

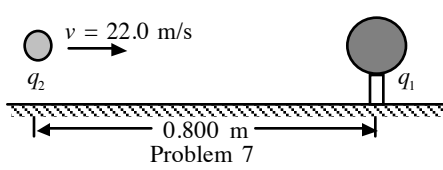
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**AP Physics C**  
**Electric Potential HO31**

- 1.) A point charge  $Q = +9.10 \mu\text{C}$  is held fixed at the origin. A second point charge with a charge of  $q = -0.420 \mu\text{C}$  and a mass of  $3.20 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg}$  is placed on the  $x$ -axis,  $0.960 \text{ m}$  from the origin. (UP 24-1)
  - a.) What is the electric potential energy of the pair of charges? (Assume potential energy is zero when separation is infinite.)
  - b.) The second charge is released from rest. What is its speed when it is  $0.240 \text{ m}$  from the origin?
- 2.) A point charge  $q_1 = -5.80 \mu\text{C}$  is held stationary at the origin. A second point charge  $q_2 = +4.30 \mu\text{C}$  moves along the  $x$ -axis from  $x = 0.260 \text{ m}$  to  $x = 0.380 \text{ m}$ . How much work is done by the electric force on  $q_2$ ? (UP 24-3)
- 3.) Repeat Problem 2 if  $q_1 = +5.80 \mu\text{C}$ .
- 4.) Three equal point charges  $q = 840 \text{ nC}$  are placed at the corners of an equilateral triangle whose side is  $1.00 \text{ m}$ . What is the potential energy of the system? (Assume potential energy is zero when separation is infinite.) (UP 24-8)
- 5.) Repeat Problem 4 if two of the charges have  $q = -840 \text{ nC}$ .
- 6.) A point charge  $q_1 = 2.00 \text{ nC}$  is placed at the origin, and a second point charge  $q_2 = -3.00 \text{ nC}$  is placed on the  $x$ -axis at  $x = +20.0 \text{ cm}$ . A third point charge  $q_3 = 5.00 \text{ nC}$  is to be placed on the  $x$ -axis between  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ . Take as zero the potential energy of the three charges when they are infinitely apart. (UP 24-9)
  - a.) What is the potential energy of the system of the three charges if  $q_3$  is placed at  $x = +10.0 \text{ cm}$ ?
  - b.) Where should  $q_3$  be placed to make the potential energy of the system equal to zero?
- 7.) A small metal sphere, carrying a net charge of  $q_1 = +7.50 \mu\text{C}$ , is held in a stationary position by insulating supports. A second metal sphere, with a net charge of  $q_2 = +3.00 \mu\text{C}$  and mass  $2.00 \text{ g}$ , is projected toward  $q_1$ . When the two spheres are  $0.800 \text{ m}$  apart,  $q_2$  is moving toward  $q_1$  with speed  $22.0 \text{ m/s}$ . Assume the spheres can be treated as point charges and neglect the force of gravity. (UP 24-5)
 



Problem 7

  - a.) What is the speed of  $q_2$  when the spheres are  $0.500 \text{ m}$  apart?
  - b.) How close does  $q_2$  get to  $q_1$ ?
- 8.) The potential at a distance of  $0.750 \text{ m}$  from a very small charged sphere is  $48.0 \text{ V}$ , with the potential taken to be zero at an infinite distance from the sphere. If the sphere is treated as a point charge, what is its charge? (UP 24-10)
- 9.) A particle with a charge of  $+4.30 \text{ nC}$  is in a uniform electric field directed to the left. It is released from rest and moves to the left; after it has moved  $5.00 \text{ cm}$ , its kinetic energy is found to be  $+2.50 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J}$ . (UP 24-12)
  - a.) What work was done by the electric force?
  - b.) What is the potential of the starting point with respect to its endpoint?
  - c.) What is the magnitude of the electric field?
- 10.) A charge of  $37.0 \text{ nC}$  is placed in a uniform electric field that is directed vertically upward and that has a magnitude of  $5.00 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$ . What work is done by the electric force when the charge moves (UP 24-15)
  - a.)  $0.450 \text{ m}$  to the right;
  - b.)  $0.670 \text{ m}$  downward;
  - c.)  $0.580 \text{ m}$  upward
  - d.)  $2.60 \text{ m}$  at an angle of  $45.0^\circ$  upward from the horizontal?

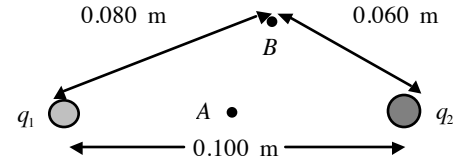
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**AP Physics C**  
**Electric Potential HO32**

- 1.) Two point charges  $q_1 = +6.80$  nC and  $q_2 = -5.10$  nC are 0.100 apart. Point A is midway between them; point B is 0.080 m from  $q_1$  and 0.060 m from point  $q_2$ . Take the potential to be zero at infinity. (UP 24-17)



- a.) Find the potential at A.
  - b.) Find the potential at B.
  - c.) Find the work done by the electric field on a charge of +2.50 nC that travels from B to A.
  - d.) Find the work done by the electric field on a charge of +2.50 nC that travels from A to B.
  - e.) Find the work done by the electric field on a charge of -2.50 nC that travels from B to A.
- 2.) A positive point charge  $+q$  is at the point  $x = 0, y = -a$ , and a negative charge  $-q$  is fixed at the point  $x = 0, y = +a$ . Take  $V$  to be zero at an infinite distance from the charges. (UP 24-20)
- a.) Derive an expression for the potential at points on the  $y$ -axis as a function of the coordinate  $y$ .
  - b.) Draw a graph of the potential on the  $y$ -axis as a function of  $y$  over the range from  $y = -4a$  to  $y = +4a$ .
  - c.) What is the answer to part (a.) and (b.) if the two charges are interchanged so that  $+q$  is at the point  $x = 0, y = +a$ , and  $-q$  is at the point  $x = 0, y = -a$ ?
- 3.) A positive point charge  $+q$  is at the point  $x = 0, y = 0$ , and a negative charge  $-2q$  is fixed at the point  $x = a, y = 0$ . Take  $V$  to be zero at an infinite distance from the charges. (UP 24-21)
- a.) What is the potential at a point on the  $x$ -axis, a distance  $x$  from the origin?
  - b.) Draw a graph of the potential on the  $x$ -axis as a function of  $x$  over the range from  $x = -2a$  to  $x = +2a$ .
  - c.) At what positions on the  $x$ -axis is the potential equal to zero?
  - d.) What does the answer to part (a.) become when  $x \gg a$ ?
- 4.) Two large parallel metal sheets carrying equal and opposite charges are separated by a distance of 52.0 mm. The electric field between them is uniform and has magnitude 670 N/C. (UP 24-24)
- a.) What is the potential difference between the sheets?
  - b.) What is the surface charge density  $\sigma$  on the positive sheet?
- 5.) A charge  $+Q$  is uniformly distributed throughout a solid insulating sphere. Find the potential everywhere, both outside and inside the sphere. Take  $V$  to be zero at an infinite distance from the sphere. (UP 24-70)
- 6.) An infinitely long line of charge has linear charge density  $4.00 \times 10^{-12}$  C/m. A proton (mass  $1.67 \times 10^{-27}$  kg, charge  $+1.60 \times 10^{-19}$  C) is 18.0 cm from the line and moving directly toward the line at  $2.50 \times 10^3$  m/s. How close does the proton get to the line of charge? (UP 24-30)
- 7.) A long coaxial cable consists of an inner cylindrical conductor with radius  $a$  and an outer coaxial cylindrical conductor with inner radius  $b$  and outer radius  $c$ . The outer cylinder is mounted on insulating supports and has no net charge. The inner cylinder has uniform positive charge per unit length  $\lambda$ . Use the electric field to calculate the potential difference between the two cylindrical conductors. (UP 24-74)

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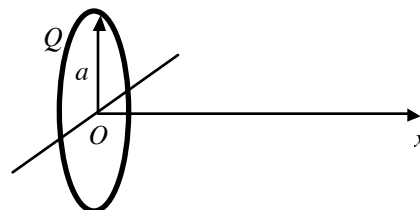
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**AP Physics C**  
**Electric Potential HO33**

- 1.) A thin insulating rod is bent into a semicircular arc of radius  $a$ , and a total electric charge  $Q$  is distributed uniformly along the rod. Calculate the electric potential at the center of curvature of the arc if the potential is assumed to be zero at infinity. (UP 24-68)
- 2.) Electric charge is distributed uniformly around a thin ring of radius  $a$ , with total charge  $Q$ . The ring is in the  $y$ - $z$  plane centered at the origin. (UP 24-69)

- a.) Find the potential at points along the  $x$ -axis.
- b.) Find the potential by integrating the following expression for  $E_x$ .

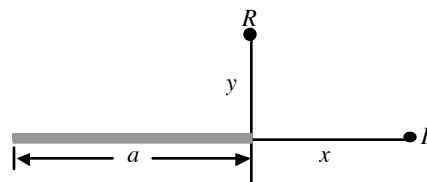
$$E_x = k \frac{Qx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$



- 3.) A solid conducting sphere carrying charge  $q$  has radius  $a$ . It is inside a concentric hollow conducting sphere of inner radius  $b$  and outer radius  $c$ . The hollow sphere has no net charge. Take  $V = 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . Use the electric field to calculate the potential  $V$  at the following values of  $r$  (UP 24-72)
- a.)  $r = c$                                       b.)  $r = b$                                       c.)  $r = a$                                       d.)  $r = 0$ .
- 4.) A solid conducting sphere of radius  $R$  that carries positive charge  $Q$  is concentric with a very thin insulating shell of radius  $2R$  that also carries charge  $Q$ . The charge  $Q$  is distributed uniformly over the insulating shell. Use the electric field to calculate the potential difference between the solid conducting sphere and the thin insulating shell. (UP 24-73)

- 5.) Electric charge  $Q$  is uniformly distributed along a thin rod of length  $a$ . Take the potential to be zero at infinity. Find the potential at the following points: (UP 24-77)

- a.) point  $P$ , a distance  $x$  to the right of the rod.
- b.) point  $R$ , a distance  $y$  above the right hand end of the rod.



- 6.) A disk of radius  $R$  has a uniform surface charge density  $\sigma$ . (UP 24-65)
- a.) By regarding the disk as a series of thin concentric rings, calculate the electric potential  $V$  at a point on the disk's axis a distance  $x$  from the center of the disk. Assume that  $V = 0$  at infinity.
- b.) Use the potential found in (a.) to find  $E_x$ .
- 7.) Two metal spheres of different sizes are charged such that the electric potential is the same at the surface of each. Sphere  $A$  has a radius three times that of sphere  $B$ . Let  $Q_A$  and  $Q_B$  be the charges on each sphere, and let  $E_A$  and  $E_B$  be the electric field magnitudes at the surface of each sphere. (UP 24-79)
- a.) What is the ratio  $Q_B/Q_A$ ?                                      b.) What is the ratio  $E_B/E_A$ ?
- 8.) A solid, non conducting sphere of radius  $a$  has a volume charge density given by the equation  $\rho(r) = \rho_0(r/a)^3$ , where  $r$  is the distance from the sphere's center. Take the potential to be zero as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . (AP Book)
- a.) Determine the potential  $V$  as a function of  $r$ .
- b.) Sketch the potential for all regions of space.