

Reading Quiz 2

Distributions of Point Charges

1.

$$\vec{p} = q\hat{d}$$

$$\vec{E} = E_0 \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$

$$= (q\hat{d}) \times (E_0 \hat{x})$$

2.

$$\vec{E} = kq/r^2 \hat{r}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{tot}} = \frac{k(q)}{r^2} \hat{r} + \frac{k(-q)}{r^2} \hat{r} + \frac{k(-q)}{r^2} \hat{r} + \frac{k(q)}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = 0}$$

Continuous Charge Distributions

a) $Q = \lambda L$

total charge density λ , total length L

$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$

$$\vec{E} = k \int \frac{\lambda}{z^2} \hat{z} dz$$

$$\hat{r} = \hat{z} - \hat{r}' = z\hat{z} - x\hat{x}$$

$$x: -\frac{L}{2} \rightarrow \frac{L}{2}$$

$$\vec{r} = z\hat{z}, \hat{r}' = x\hat{x}, dz = dx$$

$$\vec{E} = k \int \frac{\lambda}{z^2} \hat{z} dz$$

$$\hat{z} = \sqrt{z^2 + x^2}$$

$$\hat{z}' = \frac{x\hat{x}}{\sqrt{z^2 + x^2}} = (z\hat{z} - x\hat{x}) / \sqrt{z^2 + x^2}$$

$$= k \int \frac{\lambda}{(z^2 + x^2)} \left(\frac{z\hat{z} - x\hat{x}}{\sqrt{z^2 + x^2}} \right) dx = \lambda k \int \frac{z\hat{z} - x\hat{x}}{(z^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} dx$$

$$= \lambda k \left[\int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} \frac{z\hat{z}}{(z^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} dx - \int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} \frac{x\hat{x}}{(z^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} dx \right] = \lambda k \int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} z\hat{z} \left(\frac{dx}{(z^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} \right) - \hat{x} \left(\frac{x dx}{(z^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} \right)$$

$$= \lambda k \left(z\hat{z} \left[\frac{x}{z^2(z^2 + x^2)^{1/2}} \right]_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} + \hat{x} \left[\frac{1}{(z^2 + x^2)^{1/2}} \right]_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda k \hat{z}}{z} \left[\frac{\frac{L}{2}}{\sqrt{z^2 + \frac{L^2}{4}}} + \frac{\frac{L}{2}}{\sqrt{z^2 + \frac{L^2}{4}}} \right] = \frac{\lambda k \hat{z}}{z} \left(\frac{L}{\sqrt{z^2 + \frac{L^2}{4}}} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda L}{(z^2 + \frac{L^2}{4})^{1/2}} \hat{z}}$$

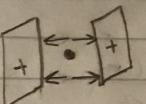
When $L \gg z$: $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda L}{(z^2 + \frac{L^2}{4})^{1/2}} \approx \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda L}{z}$

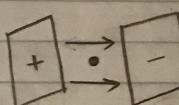
$$\boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0}}$$

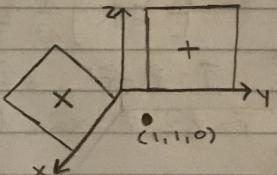
b) $\phi_E = Q_{\text{enc}}/\epsilon_0$ $\phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = EA \cos\theta = (kq/r)(L) \cos(90^\circ)$
 $Q_{\text{enc}} = \lambda L$ $r^2 = z^2 + \frac{L^2}{4}$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{A \cdot \epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda L}{z^2 \epsilon_0}$$

2. plane of charge w/ charge density σ has $\vec{E} = \sigma/2\epsilon_0$.

-  $\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} - \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} = \boxed{0}$

-  $\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} + \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} = \boxed{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}}$

-  $\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} (\cos 90^\circ) + \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} (\sin 90^\circ) = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} (1)$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}}$$

The Curl of E-fields

1. $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$, $\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$, $\vec{E} = -\nabla V$

- Show $-\int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = V(\vec{b}) - V(\vec{a})$

$$V(\vec{r}) \equiv - \int_0^r \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$V(\vec{b}) - V(\vec{a}) = - \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + (+ \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}) = - \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \checkmark$$

- $V(\vec{r}) = - \int_{\infty}^r E(r') dr' = - \int_{\infty}^r \frac{kq}{r'^2} dr' = - \int_{\infty}^r kq r'^{-2} dr'$

$$= + kq \left[+ r'^{-1} \right]_{\infty}^r = kq \left[\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right]$$

$$\boxed{V(\vec{r}) = \frac{kq}{r}}$$