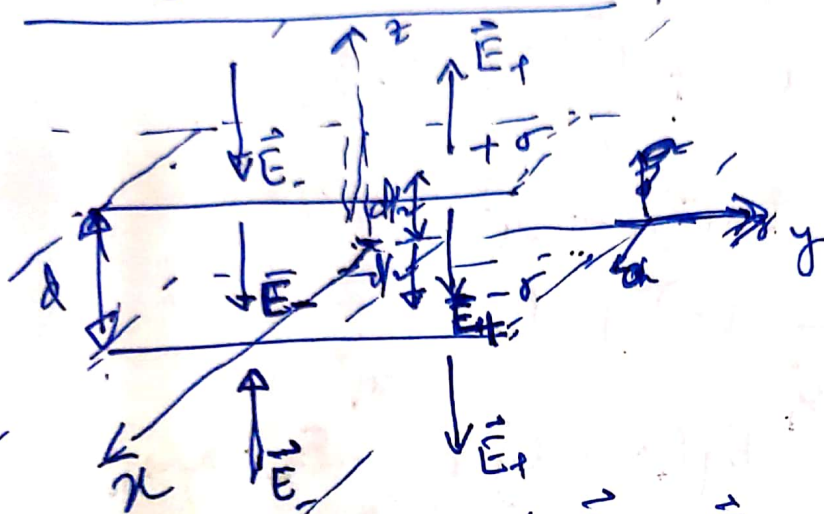


Assignment 3 soln.



$$\vec{E}_+ = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{n} & z > \frac{d}{2} \\ -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{n} & z < \frac{d}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{E}_- = \begin{cases} -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{n} & z > -\frac{d}{2} \\ +\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{n} & z < -\frac{d}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \vec{E} = \vec{E}_+ + \vec{E}_- = \begin{cases} 0 & z > \frac{d}{2} \\ -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{n} & -\frac{d}{2} < z < \frac{d}{2} \\ 0 & z < -\frac{d}{2} \end{cases}$$

3. Since $z=0$ in all cases, we will ignore z component of argument.

Line integral along 1st path,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{(0,0)}^{(x_1,y_1)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} &= \int_0^{x_1} E_x(x,0) dx + \int_0^{y_1} E_y(x_1,y) dy \\ &= 0 + \int_0^{y_1} (3x_1^2 - 3y^2) dy \\ &= 3x_1^2 y_1 - y_1^3.\end{aligned}$$

Line integral along 2nd path,

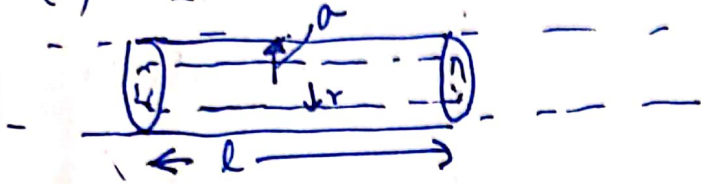
$$\begin{aligned}\int_{(0,0)}^{(x_1,y_1)} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} &= \int_0^{y_1} E_y(0,y) dy + \int_0^{x_1} E_x(x,y_1) dx \\ &= \int_0^{y_1} (0 - 3y^2) dy + \int_0^{x_1} 6xy_1 dx \\ &= -y_1^3 + 3x_1^2 y_1.\end{aligned}$$

These results ~~are~~ are the same. \vec{E} may be an electrostatic field. Let electric potential ϕ be zero at $(0,0)$.

$$\text{Then, } \phi = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = y^3 - 3x^2 y.$$

$$\begin{aligned}-\vec{\nabla} \phi &= -\hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \\ &= +6xy \hat{i} + (3x^2 - 3y^2) \hat{j} + 0. \\ &= 6xy \hat{i} + (3x^2 - 3y^2) \hat{j}\end{aligned}$$

(a) $r \leq a$



Consider the Gaussian ~~surface~~ surface as the coaxial cylinder of radius $r < a$

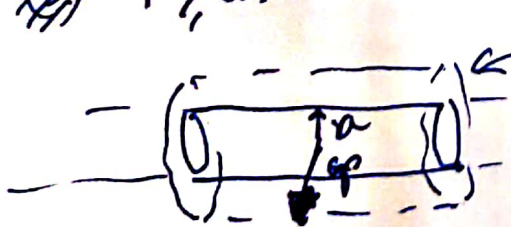
& length l . Charge enclosed = $\rho (\pi r^2 l)$.

\vec{E} is \perp to the curved surface by symmetry & therefore \parallel to the area vector. The other 2 surfaces do not contribute. Therefore, Gauss's law gives,

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow E \cdot 2\pi r l = \frac{\pi r^2 l \rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\therefore E = \frac{\rho r}{2\epsilon_0} \text{ radially outward.}$$

(b) $r > a$.



Gaussian surface of radius $r > a$ & length l .

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow E \cdot 2\pi r l = \frac{\pi a^2 l \rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

(\because charge enclosed = $(\pi a^2 l) \rho$).

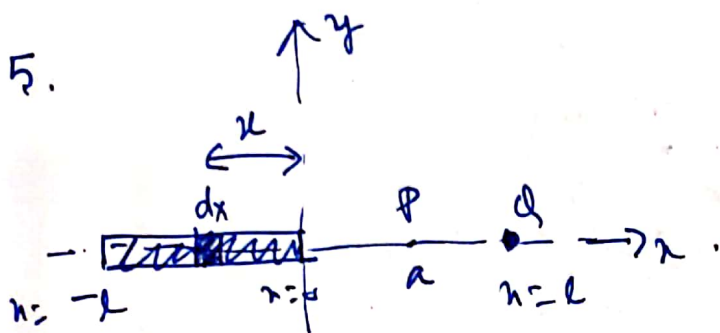
$$\therefore E = \frac{\rho a^2}{2\epsilon_0 r}$$

(b) $\phi = 0$ at $r = 0$.

$$\therefore \text{For } r \leq a : \phi(r) = - \int_0^r E dr = - \int_0^r \frac{\rho r}{2\epsilon} dr \\ = - \frac{\rho r^2}{4\epsilon}.$$

$$\text{For } r > a : \phi(r) = - \int_0^a E dr - \int_a^r E dr \\ = - \int_0^a \frac{\rho r}{2\epsilon} dr - \int_a^r \frac{\rho a^2}{2\epsilon r} dr \\ = - \frac{\rho a^2}{4\epsilon} - \frac{\rho a^2}{2\epsilon} \int_a^r \frac{dr}{r} \\ = - \frac{\rho a^2}{4\epsilon} - \frac{\rho a^2}{2\epsilon} \ln(r/a).$$

5.



(a) Consider an element of length dx on the stick. The electric field at P due to the element is

$$k \frac{\lambda dx}{(a-x)^2} \quad \text{Note: } x \text{ is -ve.}$$

\therefore Electric field at P due to the stick,

$$E_{\text{stick}} = k \int_{-l}^0 \frac{\lambda dx}{(a-x)^2} = k\lambda \left[\frac{1}{a-x} \right]_{-l}^0$$

$$= k\lambda \left[\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{a+l} \right] = k \frac{\lambda l}{a(a+l)} = k \frac{Q}{a(a+l)} \quad (\because Q = \lambda l)$$

Field due to charge Q at P.

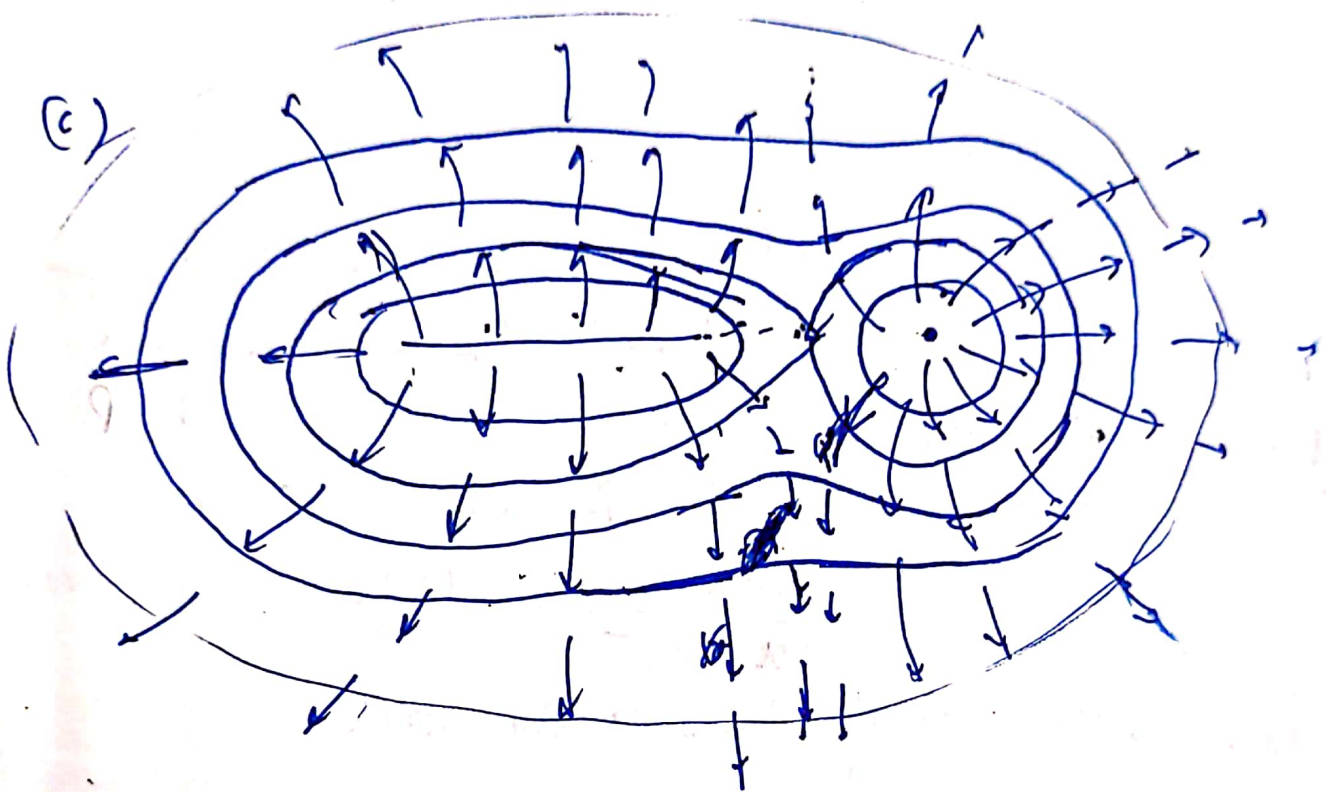
$$E_Q = k \frac{Q}{(l-a)^2}$$

$$\therefore E_{\text{stick}} = E_Q \Rightarrow \frac{Q}{a(a+l)} = \frac{Q}{(l-a)^2}$$

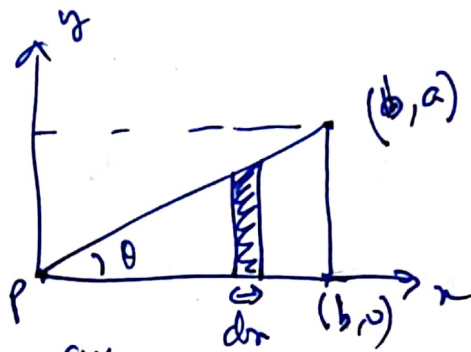
$$\Rightarrow (l-a)^2 = a(a+l)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = l/3$$

(b) There are no other points. Agree why?



6.



$$\phi_p = k \int \frac{\sigma dx}{r}$$

$$= k\sigma \int_0^b dx \int_0^{ay/b} \frac{dy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\int_0^{ay/b} \frac{dy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \ln(y + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) \Big|_0^{ay/b}$$

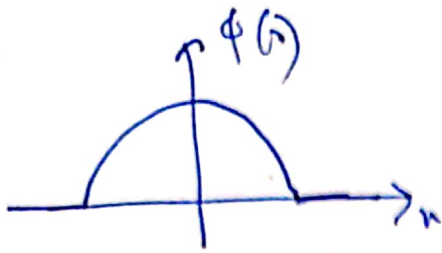
$$= \ln \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2}} + \frac{a}{b} \right] \rightarrow \text{independent of } x!$$

$$\therefore \phi_p = k\sigma b \ln \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2}} + \frac{a}{b} \right]$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}; \quad \cos \theta = \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\therefore \phi_p = \frac{\sigma b}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left(\frac{1 + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)$$

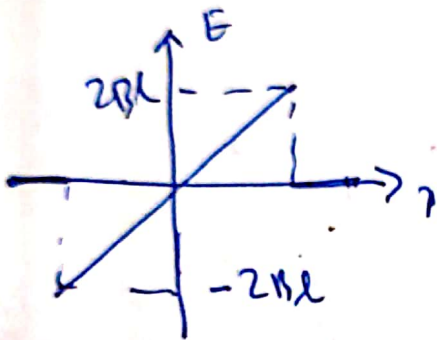
7.



The potential $\phi(x) = \begin{cases} B(l^2 - x^2) & |x| \leq l \\ 0 & |x| > l \end{cases}$ is as shown.

Now, $\vec{E} = 0$ for $|x| > l$ as potential is const.

For $|x| \leq l$, $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\phi \Rightarrow E_x = -\frac{d\phi}{dx} = 2Bx$



→ discontinuous at $x = \pm l$.

→ surface charge density on the planes at $x = \pm l$.

$$\rho = -\epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi = \epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}$$

$\vec{E} = 0$ for $|x| > l \therefore \rho = 0$

$$\rho = -\epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi \Rightarrow \rho(x) = -\epsilon_0 \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} = 2\epsilon_0 B$$

