PHY102: Assignment 6

1. A sphere of radius R carries a polarization

$$\vec{P}(r) = k \ \vec{r},$$

where k is a constant and \vec{r} is the vector from the center.

(a) Calculate the bound charges σ_b and ρ_b .

(b) Find the field inside and outside the sphere.

2. A metal sphere of radius *a* carries a charge *Q*. It is surrounded, out to radius *b*, by a linear dielectric material of permittivity ϵ . Find the potential at the center (relative to infinity).

3. A parallel plate capacitor is filled with insulating material of dielectric constant ϵ . Calculate the capacitance.