

CONCEPT: POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE WITH CALCULUS

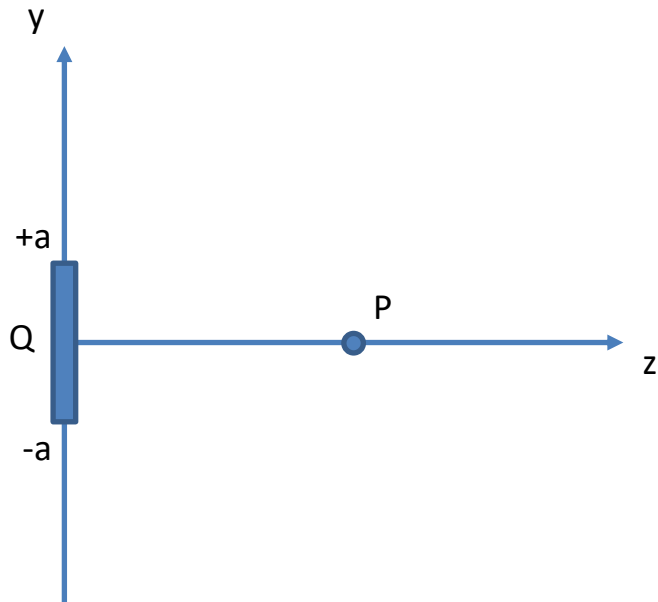
- The potential difference between two points can be defined as $\rightarrow \Delta V = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- For a constant electric field, this reduces to the familiar equation $\rightarrow E = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- For a DISTRIBUTION of charges, we will $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ V.



EXAMPLE: Calculate the potential difference due to a point charge between a point r away from the charge and infinity.

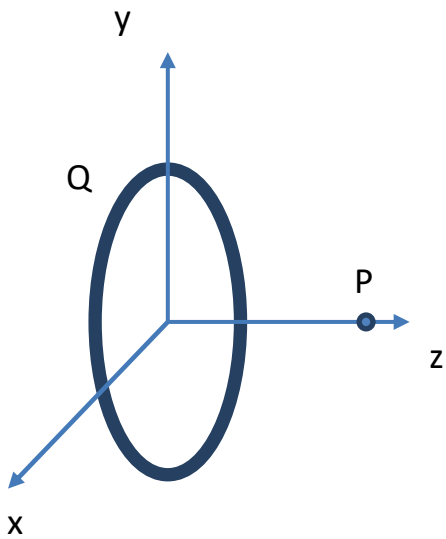
EXAMPLE: ELECTRIC POTENTIAL DUE TO LINE OF CHARGE

What is the electric potential due a line of charge, Q , with length $2a$, at the point depicted in the following figure?



EXAMPLE: ELECTRIC POTENTIAL DUE TO RING OF CHARGE

What is the electric potential due to a ring of charge, Q , and radius, R , at the point indicated in the following figure?



PRACTICE: ELECTRIC POTENTIAL DUE TO DISK OF CHARGE

What is the electric potential due a disk of charge, Q , with some radius, R , at the point shown in the following figure?
(hint: see “Electric Potential due to Ring of Charge”)

