



A SOLID CONDUCTING SPHERE OF RADIUS  $R_a$  IS PLACED INSIDE A CONDUCTING SPHERICAL SHELL OF INNER RADIUS  $R_b$  AND OUTER RADIUS  $R_c$ . THE INNER SPHERE HAS CHARGE  $+50 \text{ nC}$  AND THE OUTER SHELL HAS UNIFORM VOLUME CHARGE DENSITY  $\rho = \frac{+10 \text{ Q}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi(R_c^3 - R_b^3)} \text{ nC m}^{-3}$

FIND THE ELECTRIC FIELD AND POTENTIAL AT  $r < R_a$ ,  $R_a < r < R_b$ ,  $R_b < r < R_c$  AND  $r > R_c$

(a) HOW ARE  $\rho$ ,  $q$  (CHARGE) AND VOLUME RELATED? WHAT IS THE SHELL'S VOLUME? SO, WHAT IS THE CHARGE ON THE SHELL?

(b) AS WITH ESSENTIALLY ALL PROBLEMS IN ELECTROSTATICS, START WITH THE ELECTRIC FIELD. (c) WHAT IS THE E-FIELD INSIDE A CONDUCTOR? (d) HOW DOES CHARGE ON THE SHELL REORGANIZE ITSELF TO BALANCE THE E-FIELD IN THE CONDUCTOR?

(e) HENCE DETERMINE  $\vec{E}$  AT  $r < R_a$ ,  $R_a < r < R_b$ ,  $R_b < r < R_c$  AND  $r > R_c$  (f)  $\Delta V = V_i - V_k = \int_i^k \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$  AND  $V = V_k - V_\infty = \int_k^\infty \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_\infty^k \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$  (g) TO FIND THE POTENTIAL AT EACH  $r$ , PICTURE

MOVING IN FROM  $\infty$  (ZERO POTENTIAL) UNTIL YOU HIT EACH COMPONENT OF THE PROBLEM. SO, AT  $r > R_c$ ,  $V = - \int_\infty^r \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$ , AND, AT  $R_b < r < R_c$ ,  $V = - \int_\infty^{R_c} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} - \int_{R_c}^r \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$  etc.