

## GAUSS'S LAW

Each group will be given one of the charge distributions given below: ( $\alpha$  and  $k$  are constants with appropriate dimensions.)

1. A positively charged (dielectric) spherical shell of inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$  with a spherically symmetric internal charge density  $\rho(\vec{r}) = \alpha r^3$ .
2. A positively charged (dielectric) spherical shell of inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$  with a spherically symmetric internal charge density  $\rho(\vec{r}) = \alpha e^{(kr)^3}$ .
3. A positively charged (dielectric) spherical shell of inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$  with a spherically symmetric internal charge density  $\rho(\vec{r}) = \alpha \frac{1}{r^2} e^{kr}$ .
4. An infinite positively charged (dielectric) cylindrical shell of inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$  with a cylindrically symmetric internal charge density  $\rho(\vec{r}) = \alpha r^3$ .
5. An infinite positively charged (dielectric) cylindrical shell of inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$  with a cylindrically symmetric internal charge density  $\rho(\vec{r}) = \alpha e^{(kr)^2}$ .
6. An infinite positively charged (dielectric) cylindrical shell of inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$  with a cylindrically symmetric internal charge density  $\rho(\vec{r}) = \alpha \frac{1}{r} e^{kr}$ .

For your group's case, answer each of the following questions:

1. Use Gauss's Law and symmetry arguments to find the electric field at each of the three radii below:
  - (i)  $r_1 > b$
  - (ii)  $a < r_2 < b$
  - (iii)  $r_3 < a$
2. What dimensions do  $\alpha$  and  $k$  have?
3. For  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $k = 1$ , sketch the magnitude of the electric field as a function of  $r$ .