

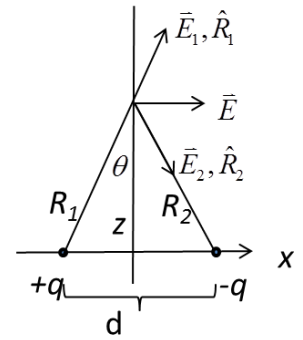
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1. (10%) (a) Find the electric field $\vec{E} = ?$ (magnitude and direction) a distance z above the midpoint between two charges $(+q, -q)$ with a distance d apart.

(b) From(a), find $\vec{E} = ?$ at distance far away ($z \gg d$)

(Hint: Coulomb's law $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q_1}{R_1^2} \hat{R}_1 + \frac{q_2}{R_2^2} \hat{R}_2 + \dots \right)$)

$$R_1 = R_2 = \sqrt{z^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2} \quad \hat{R}_1 + \hat{R}_2 = 2 \sin \theta = 2 \frac{\frac{d}{2}}{\sqrt{z^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2}}$$



$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q_1}{R_1^2} \hat{R}_1 + \frac{q_2}{R_2^2} \hat{R}_2 \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{R^2} 2 \sin \theta \hat{x} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{z^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2} 2 \frac{\frac{d}{2}}{\sqrt{z^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2}} \hat{x} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qd}{\left(z^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \hat{x}$$

$$z \gg d \quad \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qd}{\left(z^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \hat{x} \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qd}{z^3} \propto \frac{p}{z^3} \quad p = qd$$

2. (10%) (a) Find the electric field a distance z above the center of a circular disk with radius R and a uniform surface charge density σ

(b) From a, find electric field E in the limit $R \gg z$

(hint: $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}')}{\mathcal{R}^2} \hat{\mathcal{R}} da'$ $\mathcal{R} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$)

First for a ring using symmetry $d\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} \frac{(\sigma dr)}{\mathcal{R}^2} \cos \theta \hat{z} r d\phi$ $\mathcal{R} = \sqrt{r^2 + z^2}$, $\cos \theta = \frac{z}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}}$

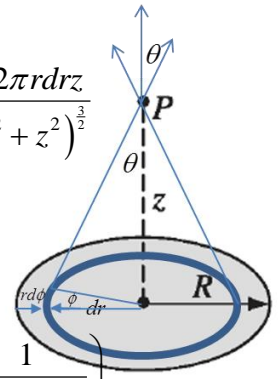
Then integrate over r $\vec{E} = \int_{r=0}^{r=R} (d\vec{E})$

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} \frac{(\sigma dr)}{r^2 + z^2} \frac{z}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}} \hat{z} r d\phi = \hat{z} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\sigma r dr dz}{(r^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} d\phi = \hat{z} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\sigma 2\pi r dr dz}{(r^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\vec{E} = \int_{r=0}^{r=R} \hat{z} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\sigma 2\pi r dz}{(r^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dr = \hat{z} \frac{2\pi z \sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{r=0}^{r=R} \frac{r}{(r^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dr$$

$$= \hat{z} \frac{2\pi z \sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{r=0}^{r=R} \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{(r^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} d(r^2 + z^2) = \hat{z} \frac{2\pi z \sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{2} \frac{(r^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}+1}}{-\frac{3}{2}+1} \Bigg|_{r=0}^{r=R} = \hat{z} \frac{2\pi z \sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} \right)$$

$$R \gg z \quad \vec{E} = \hat{z} \frac{2\pi z \sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} \right) \approx \hat{z} \frac{2\pi z \sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{z} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{z} \quad \text{same as flat surface}$$

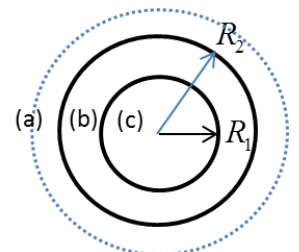


3. (10%) Use Gauss's law $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int \nabla \cdot \vec{E} d\tau = \int \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} d\tau = \frac{1}{\epsilon} Q_{\text{enclosed}}$ to find the electric field between

two spherical **shell** with radius R_1 and R_2 and surface charge density σ_1 , σ_2 such that the total charge Q on each shell are equal but with opposite sign. (a) $E(r > R_2)$ (b) $E(R_1 < r < R_2)$ (c) $E(r < R_1)$

$$(a) \quad r > R_2 \quad \int \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} d\tau = \frac{1}{\epsilon} Q_{\text{enclosed}} = 0$$

$$0 = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi r^2 E \rightarrow E(r > R_2) = 0$$



$$(b) \quad R_1 < r < R_2 \quad \int \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} d\tau = \frac{1}{\epsilon} Q_{enclosed} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \sigma_1 4\pi R_1^2$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi r^2 E = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \sigma_1 4\pi R_1^2 \rightarrow E(R_1 < r < R_2) = \frac{\sigma_1 4\pi R_1^2}{4\pi \epsilon r^2} = \frac{Q}{4\pi \epsilon r^2}$$

$$(c) \quad r < R_1 \quad \int \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} d\tau = \frac{1}{\epsilon} Q_{enclosed} = 0$$

$$0 = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi r^2 E \rightarrow E(r < R_1) = 0$$