

To Show that $\oint_s \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}'}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} da' = \begin{cases} \frac{4\pi}{3} \mathbf{r} & \text{if } r < R \\ \frac{4\pi R^3}{3r^3} \mathbf{r} & \text{if } r > R \end{cases}$

Without loss of generality, we can let \mathbf{r} be on the z -axis, viz, $\mathbf{r} = r\hat{\mathbf{z}}$. Then due to symmetry, we only have to evaluate the z -component:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}'}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} da' &= \int \frac{\hat{\mathbf{z}} \cos \theta}{(r^2 + R^2 - 2Rr \cos \theta)^{1/2}} da' \\
&= \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi d\theta R^2 \sin \theta \frac{\cos \theta}{(r^2 + R^2 - 2Rr \cos \theta)^{1/2}} \\
&= 2\pi R^2 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_0^\pi \sin \theta \frac{\cos \theta}{(r^2 + R^2 - 2Rr \cos \theta)^{1/2}} d\theta \\
&= 2\pi R^2 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_\pi^0 \frac{\cos \theta}{(r^2 + R^2 - 2Rr \cos \theta)^{1/2}} d(\cos \theta) \\
&= 2\pi R^2 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\alpha}{(r^2 + R^2 - 2Rr\alpha)^{1/2}} d\alpha \quad (\alpha = \cos \theta) \\
&= 2\pi R^2 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_{(R+r)^2}^{(R-r)^2} \frac{r^2 + R^2 - \beta}{\beta^{1/2}} \frac{1}{-2Rr} d\beta \quad (\beta = r^2 + R^2 - 2Rr\alpha) \\
&= -\frac{1}{4R^2 r^2} 2\pi R^2 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_{(R+r)^2}^{(R-r)^2} \frac{r^2 + R^2 - \beta}{\beta^{1/2}} d\beta \\
&= -\frac{\pi}{2r^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[(r^2 + R^2) 2\beta^{1/2} - \frac{2}{3} \beta^{3/2} \right]_{(R+r)^2}^{(R-r)^2} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[\frac{1}{3} \beta^{3/2} - (r^2 + R^2) \beta^{1/2} \right]_{(R+r)^2}^{(R-r)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

If $r < R$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}'}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} da' &= \frac{\pi}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[\frac{1}{3} \left((R-r)^3 - (R+r)^3 \right) - (r^2 + R^2)(R-r-R-r) \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[\frac{1}{3} \left(R^3 - 3R^2r + 3Rr^2 - r^3 - R^3 - 3R^2r - 3Rr^2 - r^3 \right) + 2r(r^2 + R^2) \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[\frac{1}{3} \left(-3R^2r - r^3 - 3R^2r - r^3 \right) + 2r(r^2 + R^2) \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[-\frac{2}{3}r^3 + 2r^3 \right] \\
&= \frac{4}{3} \pi r \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \mathbf{r}
\end{aligned}$$

If $r > R$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}'}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} da' &= \frac{\pi}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[\frac{1}{3} \left((r-R)^3 - (R+r)^3 \right) - (r^2 + R^2)(r-R-R-r) \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[\frac{1}{3} \left(r^3 - 3r^2R + 3rR^2 - R^3 - R^3 - 3R^2r - 3Rr^2 - r^3 \right) + 2R(r^2 + R^2) \right] \\
&= \frac{2\pi}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[-\frac{1}{3}R(3r^2 + R^2) + R(r^2 + R^2) \right] \\
&= \frac{2\pi}{r^2} R \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[\frac{2}{3}R^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{4\pi R^3}{3r^3} \mathbf{r}
\end{aligned}$$