

# Tutorial#2

## Chapter2

### Sections-1: Charge and Current Distributions

**Problem.1** A cube 2 m on a side is located in the first octant in a Cartesian coordinate system, with one of its corners at the origin. Find the total charge contained in the cube if the charge density is given by  $\rho_v = xy^2e^{-2z}$  (mC/m<sup>3</sup>).

**Solution:** For the cube shown in Fig. P.1,

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_V \rho_v dV = \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 xy^2e^{-2z} dx dy dz \\ &= \left( \frac{-1}{12} x^2 y^3 e^{-2z} \right) \Big|_{x=0}^2 \Big|_{y=0}^2 \Big|_{z=0}^2 = \frac{8}{3} (1 - e^{-4}) = 2.62 \text{ mC}. \end{aligned}$$

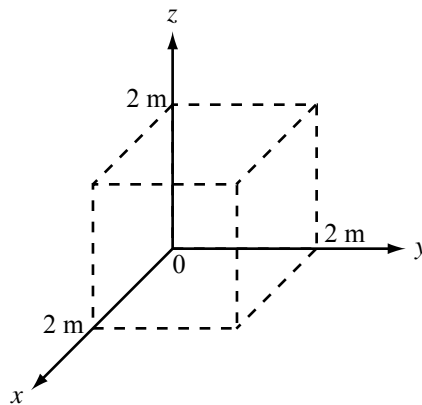


Figure P.1: Cube of Problem.1

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**Problem.2** Find the total charge contained in a cylindrical volume defined by  $r \leq 2$  m and  $0 \leq z \leq 3$  m if  $\rho_v = 20rz$  (mC/m<sup>3</sup>).

**Solution:** For the cylinder shown in Fig. P.2,

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_{z=0}^3 \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^2 20rz r dr d\phi dz \\ &= \left( \frac{10}{3} r^3 \phi z^2 \right) \Big|_{r=0}^2 \Big|_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \Big|_{z=0}^3 = 480\pi \text{ (mC)} = 1.5 \text{ C}. \end{aligned}$$

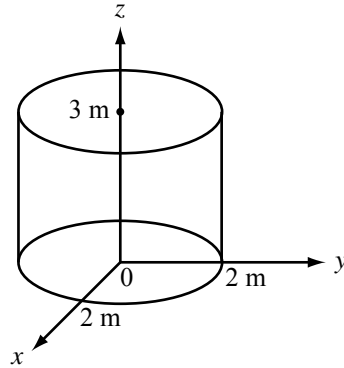


Figure P.2: Cylinder of Problem.2

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**Problem.3** Find the total charge contained in a cone defined by  $R \leq 2$  m and  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4$ , given that  $\rho_v = 10R^2 \cos^2 \theta$  (mC/m<sup>3</sup>).

**Solution:** For the cone of Fig. P.3,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi/4} \int_{R=0}^2 10R^2 \cos^2 \theta R^2 \sin \theta dR d\theta d\phi \\
 &= \left( \frac{-2}{3} R^5 \phi \cos^3 \theta \right) \Big|_{R=0}^2 \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\pi/4} \Big|_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \\
 &= \frac{128\pi}{3} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)^3 \right) = 86.65 \text{ (mC)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

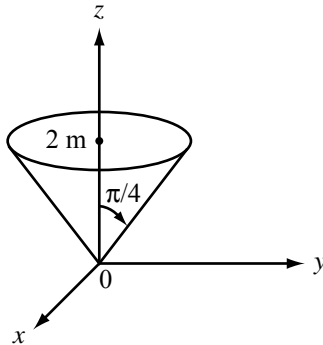


Figure P.3: Cone of Problem.3

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**Problem.4** If the line charge density is given by  $\rho_l = 24y^2$  (mC/m), find the total charge distributed on the y-axis from  $y = -5$  to  $y = 5$ .

**Solution:**

$$Q = \int_{-5}^5 \rho_l dy = \int_{-5}^5 24y^2 dy = \frac{24y^3}{3} \Big|_{-5}^5 = 2000 \text{ mC} = 2 \text{ C}.$$


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**Problem.5** Find the total charge on a circular disk defined by  $r \leq a$  and  $z = 0$  if:

- (a)  $\rho_s = \rho_{s0} \cos \phi$  (C/m<sup>2</sup>),
- (b)  $\rho_s = \rho_{s0} \sin^2 \phi$  (C/m<sup>2</sup>),
- (c)  $\rho_s = \rho_{s0} e^{-r}$  (C/m<sup>2</sup>),
- (d)  $\rho_s = \rho_{s0} e^{-r} \sin^2 \phi$  (C/m<sup>2</sup>),

where  $\rho_{s0}$  is a constant.

**Solution:**

(a)

$$Q = \int \rho_s ds = \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \rho_{s0} \cos \phi r dr d\phi = \rho_{s0} \frac{r^2}{2} \Big|_0^a \sin \phi \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 0.$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \rho_{s0} \sin^2 \phi r dr d\phi = \rho_{s0} \frac{r^2}{2} \Big|_0^a \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{1 - \cos 2\phi}{2} \right) d\phi \\ &= \frac{\rho_{s0} a^2}{4} \left( \phi - \frac{\sin 2\phi}{2} \right) \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \frac{\pi a^2}{2} \rho_{s0}. \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \rho_{s0} e^{-r} r dr d\phi = 2\pi \rho_{s0} \int_0^a r e^{-r} dr \\ &= 2\pi \rho_{s0} [-r e^{-r} - e^{-r}]_0^a \\ &= 2\pi \rho_{s0} [1 - e^{-a}(1+a)]. \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \rho_{s0} e^{-r} \sin^2 \phi r dr d\phi \\ &= \rho_{s0} \int_{r=0}^a r e^{-r} dr \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \sin^2 \phi d\phi \\ &= \rho_{s0} [1 - e^{-a}(1+a)] \cdot \pi = \pi \rho_{s0} [1 - e^{-a}(1+a)]. \end{aligned}$$

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**Problem.6** If  $\mathbf{J} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}4xz$  (A/m<sup>2</sup>), find the current  $I$  flowing through a square with corners at  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0, 2)$ , and  $(0, 0, 2)$ .

**Solution:** the net current flowing through the square shown in Fig. P.6 is

$$I = \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 (\hat{\mathbf{y}}4xz) \Big|_{y=0} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{y}} dx dz) = (x^2 z^2) \Big|_{x=0}^2 \Big|_{z=0}^2 = 16 \text{ A.}$$

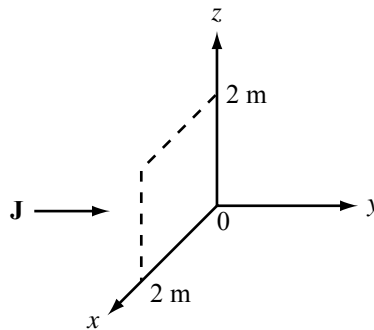


Figure P.6: Square surface.

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**Problem.7** If  $\mathbf{J} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}5/R$  (A/m<sup>2</sup>), find  $I$  through the surface  $R = 5$  m.

**Solution:** Using Eq. (4.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \left( \hat{\mathbf{R}} \frac{5}{R} \right) \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{R}} R^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi) \\ &= -5R\phi \cos \theta \Big|_{R=5} \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \Big|_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} = 100\pi = 314.2 \quad (\text{A}). \end{aligned}$$


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**Problem.8** An electron beam shaped like a circular cylinder of radius  $r_0$  carries a charge density given by

$$\rho_v = \left( \frac{-\rho_0}{1+r^2} \right) \quad (\text{C/m}^3),$$

where  $\rho_0$  is a positive constant and the beam's axis is coincident with the  $z$ -axis.

- (a) Determine the total charge contained in length  $L$  of the beam.  
 (b) If the electrons are moving in the  $+z$ -direction with uniform speed  $u$ , determine the magnitude and direction of the current crossing the  $z$ -plane.

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_{r=0}^{r_0} \int_{z=0}^L \rho_v \, d\mathcal{V} = \int_{r=0}^{r_0} \int_{z=0}^L \left( \frac{-\rho_0}{1+r^2} \right) 2\pi r \, dr \, dz \\ &= -2\pi\rho_0 L \int_0^{r_0} \frac{r}{1+r^2} \, dr = -\pi\rho_0 L \ln(1+r_0^2). \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J} &= \rho_v \mathbf{u} = -\hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{u\rho_0}{1+r^2} \quad (\text{A/m}^2), \\ I &= \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{s} \\ &= \int_{r=0}^{r_0} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \left( -\hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{u\rho_0}{1+r^2} \right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} r \, dr \, d\phi \\ &= -2\pi u \rho_0 \int_0^{r_0} \frac{r}{1+r^2} \, dr = -\pi u \rho_0 \ln(1+r_0^2) \quad (\text{A}). \end{aligned}$$

Current direction is along  $-\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ .

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## Section-2: Coulomb's Law

**Problem.9** A square with sides 2 m each has a charge of  $40 \mu\text{C}$  at each of its four corners. Determine the electric field at a point 5 m above the center of the square.

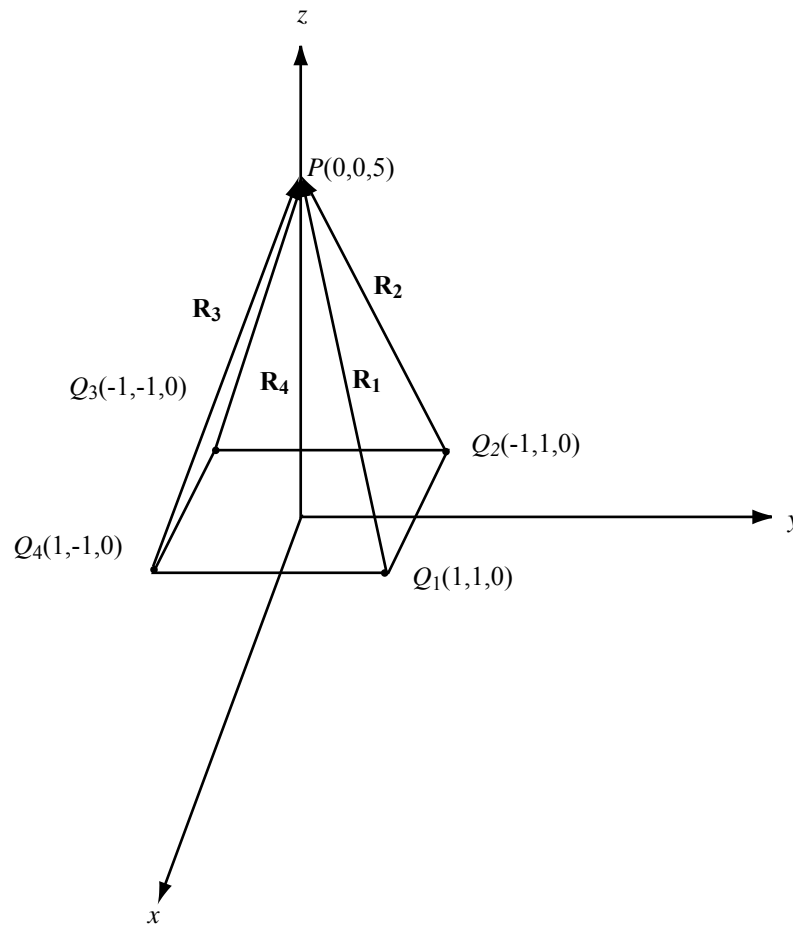


Figure P.9: Square with charges at the corners.

**Solution:** The distance  $|R|$  between any of the charges and point  $P$  is

$$|R| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{27}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{R}_1}{|\mathbf{R}|^3} + \frac{\mathbf{R}_2}{|\mathbf{R}|^3} + \frac{\mathbf{R}_3}{|\mathbf{R}|^3} + \frac{\mathbf{R}_4}{|\mathbf{R}|^3} \right] \\ &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{-\hat{x} - \hat{y} + \hat{z}5}{(27)^{3/2}} + \frac{\hat{x} - \hat{y} + \hat{z}5}{(27)^{3/2}} + \frac{-\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z}5}{(27)^{3/2}} + \frac{\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z}5}{(27)^{3/2}} \right] \\ &= \hat{z} \frac{5Q}{(27)^{3/2}\pi\epsilon_0} = \hat{z} \frac{5 \times 40 \mu\text{C}}{(27)^{3/2}\pi\epsilon_0} = \frac{1.42}{\pi\epsilon_0} \times 10^{-6} \text{ (V/m)} = \hat{z} 51.2 \text{ (kV/m)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem.10** Three point charges, each with  $q = 3 \text{ nC}$ , are located at the corners of a triangle in the  $x$ - $y$  plane, with one corner at the origin, another at  $(2 \text{ cm}, 0, 0)$ , and the third at  $(0, 2 \text{ cm}, 0)$ . Find the force acting on the charge located at the origin.

**Solution:** the electric field at the origin due to the other two point charges [Fig. P.10]:

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \left[ \frac{3 \text{ nC} (-\hat{x}0.02)}{(0.02)^3} \right] + \frac{3 \text{ nC} (-\hat{y}0.02)}{(0.02)^3} = -67.4(\hat{x} + \hat{y}) \text{ (kV/m) at } \mathbf{R} = 0.$$

the force  $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E} = -202.2(\hat{x} + \hat{y}) \text{ } (\mu\text{N}).$

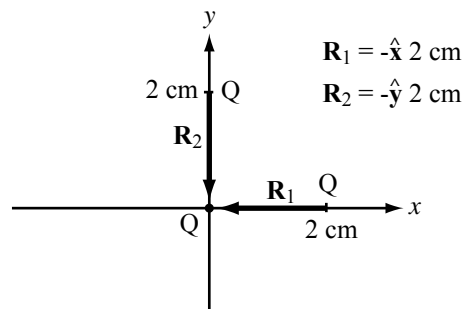


Figure P.10: Locations of charges in Problem.10.

**Problem.11** Charge  $q_1 = 6 \mu\text{C}$  is located at  $(1 \text{ cm}, 1 \text{ cm}, 0)$  and charge  $q_2$  is located at  $(0, 0, 4 \text{ cm})$ . What should  $q_2$  be so that  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, 2 \text{ cm}, 0)$  has no  $y$ -component?

**Solution:** For the configuration of Fig. P.11,

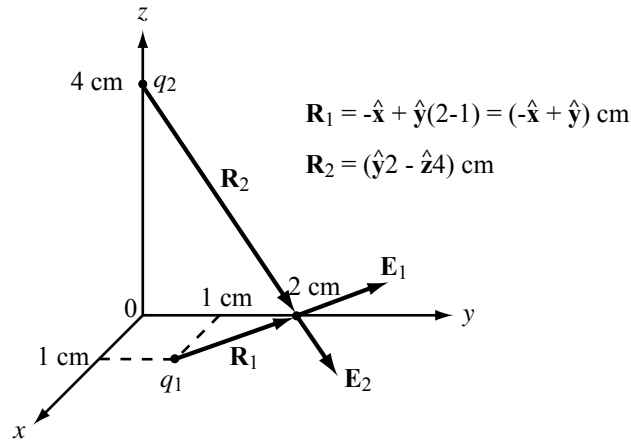


Figure P.11: Locations of charges in Problem.11.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{R} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}2\text{cm}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \left[ \frac{6\mu\text{C}(-\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \times 10^{-2}}{(2 \times 10^{-2})^{3/2}} + \frac{q_2(\hat{\mathbf{y}}2 - \hat{\mathbf{z}}4) \times 10^{-2}}{(20 \times 10^{-2})^{3/2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} [-\hat{\mathbf{x}}21.21 \times 10^{-6} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(21.21 \times 10^{-6} + 0.224q_2) \\ &\quad - \hat{\mathbf{z}}0.447q_2] \quad (\text{V/m}). \end{aligned}$$

If  $E_y = 0$ , then  $q_2 = -21.21 \times 10^{-6} / 0.224 \approx -94.69 \mu\text{C}$ .

**Problem.12** A line of charge with uniform density  $\rho_l = 8 \mu\text{C/m}$  exists in air along the  $z$ -axis between  $z = 0$  and  $z = 5$  cm. Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, 10 \text{ cm}, 0)$ .

**Solution:** for the line of charge shown in Fig. P.12 gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{l'} \hat{\mathbf{R}}' \frac{\rho_l dl'}{R'^2}, \\ R' &= \hat{\mathbf{y}}0.1 - \hat{\mathbf{z}}z \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{z=0}^{0.05} (8 \times 10^{-6}) \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{y}}0.1 - \hat{\mathbf{z}}z)}{[(0.1)^2 + z^2]^{3/2}} dz \\ &= \frac{8 \times 10^{-6}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}}10z + \hat{\mathbf{z}}}{\sqrt{(0.1)^2 + z^2}} \right]_{z=0}^{0.05} \\ &= 71.86 \times 10^3 [\hat{\mathbf{y}}4.47 - \hat{\mathbf{z}}1.06] = \hat{\mathbf{y}}321.4 \times 10^3 - \hat{\mathbf{z}}76.2 \times 10^3 \quad (\text{V/m}). \end{aligned}$$



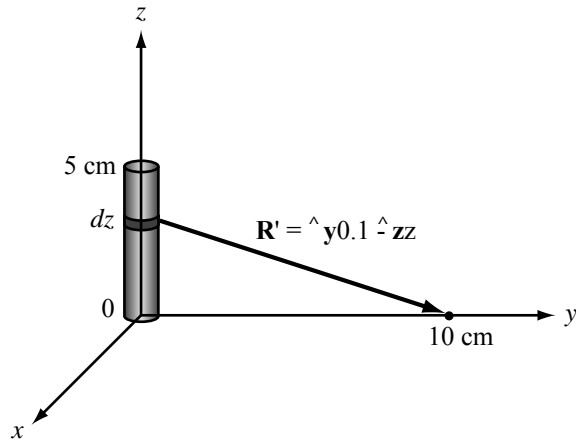


Figure P.12: Line charge.

**Problem.13** Electric charge is distributed along an arc located in the  $x$ - $y$  plane and defined by  $r = 2$  cm and  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/4$ . If  $\rho_l = 5$  ( $\mu\text{C}/\text{m}$ ), find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, 0, z)$  and then evaluate it at (a) the origin, (b)  $z = 5$  cm, and (c)  $z = -5$  cm.

**Solution:** For the arc of charge shown in Fig. P.13,  $dl = r d\phi = 0.02 d\phi$ , and  $\mathbf{R}' = -\hat{x}0.02 \cos \phi - \hat{y}0.02 \sin \phi + \hat{z}z$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{l'} \hat{\mathbf{R}}' \frac{\rho_l dl'}{R'^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi/4} \rho_l \frac{(-\hat{x}0.02 \cos \phi - \hat{y}0.02 \sin \phi + \hat{z}z)}{((0.02)^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} 0.02 d\phi \\ &= \frac{898.8}{((0.02)^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} [-\hat{x}0.014 - \hat{y}0.006 + \hat{z}0.78z] \quad (\text{V/m}). \end{aligned}$$

- (a) At  $z = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{E} = -\hat{x}1.6 - \hat{y}0.66$  (MV/m).  
 (b) At  $z = 5$  cm,  $\mathbf{E} = -\hat{x}81.4 - \hat{y}33.7 + \hat{z}226$  (kV/m).  
 (c) At  $z = -5$  cm,  $\mathbf{E} = -\hat{x}81.4 - \hat{y}33.7 - \hat{z}226$  (kV/m).

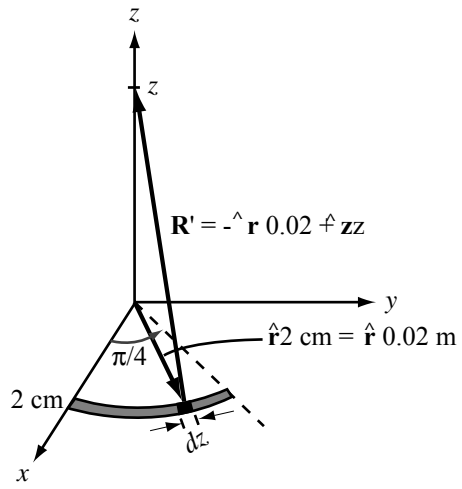


Figure P .13: Line charge along an arc.

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### **Section-3: Gauss's Law**

**Problem.14** Three infinite lines of charge, all parallel to the  $z$ -axis, are located at the three corners of the kite-shaped arrangement shown in Fig.-14. If the

two right triangles are symmetrical and of equal corresponding sides, show that the electric field is zero at the origin.

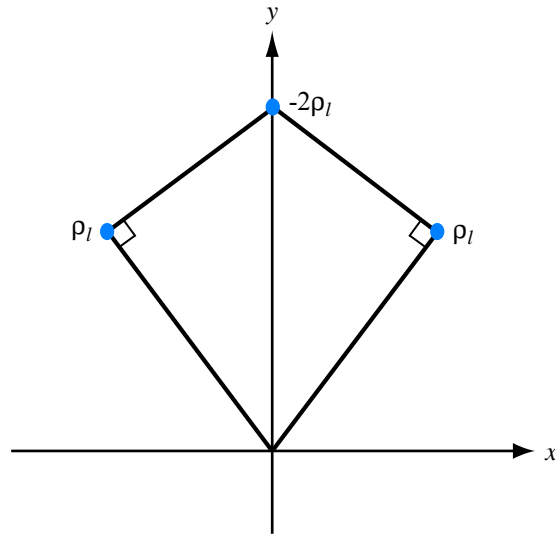


Figure P.14: Kite-shaped arrangement of line charges for Problem.14.

**Solution:** The field due to an infinite line of charge is given by the present case, the total  $\mathbf{E}$  at the origin is

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 + \mathbf{E}_3.$$

The components of  $\mathbf{E}_1$  and  $\mathbf{E}_2$  along  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  cancel and their components along  $-\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  add. Also,  $\mathbf{E}_3$  is along  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  because the line charge on the  $y$ -axis is negative. Hence,

$$\mathbf{E} = -\hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{2\rho_l \cos \theta}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R_1} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{2\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R_2}.$$

But  $\cos \theta = R_1/R_2$ . Hence,

$$\mathbf{E} = -\hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\rho_l}{\pi\epsilon_0 R_1} \frac{R_1}{R_2} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\rho_l}{\pi\epsilon_0 R_2} = 0.$$

**Problem.15** Three infinite lines of charge,  $\rho_{l_1} = 3$  (nC/m),  $\rho_{l_2} = -3$  (nC/m), and  $\rho_{l_3} = 3$  (nC/m), are all parallel to the  $z$ -axis. If they pass through the respective points

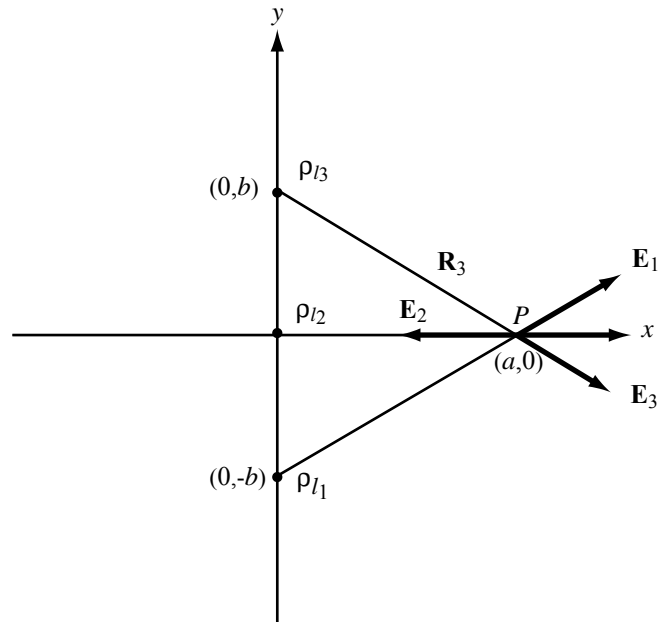


Figure P.15: Three parallel line charges.

$(0, -b)$ ,  $(0, 0)$ , and  $(0, b)$  in the  $x$ - $y$  plane, find the electric field at  $(a, 0, 0)$ . Evaluate your result for  $a = 2$  cm and  $b = 1$  cm.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{l1} &= 3 \text{ (nC/m)}, \\ \rho_{l2} &= -3 \text{ (nC/m)}, \\ \rho_{l3} &= \rho_{l1}, \\ \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 + \mathbf{E}_3.\end{aligned}$$

Components of line charges 1 and 3 along  $y$  cancel and components along  $x$  add. Hence,

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{2\rho_{l1}}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R_1} \cos\theta + \hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\rho_{l2}}{2\pi\epsilon_0 a}.$$

with  $\cos\theta = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$  and  $R_1 = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ ,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} 3}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{2a}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{1}{a} \right] \times 10^{-9} \text{ (V/m)}.$$

For  $a = 2$  cm and  $b = 1$  cm,

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} 1.62 \text{ (kV/m)}.$$

**Problem.16** A horizontal strip lying in the  $x$ - $y$  plane is of width  $d$  in the  $y$ -direction and infinitely long in the  $x$ -direction. If the strip is in air and has a uniform charge distribution  $\rho_s$ , use Coulomb's law to obtain an explicit expression for the electric field at a point  $P$  located at a distance  $h$  above the centerline of the strip. Extend your result to the special case where  $d$  is infinite.

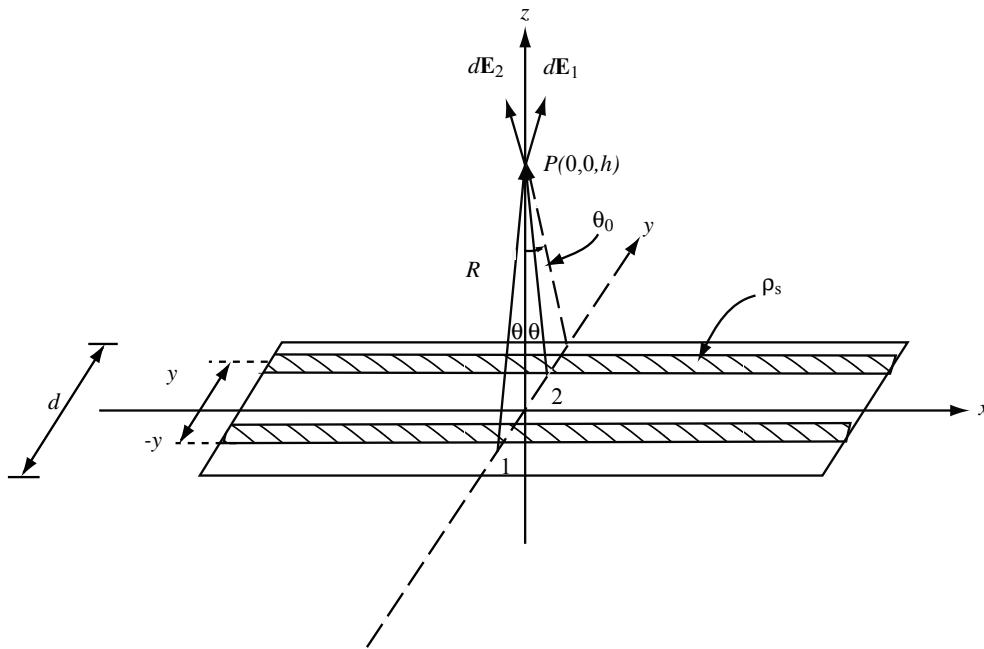


Figure P.16: Horizontal strip of charge.

**Solution:** The strip of charge density  $\rho_s$  ( $\text{C/m}^2$ ) can be treated as a set of adjacent line charges each of charge  $\rho_l = \rho_s dy$  and width  $dy$ . At point  $P$ , the fields of line charge at distance  $y$  and line charge at distance  $-y$  give contributions that cancel each other along  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  and add along  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ . For each such pair,

$$d\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{2\rho_s dy \cos \theta}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R}.$$

With  $R = h / \cos \theta$ , we integrate from  $y = 0$  to  $d/2$ , which corresponds to  $\theta = 0$  to  $\theta_0 = \sin^{-1}[(d/2)/(h^2 + (d/2)^2)^{1/2}]$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \int_0^{d/2} d\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_s}{\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{d/2} \frac{\cos \theta}{R} dy = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_s}{\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{\theta_0} \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{h} \cdot \frac{h}{\cos^2 \theta} d\theta \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_s}{\pi\epsilon_0} \theta_0. \end{aligned}$$

For an infinitely wide sheet,  $\theta_0 = \pi/2$  and  $\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0}$ .

**Problem.17** Given the electric flux density

$$\mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}2(x+y) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(3x-2y) \quad (\text{C/m}^2),$$

determine

- (a)  $\rho_v$ ,
- (b) the total charge  $Q$  enclosed in a cube 2 m on a side, located in the first octant with three of its sides coincident with the  $x$ -,  $y$ -, and  $z$ -axes and one of its corners at the origin, and
- (c) the total charge  $Q$  in the cube,

**Solution:**

- (a) By applying

$$\rho_v = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x+2y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3x-2y) = 0.$$

- (b) Integrate the charge density over the volume:

$$Q = \int_{\mathcal{V}'} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} dv = \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 0 dx dy dz = 0.$$

- (c) Apply Gauss' law to calculate the total charge

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = F_{\text{front}} + F_{\text{back}} + F_{\text{right}} + F_{\text{left}} + F_{\text{top}} + F_{\text{bottom}}, \\ F_{\text{front}} &= \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 (\hat{\mathbf{x}}2(x+y) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(3x-2y)) \Big|_{x=2} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{x}} dz dy) \\ &= \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 2(x+y) \Big|_{x=2} dz dy = \left( 2z \left( 2y + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \right) \Big|_{z=0}^2 \right) \Big|_{y=0}^2 = 24, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{\text{back}} &= \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 (\hat{\mathbf{x}}2(x+y) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(3x-2y)) \Big|_{x=0} \cdot (-\hat{\mathbf{x}} dz dy) \\
&= - \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 2(x+y) \Big|_{x=0} dz dy = - \left( zy^2 \Big|_{z=0}^2 \right) \Big|_{y=0}^2 = -8, \\
F_{\text{right}} &= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 (\hat{\mathbf{x}}2(x+y) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(3x-2y)) \Big|_{y=2} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{y}} dz dx) \\
&= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 (3x-2y) \Big|_{y=2} dz dx = \left( z \left( \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 4x \right) \Big|_{z=0}^2 \right) \Big|_{x=0}^2 = -4, \\
F_{\text{left}} &= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 (\hat{\mathbf{x}}2(x+y) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(3x-2y)) \Big|_{y=0} \cdot (-\hat{\mathbf{y}} dz dx) \\
&= - \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 (3x-2y) \Big|_{y=0} dz dx = - \left( z \left( \frac{3}{2}x^2 \right) \Big|_{z=0}^2 \right) \Big|_{x=0}^2 = -12, \\
F_{\text{top}} &= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 (\hat{\mathbf{x}}2(x+y) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(3x-2y)) \Big|_{z=2} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{z}} dy dx) \\
&= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 0 \Big|_{z=2} dy dx = 0, \\
F_{\text{bottom}} &= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 (\hat{\mathbf{x}}2(x+y) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(3x-2y)) \Big|_{z=0} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{z}} dy dx) \\
&= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 0 \Big|_{z=0} dy dx = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Q = \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 24 - 8 - 4 - 12 + 0 + 0 = 0$ .

**Problem.18** Repeat Problem.17 for  $\mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}xy^3z^3$  (C/m<sup>2</sup>).

**Solution:**

(a)  $\rho_v = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xy^3z^3) = y^3z^3$ .

(b) Total charge  $Q$  is given by:

$$Q = \int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} d\mathcal{V} = \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^2 y^3 z^3 dx dy dz = \frac{xy^4z^4}{16} \Big|_{x=0}^2 \Big|_{y=0}^2 \Big|_{z=0}^2 = 32 \text{ C.}$$



(c) Using Gauss' law we have

$$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = F_{\text{front}} + F_{\text{back}} + F_{\text{right}} + F_{\text{left}} + F_{\text{top}} + F_{\text{bottom}}.$$

Note that  $\mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}D_x$ , so only  $F_{\text{front}}$  and  $F_{\text{back}}$  (integration over  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  surfaces) will contribute to the integral.

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{front}} &= \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 (\hat{\mathbf{x}}xy^3z^3) \Big|_{x=2} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{x}} dy dz) \\ &= \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 xy^3z^3 \Big|_{x=2} dy dz = \left( 2 \left( \frac{y^4 z^4}{16} \right) \Big|_{y=0}^2 \right) \Big|_{z=0}^2 = 32, \\ F_{\text{back}} &= \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 (\hat{\mathbf{x}}xy^3z^3) \Big|_{x=0} \cdot (-\hat{\mathbf{x}} dy dz) = - \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 xy^3z^3 \Big|_{x=0} dy dz = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Q = \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 32 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 32 \text{ C}$ .

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**Problem.19** Charge  $Q_1$  is uniformly distributed over a thin spherical shell of radius  $a$ , and charge  $Q_2$  is uniformly distributed over a second spherical shell of radius  $b$ , with  $b > a$ . Apply Gauss's law to find  $\mathbf{E}$  in the regions  $R < a$ ,  $a < R < b$ , and  $R > b$ .

**Solution:** Using symmetry considerations, we know  $\mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}D_R$ . From,  $d\mathbf{s} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$  for an element of a spherical surface. Using Gauss's law in integral form,

$$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = Q_{\text{tot}},$$

where  $Q_{\text{tot}}$  is the total charge enclosed in  $S$ . For a spherical surface of radius  $R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} (\hat{\mathbf{R}}D_R) \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{R}}R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi) &= Q_{\text{tot}}, \\ D_R R^2 (2\pi) [-\cos\theta]_0^{\pi} &= Q_{\text{tot}}, \\ D_R &= \frac{Q_{\text{tot}}}{4\pi R^2}. \end{aligned}$$

we know a linear, isotropic material has the constitutive relationship  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon\mathbf{E}$ . Thus, we find  $\mathbf{E}$  from  $\mathbf{D}$ .

(a) In the region  $R < a$ ,

$$Q_{\text{tot}} = 0, \quad \mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}E_R = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{R}}Q_{\text{tot}}}{4\pi R^2 \epsilon} = 0 \quad (\text{V/m}).$$

(b) In the region  $a < R < b$ ,

$$Q_{\text{tot}} = Q_1, \quad \mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}E_R = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{R}}Q_1}{4\pi R^2 \epsilon} \quad (\text{V/m}).$$

(c) In the region  $R > b$ ,

$$Q_{\text{tot}} = Q_1 + Q_2, \quad \mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}E_R = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{R}}(Q_1 + Q_2)}{4\pi R^2 \epsilon} \quad (\text{V/m}).$$

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**Problem.20** The electric flux density inside a dielectric sphere of radius  $a$  centered at the origin is given by

$$\mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}\rho_0 R \quad (\text{C/m}^2),$$

where  $\rho_0$  is a constant. Find the total charge inside the sphere.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \hat{\mathbf{R}}\rho_0 R \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}}R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \Big|_{R=a} \\ &= 2\pi\rho_0 a^3 \int_0^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta = -2\pi\rho_0 a^3 \cos\theta \Big|_0^{\pi} = 4\pi\rho_0 a^3 \quad (\text{C}). \end{aligned}$$

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**Problem.21** In a certain region of space, the charge density is given in cylindrical coordinates by the function:

$$\rho_v = 50re^{-r} \quad (\text{C/m}^3).$$

Apply Gauss's law to find  $\mathbf{D}$ .

**Solution:**

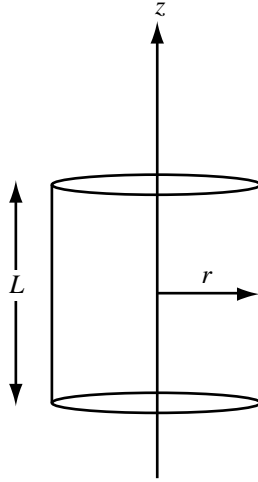


Figure P.21: Gaussian surface.

### Method 1: Integral Form of Gauss's Law

Since  $\rho_v$  varies as a function of  $r$  only, so will  $\mathbf{D}$ . Hence, we construct a cylinder of radius  $r$  and length  $L$ , coincident with the  $z$ -axis. Symmetry suggests that  $\mathbf{D}$  has the functional form  $\mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}D$ . Hence,

$$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = Q,$$

$$\int \hat{\mathbf{r}}D \cdot d\mathbf{s} = D(2\pi rL),$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= 2\pi L \int_0^r 50re^{-r} \cdot r dr \\ &= 100\pi L[-r^2e^{-r} + 2(1 - e^{-r}(1+r))], \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}D = \hat{\mathbf{r}}50 \left[ \frac{2}{r}(1 - e^{-r}(1+r)) - re^{-r} \right].$$

### Method 2: Differential Method

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_v, \quad \mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}D_r,$$

with  $D_r$  being a function of  $r$ .

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rD_r) = 50re^{-r},$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rD_r) &= 50r^2e^{-r}, \\ \int_0^r \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rD_r) dr &= \int_0^r 50r^2e^{-r} dr, \\ rD_r &= 50[2(1 - e^{-r}(1+r)) - r^2e^{-r}], \\ \mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}rD_r &= \hat{\mathbf{r}}50 \left[ \frac{2}{r}(1 - e^{-r}(1+r)) - re^{-r} \right].\end{aligned}$$


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**Problem.22** An infinitely long cylindrical shell extending between  $r = 1$  m and  $r = 3$  m contains a uniform charge density  $\rho_{v0}$ . Apply Gauss's law to find  $\mathbf{D}$  in all regions.

**Solution:** For  $r < 1$  m,  $\mathbf{D} = 0$ .

For  $1 \leq r \leq 3$  m,

$$\begin{aligned}\oint_S \hat{\mathbf{r}}D_r \cdot d\mathbf{s} &= Q, \\ D_r \cdot 2\pi rL &= \rho_{v0} \cdot \pi L(r^2 - 1^2), \\ \mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}D_r &= \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\rho_{v0}\pi L(r^2 - 1)}{2\pi rL} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\rho_{v0}(r^2 - 1)}{2r}, \quad 1 \leq r \leq 3 \text{ m}.\end{aligned}$$

For  $r \geq 3$  m,

$$\begin{aligned}D_r \cdot 2\pi rL &= \rho_{v0}\pi L(3^2 - 1^2) = 8\rho_{v0}\pi L, \\ \mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}D_r &= \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{4\rho_{v0}}{r}, \quad r \geq 3 \text{ m}.\end{aligned}$$

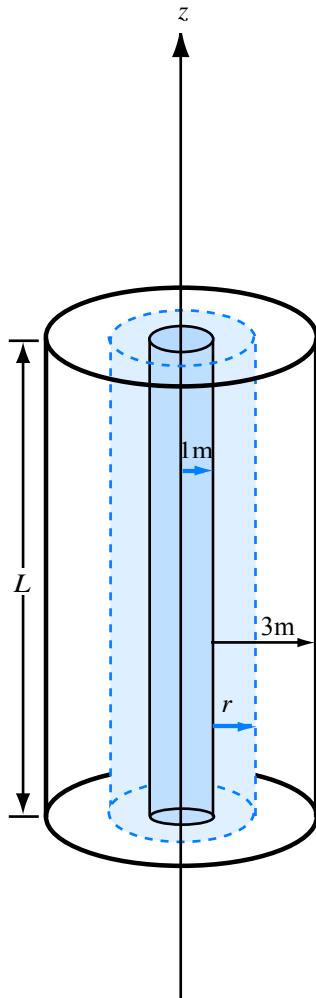


Figure P.22: Cylindrical shell.

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**Problem.23** If the charge density increases linearly with distance from the origin such that  $\rho_v = 0$  at the origin and  $\rho_v = 40 \text{ C/m}^3$  at  $R = 2 \text{ m}$ , find the corresponding variation of  $\mathbf{D}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\rho_v(R) = a + bR,$$

$$\rho_v(0) = a = 0,$$

$$\rho_v(2) = 2b = 40.$$

Hence,  $b = 20$ .

$$\rho_v(R) = 20R \quad (\text{C/m}^3).$$

Applying Gauss's law to a spherical surface of radius  $R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} &= \int_V \rho_v d\mathcal{V}, \\ D_R \cdot 4\pi R^2 &= \int_0^R 20R \cdot 4\pi R^2 dR = 80\pi \frac{R^4}{4}, \\ D_R &= 5R^2 \quad (\text{C/m}^2), \\ \mathbf{D} &= \hat{\mathbf{R}}D_R = \hat{\mathbf{R}}5R^2 \quad (\text{C/m}^2). \end{aligned}$$


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#### Section-4: Electric Potential

**Problem.24** A square in the  $x$ - $y$  plane in free space has a point charge of  $+Q$  at corner  $(a/2, a/2)$  and the same at corner  $(a/2, -a/2)$  and a point charge of  $-Q$  at each of the other two corners.

(a) Find the electric potential at any point  $P$  along the  $x$ -axis.

(b) Evaluate  $V$  at  $x = a/2$ .

**Solution:**  $R_1 = R_2$  and  $R_3 = R_4$ .

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_1} + \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_2} + \frac{-Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_3} + \frac{-Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_4} = \frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_3} \right)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= \sqrt{\left(x - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}, \\ R_3 &= \sqrt{\left(x + \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

At  $x = a/2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= \frac{a}{2}, \\ R_3 &= \frac{a\sqrt{5}}{2}, \\ V &= \frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{2}{a} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}a} \right) = \frac{0.55Q}{\pi\epsilon_0 a}. \end{aligned}$$

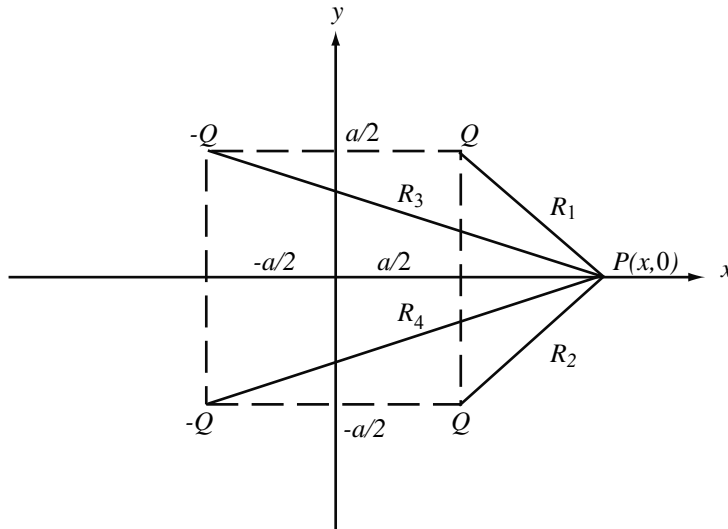


Figure P.24: Potential due to four point charges.

**Problem.25** The circular disk of radius  $a$  shown in Fig. (P.25) has uniform charge density  $\rho_s$  across its surface.

- (a) Obtain an expression for the electric potential  $V$  at a point  $P(0, 0, z)$  on the  $z$ -axis.
- (b) Use your result to find  $\mathbf{E}$  and then evaluate it for  $z = h$ . Compare your final expression with result which was obtained on the basis of Coulomb's law.

**Solution:**

(a) Consider a ring of charge at a radial distance  $r$ . The charge contained in width  $dr$  is

$$dq = \rho_s(2\pi r dr) = 2\pi\rho_s r dr.$$

The potential at  $P$  is

$$dV = \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} = \frac{2\pi\rho_s r dr}{4\pi\epsilon_0(r^2 + z^2)^{1/2}}.$$

The potential due to the entire disk is

$$V = \int_0^a dV = \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \int_0^a \frac{r dr}{(r^2 + z^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} (r^2 + z^2)^{1/2} \Big|_0^a = \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ (a^2 + z^2)^{1/2} - z \right].$$

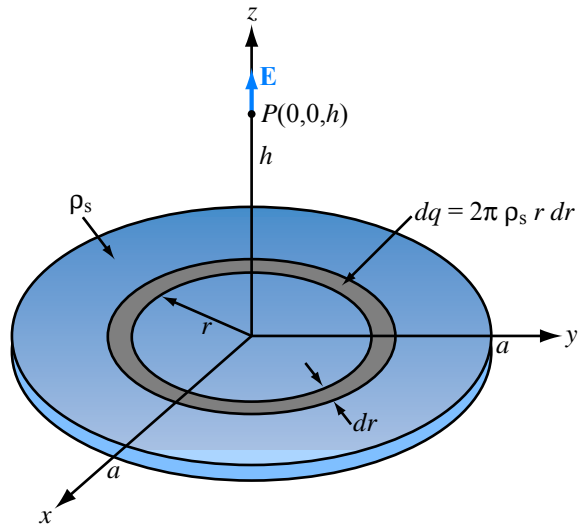


Figure P.25: Circular disk of charge.

(b)

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -\hat{x} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} - \hat{y} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} - \hat{z} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = \hat{z} \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} \right].$$

The expression for  $\mathbf{E}$  reduces to???????????? when  $z = h$ .

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**Problem.26** For the electric dipole shown in Fig. 4-13,  $d = 1$  cm and  $|\mathbf{E}| = 4$  (mV/m) at  $R = 1$  m and  $\theta = 0^\circ$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $R = 2$  m and  $\theta = 90^\circ$ .

**Solution:** For  $R = 1$  m and  $\theta = 0^\circ$ ,  $|\mathbf{E}| = 4$  mV/m, we can solve for  $q$  using:

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{qd}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} (\hat{\mathbf{R}} 2 \cos \theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sin \theta).$$

Hence,

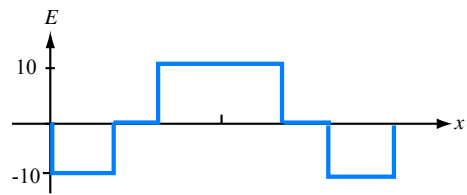
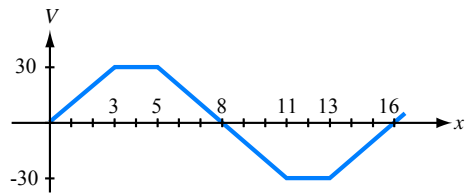
$$|\mathbf{E}| = \left( \frac{qd}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) 2 = 4 \text{ mV/m} \quad \text{at } \theta = 0^\circ,$$
$$q = \frac{10^{-3} \times 8\pi\epsilon_0}{d} = \frac{10^{-3} \times 8\pi\epsilon_0}{10^{-2}} = 0.8\pi\epsilon_0 \quad (\text{C}).$$

Again to find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $R = 2$  m and  $\theta = 90^\circ$ , we have

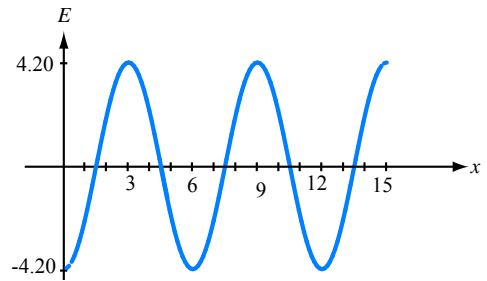
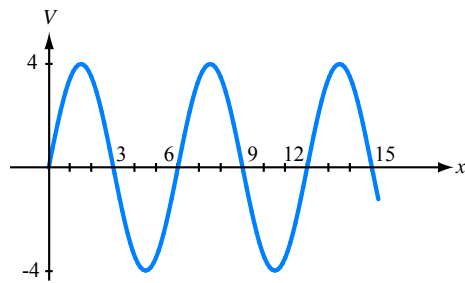
$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{0.8\pi\epsilon_0 \times 10^{-2}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \times 2^3} (\hat{\mathbf{R}}(0) + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{1}{4} \quad (\text{mV/m}).$$

**Problem.27** For each of the following distributions of the electric potential  $V$ , sketch the corresponding distribution of  $\mathbf{E}$  (in all cases, the vertical axis is in volts and the horizontal axis is in meters):

**Solution:**



(a)



(b)

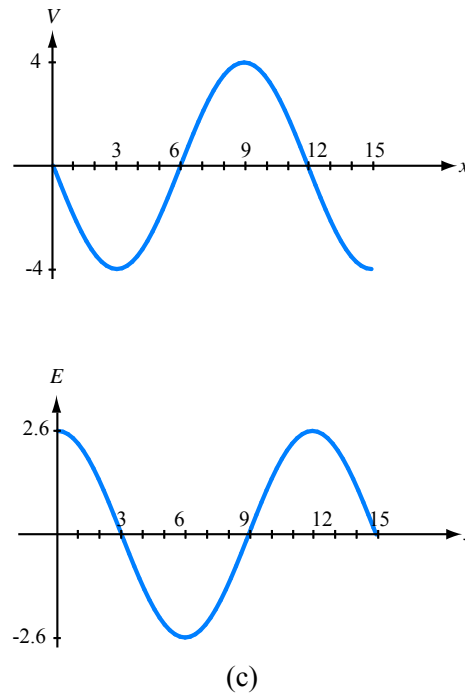


Figure P.27: Electric potential distributions

**Problem.28** Given the electric field

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{R}} \frac{18}{R^2} \quad (\text{V/m}),$$

find the electric potential of point  $A$  with respect to point  $B$  where  $A$  is at  $+2$  m and  $B$  at  $-4$  m, both on the  $z$ -axis.

**Solution:**

$$V_{AB} = V_A - V_B = - \int_B^A \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}.$$

Along  $z$ -direction,  $\hat{\mathbf{R}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}$  and  $\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{18}{z^2}$  for  $z \geq 0$ , and  $\hat{\mathbf{R}} = -\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  and  $\mathbf{E} = -\hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{18}{z^2}$  for  $z \leq 0$ . Hence,

$$V_{AB} = - \int_{-4}^2 \hat{\mathbf{R}} \frac{18}{z^2} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} dz = - \left[ \int_{-4}^0 -\hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{18}{z^2} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} dz + \int_0^2 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{18}{z^2} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} dz \right] = 4 \text{ V}.$$

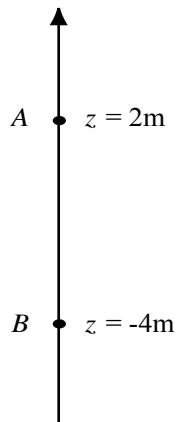


Figure P.28: Potential between  $B$  and  $A$ .

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**Problem.29** An infinitely long line of charge with uniform density  $\rho_l = 9 \text{ (nC/m)}$  lies in the  $x$ - $y$  plane parallel to the  $y$ -axis at  $x = 2 \text{ m}$ . Find the potential  $V_{AB}$  at point  $A(3 \text{ m}, 0, 4 \text{ m})$  in Cartesian coordinates with respect to point  $B(0, 0, 0)$ .

**Solution:** According to,

$$V = \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)$$

where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are the distances of  $A$  and  $B$ . In this case,

$$r_1 = \sqrt{(3-2)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{17} \text{ m},$$

$$r_2 = 2 \text{ m}.$$

Hence,

$$V_{AB} = \frac{9 \times 10^{-9}}{2\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12}} \ln\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{17}}\right) = -117.09 \text{ V}.$$

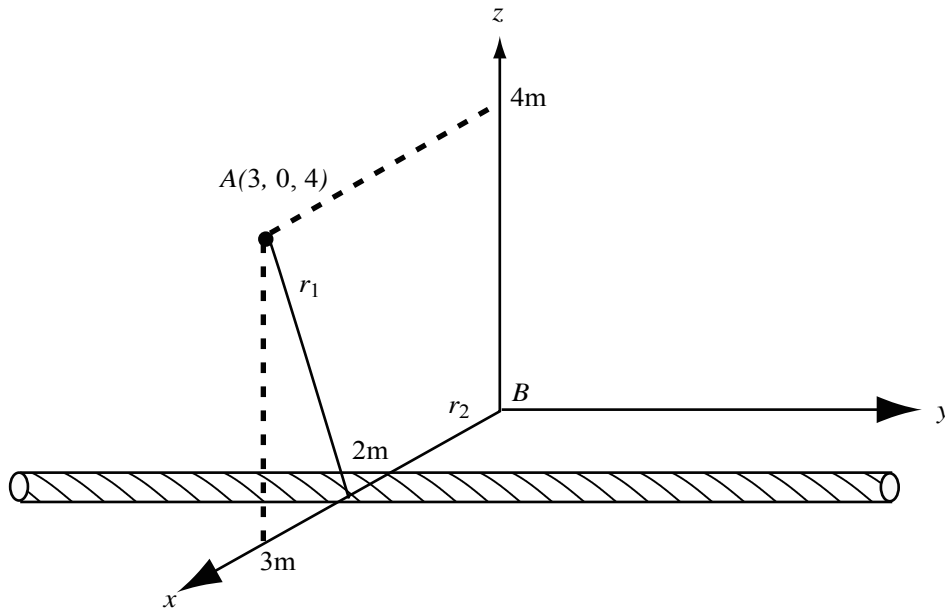


Figure P.29: Line of charge parallel to y-axis.

**Problem.30** The  $x$ - $y$  plane contains a uniform sheet of charge with  $\rho_{s1} = 0.2$  (nC/m<sup>2</sup>) and a second sheet with  $\rho_{s2} = -0.2$  (nC/m<sup>2</sup>) occupies the plane  $z = 6$  m. Find  $V_{AB}$ ,  $V_{BC}$ , and  $V_{AC}$  for  $A(0, 0, 6$  m),  $B(0, 0, 0)$ , and  $C(0, -2$  m, 2 m).

**Solution:** We start by finding the  $\mathbf{E}$  field in the region between the plates. For any point above the  $x$ - $y$  plane,  $\mathbf{E}_1$  due to the charge on  $x$ - $y$  plane is,

$$\mathbf{E}_1 = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_{s1}}{2\epsilon_0}.$$

In the region below the top plate,  $\mathbf{E}$  would point downwards for positive  $\rho_{s2}$  on the top plate. In this case,  $\rho_{s2} = -\rho_{s1}$ . Hence,

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_{s1}}{2\epsilon_0} - \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_{s2}}{2\epsilon_0} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{2\rho_{s1}}{2\epsilon_0} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_{s1}}{\epsilon_0}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{E}$  is along  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ , only change in position along  $z$  can result in change in voltage.

$$V_{AB} = - \int_0^6 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\rho_{s1}}{\epsilon_0} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} dz = - \frac{\rho_{s1}}{\epsilon_0} z \Big|_0^6 = - \frac{6\rho_{s1}}{\epsilon_0} = - \frac{6 \times 0.2 \times 10^{-9}}{8.85 \times 10^{-12}} = -135.59 \text{ V}.$$

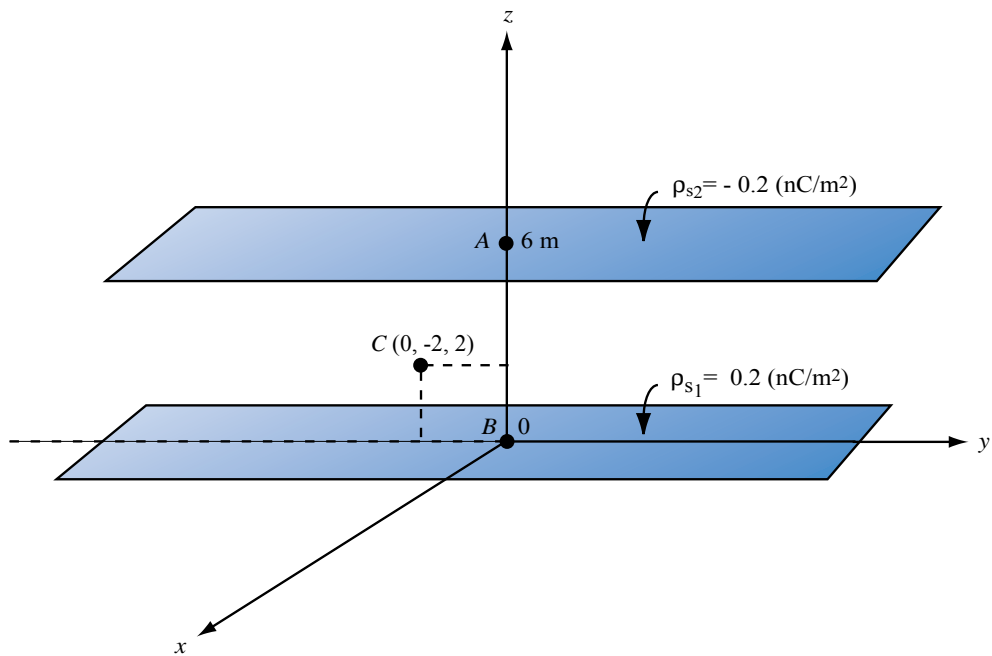


Figure P.30: Two parallel planes of charge.

The voltage at  $C$  depends only on the  $z$ -coordinate of  $C$ . Hence, with point  $A$  being at the lowest potential and  $B$  at the highest potential,

$$V_{BC} = \frac{-2}{6} V_{AB} = -\frac{(-135.59)}{3} = 45.20 \text{ V},$$

$$V_{AC} = V_{AB} + V_{BC} = -135.59 + 45.20 = -90.39 \text{ V}.$$