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Physics 207 Exam 1 – Flavor 1

Problem 1 (6 points) There are two electrically neutral spheres. 5.40×10^{11} electrons are transferred from sphere 2 to sphere 1. As a result the net electric force on a proton at point P is 1.40×10^{-17} N. What is the distance d? Assume that the radii of the spheres are much smaller than d.
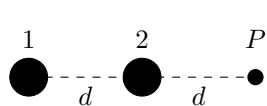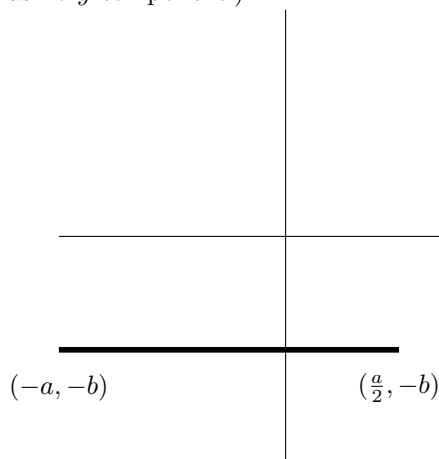

(A) 0.914 m
(B) 2.11 m [4 pts]
(C) 2.58 m [6 pts]
(D) 3.33 m [3 pts]

(E) 4.19 m
(F) 5.85 m
(G) 6.67 m [3 pts]
(H) 8.26 m

**Problem 2 (2 points)** What direction is the force on this proton?
(A) Right [2 points]
(B) Left

Problem 3 (4 points) A line of charge with uniform charge density $+\lambda$ exists from $(-a, -b)$ to $(a/2, -b)$. Which of the options below represents the direction of the electric field at the origin due to this line of charge? (e.g. Quadrant 1 would represent an electric field anywhere in that region, whereas $+x$ would represent an electric field ONLY pointing in $+x$ and has no y-component.)

(A) $+x$ [1 pts]
(B) Quadrant 1 [4 pts]
(C) $+y$ [1 pts]
(D) Quadrant 2
(E) $-x$
(F) Quadrant 3 [1 pts]
(G) $-y$
(H) Quadrant 4

Problem 4 (8 points) The electric field in a region of space can be described by $\vec{E} = (6x^2)\hat{\imath} + (9y^2)\hat{k}$. What is the electric flux through the rectangle in the xy-plane shown below? Note that the electric field vector and positions are given in SI units.
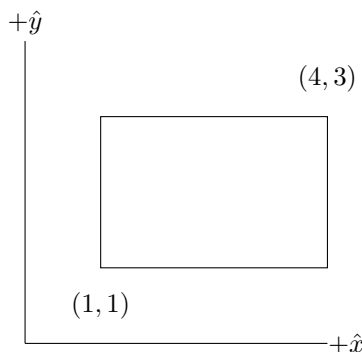

(A) 68 Nm^2/C
(B) 126 Nm^2/C [6 points]
(C) 234 Nm^2/C [8 points]
(D) 432 Nm^2/C [5 points]
(E) 621 Nm^2/C [2 points]
(F) 1154 Nm^2/C

Problem 5 (6 points) A $+3$ μC charged particle at location A has a kinetic energy of 240 μJ and at location B is has a kinetic energy of 150 μJ. If we know that the potential at point B is 15 V, what is the potential at point A?
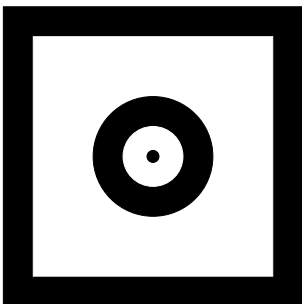
(A) $+105$ V

(B) $+75$ V

(C) $+45$ V [4 points]

(D) $+15$ V

(E) -15 V [6 points]

(F) -45 V [4 points]

(G) -75 V [3 points]

(H) -105 V

Problem 6 (10 points) An insulating line of charge is along the x-axis from the origin to $x = a$ as shown in the figure. The line has a charge density $\lambda(x) = \lambda_0(x - a)^2$. Which well-defined integral below correctly represents the electric force on a charge $+q$ at the point $(-b, 0)$?

(A) $+ kq\lambda_0 \int_{-b}^{a} \dfrac{(x-a)^2 dx}{(b-x)^2} \hat{\imath}$

(B) $+ kq\lambda_0 \int_{-b}^{a} \dfrac{(x-a)^2 dx}{(b+x)^2} \hat{\imath}$ [2 points]

(C) $+ kq\lambda_0 \int_{0}^{a} \dfrac{(x-a)^2 dx}{(b-x)^2} \hat{\imath}$ [4 points]

(D) $+ kq\lambda_0 \int_{0}^{a} \dfrac{(x-a)^2 dx}{(b+x)^2} \hat{\imath}$ [6 points]

(E) $- kq\lambda_0 \int_{-b}^{a} \dfrac{(x-a)^2 dx}{(b-x)^2} \hat{\imath}$ [2 points]

(F) $- kq\lambda_0 \int_{-b}^{a} \dfrac{(x-a)^2 dx}{(b+x)^2} \hat{\imath}$ [4 points]

(G) $- kq\lambda_0 \int_{0}^{a} \dfrac{(x-a)^2 dx}{(b-x)^2} \hat{\imath}$ [8 points]

(H) $- kq\lambda_0 \int_{0}^{a} \dfrac{(x-a)^2 dx}{(b+x)^2} \hat{\imath}$ [10 points]

$(-b, 0)$ $(a, 0)$
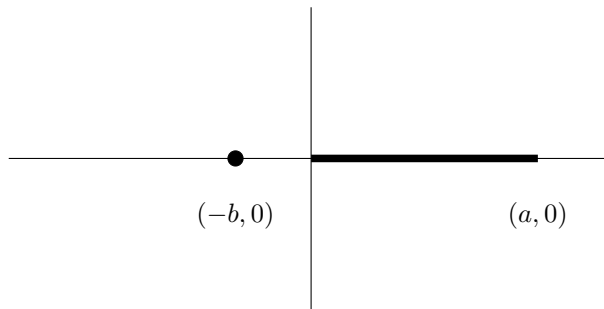
Problem 7 (4 points) In the figure below there is a point charge, -2 μC, a thick-walled spherical shell with charge -3 μC and a thick-walled cubic shell with charge 8 μC. How much charge builds up on the inside (q_{inner}) and outside (q_{outer}) surfaces of the cube?

(A) $q_{inner} = +2$ μC and $q_{outer} = -5$ μC [1 point]

(B) $q_{inner} = +2$ μC and $q_{outer} = -2$ μC

(C) $q_{inner} = +2$ μC and $q_{outer} = +6$ μC

(D) $q_{inner} = +3$ μC and $q_{outer} = -2$ μC

(E) $q_{inner} = +3$ μC and $q_{outer} = +5$ μC [1 point]

(F) $q_{inner} = +5$ μC and $q_{outer} = -5$ μC [1 point]

(G) $q_{inner} = +5$ μC and $q_{outer} = +3$ μC [4 points]

Problem 8 (4 points) An electron moves in a region of space where the electric field is sinusoidal as shown below. Each tick mark is 1 unit of length. What happens to the potential energy of this system as the electron moves from $x = 2$ to $x = 4$?
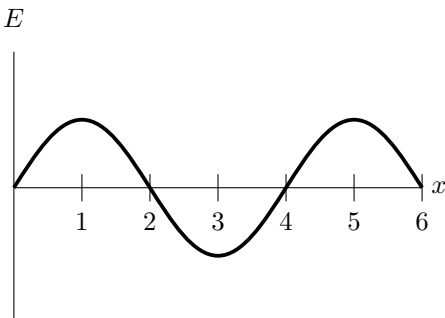
(A) The potential energy increases during the whole motion. [2 points]

(B) The potential energy decreases during the whole motion. [4 points]

(C) The potential energy increases and then decreases for a net change of zero. [1 point]

(D) The potential energy decreases and then increases for a net change of zero. [2 points]

(E) The potential energy stays constant through the whole motion.

(F) It is impossible to tell what happens to the potential energy.

Problem 9 (6 points) In a region of space, there is a function for the potential $V(x, y) = 4x^3(y - 2)$. What is the electric field vector at the position $(-2, 5)$?

(A) $\vec{E} = +144\hat{x} - 32\hat{y}$ [4 points]
(B) $\vec{E} = +96\hat{x} + 96\hat{y}$
(C) $\vec{E} = +48\hat{x} + 48\hat{y}$ [1 point]
(D) $\vec{E} = +48\hat{x} - 80\hat{y}$

(E) $\vec{E} = -144\hat{x} + 32\hat{y}$ [6 points]
(F) $\vec{E} = -96\hat{x} - 96\hat{y}$
(G) $\vec{E} = -48\hat{x} - 48\hat{y}$ [2 points]
(H) $\vec{E} = -48\hat{x} + 80\hat{y}$

Problem 10 (10 points) A charge -8 μC is at the origin and there is a uniform electric field $\vec{E} = 2600\hat{\jmath}$. What angle does the net electric field make at the position $(4, 3)$? Give your answer relative to the $+\hat{x}$-axis. Note that the electric field vector and positions are given in SI units.

$(4, 3)$
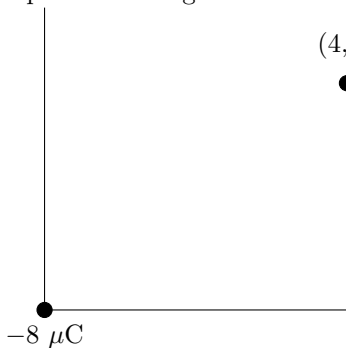
(A) 21 degrees [7 points]
(B) 37 degrees
(C) 62 degrees [6 points]
(D) 159 degrees [10 points]
(E) 170 degrees [6 points]
(F) 194 degrees
(G) 217 degrees [3 points]
(H) 339 degrees [7 points]

-8 μC

Problem 11 (8 points) In a region of space there is an electric field $\vec{E} = 4000\hat{\imath}$. There is also a point charge $+50$ μC at the origin. How much work is done by the net electric force to move another $+50$ μC charge from the point $(-6, 0)$ to the point $(0, 10)$? Note that the electric field vector and positions are given in SI units.

$\hat{y}$

$(0, 10)$

$\vec{E}$

$(-6, 0)$

$+50$ μC

$\hat{x}$
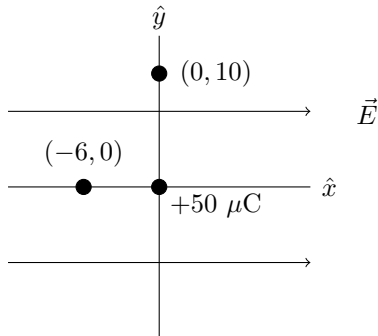
(A) 8.2 J
(B) 5.5 J
(C) 4.5 J
(D) 3.8 J [5 points]
(E) 2.7 J [8 points]
(F) 1.5 J [4 points]
(G) 1.2 J [4 points]
(H) 0.3 J [6 points]

Problem 12 (10 points) A uniformly charged insulating sphere has a radius R and a total charge $-Q$. The sphere is centered at the origin. What is the potential difference $V(R/2) - V(0)$?

(A) 0

(B) $-\dfrac{3Q}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R}$ [3 points]

(C) $-\dfrac{11Q}{32\pi\epsilon_0 R}$ [4 points]

(D) $-\dfrac{Q}{32\pi\epsilon_0 R}$ [8 points]

(E) ∞

(F) $+\dfrac{3Q}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R}$ [2 points]

(G) $+\dfrac{11Q}{32\pi\epsilon_0 R}$ [3 points]

(H) $+\dfrac{Q}{32\pi\epsilon_0 R}$ [10 points]

Problem 13 (10 points) An insulating, hollow sphere has inner radius a and outer radius b. Within the insulating material the volume charge density is given by $\rho(r) = \frac{\alpha}{r^2}$, where α is a positive constant. What is the magnitude of the electric field at a distance r from the center of the shell where $a < r < b$?

(A) $\dfrac{\alpha(b-a)}{\epsilon_0 r^2}$ [8 points]

(B) $\dfrac{\alpha(r-a)}{\epsilon_0 r^2}$ [10 points]

(C) $\left(\dfrac{\alpha}{a} - \dfrac{\alpha}{r}\right)\left(\dfrac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}\right)$ [6 points]

(D) $\left(\dfrac{\alpha}{a} - \dfrac{\alpha}{b}\right)\left(\dfrac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}\right)$ [4 points]

(E) $\dfrac{\alpha(b^2 - a^2)}{2\epsilon_0 r^2}$ [2 points]

(F) $\dfrac{\alpha(r^2 - a^2)}{2\epsilon_0 r^2}$ [4 points]

(G) 0

Problem 14 (4 points) In the figure below, you are given that the net electric field at P is in the negative x-direction and the positive y-direction. Let the distance from P to q_1 be the same as the distance from q_1 to q_2. Which single statement below MUST be true?
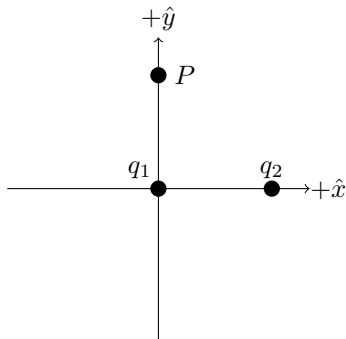

(A) $|q_1| = |q_2|$
(B) $|q_1| > |q_2|$
(C) $|q_1| < |q_2|$
(D) $q_1 > 0$ [1 point]
(E) $q_1 < 0$
(F) $q_2 > 0$ [4 points]
(G) $q_2 < 0$

Problem 15 (4 points) A sphere with a radius of 2 meters is centered at the origin. There are 5 protons at the position $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 1)$, 3 electrons at the position $(x, y, z) = (1, 1, 0)$ and 7 protons at the position $(x, y, z) = (3, 2, 1)$. What is the flux through this sphere?

(A) $+\dfrac{15e}{\epsilon_0}$

(B) $+\dfrac{9e}{\epsilon_0}$ [1 point]

(C) $+\dfrac{8e}{\epsilon_0}$

(D) $+\dfrac{5e}{\epsilon_0}$

(E) $+\dfrac{2e}{\epsilon_0}$ [4 points]

(F) $-\dfrac{2e}{\epsilon_0}$

(G) $-\dfrac{3e}{\epsilon_0}$

(H) $-\dfrac{4e}{\epsilon_0}$

Problem 16 (4 points) In the figure below, there are three labeled points. Which point or points have the largest potential assuming that $V = 0$ infinitely far away?
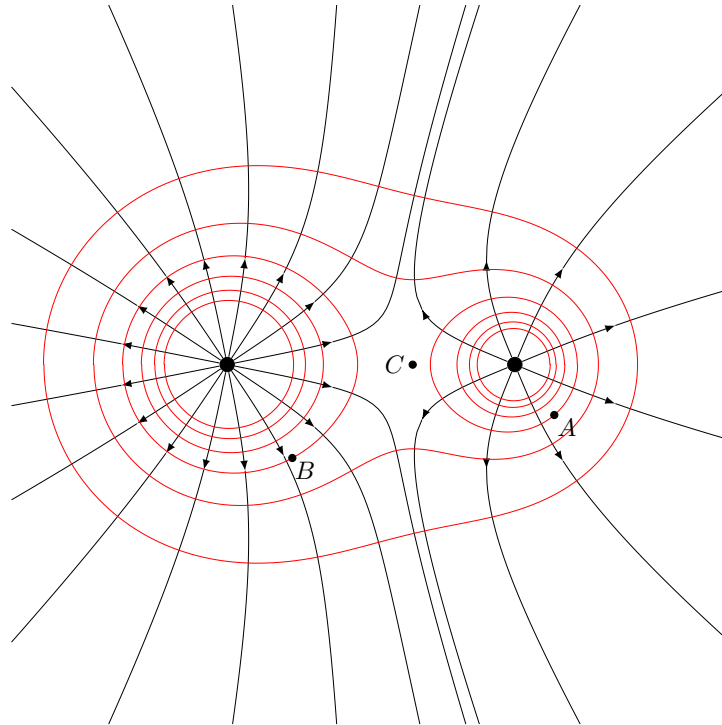
(A) Point A has the largest potential. [1 point]
(B) Point B has the largest potential. [1 point]
(C) Point C has the largest potential.
(D) Points A and B are identical and have the largest potential. [4 points]
(E) Points A and C are identical and have the largest potential.
(F) Points B and C are identical and have the largest potential.
(G) Points A, B and C are all identical and as such have the largest potential.

Scratch Paper

Useful Constants:
Acceleration due to gravity: $g = 9.80$ m/s^2
Basic unit of charge: $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C
Mass of electron: $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31}$ kg
Mass of proton/neutron: $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$ kg
Coulomb constant: $k = 8.99 \times 10^9$ Nm^2/C^2
Permittivity of free space: $\epsilon_0 = 1/(4\pi k) = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ C^2/Nm^2
Permeability of free space: $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ Tm/A
Speed of light in a vacuum: $c = 3 \times 10^8$ m/s
Planck's Constant: $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$ Js
eV to joule conversion: 1 eV $= 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ J
kilowatt-hour to joule conversion: 1 kW·hr$=3.6 \times 10^6$ J
Atomic Mass Unit: 1 u $= 1.66054 \times 10^{-27}$ kg $= 931.5$ MeV/c^2

Vector Concepts:
Unit Vector: $\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$
Gradient: $\vec{\nabla} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\hat{x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\hat{y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\hat{z}$
Dot Product: $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}||\vec{B}|\cos\theta$
Dot Product: $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$
Cross Product:

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = |\vec{A}||\vec{B}|\sin\theta$$
$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y)\hat{x} - (A_x B_z - A_z B_x)\hat{y}$$
$$+ (A_x B_y - A_y B_x)\hat{z}$$

Sample Indefinite Integrals:

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 \pm a^2}} = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 \pm a^2}) + c$$

$$\int \frac{xdx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} + c$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x}{a^2\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} + c$$

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + c (n \neq -1)$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln(x) + c$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a}\arctan\frac{1}{x} + c$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \arcsin\frac{x}{a} + c$$

SI Prefixes:
T$=\times 10^{12}$, G$=\times 10^9$, M$=\times 10^6$, k$=\times 10^3$
c$=\times 10^{-2}$, m$=\times 10^{-3}$
$\mu=\times 10^{-6}$, n$=\times 10^{-9}$, p$=\times 10^{-12}$, f$=\times 10^{-15}$

Useful integral relationships:
Spherical: $dV = 4\pi r^2 dr$
Cylindrical (with constant r): $dV = \pi r^2 dz$
Cylindrical (with constant z): $dV = z2\pi r dr$
Cylindrical (with constant r): $dA = 2\pi r dz$
Cylindrical (with constant z): $dA = 2\pi r dr$

Geometry:
Surface Area of a Sphere: $A = 4\pi r^2$
Volume of a Sphere: $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
Area of curved region of a cylinder: $A = 2\pi rh$
Volume of a cylinder: $V = \pi r^2 h$

Physics 1 Concepts:
Work: $W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$
Potential Energy of conservative force:
$W_{cons} = -\Delta U$
Kinetic Energy: $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
Momentum: $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$

Chapter 21:

Coulomb's Law [N]: $\vec{F} = \dfrac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}\hat{r}$

Force due to an electric field [N]: $\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$

E Field due to a pt. charge [N/C]: $\vec{E} = \dfrac{kq}{r^2}\hat{r}$

E Field due to a continuous charge dist. [N/C]:

$\vec{E} = \displaystyle\int \dfrac{kdq}{r^2}\hat{r}$

Electric dipole moment [Cm]: $\vec{p} = q\vec{d}$

Torque on an electric dipole [Nm]: $\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$

Electric pot. energy stored in electric dipole [J]:

$U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$

Chapter 22:

Electric Flux [Vm or Nm^2/C]: $\Phi_E = \displaystyle\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$

Electric Flux when E and θ are const.
on the surface: $\Phi_E = EA\cos\theta$

Gauss's Law (vacuum): $\Phi_E = \displaystyle\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \dfrac{Q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0}$

Chapter 23: The below equations generally but not always assume that $V(\infty) = 0$ and/or $U(\infty) = 0$.

Elec. pot. energy between 2 pt charges [J]:

$U = \dfrac{kq_1q_2}{r}$

Elec. pot. difference btw. two locations [V or J/C]:

$\Delta V = \dfrac{\Delta U}{q}$ (or often) $V = \dfrac{U}{q}$

Electric potential due to a point charge [V]:

$V = \dfrac{kq}{r}$

Electric potential due to a charge dist. [V]:

$V = \displaystyle\int \dfrac{kdq}{r}$

Relating $\vec{E}$ and V: $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V$

$\Delta V = V_b - V_a = -\displaystyle\int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$