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Assignment 1

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$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1}, \quad e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}, \quad 1 \text{ nC} = 10^{-9} \text{ C}$$

1) Gradient of scalar function: Find the gradient of the following scalar function and then evaluate it at the given point.

$$V_1 = 24V_0 \cos(\pi y/3) \sin(2\pi z/3) \quad \text{at } (3, 2, 1) \text{ in Cartesian coordinates.}$$

Solution:

$$\nabla V_1 = \left(0, -8\pi V_0 \sin\left(\frac{y\pi}{3}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2z\pi}{3}\right), 16\pi V_0 \cos\left(\frac{y\pi}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2z\pi}{3}\right) \right) \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

$$= (0, -6\pi V_0, 4\pi V_0)$$

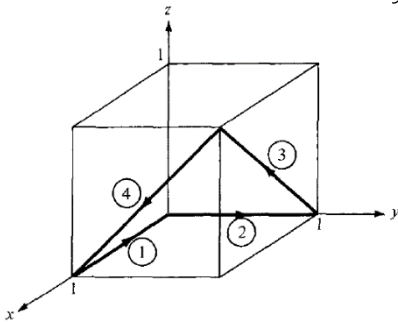
2) Calculating the Divergence: Determine the divergence of the following vector field and then evaluate it at the indicated point:

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{x} 3x^2 + \hat{y} 2z + \hat{z} x^2 z \quad \text{at } (2, -2, 0) \text{ in Cartesian coordinates.}$$

Solution:

$$\text{div } \mathbf{E} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 6x + 0 + x^2 = 12 + 4 = 16 \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

3) Circulation: Given that $\mathbf{F} = x^2 \mathbf{a}_x - xz \mathbf{a}_y - y^2 \mathbf{a}_z$, calculate the circulation of \mathbf{F} around the (closed) path shown in the Figure.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: } \oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= \left(\int_1 + \int_2 + \int_3 + \int_4 \right) \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \\ &= \int_0^1 x^2 dx + 0 + \int_0^1 (x^2 - 1) dx + \int_0^1 (-y - y^2) dy \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} + 0 - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{6} \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

(3 marks)

4) In a certain region, the electric flux density is given by:

$$\mathbf{D} = 2\rho(z+1)\cos\varphi \mathbf{a}_\rho - \rho(z+1)\sin\varphi \mathbf{a}_\varphi + \rho^2 \cos\varphi \mathbf{a}_z \quad \mu\text{C/m}^2.$$

a) Show that the charge density is equal to $\rho_v = 3(z+1)\cos\varphi \quad \mu\text{C/m}^2$

b) Calculate the total charge enclosed by the volume $0 < \rho < 2, 0 < \varphi < \pi/2, 0 < z < 4$.

$$\text{Solution: a) } \rho_v = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\partial (2\rho(z+1)\cos\varphi)}{\partial \rho} + \frac{\partial (-\rho(z+1)\sin\varphi)}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial (\rho^2 \cos\varphi)}{\partial z} \right) \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

$$= 4(z+1)\cos\varphi - (z+1)\cos\varphi + 0 = 3(z+1)\cos\varphi \quad \mu\text{C/m}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } Q &= \int_0^4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^2 3(z+1)\cos\varphi \rho d\rho d\varphi dz \\ &= \int_0^4 \int_0^{\pi/2} 6(z+1)\cos\varphi d\varphi dz = \int_0^4 6(z+1) dz = 72 \mu\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

5) A spherical shell with outer radius b surrounds a charge-free cavity of radius $a < b$ (Fig. 2). If the shell contains a charge density given by

$$\rho_V = -\frac{\rho_{V0}}{R^2}, \quad a \leq R \leq b,$$

where ρ_{V0} is a positive constant, determine the electric flux density D in all regions.

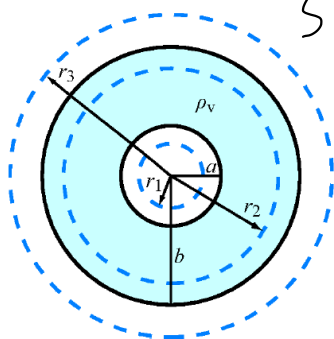


Fig. 2 for problem 5.

Solution: Since it is a spherical shell according to Gauss's law

$$DS = Q \Rightarrow D = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$1) r < a, \quad Q = 0 \Rightarrow D = 0$$

$$2) a < r < b, \quad Q = \int_{V_a}^{V_{r(r < b)}} \rho_V dv = \int_a^{r(r < b)} -\frac{\rho_{V0}}{R^2} 4\pi R^2 dR$$

$$D = -\frac{\rho_{V0}(r-a)}{R^2} = -4\pi \rho_{V0}(r-a)$$

$$3) r > b, \text{ all } q \text{ is within, let } r = b \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

$$D = -\frac{\rho_{V0}(b-a)}{R^2}$$

6) **Spherical Capacitor:** Show that the capacitance of two concentric spherical metal shells with radii a and b is equal to $C = 4\pi\epsilon_0[ab/(b-a)]$. Assume the inner shell has charge $+Q$ and the outer $-Q$.

Solution: $C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V}$ $\Delta V = \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} dr$ (3 marks)

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} dA = E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \Rightarrow \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r^2} dr = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(-\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}\right)$$

7) Consider a straight non-magnetic conductor of circular cross-section and radius a carrying a current with uniform current density \mathbf{J} (A/m²) in the vertical direction. Using Ampere's law find the magnetic field inside and outside the conductor. (3 marks)

Solution: 1) inside the conductor:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I$$

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 I$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

$$I = \pi r^2 J$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 \pi r^2 J}{2\pi r} = \frac{\mu_0 r J}{2}$$

2) outside the conductor

$$I = \pi a^2 J$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} = \frac{\pi a^2 J}{2\pi r} = \frac{a^2 J}{2r}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{ab}{b-a}$$