

Multiple choice questions:

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1. (20 marks) Two 1.0-cm-diameter non-conducting spheres have a total charge of $75.0 \mu\text{C}$ (shared between them) and are placed 1.05 m apart. The spheres are not connected to each other

- 10 a) If the force each exerts on the other is 11.0 N and is attractive, what is the charge on each?
 10 b) If the force each exerts on the other is 11.0 N and is repulsive, what is the charge on each?

$$q_1 + q_2 = 75.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} \quad |F| = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|q_1(75.0 \times 10^{-6} - q_1)|}{(1.05)^2 \text{ m}^2} = 11.0 \text{ N}$$

a) If force is attractive, then q_1 and q_2 must be of opposite sign

$$\therefore \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1(75.0 \times 10^{-6} - q_1)}{(1.05)^2} = -11.0$$

$$\therefore q_1^2 - 75.0 \times 10^{-6} q_1 - 11.0 \times (1.05)^2 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 8.85 \times 10^{-12} = 0$$

$$q_1^2 - 75.0 \times 10^{-6} q_1 - 1.35 \times 10^{-9} = 0$$

$$q_1 = \frac{75.0 \times 10^{-6} \pm \sqrt{5.625 \times 10^{-9} + 5.4 \times 10^{-9}}}{2}$$

$$= 90 \times 10^{-6} \text{ or } 15 \times 10^{-6}$$

\therefore one charge is $90.0 \mu\text{C}$, the other is $-15.0 \mu\text{C}$

b) If force is repulsive, then q_1 and q_2 must have the same sign

$$\therefore \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1(75.0 \times 10^{-6} - q_1)}{(1.05)^2} = +11$$

$$\therefore q_1 = \frac{75.0 \times 10^{-6} \pm \sqrt{5.625 \times 10^{-9} - 5.4 \times 10^{-9}}}{2}$$

$$= 45 \times 10^{-6} \text{ or } 30 \times 10^{-6}$$

\therefore one charge is $+45.0 \mu\text{C}$, the other is $+30.0 \mu\text{C}$

x version: a) $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1(100 \times 10^{-6} - q_1)}{(1.25)^2} = -7.73$

$$\therefore q_1^2 - 100 \times 10^{-6} q_1 - 1.344 \times 10^{-9} = 0$$

$$q_1 = \frac{100 \times 10^{-6} \pm \sqrt{10^{-8} + 5.38 \times 10^{-9}}}{2}$$

$$= 112 \times 10^{-6} \text{ or } 12 \times 10^{-6}$$

\therefore charges are $+112 \mu\text{C}$ and $-12.0 \mu\text{C}$

b) $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1(100 \times 10^{-6} - q_1)}{(1.25)^2} = +7.73$

$$q_1 = \frac{100 \times 10^{-6} \pm \sqrt{10^{-8} - 5.38 \times 10^{-9}}}{2}$$

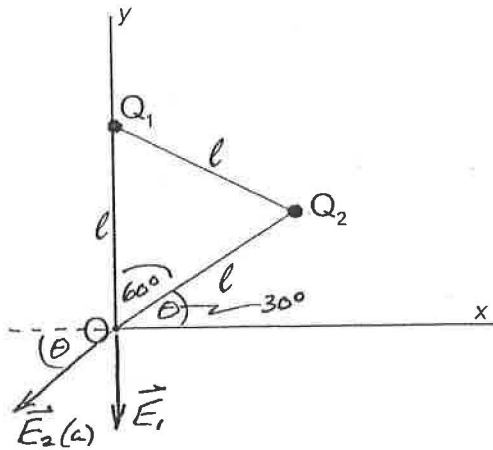
$$= 84 \times 10^{-6} \text{ or } 16 \times 10^{-6}$$

\therefore charges are $+84.0 \mu\text{C}$ and $+16.0 \mu\text{C}$

2. (20 marks) Find the total electric field \vec{E} (as a vector) at the origin O in the figure as a result of the charges Q_1 and Q_2 , under the following conditions:

10 a) The distances l are 25cm, and the charges are $Q_1 = +5.0 \mu\text{C}$ and $Q_2 = +10.0 \mu\text{C}$;

10 b) The values of l and Q_1 are the same as in part (a) but $Q_2 = -10.0 \mu\text{C}$.



$$a) \vec{E}_1 = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_1}{l^2} \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{E}_2 = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_2}{l^2} \cos\theta \hat{i} - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_2}{l^2} \sin\theta \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 l^2} \left[Q_2 \cos\theta \hat{i} + (Q_1 + Q_2 \sin\theta) \hat{j} \right]$$

$$= \frac{-9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2/\text{C}^2}{(0.25 \text{ m})^2} \left[10.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} \times 0.866 \hat{i} + (5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} + 10.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} \times 0.5) \hat{j} \right]$$

$$= \boxed{-1.24 \times 10^6 \text{ N/C} \hat{i} - 1.44 \times 10^6 \text{ N/C} \hat{j}}$$

$$|E| = 1.90 \times 10^6 \text{ N/C} \quad \phi = -131^\circ$$

b) Change the sign of Q_2

$$\therefore \vec{E} = \frac{-9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2/\text{C}^2}{(0.25 \text{ m})^2} \left[-10.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} \times 0.866 \hat{i} + (5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} - 10.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} \times 0.5) \hat{j} \right]$$

$$= \boxed{1.25 \times 10^6 \text{ N/C} \hat{i}}$$

X version: parts (a) and (b) reversed

3. (20 marks) A thin cylindrical shell of radius $R_1 = 3.0$ cm is surrounded by a second concentric cylindrical shell of radius $R_2 = 7.0$ cm. Both cylinders are 7.0 m long and the inner one carries a total charge $Q_1 = -4.8 \mu\text{C}$ and the outer one $Q_2 = +5.6 \mu\text{C}$. The charges are uniformly distributed over the respective cylinders. For points far from the ends of the cylinders, determine the electric field at a radial distance r from the central axis for the following cases:

- 6 (a) 2.8 cm;
7 (b) 5.0 cm;
7 (c) 9.0 cm.

$$a) E(2.8 \text{ cm}) \cdot A = \frac{Q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0} = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{E = 0}$$

$$b) E(5.0 \text{ cm}) \cdot 2\pi(0.05 \text{ m})l = \frac{-4.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} l}{7.0 \text{ m} \epsilon_0}$$

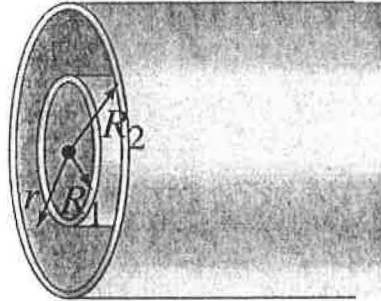
$$\therefore E = \frac{-4.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{2\pi(0.05 \text{ m}) \times 7.0 \text{ m} \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2}$$

$$\boxed{= -2.5 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C (towards center)}}$$

$$c) E(9.0 \text{ cm}) \cdot 2\pi(0.09 \text{ m})l = \frac{+0.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} l}{7.0 \text{ m} \epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{+0.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{2\pi(0.09 \text{ m}) \times 7.0 \text{ m} \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2}$$

$$\boxed{= +2.3 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C (pointing out)}}$$



X version: $a) E(8.5 \text{ cm}) \cdot 2\pi(0.085 \text{ m})l = \frac{-0.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} l}{7.0 \text{ m} \epsilon_0}$

$$E = \frac{-0.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{2\pi(0.085 \text{ m}) \times 7.0 \text{ m} \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2}$$

$$\boxed{= -2.4 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C (pointing in)}}$$

$$b) E(6.0 \text{ cm}) \cdot 2\pi(0.06 \text{ m})l = \frac{4.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} l}{7.0 \text{ m} \epsilon_0}$$

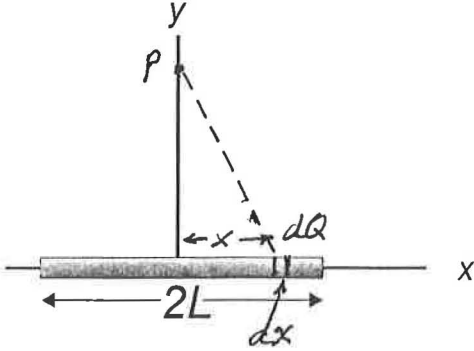
$$E = \frac{4.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{2\pi(0.060 \text{ m}) \times 7.0 \text{ m} \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2}$$

$$\boxed{= +2.1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C (pointing out)}}$$

c) No charge is enclosed

$$\boxed{E = 0}$$

4. (20 marks) A thin rod of length $2L$ is centered on the x axis as shown in the figure. The rod carries a uniformly distributed charge Q . Determine the potential V as a function of y for points along the y axis. Let $V = 0$ at infinity.



$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq}{r} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-L}^L \frac{\lambda dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \\
 &= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) \right]_{-L}^L \\
 &= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\ln(L + \sqrt{L^2 + y^2}) - \ln(-L + \sqrt{L^2 + y^2}) \right] \\
 &= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{L^2 + y^2} + L}{\sqrt{L^2 + y^2} - L}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

but $\lambda = \frac{Q}{2L}$

$$\therefore V = \frac{Q}{8\pi\epsilon_0 L} \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{L^2 + y^2} + L}{\sqrt{L^2 + y^2} - L}\right)$$

