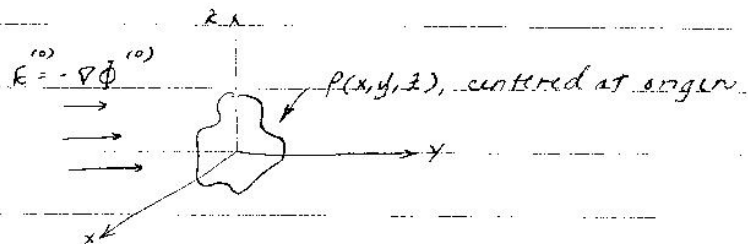


4.5 Charge density $\rho(x, y, z)$ in electrostatic field described by potential $\Phi^{(0)}(x, y, z)$, varying in space.



We know the total force is given by:

$$\vec{F} = \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}) \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{x})$$

Since $\vec{E}^{(0)}$ and hence $\Phi^{(0)}$ vary slowly in space, we Taylor expand:

$$\vec{F} = \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}) \left[\vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) + x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) + \frac{1}{2!} x_i x_j \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) + \dots \right]$$

$$\vec{F} = \left(\int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}) \right) \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) + \left(\int d^3x x_i \rho(\vec{x}) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) + \frac{1}{6} \left(\int d^3x 3x_i x_j \rho(\vec{x}) \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) + \mathcal{O}(\partial^3 \vec{E}^{(0)})$$

$$\vec{F} = \text{Term 1} + \text{Term 2} + \text{Term 3}$$

$$\text{Term 1: } \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}) \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) = q \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0})$$

$$\text{Term 2: } \int d^3x x_i \rho(\vec{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) = \vec{p} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0})$$

$$\int d^3x x_i \rho(\vec{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) = \vec{p} \cdot \nabla \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0})$$

$$\int d^3x x_i \rho(\vec{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) = \nabla [\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0})]$$

$$\text{Term 3: } \frac{1}{6} \left(\int d^3x 3x_i x_j \rho(\vec{x}) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) \right)$$

To evaluate Term 3, we know:

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}^{(0)} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = 0 = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla}(\rho_{\text{tot}}/\epsilon_0) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Adding } r^2 \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \vec{E}^{(0)} \text{ and } \nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} E = 0 \text{ for Term 3:}$$

$$\text{Term 3: } \frac{1}{6} \left(\int d^3x [3x_i x_j \rho(\vec{x}) - r^2 \delta_{ij}] \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0})$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} Q_{ij} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0})$$

$\Rightarrow$ where Q_{ij} is the traceless quadrupole tensor

$$\vec{E} = q \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) + \vec{\nabla}[\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0})] + \frac{1}{6} Q_{ij} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0})$$

Now, we define the vectors $\vec{a}_i$ and $\vec{b}_i$ w/ components:

$$(\vec{a}_i)_j = Q_{ij}$$

$$\vec{b}_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{E}^{(0)} \Rightarrow (\vec{b}_i)_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} E_j^{(0)}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(Q_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} E_i^{(0)} \right) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{a}_j \cdot \vec{b}_j)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(Q_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} E_i^{(0)} \right) = (\vec{a}_j \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{b}_j + (\vec{b}_j \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{a}_j + \vec{a}_j \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{b}_j) + \vec{b}_j \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{a}_j)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}^{(0)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{b}_i = \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{E}^{(0)} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}^{(0)}) = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(Q_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} E_i^{(0)} \right) = (\vec{a}_j \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{b}_j$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(Q_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} E_i^{(0)} \right) = \left(Q_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} E_i^{(0)} \right)$$

$$\vec{E} = q \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) + \vec{\nabla}[\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0})] + \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{6} Q_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} E_i^{(0)}(\vec{0}) \right) + \dots$$

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Or, writing the sum explicitly:

$$\vec{E} = q \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0}) + \vec{\nabla}[\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}^{(0)}(\vec{0})] + \vec{\nabla} \left[\frac{1}{6} \sum_{ij} Q_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} E_i^{(0)}(\vec{0}) \right]$$

Use eqn 4.24, we know:

$$W = q\Phi(0) - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}(0) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ij} Q_{ij} \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial x_i}(0)$$

Now, since W is a constant, we cannot take ∇W and equate it to $\vec{F}$. However, we could use the definition $W = \int_{-\infty}^0 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{x}$, expanding $\vec{E}^{(0)}$ in $\vec{F}$ to obtain the same result.

b. The total torque is given by:

$$\vec{N} = \int d^3\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} \times [P(\vec{x}) \vec{E}]$$

$$\vec{N} = \int d^3\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} \times [P(\vec{x}) (\vec{E}^{(0)}(0) + x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{E}^{(0)}(0) + \dots)]$$

$$\vec{N} = (\int d^3\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} P(\vec{x})) \times \vec{E}^{(0)}(0) + \int d^3\vec{x} \cdot P(\vec{x}) \hat{x}_j \epsilon_{jkl} x_k x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} E_k^{(0)}(0) + \dots$$

$$\vec{N} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}^{(0)}(0) + \int d^3\vec{x} \cdot P(\vec{x}) \hat{x}_j \epsilon_{jkl} x_k x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} E_k^{(0)}(0) + \dots$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}^{(0)} = \hat{x}_j \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} E_l^{(0)} = 0$$

$$\hat{x}_j \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} E_l^{(0)} \propto \delta_{ki} \hat{x}_j \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} E_l^{(0)} = 0$$

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$$\vec{N} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}^{(0)}(0) + \frac{1}{3} (\int d^3\vec{x} [3x_k x_i P(\vec{x}) - r^2 \delta_{ki}]) \hat{x}_j \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} E_k^{(0)}(0) + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}^{(0)} = \hat{x}_i \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} E_k = \hat{x}_i \epsilon_{ijk} (\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} E_k - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} E_j) / 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} E_k = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} E_j$$

$$\vec{N} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}^{(0)}(0) + \frac{1}{3} \hat{x}_j \epsilon_{jkl} Q_{ki} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} E_l^{(0)}(0) + \dots$$

$$\vec{N} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}^{(0)}(0) + \frac{1}{3} \hat{x}_j \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} [Q_{ki} E_i^{(0)}(0)] + \dots$$

So, for N_i we have:

$$N_i = [\vec{p} \times \vec{E}^{(0)}(0)]_i + \frac{1}{3} [\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\sum_j Q_{ij} E_j^{(0)}(0)) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\sum_j Q_{kj} E_j^{(0)}(0))] + \dots$$

2. 4.6

a) We know that

$$W = -\frac{1}{6} \sum_i Q_{ii} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} E_i(0)$$

The problem is cylindrically symmetric, so $Q_{11} = Q_{22}$. Using the fact that the trace of the quadrupole tensor is zero, we see

$$Q_{11} = Q_{22} = -\frac{1}{2} Q_{33}$$

The book defines the quadrupole moment in nuclei to be $Q = \frac{1}{e} Q_{33}$. The electric field in our formula for W refers to the external electric field, so within the nucleus $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$, or

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} E_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} E_y = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_z$$

Thus

$$W = -\frac{eQ}{6} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_z - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} E_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} E_y \right) \right)_0 = -\frac{eQ}{6} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_z - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_z \right) \right)_0$$

$$W = -\frac{eQ}{6} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_z \right)_0 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) = -\frac{eQ}{4} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_z \right)_0$$

b)

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_z \right)_0 = -\frac{4W}{eQ} = -\frac{4W}{eQ \left(\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0^3} \right)} \left(\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0^3} \right)$$

Now from the particle data book,

$$\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = \alpha \hbar c = \frac{\alpha \hbar c}{2\pi}, \text{ with } \alpha = 1/137$$

So

$$\frac{4W}{eQ \left(\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0^3} \right)} = \frac{4(W/\hbar) 2\pi a_0^3}{Q \alpha c} = \frac{4 \cdot 10^7 \text{ sec}^{-1} 2\pi (0.529 \times 10^{-10})^3 \text{ m}^3}{2 \times 10^{-28} \text{ m}^2 (1/137) \times 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}} = 0.085$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_z \right)_0 = -0.085 \left(\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0^3} \right)$$

c) Let us assume the spheroid is gotten by a rotation about the semimajor axis. The equation for a spheroid is given by

$$\frac{x^2 + y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{a^2} = 1$$

note the angle with respect to z field E_0 , the $\cos \theta$ contain terms $\propto \rho^{\pm n} \cos^n \theta$

The volume of the spheroid is

$$V = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^b \rho d\rho \int_{-a\sqrt{1-\rho^2/b^2}}^{a\sqrt{1-\rho^2/b^2}} dz = \frac{4\pi}{3} ab^2$$

where $\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2$.

Thus the charge density of the nucleus is

$$\rho_c = \frac{3Ze}{4\pi ab^2}$$

$$Q_{33} = \rho_c 2\pi \int_0^b \rho d\rho \int_{-a\sqrt{1-\rho^2/b^2}}^{a\sqrt{1-\rho^2/b^2}} (2z^2 - \rho^2) dz$$

$$Q_{33} = \rho_c 2\pi \int_0^b \rho \left(\frac{2}{3} a \sqrt{\left(\frac{b^2 - \rho^2}{b^2} \right)} \frac{2a^2 b^2 - 2a^2 \rho^2 - 3\rho^2 b^2}{b^2} \right) d\rho = \rho_c 2\pi \frac{4ab^2 (a^2 - b^2)}{15}$$

$$Q_{33} = \left(\frac{3Ze}{4\pi ab^2} \right) 2\pi \frac{4ab^2 (a^2 - b^2)}{15} = \frac{2}{5} Ze (a^2 - b^2)$$

So

$$Q = \frac{2}{5} Z (a^2 - b^2) = \frac{4}{5} Z (a - b) (a + b) / 2 = \frac{4}{5} Z R (a - b)$$

Or

$$\frac{(a - b)}{R} = \frac{5Q}{4ZR^2} = \frac{5 \cdot 2.5 \times 10^{-28} \text{ m}^2}{4 \cdot 63 \cdot (7 \times 10^{-15})^2 \text{ m}^2} = 0.101$$

3. Jackson, Problem 4.8

7 Points

Let ϕ denote the angle with respect to the external field. Then, because of symmetry the solution will only contain terms $\propto \rho^{\pm n} \cos(n\phi)$. After elimination of diverging terms other than that producing the external field E_0 , the potential is of the following form:

Outer region:

$$\Phi_1 = -\rho E_0 \cos \phi + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n \rho^{-n} \cos(n\phi)$$

Middle region:

$$\Phi_2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \rho^n \cos(n\phi) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \rho^{-n} \cos(n\phi)$$

Inner region:

$$\Phi_3 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \rho^n \cos(n\phi)$$

Boundary condition on outer interface for D-field:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon \left. \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \rho} \right|_b &= \epsilon_0 \left. \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial \rho} \right|_b \\ \forall n : \quad \epsilon n b_n b^{n-1} - \epsilon n c_n b^{-n-1} &= -\epsilon_0 E_0 \delta_{n,1} - \epsilon_0 n d_n b^{-n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Boundary condition on outer interface for E-field:

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\rho \partial \phi} \right|_b &= \left. \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\rho \partial \phi} \right|_b \\ \forall n : \quad -n b_n b^{n-1} - n c_n b^{-n-1} &= E_0 \delta_{n,1} - n d_n b^{-n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Boundary condition on inner interface for D-field:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_0 \left. \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \rho} \right|_a &= \epsilon \left. \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \rho} \right|_a \\ \forall n : \quad \epsilon_0 n a_n a^{n-1} &= \epsilon n b_n a^{n-1} - \epsilon n c_n a^{-n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Boundary condition on inner interface for E-field:

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\rho \partial \phi} \right|_a &= \left. \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\rho \partial \phi} \right|_a \\ \forall n : \quad n a_n a^{n-1} &= -n b_n a^{n-1} - n c_n a^{-n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the boundary conditions for the E-field are equivalent with setting the potentials on the interfaces equal. The system to be solved therefore is

$$\begin{pmatrix} a^{2n} & -a^{2n} & -1 & 0 \\ a^{2n} & -\epsilon_r a^{2n} & \epsilon_r & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_r b^{2n} & -\epsilon_r & 1 \\ 0 & b^{2n} & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \\ d_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -E_0 b^2 \delta_{n,1} \\ -E_0 b^2 \delta_{n,1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \forall n \quad (1)$$

where $\epsilon_r = \epsilon/\epsilon_0$. Since the determinant $D = a^{2n}(b^{2n}(\epsilon_r + 1)^2 - a^{2n}(\epsilon_r - 1)^2)$ is generally $\neq 0$, all a_n, b_n, c_n, d_n are zero unless $n = 1$. For $n = 1$, with Kramer's rule, Mathematica or equivalent one finds:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= E_0 \frac{4b^2 \epsilon_r}{a^2(\epsilon_r - 1)^2 - b^2(\epsilon_r + 1)^2} \\ b_1 &= E_0 \frac{2b^2(\epsilon_r + 1)}{a^2(\epsilon_r - 1)^2 - b^2(\epsilon_r + 1)^2} \\ c_1 &= E_0 \frac{2a^2 b^2(\epsilon_r - 1)}{a^2(\epsilon_r - 1)^2 - b^2(\epsilon_r + 1)^2} \\ d_1 &= E_0 \frac{b^2(a^2 - b^2)(\epsilon_r^2 - 1)}{a^2(\epsilon_r - 1)^2 - b^2(\epsilon_r + 1)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

b:) In the inner region, there is a homogeneous electric field of a size less than the outer field E_0 . In the intermediate region, the field is inhomogeneous and weakest (see figure).

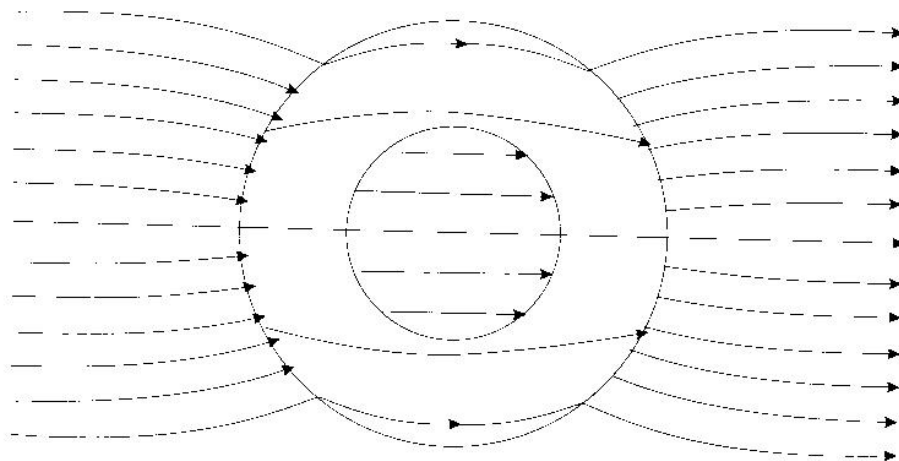
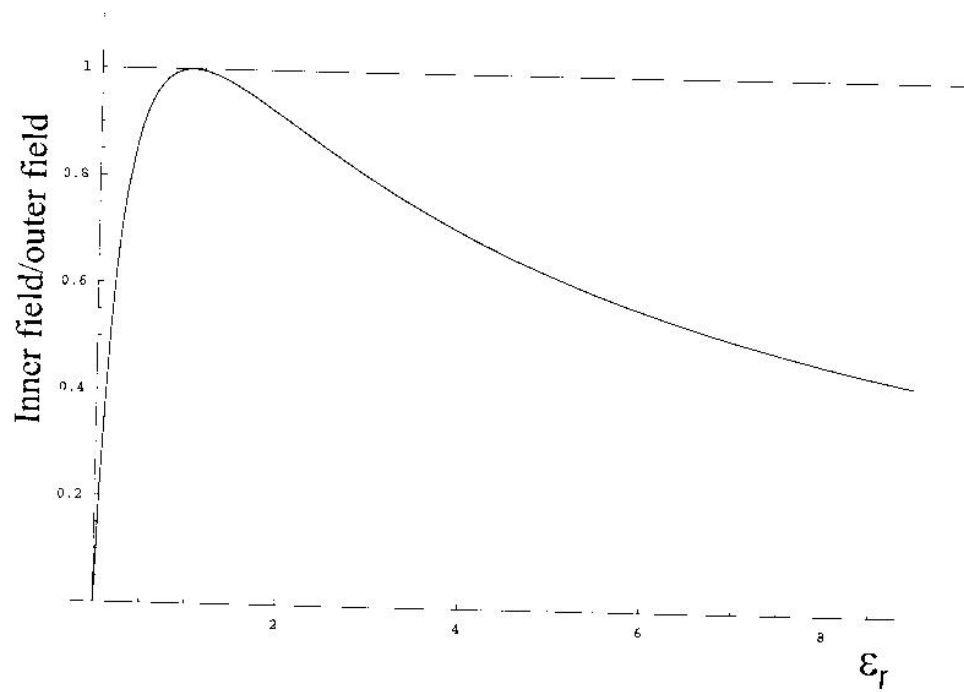


Figure 2: **Upper panel:** Strength of inner field relative to outer field for $b = 2a$ vs. dielectric constant of the shell. The presence of the dielectric shell attenuates the field. **Lower panel:** Qualitative drawing of electric field lines.

c): Solid cylinder (case $a = 0$). We find

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= (\text{irrelevant}) \\ b_1 &= -E_0 \frac{2}{\epsilon_r + 1} \\ c_1 &= 0 \\ d_1 &= E_0 \frac{b^2(\epsilon_r - 1)}{\epsilon_r + 1} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The inside field, given by b_1 and c_1 , is homogeneous and attenuated by a factor $\frac{2}{\epsilon_r + 1}$ relative to the outside field. The d_1 -term reflects a "2D dipole moment" proportional to area, external field, and contrast $\frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)}{(\epsilon_r + 1)}$ in the dielectric constant.

Cylindrical cavity in bulk dielectric (case $b \rightarrow \infty$). We find

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= -E_0 \frac{4\epsilon_r}{(\epsilon_r + 1)^2} \\ b_1 &= -E_0 \frac{2}{\epsilon_r + 1} \\ c_1 &= -E_0 \frac{2a^2(\epsilon_r - 1)}{(\epsilon_r + 1)^2} \\ d_1 &= (\text{irrelevant}) \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Here, the outside field is given by b_1 and c_1 . At large distances, the outside field is homogeneous and has a magnitude given by b_1 . The cavity field, given by a_1 , is homogeneous and amplified by a factor $\frac{2\epsilon_r}{\epsilon_r + 1}$ relative to the asymptotic outside field. The c_1 -term reflects a "2D dipole moment" of the cavity proportional to area, the asymptotic outside field b_1 , and the contrast $\frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)}{(\epsilon_r + 1)}$ in the dielectric constant.

4. Jackson, Problem 4.10

6 Points

a): We first identify the solutions for E and D . Since there cannot be any potential differences on the conductor surfaces, the electric fields in the regions with and without dielectric must essentially be the same. The only question is whether there are any non-trivial structures in the field near the interface between the dielectric and the free space between the two shells. We first claim that the E -field is very simple, namely that it is identical with the field of a free point charge located at the origin. The claim is proved later by showing that the corresponding solution satisfies all boundary conditions.

We assume that the E -field has the form $\mathbf{E}(r) \propto \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r^3}$ both in the regions with and without dielectric. Using Gauss's law on a sphere with radius $a < r < b$, it is then the case that

$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = Q = 2\pi r^2 (\epsilon_0 E(r) + \epsilon E(r))$$

$$\mathbf{E}(r) = \frac{Q}{2\pi(\epsilon_0 + \epsilon)} \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r^3} \quad (5)$$

The free charge on the outer shell is then $-Q$, as can be seen by considering a Gaussian surface inside the outer conductor.

The specified field is the only solution, because it satisfies the equations $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$ and $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$ in the volume of interest, it satisfies the general boundary conditions for E - and D -fields at the interface between the dielectric and the free space, and it produces the correct charges on the inner and outer shells.

b): We use the usual boundary condition $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{D}_2 - \mathbf{D}_1) = \sigma_{\text{free}}$, where $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is a unit vector pointing from region 1 to region 2. Since $D = 0$ inside conductors, on the part of the inner surface facing the dielectric-free region the condition reads

$$\sigma_{\text{free}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{D}(a) = \frac{Q\epsilon_0}{2\pi(\epsilon_0 + \epsilon)} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{r}}{a^2} = \frac{Q\epsilon_0}{2\pi a^2(\epsilon_0 + \epsilon)}$$

and on the part facing the dielectric it is

$$\sigma_{\text{free}} = \frac{Q\epsilon}{2\pi a^2(\epsilon_0 + \epsilon)}$$

c): Here, $\mathbf{P}(r) = (\epsilon - \epsilon_0)\mathbf{E}(r)$. The volume polarization charge density $\rho_{\text{pol}} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} = 0$ everywhere. The surface polarization charge density generally is given by $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_2) = \sigma_{\text{pol}}$, where $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is a unit vector pointing from region 1 to region 2. On the part of the inner surface facing the dielectric the condition reads

$$\sigma_{\text{pol}} = -\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{P}(a) = -\frac{Q(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)}{2\pi a^2(\epsilon_0 + \epsilon)}$$

on the part facing the dielectric-free space it is $\sigma_{\text{pol}} = 0$.

Not required: On the interface between the dielectric and the dielectric-free volume it is $\mathbf{P} \perp \hat{\mathbf{n}}$ and thus $\sigma_{\text{pol}} = 0$. On the part of the outer surface facing the dielectric it is $\sigma_{\text{pol}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{P}(b) = \frac{Q(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)}{2\pi b^2(\epsilon_0 + \epsilon)}$.