

Chapter 24 Electric Potential

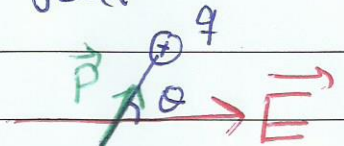
Conservative Forces & Potential Energy:

$$\vec{F}_g = m\vec{g} \Rightarrow U_g = mgy \text{ Joule}$$

$$F_{\text{spring}} = -kx \Rightarrow U_{\text{spring}} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \text{ Joule}$$

Electric Force acting on electric dipole

$$\vec{E} \text{ on } \vec{P} = qd$$



$$U = -\vec{P} \cdot \vec{E} = -PE \cos \theta \text{ Joule}$$

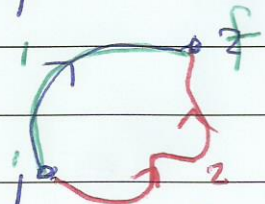
Properties of conservative Forces:-

1) Work done Against Conservative Force is Stored as energy, called Potential energy.

2) Work done by Conservative force is path independent.

Work done by conservative force depends on initial point & final point

$$(W_{\text{cons.}})_{i \rightarrow f} = (W_{\text{cons.}})_{i \rightarrow f}$$



$$3) \text{ Work done by Conservative force } = -\Delta U = -[U_f - U_i]$$

U is the Potential Energy depends on the State.

4) Mechanical Energy is Conserved Under the influence of conservative force

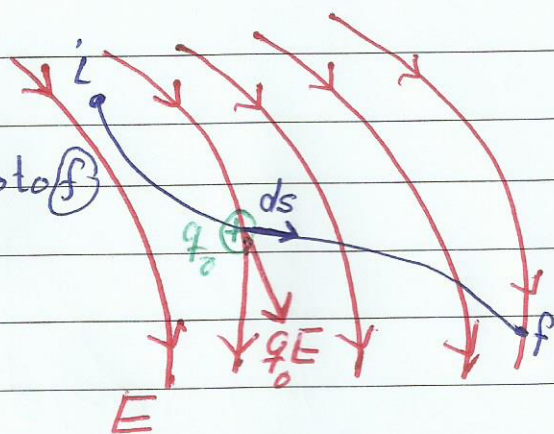
$$(K + U)_i = (K + U)_f, \quad K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \text{ Joule}$$

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Electric Potential Energy U :

E is a nonuniform
Electric Field

q_0 is a test charge moves from $(i) \rightarrow (f)$
along the shown path



$$dW_E = q_0 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$(W_E)_{i \rightarrow f} = \int_i^f q_0 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \text{ Joule}$$

But: The electric Force $\vec{F}_E = q_0 \vec{E}$ is Conservative Force

$$W_{i \rightarrow f}^E = -\Delta U = -[U_f - U_i]$$

$$U_f - U_i = -W_{i \rightarrow f}^E = -\int_i^f q_0 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$U_f - U_i = (-) q_0 \int_i^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \text{ Joule} \quad \textcircled{1} \quad \text{Electric}$$

the zero level for Potential Energy is
when q_0 is at ∞

$$U_f - U_\infty = (-) q_0 \int_\infty^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}, \text{ let } U_\infty = 0$$

$$U_f = (-) q_0 \int_\infty^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \textcircled{2} \quad \text{Electric Potential energy for } q_0 \text{ in an Electric Field.}$$

$U_f = (-)$ Work done by \vec{E} in moving q_0 ($\infty \rightarrow f$)

$\textcircled{2}$

Electric Potential V :

$$U_f - U_i = (-)q_0 \int_i^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \text{J}$$

$$\frac{U_f}{q_0} - \frac{U_i}{q_0} = - \int_i^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \text{J/C}$$

$$V_f - V_i = - \int_i^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \text{J/C} = \text{Volt} \quad \text{(1)}$$

to find V at a certain point let $V_\infty = 0$

$$V_f - V_\infty = - \int_\infty^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$V_f = - \int_\infty^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \text{J/C} = \text{Volt} \quad \text{(2)}$$

V at a certain point = (-) Work done by \vec{E} in moving $(+1C)$ from $\infty \rightarrow$ to the point

$$1 \text{ J} = 9 \text{ V} \cdot 1 \text{ C}$$

Joule Volt

In this course we will find V from E

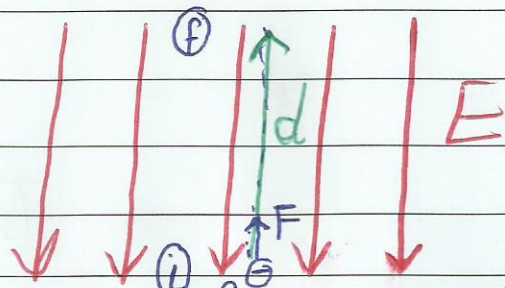
- 1) We will find V due to a point charge
- 2) We will find V due to a Set of Point charges
- 3) We will find V due to a continuous charge distribution

Sample Problem 24.01

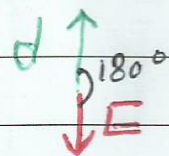
$E = 150 \text{ N/C}$ downward

$q = -e$
 $= -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

due to \vec{E} , the electron moves from (i) \rightarrow (f) $d = 520 \text{ m}$ upward



1) $W = \int_{i \rightarrow f} q \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = q \vec{E} \cdot \vec{d}$



$W_{E, i \rightarrow f} = (-1.6 \times 10^{-19})(150)(520) \cos 180^\circ$
 $= 1.2 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$

2) find $\Delta U = U_f - U_i$?

$\Delta U = U_f - U_i = -W_{E, i \rightarrow f} = -1.2 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$

3) find $\Delta V = V_f - V_i$?

$\Delta U = q \Delta V$

$U_f - U_i = q(V_f - V_i)$

$V_f - V_i = \frac{U_f - U_i}{q} = \frac{-1.2 \times 10^{-14}}{-1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = +7.5 \times 10^4 \text{ V}$

$V_f > V_i$

Note: When you move with \vec{E} ,
 V will decrease

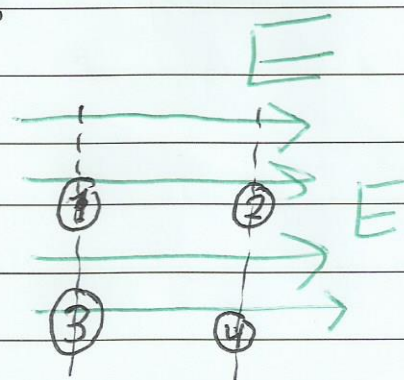
When you move opposite to \vec{E}

V will increase.

$\Rightarrow V_1 > V_2$

$V_1 = V_3 \Rightarrow V_2 = V_4$

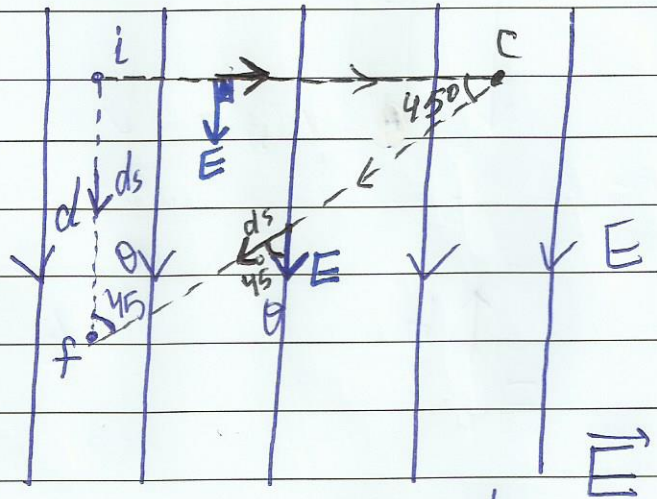
$(V_1 = V_3) > (V_2 = V_4)$



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Sample Problem 24.02 ΔU is Path independent ΔV is Path independent

\vec{E} is Uniform downward
 $d_{if} = d$



a) find $V_f - V_i$ by moving directly from i \rightarrow f

$$V_f - V_i = - \int_i^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= (-) E \cdot d_{i \rightarrow f} \cos \theta$$

$$= (-) E d \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{d}{d_{cf}}$$

$$d = d_{cf} \cos \theta$$

$$V_f - V_i = -Ed \Rightarrow V_i > V_f$$

b) find $V_f - V_i$ by moving \oplus along the path i c f

$$V_f - V_i = - \int_i^c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} - \int_c^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}, \quad \vec{E} = \text{constant}$$

$$= - \vec{E} \cdot \vec{d}_{i \rightarrow c} - \vec{E} \cdot \vec{d}_{c \rightarrow f}$$

$$= -Ed \cos 90 - Ed \cos 45$$

$$= 0 - Ed \cos 45$$

from the graph

$$\cos 45 = \frac{d}{d_{cf}}$$

$$d = d_{cf} \cos 45$$

$$V_f - V_i = -Ed \Rightarrow V_i > V_f$$

as Part (a)

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1) V due to a point charge:

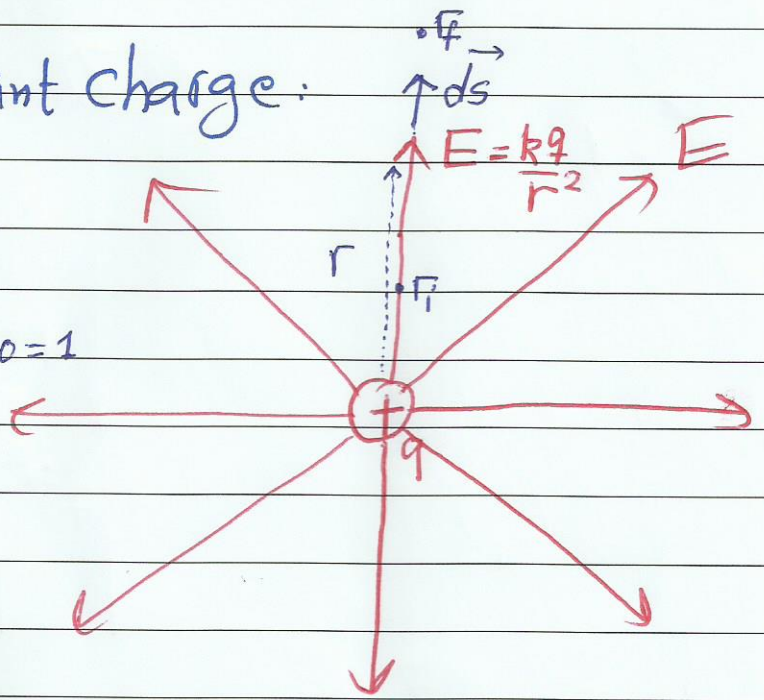
$$E = k \frac{q}{r^2} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$V_f - V_i = - \int_{r_i}^{r_f} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}, \quad \cos 0 = 1$$

$$= (-) \int_{r_i}^{r_f} \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} dr$$

$$= \frac{-q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{r_i}^{r_f} \frac{dr}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{-q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[-\frac{1}{r} \right]_{r_i}^{r_f} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{r} \right]_{r_i}^{r_f}$$



$$V_f - V_i = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_f} - \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_i}, \quad \text{let } (i) \text{ at } \infty, \quad V_\infty = 0$$

$$V_f = V_\infty = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_f} - 0$$

$$V_f = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_f}$$

for $(+q)$ $V_f \rightarrow +$

for $(-q)$ $V_f \rightarrow -$

2) V due to a Set of point charges

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + \dots = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{q_i}{r_i}$$

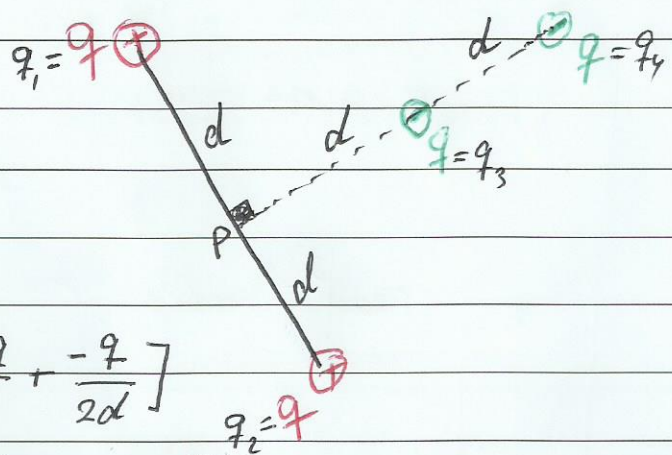
Solve Sample Problems 24.03 & 24.04

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$$q = 7.50 \text{ fC}$$

$$d = 1.60 \text{ cm}$$

find V_p ?



$$V_p = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + V_4$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{+q}{d} + \frac{+q}{d} + \frac{-q}{d} + \frac{-q}{2d} \right]$$

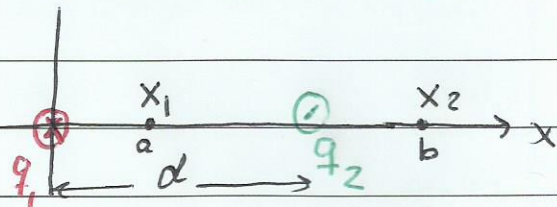
$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{+q}{2d} \right] = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 7.5 \times 10^{-15}}{2(1.6 \times 10^{-2})}$$

$$V_p = \frac{4.22 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V}}{2} = \frac{4.22 \text{ mV}}{2} = 2.11 \text{ mV}$$

(24-7) $q_1 = +15e$

$$q_2 = -5e$$

$$d = 240 \text{ cm}$$



find values of x ? At which $V=0$

a) At x_1 between them?

$$V_a = \frac{+15e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x_1} + \frac{-5e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (d-x_1)} = 0$$

$$\frac{+15e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 x_1} + \frac{-5e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (d-x_1)} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{x_1} = \frac{1}{d-x_1}$$

$$x_1 = 3d - 3x_1 \Rightarrow 4x_1 = 3d \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{3}{4}d = 18 \text{ cm}$$

b) At x_2 to the right of q_2

$$V_b = \frac{+15e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (x_2 + d)} + \frac{-5e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (x_2 - d)} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{15e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (x_2 + d)} = \frac{5e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (x_2 - d)}$$

$$\frac{3}{x_2 + d} = \frac{1}{x_2 - d} \Rightarrow 3x_2 - 3d = x_2 + d$$

$$2x_2 = 4d \Rightarrow x_2 = 2d = 48 \text{ cm}$$

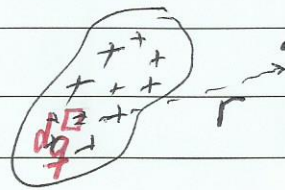
Problem Repeat problem 7 for $\begin{cases} q_1 = +5e \\ q_2 = -15e \end{cases}$

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3) Potential due to a continuous charge distribution:

$$dV = \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

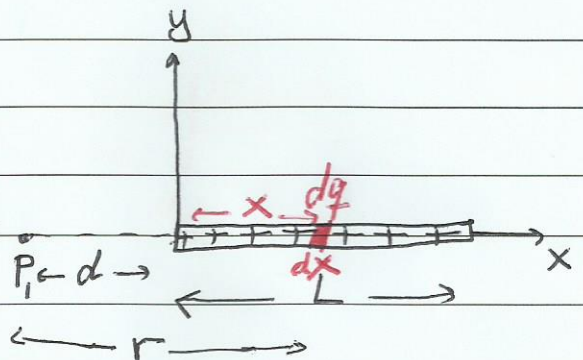
$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq}{r}$$



I] V due to a Uniformly charged rod (Line of Charge)

Problem(24-02)

thin Plastic rod $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{length} = L = 12 \text{ cm} \\ Q = +47.9 \text{ fC} \\ \lambda = \frac{Q}{L} = 400 \text{ fC/m} \\ = +400 \text{ fC/m} \end{array} \right.$



Find V at point P_1 , a distance

$d = 2.5 \text{ cm}$ from the left end of the rod?

$$dV = \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} = \frac{\lambda dx}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (d+x)}, \quad \lambda = 4.00 \times 10^{-13} \text{ C/m Constant}$$

$$V_{P_1} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^L \frac{dx}{(d+x)} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\ln(d+x) \right]_0^L$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\ln(d+L) - \ln(d) \right]$$

$$V_{P_1} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{d+L}{d}\right)$$

$$V_{P_1} = 9 \times 10^9 \times 4 \times 10^{-13} \ln\left(\frac{2.5+12}{2.5}\right)$$

$$= 36 \times 10^{-4} (1.75786)$$

$$= 6.33 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V}$$

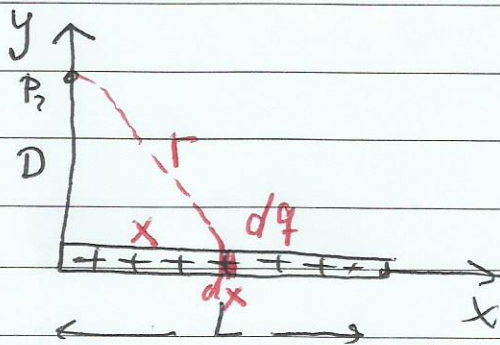
$$= 6.33 \text{ mV}$$

Problem (24-6) Nonuniform

Linear charge density

The thin plastic rod \rightarrow length = 12 cm
 \rightarrow $\lambda = cx$

$$c = 49.9 \text{ pC/m}^2$$



a) Find V at P_2 on the y -axis at

$$y = D = 3.56 \text{ cm}$$

$$dV = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r}$$

$$V_{P_2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^L \frac{dq}{r} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^L \frac{\lambda dx}{\sqrt{D^2 + x^2}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^L \frac{(cx) dx}{\sqrt{D^2 + x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{c}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^L \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{D^2 + x^2}}, \text{ let } D^2 + x^2 = u$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$= \frac{c}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{du/2}{u^{1/2}} = \frac{c}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \int u^{-1/2} du = \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{2c}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\sqrt{D^2 + x^2} \right]_0^L = \frac{c}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\sqrt{D^2 + L^2} - D \right]$$

$$V_{P_2} = \frac{c}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\sqrt{D^2 + L^2} - D \right] = 9 \times 10^9 [49.9 \times 10^{-12}] \left[\sqrt{(0.0356)^2 + (0.12)^2} - 0.0356 \right]$$

$$= 0.04 \text{ Volt.}$$

V due to a Uniformly Charged Ring

Ring \rightarrow radius = R
 \rightarrow charge = $+Q$
 \rightarrow $\lambda = \frac{Q}{2\pi R}$

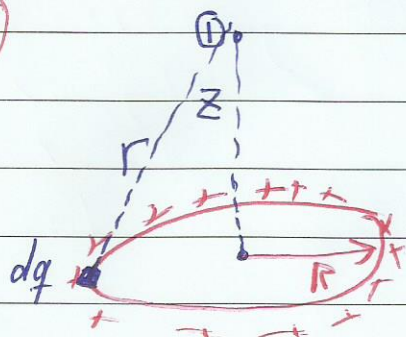
Find V at a point above the center

a distance = z

$$dV = \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} = \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{z^2 + R^2}}$$

$$V_{\text{ring}} = \int \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \int dq = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{z^2 + R^2}}$$

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Sample Problem 24.05

$$V_{\text{disk}} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} [\sqrt{z^2 + R^2} - z]$$

Find E_z ?

$$\begin{aligned} E_z &= -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{d}{dz} [\sqrt{z^2 + R^2} - z] \\ &= -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{2z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} - 1 \right] = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left[1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Problem:

$$V_{\text{ring}} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (R^2 + z^2)^{1/2}} \quad \text{Find } E_z$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_z &= -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = -\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (R^2 + z^2)^{-1/2} \\ &= -\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[-\frac{1}{2} (R^2 + z^2)^{-3/2} \cdot 2z \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$E_z = \frac{Qz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \quad \text{Ring}$$

Problem (24-63) $V = 2x^2 - 3y^2$

Find \vec{E} at the point (4m, 2m)?

$$E_x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -2(2x) = -4x$$

$$E_y = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = -3(2y) = +6y$$

$$\vec{E} = -4x\hat{i} + 6y\hat{j}$$

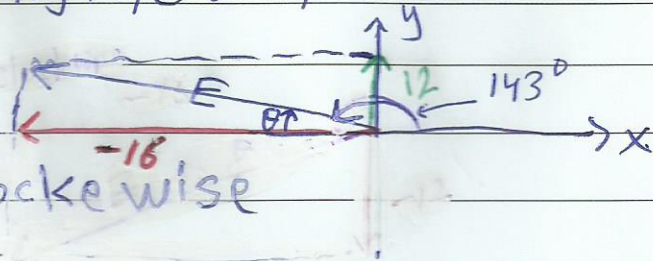
$$\vec{E} = -4(4)\hat{i} + 6(2)\hat{j} = -16\hat{i} + 12\hat{j} \text{ N/C or V/m}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{+12}{-16}\right) = 37^\circ$$

$\vec{E} = 20 \text{ V/m}$, at 37° with $-x$ clockwise

$= 20 \text{ V/m}$, at 143° with $+x$

Counter clockwise



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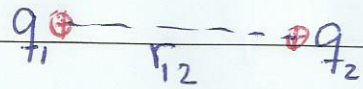
Electric Potential Energy (U) of a System of Charged Particles

U between 2 point charges = Work must be done to put the 2 charges in their places by bringing them from ∞ .

$$U_{12} = W_{q_1 \rightarrow \infty} + W_{q_2 \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$= 0 + q_2 V_1$$

$$= 0 + q_2 \left(\frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{12}} \right)$$



$$U_{12} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{12}} \text{ Joule}$$

Sample Problem 24.06 Potential energy of a system of 3 charged particles.

$$q_1 = +q, q_2 = -4q$$

$$q_3 = +2q, q = 150 \text{ nC}, d = 12 \text{ cm}$$

$$U = W_{q_1} + W_{q_2} + W_{q_3}$$

$$= 0 + q_2 \left(\frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} \right) + q_3 \left(\frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} + \frac{q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} \right)$$

$$= \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} + \frac{q_1 q_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} + \frac{q_2 q_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d}$$

$$U_{12} + U_{13} + U_{23}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} [(+q)(-4q) + (+q)(+2q) + (-4q)(+2q)]$$

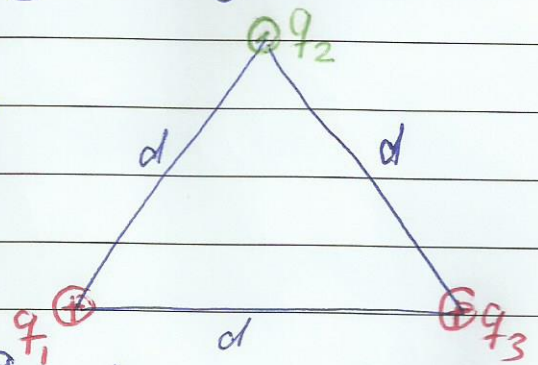
$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} [-4q^2 + 2q^2 - 8q^2]$$

$$= \frac{-10q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} = \frac{(-10) (150 \times 10^{-9})^2}{0.12} = -0.017 \text{ V}\cdot\text{C}$$

$$= -0.017 \text{ J}$$

$$= (-) 17 \text{ mJ}$$

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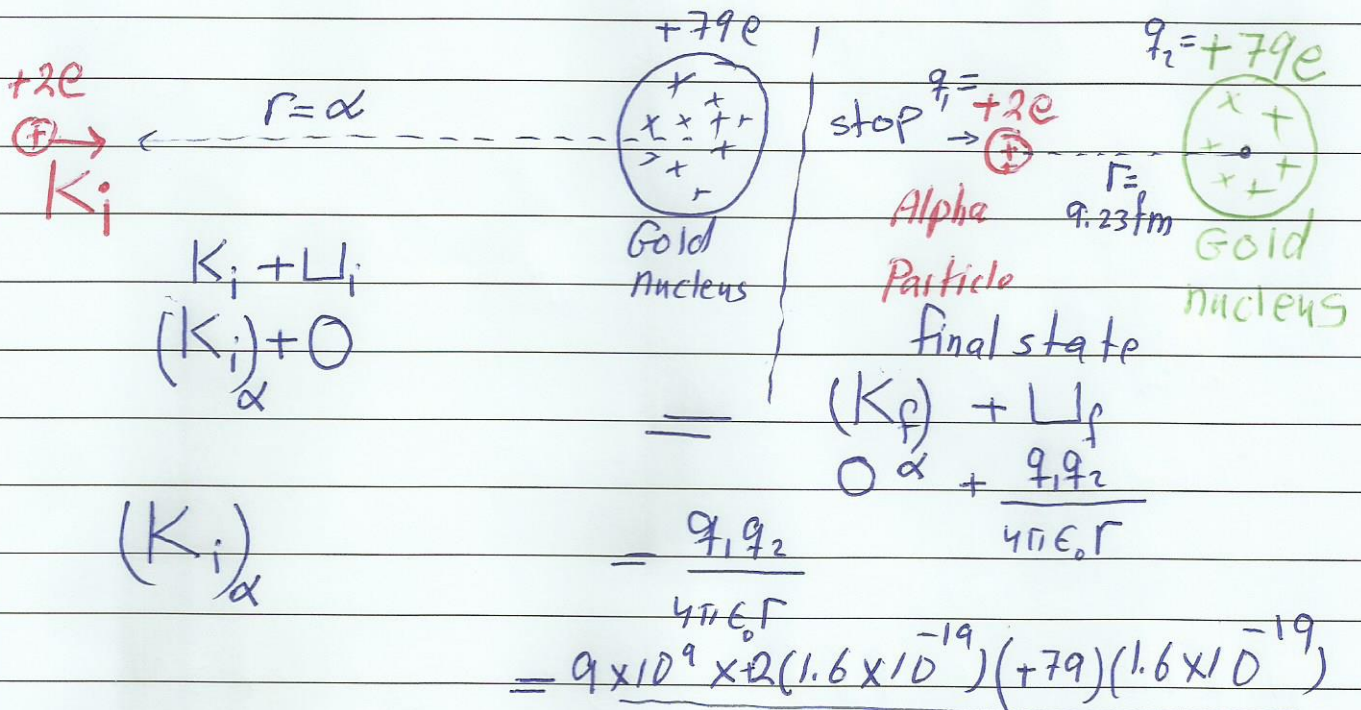


q2 (green)

q1 (red)

Sample Problem: 24.07

Conservation of Mechanical energy With electric Potential energy.



$$(K_i)_\alpha$$

$$= \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$= \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 2(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(+79)(1.6 \times 10^{-19})}{9.23 \times 10^{-15}}$$

$$(K_i)_\alpha = +3.94 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}$$

But $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

$$(K_i)_\alpha = \frac{+3.94 \times 10^{-12}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 2.46 \times 10^7 \text{ eV}$$

$$= 24.6 \text{ MeV}$$

Units of Energy: Joule

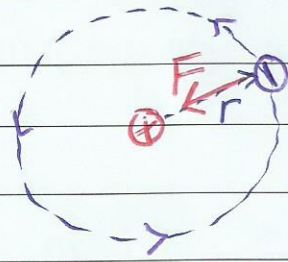
$$\text{kWh} = (1000)(3600) = (1000 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{s}})(3600 \text{ s}) = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

$$\text{kWh} = 3.6 \text{ MJ}$$

$$\text{eV} = (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(1 \text{ V}) = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

Problem: Hydrogen Atom

In the H-atom, the electron moves in a Uniform Circular motion around the nucleus, of radius $= 5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$



$$q_{\text{electron}} = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$q_{\text{nucleus}} = +1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ Kg}$$

- 1) Find the kinetic energy of the electron?
- 2) Find the Potential energy of the electron?
- 3) Find the Mechanical Energy of the electron?

$$1) F = \frac{q_e q_n}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Coulomb's Law} \\ \text{Newton's 2nd Law} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[mv^2 = \frac{q_e q_n}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{q_e q_n}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2 (9 \times 10^9)}{5.29 \times 10^{-11}} \right)$$

$$\text{K.E} = 2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} = 13.6 \text{ eV}$$

$$2) U = q_e \left(\frac{q_n}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r} \right) = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \left(\frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{5.29 \times 10^{-11}} \right)$$
$$= (-) 4.36 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} = (-) 27.2 \text{ eV}$$

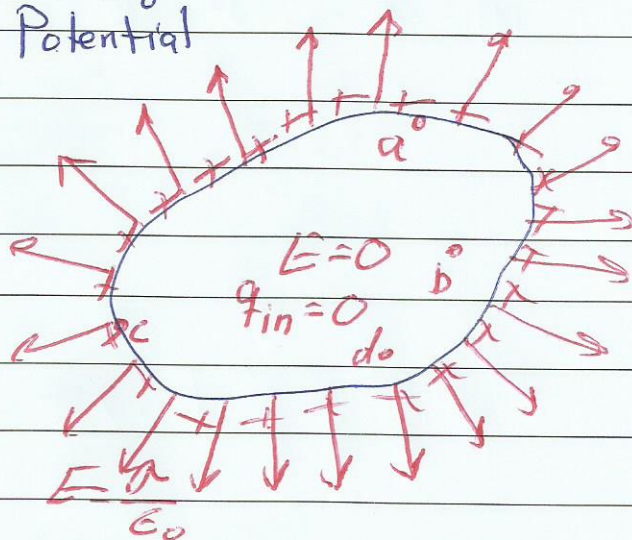
$$3) \text{ Mechanical Energy} = \text{K.E} + U = +13.6 + -27.2$$
$$= -13.6 \text{ eV}$$
$$= -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$$

Potential of a Charged Isolated Conductor.

Charged Isolated Conductor:

- 1) The charge sit at the outer surface
- 2) Charge inside the Conductor = 0
- 3) E inside the Conductor = 0
- 4) E_{near} the outer surface = $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$
- 5) All its points have the same Potential

$$V_a = V_b = V_c = V_d$$



Charged Isolated Conducting sphere.

conducting sphere → radius = R
 → charge = $+Q$

→ $\sigma = \frac{+Q}{4\pi R^2}$ [All extra charge Q on the surface]

→ $\rho = 0$ [No charge inside] ↑ charged
conducting sphere

$$E_s = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \text{ (or)} E_s = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_{\text{inside}} = 0, \quad r < R$$

$$E_{\text{outside}} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}, \quad r \geq R$$

$$V_s = \frac{+Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$$

$$V_{\text{inside}} = V_s = \frac{+Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}, \quad r \leq R$$

$$V_{\text{outside}} = \frac{+Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}, \quad r \geq R$$

