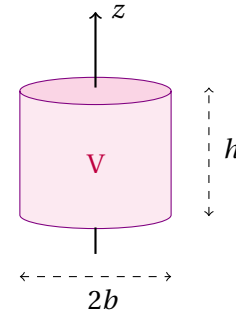


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**Remember to produce a clear homework document!****Explain your reasoning when going from one step to the next towards the final solution.**2. (a) *(Testing the divergence theorem)*Consider vector function  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{R}$ . (And here  $\mathbf{R}$  is obviously equal to  $R\mathbf{a}_R = x\mathbf{a}_x + y\mathbf{a}_y + z\mathbf{a}_z$ ).

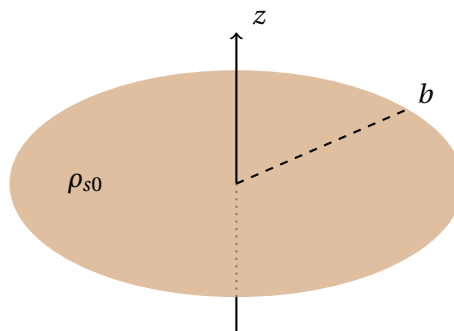
Volume  $V$  is a circular cylinder which is located such that its center is in the origin and its axis of symmetry is along the  $z$ -axis as in the figure. The boundary  $S$  of volume  $V$  consists of three parts;  $S = S_1 + S_2 + S_3$ : the top ( $S_1$ ) is a circular flat disk with radius  $b$  at  $z = h/2$ , the bottom ( $S_2$ ) is another circular flat disk with radius  $b$  at  $z = -h/2$ , and the curved circular side ( $S_3$ ) surrounds  $V$  horizontally and has height  $h$ .



- i. Calculate  $\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \, dV$
- ii. Calculate  $\int_{S_1} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$
- iii. Calculate  $\int_{S_2} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$
- iv. Calculate  $\int_{S_3} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$
- v. Calculate  $\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$
- vi. Does your result satisfy the divergence theorem?

(The divergence theorem is also known as Gauss's theorem, or Ostrogradsky's theorem.)

- (b) A circular planar surface charge floats in free space (permittivity  $\epsilon_0$ ). The surface charge density is constant over the disk  $\rho_{s0}$  (with units  $\text{As/m}^2$ ). Let's fix the coordinate system such that the disk is in the  $xy$  plane ( $z = 0$ ) and its center in the origin. Compute the electric field caused by this source at the symmetry axis ( $z$ ).



- i. Determine first the electric scalar potential  $V(z)$  at the  $z$  axis. Remember that you need to integrate the effect of all charge in the disk:

$$V(z) = \int_S \frac{\rho_{s0} \, dS}{4\pi\epsilon_0 D}$$

where  $D$  is the distance of any charge point to the field point  $z$  at the axis. (The cylindrical coordinate system could be helpful...)

- ii. The electric field is the negative gradient of the potential. Determine the electric field at the  $z$  axis  $\mathbf{E}(z)$ .
- iii. Far away from the source, the expression for the electric field simplifies. Write the approximate expression in this case (in other words for  $|z| \gg b$ ).
- iv. Determine the electric field function close to the disk (in other words when  $|z| \ll b$ ).

Hint: use differentiation rule:

$$\frac{d}{dr} (z^2 + r^2)^{1/2} = r (z^2 + r^2)^{-1/2} \Rightarrow \int \frac{r}{\sqrt{z^2 + r^2}} dr = \sqrt{z^2 + r^2}$$

- (c) Two point charges  $q_1$  and  $q_2 = 2q_1$  are located in air above a grounded conducting half space, both at height  $a/2$ . They are separated by a distance  $a$ .

Both charges obviously experience a force. Compute the forces  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  that act at charges  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ , respectively. Are these forces equally strong? If not, which one is larger, and how many percent larger?

*(If you do not remember how to take into account the effect of the conducting plane, check Section 3–11.5 of the textbook.)*

