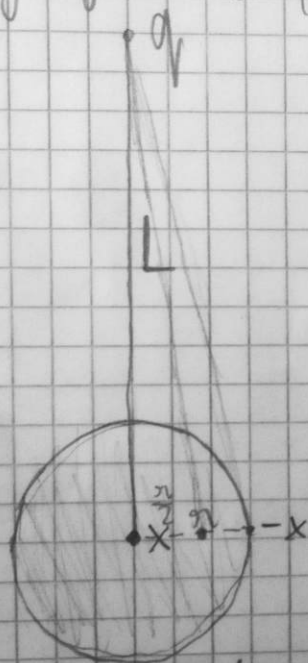


Let us assume (for an estimate) that the charge configuration on the disk is such that there is a charge x in the middle of the disk and a charge $-x$ on the edge of the disk ($x + (-x) = 0$).



In the realistic scenario, the electric field parallel to the disk should be 0. In our model, this fact could be simplified into saying that at the distance $\frac{r}{2}$ from the disk's center, the electric field should be 0 (parallel to the disk). At this point, there are three fields present. The charge q_1 applies the field:

$$E_{q_1} = \frac{q_1 \cdot k}{L^2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2L} = \frac{k q_1 \pi}{2L^3}$$

The charge x applies the field $E_x = \frac{x \cdot k}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{4kx}{\pi^2}$. The ring of charge

$$-x \text{ applies the force } E_{-x} = \frac{2kx}{\frac{r}{2}} = \frac{2kx}{\pi r^2} \text{ (approximating it as a wire).}$$

Since $\frac{4kx}{\pi^2}$ is much greater than $\frac{2kx}{\pi r^2}$ ($\frac{2}{\pi} \ll 4$), we can ignore $\frac{2kx}{\pi r^2}$ (because it is an estimate). Thus $\frac{4kx}{\pi^2} = \frac{k q_1 \pi}{2L^3} \Rightarrow x = \frac{q_1 \pi^3}{8L^3}$. Now

we can calculate the total interaction force $F_T = \frac{k q_1 x}{L^2} - \frac{k q_1 x}{(\pi^2 + L^2) \frac{L}{\sqrt{\pi^2 + L^2}}} =$

$$= \frac{k q_1 x}{L^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\pi^2}{L^2}}} \right) = \frac{k q_1 x}{L^2} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{2L^2} \right) = \frac{k q_1^2 \pi^5}{16 L^7}$$