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Exam 2

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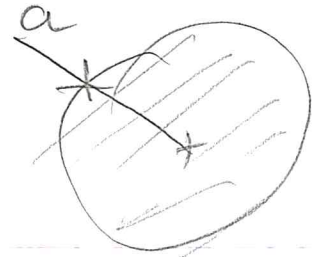
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1. Find the electric field produced by a sphere of radius a carrying a uniform charge density ρ coul/m³.

a. for $r < a$, $E = \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon_0}$

b. for $r > a$, $E = \frac{\rho a^3}{3\epsilon_0 r^2}$



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi r^2 E_r = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$Q_{enc} = \int \rho da = \rho \int_0^r 4\pi r^2 dr \quad r < a$$

$$Q_{enc} = \rho \frac{4\pi r^3}{3} \Big|_0^r = \rho \frac{4\pi r^3}{3} \quad r < a$$

$$Q_{enc} = \frac{4\pi a^3}{3} \rho \quad r > a$$

$$E_r = \frac{Q_{enc}}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\rho 4\pi r^3}{3 \times 4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon_0} \quad r < a$$

$$E_r = \frac{\rho 4\pi a^3}{3 \times 4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\rho a^3}{3\epsilon_0 r^2} \quad r > a$$

$$\vec{E} = E_r \hat{r}$$

$$E_r = \begin{cases} \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon_0} & r < a \\ \frac{\rho a^3}{3\epsilon_0 r^2} & r > a \end{cases}$$

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2. Find the electric field at P , the center of curvature of the semi circular arc, of radius R , carrying a λ coulombs per meter as shown in Figure 2.

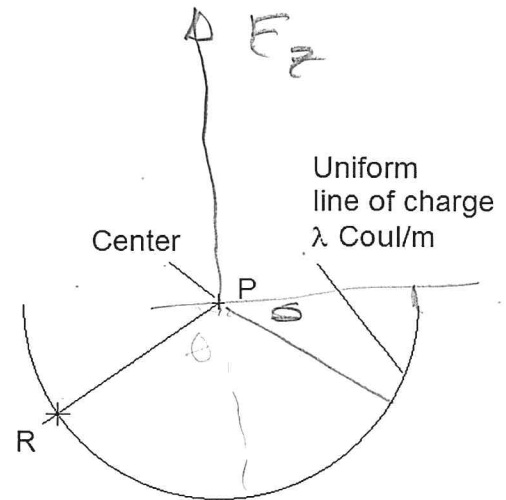


Figure 2

$$\vec{E} = \int \frac{dq \vec{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$r = R$$

$$dq = \lambda dl = \lambda R d\theta$$

$$E_z = E \sin\theta$$

Solve for E_z

Since by symmetry

other components equal zero

$$dE_z = \frac{\lambda R d\theta \sin\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \left[-\cos\theta \right]_0^\pi = \frac{2\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$$

$$\vec{E} = E_z \hat{z} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R} \hat{z}$$

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3. Find the electric field in the region between the inner and the outer conductors of the coaxial cable shown in Figure 3. The inner conductor carries a charge of λ coul/m. The outer conductor carries a charge of $-\lambda$ coul/m. The outer radius of the inner conductor is a . The inner radius of the outer conductor is b .

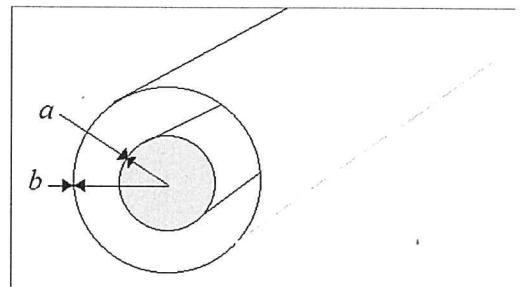


Figure 3

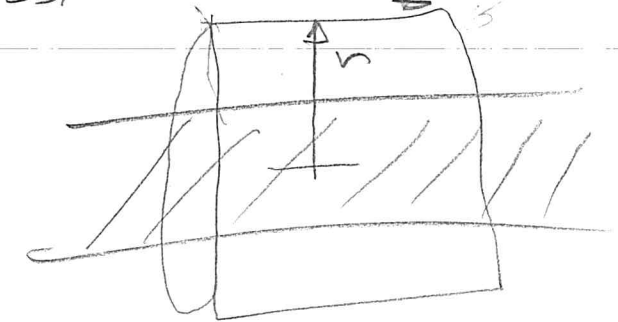
Find E for $a < r < b$.

Cylindrical Symmetry

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = E_r 2\pi r L \quad \text{GAUSSIAN SURFACE}$$

$$Q_{enc} = \lambda L$$

$$E_r 2\pi r L = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$



$$E_r = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \quad a < r < b$$

$$\text{if } r > b \quad Q_{enc} = 0 \quad \therefore E_r = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r} & a < r < b \\ 0 & r > b \end{cases}$$

Between the conductors
 $a < r < b$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r}}$$