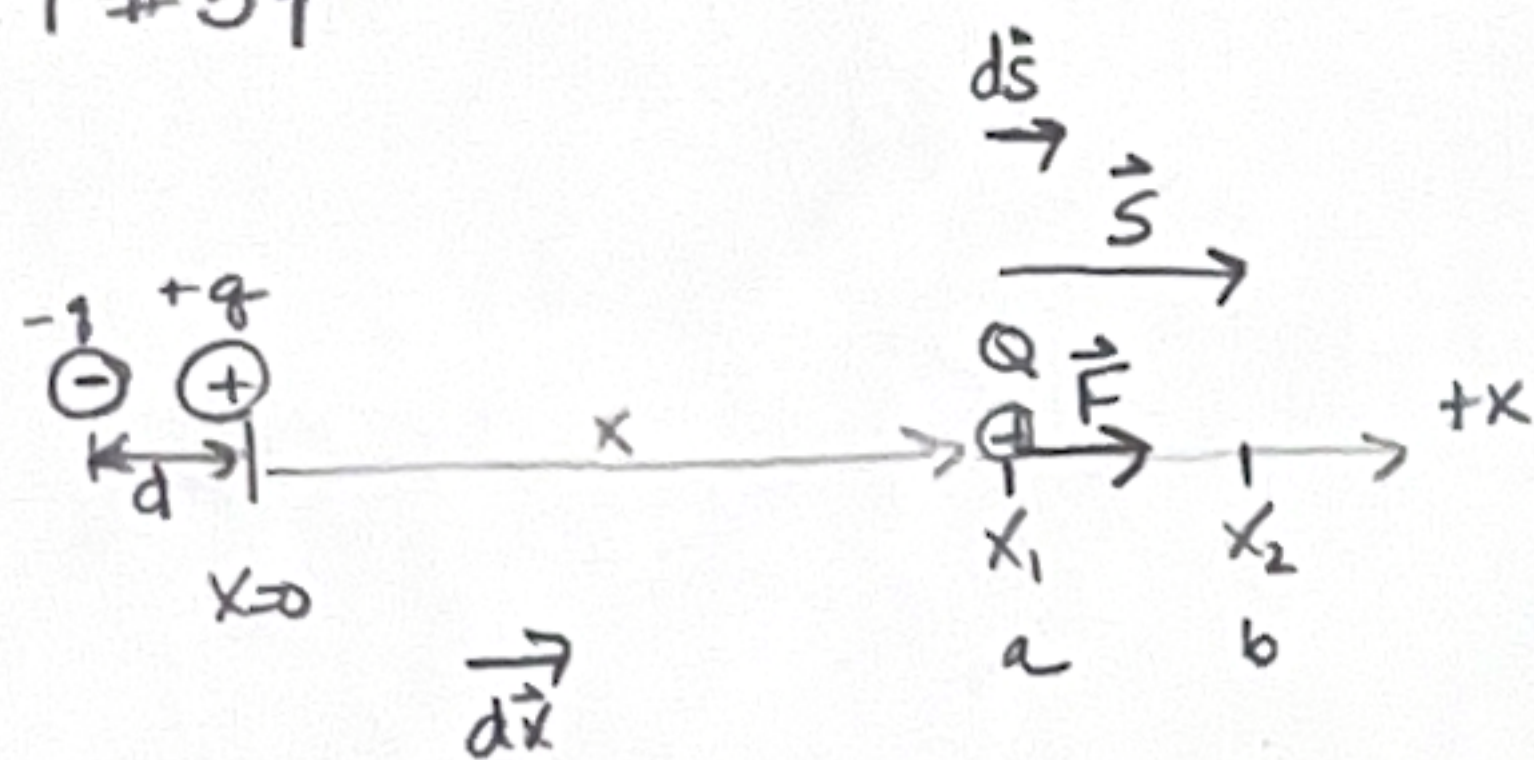


Ch 9 #54



$$F = \frac{kqQd}{x^3}$$

$$W = \int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$W = \int_a^b F ds \cos \theta$$

$$W = \int_a^b \left(\frac{kqQd}{x^3} \right) (ds) \cos 0 \quad \theta = 0 \text{ because } \vec{F} \text{ and } d\vec{s} \text{ point in same direction}$$

$$W = \int_a^b \left(\frac{kqQd}{x^3} \right) ds$$

$$W = kqQd \int_{x_i}^{x_f} \left(\frac{1}{x^3} \right) dx$$

converted to all x-variables. Put constants out front.

$$W = kqQd \int_{x_i}^{x_f} x^{-3} dx$$

rewrote $\frac{1}{x^3}$ as x^{-3} to make it easier to think about integral

$$W = kqQd \left(\frac{1}{-3+1} x^{-3+1} \right) \Big|_{x_i}^{x_f}$$

integrated x^{-3} with respect to x

$$W = kqQd \left[\frac{x^{-2}}{-2} \right] \Big|_{x_i}^{x_f}$$

simplified the result

$$W = -\frac{kqQd}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x_f^2} \right) \Big|_{x_i}$$

put the negative and the 2 out front

$$W = -\frac{kqQd}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x_f^2} - \frac{1}{x_i^2} \right)$$

evaluated $\frac{1}{x^2}$ at x_f and x_i

$$W = \frac{kqQd}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x_i^2} - \frac{1}{x_f^2} \right)$$

distributed the negative

(I used x_i and x_f instead of x_1 and x_2)