

1. (a) [4 pts] Use δ -functions to give volume charge densities ρ_f for each of the following:
- i. Give $\rho_f(\rho, \phi, z)$ in cylindrical-polar coordinates for a cylindrical shell of charge of a radius $\rho = b$, centered on the z -axis, which has a surface charge density $\sigma_f(\phi, z)$.
 - ii. Give $\rho_f(\rho, \phi, z)$ in cylindrical-polar coordinates for a line of charge located at $\rho = b, \phi = \beta$ which has a charge/length = $\lambda_f(z)$.
 - iii. Give $\rho_f(r, \theta, \phi)$ in spherical-polar coordinates for a spherical shell of charge of radius $r = a$, centered on the origin, which has a surface density $\sigma_f(\theta, \phi)$.
- (b) [2 pts] Use Gauss's law to compute the electric field caused by the cylindrically symmetric charge density

$$\rho_f(\rho) = \frac{\lambda_0}{\pi b^2} e^{-\rho^2/b^2}.$$

- (c) [2 pts] What charge density produces an electrostatic potential

$$\Phi(z) = V_0 e^{-z^2/a^2}.$$

- (d) [2 pts] What charge density produces an electrostatic potential

$$\Phi(z) = -E_0 |z|.$$

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E + M #1

Gaussian

a) i) $\rho_f(r, \varphi, z) = \sigma_f(\varphi, z) \delta(r-b)$

ii) $\rho_f(r, \varphi, z) = \lambda_f(z) \delta(r-b) \delta(\varphi-\beta) \cdot \frac{1}{b}$

iii) $\rho_f(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sigma_f(\varphi, z) \delta(r-a)$

b) The integral form of Gauss' Law states

$$\int \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \int 4\pi \rho$$

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi \int \frac{\lambda_0}{\pi b^2} \exp\left[-\frac{p^2}{b^2}\right] dV$$

$$\vec{E} \cdot 2\pi p L = 4\pi \int \frac{\lambda_0}{\pi b^2} \exp\left[-\frac{p^2}{b^2}\right] p dp d\varphi dz$$

$$E \cdot 2\pi p L = 4\lambda_0 L \int \frac{p}{b^2} \exp\left[-\frac{p^2}{b^2}\right] dp d\varphi$$

$$E \cdot 2\pi p L = 8\pi \lambda_0 L \int \frac{p}{b^2} \exp\left[-\frac{p^2}{b^2}\right] dp$$

$$E \cdot 2\pi p L = 8\pi \lambda_0 L \left(1 - \exp\left[-\frac{p^2}{b^2}\right]\right)$$

$$E = \frac{4\lambda_0}{p} \left(1 - \exp\left[-\frac{p^2}{b^2}\right]\right) \hat{p}$$

c) $-\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi \rho$

* In Cartesian Coordinates $\nabla^2 = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2}{dy^2} + \frac{d^2}{dz^2}$

$$-\nabla^2 (V_0 \exp[-z^2/a^2]) = 4\pi \rho$$

$$-\frac{d^2}{dz^2} (V_0 \exp[-z^2/a^2]) = 4\pi \rho$$

$$-\frac{d}{dz} \left(V_0 \left[\frac{-2z}{a^2} \exp[-z^2/a^2] \right] \right) = 4\pi \rho$$

$$-V_0 \left(-\frac{2}{a^2} \exp[-z^2/a^2] + \frac{4z^2}{a^4} \exp[-z^2/a^2] \right) = 4\pi \rho$$

$$\hookrightarrow \rho = \frac{-V_0}{4\pi} \exp[-z^2/a^2] \left(\frac{2z^2}{a^4} - \frac{1}{a^2} \right)$$

#1 (cont.)

d) * Similarly to part c

$$-\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi p$$

$$-\frac{d^2}{dz^2} (E_0 |z|) = 4\pi p$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{if } z \neq 0, \Phi = 0$$

* Due to the discontinuity at $z=0$, we proceed via Gauss Law

$$-\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho$$

$$\hookrightarrow E = \begin{cases} E_0 z & z > 0 \\ -E_0 z & z < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi p$$

$$2E_0 A = 4\pi p$$

$$= 4\pi \sigma A$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sigma = \frac{E_0}{2\pi}$$

$$\hookrightarrow p = \frac{E_0}{2\pi} \delta(z)$$