

Disk of charge along symmetry axis

Let the disk have a surface charge σ and be located in the x-y plane at $z=0$.

The point of field calculation is directly above the center of the disk.

$$\vec{r}_i = x_i \hat{x} + y_i \hat{y} + z_i \hat{z} : \vec{r}_p = 0 \hat{x} + 0 \hat{y} + z_p \hat{z} : \vec{r}_{ip} = -x_i \hat{x} - y_i \hat{y} + (z_p - z_i) \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{E} = \iint_q \frac{k[\sigma]}{[x_i^2 + y_i^2 + (z_p - z_i)^2]} \left[\frac{-x_i \hat{x} - y_i \hat{y} + (z_p - z_i) \hat{z}}{\sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2 + (z_p - z_i)^2}} \right] dx_i dy_i = k\sigma \iint_q \frac{-x_i \hat{x} - y_i \hat{y} + (z_p - z_i) \hat{z}}{[x_i^2 + y_i^2 + (z_p - z_i)^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx_i dy_i$$

Convert to polar coordinates and let disk be at the origin.

$$\vec{E} = k\sigma \int_{s=0}^a \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{-s \cos \phi \hat{x} - s \sin \phi \hat{y} + z_p \hat{z}}{[s^2 + z_p^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}} s ds d\phi$$

The x and y components integrate to give zero because the integrals over the sin and cosine will integrate to give zero.

The only remaining integral is then:

$$\vec{E} = 2\pi k\sigma \int_{s=0}^{s=a} \frac{z_p \hat{z}}{[s^2 + z_p^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}} s ds = -2\pi k\sigma \left. \frac{z_p}{\sqrt{s^2 + z_p^2}} \right|_{s=0}^{s=a} \hat{z} = -2\pi k\sigma z_p \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + z_p^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{z_p^2}} \right] \hat{z}$$

Let's expand this for a large:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + z_p^2}} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{z_p}{a}\right)^2}} \approx \frac{1}{a} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z_p}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{z_p}{a}\right)^4 + \dots \right]$$

Now let z_p only be in the positive region. We then have:

$$\vec{E} \approx -2\pi k\sigma z_p \left[\frac{1}{a} - \frac{z_p^2}{2a^3} - \frac{1}{z_p} \right] \hat{z} \approx -2\pi k\sigma \left[\frac{z_p}{a} - 1 \right] \hat{z}$$

Now it is easy to see that if $a \rightarrow \infty$ while z_p remains finite that the field becomes:

$$\vec{E} = 2\pi k\sigma \hat{z} = \frac{2\pi\sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \hat{z} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$$

You can compare this result to that obtained from Gauss's law for an infinite plane to see that both predict that the electric field from an infinite plane is uniform.