

2.3 Find the electric field a distance z above one end of a straight line segment of length L . (Fig 2.7) that carries a uniform line charge λ . Check that your formula is consistent with what you would expect for the case $z \gg L$.

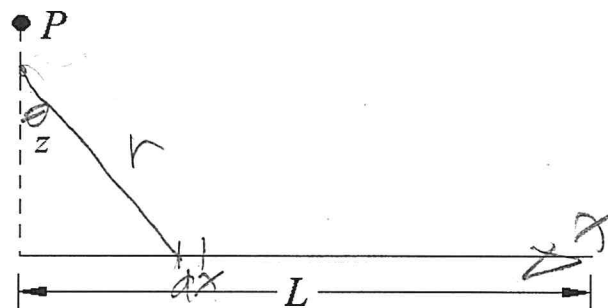


Figure 2.7

$$\frac{x}{z} = \tan \theta$$

$$x = z \tan \theta$$

$$dx = z \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$\frac{z}{r} = \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} = \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{z^2}$$

$$dq = \lambda dx$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$E_z = E \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\lambda dx \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \lambda z \sec^2 \theta d\theta \cos \theta \frac{\cos \theta}{z^2}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z} \int_0^{\theta_L} \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$E_z = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z} [\sin \theta]_0^{\theta_L} = \frac{\lambda \sin \theta_L}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z}$$

$$E_z = \frac{\lambda L}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z \sqrt{L^2 + z^2}}$$

$$\sin \theta_L = \frac{L}{r}$$

$$= \frac{L}{\sqrt{L^2 + z^2}}$$

2.3 continued

$$E_x = -E \sin \theta$$

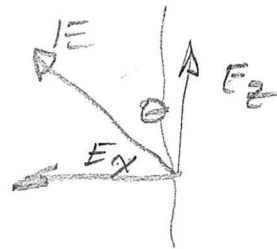
$$= -\frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z} \int_0^{\theta_L} \sin \theta d\theta$$

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

$$= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z} \left[\cos \theta_L - 1 \right]$$

$$\vec{E} = E_x \hat{x} + E_z \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z} \left(\left[\frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + L^2}} - 1 \right] \hat{x} + \frac{L}{\sqrt{z^2 + L^2}} \hat{y} \right)$$



E_z is proportional to $\cos \theta$

E_x is proportional to $-\sin \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta_L &= \frac{z}{r} \\ &= \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + L^2}} \end{aligned}$$

2.5 Find the electric field a distance z above the center of a circular loop of radius r (Fig. 2.9) that carries a uniform line charge λ .

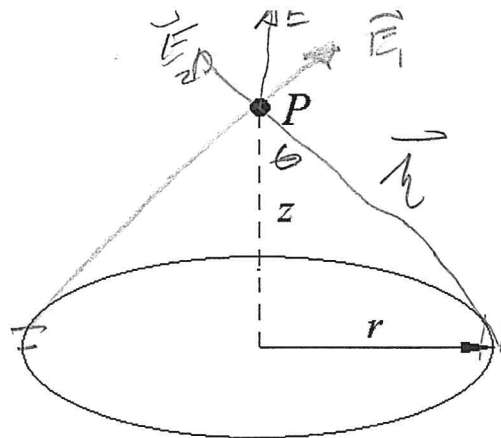
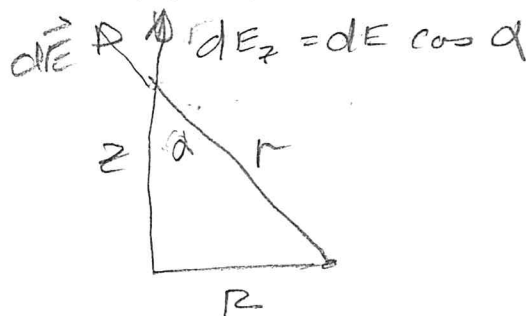


Figure 2.9

$$\cos \theta = \frac{z}{r}$$

$$dE = \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$dE_z = \frac{dq \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$r^2 = r^2 + z^2$$

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

$$dE_z = \frac{\lambda r d\theta \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (r^2 + z^2)}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda r d\theta z}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E_z = \int dE_z = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\lambda r z d\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\vec{E} = \hat{z} E_z = \frac{\lambda r z \hat{z}}{2\epsilon_0 (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

2.9 Suppose the electric field in some region is found to be $\mathbf{E} = k r^3 \hat{\mathbf{r}}$, in spherical coordinates (k is some constant.)

a. Find the charge density ρ .

b. Find the total charge contained in a sphere of radius R , centered at the origin.
(Do it in two different ways.)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$$

$$\rho = \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 E_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta E_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial E_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$

NOT functions of θ or ϕ

$$\rho = \epsilon_0 \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 E_r)$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (k r^5) = \epsilon_0 \frac{1}{r^2} (5k r^4)$$

a)

$$\rho = \epsilon_0 5k r^2$$

$$\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = E_r 4\pi R^2 = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$Q_{enc} = \epsilon_0 4\pi r^2 E_r = \epsilon_0 4\pi r^2 k r^3$$

$$Q_{enc} = 4\pi \epsilon_0 k R^5$$

Method

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$$Q_{enc} = \int \rho dV$$

$$dV = 4\pi r^2 dr$$

$$= \int_0^R \epsilon_0 5k r^2 4\pi r^2 dr = 20\pi k \epsilon_0 \int_0^R r^4 dr$$

$$= \frac{20\pi k \epsilon_0 R^5}{5} = 4\pi \epsilon_0 k R^5$$