

Section 3 Physics (ii)

MCQ:

- 1. In uniform fields, all points have _____ field strength.
 - a. Zero
 - b. Same
 - c. Infinity
 - d. Different Answer : b
- 2. The force per unit charge is known as
 - a. electric flux
 - b. electric field
 - c. electric potential
 - d. electric current

Answer: b

Electric Field of a Continuous Charge Distribution

• The Electric Field Due to a Charged Rod

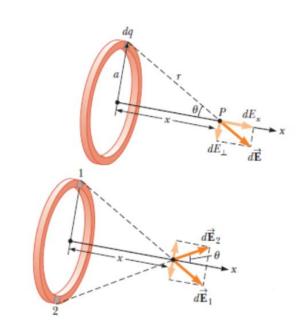
$$E = \frac{k_e Q}{a(a+l)}$$

• The Electric Field of a Uniform Ring of Charge

$$E = \frac{k_e x}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} Q$$

The Electric Field of a Uniformly Charged Disk

$$E_x = 2k_e \pi \sigma \left[1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{R^2 + x^2}} \right]$$



Example 1:

A rod 14.0 cm long is uniformly charged and has a total charge of -22.0 uC. Determine the magnitude and direction of the electric field along the axis of the rod at a point 0.000 cm from its center.

Solution

 $\begin{array}{c} \leftarrow d \rightarrow 0 \\ \leftarrow 36.0 \text{ cm} \rightarrow \end{array}$

$$E = \frac{k_e \, \lambda l}{d(l+d)} = \frac{k_e \, Q}{d(l+d)} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9)(22.0 \times 10^{-6})}{(0.290)(0.140 + 0.290)}$$

 $E=1.59\times 10^6$ N/C , directed toward the rod

Example 2:

A uniformly charged ring of radius 10.0 cm has a total charge of 75.0 uC. Find the electric field on the axis of the ring at

- (a) 1.00 cm
- (b) 30.0 cm

Solution

$$E = \frac{k_e x Q}{\left(x^2 + a^2\right)^{3/2}} = \frac{\left(8.99 \times 10^9\right) \left(75.0 \times 10^{-6}\right) x}{\left(x^2 + 0.100^2\right)^{3/2}} = \frac{6.74 \times 10^5 x}{\left(x^2 + 0.010 \ 0\right)^{3/2}}$$

(a) At
$$x = 0.0100 \text{ m}$$
, $\mathbf{E} = 6.64 \times 10^6 \,\hat{\mathbf{i}} \text{ N/C} = 6.64 \,\hat{\mathbf{i}} \text{ MN/C}$

(b) At
$$x = 0.300 \text{ m}$$
, $\mathbf{E} = 6.40 \times 10^6 \,\hat{\mathbf{i}} \text{ N/C} = 6.40 \,\hat{\mathbf{i}} \text{ MN/C}$

Example 3:

A uniformly charged disk of radius 35.0 cm carries charge with a density of $7.90 \times 10^{-3} \ C/m^2$ Calculate the electric field on the axis of the disk at

- (a) 5.00 cm
- (b) 50.0 cm

Solution

$$E = 2\pi k_e \sigma \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}} \right)$$

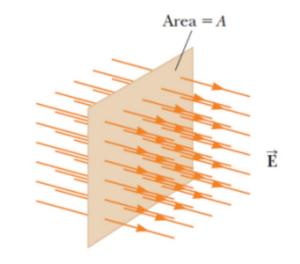
$$E = 2\pi \left(8.99 \times 10^{9}\right) \left(7.90 \times 10^{-3}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^{2} + (0.350)^{2}}}\right) = 4.46 \times 10^{8} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^{2} + 0.123}}\right)$$

(a) At
$$x = 0.0500 \text{ m}$$
, $E = 3.83 \times 10^8 \text{ N/C} = 383 \text{ MN/C}$

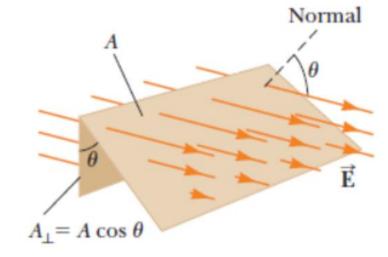
(b) At
$$x = 0.500 \text{ m}$$
, $E = 8.07 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C} = 80.7 \text{ MN/C}$

Electric Flux

$$\Phi_E = EA \text{ (N.m}^2/\text{C)}$$



$$A_{\perp} = A \cos \theta$$
$$\Phi_E = EA_{\perp} = EA \cos \theta$$



Example 3:

An electric field with a magnitude of 3.50 kN/C is applied along the x axis. Calculate the electric flux through a rectangular plane 0.350 m wide and 0.700 m long assuming that (a) the plane is parallel to the yz plane; (b) the plane is parallel to the xy plane; (c) the plane contains the y axis, and its normal makes an angle of 40.0° with the x axis.

Solution

(a)
$$\Phi_E = EA \cos \theta = (3.50 \times 10^3)(0.350 \times 0.700)\cos 0^\circ = 858 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}$$

(b)
$$\theta = 90.0^{\circ}$$
 $\Phi_E = 0$

(c)
$$\Phi_E = (3.50 \times 10^3)(0.350 \times 0.700)\cos 40.0^\circ = 657 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}$$

Example 4:

Consider a closed triangular box resting within a horizontal electric field of magnitude $E = 7.80 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$ as shown in Figure P24.4. Calculate the electric flux through (a) the vertical rectangular surface, (b) the slanted surface, and (c) the entire surface of the box.

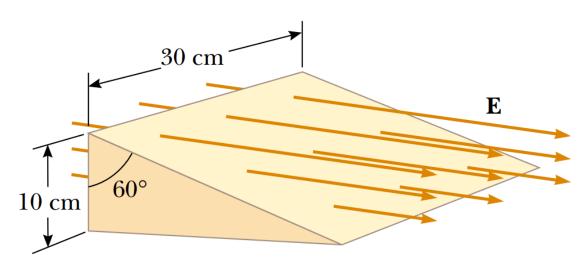


Figure P24.4

Solution

(a)
$$A' = (10.0 \text{ cm})(30.0 \text{ cm})$$

 $A' = 300 \text{ cm}^2 = 0.030 \text{ 0 m}^2$
 $\Phi_{E, A'} = EA' \cos \theta$
 $\Phi_{E, A'} = (7.80 \times 10^4)(0.030 \text{ 0}) \cos 180^\circ$
 $\Phi_{E, A'} = \boxed{-2.34 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}}$

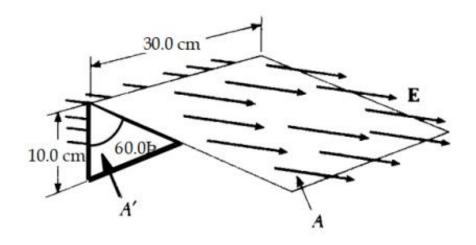


FIG. P24.4

(b)
$$\Phi_{E, A} = EA \cos \theta = (7.80 \times 10^4)(A) \cos 60.0^{\circ}$$

$$A = (30.0 \text{ cm})(w) = (30.0 \text{ cm}) \left(\frac{10.0 \text{ cm}}{\cos 60.0^{\circ}}\right) = 600 \text{ cm}^2 = 0.060 \text{ 0 m}^2$$

$$\Phi_{E, A} = (7.80 \times 10^4)(0.060 \text{ 0}) \cos 60.0^{\circ} = \boxed{+2.34 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}}$$

(c) The bottom and the two triangular sides all lie *parallel* to **E**, so $\Phi_E = 0$ for each of these. Thus, $\Phi_{E, \text{ total}} = -2.34 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C} + 2.34 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C} + 0 + 0 + 0 = \boxed{0}$.

MCQ:

- 1. When is the flux on a surface zero?
 - a. When it is perpendicular to an electric field
 - b. When it is at an angle to an electric field
 - c. When it is parallel to an electric field
 - d. It is never zero in an electric field

Answer: c