

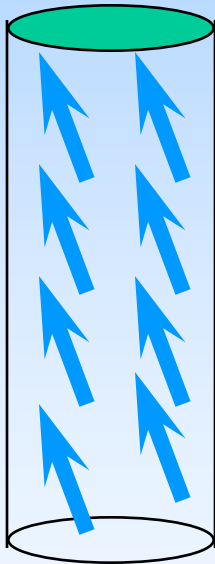
Electric dipoles on a thin long line

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Presentations:

- Electromagnetism: History
- Electromagnetism: Electr. topics
- Electromagnetism: Magn. topics
- Electromagnetism: Waves topics
- Capacitor filling (complete)
- Capacitor filling (partial)
- Divergence Theorem
- E-field of a thin long charged wire
- E-field of a charged disk
- E-field of a dipole
- E-field of a line of dipoles
- E-field of a charged sphere
- E-field of a polarized object
- E-field: field energy
- Electromagnetism: integrations
- Electromagnetism: integration elements
- Gauss' Law for a cylindrical charge
- Gauss' Law for a charged plane
- Laplace's and Poisson's Law
- B-field of a thin long wire carrying a current
- B-field of a conducting charged sphere
- B-field of a homogeneously charged sphere

Electrical dipoles on a thin long line



Available:

Thin line, infinitely long,
homogeneously filled with dipoles,
each with dipole moment p [Cm]

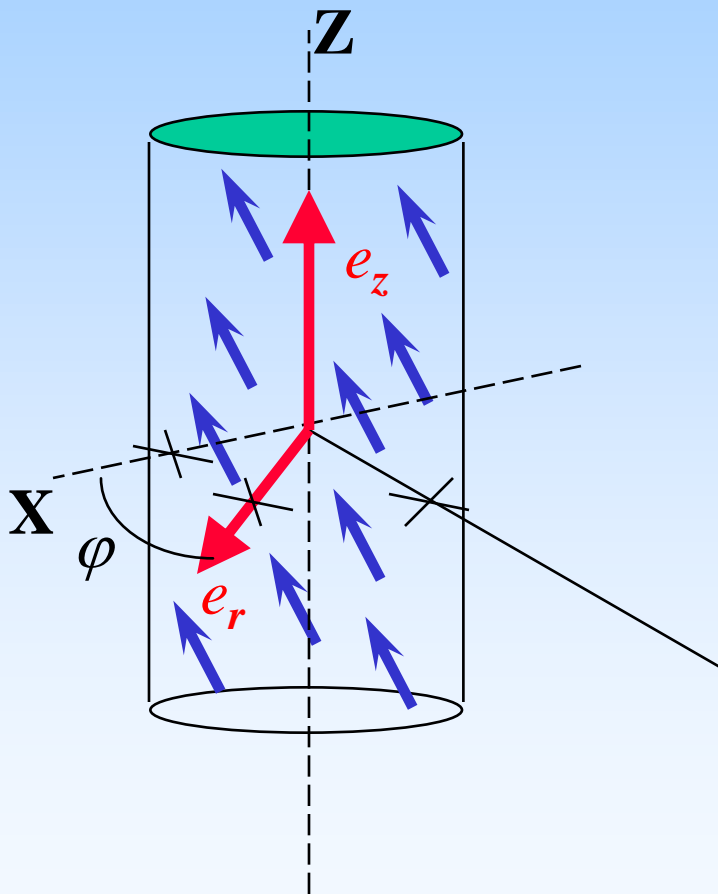
Question:

Calculate E -field in arbitrary points
around the line

Electrical dipoles on a thin long line

- Analysis and symmetry
- Approach to solution
- Calculations
- Conclusions

Analysis and Symmetry (1)

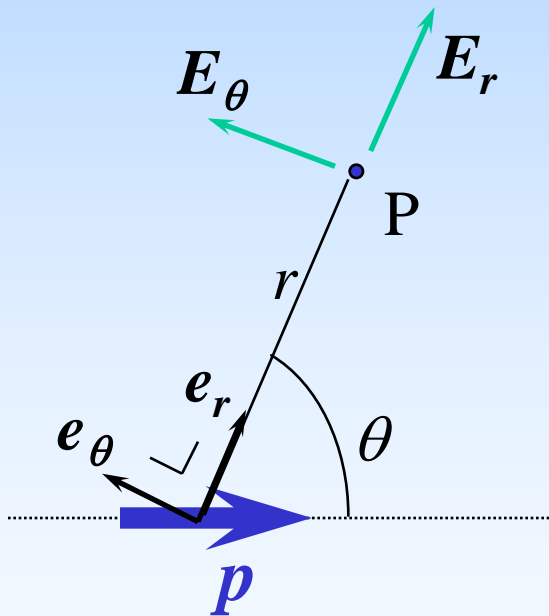


1. Cylinder: infinitely long and thin
2. Distribution of dipoles:
 - n dipoles / meter; homogeneous;
 - all directions uniform
 - each: dipole moment \mathbf{p} [Cm]
3. Coordinate axes: X, Y, Z
 - Z-axis = symm. axis
4. Cylinder symmetry:
 - all points at equal r are equivalent,
 - even if at different z or φ

Line of dipoles

Analysis and Symmetry (2)

Assume: field components of dipole field at some distance in point P are known.



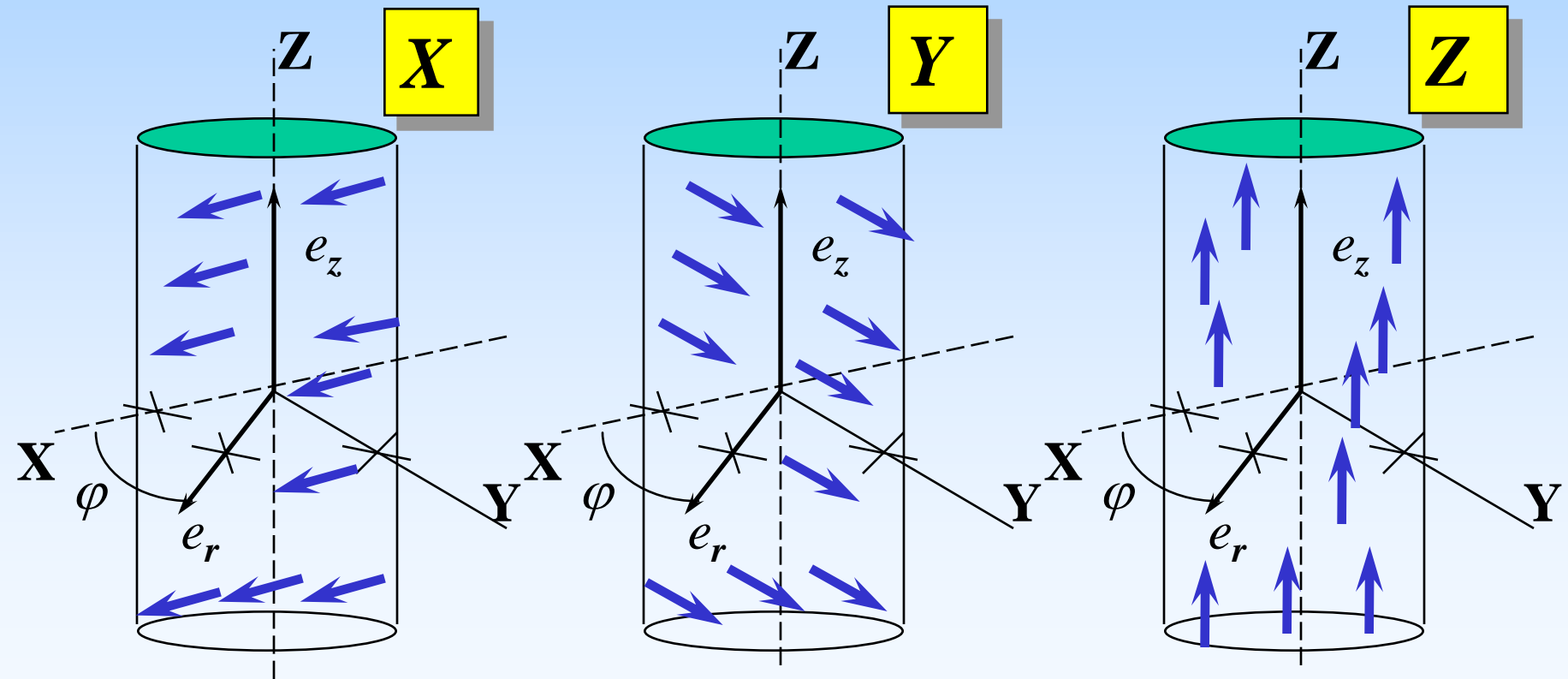
Dipole :

$$E_r = \frac{2p \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$

$$E_\theta = \frac{p \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$

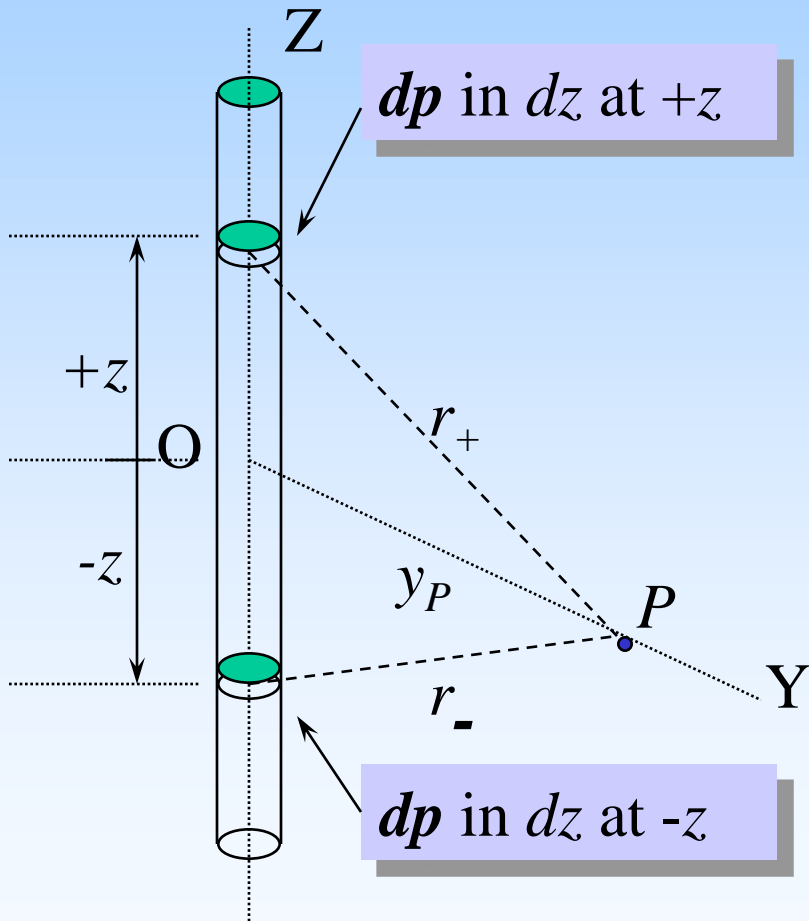
Analysis and Symmetry (3)

Possible directions of the dipoles:



Line of dipoles

Approach to solution



n = dipole density
(per meter)

Choose: Point P at
distance y_P from axis.

Use symmetry:

Dipole elements at
 $+z$ and $-z$ will contribute
symmetrically

$$dp = n p dz$$

Dipoles // X-axis

$$E_r = \frac{2p \cdot \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}; E_\theta = \frac{p \cdot \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$

$$dp = n p dz$$

Case 1:

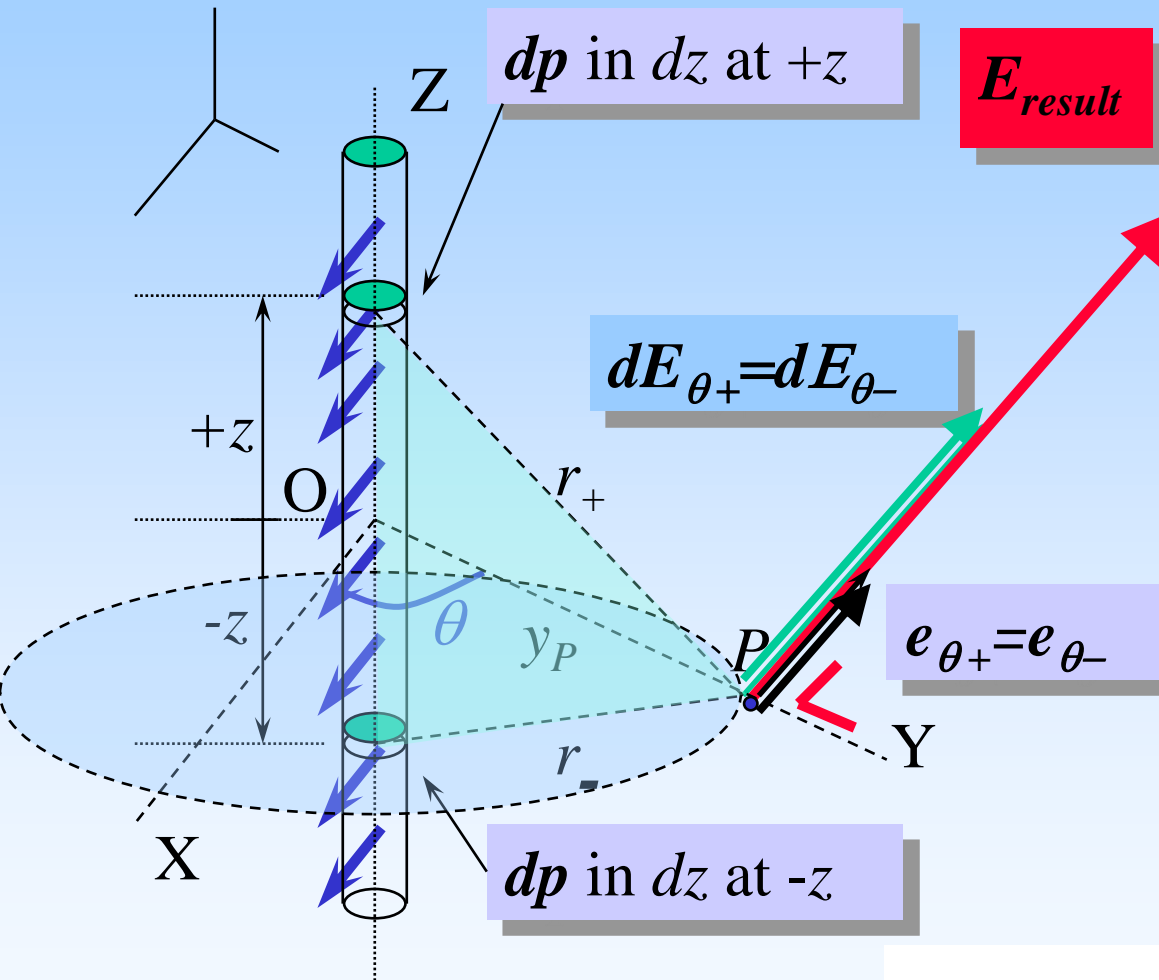
all dipoles // +X-axis

$\theta = 90^\circ$ for all dipoles

$$dE_r = \frac{2dp \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} = 0$$

$$dE_\theta = \frac{dp \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} = \frac{dp}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$

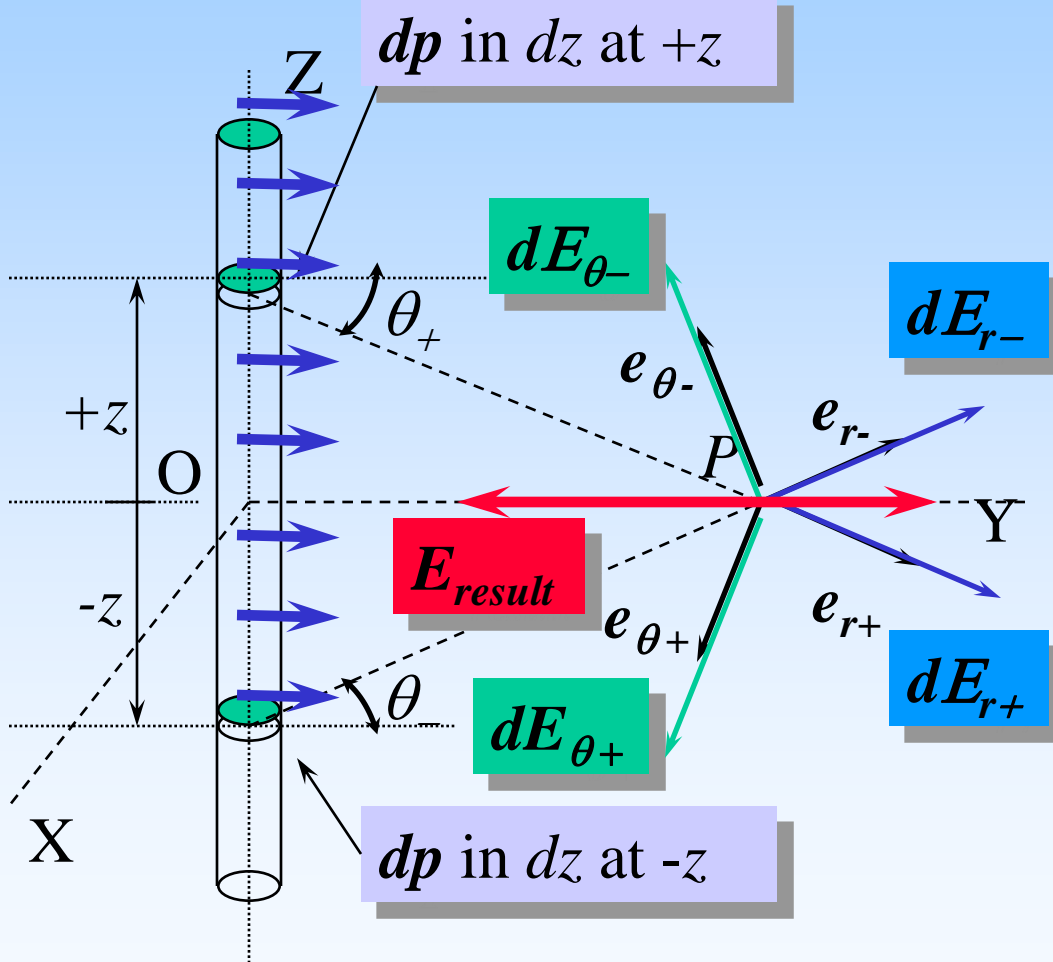
$\implies E // -X\text{-axis}$



integratio n with $r^2 = y_p^2 + z^2$: $E_\theta = \frac{np}{2\pi\epsilon_0 y_p^2}$

Dipoles // Y-axis

$$E_r = \frac{2p \cdot \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}; E_\theta = \frac{p \cdot \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$



Case 2:

all dipoles // +Y-axis

Find directions of the field contributions dE

dipole	+z	-z
$dE_r \sim \cos \theta$	>0	>0
$dE_\theta \sim \sin \theta$	>0	>0

resulting vector :

$\implies E // Y\text{-axis}$

Dipoles // Y-axis

$$E_r = \frac{2p \cdot \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}; E_\theta = \frac{p \cdot \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$

$$dp = n \cdot p \cdot dz \quad ; \quad \theta_+ = \theta_- = \theta$$

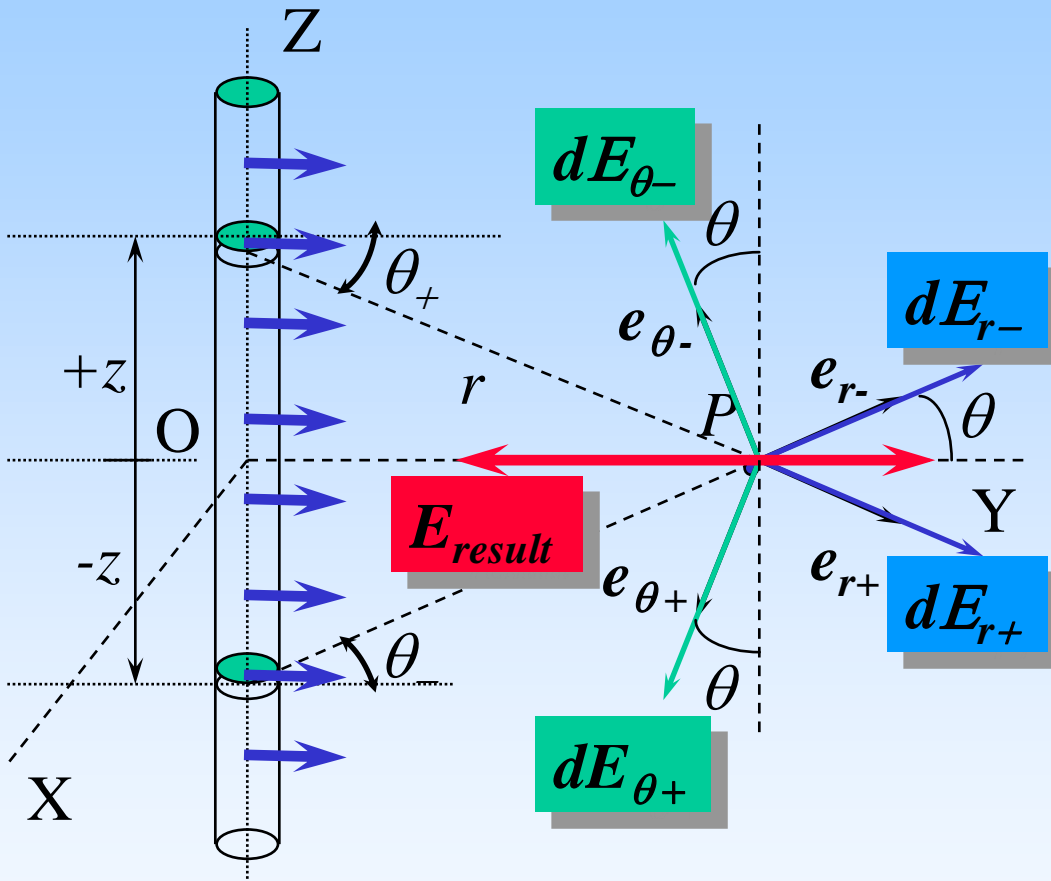
Y-components:

dE_{r+} and dE_{r-} : each:

$$\left(\frac{np \, dz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} 2 \cos \theta \right) \cos \theta$$

$dE_{\theta+}$ and $dE_{\theta-}$: each:

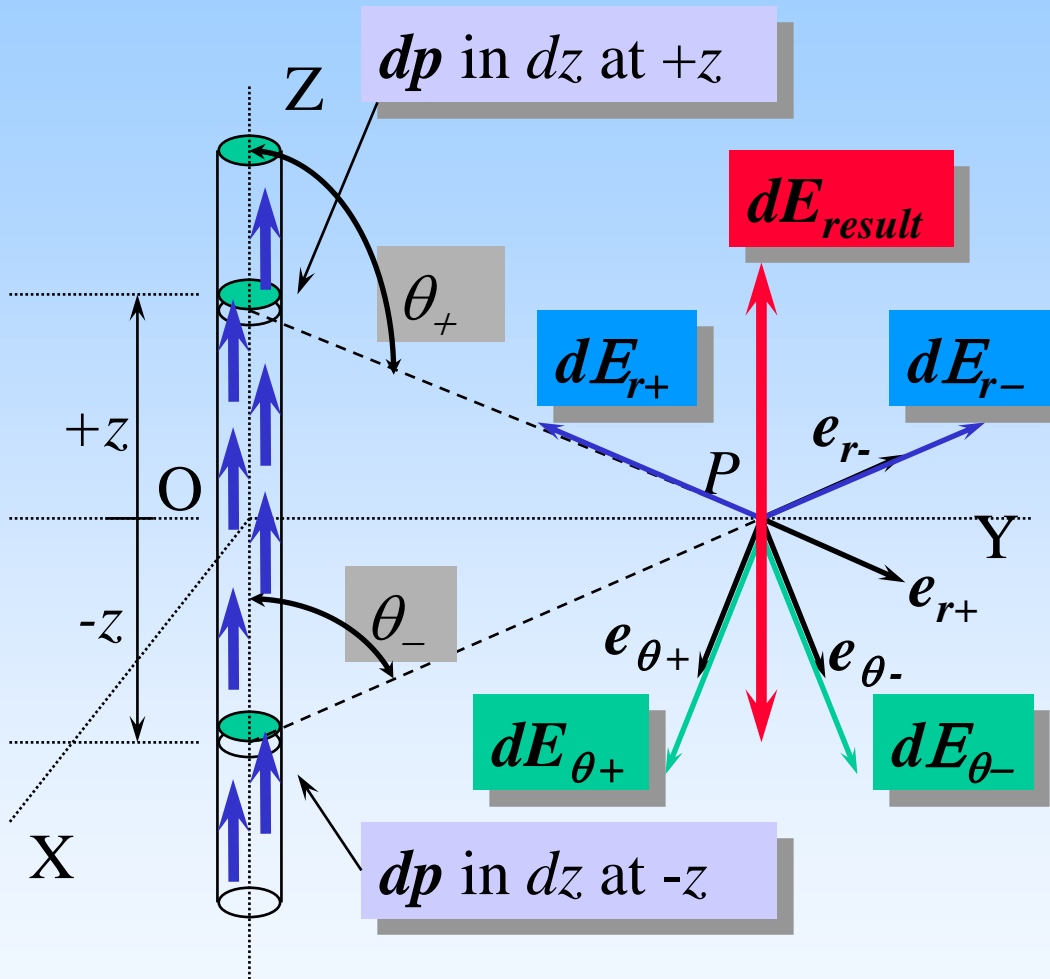
$$- \left(\frac{np \, dz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \sin \theta \right) \sin \theta$$



The integrations can be performed using standard integrals of rational functions. The resulting \mathbf{E} -vector will be directed along the Y-axis.

Dipoles // Z-axis

$$E_r = \frac{2p \cdot \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}; E_\theta = \frac{p \cdot \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$



Case 3:

all dipoles // +Z-axis

dipool	+	-
$dE_r \sim \cos \theta$	<0	>0
$dE_\theta \sim \sin \theta$	>0	>0

resulting vector :

$\implies E // Z\text{-axis}$

Dipoles // Z-axis

$$E_r = \frac{2p \cdot \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}; E_\theta = \frac{p \cdot \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$

$$dp = n p dz$$

$$\theta_+ = \pi - \theta_-$$

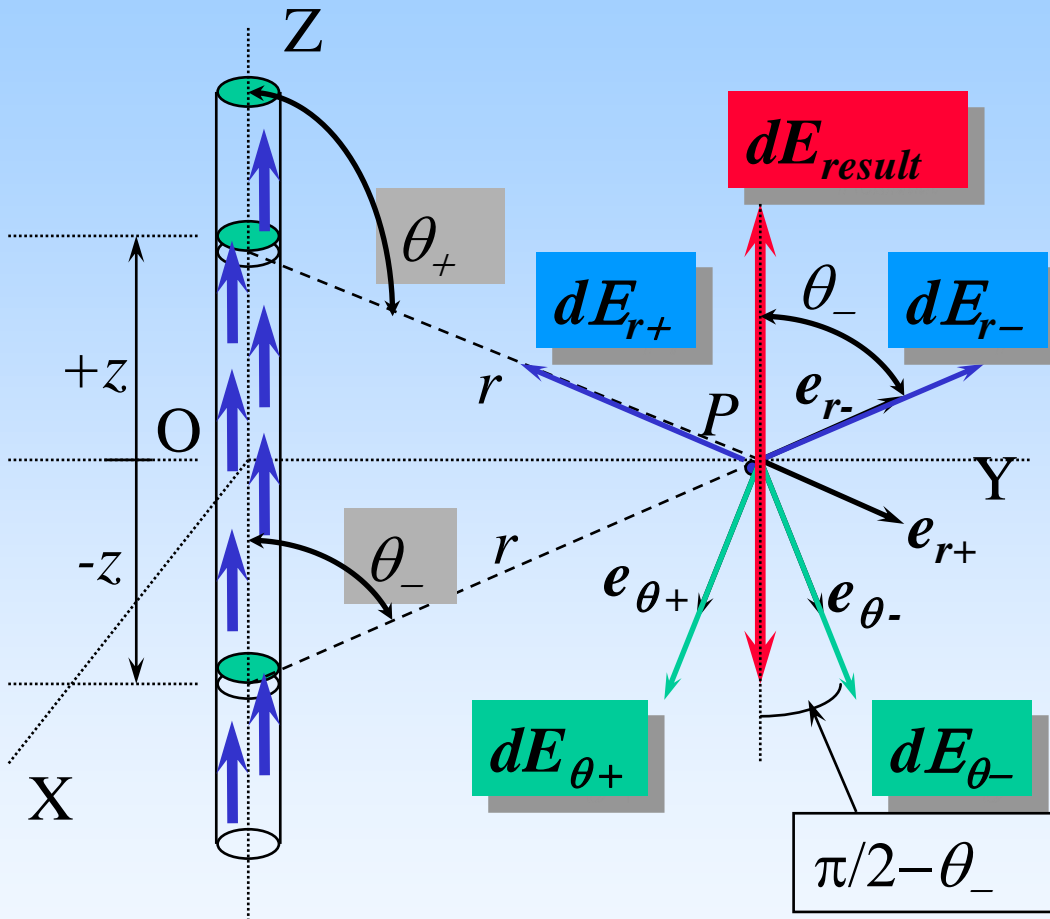
Z-components:

dE_{r+} and dE_{r-} : each:

$$\left(\frac{np dz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} 2 \cos \theta_- \right) \cos \theta_-$$

$dE_{\theta+}$ and $dE_{\theta-}$: each:

$$- \left(\frac{np dz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \sin \theta_- \right) \sin \theta_-$$

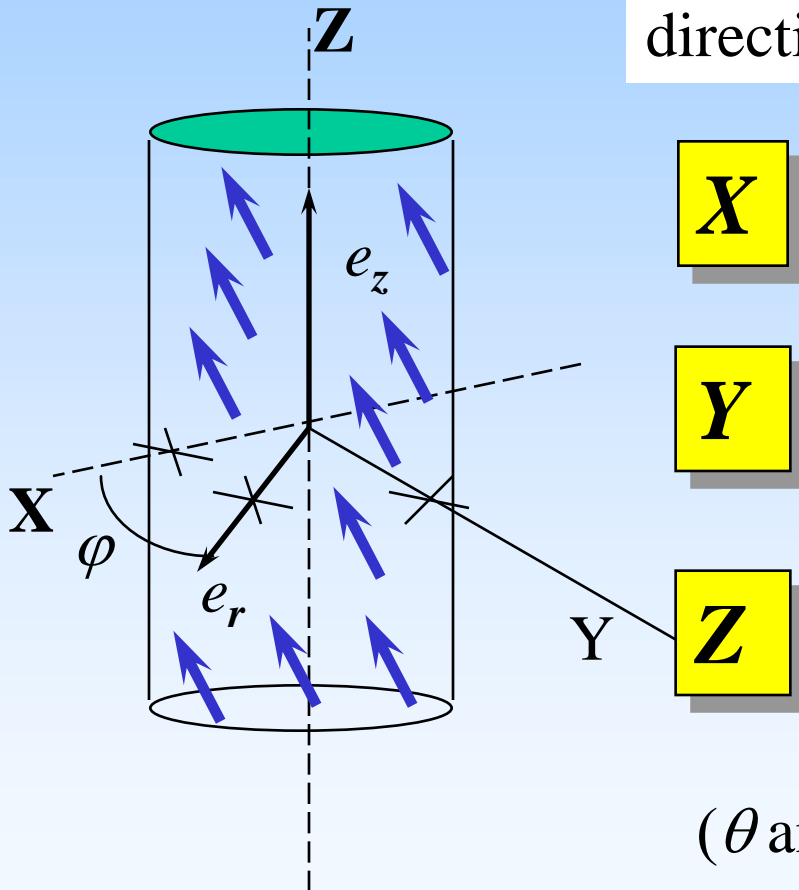


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Conclusions

Dipole direction

dE – direction in point P on Y-axis



X

$$dE = -\frac{np dz}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} e_x$$

Y

$$dE = \frac{np dz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} (2\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) e_y$$

Z

$$dE = \frac{np dz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} (2\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) e_z$$

(θ and r are measured from dipole to P)