

A thin, non-conducting disk of charge  $Q$  and radius  $R$ , centered on the origin, lies in the  $x, y$ -plane, as shown. Electric charge has been distributed over the disk such that the surface charge density,

$$\sigma(r) \propto (R^2 - r^2)$$

- 3a) (10 points) Normalize the surface charge density (that is, find the proportionality constant and write the charge density in its final, *normalized* form.

$$Q_{in}(r) = \int dq = \int \sigma(r) dA = \int c (R^2 - r^2) dA$$

$$= \int_0^R c (R^2 - r^2) dA$$

$$= \int_0^R c (R^2 - r^2) \pi r^2 dr$$

$$= \pi c \int_0^R (R^2 - r^2) r^2 dr$$

$$= \pi c \int_0^R R^2 r^2 - r^4 dr$$

$$= \pi c \left[ \frac{1}{3} R^2 r^3 - \frac{1}{5} r^5 \right]_0^R$$

$$= \pi c \left( \frac{1}{3} R^2 r^3 - \frac{1}{5} r^5 \right)$$

$$Q = \pi c \left( \frac{1}{3} R^5 - \frac{1}{5} R^5 \right)$$

$$Q = \pi c \left( \left( \frac{5}{15} - \frac{3}{15} \right) R^5 \right)$$

$$Q = \pi c \left( \frac{2}{15} R^5 \right)$$

$$\boxed{c = \frac{Q}{\pi R^5} \cdot \frac{15}{2}} = \boxed{\sigma(r) = \frac{15Q}{2\pi R^5} (R^2 - r^2)}$$

- 3b) (10 points) Find the (vector) electric field at a point  $z$  along the  $+z$ -axis. For full credit, use the normalized surface charge density. You may receive partial credit if you use  $c$  for the normalization constant, instead.

b/c of symmetry  $\vec{E} = E_z \hat{z}$

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{k dq z}{(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z}$$

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{k dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$dq = \sigma dA$$

$$dq = \frac{15Q}{\pi R^5} (R^2 - r^2) r dr$$

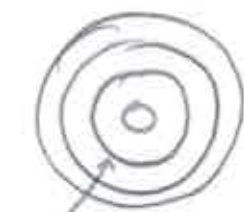
$$\int d\vec{E} = \hat{z} \int_0^R \frac{k 15Q (R^2 - r^2) r z}{R^5 (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} dr$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\vec{E} &= \hat{z} \frac{kQ 15z}{R^5} \int_0^R \frac{(R^2 - r^2) r}{(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} dr = \int \frac{(R - (u + z^2))}{2 u^{3/2}} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int \frac{R + z^2}{u^{3/2}} - \frac{u^{-1/2}}{u^{3/2}} du \right]_{(0)}^{(R)} u^{-3/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{-2}{\sqrt{u}} \right) (R + z^2) - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} \right) \right]_{(0)}^{(R^2 + z^2)} \\ &= \hat{z} \frac{15Qz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^5} \left( -\frac{R^2 + z^2}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} - \sqrt{R^2 + z^2} - \left( \frac{R^2 + z^2}{|z|} - |z| \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

- 3c) (10 points) Show that in the limit  $z \gg R$ , the expression for the electric field reduces to a familiar equation and discuss.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \hat{z} \frac{15Qz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^5} \left[ -\frac{R^2 + z^2}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} - \sqrt{R^2 + z^2} + \frac{R^2 + z^2}{|z|} + |z| \right] \\ &\quad \text{if } z \gg R \quad \sqrt{z^2} = |z| \quad \text{these 2 terms cancel} \\ &= \hat{z} \frac{15Qz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^5} \left( \frac{R^2 + z^2}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2}} \right) \right) \\ &= \hat{z} \frac{15Qz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^5} \left( \sqrt{R^2 + z^2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2}} \right) \quad z \gg R \\ &= \hat{z} \frac{15Qz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^5} \left( \sqrt{z^2} + \frac{1}{|z|} \right) \\ &= \hat{z} \frac{15Qz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^5} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + z^2/R^2}} \right) = \hat{z} \frac{15Qz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^5} \end{aligned}$$

The field should look like the field due to a pt. charge  $q(r)$



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