

- Q1. Use  $V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq'}{r}$  to find the electric potential at any point in the x-y plane due to a straight-line segment of length  $2L$  and linear charge density  $\lambda$ . The segment is located along the x-axis with its midpoint at the origin.
- Q2. Use  $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V$  to find the electric field. Compare your result with that of the previous homework. Are they the same?
- Q3. Use Mathematica to show on the same plot the segment, a stream plot of the electric field  $\vec{E}$ , and a contour plot of  $V(\vec{r})$  in the range  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$  and  $-2 \leq y \leq 2$ . Use  $L = 1$  and  $\lambda = 4\pi\epsilon_0$ . Use the option “ContourShading -> None” in your contour plot. What can you say about the direction of the electric field with respect to the equipotential surfaces (the contour lines)?