- 1. Two infinite parallel plates, separated by a distance s, are at  $\Phi = 0$  and  $\Phi_0$  respectively. (a) Use Poisson's equation to find the potential in the region between the plates where the space charge density is  $\rho(x) = \rho_0 x/s$ . The distance x is measured from the plate at zero potential.
  - (b) Find the surface charge densities on the plates.
- 2. (a) Two coaxial conducting cylinders, of radii a and b (b > a) and length L ( $L \gg b$ ), carry equal and opposite charges -Q and Q. Find the capacitance of this configuration.

(b) Find the electrostatic energy of the configuration by integrating over the distribution. Express your answer in terms of Q and  $\Delta \Phi$ .

- 3. Consider the electrostatic Green's function on the surface bounding the volume V. Using the Green's theorem with integration variables  $\vec{y}$  and  $\varphi = G(\vec{x'}, \vec{y})$ , with  $\vec{\nabla}_y^2 G(\vec{z}, \vec{y}) = -4\pi\delta(\vec{y} - \vec{z})$ , find an expression for the difference  $[G(\vec{x}, \vec{x'}) - G(\vec{x'}, \vec{x})]$  in terms of an integral over the surface S.
- 4. A point charge q is brought to a position a distance d away from an infinite plane conductor held at zero potential. Using the method of images,
  - (a) verify that the total charge induced on the plane is equal to -q;
  - (b) determine the total force acting on the plane by integrating  $\sigma^2/2\epsilon_0$ ;

(c) determine the work necessary to remove the charge q from its position to infinity using  $\int \vec{F} \bullet d\vec{\ell}$ ;

(d) determine the potential energy between the charge q and its image if there was no conducting plane present. Compare the results with part (c) and explain your result.

5. (a) Show that the electrostatic potential at  $\vec{x}$  due to a dipole  $\vec{p}$  at the origin is

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \, \frac{\vec{p} \bullet \vec{x}}{|\vec{x}|^3}$$

(b) Using  $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi$ , show that

$$\vec{\boldsymbol{E}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \, \frac{3\vec{\boldsymbol{x}}(\vec{\boldsymbol{x}} \bullet \vec{\boldsymbol{p}}) - \vec{\boldsymbol{p}}r^2}{r^5}$$

(c) If  $\vec{p} = p \, \hat{k}$ , find  $E_r$ ,  $E_{\theta}$ , and  $E_{\phi}$ .