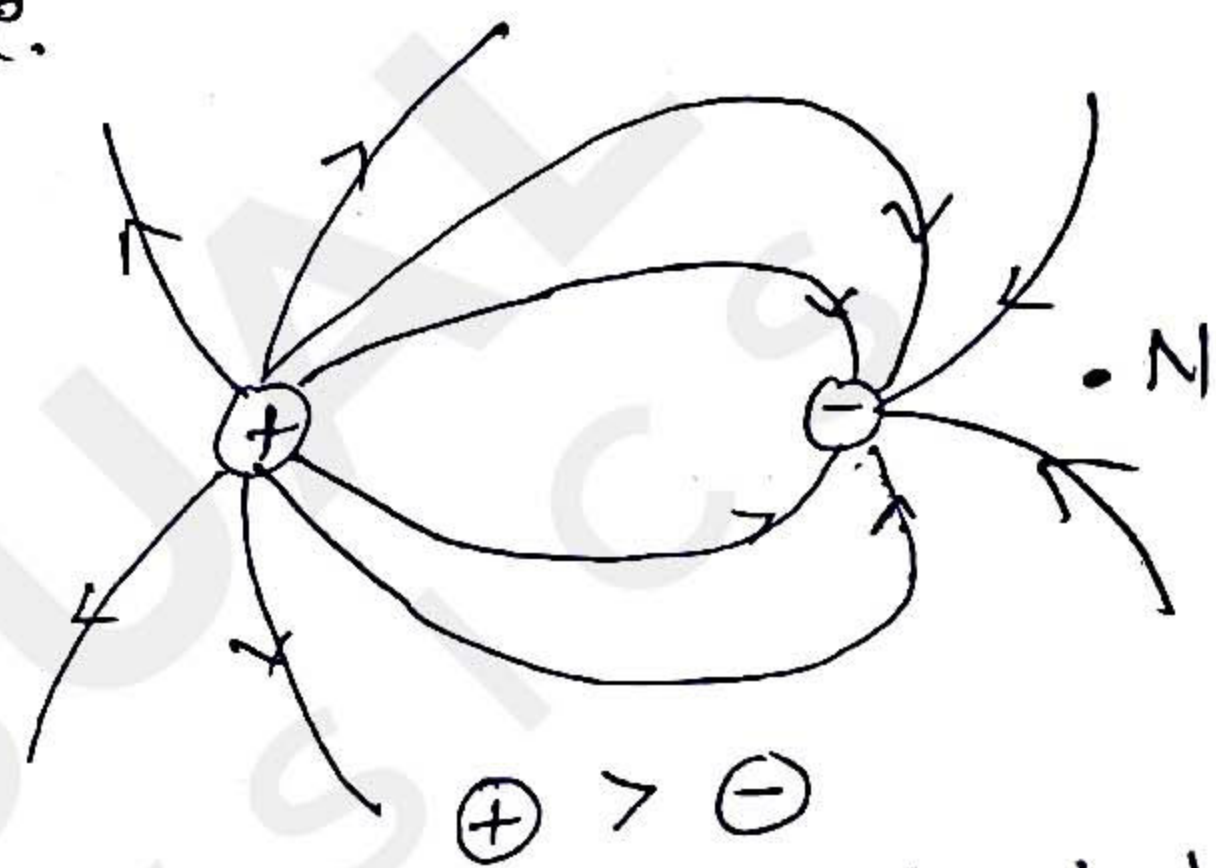
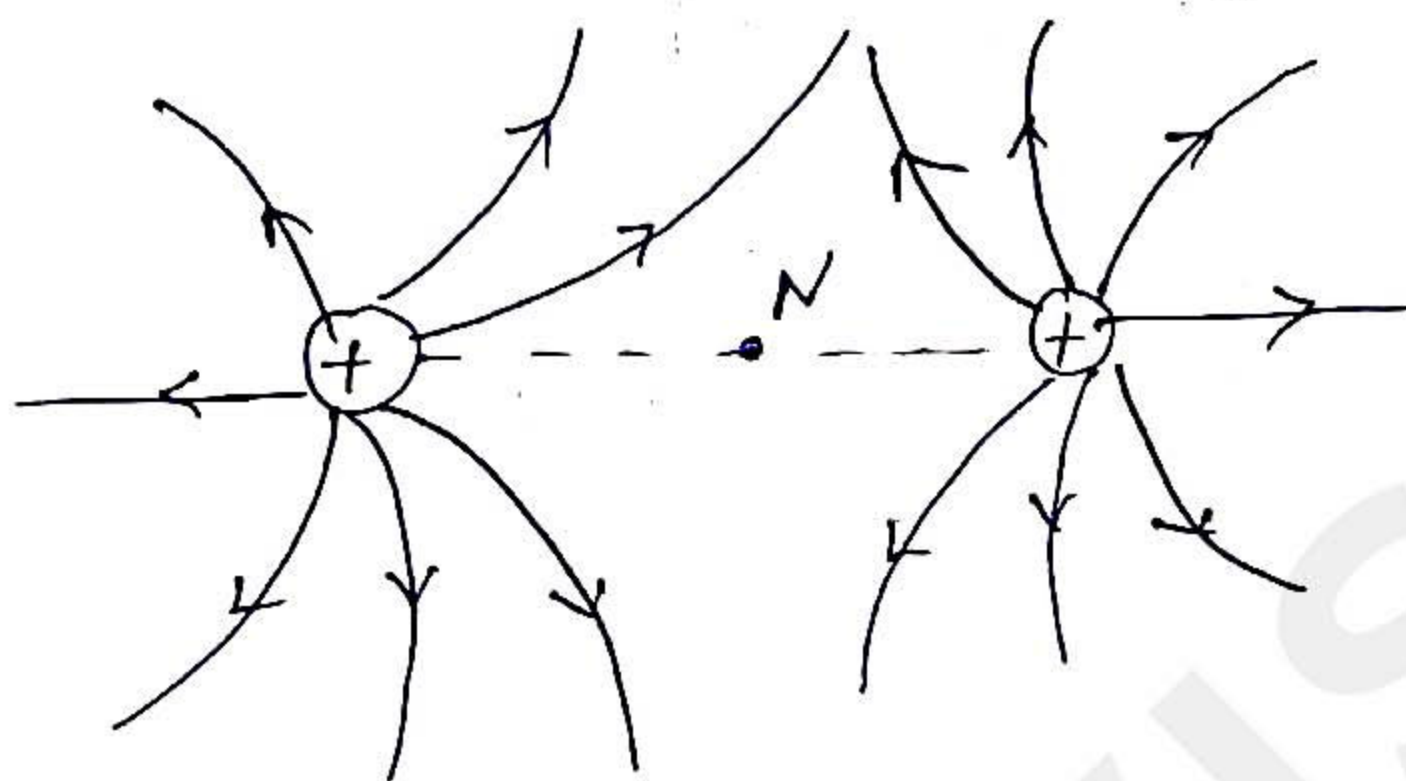


both mag and direction constant.





$\oplus$  &  $\ominus$  charge are equal in magnitude.

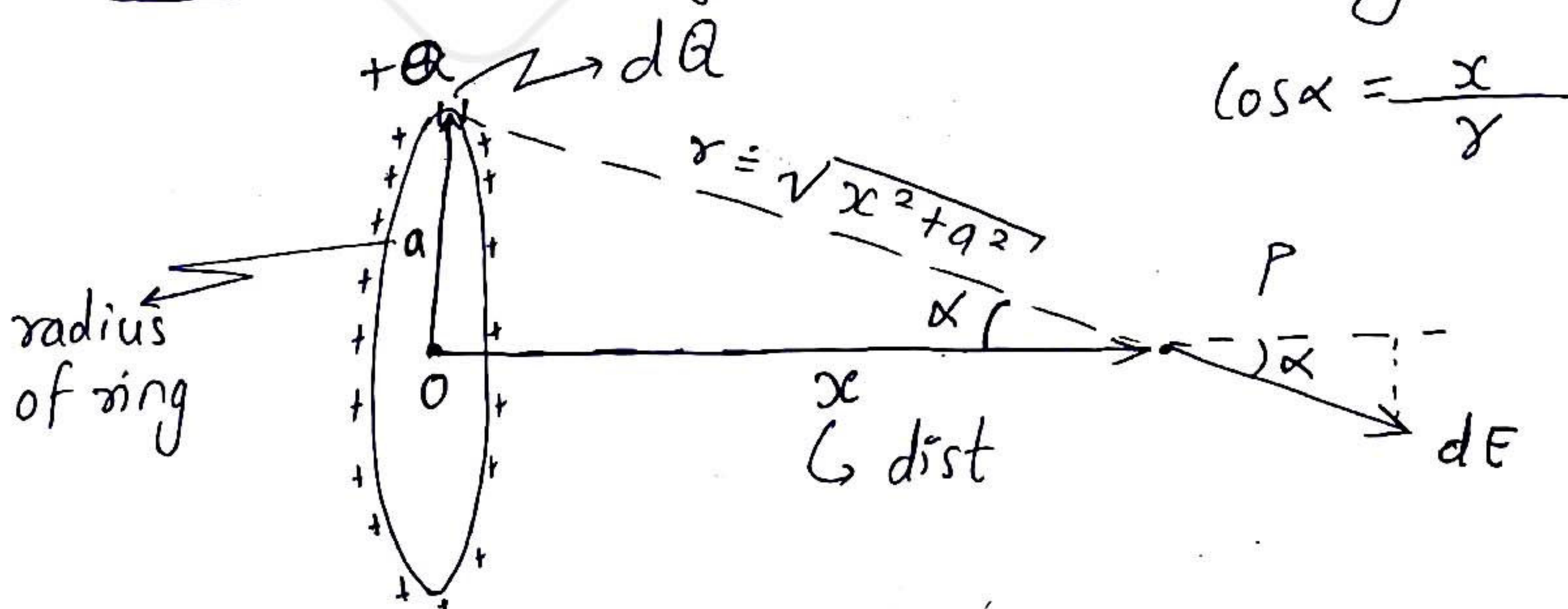


$\oplus > \ominus$

N  $\rightarrow$  Neutral point in space, where net electric field is zero

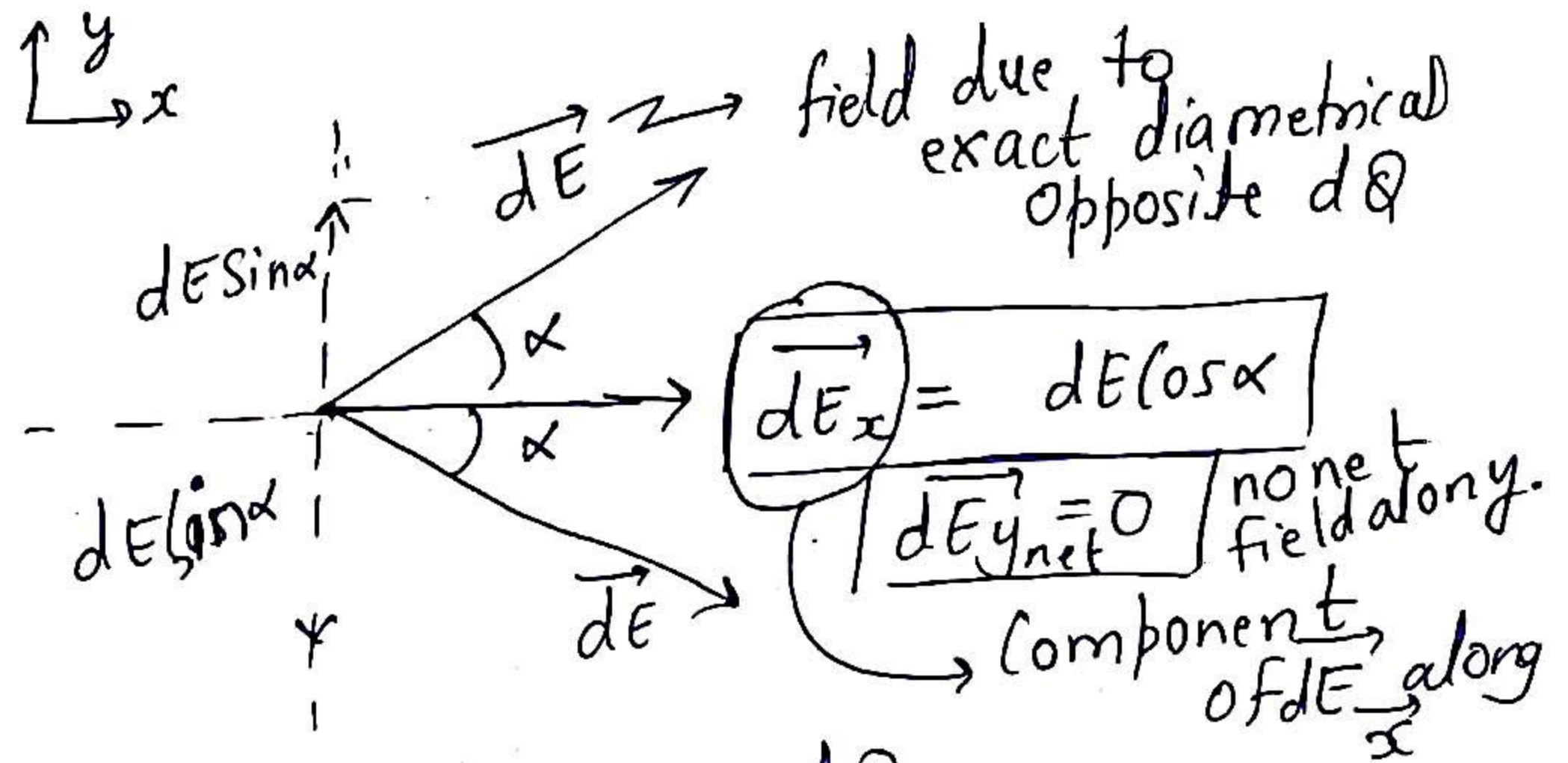
Video:  $\rightarrow$  Electric field, Q8, Q9, Q7  
 [ Q7, Q9  $\rightarrow$  solved ]  $\rightarrow$  Theory section

Field of ring charge: (on the axis of ring)





So since the  $\vec{E}$  is along the axis only



$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{dQ}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{dQ}{(x^2 + a^2)}$$

$$dE_x = dE \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{x dQ}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

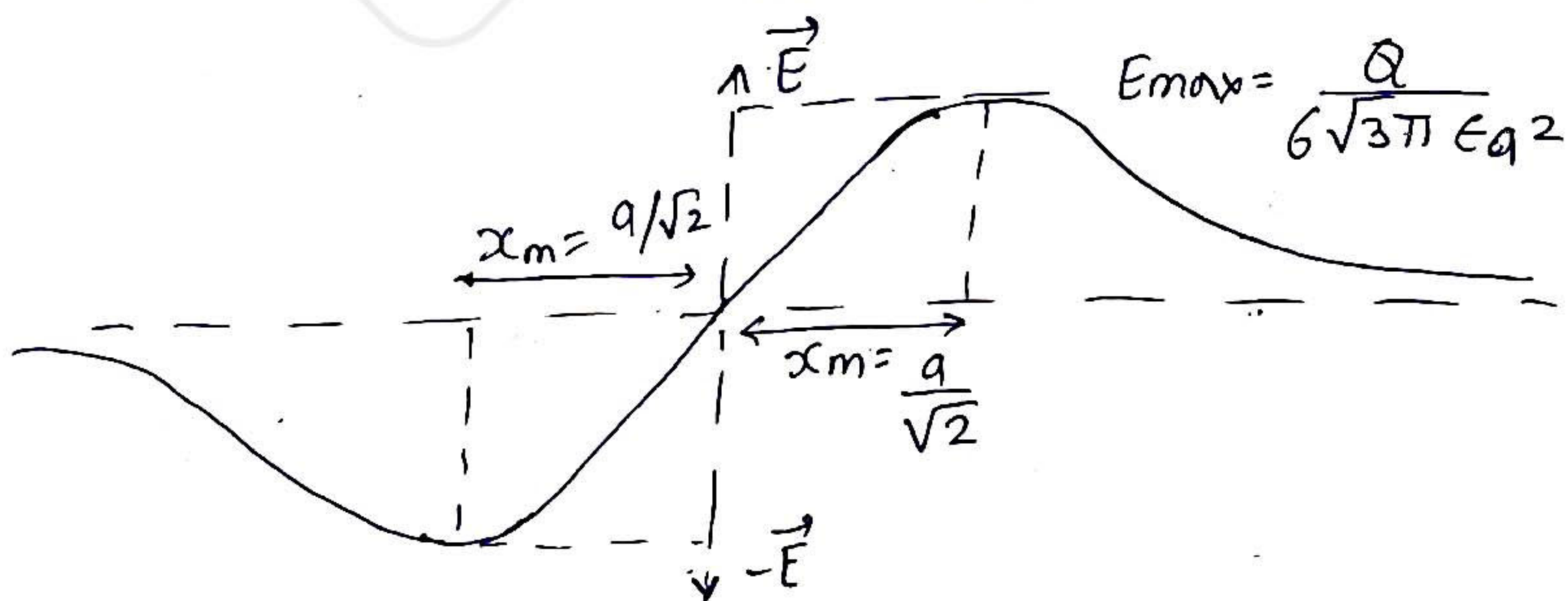
$$E_{\text{net}} = \int dE_x = \int \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{x dQ}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = E_x \hat{i} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{x Q}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{i}$$

$$x \rightarrow 0, E_{\text{net}} \rightarrow 0$$

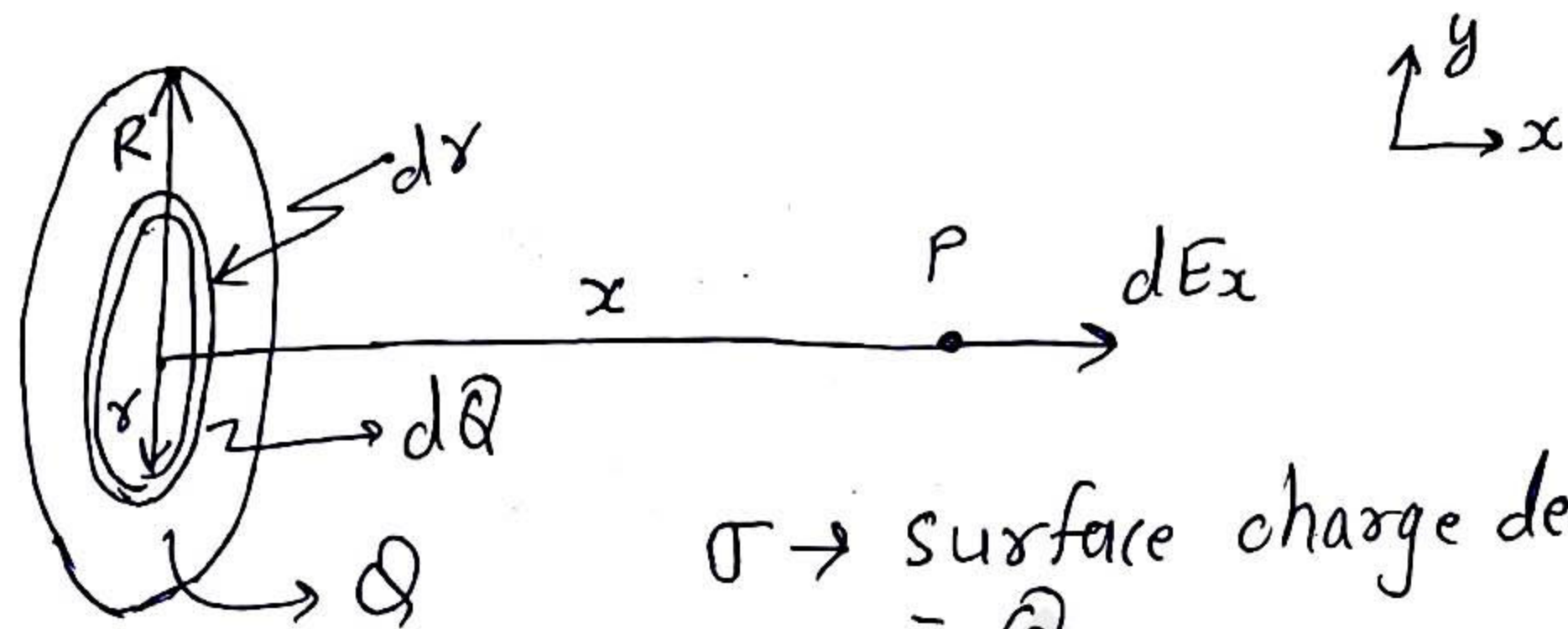
$$E_{\text{max}} = \frac{d}{dx} E_{\text{net}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| x_m = \pm \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \right|$$





## Field of uniformly charged disk: (along axis)



$\sigma \rightarrow$  surface charge density  
 $= \frac{Q}{4\pi R^2}$

$$dQ = \sigma (2\pi r dr)$$

$$dE_x = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{(dQ)x}{(x^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{(2\pi r \sigma)x dr}{(x^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E_x = \int dE_x = \int_0^R \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{(2\pi \sigma r dr)x}{(x^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

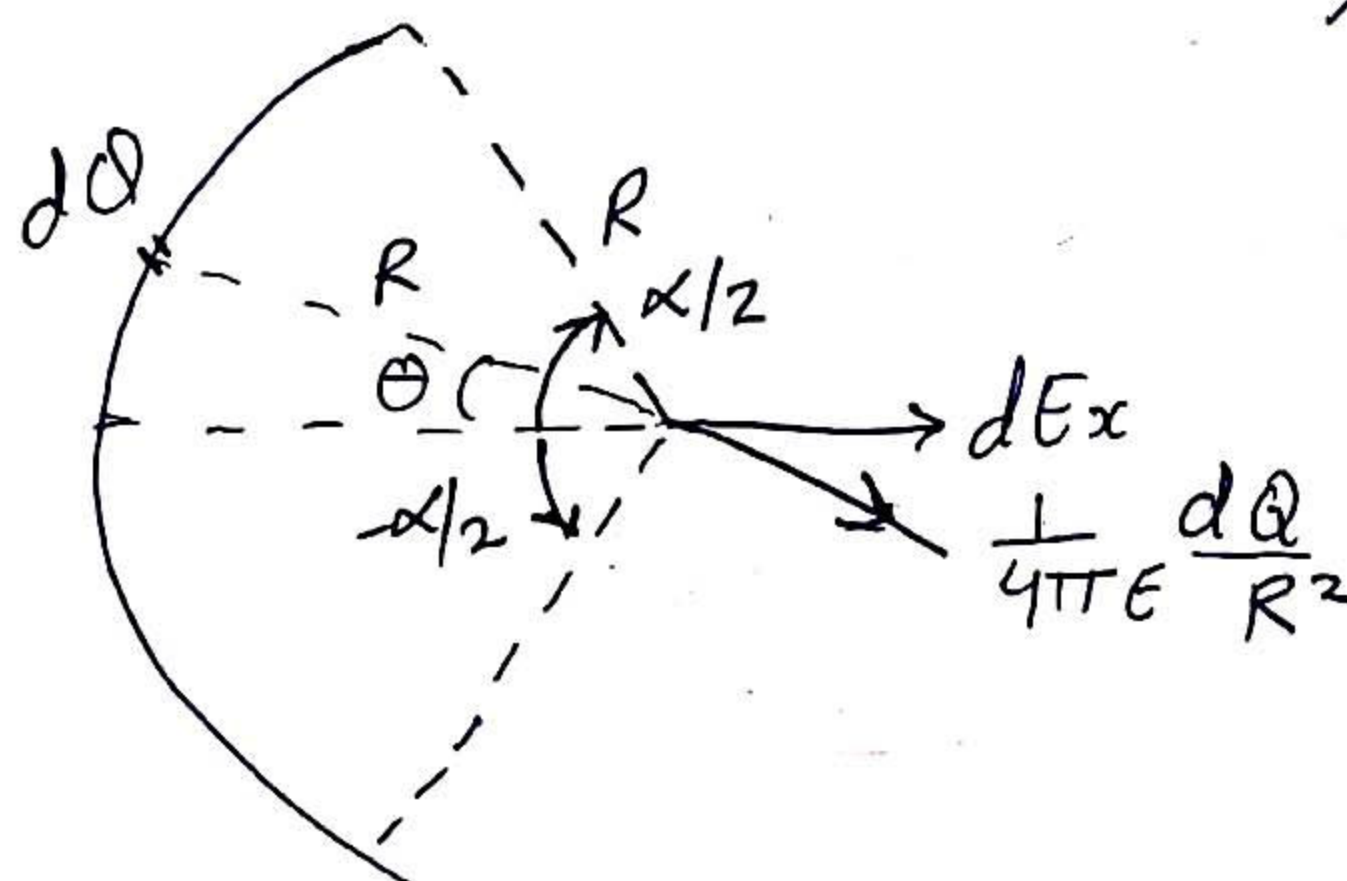
$$E_x = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}} \right]$$

Net field along x-axis

$x \ll R \gg x \rightarrow E_x \rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon}$

$x \gg R \rightarrow E_x \rightarrow 0$

## Electric field due to arc:



$\lambda \rightarrow$  linear charge density  
 $\lambda = \frac{Q}{R\alpha}$

$$dE_x = \frac{\cos\theta \lambda R d\theta}{4\pi\epsilon R^2}$$

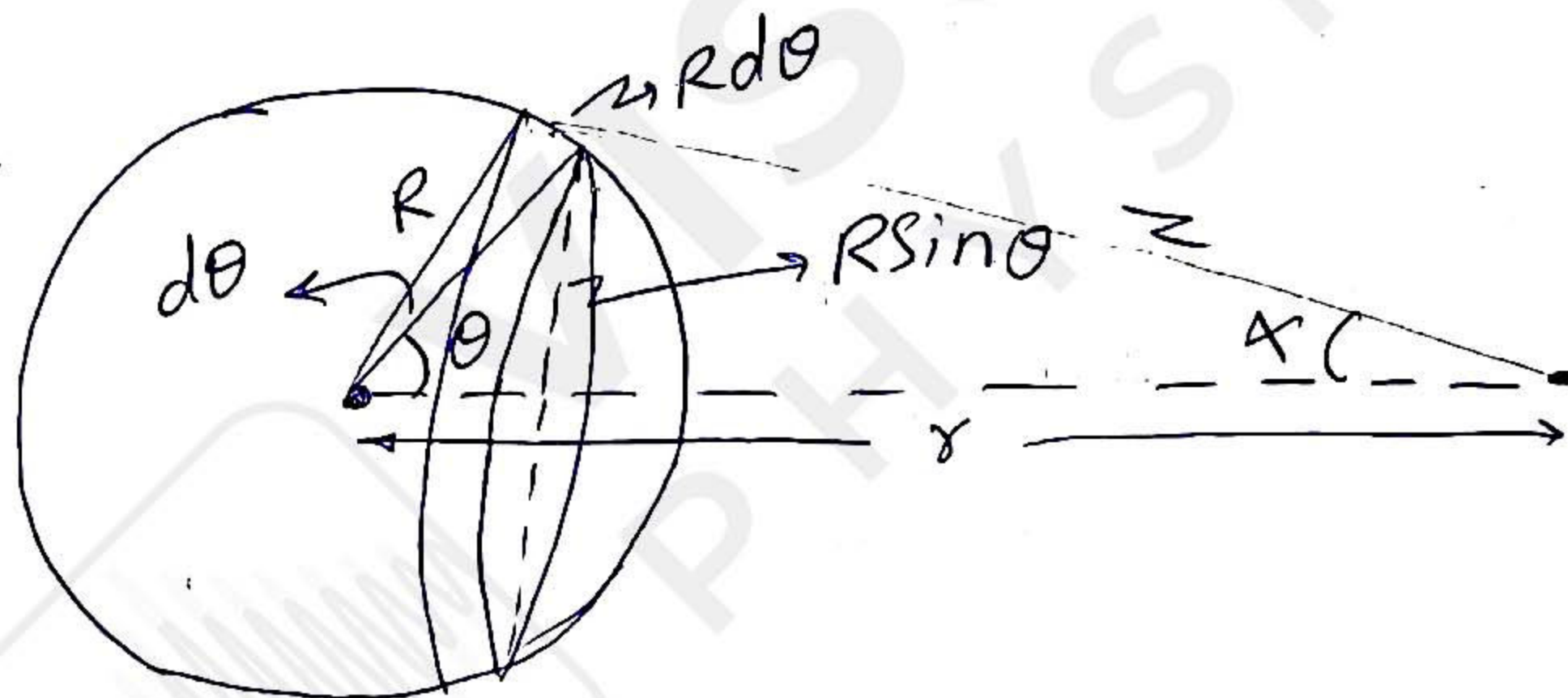


$$E_{net} = \int_{-\alpha/2}^{\alpha/2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{\lambda R d\theta}{R^2} \cos\theta$$

$$E_{net} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{\Lambda}{R} \int_{-\alpha/2}^{\alpha/2} \cos\theta d\theta$$

$$E_{net} = \frac{k\lambda}{R} 2\sin(\alpha/2)$$

$$\vec{E}_{net} = \frac{k\lambda}{R} 2\sin(\alpha/2) \hat{i}$$



$$dQ = (2\pi R \sin\theta)(R d\theta) \frac{Q}{4\pi R^2} = \frac{Q}{2} \sin\theta d\theta$$

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{dQ}{z^2} \cos\alpha$$

$$z^2 = R^2 + r^2 - 2Rr \cos\theta$$

$$z dz = Rr \sin\theta d\theta$$

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{z^2 + r^2 - R^2}{2zr}$$



$$dE = \frac{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{Q}{2} \frac{zdz}{R\gamma}}{z^2} \cdot \frac{z^2 + \gamma^2 - R^2}{2z\gamma} \quad \boxed{k \rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon}}$$

$$dE = \frac{kQ}{4R\gamma^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{(R^2 - \gamma^2)}{z^2} \right] dz$$

$$E = \int dE = \int_{\gamma-R}^{\gamma+R} \frac{kQ}{4R\gamma^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{(R^2 - \gamma^2)}{z^2} \right] dz$$

$$= \frac{kQ}{4R\gamma^2} \left[ z - (R^2 - \gamma^2) \left( -\frac{1}{z} \right) \right]_{\gamma-R}^{\gamma+R}$$

$$E = \frac{kQ}{4R\gamma^2} \left[ z + \frac{R^2 - \gamma^2}{z} \right]_{\gamma-R}^{\gamma+R}$$

$$E = \frac{kQ}{4R\gamma^2} \left[ \gamma+R + \frac{(R+\gamma)(R-\gamma)}{\gamma+R} - \left( \gamma-R + \frac{(R+\gamma)(R-\gamma)}{\gamma-R} \right) \right]$$

$$E = \frac{kQ}{4R\gamma^2} [2R - (-2R)]$$

$$\boxed{E_{\text{shell}} = \frac{kQ}{\gamma^2}}$$

when  $\gamma > R$

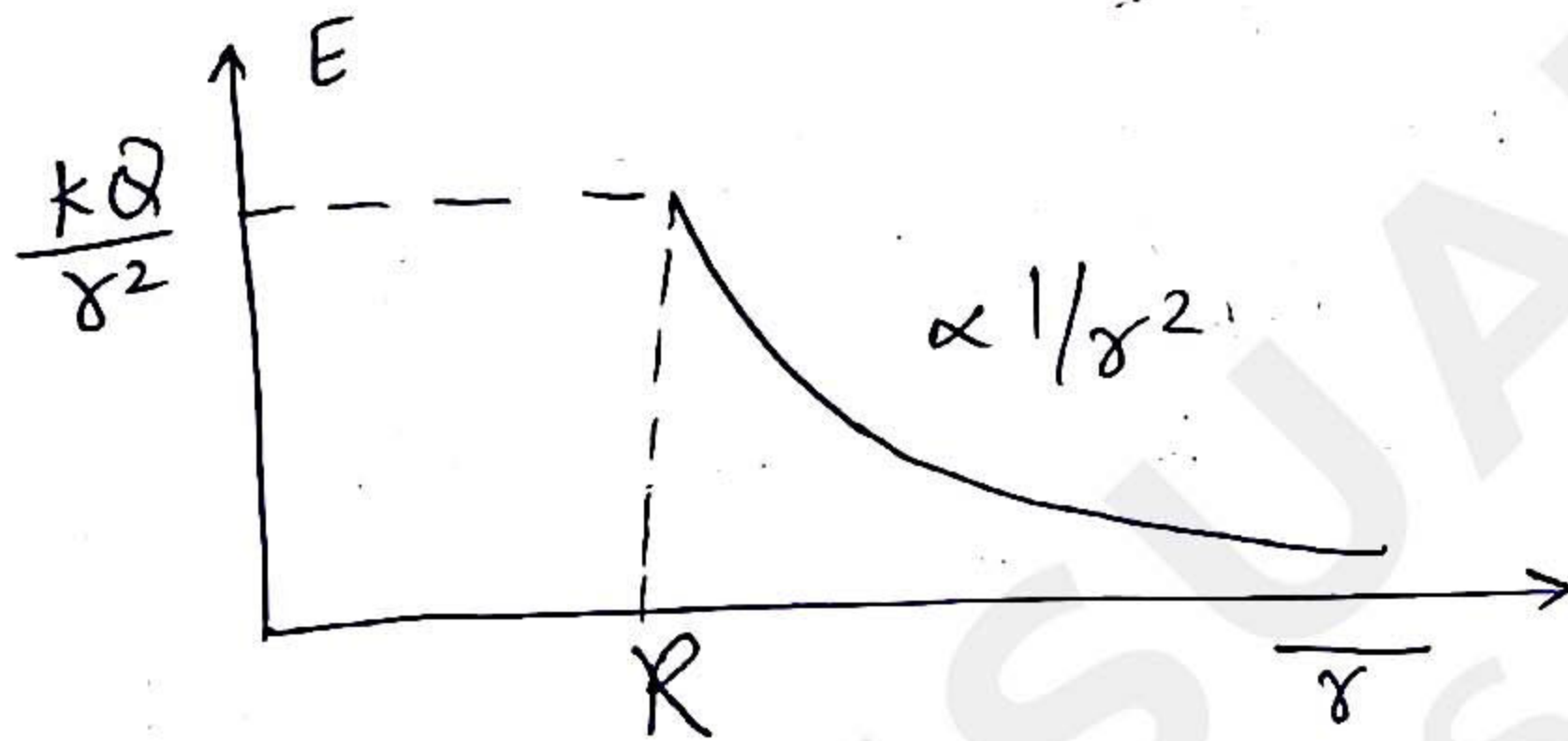
$$\boxed{E_{\text{shell}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{Q}{\gamma^2}}$$

sh same as if a Q is placed at centre.



When point is inside  
 $(R-r) \rightarrow (R+r)$

on solving  $E \rightarrow 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  field inside a shell = 0



Field due to sphere:  $\rightarrow$  solid  
 $\rho \rightarrow$  volume charge density  
 $Q \rightarrow$  Total charge.



Considered to be made up of infinite shells,  
and as shell of  $dQ$  charge

$$dE = \frac{k dQ}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{dQ}{r^2}$$

$$\text{So } E_{\text{net}} = \int dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int \frac{dQ}{r^2}$$

$$\boxed{E_{\text{net}} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2}}$$



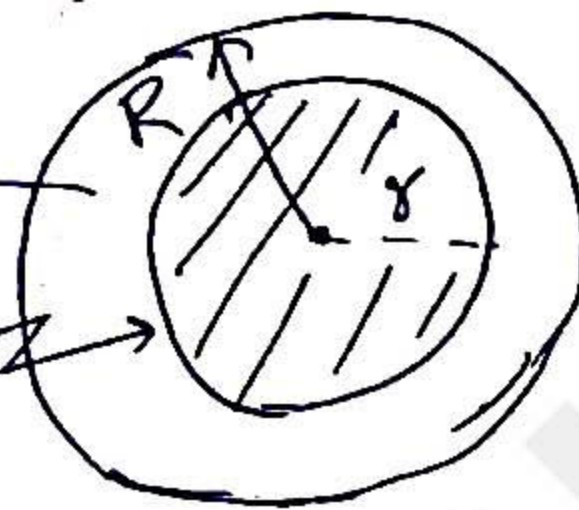
now

$$E = \frac{kQ}{r^2} \rightarrow r \geq R$$

$$E \neq \frac{kQ}{r^2} \rightarrow r < R$$

So when point is inside,  $Q' = \rho V'$   
neglected

consider  
only charge  
on sphere  
of radius  $r$ .



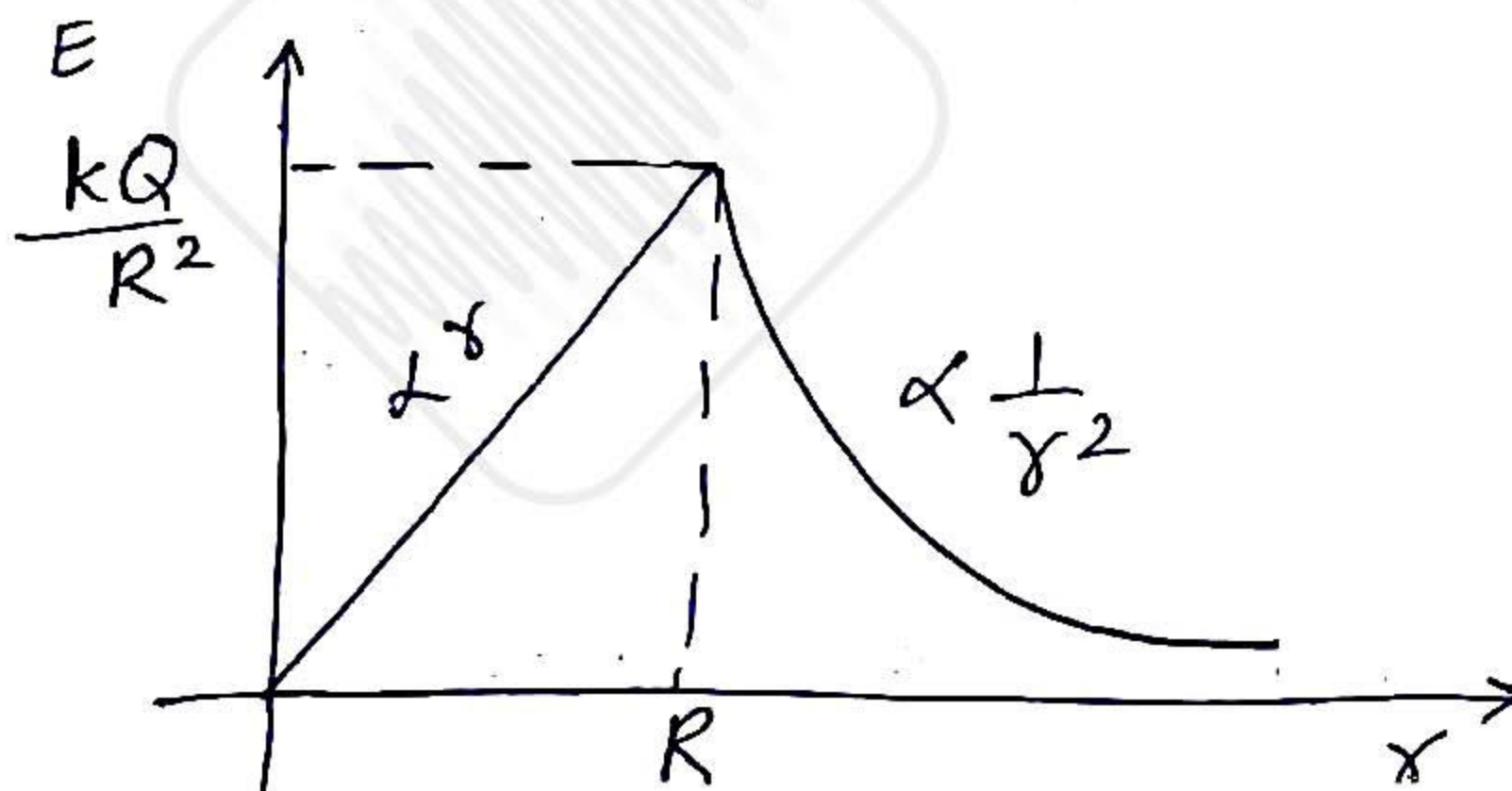
$$Q' = \frac{Q}{\frac{4\pi R^3}{3}} \times \frac{4\pi r^3}{3}$$

$$Q' = \frac{Q r^3}{R^3}$$

So,

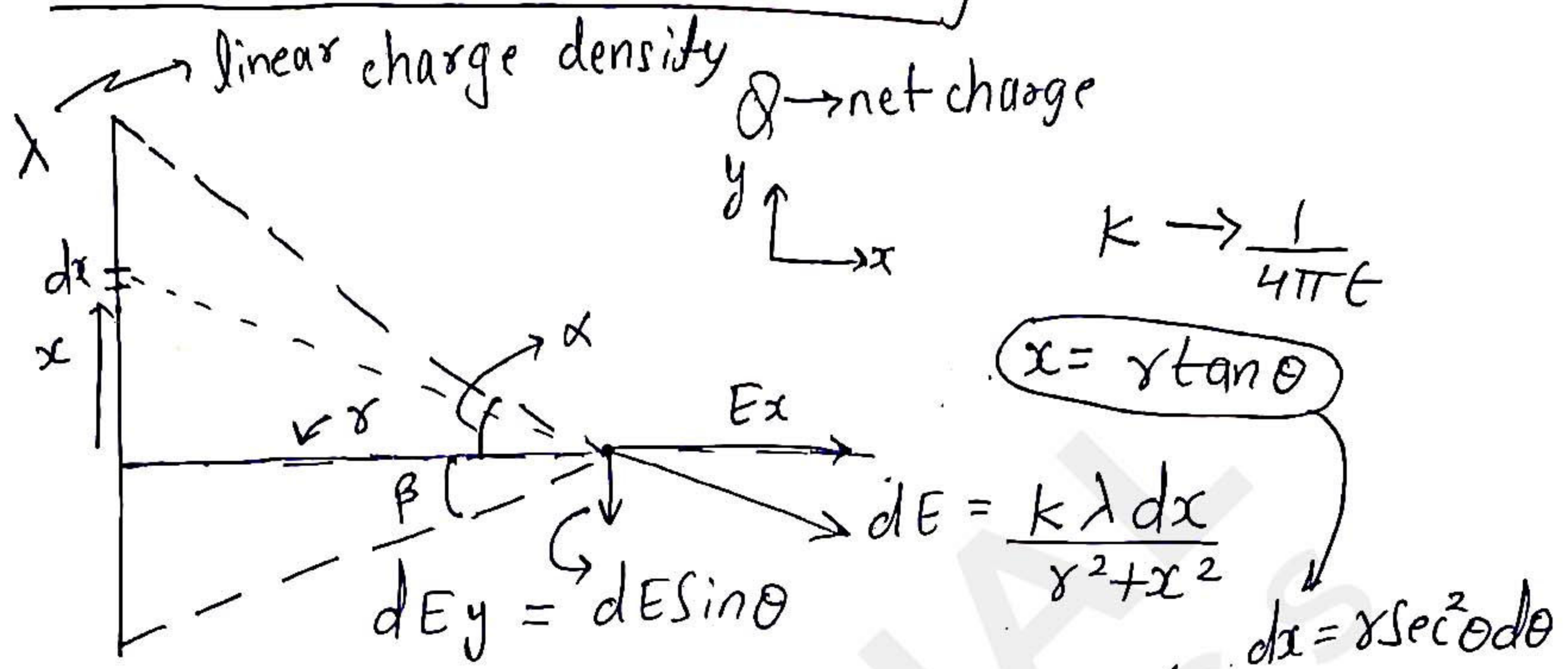
$$E_r = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \left( \frac{Q r^3}{R^3} \right) \times \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$E_r = \frac{kQ}{R^3} r \text{ or } \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{Q r}{R^3}$$





## Field due to a line of charge



$$E_y = \int \frac{\lambda k}{r^2 + x^2} \sin \theta dx = \frac{k\lambda}{r} \int_{-\beta}^{\alpha} \frac{\sec^2 \theta \sin \theta d\theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta}$$

$$x = r \tan \theta$$

$$E_y = \frac{k\lambda}{r} [\cos \beta - \cos \alpha]$$

$$E_x = \int dE_x = \int dE \cos \theta = \frac{k\lambda}{r} \int_{-\beta}^{\alpha} \frac{\sec^2 \theta \cos \theta d\theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta}$$

$$E_x = \frac{k\lambda}{r} [\sin \alpha + \sin \beta]$$

if line charge is infinitely long

$$\alpha \rightarrow 90^\circ, -\beta \rightarrow -90^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = 90^\circ$$

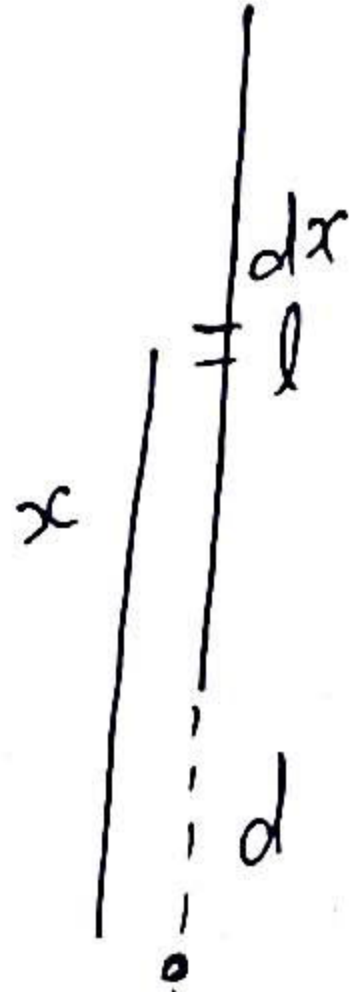
$$E_y \rightarrow 0,$$

$$E_x = \frac{2k\lambda}{r}$$



When,  $\alpha \rightarrow 90, \beta \rightarrow 0$

$$E_y = \frac{k\lambda}{r}, \quad E_x = \frac{k\lambda}{r}$$



$$dE = k\lambda \frac{dx}{x^2}$$

$$E_y = \int_d^{d+l} \frac{k\lambda}{x^2} dx$$

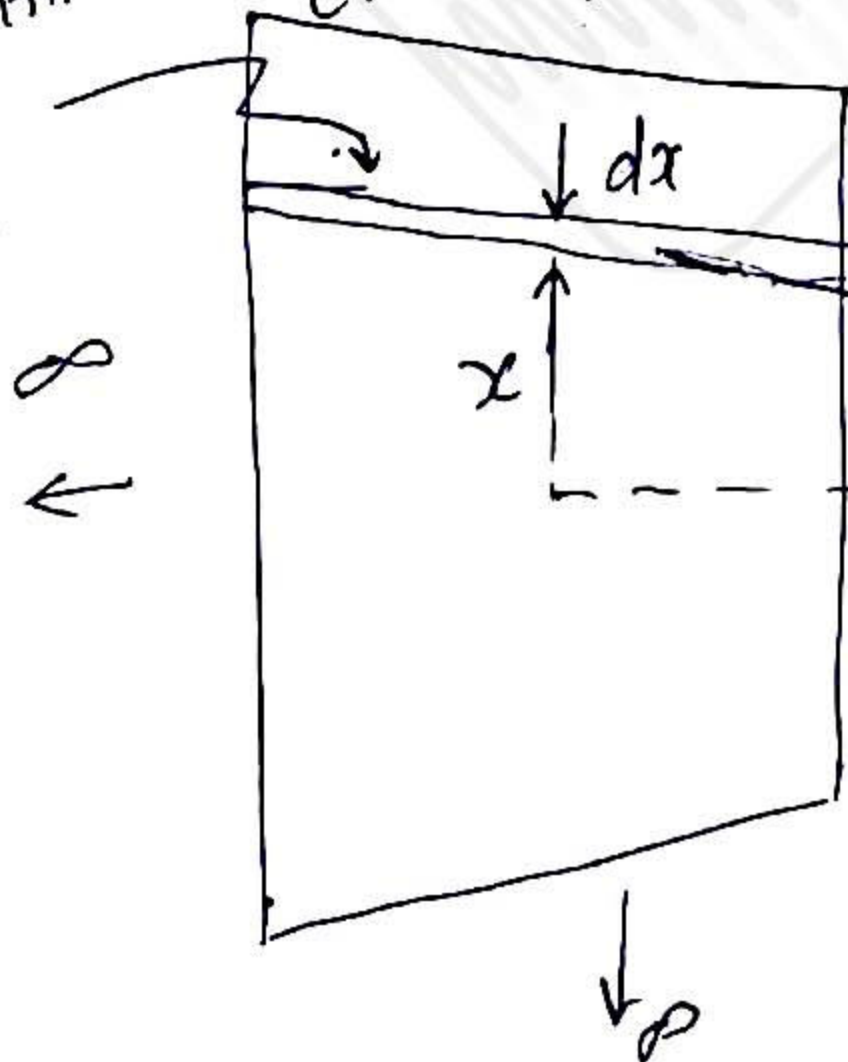
$$E_y = k\lambda \frac{l}{d(d+l)}$$

When  $l \gg d$   $E_y = k\lambda \frac{l}{d(l)}$

$$E_y = \frac{k\lambda}{d}$$

Field due to sheet:

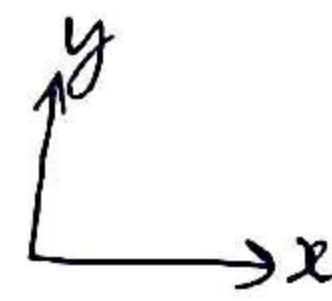
Infinite line charge  $\rightarrow \infty$



$\rightarrow \infty$

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

$z$



$E_{net} \rightarrow$  along x direction

$\sigma \rightarrow$  surface charge density  
 $\lambda \rightarrow$  linear charge density

$$\lambda = \sigma dx$$



"E due to infinite sheet is constant  
does not depends on distance  
from sheet and position."

$$\text{So, } dE = \frac{2k\lambda}{r} = \frac{2k\sigma dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2}}$$

$$dE_x = dE \cos \theta = \frac{2k\sigma dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2}} \cdot \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2}}$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = \int dE_x = 2k\sigma z \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + z^2}$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = 2k\sigma z \left[ \frac{1}{z} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = 2k\sigma \left[ \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\infty}{z}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-\infty}{z}\right) \right]$$

$$= 2k\sigma \left( \pi/2 + \pi/2 \right)$$

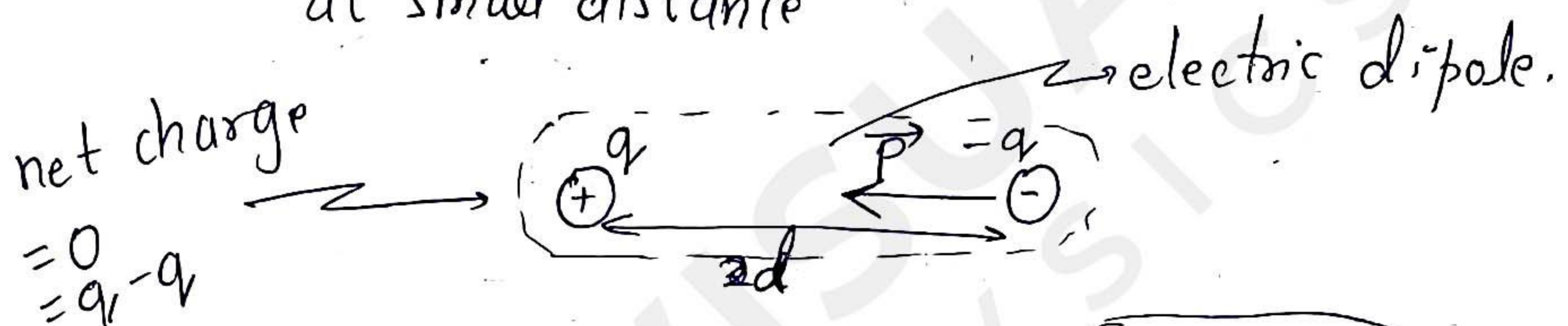
$$= \frac{2}{4\pi\epsilon} \sigma \pi$$

$$\boxed{E_{\text{net}} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon}}$$



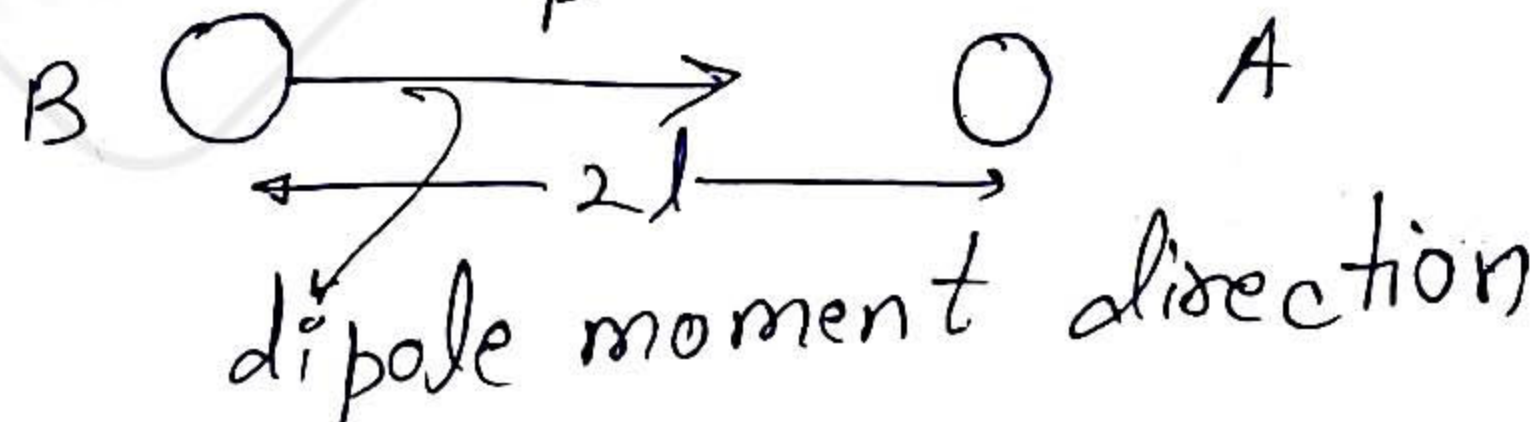
## Electric Dipole :

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Two equal and opposite point charge placed at small distance



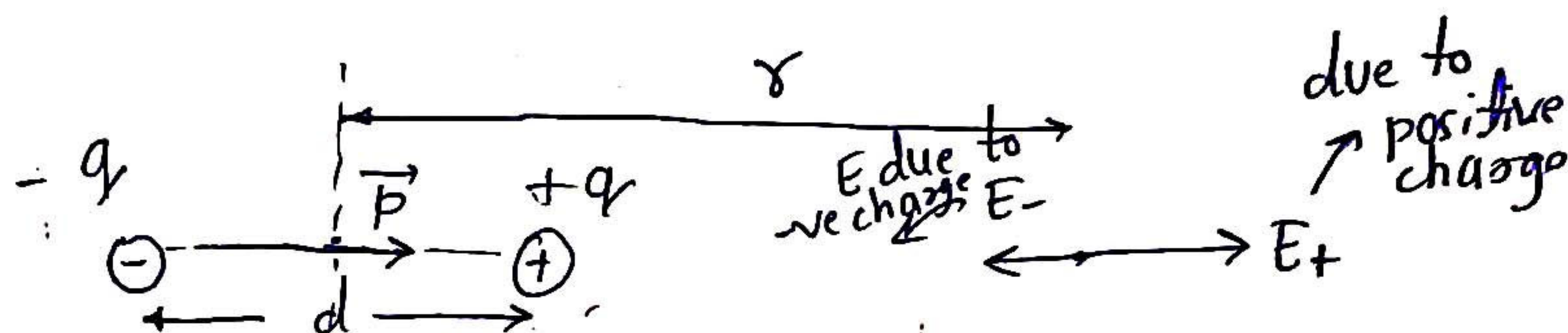
$\vec{P} \Rightarrow$  dipole moment  $\Rightarrow |\vec{P}| = 2qd$   
points from -ve to +ve  
charge  $\times$  distance

$\Rightarrow$  direction of  $\vec{P}$  is opposite to direction  
-q +q





## Electric field at axis of dipole:



$$K = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon}$$

$$E_{net} = E_+ - E_-$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{net} = \frac{kq}{(r - d/2)^2} - \frac{kq}{(r + d/2)^2}$$

$$E_{net} = kq \left[ \frac{4r(d/2)}{[r^2 - (d/2)^2]^2} \right]$$

$r \gg d/2$

$$E_{net} = kq \left[ \frac{4r(d/2)}{r^4} \right] \rightarrow E_{net} =$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{net} = \frac{2kqd}{r^3} \rightarrow \text{dipole moment}$$

$(r^2 - \cancel{d^2})^2$  as  $d/2 \ll r$

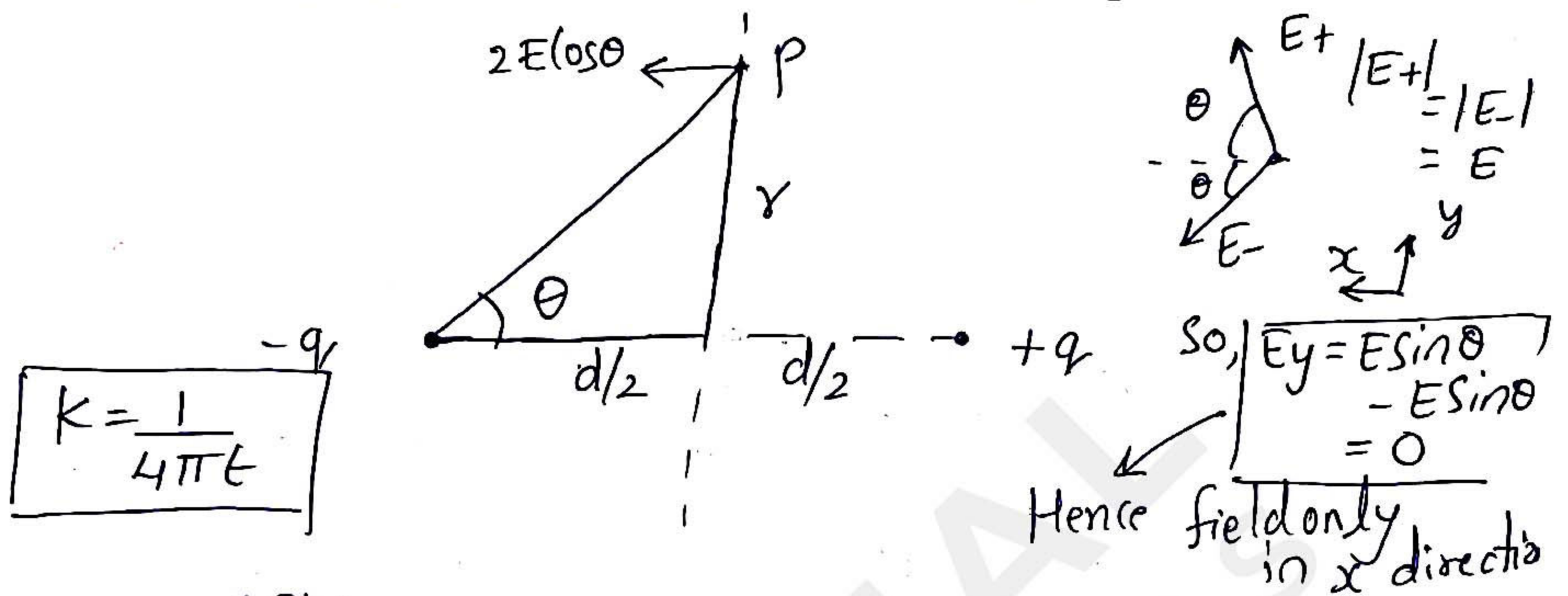
$$E_{net} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{2p}{r^3}$$

as  $\vec{p}$  points in  $\vec{E}$  direction

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{E}_{net} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{2\vec{p}}{r^3}}$$



## Electric field at equatorial line by dipole



$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon}$$

now

$$E_{\text{net}} = 2E \cos \theta$$

$$= 2 \left[ \frac{kq}{[r^2 + (d/2)^2]} \right] \left[ \frac{d/2}{\sqrt{r^2 + (d/2)^2}} \right]$$

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$$E_{\text{net}} = \frac{kqd}{[r^2 + (d/2)^2]^{3/2}}$$

when  $d \ll r$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{net}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{P}{(r^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{P}{4\pi\epsilon r^3}$$

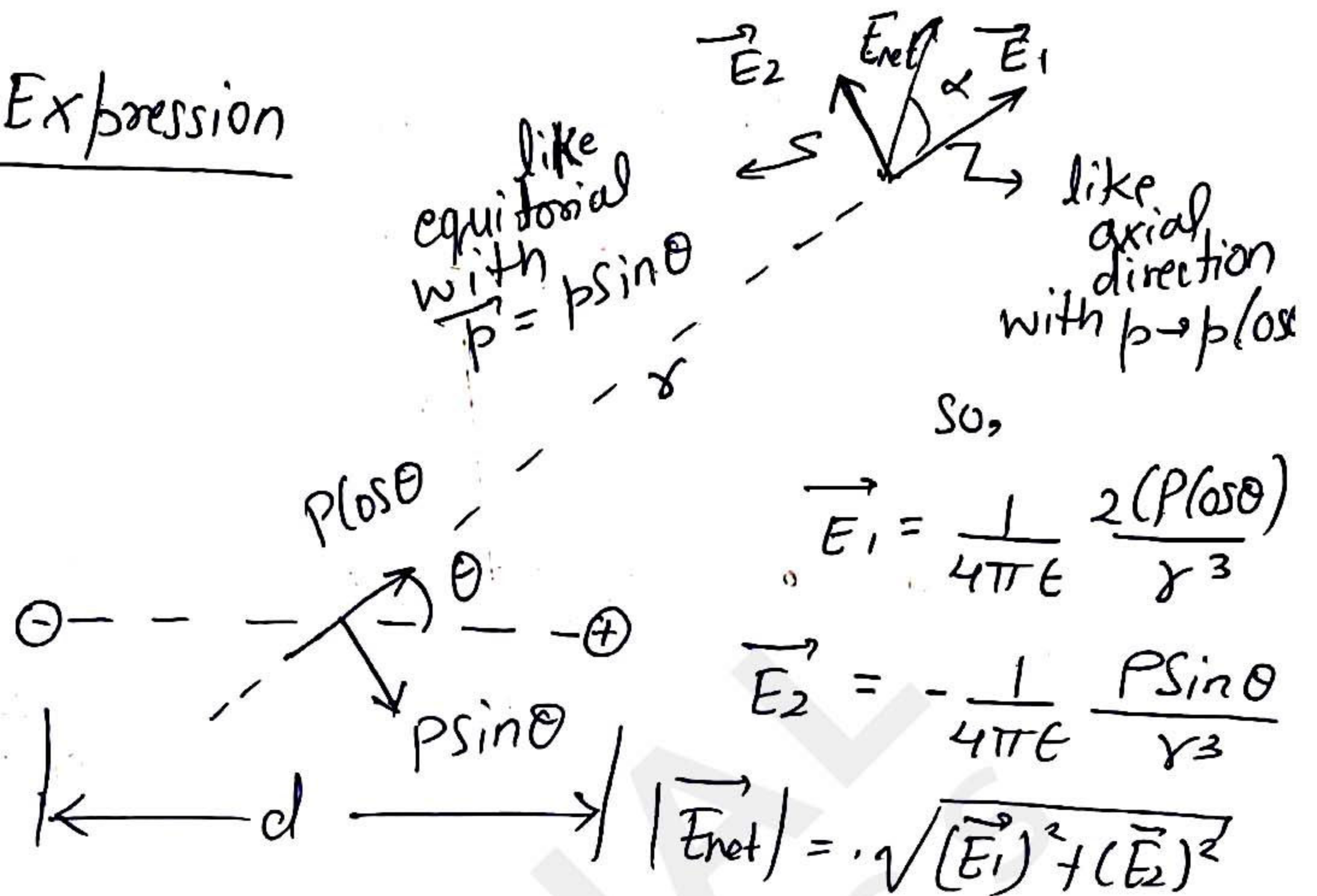
now as  $E$  points opposite to dipole moment

$$\text{So, } \vec{E}_{\text{net}} = -\frac{\vec{P}}{4\pi\epsilon r^3}$$



## General Expression

$r \gg d$

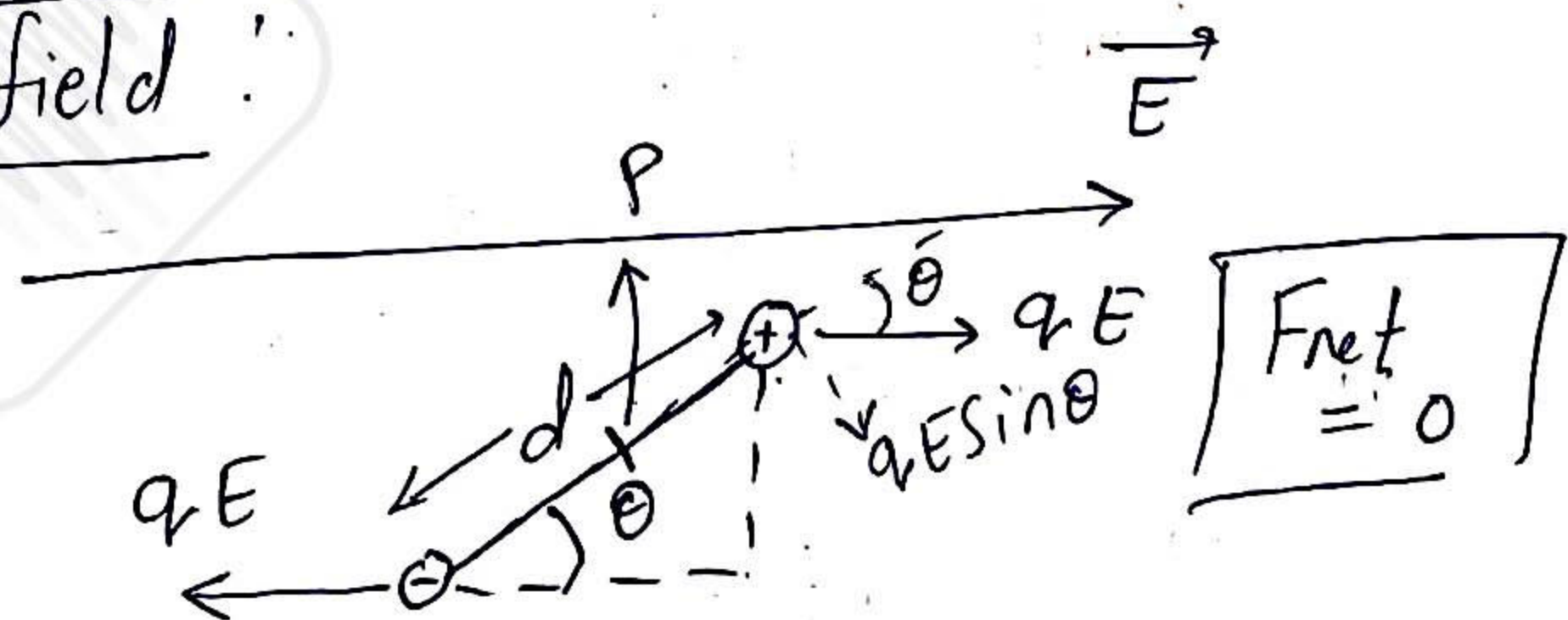


$$|\vec{E}_{\text{net}}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2(P \cos \theta)}{4\pi\epsilon r^3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{P \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon r^3}\right)^2}$$

$$|\vec{E}_{\text{net}}| = \frac{P}{4\pi\epsilon r^3} \sqrt{1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta}$$

Dipole in External field:

Uniform field:



$$\text{net torque about } p = (qE \sin \theta) \left(\frac{d}{2}\right) + (qE \sin \theta) \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)$$

$$\tau = qEd \sin \theta$$

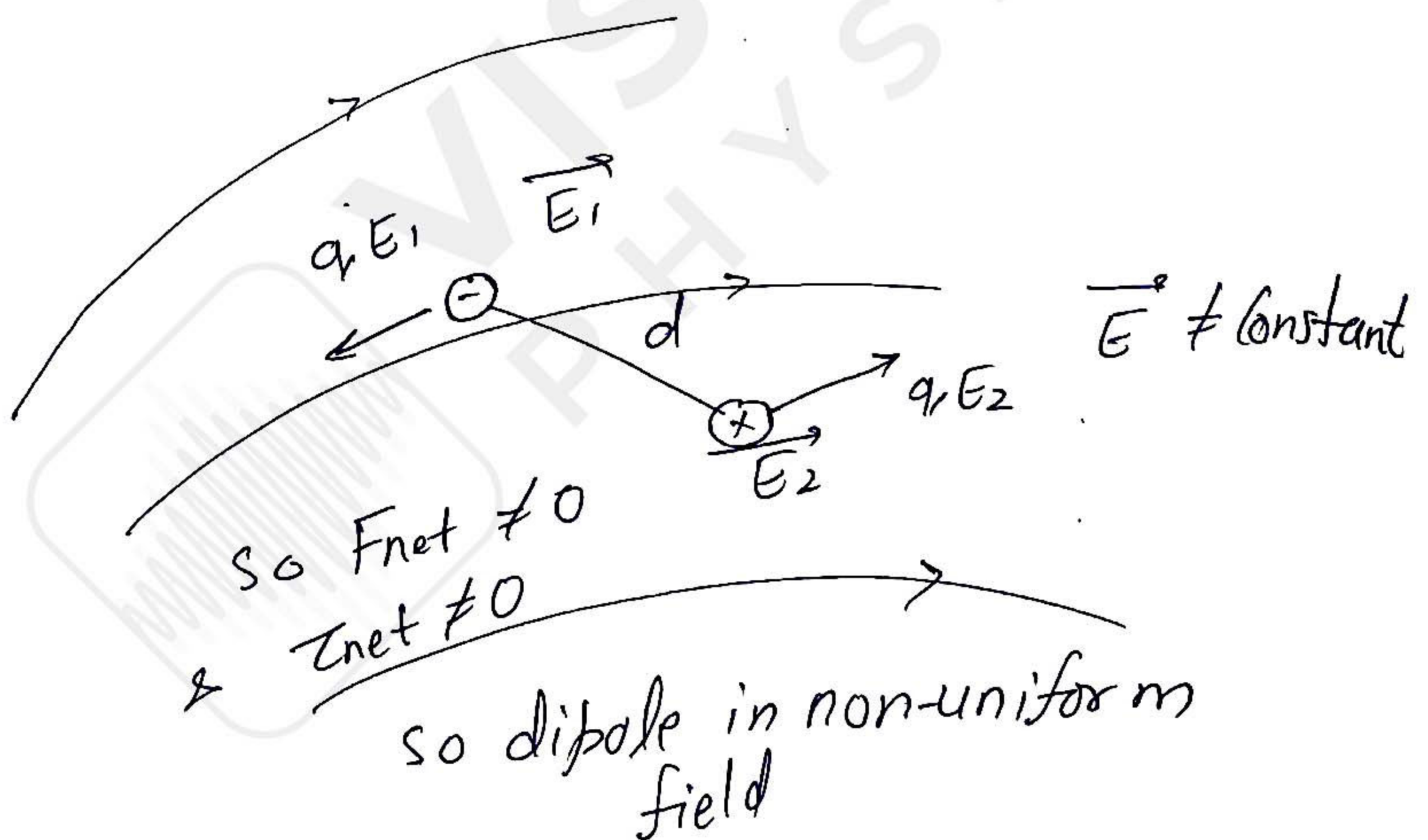


$$\text{or } \boxed{\tau = pE \sin \theta} \quad p = qd$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}}$$

if  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow$  stable Equilibrium  
 $\hookrightarrow$  as Torque is restoring

if  $\theta \rightarrow 180$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  unstable equilibrium  
 $\hookrightarrow$  as Torque is not restoring



$\rightarrow F_{\text{net}} \neq 0$   
 $\&$  also  $\tau_{\text{net}} \neq 0$