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Problem 4.46) a) Because of symmetry, the *E*-field is independent of ϕ and *z*. Take a cylinder of radius ρ and height *h*, and write the integral form of Maxwell's first equation, $\nabla \cdot \varepsilon E = \rho_{\text{free}}$, for this cylinder. The contributions to the integral of the top and bottom surfaces of the cylinder cancel out, leaving only the contribution of the cylindrical side-wall, which is $2\pi \rho h \varepsilon_{0} E_{0}(\rho)$. Therefore, $2\pi \rho h \varepsilon_{0} E_{\rho}(\rho) = 2\pi R h \sigma_{so}$, where the right-hand-side of the equation gives the total electrical charge inside the cylinder of radius ρ , provided, of course, that $\rho > R$. Consequently, $E_o(\rho) = R \sigma_{so}/(\rho \varepsilon_o)$ when $\rho > R$, and $E_o(\rho) = 0$ when $\rho < R$. From

Maxwell's 3rd equation, $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$, we conclude that $E_{\phi} = 0$, otherwise a circular loop of radius ρ , parallel to the *xy*-plane and centered on the *z*-axis, will have a nonzero line integral. As for *Ez*, consider the rectangular loop $\ell_{\rho} \times \ell_z$ shown in the figure. The contributions of ℓ_{ρ} to the lineintegral of the *E*-field around the loop cancel out because E_{ρ} is independent of *z*. For the contributions of the vertical legs, ℓ_z , to also cancel out, it is necessary for E_z to be independent of ρ . We thus see that E_z must be constant through the entire space. In fact, because of the system's up-down symmetry, it is not difficult to see that *Ez* must be identically zero everywhere: There is as much reason for the *E*-field to point up as there is for it to point down. Therefore $E_z = 0$ and we have

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E(r,t) = \begin{cases} (R\sigma_{\rm so}/\varepsilon_{\rm o}\rho)\hat{\rho}; & \rho > R, \\ 0; & \rho < R. \end{cases}
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b) The Fourier transform of the electric charge-density, $\rho(r, t) = \sigma_{\rm so}\delta(\rho - R)$, is given by

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\rho(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma_{\rm so} \delta(\rho - R) \exp[-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] d\mathbf{r} dt
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= (2\pi)^2 \sigma_{\rm so} \delta(k_z) \delta(\omega) \int_{\rho=0}^{\infty} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \delta(\rho - R) \exp(-i k_{\parallel} \rho \cos \phi) \rho d\rho d\phi
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= (2\pi)^2 R \sigma_{\rm so} \delta(k_z) \delta(\omega) \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \exp(-i k_{\parallel} R \cos \phi) d\phi
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= (2\pi)^3 R \sigma_{\rm so} \delta(k_z) \delta(\omega) J_0(k_{\parallel} R).
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The *E*-field is thus obtained as follows:

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E(r,t) = -\nabla \psi(r,t) = -(2\pi)^{-4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{i k \rho(k,\omega)}{\varepsilon_{0} [k^{2} - (\omega/c)^{2}]} \exp[i(k \cdot r - \omega t)] dk d\omega
$$

= $-\frac{i R \sigma_{so}}{2\pi \varepsilon_{0}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{k \delta(k_{z}) \delta(\omega) J_{0}(k_{\parallel}R)}{k^{2} - (\omega/c)^{2}} \exp[i(k \cdot r - \omega t)] dk d\omega$

$$
= -\frac{iR\sigma_{so}}{2\pi\epsilon_{o}} \int_{k_{\parallel}=0}^{\infty} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{k_{\parallel}\cos\phi\hat{\rho} J_{0}(k_{\parallel}R)}{k_{\parallel}^{2}} \exp(ik_{\parallel}\rho\cos\phi) k_{\parallel} dk_{\parallel} d\phi
$$

$$
= -\frac{iR\sigma_{so}\hat{\rho}}{2\pi\epsilon_{o}} \int_{k_{\parallel}=0}^{\infty} J_{0}(k_{\parallel}R) \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \cos\phi \exp(ik_{\parallel}\rho\cos\phi) d\phi dk_{\parallel}
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$$
= \frac{R\sigma_{so}\hat{\rho}}{\epsilon_{o}} \int_{0}^{\infty} J_{0}(k_{\parallel}R) J_{1}(k_{\parallel}\rho) dk_{\parallel} = \begin{cases} (R\sigma_{so}/\epsilon_{o}\rho)\hat{\rho}; & \rho > R, \\ 0; & \rho < R. \end{cases}
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