

Small piece of electric field:

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\sigma (R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi)}{(\sqrt{R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz \cos\theta})^2} \frac{(z - R \cos\theta)}{(R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz \cos\theta)^{3/2}}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{\sigma R^2 \sin\theta (z - R \cos\theta)}{(R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz \cos\theta)^{3/2}} d\theta d\phi$$

$$= \frac{\sigma R^2 (2\pi)}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin\theta (z - R \cos\theta)}{(R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz \cos\theta)^{3/2}} d\theta$$

$$l^2 = R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz \cos\theta$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{z - R \cos\theta}{l}$$

$$u = \cos\theta \quad \frac{du}{d\theta} = -\sin\theta \Rightarrow -du = \sin\theta d\theta$$

Substitution

function used for integration

$$E = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(+du)(z - Ru)}{(R^2 + z^2 - 2Rzu)^{3/2}} d\theta$$

Another substitution: $R^2 + z^2 - 2Rzu = y$

$$-2Rz = \frac{dy}{du} \Rightarrow du = \frac{dy}{-2Rz}$$

$$E = \int_{(R-z)^2}^{(R+z)^2} \frac{\frac{dy}{-2Rz} \frac{z^2 - R^2 + y}{(2z)y^{3/2}}}{(R+z)^2}$$

$$E = \int_{(R-z)^2}^{(R+z)^2} \frac{1}{(4Rz^2)} \left((z^2 - R^2)y^{-3/2} + y^{-1/2} \right) dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{4Rz^2} \int_{(R-z)^2}^{(R+z)^2} \left[(z^2 - R^2)y^{-3/2} + y^{-1/2} \right] dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{4Rz^2} \left[(z^2 - R^2)(-2)y^{-1/2} + 2y^{1/2} \right]_{(R-z)^2}^{(R+z)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2Rz^2} \left[(R^2 - z^2)y^{-1/2} + y^{1/2} \right]_{(R-z)^2}^{(R+z)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2Rz^2} \left[\frac{(R^2 - z^2)}{(R+z)(R-z)} \left(\frac{1}{R+z} - \frac{1}{|R-z|} \right) + (R+z - |R-z|) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2Rz^2} \left(\cancel{R-z} - \frac{(R^2 - z^2)}{|R-z|} + R+z - |R-z| \right)$$

$$|R-z|^2 = (R-z)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2Rz^2} \left(2R - \frac{(R^2 - z^2 + (R-z)^2)}{|R-z|} \right)$$

$$(R-z)^2 = R^2 - 2Rz + z^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2Rz^2} \left(2R - \frac{(2R^2 - 2Rz)}{|R-z|} \right) = \frac{1}{z^2} \left(1 - \frac{R-z}{|R-z|} \right)$$

Adding back the constants: $E = \frac{\sigma R^2}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{z^2} \left(1 - \frac{R-z}{|R-z|} \right) *$

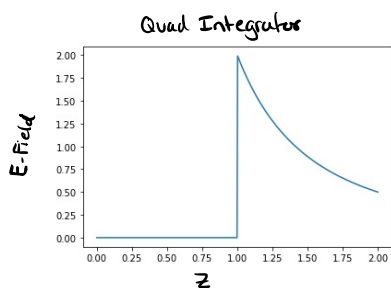
① The $z > R$ case: $E = \frac{\sigma R^2}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{z^2} \left(1 - \frac{R-z}{z-R}\right) = \frac{\sigma R^2}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{z^2} (2) = \frac{\sigma R^2}{\epsilon_0 z^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4\pi R^2 \sigma}{z^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{z^2}$
 (outside of spherical shell)
 can be considered as a point particle.

② The $z < R$ case: $E = \frac{\sigma R^2}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{z^2} \left(1 - \frac{R-z}{R-z}\right) = 0$
 (inside of spherical shell)

\therefore Electric field is 0 inside the sphere.

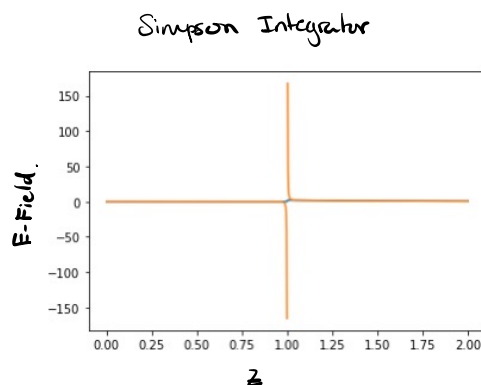
Singularity

When $z = R$, the integral becomes undefined, since we would end up dividing by zero.



Quad doesn't seem to care about this singularity. At $R = z = 1$, the function simply jumps to the next defined integral value.

However, my integrator does seem to care. As the function approaches zero, the electric field diverges.



More graphs when approaching 0:

