

**21.98.** A small sphere with mass  $m$  carries a positive charge  $q$  and is attached to one end of a silk fiber of length  $L$ . The other end of the fiber is attached to a large vertical insulating sheet that has a positive surface charge density  $\sigma$ . Show that when the sphere is in equilibrium, the fiber makes an angle equal to  $\arctan (q\sigma/2mg\epsilon_0)$  with the vertical sheet.

*Note that  $k_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ .*