

ENGPYHS 2A04 Assignment 6 Solutions

1. Charge and Current Distributions

a)

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \rho_{s0} \sin^2 \phi \, r \, dr \, d\phi \\ &= \frac{\rho_{s0} r^2}{2} \Big|_0^a \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2\phi}{2} \right) d\phi \\ &= \frac{\rho_{s0} a^2}{4} \left(\phi - \frac{\sin 2\phi}{2} \right) \Big|_0^{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{\pi a^2}{2} \rho_{s0} \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \rho_{s0} e^{-r} r \, dr \, d\phi \\ &= 2\pi \rho_{s0} \int_0^a r e^{-r} dr \\ &= 2\pi \rho_{s0} [-r e^{-r} - e^{-r}]_0^a \\ &= 2\pi \rho_{s0} [1 - e^{-a}(1 + a)] \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int \rho_s \, ds = \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \rho_{s0} \cos \phi \, r \, dr \, d\phi \\ &= \frac{\rho_{s0} r^2}{2} \Big|_0^a \sin \phi \Big|_0^{2\pi} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

d)

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \rho_{s0} e^{-r} \sin^2 \phi \, r \, dr \, d\phi \\ &= \rho_{s0} \int_{r=0}^a r e^{-r} dr \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \sin^2 \phi \, d\phi \\ &= \rho_{s0} [1 - e^{-a}(1 + a)] \cdot \pi \end{aligned}$$

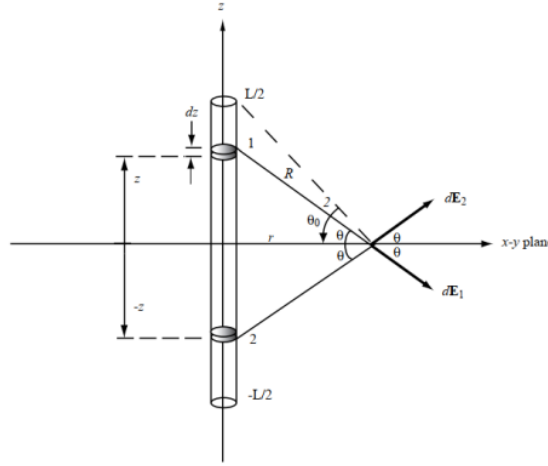
$$= \pi \rho_{s0} [1 - e^{-a}(1 + a)]$$

2. Coulomb's Law

$$d\mathbf{E} = d\mathbf{E}_1 + d\mathbf{E}_2 = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{2\rho_l \cos \theta \, dz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\rho_l \cos \theta \, dz}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$$

Our integration variable is z , but it will be easier to integrate over the variable θ from $\theta = 0$ to

$$\theta_0 = \sin^{-1} \frac{L/2}{\sqrt{r^2 + (L/2)^2}}$$



Here, with $R = r / \cos \theta$, and $z = r \tan \theta$ and $dz = r \sec^2 \theta \, d\theta$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \int_{z=0}^{L/2} d\mathbf{E} = \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta_0} d\mathbf{E} = \int_0^{\theta_0} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\cos^3 \theta}{r^2} r \sec^2 \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \int_0^{\theta_0} \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \sin \theta_0 \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \frac{L/2}{\sqrt{r^2 + (L/2)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

For $L \gg r$,

$$\frac{L/2}{\sqrt{r^2 + (L/2)^2}} \approx 1$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \text{ (infinite line of charge)}$$

3. Gauss's Law

Symmetry of the spherical shape indicates that \mathbf{D} is radially oriented.

$$\mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}D_r$$

Gauss's Law at any radius or R .

$$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = Q$$

$$\oint_S \hat{\mathbf{R}}D_r \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}}d\mathbf{s} = Q$$

$$4\pi R^2 D_R = Q$$

$$D_R = \frac{Q}{4\pi R^2}$$

For $R < a$, there is no charge in the cavity (hollow). Therefore, $Q = 0$.

$$D_R = 0, R \leq a$$

For $a \leq R \leq b$,

$$Q = \int_{R=a}^R \rho_v dV = \int_{R=a}^R -\frac{\rho_{v0}}{R^2} \cdot 4\pi R^2 dR = -4\pi\rho_{v0}(R - a)$$

Therefore,

$$D_R = \frac{-4\pi\rho_{v0}(R - a)}{4\pi R^2}, \quad a \leq R \leq b$$

$$D_R = -\frac{\rho_{v0}(R - a)}{R^2}, \quad a \leq R \leq b$$

For $R \geq b$,

$$Q = \int_{R=a}^b \rho_v dV = \int_{R=a}^b -\frac{\rho_{v0}}{R^2} \cdot 4\pi R^2 dR = -4\pi\rho_{v0}(b - a)$$

$$D_R = \frac{-4\pi\rho_{v0}(b - a)}{4\pi R^2}, \quad R \geq b$$

$$D_R = -\frac{\rho_{v0}(b - a)}{R^2}, \quad a \leq R \leq b$$

4. Electric Scalar Potential

- Defined as the voltage difference between two points in a circuit
 - Represents the amount of work or potential energy required to move a unit of charge from one point to another (voltage difference)

- More accurate representation of voltage
 - Voltage – amount of potential energy between two points in a circuit
 - Voltage represents the “difference” in potential and therefore is more accurate for electric scalar potential
- Is scalar because of:
 - Path independence in a conservative electric field
 - Work is only present when there is work being done against the electric field, if the work done is going with the field, there is no work done
 - Therefore, work is only dependent whether it is along or going against the electric field since field is conservative it is not dependent on path
 - Electric potential which is a calculation of work done will therefore also be a scalar quantity not dependent on direction