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Fundamental constants

- $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2 / \text{C}^2$ (Coulomb constant)
- $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 / (\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ (Permittivity of free space)
- $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} = 1.26 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H/m}$ (Permeability of free space)
- $e = +1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ (Elementary unit of charge)
- $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$ (Avogadro's number)
- $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ (Acceleration due to gravity)
- $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ (Conversion from eV to J)
- $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ (Electron mass)
- $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ (Proton mass)

Prefixes of units

- $m = 10^{-3}$ $\mu = 10^{-6}$ $n = 10^{-9}$ $p = 10^{-12}$
- $k = 10^3$ $M = 10^6$ $G = 10^9$ $T = 10^{12}$

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The credit points for each problem are indicated in parentheses. The conceptual questions carry 1 point each.

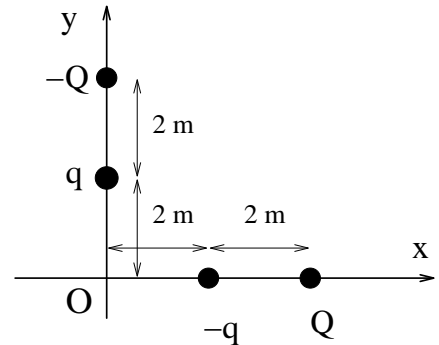
PART I. Solve the following problems. Show your solution in detail.

1. Four point charges are placed in the xy-plane as shown. $Q = 8 \mu\text{C}$ and $q = 1 \mu\text{C}$. Find the direction of the net electric field at O relative to the positive x-axis. **[3 points]**

$$E_x = +\frac{kq}{(2m)^2} - \frac{kQ}{(4m)^2}$$

$$E_y = -\frac{kq}{(2m)^2} + \frac{kQ}{(4m)^2}$$

$$\Theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{E_y}{E_x}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}}{+\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}}\right) = 135^\circ$$



2. A plastic spherical shell ($R_{\text{in}} = 2 \text{ m}$, $R_{\text{out}} = 3 \text{ m}$) centered at the origin has uniform volume charge density ρ . The magnitude of electric field at point P (4 m, 3 m) is $E = 16 \text{ N/C}$. What is the value of ρ ? **[3 points]**

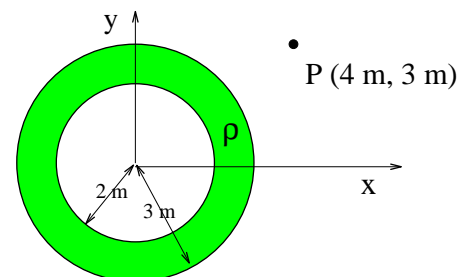
due to the symmetry

$$\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E4\pi r^2 = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

with $r = \sqrt{(3\text{m})^2 + (4\text{m})^2} = 5\text{m}$

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = \rho \frac{4}{3} \pi [(3\text{m})^3 - (2\text{m})^3]$$

so
$$\rho = \frac{\epsilon_0 E 4\pi (5\text{m})^2}{\frac{4}{3} \pi [(3\text{m})^3 - (2\text{m})^3]} = 5.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C/m}^3$$

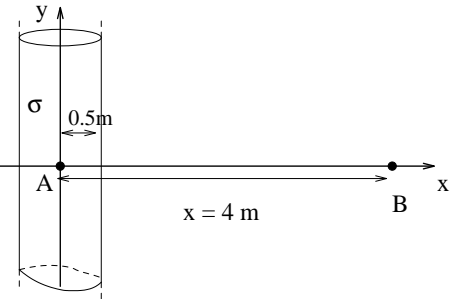


3. An infinitely long metal cylinder ($R = 0.5 \text{ m}$), with its axis along the y -axis, has uniform surface charge density $\sigma = 4 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$. Calculate the potential difference $V_A - V_B$ between points A ($x = 0 \text{ m}$) and B ($x = 4 \text{ m}$) along the x -axis. **[4 points]**

$$\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E 2\pi r L = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma 2\pi(0.5\text{m})L}{\epsilon_0}$$

so $E = \frac{\sigma 0.5\text{m}}{\epsilon_0 r}$ and

$$V_A - V_B = \int E dr = \int_{0.5\text{m}}^{4\text{m}} \frac{\sigma 0.5\text{m}}{\epsilon_0 r} dr = \frac{\sigma 0.5\text{m}}{\epsilon_0} \int_{0.5\text{m}}^{4\text{m}} \ln\left[\frac{4\text{m}}{0.5\text{m}}\right] = 4.7 \times 10^5 \text{ V}$$



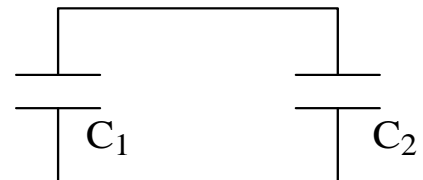
4. A capacitor $C_1 = 4 \mu\text{F}$ is charged to a potential difference V_0 and then connected to an uncharged capacitor $C_2 = 2 \mu\text{F}$, as shown. The final energy stored in C_2 is $4 \mu\text{J}$. What was the original energy stored in C_1 before it was connected to C_2 ? **[3 points]**

$$U_2 = \frac{C_2 V^2}{2} \Rightarrow V = 2 \text{ V}$$

The charge is conserved so

$$Q_0 = C_{eq} V = 6 \mu\text{F} \cdot 2\text{V} = 12 \mu\text{C}$$

$$U_0 = \frac{Q_0^2}{2C_1} = \frac{(12 \mu\text{C})^2}{2 \cdot 4 \mu\text{F}} = 18 \mu\text{J}$$



5. Two wires A and B are made of the same copper material. Wire A has twice the diameter and half the length of wire B and both are connected to the same potential difference. The energy dissipated in wire A is 16 J per second. What is the rate of energy dissipation in wire B? **[2 points]**

$$R_A = \frac{\rho L_B / 2}{A_B^4} = \frac{R_B}{8} \Rightarrow R_B = 8R_A$$

$$P_B = \frac{V^2}{R_B} = \frac{V^2}{8R_A} = \frac{P_A}{8} = 2 \text{ W}$$

6. A current $I = 2 \text{ A}$ flows in the right section of the circuit, as shown. What is the current supplied by the battery? **[4 points]**

From the loop rule in the right :

$$RI = 8\Omega I_{8\Omega} = 6\Omega 2A \Rightarrow I_{8\Omega} = 1.5A$$

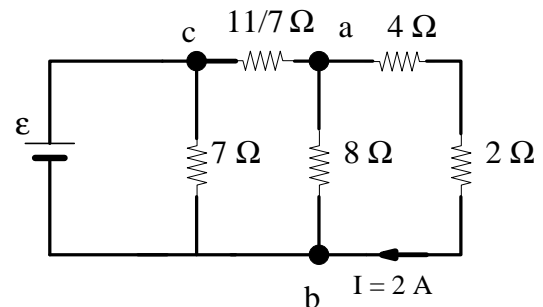
$$I_{ab} = 2A + 1.5A = 3.5A$$

$$R_{ab} = \frac{24}{7}\Omega; \quad R_{ab} + \frac{11}{7}\Omega = 5\Omega = R_{cb-right}$$

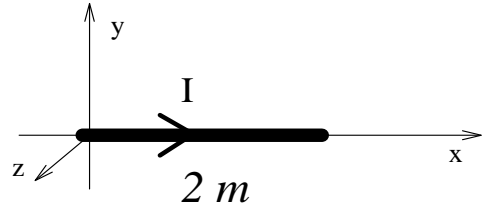
From the middle loop with $R_{cb-right}$ in the right

$$7\Omega I_{7\Omega} = 5\Omega 3.5A \Rightarrow I_{7\Omega} = (5/7)3.5A = 2.5A$$

$$I_{battery} = 2.5A + 3.5A = 6A$$

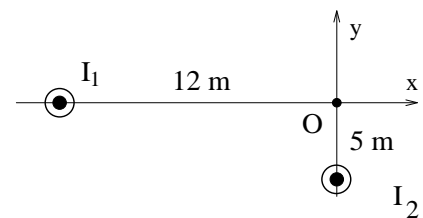


7. A 2m-long wire carrying current $I = 3 \text{ A}$ is placed along the x-axis in a magnetic field given by $\vec{B} = (2.6\hat{i} + 4.4\hat{j} + 5.3\hat{k})T$. Calculate the force acting on the wire in terms of the unit vectors. **[3 points]**



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{F} &= I\vec{L} \times \vec{B} \\ \vec{F} &= 12m\hat{i} \times (2.6\hat{i} + 4.4\hat{j} + 5.3\hat{k})T \\ \Downarrow \\ \vec{F} &= \underbrace{-31.8\hat{j}N}_{\text{}} + \underbrace{26.4\hat{k}N}_{\text{}} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

8. Two infinitely long wires carrying currents $I_1 = 2 \text{ A}$, $I_2 = 3 \text{ A}$ are perpendicular to the page and pointing outward, as shown. Find the magnitude of the net magnetic field at point O. **[2 points]**



$$\left. \begin{aligned} B_{1x} &= 0 \\ B_{1y} &= \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi 12m} \\ B_{2x} &= -\frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi 5m} \\ B_{2y} &= \end{aligned} \right\}$$

so

$$B = \sqrt{B_1^2 + B_2^2} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{12}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2} = 1.24 \times 10^{-7} T$$

9. An infinitely long hollow cylinder ($R_{in} = 0.3 \text{ m}$, $R_{out} = 0.7 \text{ m}$), placed along the y-axis, carries a current that has uniform density $J = 2.4 \text{ A/m}^2$. A circular loop ($R = 0.2 \text{ m}$) lying in the xy-plane with its center at point P ($2 \text{ m}, 0 \text{ m}$) has current I flowing as shown. The magnetic field at the center of the circular loop is 0. Find the value of I . [4 points]

From Ampere's law due to cylindrical symmetry:

$$\oint B_{cyl} dl = B_{cyl} 2\pi r = \mu_0 I_{enc} = \mu_0 J \pi [0.7^2 - 0.3^2]$$

so
$$B_{cyl} = \frac{\mu_0 J \pi [0.7^2 - 0.3^2]}{2\pi 2m}$$

$$B_{circle} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \cdot 0.2m}$$

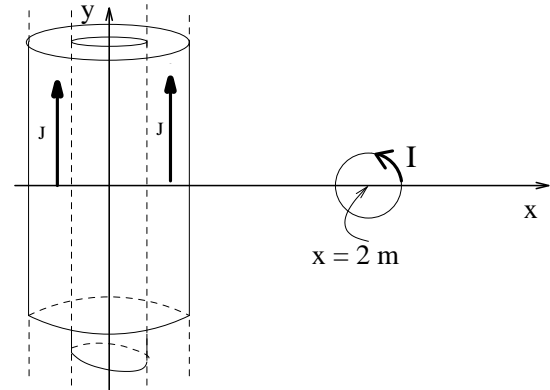
At the center of the circle

$$|B_{cylinder}| = |B_{circle}|$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{\mu_0 \pi [0.7^2 - 0.3^2] J}{2\pi 2m} = \frac{\mu_0 I_{circle}}{2a} \Rightarrow \Rightarrow$$

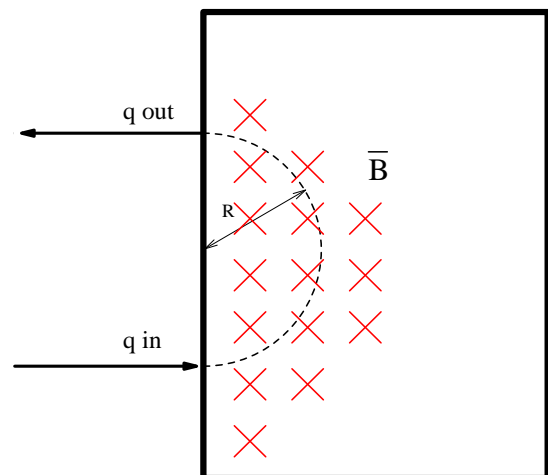
$$I_{circle} = \frac{a [0.7^2 - 0.3^2] J}{2} = 9.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ A}$$



10. A particle of mass $m = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg}$ and charge $q = 5 \text{ mC}$ enters a region of uniform magnetic field ($B = 2 \text{ T}$) and leaves it with a speed of 10 m/s after completing a half-circle path in the magnetic field. What is the time spent by the particle in the magnetic field? [2 points]

$$t = T/2$$

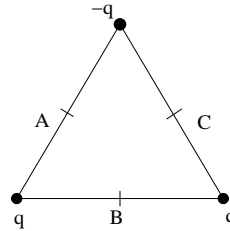
$$t = \frac{2\pi}{2\omega} = \frac{\pi m}{qB} = 1.57 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}$$



Part II. Conceptual questions. Tick the best answer.

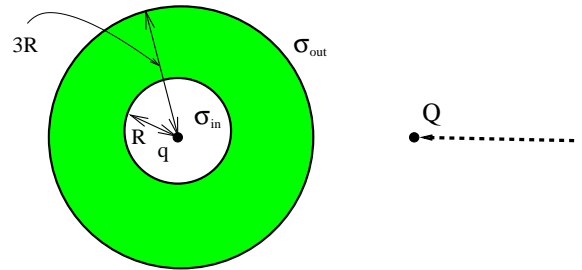
1. Three point charges are fixed at the vertices of an equilateral triangle, as shown. Points A, B, and C are midpoints of the sides. At which midpoint is the net electric field the smallest?

- a. A
- b. B**
- c. C
- d. All have the same electric field.



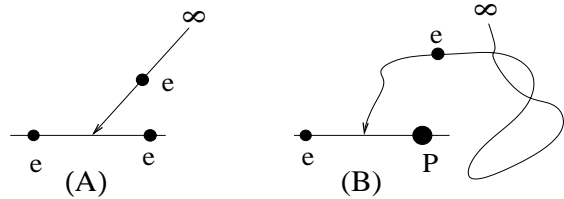
2. A metal spherical shell with inner radius R outer radius $3R$ has a point charge q at its center as shown. The inner and outer surface charge densities (σ_{in} and σ_{out}) are uniform. Then a point charge $Q (= 2q)$ is placed at a distance $5R$ from the center of the shell.

- a. σ_{in} will change to become non-uniform.
- b. σ_{out} will change to become non-uniform.**
- c. Both σ_{in} and σ_{out} will change to become non-uniform.
- d. Not enough information to decide.



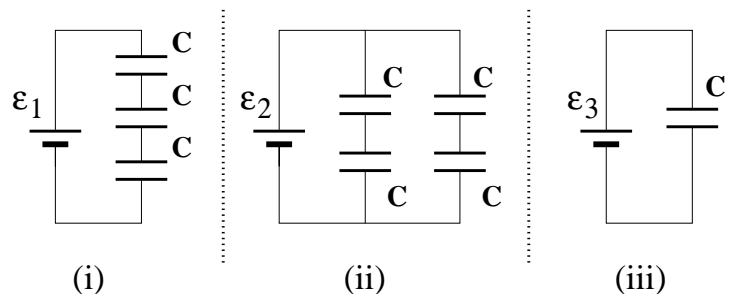
3. In two separate situations we move an electron from an infinitely far point to a point midway between two charges (either proton or electron). What is the sign of the work done by the electric field on the electron?

- a. A negative, B positive.
- b. A positive, B zero.
- c. A negative, B zero.**
- d. A zero, B negative.



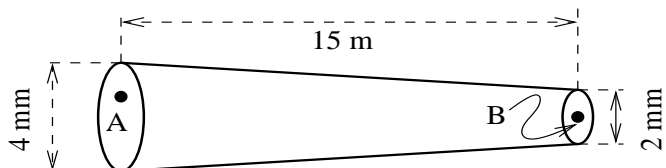
4. In three separate circuits identical capacitors C are fully charged with different batteries and have identical charges Q on each of the capacitors. Rank the batteries according to their emfs.

- a. $\mathcal{E}_1 < \mathcal{E}_2 < \mathcal{E}_3$
- b. $\mathcal{E}_3 < \mathcal{E}_2 < \mathcal{E}_1$**
- c. $\mathcal{E}_2 < \mathcal{E}_1 < \mathcal{E}_3$
- d. $\mathcal{E}_1 < \mathcal{E}_3 < \mathcal{E}_2$



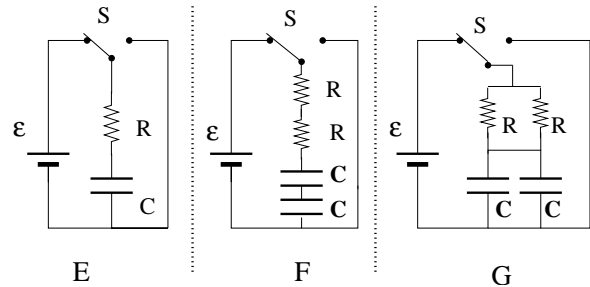
5. The diameter of a 15m-long copper wire smoothly and linearly changes from 4 mm (point A) to 2mm (point B), as shown. The wire carries 2 A current. The electric field at the point A is E_A and at point B is E_B . The relation between E_A and E_B is the following

- a. $E_A = E_B/4$**
- b. $E_A = E_B/2$
- c. $E_A = 2E_B$
- d. $E_A = 4E_B$



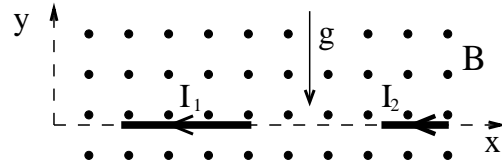
6. Identical resistors, $R = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$, capacitors, $C = 4 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$, and batteries, $\mathcal{E} = 10 \text{ V}$, are connected as shown in three circuits. Each of the switches are thrown to the left for a long time, then at $t = 0$ the switches are thrown to the right. In which circuit is the current the smallest at $t = 4 \text{ ms}$?

- a. E
- b. F**
- c. G
- d. All have the same current.



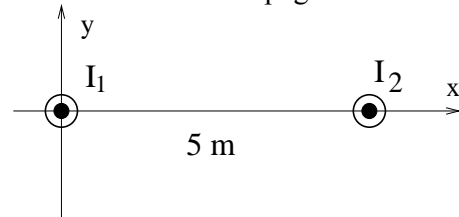
7. In uniform magnetic and gravitational field, a wire that is carrying a current I_1 , has a length L_1 , mass m_1 is in equilibrium, as shown. A second wire in the same fields with $L_2 = L_1/2$ and with mass $m_2 = 2m_1$ is also in equilibrium. What is the current I_2 ?

- a. $I_2 = I_1$
- b. $I_2 = 2I_1$
- c. $I_2 = 4I_1$**
- d. $I_2 = 8I_1$



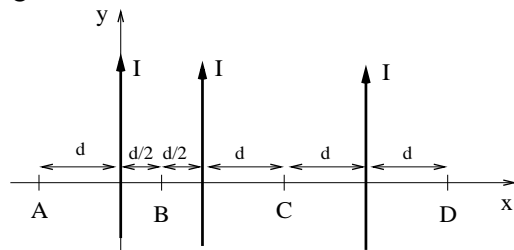
8. Two identical currents $I_1 = I_2$ are flowing in wires perpendicular and out of the page as shown. The magnetic force acting on wire 2 is

- a. along the positive x-axis.
- b. along the positive y-axis.
- c. along the negative x-axis.**
- d. along the negative y-axis.



9. Three identical currents are flowing in wires parallel with the y-axis, as shown. At which of the points A, B, C, D is the net magnetic field the largest?

- a. A**
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D



10. A sphere of radius R is placed in a uniform magnetic field, as shown. What is the flux of the magnetic field on the closed surface of the sphere?

- a. $B\pi R^2$
- b. $B2\pi R$
- c. $B4\pi R^2$
- d. 0**

