

## Physics S3 Final

*The calculators and the extra-documents are not allowed.*

*Answer only on the exam sheet.*

Remember that, except if explicitly written in the questions, the notation  $E_A(M)$  corresponds to the **norm** of the field  $\vec{E}_A(M)$ . But the angles are **oriented**.

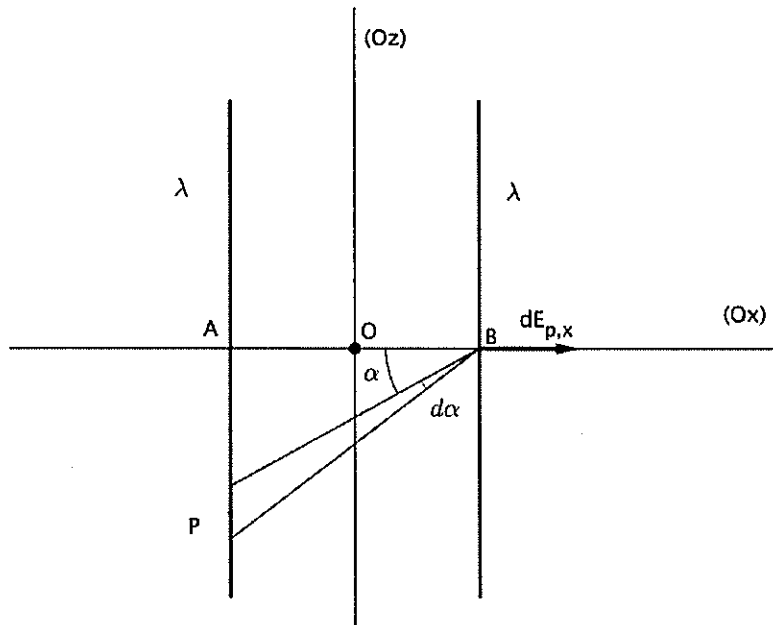
We will use for convenience the usual constant  $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ .

**MCQ** (4 points-no negative points) *Circle the right answer.*

- 1- The electric field, generated by a pointlike charge  $q$  located at point O, at any point M reads:
  - a)  $\vec{E}(M) = k \frac{q}{OM^3} \overrightarrow{OM}$
  - b)  $\vec{E}(M) = k \frac{q}{OM^2} \overrightarrow{OM}$
  - c)  $\vec{E}(M) = k \frac{q}{OM} \overrightarrow{OM}$
  
- 2- A charge  $q$  is located in an electric field  $\vec{E}$ . The force  $\vec{F}$ , which is acting on the charge  $q$ , is given by:
  - a)  $\vec{F} = -q \cdot \vec{E}$
  - b)  $\vec{F} = |q| \cdot \vec{E}$
  - c)  $\vec{F} = q \cdot \vec{E}$
  
- 3- The electric field created by a positive charge located at O is:
  - a) Convergent
  - b) Well-defined at O
  - c) Divergent
  
- 4- Which property satisfies the electrostatic field  $\vec{E}$  related to the potential  $V$ ?
  - a)  $\vec{E} = \overrightarrow{grad}(V)$
  - b)  $\vec{E} = -\overrightarrow{grad}(V)$
  - c)  $V = \overrightarrow{grad}(\vec{E})$
  
- 5- The area of a sphere of radius  $R$  is:
  - a)  $4\pi R^3$
  - b)  $\frac{4}{3}\pi R^2$
  - c)  $4\pi R^2$
  
- 6- Let us consider a volume  $\mathcal{V}$  containing a charge  $Q_{int}$  and delimited by a surface  $\mathcal{S}$ . The Gauss theorem reads for the field  $\vec{E}$  created by this geometry:
  - a)  $\oint_{\mathcal{S}} \vec{E} \cdot \overrightarrow{dS} = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0}$
  - b)  $\oint_{\mathcal{S}} \vec{E} \cdot \overrightarrow{dS} = Q_{int}$
  - c)  $\oint_{\mathcal{S}} E dS = \frac{Q_{int}}{\epsilon_0}$
  
- 7- We consider the limit case of an infinite cylinder of axis (Oz) and radius  $R$ . This cylinder is uniformly charged on its surface. What can be claimed at any  $M(r < R)$  inside the cylinder?
  - a)  $\vec{E}(M) = \vec{0}$
  - b)  $E(M) = E_0 \ln\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)$
  - c)  $E(M) = E_0 R^2 / r^2$
  
- 8- At some point M the charge distribution has a symmetry plane  $\mathcal{P}$ . Therefore:
  - a)  $\vec{E}(M) \perp \mathcal{P}$
  - b)  $\vec{E}(M) \in \mathcal{P}$
  - c)  $\vec{E}(M) \notin \mathcal{P}$  yet  $\vec{E}(M) \parallel \mathcal{P}$

Exercise 1

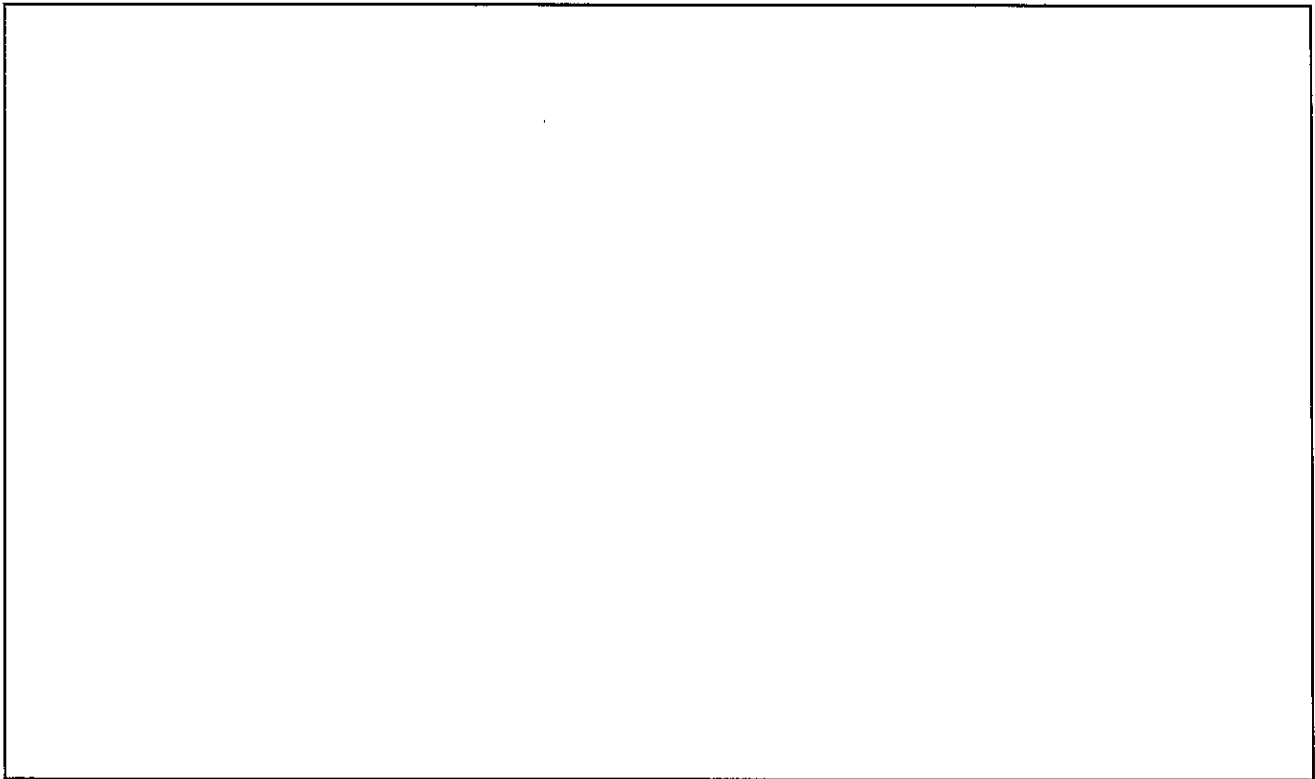
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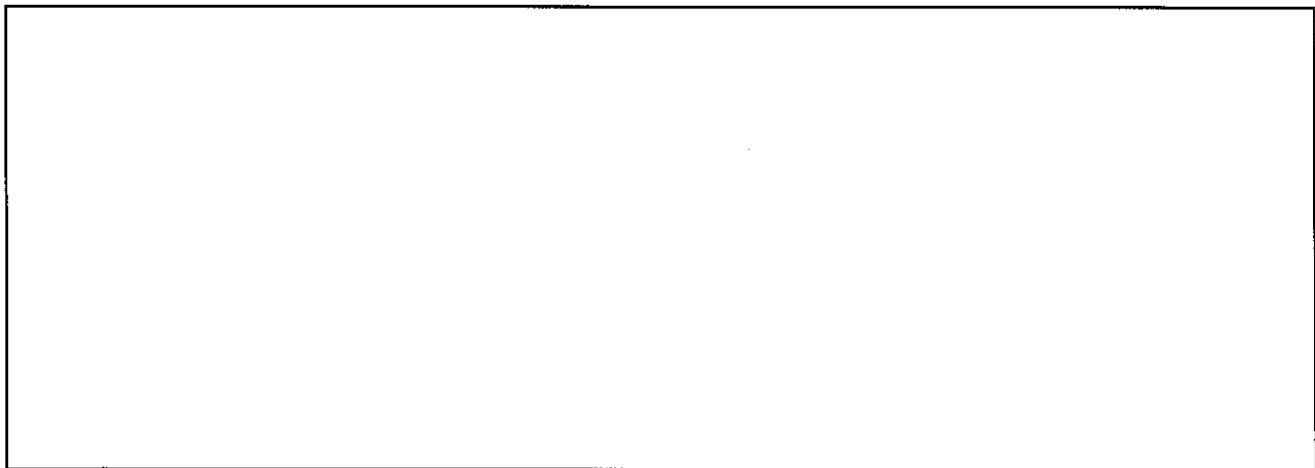
Two wires of finite length  $2l$  with a lineic charge distribution  $\lambda$  are separated by a distance  $l$ , as sketched above. We assume that the axis  $(Oz)$  is a symmetry axis of the distribution.

1- a) Express the total electric field  $\vec{E}(B)$  created at B by the wire containing A. Remember that the component along  $\vec{u}_x$  of the elementary electric field created by a length element centered at P and located at an angle  $\alpha$  can be written as:  $dE_{p,x}(B) = \frac{k\lambda}{l} \cos \alpha d\alpha$ . Deduce its norm.

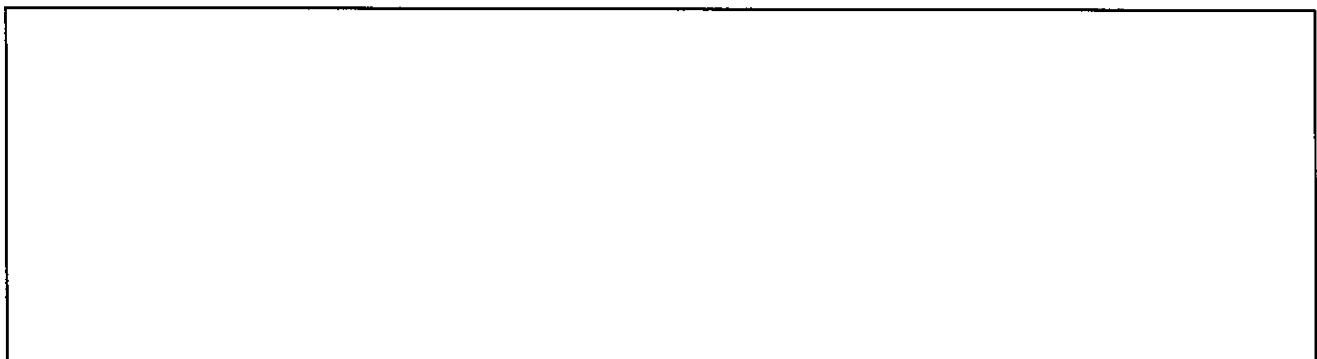
b) By explaining your answer, give the expression of the corresponding electric field created at A by the wire containing B.



2- a) The wire containing A is modelled as a pointlike  $Q_A$  located at A. Express the  $Q_A$  in terms of  $l$  and  $\lambda$ . Write then its potential electrostatic energy  $\mathcal{E}_A$ .

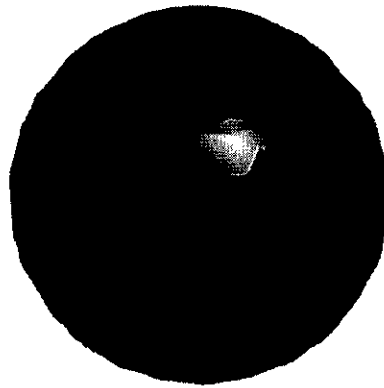


b) Deduce the total potential electrostatic energy of the two wires.



Exercise 2

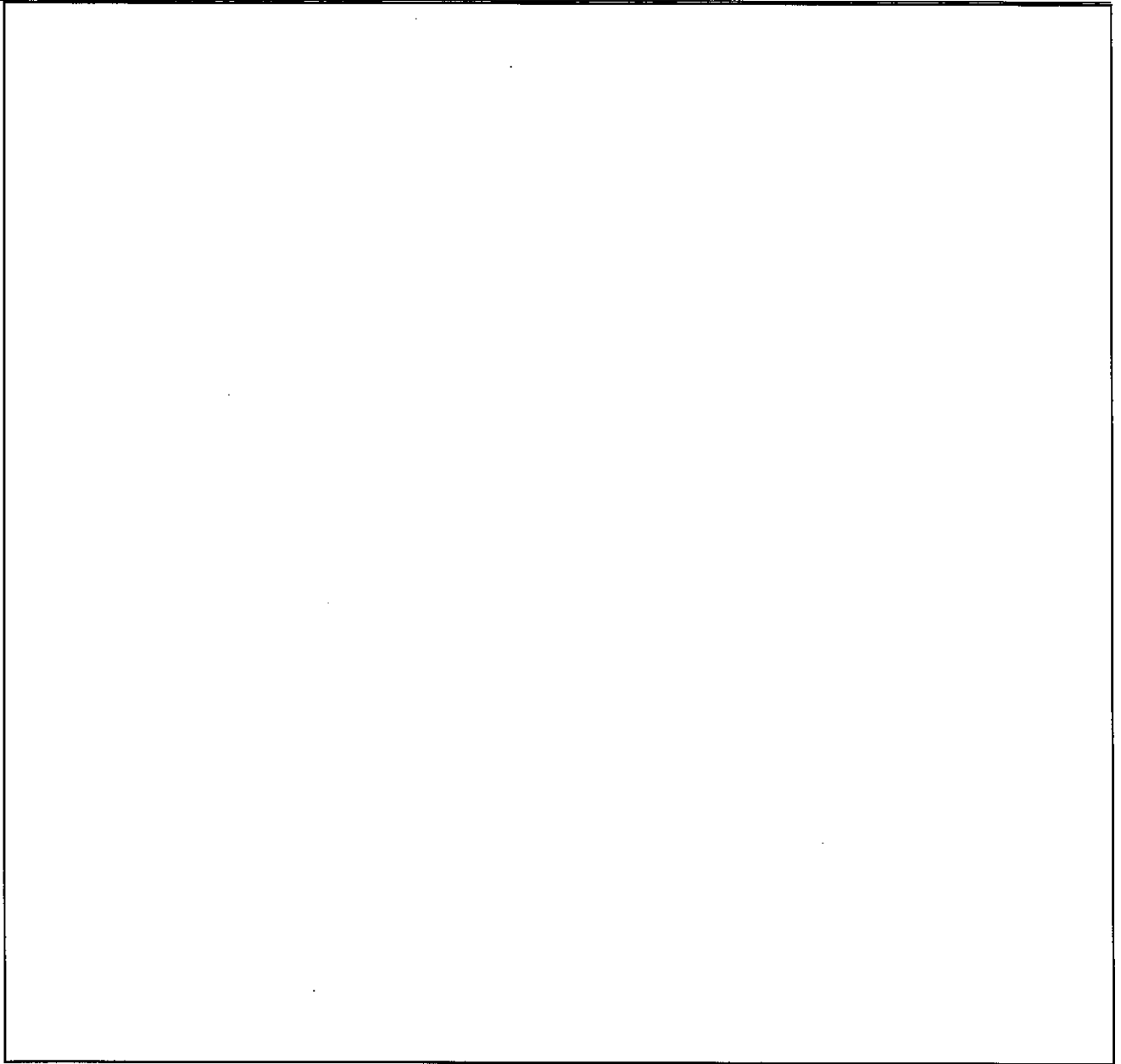
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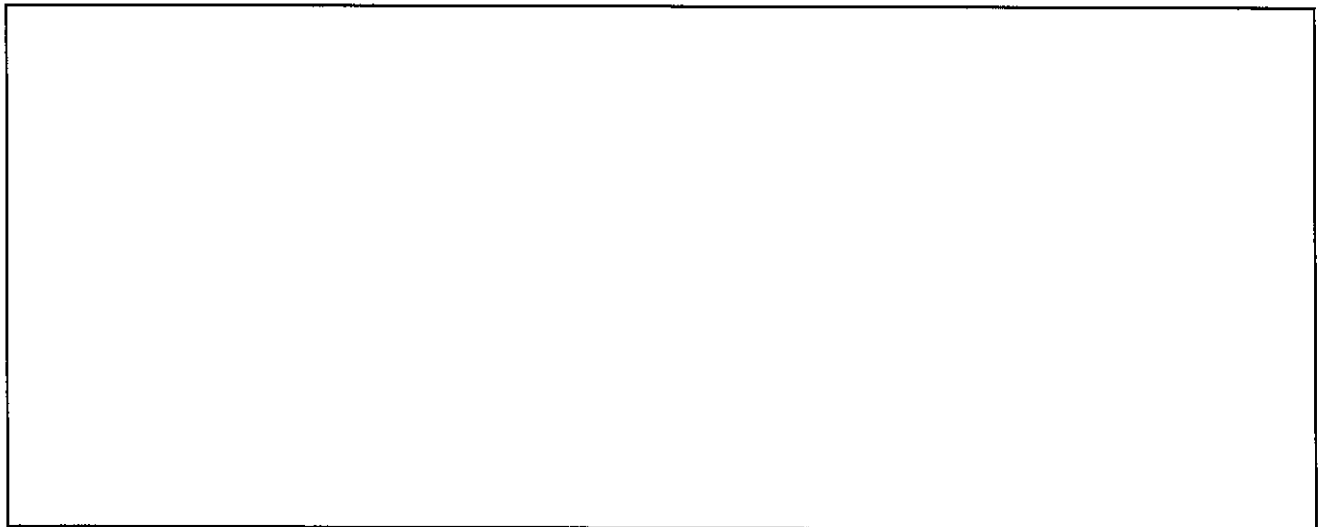
Consider a volumic positive charge distribution  $\rho$ , uniformly distributed in a ball of center  $O$  and radius  $R$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{B}(O, R)$ .

1- Study the invariances and the symmetries of the charge distribution. Deduce the form of the electric field  $\vec{E}(M)$  at any point  $M$ .

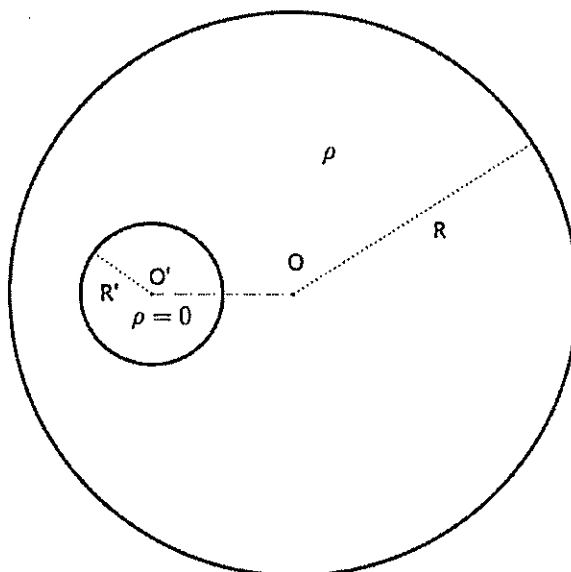
2- By using the Gauss theorem, express the electric  $\vec{E}(M)$ , for  $M$  inside and outside the ball.



3- Deduce the electrostatic potential  $V(M)$  at any point  $M$ . Draw the curve representing this function.



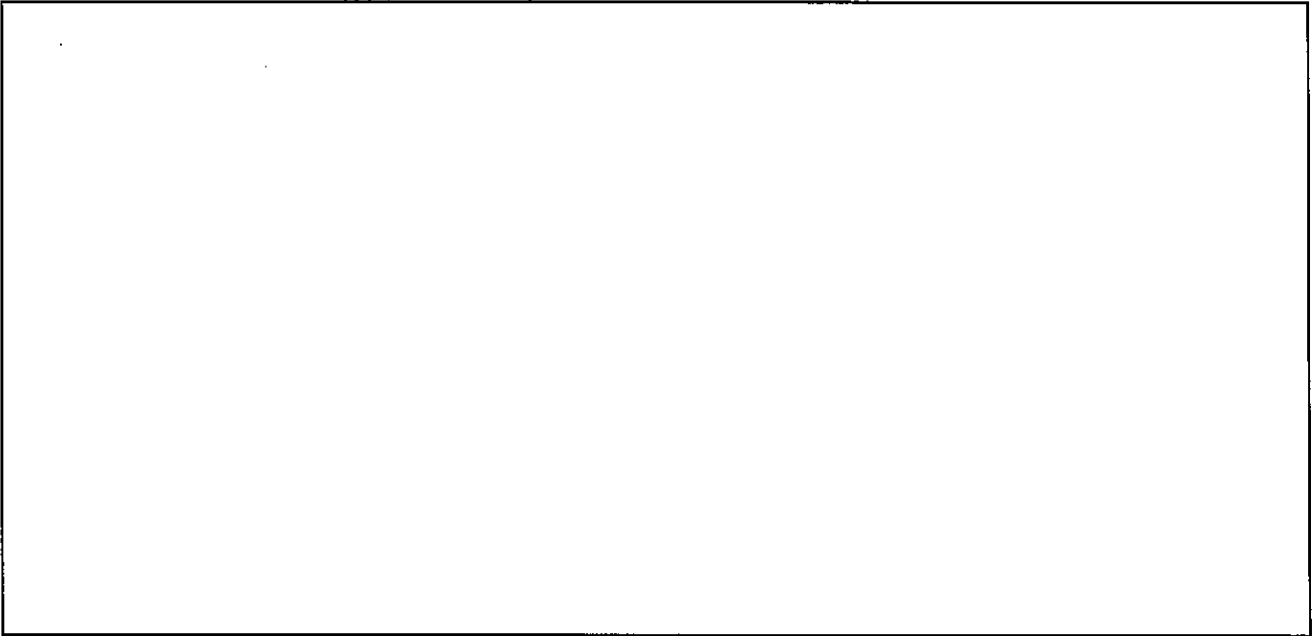
4- Consider now the following charge distribution:



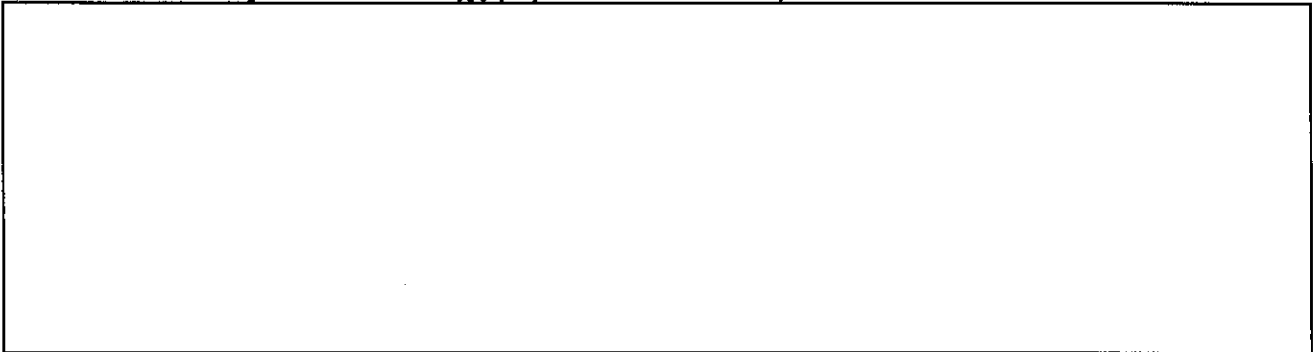
For convenience, the former ball is sketched along a transversal cut. There is clearly a charge depletion (locally the density is vanishing). That one is located in a ball of radius  $R'$  and center  $O'$  :  $\mathcal{B}(O', R')$ , with  $O'$  in the ball  $\mathcal{B}(O, R)$  and  $R' < R$  (see above).

a) Using the question 2, deduce the expression of the electric field  $\vec{E}'(M)$  generated by the ball  $\mathcal{B}(O', R')$ , which is uniformly charged with a density  $-\rho$ , at any point  $M(r')$  for  $r' < R'$  et  $r' > R'$ . Here  $r' = O'M$ .

b) Deduce the total field  $\vec{E}_{tot}(M)$  created at any point M by the total distribution sketched above.



c) Describe the shape of the field  $\vec{E}_{tot}(M)$  for M in the cavity.

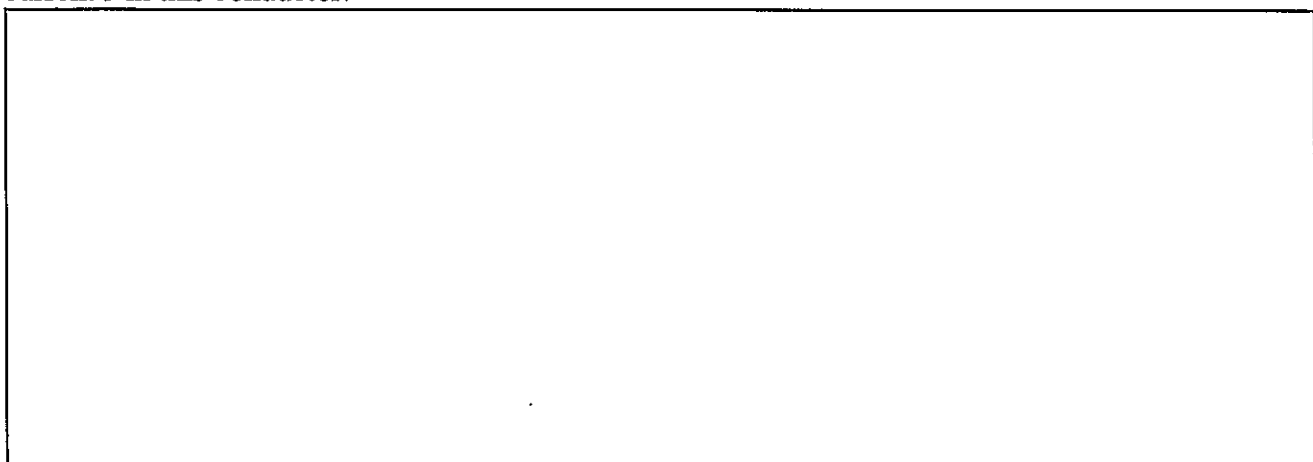


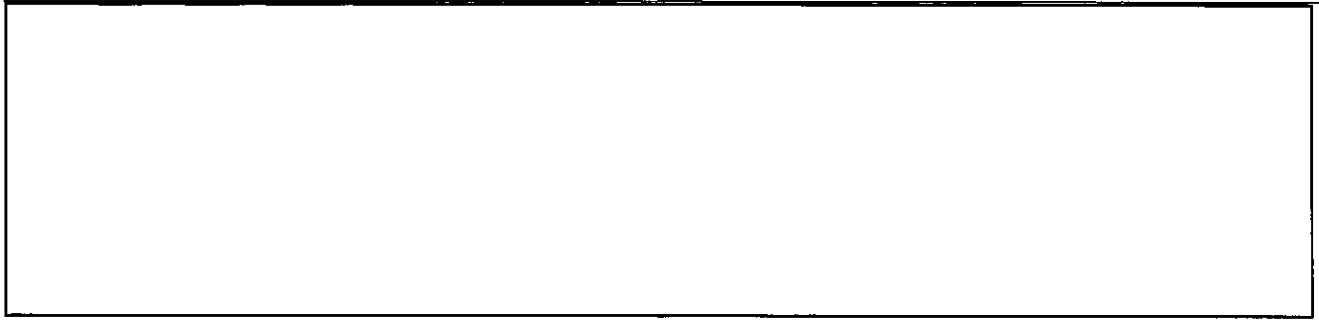
### Exercise 3

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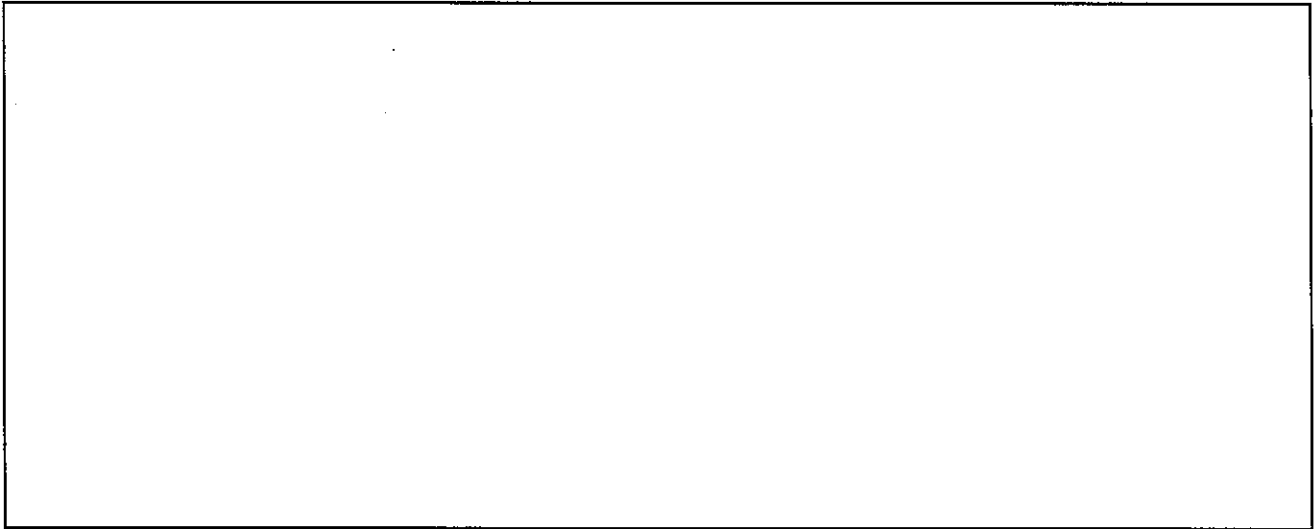
In a cylindrical conductor of axis  $(Oz)$ , of radius  $R$  and of length  $l$ , flows a current density  $\vec{j}$  given by  $\vec{j}(r) = J_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) \vec{u}_z$ .  $R$  and  $J_0$  are constants. The conductivity of this conductor is denoted by  $\sigma$ .

1- Express the current  $I(r)$  through a section of radius  $r$  and of normal vector  $\vec{u}_z$ . Deduce the total current  $I$  in this conductor.



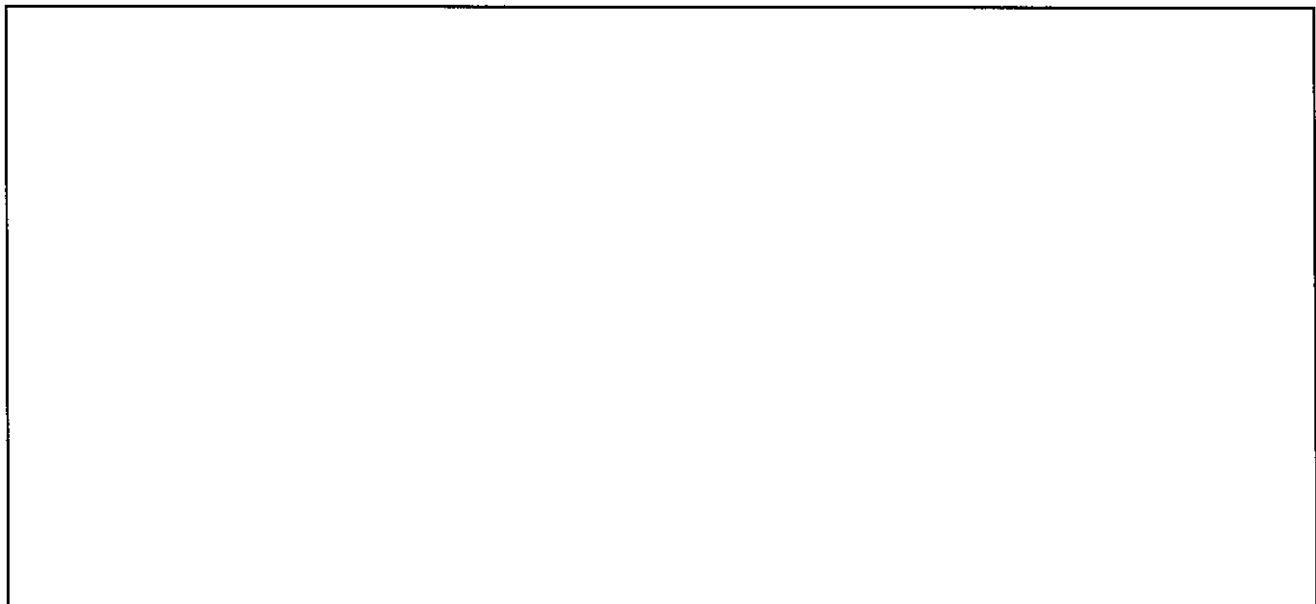


2- Recall the expression of the local Ohm law. Deduce the expression of the electric  $\vec{E}$  in this conductor.



3- We consider a uniform current  $I_{tot} = \frac{\pi R^2 j_0}{2}$  in this conductor of section  $S$  and length  $l$ . Determine:

- Its resistance  $R$ .
- Its voltage  $U$ .
- The expression of the mean speed of the electrons  $v_{e-}$  in terms of  $I_{tot}$ . The electrons density is denoted by  $n_{e-}$  and the current density is given by  $\vec{j} = -e \cdot n_{e-} \cdot \vec{v}_{e-}$





## Appendix: brief clarification and mathematical reminders

### Exercise 1

The axes (Ox) and (Oz) are symmetries axes of the charge distribution.

Remember that the potential energy of a system associated to a force  $\vec{F}$ , conservative by definition, can be derived using the elementary work  $\delta W(\vec{F}) = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{dl} = -d\mathcal{E}$ .

Dans le cadre de cet exercice, en électrostatique, on utilisera  $\vec{dl} = dl \vec{u}_x$  où  $dl$  correspond à une variation infinitésimale de la longueur  $l$ .

### Exercise 2

In the specific case of a discrete charge distribution  $\{q_i\}$ , generating the corresponding electric fields  $\{\vec{E}_i\}$ , the total field can be seen as their superposition, i.e.  $\vec{E}_{tot} = \sum_i \vec{E}_i$ .

We have seen, in the course on the continuous charge distributions, that this formula can be generalized. For a volumic charge distribution  $\rho$  defined in  $\mathcal{V}$ , we know that:

$$\vec{E}_{tot}(M) = \iiint_{P \in \mathcal{V}} d\vec{E}_P(M)$$

It can be relevant to decompose this integral in a sum of two integrals. For instance, for a x-variable function  $f$ , defined and continuous on the interval  $[a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ :

$$\forall c \in [a, b], \int_c^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx - \int_a^c f(x) dx$$

For the total field  $\vec{E}_{tot}$  (question 4-b)), express the result in terms of  $r$ ,  $r'$ ,  $\rho$  and the vector  $\vec{OO'}$ .

### Exercise 3

To avoid misunderstanding and confusion with the resistance  $R$ , consider the radius of the conductor as being  $a_0$  and the following current density  $\vec{j}(r) = J_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{a_0^2}\right) \vec{u}_z$ .

Idem for the last part of the exercise, you can replace the radius in  $I_{tot} = \frac{\pi a_0^2 J_0}{2}$  (keep the letter  $R$  for the resistance).