

The potential at the origin,  $V(0)$  is given by:

$$V(0) = \int \frac{\lambda ds}{4 \pi \epsilon_0 r}$$

Where the arclength  $ds = \sqrt{(dr)^2 + r^2(d\theta)^2}$ . Since  $r=a(1 - \theta/4\pi)$ ,  $dr = -a/4\pi d\theta$  (or turning it around,  $d\theta = -4\pi/a dr$ ).

Then  $ds = dr \sqrt{1 + 16 \pi^2 r^2 / a^2}$ . This in turn gave

$$V(0) = \frac{\lambda}{4 \pi \epsilon_0} \int_{a/2}^a \frac{dr}{r} \sqrt{1 + 16 \pi^2 r^2 / a^2}.$$

Substituting  $u = r/a$  (and therefore,  $du = dr/a$ ), and writing  $dr/r = (dr/a)/(r/a) = du/u$ ,

$$V(0) = \frac{\lambda}{4 \pi \epsilon_0} \int_{1/2}^1 \sqrt{1 + 16 \pi^2 u^2} \frac{du}{u}$$

$$\text{Integrate} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{1 + 16 \pi^2 u^2}}{u}, \{u, 0.5, 1\} \right]$$

6.32283

$$V(0) = 6.32283 \frac{\lambda}{4 \pi \epsilon_0}$$