

Electromagnetics 2FH4
MATLAB Set (8) – Spherical Electric Flux

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Problem

Exercise: Given the surface charge density $\rho_s = 2.0 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ existing in the region $r = 1.0 \text{ m}$, $0 < \varphi < 2\pi$, $0 < \theta < \pi$ and is zero elsewhere (See Figure 8.2). Find analytically the energy stored in the region bounded by $2.0 \text{ m} < r < 3.0 \text{ m}$, $0 < \varphi < 2\pi$ and $0 < \theta < \pi$.

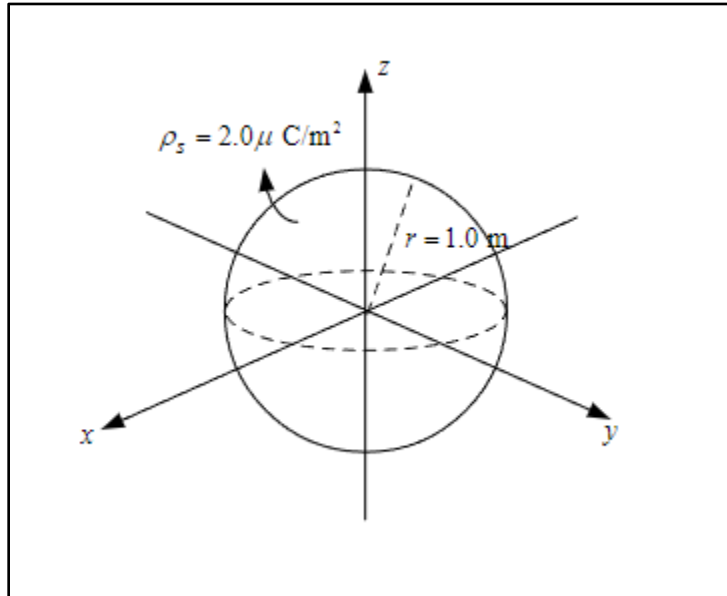


Figure 8.2 The surface charge density $\rho_s = 2.0 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ at $r = 1.0 \text{ m}$.

Solution

Consider the following derived from lab manual solution, in terms of MATLAB,

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clc; % Clear the command bar
clear; % Remove all prior variables

% Bound Definitions
r_upper = 3;
r_lower = 2;
phi_upper = 2*pi;
phi_lower = 0;
theta_upper = pi;
theta_lower = 0;

% Discretization Steps
r_steps = 100;
phi_steps = 100;
theta_steps = 100;

% Differential Elements
dr = (r_upper - r_lower)/r_steps;
dphi = (phi_upper - phi_lower)/phi_steps;
dtheta = (theta_upper - theta_lower)/theta_steps;
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WE = 0; % Initial energy stored

% Constants
Eo = 8.85e-12;
D = 2.0e-6;

% Calculating the Relative Energy Stored (J)
for j=1:theta_steps
    for k=1:phi_steps
        for i=1:r_steps
            r = r_lower + dr/2+(i-1)*dr; % R, for current volume
            theta = theta_lower + dtheta/2+(i-1)*dtheta; % Theta, for current volume
            phi = phi_lower + dphi/2+(j-1)*dphi; % Phi, for current volume

            Emag = D/(Eo*(r*r)); % Relative magnitude

            dV = (r*r)*sin(theta)*dtheta*dphi*dr; % Volume of current element
            dWE = (1/2)*Eo*(Emag*Emag)*dV; % Energy stored in current element

            WE = WE +dWE; % Sum relevant contribution
        end
    end
end

fprintf('The energy stored is approx. equal to, %f J (Joules)\n', WE);

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With the following “formatted output”,

The energy stored is approx. equal to, 0.465022 J (Joules)

Where, $W_E = 0.465022 \text{ J}$.

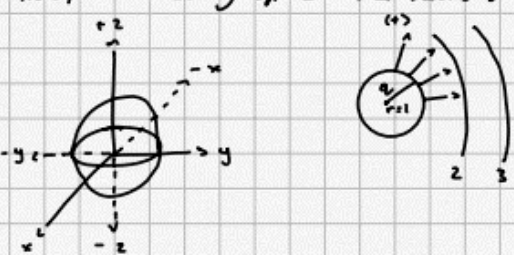
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Also, consider the hand-articulated solution,

MATLAB (C) - Spherical "Fluxal" Integration

Consider, $\rho_s = 2.0 \text{ nC/m}^2$, $1 \text{ nC} = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$, with the bounds of $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$, $2.0 \leq r \leq 3.0$

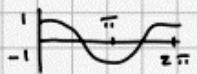
Note, that the empty sphere has a radius of 1.0 m



First, we need the "surface" charge

$$Q_{enc} = \iint \rho_s dS, \text{ consider } dS \text{ as } r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi, \text{ for a system in spherical coordinates}$$

$$Q_{enc} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi (2.0 \times 10^{-6}) (r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi) \Big|_{r=1.0}$$

$$Q_{enc} = 2.0 \times 10^{-6} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$


$$Q_{enc} = 2.0 \times 10^{-6} \left(\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi + \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \right)$$

$$Q_{enc} = 2.0 \times 10^{-6} (2\pi) (-\cos\theta \Big|_0^\pi)$$

$$Q_{enc} = 2.0 \times 10^{-6} (2\pi) (1 - (-1))$$

$$Q_{enc} = 4\pi (2.0 \times 10^{-6})$$

$$Q_{enc} = 8\pi \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

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Now, consider the "electric charge density", ρ

$$\oint D \cdot dS = Q_{enc} = \iiint \rho_s \cdot dS, \quad dS = 4\pi r^2$$

$$D_r (4\pi r^2) = (8\pi \times 10^{-6})$$

$$\rho_r = \frac{8\pi \times 10^{-6}}{4\pi r^2} \text{ C/m}^2, \quad D_r = \frac{2 \times 10^{-6}}{r^2} \text{ C/m}^2, \quad \rho_r = \rho_s \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \right) \text{ (C/m)} \\ \text{"In general"}$$

Also, consider the field, \vec{E}

$$D = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}, \quad \vec{E} = \frac{D}{\epsilon_0}, \quad \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{36\pi \times 10^9 \text{ m}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-6}}{\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

Finally, we can calculate the energy stored in the system, just the work, W_E , J

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_V \epsilon |\vec{E}|^2 dV = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_V D \cdot \vec{E} dV, \quad dV = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_2^3 \left(\frac{2 \times 10^{-6}}{r^2} \right) \left(\frac{2 \times 10^{-6}}{\epsilon_0 r^2} \right) (r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi)$$

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_2^3 \left(\frac{4 \times 10^{-12}}{r^2} \right) (\sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi)$$

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_2^3 \left(\frac{4 \times 10^{-12}}{r^2} \right) (\sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi) \quad \begin{array}{c} \pi \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$W_E = \frac{4 \times 10^{-12}}{2 \epsilon_0} (2\pi) (2) \left(\int_2^3 \frac{1}{r^2} dr \right), \quad r^{-2} = r^{-1} = \frac{-1}{r} \Big|_2^3 \\ = \frac{-1}{3} - \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) = \frac{-1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$W_E = \frac{16\pi \times 10^{-12}}{12 \epsilon_0} = \frac{4\pi \times 10^{-12}}{3 \epsilon_0}, \quad \epsilon_0 \approx 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$$

$$\approx \frac{4\pi}{3 \times 8.85}$$

\Rightarrow The energy stored in the "system" is $\approx 0.47 \text{ J}$

Which results in the same values as found in MATLAB, relatively speaking.