

43. At all points where there is an electric field, it is radially outward. For each part of the problem, use a Gaussian surface in the form of a sphere that is concentric with the sphere of charge and passes through the point where the electric field is to be found. The field is uniform on the surface, so

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 4\pi r^2 E$$

where r is the radius of the Gaussian surface.

- (a) Here r is less than a and the charge enclosed by the Gaussian surface is $q(r/a)^3$. Gauss' law yields

$$4\pi r^2 E = \left(\frac{q}{\varepsilon_0}\right) \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^3 \implies E = \frac{qr}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 a^3} .$$

- (b) In this case, r is greater than a but less than b . The charge enclosed by the Gaussian surface is q , so Gauss' law leads to

$$4\pi r^2 E = \frac{q}{\varepsilon_0} \implies E = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2} .$$

- (c) The shell is conducting, so the electric field inside it is zero.
 (d) For $r > c$, the charge enclosed by the Gaussian surface is zero (charge q is inside the shell cavity and charge $-q$ is on the shell). Gauss' law yields

$$4\pi r^2 E = 0 \implies E = 0 .$$

- (e) Consider a Gaussian surface that lies completely within the conducting shell. Since the electric field is everywhere zero on the surface, $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$ and, according to Gauss' law, the net charge enclosed by the surface is zero. If Q_i is the charge on the inner surface of the shell, then $q + Q_i = 0$ and $Q_i = -q$. Let Q_o be the charge on the outer surface of the shell. Since the net charge on the shell is $-q$, $Q_i + Q_o = -q$. This means $Q_o = -q - Q_i = -q - (-q) = 0$.