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**PHY2049C, Homework 2**

**A- Submit a physical handwritten version at the beginning of class**

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**Problem 1**

How many electrons would have to be removed from a coin to leave it with a charge of  $+2.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$ ?

**Problem 2**

Positive charge  $Q$  is distributed uniformly along the positive  $y$ -axis between  $y = 0$  and  $y = a$ . A negative point charge  $-q$  lies on the positive  $x$ -axis, a distance  $x$  from the origin (Figure 1). (a) Calculate the  $x$ - and  $y$ -components of the electric field produced by the charge distribution  $Q$  at points on the positive  $x$ -axis.

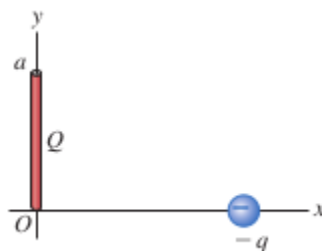


Figure 1

**Problem 3**

A point charge of  $-3.00 \text{ mC}$  is located in the center of a spherical cavity of radius  $6.50 \text{ cm}$  that, in turn, is at the center of an insulating charged solid sphere. The charge density in the solid is  $\rho = 6.23 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C/m}^3$  (a) Draw a diagram and calculate the electric field inside the solid at a distance of  $9.50 \text{ cm}$  from the center of the cavity.

**Problem 4 (Knight)**

An initially neutral conductor contains a hollow cavity in which there is a  $+100 \text{ nC}$  point charge. A charged rod transfers  $50 \text{ nC}$  to the conductor. Afterward, what is the charge (a) on the inner wall of the cavity wall, and (b) on the exterior surface of the conductor?

**Problem 5**

A sphere of radius  $R$  has total charge  $Q$ . The volume charge density ( $C/m^3$ ) within the sphere is

$$\rho = \rho_0 \left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right)$$

This charge density decreases linearly from  $\rho_0$  at the center to zero at the edge of the sphere.

(a). Show that  $\rho_0 = 3Q/\pi R^3$

Hint: You'll need to do a volume integral.

(b). Show that the electric field inside the sphere points radially outward with magnitude

$$E = \frac{Qr}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \left(4 - 3\frac{r}{R}\right)$$

(c). Show that your result of part b coincides with the field outside the sphere for  $r=R$

### Problem 6

A long, thin straight wire with linear charge density  $\lambda$  runs down the center of a thin, hollow metal cylinder of radius  $R$ . The cylinder has a net linear charge density  $2\lambda$ . Assume  $\lambda$  is positive. Find expressions for the electric field strength (a) inside the cylinder,  $r < R$ , and (b) outside the cylinder,  $r > R$ . In what direction does the electric field point in each of the cases?