

1A. Calculate

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} d\phi \delta \left[\phi \left(\phi^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{4} \right) \right] \cos(\phi).$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} d\phi \cos(\phi) \delta [\phi (\phi - \pi/2)(\phi + \pi/2)] \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} d\phi \cos(\phi) \\ &\quad \left[\frac{\delta(\phi)}{\pi^2/4} + \frac{\delta(\phi - \pi/2)}{\pi^2/2} + \frac{\delta(\phi + \pi/2)}{\pi^2/2} \right] \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi^2} \cos(0) + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

1B. Calculate

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} d\phi \delta \left[\phi \left(\phi^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{16} \right) \right] \cos(\phi).$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} d\phi \cos(\phi) \delta[\phi(\phi - \pi/4)(\phi + \pi/4)] \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} d\phi \cos(\phi) \left[\frac{\delta(\phi)}{\pi^2/16} + \frac{\delta(\phi - \pi/4)}{\pi^2/8} + \frac{\delta(\phi + \pi/4)}{\pi^2/8} \right] \\ &= \frac{16}{\pi^2} \cos(0) + \frac{8}{\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \frac{8}{\pi^2} \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= \frac{16 + 8\sqrt{2}}{\pi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

2. The total charge on the infinitely thin conducting surface of a sphere of radius r_0 is Q . Write down the charge density $\rho(r, \theta, \phi)$.

Solution:

$$\rho(r, \theta, \phi) = \rho(r) = \frac{Q}{4\pi r_0} \delta(r - r_0)$$

so that

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} d\cos(\theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{\infty} r^2 dr \rho(r) = Q.$$