

1. An uncharged metal sphere of radius  $R$  is placed in an otherwise uniform electric field  $\mathbf{E} = E_0 \hat{z}$ , as shown in Figure 1. Please derive the electric field inside and outside the metal sphere. (25%)  
 [Information you may or may not need: Legendre polynomials  $P_0(x) = 1$ ,  $P_1(x) = x$ ,  $P_2(x) = (3x^2 - 1)/2$ ]

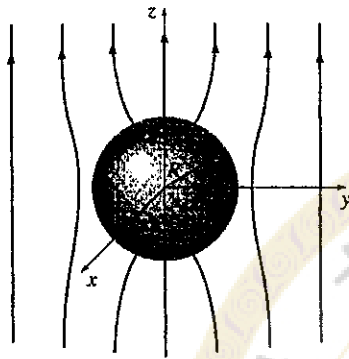


Figure 1

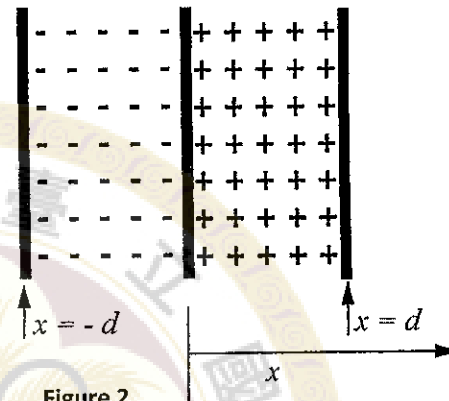


Figure 2

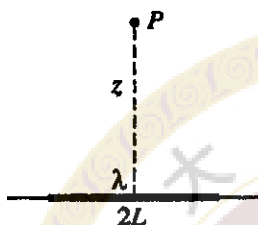
2. Consider the following space charge distribution, as shown in Figure 2 in which  
 $\rho = -n_0$  for  $-d < x < 0$   
 $\rho = +n_0$  for  $0 < x < d$   
 Please calculate the electric field as a function of  $x$ . Your answer needs to cover the region of all  $x$ . (25%)

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3. (25%)

A straight line segment of length  $2L$  carries a uniform line charge density  $\lambda$ , as shown in the figure.

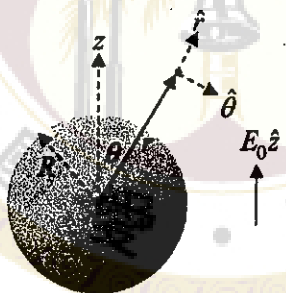
- (a) Find the electric potential  $V$  at a distance  $z$  above the midpoint of the segment. (20%)  
 (b) Based on (a), find the approximate electric potential  $V$  as  $L \gg z$ . (5%)



4. (25%)

An uncharged metal sphere of radius  $R$  is placed in an otherwise uniform electric field  $E_0 \hat{z}$ .

- (a) Find the electric field  $E(r, \theta)$  outside the sphere. (15%)  
 (b) Find the surface charge  $\sigma(\theta)$  induced on the sphere surface. (10%)



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