Problem 4.15

(a) $\rho_b = -\nabla\cdot\mathbf{P} = -\frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r^2\frac{k}{r}\right) = -\frac{k}{r^2}$; $\quad \sigma_b = \mathbf{P}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \left\{\begin{array}{ll} +\mathbf{P}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{r}} = k/b & (\text{at } r=b), \\ -\mathbf{P}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{r}} = -k/a & (\text{at } r=a). \end{array}\right\}$

Gauss's law $\Rightarrow \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{r^2}\hat{\mathbf{r}}$. For $r<a$, $Q_{\text{enc}}=0$, so $\boxed{\mathbf{E}=0.}$ For $r>b$, $Q_{\text{enc}}=0$ (Prob. 4.14), so $\boxed{\mathbf{E}=0.}$

For $a<r<b$, $Q_{\text{enc}} = \left(\frac{-k}{a}\right)(4\pi a^2) + \int_a^r \left(\frac{-k}{\bar{r}^2}\right)4\pi\bar{r}^2 d\bar{r} = -4\pi k a - 4\pi k(r-a) = -4\pi k r$; so $\boxed{\mathbf{E} = -(k/\epsilon_0 r)\,\hat{\mathbf{r}}.}$

(b) $\oint \mathbf{D}\cdot d\mathbf{a} = Q_{f_{\text{enc}}} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{D} = 0$ everywhere. $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{E} = (-1/\epsilon_0)\mathbf{P}$, so

$\boxed{\mathbf{E} = 0 \text{ (for } r<a \text{ and } r>b);}$ $\boxed{\mathbf{E} = -(k/\epsilon_0 r)\,\hat{\mathbf{r}} \text{ (for } a<r<b).}$

Problem 4.19

With no dielectric, $C_0 = A\epsilon_0/d$ (Eq. 2.54).

In configuration (a), with $+\sigma$ on upper plate, $-\sigma$ on lower, $D=\sigma$ between the plates.
$E = \sigma/\epsilon_0$ (in air) and $E = \sigma/\epsilon$ (in dielectric). So $V = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}\frac{d}{2} + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon}\frac{d}{2} = \frac{Qd}{2\epsilon_0 A}\left(1+\frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon}\right)$.

$C_a = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}\left(\frac{2}{1+1/\epsilon_r}\right) \Longrightarrow \boxed{\frac{C_a}{C_0} = \frac{2\epsilon_r}{1+\epsilon_r}.}$

In configuration (b), with potential difference V: $E = V/d$, so $\sigma = \epsilon_0 E = \epsilon_0 V/d$ (in air).

$P = \epsilon_0\chi_e E = \epsilon_0\chi_e V/d$ (in dielectric), so $\sigma_b = -\epsilon_0\chi_e V/d$ (at top surface of dielectric).
$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \epsilon_0 V/d = \sigma_f + \sigma_b = \sigma_f - \epsilon_0\chi_e V/d$, so $\sigma_f = \epsilon_0 V(1+\chi_e)/d = \epsilon_0\epsilon_r V/d$ (on top plate above dielectric).

$\Longrightarrow C_b = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{1}{V}\left(\sigma\frac{A}{2} + \sigma_f\frac{A}{2}\right) = \frac{A}{2V}\left(\epsilon_0\frac{V}{d} + \epsilon_0\frac{V}{d}\epsilon_r\right) = \frac{A\epsilon_0}{d}\left(\frac{1+\epsilon_r}{2}\right)$. $\boxed{\frac{C_b}{C_0} = \frac{1+\epsilon_r}{2}.}$

[Which is greater? $\frac{C_b}{C_0} - \frac{C_a}{C_0} = \frac{1+\epsilon_r}{2} - \frac{2\epsilon_r}{1+\epsilon_r} = \frac{(1+\epsilon_r)^2 - 4\epsilon_r}{2(1+\epsilon_r)} = \frac{1+2\epsilon_r+4\epsilon_r^2-4\epsilon_r}{2(1+\epsilon_r)} = \frac{(1-\epsilon_r)^2}{2(1+\epsilon_r)} > 0$. So $C_b > C_a$.]

If the x axis points *down*:

	$\mathbf{E}$	$\mathbf{D}$	$\mathbf{P}$	σ_b (top surface)	σ_f (top plate)
(a) air	$\frac{2\epsilon_r}{(\epsilon_r+1)}\frac{V}{d}\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$\frac{2\epsilon_r}{(\epsilon_r+1)}\frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d}\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	0	0	$\frac{2\epsilon_r}{(\epsilon_r+1)}\frac{V}{d}$
(a) dielectric	$\frac{2}{(\epsilon_r+1)}\frac{V}{d}\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$\frac{2\epsilon_r}{(\epsilon_r+1)}\frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d}\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$\frac{2(\epsilon_r-1)}{(\epsilon_r+1)}\frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d}\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$-\frac{2(\epsilon_r-1)}{(\epsilon_r+1)}\frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d}$	—
(b) air	$\frac{V}{d}\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$\frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d}\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	0	0	$\frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d}$ (left)
(b) dielectric	$\frac{V}{d}\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$\epsilon_r\frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d}\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$(\epsilon_r-1)\frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d}\,\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$-(\epsilon_r-1)\frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d}$	$\epsilon_r\frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d}$ (right)

Problem 4.28

First find the capacitance, as a function of h:

Air part: $E = \frac{2\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 s} \Longrightarrow V = \frac{2\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\ln(b/a)$,

Oil part: $D = \frac{2\lambda'}{4\pi s} \Longrightarrow E = \frac{2\lambda'}{4\pi\epsilon s} \Longrightarrow V = \frac{2\lambda'}{4\pi\epsilon}\ln(b/a)$,

$\Bigg\} \Longrightarrow \frac{\lambda}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda'}{\epsilon}$; $\lambda' = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}\lambda = \epsilon_r\lambda$.

$Q = \lambda' h + \lambda(\ell - h) = \epsilon_r\lambda h - \lambda h + \lambda\ell = \lambda[(\epsilon_r - 1)h + \ell] = \lambda(\chi_e h + \ell)$, where ℓ is the total height.

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\lambda(\chi_e h + \ell)}{2\lambda\ln(b/a)}4\pi\epsilon_0 = 2\pi\epsilon_0\frac{(\chi_e h + \ell)}{\ln(b/a)}.$$

The net upward force is given by Eq. 4.64: $F = \frac{1}{2}V^2\frac{dC}{dh} = \frac{1}{2}V^2\frac{2\pi\epsilon_0\chi_e}{\ln(b/a)}$.
The gravitational force *down* is $F = mg = \rho\pi(b^2 - a^2)gh$.

$\Bigg\} \boxed{h = \frac{\epsilon_0\chi_e V^2}{\rho(b^2 - a^2)g\ln(b/a)}.}$

Problem 4.31

$\mathbf{P} = k\mathbf{r} = k(x\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + z\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}) \Longrightarrow \rho_b = -\nabla\cdot\mathbf{P} = -k(1+1+1) = \boxed{-3k.}$

Total volume bound charge: $\boxed{Q_{\text{vol}} = -3ka^3.}$

$\sigma_b = \mathbf{P}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{n}}$. At top surface, $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}$, $z = a/2$; so $\sigma_b = ka/2$. Clearly, $\boxed{\sigma_b = ka/2}$ on all six surfaces.

Total surface bound charge: $\boxed{Q_{\text{surf}} = 6(ka/2)a^2 = 3ka^3.}$ Total bound charge is zero. ✓