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HW #2 ✓ 2.5, ✓ 2.6, ✓ 2.9, ✓ 2.12, ✓ 2.16, ✓ 2.18, ✓ 2.25, ✓ 2.29

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2.12) Use Gauss's law to find the electric field inside a uniformly charged solid sphere (charge density  $\rho$ ).

area of sphere =  $4\pi r^2$

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{enc} \quad da = 4\pi r^2$$

$$E 4\pi r^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{enc} \quad Q_{enc} = \text{volume} \cdot \rho$$

$$E 4\pi r^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho \quad = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho$$

$$\boxed{E = \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} r \rho \hat{r}}$$

2.16) Coaxial cable carries uniform volume charge density  $\rho$  on the inner cylinder ( $r=a$ ) and a uniform surface charge density on outer cylinder shell ( $r=b$ ). This surface charge is negative and is of just the right magnitude that the cable as a whole is electrically neutral.

Find the electric field in each of the three regions (i) inside the inner cylinder ( $r < a$ ), (ii) between the cylinders ( $a < r < b$ ),

(iii) outside the cable ( $r > b$ ). Plot  $|E|$  as a function of  $r$ .

$$(i) \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{enc}$$

$$da = 2\pi r \cdot l$$

cylinder minus ends

$$E 2\pi r l = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \pi r^2 l \rho$$

$$\boxed{E = \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} r \rho \hat{s}}$$

$$Q_{enc} = \text{volume} \cdot \rho$$

$$= \pi r^2 l \cdot \rho$$

$$(ii) \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{enc}$$

$$E 2\pi r l = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \pi a^2 l \rho$$

$$\boxed{E = \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{a^2}{r} \rho \hat{s}}$$

(iii) outer cylinder is same as (i) but negative

$$\vec{E} = E_{inside\ cyl} + E_{outside\ cyl}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} r \rho \hat{s} + -\frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{a^2}{r} \rho \hat{s}$$

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

2.18) Two spheres, each of radius  $R$  and carrying uniform volume charge densities  $+\rho$  and  $-\rho$ , are placed so that they partially overlap. Call the vector from the positive center to the negative center  $d$ . Show that the field in the region of overlap is constant and find its value.

For one sphere  $E = \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \rho r \hat{r}$

$$E_+ = \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \rho r$$

$$E_- = -\frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \rho r$$

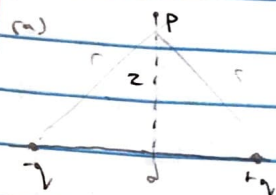
$$E_{\text{tot}} = \frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0} (r_+ - r_-)$$

$$d = r_+ - r_-$$

$$E_{\text{tot}} = \frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0} d$$

all constants so  $E$  is constant

2.25) Find the potential at a distance  $z$  above the center of the charge distributions. In each case, compute  $E = -\nabla V$ . Suppose that we changed the right-hand charge in Fig. 2.34 a to  $-q$ , what then is the potential at P? What field does that suggest?



$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$$

$$r = \sqrt{z^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}$$

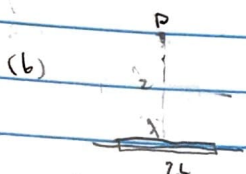
$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2q}{\sqrt{z^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}}$$

if  $+q$  is  $-q$  then  $V = 0$

Only know  $V$  on x-axis  
so don't know  $E$

$$E = -\nabla V$$

$$E = -\nabla \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2q}{\sqrt{z^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}}$$

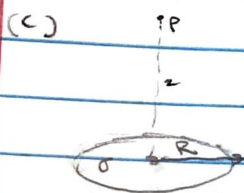


$\lambda$  direction

$$dV = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda dx}{r}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-L}^{L} \frac{\lambda dx}{\sqrt{z^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2L\lambda}{\sqrt{z^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}}$$



$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\sigma \pi R^2}{R}$$

$$V = \frac{\sigma \pi R}{4\epsilon_0}$$

2.29) Check that Eq. 2.29 satisfies Poisson's equation, by applying the Laplacian and using Eq. 1.109

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(r')}{u} d\tau'$$

$$\nabla^2 \frac{1}{u} = -4\pi \delta^3(u)$$

$$\nabla^2 V(r) = \nabla^2 \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(r')}{u} d\tau' \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(r') \nabla^2 \frac{1}{u} d\tau'$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(r') \frac{\nabla^2}{u} d\tau'$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(r') (-4\pi \delta^3(u)) d\tau' \text{ goes to } \rho$$

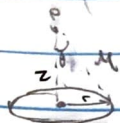
$$= \frac{-4\pi}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(r') \delta^3(r-r') d\tau'$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho \leftarrow \text{Poisson's equation}$$



2.5) Find the electric field at a distance  $z$  above the center of a circular loop of radius  $r$  that carries a uniform line charge  $\lambda$ .



$$E(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\lambda(r')}{u^2} \hat{u}^z dl \hat{z} \quad \int dl = \text{circumference} = 2\pi r$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{r^2+z^2} \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{r^2+z^2}} \right) (2\pi r) \hat{z} \quad \hat{u} = \frac{\hat{z}}{\sqrt{r^2+z^2}}$$

$$\hat{u} = \frac{\hat{z}}{\sqrt{r^2+z^2}}$$

$$u^2 = r^2 + z^2$$

$$= \frac{\lambda z r}{2\epsilon_0 (r^2+z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{z}{\sqrt{r^2+z^2}}$$

2.6) Find the electric field at a distance  $z$  above the center of a flat circular disk of radius  $R$  that carries a uniform surface charge  $\sigma$ . What does it give in the limit  $R \rightarrow \infty$ ? Check when  $z \gg R$ .

disk is just collection of rings

$$\text{ring (from 2.5)} \rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2\pi r \sigma z}{(r^2+z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z} \quad \int \rightarrow \sigma dr$$

$$\text{so for disk } \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^R \frac{2\pi r \sigma z}{(r^2+z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi\sigma z}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^R \frac{r dr}{(r^2+z^2)^{3/2}} \leftarrow \text{I looked online how to integrate this}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2+z^2}} \right] \hat{z}$$

$$\text{When } R \rightarrow \infty, \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2+z^2}} \rightarrow 0, \therefore \vec{E} = \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{z} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$$

$$\text{When } z \gg R, \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2+z^2}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{z}, \therefore \vec{E} = \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{z} \right] = 0$$

2.9) Suppose the electric field in some region is found to be  $\vec{E} = kr^3 \hat{r}$  in spherical coordinates ( $k$  is constant).

(a) Find the charge density  $\rho$ .

(b) Find the total charge contained in a sphere of radius  $R$  centered at the origin (in two different ways).

$$\text{(a)} \quad E\hat{r} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho \quad A \text{ of sphere} = 4\pi r^2$$

$$(kr^3)(4\pi r^2) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{volume} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$= 4\pi k r^5 \epsilon_0$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\text{volume}}$$

$$\rho = \frac{4\pi k r^5 \epsilon_0}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}$$

$$\boxed{\rho = 3kr^2 \epsilon_0}$$

(b) 1st way:  $E \cdot A = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$

$$(kR^3)(4\pi R^2) = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$Q_{enc} = 4\pi k R^5 \epsilon_0$$

2nd way:

$$Q_{enc} = \int \rho d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^R (3kr^2 \epsilon_0)(4\pi r^2 dr)$$

$$= \int_0^R 12kr^4 \epsilon_0 dr$$

$$= 12k\epsilon_0 \pi \int_0^R r^4 dr$$

$$= \frac{12}{5} \pi R k \epsilon_0$$