

# HW #3

$F_2$  is a gradient;  $F_1$  is a curl  $U_2 = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$  would do ( $F_2 = \nabla U_2$ ).

For  $A_1$ , we want  $(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y}) = (\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x}) = 0$ ;  $\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} = x^2$ .  $A_y = \frac{x^2}{3}$ ,  $A_x = A_z = 0$  would do it.

$A_1 = \frac{1}{3}x^2 \hat{y}$  ( $F_1 = \nabla \times A_1$ ). (But these are not unique.)

(b)  $\nabla \cdot F_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(yz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xy) = 0$ ;  $\nabla \times F_3 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ yz & xz & xy \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x}(x-x) + \hat{y}(y-y) + \hat{z}(z-z) = 0$

So  $F_3$  can be written as the gradient of a scalar ( $F_3 = \nabla U_3$ ) and as the curl of a vector ( $F_3 = \nabla \times A_3$ ). In fact,  $U_3 = xyz$  does the job. For the vector potential, we have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} = yz, \text{ which suggests } A_x = \frac{1}{4}y^2z + f(x,z); A_y = -\frac{1}{4}yz^2 + g(x,y) \\ \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} = xz, \text{ suggesting } A_x = \frac{1}{4}z^2x + h(x,y); A_z = -\frac{1}{4}zx^2 + j(y,z) \\ \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} = xy, \text{ so } A_y = \frac{1}{4}x^2y + k(y,z); A_z = -\frac{1}{4}xy^2 + l(x,y) \end{array} \right\}$$

Putting this all together:  $A_3 = \frac{1}{4} \{ x(z^2 - y^2) \hat{x} + y(x^2 - z^2) \hat{y} + z(y^2 - x^2) \hat{z} \}$  (again, not unique).

### Problem 1.50

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a):  $\nabla \times F = \nabla \times (-\nabla U) = 0$  (Eq. 1.44 - curl of gradient is always zero).

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c):  $\oint F \cdot dl = \int (\nabla \times F) \cdot da = 0$  (Eq. 1.57 - Stokes' theorem)

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b):  $\int_a^b F \cdot dl - \int_a^b F \cdot dl = \int_a^b F \cdot dl + \int_b^a F \cdot dl = \oint F \cdot dl = 0$ , so

$$\int_a^b F \cdot dl = \int_a^b F \cdot dl.$$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): same as (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b), only in reverse; (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): same as (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c).

### Problem 1.51

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a):  $\nabla \cdot F = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times W) = 0$  (Eq. 1.46 - divergence of curl is always zero).

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c):  $\oint F \cdot da = \int (\nabla \cdot F) d\tau = 0$  (Eq. 1.56 - divergence theorem).

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b):  $\int_I F \cdot da - \int_{II} F \cdot da = \oint F \cdot da = 0$ , so

$$\int_I F \cdot da = \int_{II} F \cdot da.$$

(Note: sign change because for  $\oint F \cdot da$ ,  $da$  is outward, whereas for surface II it is inward.)

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): same as (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b), in reverse; (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): same as (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c).

### Problem 1.52

In Prob. 1.15 we found that  $\nabla \cdot v_a = 0$ ; in Prob. 1.18 we found that  $\nabla \times v_c = 0$ . So

$v_c$  can be written as the gradient of a scalar;  $v_a$  can be written as the curl of a vector.

(a) To find  $t$ :

(1)  $\frac{\partial t}{\partial x} = y^2 \Rightarrow t = y^2x + f(y, z)$

(2)  $\frac{\partial t}{\partial y} = (2xy + z^2)$

(3)  $\frac{\partial t}{\partial z} = 2yz$

From (1) & (3) we get  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 2yz \Rightarrow f = yz^2 + g(y) \Rightarrow t = y^2x + yz^2 + g(y)$ , so  $\frac{\partial t}{\partial y} = 2xy + z^2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 2xy + z^2$  (from (2))  $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 0$ . We may as well pick  $g = 0$ ; then  $t = xy^2 + yz^2$ .

(b) To find  $\mathbf{W}$ :  $\frac{\partial W_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial x} = x^2$ ;  $\frac{\partial W_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} = 3z^2x$ ;  $\frac{\partial W_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial y} = -2xz$ .

Pick  $W_x = 0$ ; then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} &= -3xz^2 \Rightarrow W_z = -\frac{3}{2}x^2z^2 + f(y, z) \\ \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial x} &= -2xz \Rightarrow W_y = -x^2z + g(y, z).\end{aligned}$$

$\frac{\partial W_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + x^2 - \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 0$ . May as well pick  $f = g = 0$ .

$$\mathbf{W} = -x^2z \hat{y} - \frac{3}{2}x^2z^2 \hat{z}.$$

$$\text{Check: } \nabla \times \mathbf{W} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0 & -x^2z & -\frac{3}{2}x^2z^2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x}(x^2) + \hat{y}(3xz^2) + \hat{z}(-2xz). \checkmark$$

You can add any gradient ( $\nabla t$ ) to  $\mathbf{W}$  without changing its curl, so this answer is far from unique. Some other solutions:

$$\mathbf{W} = xz^3 \hat{x} - x^2z \hat{y};$$

$$\mathbf{W} = (2xyz + xz^3) \hat{x} + x^2y \hat{z};$$

$$\mathbf{W} = xyz \hat{x} - \frac{1}{2}x^2z \hat{y} + \frac{1}{2}x^2(y - 3z^2) \hat{z}.$$

### Problem 1.53

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 r^2 \cos \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta r^2 \cos \phi) = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (-r^2 \cos \theta \sin \phi) \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} 4r^3 \cos \theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \cos \theta r^2 \cos \phi + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} (-r^2 \cos \theta \cos \phi) \\ &= \frac{r \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} [4 \sin \theta + \cos \phi - \cos \phi] = 4r \cos \theta.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) d\tau &= \int (4r \cos \theta) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi = 4 \int_0^R r^3 dr \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \\ &= (R^4) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi R^4}{4}.\end{aligned}$$

Surface consists of four parts:

(1) Curved:  $da = R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \hat{r}$ ;  $r = R$ .  $\mathbf{v} \cdot da = (R^2 \cos \theta) (R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi)$ .

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot da = R^4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = R^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi R^4}{4}.$$

(2) Left:  $da = -r dr d\theta \hat{\phi}$ ;  $\phi = 0$ .  $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = (r^2 \cos \theta \sin \phi) (r dr d\theta) = 0$ .  $\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0$ .

(3) Back:  $da = r dr d\theta \hat{\phi}$ ;  $\phi = \pi/2$ .  $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = (-r^2 \cos \theta \sin \phi) (r dr d\theta) = -r^3 \cos \theta dr d\theta$ .

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_0^R r^3 dr \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta d\theta = -\left(\frac{1}{4}R^4\right)(+1) = -\frac{1}{4}R^4.$$

(4) Bottom:  $da = r \sin \theta dr d\phi \hat{\theta}$ ;  $\theta = \pi/2$ .  $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = (r^2 \cos \phi) (r dr d\phi)$ .

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_0^R r^3 dr \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \phi d\phi = \frac{1}{4}R^4.$$

Total:  $\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \pi R^4/4 + 0 - \frac{1}{4}R^4 + \frac{1}{4}R^4 = \frac{\pi R^4}{4}$ . ✓

### Problem 1.54

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ ay & bx & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{z}(b-a). \text{ So } \int (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = (b-a)\pi R^2.$$

$\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (ay \hat{x} + bx \hat{y}) \cdot (dx \hat{x} + dy \hat{y} + dz \hat{z}) = ay dx + bx dy$ ;  $x^2 + y^2 = R^2 \Rightarrow 2x dx + 2y dy = 0$ , so  $dy = -(x/y) dx$ . So  $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = ay dx + bx(-x/y) dx = \frac{1}{y}(ay^2 - bx^2) dx$ .

For the "upper" semicircle,  $y = \sqrt{R^2 - x^2}$ , so  $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{a(R^2 - x^2) - bx^2}{\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}} dx$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= \int_R^{-R} \frac{aR^2 - (a+b)x^2}{\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}} dx = \left\{ aR^2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{R}\right) - (a+b) \left[ -\frac{x}{2} \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} + \frac{R^2}{2} \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{R}\right) \right] \right\} \Big|_{+R}^{-R} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}R^2(a-b) \sin^{-1}(x/R) \Big|_{+R}^{-R} = \frac{1}{2}R^2(a-b) (\sin^{-1}(-1) - \sin^{-1}(+1)) = \frac{1}{2}R^2(a-b) \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\pi R^2(b-a). \end{aligned}$$

And the same for the lower semicircle ( $y$  changes sign, but the limits on the integral are reversed) so  $\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \pi R^2(b-a)$ . ✓

### Problem 1.55

(1)  $x = z = 0$ ;  $dx = dz = 0$ ;  $y: 0 \rightarrow 1$ .  $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (y + 3x) dy = y dy$ .

$$\int_0^1 \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^1 y dy = \frac{1}{2}.$$

(2)  $x = 0$ ;  $z = 2 - 2y$ ;  $dz = -2 dy$ ;  $y: 1 \rightarrow 0$ .  $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (y + 3x) dy + 6 dz = y dy - 12 dy = (y - 12) dy$ .

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_1^0 (y - 12) dy = -\left(\frac{1}{2} - 12\right) = -\frac{1}{2} + 12.$$

(3)  $x = y = 0$ ;  $dx = dy = 0$ ;  $z: 2 \rightarrow 0$ .  $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 6 dz$ ;

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_2^0 6 dz = -12.$$

$$\text{Total: } \oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + 12 - 12 = \boxed{0}.$$

Meanwhile, Stokes' theorem says  $\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a}$ . Here  $d\mathbf{a} = dy dz \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ , so all we need is  $(\nabla \times \mathbf{v})_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(6) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(y + 3x) = 0$ . Therefore  $\int (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0$ . ✓

### Problem 1.56

Start at the origin.

$$(1) \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \phi = 0; r: 0 \rightarrow 1. \quad \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (r \cos^2 \theta) (dr) = 0. \quad \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0.$$

$$(2) r = 1, \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}; \phi: 0 \rightarrow \pi/2. \quad \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (3r)(r \sin \theta d\phi) = 3 d\phi. \quad \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 3 \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi = \frac{3\pi}{2}.$$

$$(3) \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}; r \sin \theta = y = 1, \text{ so } r = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}, dr = \frac{-1}{\sin^2 \theta} \cos \theta d\theta, \theta: \frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= (r \cos^2 \theta) (dr) - (r \cos \theta \sin \theta)(r d\theta) = \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \left( -\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) d\theta - \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta \\ &= -\left( \frac{\cos^3 \theta}{\sin^3 \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) d\theta = -\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \left( \frac{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) d\theta = -\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^3 \theta} d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\int_{\pi/2}^{\pi/4} \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^3 \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2 \sin^2 \theta} \Big|_{\pi/2}^{\pi/4} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot (1/2)} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot (1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$(4) \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}; r: \sqrt{2} \rightarrow 0. \quad \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (r \cos^2 \theta) (dr) = \frac{1}{2} r dr.$$

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\sqrt{2}}^0 r dr = \frac{1}{2} \frac{r^2}{2} \Big|_{\sqrt{2}}^0 = -\frac{1}{4} \cdot 2 = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Total:

$$\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 + \frac{3\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{3\pi}{2}}.$$

Stokes' theorem says this should equal  $\int (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a}$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{v} &= \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta 3r) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (-r \sin \theta \cos \theta) \right] \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (r \cos^2 \theta) - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r 3r) \right] \hat{\theta} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-r r \cos \theta \sin \theta) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (r \cos^2 \theta) \right] \hat{\phi} \\ &= \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} [3r \cos \theta] \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r} [-6r] \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r} [-2r \cos \theta \sin \theta + 2r \cos \theta \sin \theta] \hat{\phi} \\ &= 3 \cot \theta \hat{\mathbf{r}} - 6 \hat{\theta}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) \text{ Back face: } d\mathbf{a} = -r dr d\theta \hat{\phi}; (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0. \quad \int (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0.$$

$$(2) \text{ Bottom: } d\mathbf{a} = -r \sin \theta dr d\phi \hat{\theta}; (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 6r \sin \theta dr d\phi. \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ so } (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 6r dr d\phi$$

$$\int (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_0^1 6r dr \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi = 6 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{2}. \quad \checkmark$$

**Problem 1.57**

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = y dz.$$

(1) *Left side:*  $z = a - x$ ;  $dz = -dx$ ;  $y = 0$ . Therefore  $\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$ .

(2) *Bottom:*  $dz = 0$ . Therefore  $\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$ .

(3) *Back:*  $z = a - \frac{1}{2}y$ ;  $dz = -\frac{1}{2}dy$ ;  $y: 2a \rightarrow 0$ .  $\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_{2a}^0 y \left(-\frac{1}{2} dy\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_{2a}^0 = \frac{4a^2}{4} = \boxed{a^2}$ .

Meanwhile,  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ , so  $\int (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a}$  is the projection of this surface on the  $xy$  plane  $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot a \cdot 2a = a^2$ . ✓

**Problem 1.58**

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 r^2 \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta 4r^2 \cos \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (r^2 \tan \theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} 4r^3 \sin \theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} 4r^2 (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) = \frac{4r}{\sin \theta} (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) \\ &= 4r \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) d\tau &= \int \left( 4r \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) (r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi) = \int_0^R 4r^3 dr \int_0^{\pi/6} \cos^2 \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = (R^4) (2\pi) \left[ \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{4} \right] \Big|_0^{\pi/6} \\ &= 2\pi R^4 \left( \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{\sin 60^\circ}{4} \right) = \frac{\pi R^4}{6} \left( \pi + 3 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = \boxed{\frac{\pi R^4}{12} (2\pi + 3\sqrt{3})}. \end{aligned}$$

Surface consists of two parts:

(1) *The ice cream:*  $r = R$ ;  $\phi: 0 \rightarrow 2\pi$ ;  $\theta: 0 \rightarrow \pi/6$ ;  $d\mathbf{a} = R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ ;  $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = (R^2 \sin \theta) (R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi) = R^4 \sin^2 \theta d\theta d\phi$ .

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = R^4 \int_0^{\pi/6} \sin^2 \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = (R^4) (2\pi) \left[ \frac{1}{2} \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta \right] \Big|_0^{\pi/6} = 2\pi R^4 \left( \frac{\pi}{12} - \frac{1}{4} \sin 60^\circ \right) = \frac{\pi R^4}{6} \left( \pi - 3 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

(2) *The cone:*  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ ;  $\phi: 0 \rightarrow 2\pi$ ;  $r: 0 \rightarrow R$ ;  $d\mathbf{a} = r \sin \theta d\phi dr \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} r dr d\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ ;  $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \sqrt{3} r^3 dr d\phi$

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \sqrt{3} \int_0^R r^3 dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{R^4}{4} \cdot 2\pi = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \pi R^4.$$

$$\text{Therefore } \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{\pi R^4}{2} \left( \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \sqrt{3} \right) = \frac{\pi R^4}{12} (2\pi + 3\sqrt{3}). \quad \checkmark$$

**Problem 1.59**

(a) Corollary 2 says  $\oint (\nabla T) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$ . Stokes' theorem says  $\oint (\nabla T) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int [\nabla \times (\nabla T)] \cdot d\mathbf{a}$ . So  $\int [\nabla \times (\nabla T)] \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0$ , and since this is true for *any* surface, the integrand must vanish:  $\nabla \times (\nabla T) = 0$ , confirming Eq. 1.44.

(e) Let  $T = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ , and use product rule #4:  $\nabla T = \nabla(\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{c} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{r}) + (\mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{r}$ . But  $\nabla \times \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$ , and  $(\mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{r} = (c_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + c_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + c_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z})(x \hat{x} + y \hat{y} + z \hat{z}) = c_x \hat{x} + c_y \hat{y} + c_z \hat{z} = \mathbf{c}$ . So Prob. 1.60(e) says

$$\oint T d\mathbf{l} = \oint (\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{l} = - \int (\nabla T) \times d\mathbf{a} = - \int \mathbf{c} \times d\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{c} \times \int d\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}. \quad \text{qed}$$

### Problem 1.62

(1)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \cdot \frac{1}{r} \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r) = \boxed{\frac{1}{r^2}}$$

For a sphere of radius  $R$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} &= \int \left( \frac{1}{R} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right) \cdot (R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \hat{\mathbf{r}}) = R \int \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = 4\pi R. \\ \int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) d\tau &= \int \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \right) (r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi) = \left( \int_0^R dr \right) \left( \int \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \right) = 4\pi R. \end{aligned} \right\} \text{So divergence theorem checks.}$$

Evidently there is *no* delta function at the origin.

$$\nabla \times (r^n \hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 r^n) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^{n+2}) = \frac{1}{r^2} (n+2) r^{n+1} = \boxed{(n+2)r^{n-1}}$$

(except for  $n = -2$ , for which we already know (Eq. 1.99) that the divergence is  $4\pi\delta^3(\mathbf{r})$ ).

- (2) *Geometrically*, it should be zero. Likewise, the curl in the spherical coordinates obviously gives **zero**. To be certain there is no lurking delta function here, we integrate over a sphere of radius  $R$ , using Prob. 1.60(b): If  $\nabla \times (r^n \hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\int (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) d\tau = 0 \stackrel{?}{=} - \oint \mathbf{v} \times d\mathbf{a}$ . But  $\mathbf{v} = r^n \hat{\mathbf{r}}$  and  $d\mathbf{a} = R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \hat{\mathbf{r}}$  are both in the  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  directions, so  $\mathbf{v} \times d\mathbf{a} = 0$ .  $\checkmark$

## Chapter 2

# Electrostatics

### Problem 2.1

(a) Zero.

(b)  $F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qQ}{r^2}$ , where  $r$  is the distance from center to each numeral.  $F$  points *toward* the missing  $q$ .

*Explanation:* by superposition, this is equivalent to (a), with an extra  $-q$  at 6 o'clock—since the force of all twelve is zero, the net force is that of  $-q$  only.

(c) Zero.

(d)  $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qQ}{r^2}$ , pointing toward the missing  $q$ . Same reason as (b). Note, however, that if you explained (b) as a cancellation in pairs of opposite charges (1 o'clock against 7 o'clock; 2 against 8, etc.), with one unpaired  $q$  doing the job, then you'll need a *different* explanation for (d).

### Problem 2.2

(a) "Horizontal" components cancel. Net vertical field is:  $E_z = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} 2 \frac{q}{z^2} \cos \theta$ .

Here  $z^2 = z^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2$ ;  $\cos \theta = \frac{z}{z}$ , so  $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2qz}{\left(z^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2\right)^{3/2}} \hat{z}$ .

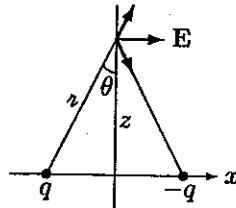
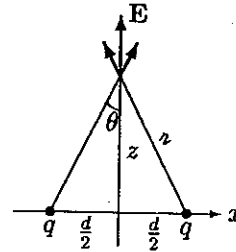
When  $z \gg d$  you're so far away it just looks like a single charge  $2q$ ; the field should reduce to  $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2q}{z^2} \hat{z}$ . And it *does* (just set  $d \rightarrow 0$  in the formula).

(b) This time the "vertical" components cancel, leaving

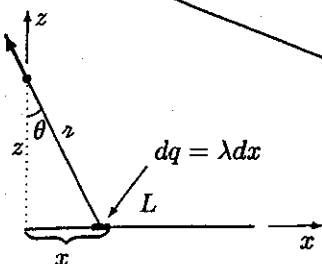
$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} 2 \frac{q}{z^2} \sin \theta \hat{x}, \text{ or}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qd}{\left(z^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2\right)^{3/2}} \hat{x}.$$

From far away, ( $z \gg d$ ), the field goes like  $\mathbf{E} \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qd}{z^3} \hat{x}$ , which, as we shall see, is the field of a *dipole*. (If we set  $d \rightarrow 0$ , we get  $\mathbf{E} = 0$ , as is appropriate; to the extent that this configuration looks like a single point charge from far away, the net charge is zero, so  $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow 0$ .)



### Problem 2.3



$$\begin{aligned}
 E_z &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^L \frac{\lambda dx}{r^2} \cos\theta; \quad (r^2 = z^2 + x^2; \cos\theta = \frac{z}{r}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lambda z \int_0^L \frac{1}{(z^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lambda z \left[ \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{x}{\sqrt{z^2 + x^2}} \right]_0^L = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{z} \frac{L}{\sqrt{z^2 + L^2}} \\
 E_x &= -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^L \frac{\lambda dx}{r^2} \sin\theta = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lambda \int \frac{x dx}{(z^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lambda \left[ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2 + x^2}} \right]_0^L = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lambda \left[ \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2 + L^2}} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

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

For  $z \gg L$  you expect it to look like a point charge  $q = \lambda L$ :  $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda L}{z^2} \hat{z}$ . It checks, for with  $z \gg L$  the  $\hat{x}$  term  $\rightarrow 0$ , and the  $\hat{z}$  term  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda L}{z^2} \hat{z}$ .

### Problem 2.4

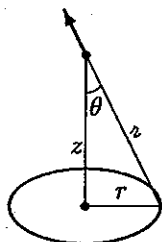
From Ex. 2.1, with  $L \rightarrow \frac{a}{2}$  and  $z \rightarrow \sqrt{z^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}$  (distance from center of edge to  $P$ ), field of *one* edge is:

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda a}{\sqrt{z^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}} \sqrt{z^2 + \frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{a^2}{4}}}$$

There are 4 sides, and we want vertical components only, so multiply by  $4 \cos\theta = 4 \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}}}$ :

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4\lambda a z}{\left(z^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}\right) \sqrt{z^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}}} \hat{z}.$$

### Problem 2.5



"Horizontal" components cancel, leaving:  $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \int \frac{\lambda dl}{r^2} \cos\theta \right\} \hat{z}$ .  
Here,  $r^2 = r^2 + z^2$ ,  $\cos\theta = \frac{z}{r}$  (both constants), while  $\int dl = 2\pi r$ . So

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda(2\pi r)z}{(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z}.$$

### Problem 2.6

Break it into rings of radius  $r$ , and thickness  $dr$ , and use Prob. 2.5 to express the field of each ring. Total charge of a ring is  $\sigma \cdot 2\pi r \cdot dr = \lambda \cdot 2\pi r$ , so  $\lambda = \sigma dr$  is the "line charge" of each ring.

$$E_{\text{ring}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(\sigma dr) 2\pi r z}{(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}; \quad E_{\text{disk}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} 2\pi\sigma z \int_0^R \frac{r}{(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} dr.$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{disk}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} 2\pi\sigma z \left[ \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} \right] \hat{z}.$$

For  $R \gg z$  the second term  $\rightarrow 0$ , so  $\mathbf{E}_{\text{plane}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} 2\pi\sigma\hat{z} = \boxed{\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}\hat{z}}$ .

For  $z \gg R$ ,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2+z^2}} = \frac{1}{z} \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{z^2}\right)^{-1/2} \approx \frac{1}{z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{z^2}\right)$ , so  $[\ ] \approx \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{z^3} = \frac{R^2}{2z^3}$ ,  
and  $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2\pi R^2\sigma}{2z^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{z^2}$ , where  $Q = \pi R^2\sigma$ .  $\checkmark$

**Problem 2.7**

$\mathbf{E}$  is clearly in the  $z$  direction. From the diagram,

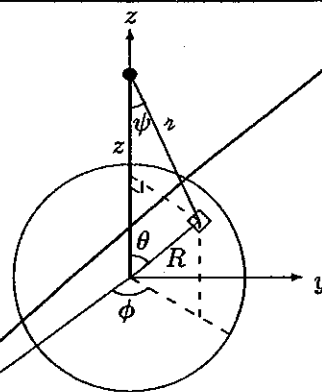
$$dq = \sigma da = \sigma R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi,$$

$$z^2 = R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz \cos\theta,$$

$$\cos\psi = \frac{z - R \cos\theta}{r}.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} E_z &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\sigma R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi (z - R \cos\theta)}{(R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz \cos\theta)^{3/2}}. & \int d\phi &= 2\pi. \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (2\pi R^2\sigma) \int_0^\pi \frac{(z - R \cos\theta) \sin\theta}{(R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz \cos\theta)^{3/2}} d\theta. & \text{Let } u &= \cos\theta; du = -\sin\theta d\theta; \begin{cases} \theta = 0 \Rightarrow u = +1 \\ \theta = \pi \Rightarrow u = -1 \end{cases} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (2\pi R^2\sigma) \int_{-1}^1 \frac{z - Ru}{(R^2 + z^2 - 2Rzu)^{3/2}} du. & \text{Integral can be done by partial fractions—or look it up.} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (2\pi R^2\sigma) \left[ \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{zu - R}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2 - 2Rzu}} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2\pi R^2\sigma}{z^2} \left\{ \frac{(z - R)}{|z - R|} - \frac{(-z - R)}{|z + R|} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$



For  $z > R$  (outside the sphere),  $E_z = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4\pi R^2\sigma}{z^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{z^2}$ , so  $\mathbf{E} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{z^2} \hat{z}}$ .

For  $z < R$  (inside),  $E_z = 0$ , so  $\mathbf{E} = \boxed{0}$ .

**Problem 2.8**

According to Prob. 2.7, all shells *interior* to the point (i.e. at smaller  $r$ ) contribute as though their charge were concentrated at the center, while all exterior shells contribute nothing. Therefore:

$$\mathbf{E}(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_{\text{int}}}{r^2} \hat{r},$$

where  $Q_{\text{int}}$  is the total charge interior to the point. *Outside* the sphere, *all* the charge is interior, so

$$\mathbf{E} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2} \hat{r}}.$$

*Inside* the sphere, only that fraction of the total which is interior to the point counts:

$$Q_{\text{int}} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} Q = \frac{r^3}{R^3} Q, \text{ so } \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{r^3}{R^3} Q \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{r} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^3} r}.$$

**Problem 2.9**

(a)  $\rho = \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_0 \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \cdot kr^3) = \epsilon_0 \frac{1}{r^2} k(5r^4) = \boxed{5\epsilon_0 kr^2}$ .