### MULTIPOLE EXPANSION

## $p = aq_i r_i$

What is the magnitude of the dipole moment of this charge distribution?

A) qd

- B) 2qd
- C) 3qd
- D) 4qd
- E) It's not determined



(or, not defined)!

 $\vec{p} = \vec{a} q_i \vec{r}_i$ 

What is the dipole moment of this system? (Note: same as last question, just shifted in z!)



A)  $q d_{\Gamma}$ **B**) 2q d C)  $\frac{3}{2}$  q d D) 3 q d E) Something else (or, not defined)!



# A) + q dB) - q dC) zero

D) None of these, it's more complicated now!

A small dipole (dipole moment p=qd) points in the z direction. We have derived  $V(r) \gg \frac{1}{4\rho e_0} \frac{qd\cos q}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4\rho e_0} \frac{qdz}{r^3}$ 

Which of the following is correct (and "coordinate free")?

A) 
$$V(\overrightarrow{r}) = \frac{1}{4\rho e_0} \frac{\overrightarrow{p} \times \widehat{r}}{r^2}$$
  
B)  $V(\overrightarrow{r}) = \frac{1}{4\rho e_0} \frac{\overrightarrow{p} \times \widehat{r}}{r}$   
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E) None of these

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- D) ?

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### **Electric Dipole Radiation**









#### **Heinrich Hertz**

(1857 – 1894) German physicist, first conclusively proved the existence of the electromagnetic waves theorized by James Clerk Maxwell

Asked about the applications of his discoveries, Hertz replied, "Nothing, I guess."





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In which situation is the dipole term the leading non-zero contribution to the potential?



E) Some other combo



$$=\frac{1}{4\rho e_{0}}(-)\ln(z-z')|_{-d}^{0}$$

$$=\frac{1}{4\rho e_0}\ln(\frac{z+d}{z})$$