

# Continuous Charge Distributions

“I would like to go over the process of integration with the infinite line of charge example again in class if possible..”

Summation becomes an integral (be careful with vector nature)

$$\vec{E} = \sum_i k \frac{Q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{r}_i \quad \longrightarrow \quad \vec{E} = \int k \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

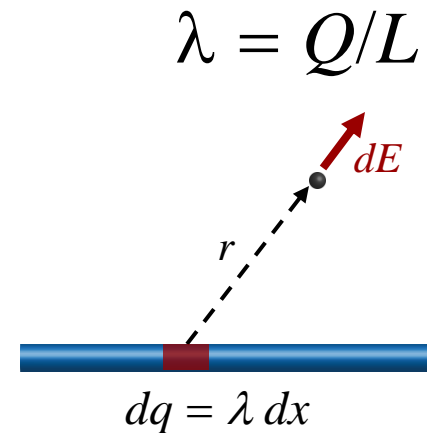
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

Integrate over all charges ( $dq$ )

$r$  is vector from  $dq$  to the point at which  $E$  is defined

Linear Example:

pt for  $E$  •



charges •••••