

TUTORIAL-4

PROBLEM-1.44

Problem 1.44 Evaluate the following integrals:

(a) $\int_2^6 (3x^2 - 2x - 1) \delta(x - 3) dx.$

(b) $\int_0^5 \cos x \delta(x - \pi) dx.$

(c) $\int_0^3 x^3 \delta(x + 1) dx.$

(d) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \ln(x + 3) \delta(x + 2) dx.$

PROBLEM-1.46

Problem 1.46

(a) Show that

$$x \frac{d}{dx}(\delta(x)) = -\delta(x).$$

[Hint: Use integration by parts.]

(b) Let $\theta(x)$ be the **step function**:

$$\theta(x) \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{array} \right\}. \quad (1.95)$$

Show that $d\theta/dx = \delta(x)$.

PROBLEM 2.1

(a) Twelve equal charges, q , are situated at the corners of a regular 12-sided polygon (for instance, one on each numeral of a clock face). What is the net force on a test charge Q at the center?

(b) Suppose one of the 12 q 's is removed (the one at "6 o'clock"). What is the force on Q ? Explain your reasoning carefully.

(c) Now 13 equal charges, q , are placed at the corners of a regular 13-sided polygon. What is the force on a test charge Q at the center?

(d) If one of the 13 q 's is removed, what is the force on Q ? Explain your reasoning.

PROBLEM 2.2

Find the electric field (magnitude and direction) a distance z above the midpoint between equal and opposite charges ($\pm q$), a distance d apart (same as Example 2.1, except that the charge at $x = +d/2$ is $-q$).

PROBLEM 2.7

Find the electric field a distance z from the center of a spherical surface of radius R (Fig. 2.11) that carries a uniform charge density σ . Treat the case $z < R$ (inside) as well as $z > R$ (outside). Express your answers in terms of the total charge q on the sphere. [Hint: Use the law of cosines to write $1 - \cos\theta$ in terms of R and z . Be sure to take the positive $\sqrt{R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz} = (R - z)$ if $R > z$, but it's $(z - R)$ if $R < z$.]

PROBLEM 2.8

Use your result in Prob. 2.7 to find the field inside and outside a solid sphere of radius R that carries a uniform volume charge density ρ . Express your answers in terms of the total charge of the sphere, q . Draw a graph of $|\mathbf{E}|$ as a function of the distance from the center.

