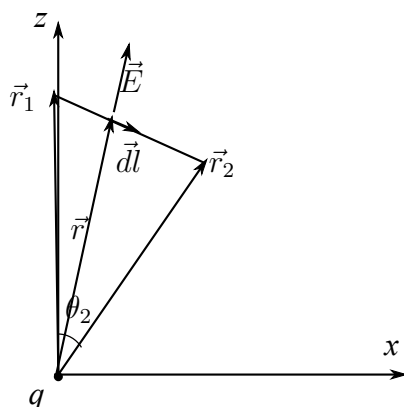


1. An infinitely long cylindrical cavity of radius  $b$  is bored into a bigger cylinder of radius  $a$ . The axes of the two cylinders are parallel but the cylinders are not concentric. The remaining part of the cylinder has a constant volume charge density  $\rho$ . Show that the electric field inside the cavity is uniform and directed along the line joining the center of the two cylinders.
2. Consider a point charge  $q$  at the origin. Find the electric potential at a point  $\vec{r}_2 : (r = r_2, \theta = \theta_2, \phi = 0)$  with respect to the potential at  $\vec{r}_1 : r = r_1, \theta = 0, \phi = 0$  as reference by evaluating the integral  $-\int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$  along a straight line joining  $\vec{r}_1$  to  $\vec{r}_2$ .



3. A hollow spherical shell carries a uniform charge density  $\rho_0$  in the region  $a \leq r \leq b$ . Find the electric potential as a function of  $r$ .
4. (a) A charge distribution  $\rho_1(\vec{r})$  produces a potential  $\phi_1(\vec{r})$  in a region  $\tau$  and another charge distribution  $\rho_2(\vec{r})$  produces a potential  $\phi_2(\vec{r})$  in the region. Prove that

$$\int_{\tau} \rho_1 \phi_2 d^3\vec{r} = \int_{\tau} \rho_2 \phi_1 d^3\vec{r}$$

How do you interpret this result.

- (b) The interaction energy of two point charges  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  placed at  $\vec{r}_1$  and  $\vec{r}_2$  is given as  $\epsilon_0 \int \vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{E}_2 d^3\vec{r}$  where the integration is done over the whole space. Prove that this is equal to  $\frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{12}}$  where  $r_{12} = |\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|$  as is expected.

5. Prove the mean value theorem in electrostatics which states that in a chargeless region, the average of the potential over the surface of any sphere is equal to the potential at the center of the sphere.

This is true for any regular polyhedron. If the faces of a regular polyhedron having  $n$  faces are maintained at potentials  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  then the potential at the center of the polyhedron is  $(V_1 + V_2 + \dots + V_n)/n$ . How many such regular polyhedron do you think are possible? Look for platonic solids. Tetrahedron, cube, octahedron, dodecahedron and icosahedron.

6. Prove that in a chargeless region electrostatic potential cannot have a maxima or a minima.