Homework Assignment #19

(due Mo, Oct. 17, 2022, at the beginning of class)

- 1. Griffiths 4.3
- 2. Griffiths 4.4

Hint: After you have determined \vec{p} of the atom, use Eq. (3.103) to determine the \vec{E} -field due to \vec{p} at the location of the charge q.

- 3. Griffiths 4.5
- 4. Griffiths 4.9

For 4.9a: put q in the origin and **r** is therefore $\mathbf{r} = x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + z \hat{\mathbf{z}}$. Then express **E** and **p** in cartesian coordinates and use the formula for the force on a dipole due to an electrostatic field.

For 4.9b use Eq. (3.104).

5. Just for Fun (will not be graded and is optional): Griffiths 4.6

Hint: Use the method of images: The figures show how to choose the image dipole $\vec{p_2}$. Then tilt the scenario as shown in the most right figure, so that you can use Eq. (3.103).



Fig.1: Dipole above infinite grounded Fig.2: Method of Images conducting plane, distance z above.