

## PHYS 703 Homework Problem

1. When a soap bubble has just barely formed, i.e., *before* surface tension has had a chance to act, it is spherical with radius  $R_0$  and the internal air pressure is the same as the external atmospheric pressure. The inward pressure due to surface tension is  $4\Gamma/R$ , where  $\Gamma$  is the surface tension and  $R$  is the bubble radius. What is the radius  $R$  of the bubble in equilibrium? A charge  $Q$  is now placed on the bubble and distributes itself uniformly across the surface. What is the new equilibrium radius  $R_Q$ ? [Assume that the temperature  $T$  of everything involved remains the standard temperature throughout.]