

# PH 103 : Electricity and Magnetism

## Tutorial Sheet 1 : **Coordinate system**

1. For a circle given by the equation,  $r = 2R \cos \theta$ , where  $R$  is the radius of the circle and  $(r, \theta)$  are the polar coordinates, calculate the following:
  - (a) area of the circle
  - (b) centroid of the semi-circular area in the first quadrant
  - (c) length and centroid of the semi-circular arc in the first quadrant
  - (d) area common to the given circle and the circle given by  $r = R$
2. The area bounded by the curve  $r = 2R \cos \theta$  has surface charge density given by  $\sigma(r, \theta) = \sigma_0 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right) \sin^4 \theta$ . Show that the total charge on the curve is  $\frac{32}{105} \sigma_0 R^2$ .
3. Consider a sphere of *unit* radius with its centre at the origin of the coordinate system. Show that the area of the surface enclosed between  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \alpha$  is  $2\pi(1 - \cos \alpha)$ .
4. Consider the frustum of a cone given by the equation  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  between the planes  $z = 1$  and  $z = 2$ . Determine the volume of the frustum using
  - (a) spherical polar coordinates,
  - (b) cylindrical coordinates.
  - (c) If the above frustum has a volume charge density given by

$$\rho = \rho_0 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) / a^2$$

where  $\rho_0$  is a constant, what is the total charge?

5. Compute the divergence of the function  $\vec{v} = r \cos \theta \hat{r} + r \sin \theta \hat{\theta} + r \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{\phi}$ . Check the divergence theorem for this function using the volume of an inverted hemisphere of radius  $R$ , resting on the  $xy$ -plane and centered at the origin.
6. Test the Stokes theorem for the vector  $\vec{v} = xy \hat{i} + 2yz \hat{j} + 3zk \hat{k}$  using a triangular area with vertices at (000), (020) and (002).
7. A vector field is given by  $\vec{v} = ay \hat{i} + bx \hat{j}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.
  - (a) Find the line integral of this field over a circular path of radius  $R$ , lying in the  $xy$ -plane and centered at the origin using (i) the plane polar coordinate system (ii) the Cartesian system.
  - (b) Imagine a right circular cylinder of length  $L$  with its axis parallel to the  $z$ -axis standing on this circle. Use cylindrical coordinate system to show that the Stokes' theorem is valid over its surface.