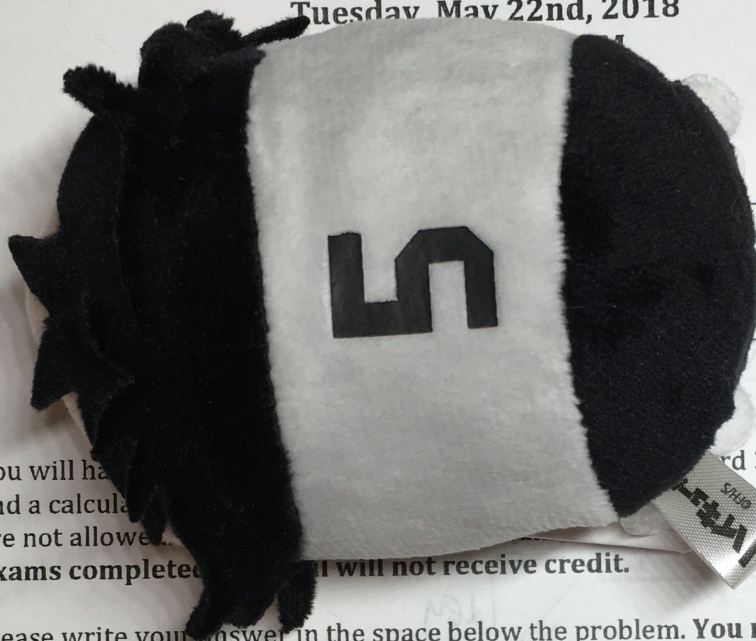


**MIDTERM EXAM #2**  
**Physics 1B Lecture 3**  
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**Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018**



You will have a 3" x 5" index card and a calculator. No other electronics are allowed. Exams completed after 11:00 AM will not receive credit. Use a black ink pen.

Please write your answer in the space below the problem. **You must write legibly and demonstrate your reasoning to get full credit.** For quantitative problems, always express your final answer in terms of the variables given in the problem unless otherwise stated. For clarity, please draw a box around your final answer.

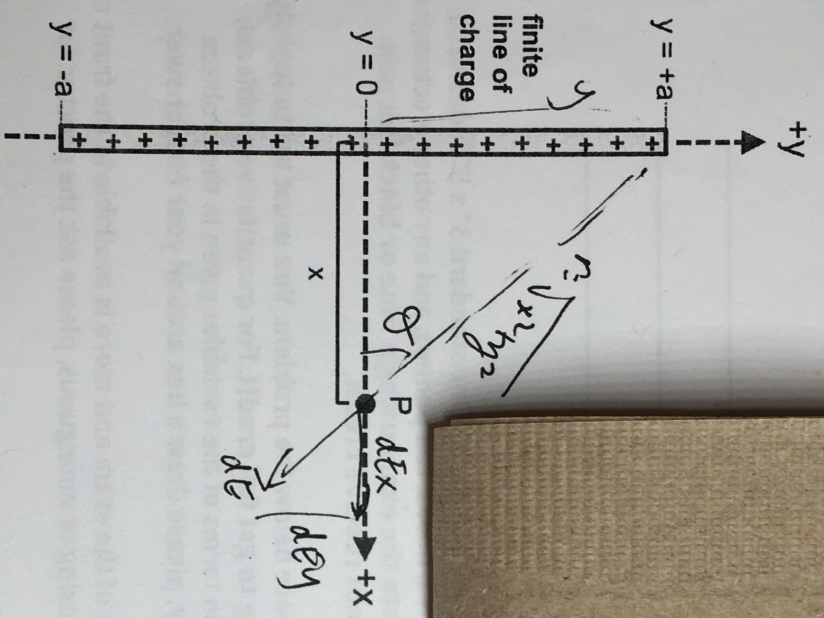
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Problem 1 (40 points total):

Figure 1 below shows a finite line of charge positioned along the y-axis between  $y = -a$  and  $y = +a$ . The line of charge has a uniform positive linear charge density  $\lambda$ .

Figure 1



Part A (10 points): (1) Derive integral expressions for the x and y components of the electric field at point P, which is located along the x-axis at a distance x from the line of charge. (2) Then, evaluate the integrals to obtain the magnitude and direction of the electric field at point P. Express your answer in terms of the given parameters and fundamental constants. You will need the following integral:

$$\int \frac{dy}{(c^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{y}{c^2 \sqrt{c^2 + y^2}}$$

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 $u = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \quad dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{dq}{r^2}$

$$dq = \lambda dy = \frac{Q}{2a} dy$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{2a} = \frac{Q}{L}$$

$$dE_x = dE \cos\theta = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{2a} dy \cdot \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$dE_y = -dE \sin\theta = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{2a} \cdot \frac{dy}{x\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \cdot \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$E_x = \int_{-a}^{+a} dE_x = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{2a} \int_{-a}^{+a} \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} dy = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{2a} \cdot \left[ \frac{y}{x\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} + \frac{1}{x^2} \ln \left( \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{x} \right) \right]_{-a}^{+a}$$

$$E_y = \int_{-a}^{+a} dE_y = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{2a} \int_{-a}^{+a} \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} dy = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{2a} \cdot \left[ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right]_{-a}^{+a} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{2a} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \right) = 0$$

$$= \frac{Q}{2a} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right]_{-a}^{+a} = \frac{Q}{2a} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \right] = 0$$

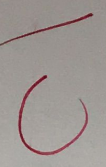
$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{x\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \hat{r}$$

$$u = x^2 + y^2$$

$$du = 2y dy$$

$$\int \frac{1}{u^{3/2}} du = \int \frac{1}{u^{3/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} du = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{u^{1/2}} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}}$$

**Part B (10 points):** Now, determine the magnitude and direction of the electric field at point P due to an infinitely long line charge by evaluating the expression from Part B in the limit  $a \gg x$ .



$a \gg x:$   $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{x\sqrt{x^2+a^2}}$

$\lambda = \frac{Q}{2a} \Rightarrow Q = 2a \cdot \lambda$   
 $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\lambda a}{x\sqrt{x^2+a^2}}$   
 $\lambda = \frac{Q}{C}$

$\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2+a^2}} \approx \frac{1}{x\sqrt{a^2}}$

$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{xa}$

$Q = \lambda \cdot 2a$

$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\lambda 2a}{xa}$

$= \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0 x} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+a^2}}$

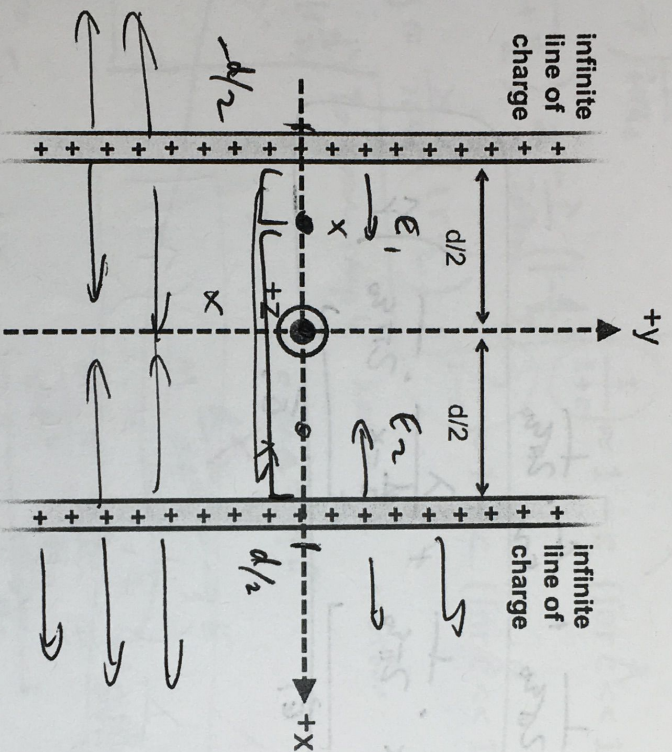
$|\vec{E}| = \frac{\lambda}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0}$

dir = in x direction

$\frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0 x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{a^2}{x^2}}}$

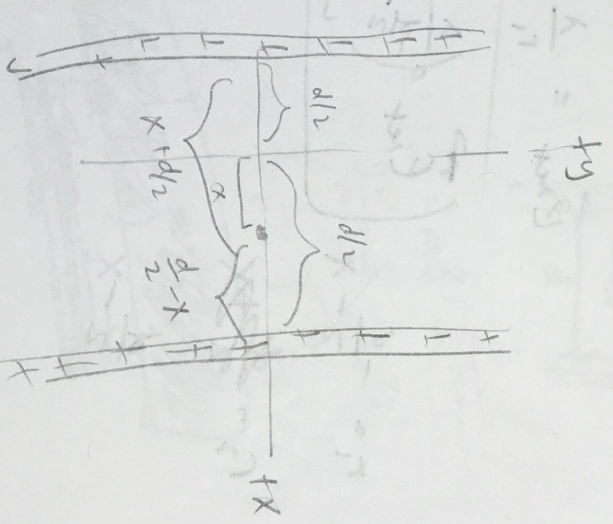
Figure 2 below shows two identical infinite line charges of positive linear charge density  $\lambda$  that are placed in the  $xy$  plane and aligned along the  $y$ -axis. The two line charges are separated by a distance  $d$ , with each line charge positioned at a distance  $d/2$  from the  $y$ -axis.

Figure 2



$$-\frac{d}{2} - x$$

$$E_2 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow$$



$$E_{net} = E_1 - E_2$$

$$r = \frac{d}{2} - x$$

**Part C (10 points):** Determine the magnitude and direction of the electric field as a function of  $x$  in the range  $-d/2 < x < +d/2$  in the  $xy$  plane (i.e., between the two line charges). Hint: use the result from Part B and the principle of superposition.

$$\vec{E}_{net} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2$$

part b):  

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{E}_{net} = \frac{\lambda}{r_1} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} + \frac{\lambda}{r_2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{E}_{net} = \left( \frac{\lambda}{-d/2 - x} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} + \frac{\lambda}{d/2 - x} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \hat{i}$$

$$r_1 = \frac{d}{2} + x$$

$$r_2 = \frac{d}{2} - x$$

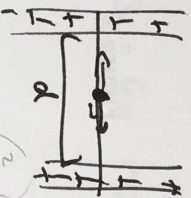
$$\vec{E}_{net} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{d}{2} + x} - \frac{1}{\frac{d}{2} - x} \right) \hat{i}$$

(+1 dV) - (-1 dV)

**Part D (10 points):** A positive point charge  $q_0$  that has a mass  $m_0$  is placed between the two line charges in the  $xy$  plane at a very small displacement from the origin along the  $x$ -axis, such that  $|x| \ll d$ . (1) Show that the resulting motion of the charge will be approximately simple harmonic motion, and (2) derive an expression for the frequency of oscillations. Express your answer in terms of the given parameters and fundamental constants. You will need the following Taylor series approximations:

$$\frac{1}{1+c} \approx 1 - c \quad (\text{for } c \ll 1)$$

$$\frac{1}{1-c} \approx 1 + c \quad (\text{for } c \ll 1)$$



Factor out  $\frac{d}{2}$

$$\frac{1}{\left(\frac{d}{2} + x\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2} \left(1 + \frac{2x}{d}\right)^{-2}$$

From part 1:

$$\vec{E}_1: \lambda_0 \left( \frac{-\frac{d}{2} - x}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$= -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{x + \frac{d}{2}} \right) \approx -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left( 1 - \frac{d}{2x} \right)$$

$$\vec{E}_2: \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{\frac{d}{2} - x}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \approx \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left( 1 + \frac{d}{2x} \right)$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \left( -1 + \frac{d}{2x} + 1 + \frac{d}{2x} \right)$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\lambda}{\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{d}{x} \right)$$

To prove simple harmonic motion:

$$F = ma = -qE$$

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -qE$$

SHM:  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -(\text{constant})x$

SHM formula:  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{q_0}{m_0} E$

2.) Frequency =

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\text{constant}}$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{q_0}{m_0} \cdot \frac{\lambda d}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$f = \frac{2\pi}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{q_0 \cdot \lambda}{m_0 \cdot 2\pi\epsilon_0}}$$

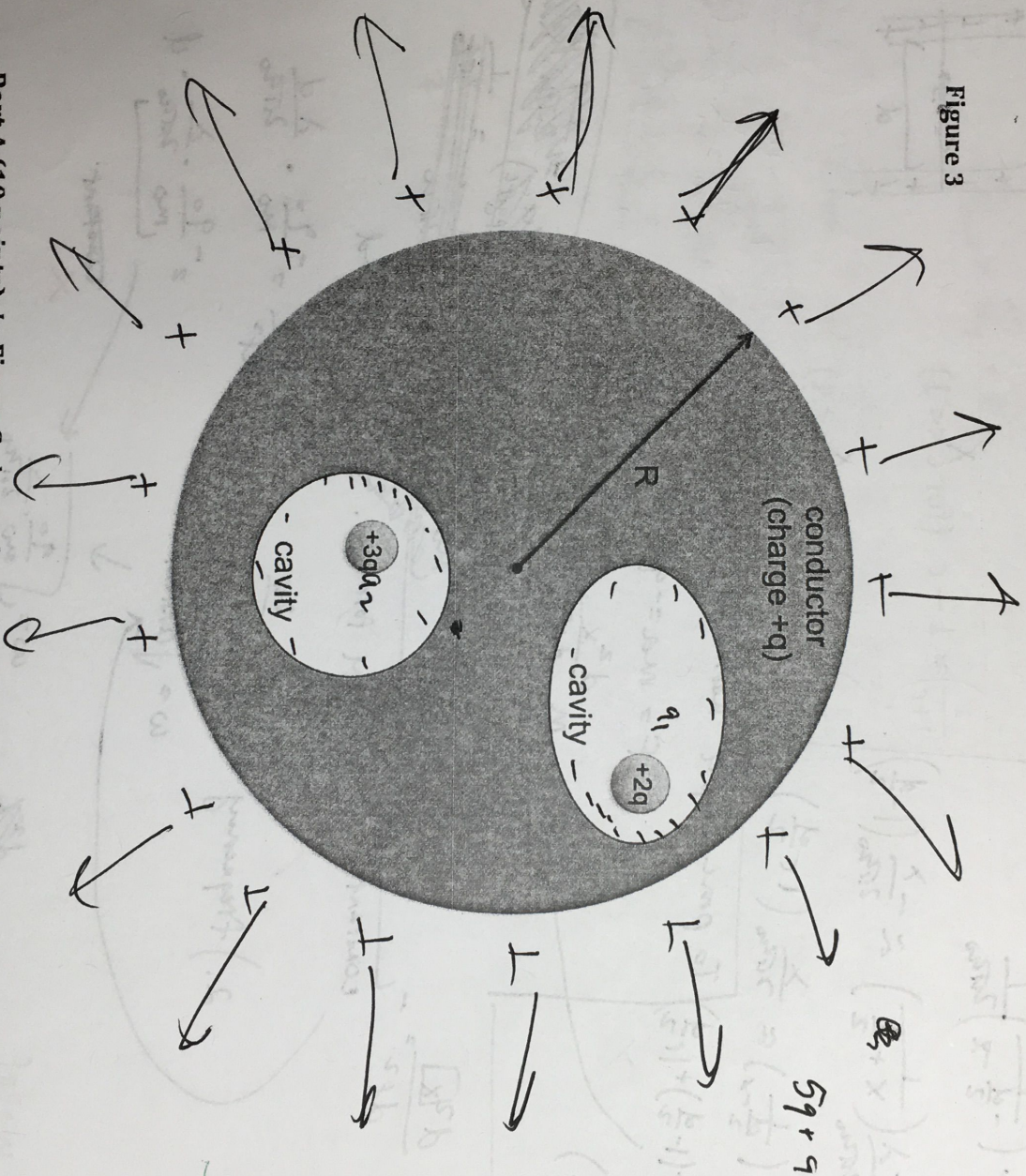
$$a \approx \frac{q\lambda}{m\pi\epsilon_0 d} \left( 1 - \frac{2x}{d} - \left( 1 + \frac{2x}{d} \right) \right)$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{4q\lambda}{m\pi\epsilon_0 d^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{q\lambda}{m\pi^3\epsilon_0 d^2}}$$

**Problem 2 (30 points total):**

As shown in **Figure 3** below, a spherical conductor of radius  $R$  holds a net positive charge  $+q$ . The conductor also contains two internal cavities. One of the cavities contains a positive point charge  $+2q$ , and the other cavity contains a positive point charge  $+3q$ . For this problem, assume the space in the cavities and outside of the spherical conductor is vacuum.

**Figure 3**



**Part A (10 points):** In **Figure 3** above, sketch (1) the distribution of charge on the conductor and (2) the electric field lines outside of the conductor ( $r > R$ ). Use "+" signs for positive charge and "-" signs for negative charge. The spacing between the signs should represent the relative charge density.



**Part B (10 points):** Determine the magnitude and direction of the electric field as a function of radial distance  $r$  from the conductor center (1) outside of the conductor ( $r > R$ ) and (2) inside of the material of the conductor. Express your answer in terms of the given parameters and fundamental constants.

outside conductor

①  $r > R$ :

$$q_{\text{out}} = (q_1 + q_2) + q_c = q + 2q + 3q = 6q = Q_{\text{enc}}$$

~~$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$$~~

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{6q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{6q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

radially  
outward

② inside conductor,

$$\vec{E} = 0$$

**Part C (10 points):** Taking the electrostatic potential to be zero infinitely far away, determine the potential as a function of radial distance  $r$  from the conductor center (1) outside of the conductor ( $r > R$ ) and (2) inside of the material of the conductor. Express your answer in terms of the given parameters and fundamental constants.

1)  $r > R$   $V_r - V_\infty = \int_r^\infty \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$  ← from part b

$$V_r = \int_r^\infty \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{6q}{r^2} \cdot dr$$

$$= \frac{6q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_r^\infty \frac{1}{r^2} dr = \frac{6q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ -\frac{1}{r} \right]_r^\infty$$

$$= \frac{6q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right)$$

$$V_r = \frac{6q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r}$$

2) inside  $V_r = \int_0^R \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_R^\infty \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$

$$= \int_0^R \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{6q}{r^2} dr$$

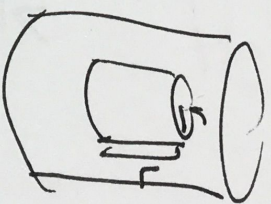
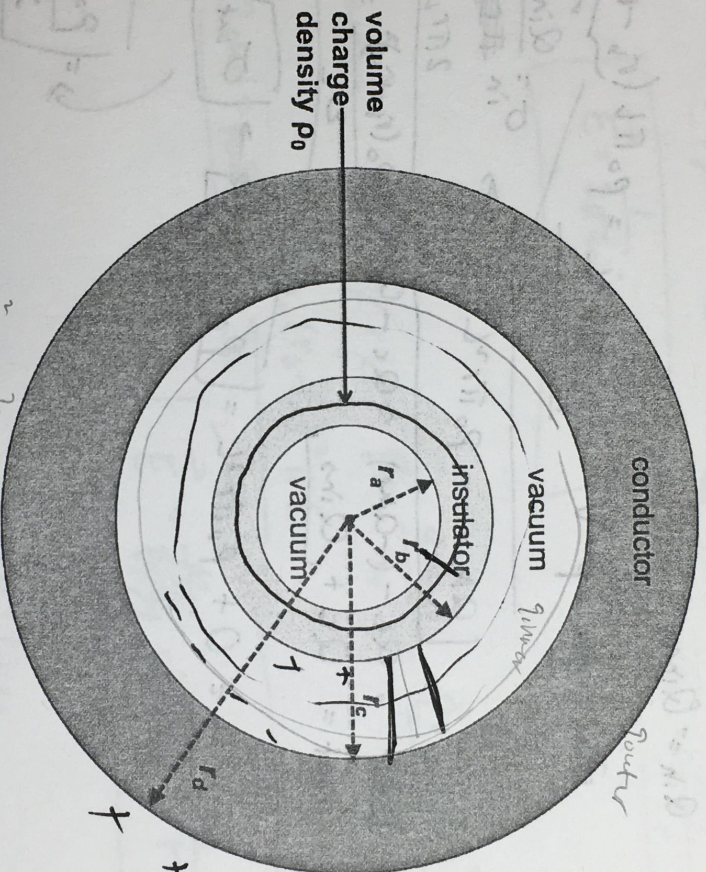
(same as above but charge  $r > R$ )

$$= \left[ V_r = \frac{6q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \right]$$

**Problem 3 (30 points total):**

**Figure 4** shows the cross-section of an infinitely long insulating cylindrical shell of inner radius  $r_a$  and outer radius  $r_b$  that has a uniform positive volume charge density  $\rho_0$ . The insulating shell is centered within an infinitely long uncharged conducting cylindrical shell of inner radius  $r_c$  and outer radius  $r_d$ .

**Figure 4**



$$V = \pi r^2 L$$

$$Q_{ins} = \rho_0 V_{ins} = \rho_0 \cdot \pi (r_b^2 - r_a^2) L$$

$$Q_{inner} = -\rho_0 \pi (r_b^2 - r_a^2) L$$

$$E_{inner} = \frac{-\rho_0 \pi (r_b^2 - r_a^2) L}{2\pi r_c L}$$

$$\left[ \frac{-\rho_0 (r_b^2 - r_a^2)}{2r_c} \right]$$

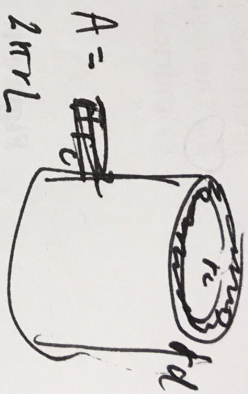
$$E_{inner} = \frac{Q_{inner}}{A} = \frac{\rho_0}{2\pi r_c L}$$

$$Q_{outer} = Q_{ins} \quad \sigma_{outer} = \frac{Q_{outer}}{2\pi r_d L} = \left[ \frac{\rho_0 (r_b^2 - r_a^2)}{2r_d} \right]$$

Part A (10 points): Determine the surface charge density on (1) the inner surface of the conducting shell and (2) the outer surface of the conducting shell. Express your answers in terms of the given parameters and fundamental constants.

$$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$$

$$P = \frac{Q}{V} \quad \text{for } V = \pi r^2 L \text{ (cylinder)}$$



1)  $Q_{in} = -Q_{in}$

$$Q_{in} = P \cdot V = \frac{P_0 \pi r^2 L}{(r_b - r_a)^2} = P_0 \pi L (r_b - r_a)^2$$

$$\sigma_{in} = \frac{Q_{in}}{A} = \frac{P_0 \pi L (r_b - r_a)^2}{2\pi r_a L}$$

2)  $Q_{out} = Q_c + Q_{in}$

$$Q_{out} = Q_c - (-Q_{in}) = Q_c - Q_{in}$$

$$\frac{P_0 \pi (r_b - r_a)^2 L}{2r_c} = \sigma_{in} \cdot 2\pi r_c L$$

$$\frac{P_0 \pi (r_b - r_a)^2 L}{2\pi r_c L}$$

$$= 0 + P_0 \pi r^2 L = P_0 \pi r^2 L$$

$$\sigma_{out} = \frac{Q_{out}}{A} = \frac{P_0 \pi r^2 L}{2\pi r_a L}$$

$$\frac{P_0 \pi r^2 L}{2\pi r_a L}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{P_0 \pi (r_b - r_a)^2 L}{2\pi r_a L}$$

**Part B (10 points):** Determine the magnitude and direction of the electric field as a function of radial distance  $r$  from the center (1) inside the insulating shell ( $r_a < r < r_b$ ) and (2) in the vacuum region between the insulating shell and the conducting shell ( $r < r_a$ ). Express your answers in terms of the given parameters and fundamental constants.

1)  $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E \cdot 2\pi r L = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \rho_0 \pi r \hat{r}$

$Q_{\text{enc}} = \rho V = \rho_0 \pi r^2 L$   
 $Q_{\text{enc}} = \rho_0 V_{\text{enc}} = \rho_0 \pi (r^2 - r_a^2) L$

2) vacuum.  
 $E \cdot 2\pi r L = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\rho_0 (r_b^2 - r_a^2) \pi L}{\epsilon_0}$

$Q_{\text{enc}} = \rho_{\text{shell}} L$   
 $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\rho_0 (r_b^2 - r_a^2) \pi L}{r} \hat{r}$

$Q_{\text{enc}} \approx Q_{\text{ins}}$   
 $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\rho_0 \pi (r_b^2 - r_a^2)}{r} \hat{r}$

**Part C (10 points):** Calculate the voltage (i.e., the magnitude of the potential difference) between the outer surface of the insulating shell ( $r = r_b$ ) and the inner surface of the conducting shell ( $r = r_c$ ). Express your answer in terms of the given parameters and fundamental constants.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= V(r_b) - V(r_c) = \int_{r_b}^{r_c} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} \\
 &= \int_{r_b}^{r_c} \frac{\rho_0 (r_b - r_a)^2}{2\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \cdot dr
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V = \int_{r_b}^{r_c} \frac{\rho_0 (r_b - r_a)^2}{2\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \cdot dr$$

$$V = \frac{\rho_0 (r_b - r_a)^2}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \ln r \right]_{r_b}^{r_c}$$

$$\frac{\rho_0 (r_b - r_a)^2}{2\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r}$$

$\times 9$

## SCORING

### Problem 1:

Part A: 10 / 10  
Part B: 10 / 10  
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### Problem 2:

Part A: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Part B: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
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### Problem 3:

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Part C: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
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