

2.14 Find the electric field inside a sphere that carries a charge density proportional to the distance from the origin, $\rho = kr$, for some constant, k . [Hint this charge density is not uniform, and you must integrate to get the enclosed charge.]

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

$$Q_{enc} = \int \rho d\tau = \int_0^r kr 4\pi r^2 dr$$

$$Q_{enc} = 4\pi k \int_0^r r^3 dr = 4\pi k \frac{r^4}{4} = \pi k r^4$$

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

$$E_r = \frac{kr^2}{4\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{kr^2}{4\epsilon_0} \hat{r}$$

2.15 A thick spherical shell carries a charge density

$$\rho = \frac{k}{r^2} \quad (a \leq r \leq b)$$

(Fig. 2.25) Find the electric field in three regions: (i) $r < a$, (ii) $a < r < b$, (iii) $r > b$. Plot $|E|$ as a function of r , for the case $b = 2a$.

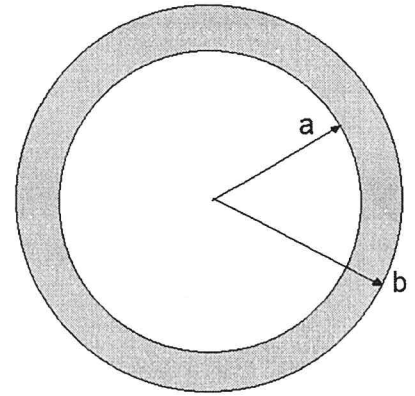


Figure 2.25

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

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

(i) $r < a$ $Q_{enc} = 0 \therefore \vec{E} = 0$

(ii) $a < r < b$ $Q_{enc} = \int_a^r \rho da$ $da = 4\pi r^2 dr$

$$Q_{enc} = \int_a^r \frac{k}{r^2} 4\pi r^2 dr$$

$$= 4\pi k [r - a]$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{4\pi k [r - a]}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} = \boxed{\frac{k [r - a]}{\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}}$$

(iii) $r > b$ $Q_{enc} = 4\pi k [b - a]$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{k [b - a]}{\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}}$$

2.16 A long coaxial cable (Fig 2.26) carries a uniform volume charge density ρ on the inner cylinder (radius a), and a uniform surface charge on the outer cylindrical shell (radius b). This surface charge is negative and is of just the right magnitude that the cable as a whole is electrically neutral. Find the electric field in each of the three regions: (i) inside the inner cylinder ($s < a$), (ii) between the cylinders ($a < s < b$), (iii) outside the cable ($s > b$). Plot $|E|$ as a function of s .

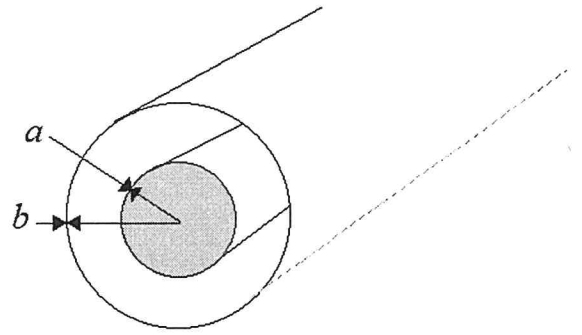


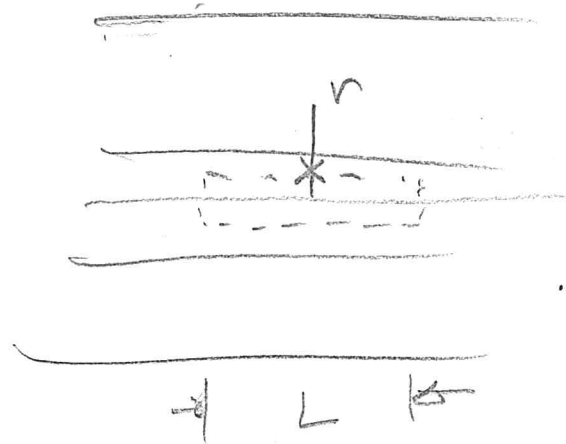
Figure 2.26

Cylindrical Symmetry

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = E_r L 2\pi r$$

$$r < a$$

$$Q_{enc} = \int_0^r \rho dz$$



$$da = L 2\pi r dr \rightarrow \text{Shell}$$

$$\rho = \text{constant}$$

$$Q_{enc} = \int_0^r \rho L 2\pi r dr = \rho L 2\pi \int_0^r r dr$$

$$= \rho L 2\pi \frac{r^2}{2}$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = E_r L 2\pi r = \frac{\rho L 2\pi r^2}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$(i) \quad \boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{\rho r}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{r}}$$

$$(ii) \quad r > a < b \quad Q_{enc} = \rho L \pi a^2$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q_{enc} \hat{r}}{2\pi r L \epsilon_0} = \frac{\rho L \pi a^2 \hat{r}}{2\pi r L \epsilon_0} = \boxed{\frac{\rho a^2}{2\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r}}$$

$$(iii) \quad Q_{enc} = 0 \quad \vec{E} = 0$$

2.17 An infinite plane slab, of thickness, $2d$, carries a uniform charge density ρ (Fig 2.27). Find the electric field, as a function of y , calling E positive when it points in the $+y$ direction and negative when it points in the $-y$ direction.

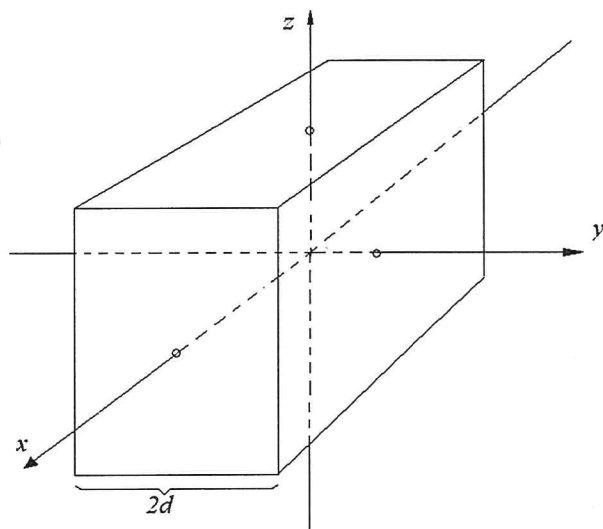


Figure 2.27

Due to Symmetry

$$E = 0 \text{ at } y = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = E_y \hat{y}$$

$$E_x = E_z = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = A E_y = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$y < d \quad Q_{enc} = \int_0^y \rho d\alpha$$

$$d\alpha = A dy$$

$$Q_{enc} = \int_0^y \rho A dy = \rho A y$$

$$\vec{E} = \hat{y} \frac{\rho A y}{A \epsilon_0} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} y \hat{y} \quad |y| < d$$

$$y > d \quad Q_{enc} = \rho A d$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\rho A d \hat{y}}{\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{\rho d}{\epsilon_0} \hat{y}$$

