#### Forces, Fields, Energy and Potential





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Arc of charge:  $dq = \lambda r d\phi = \frac{Q}{r\theta} r d\phi = \frac{Q}{\theta} d\phi$ 

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 $r = \sqrt{r_x^2 + r_y^2}$   
 $\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r} = \frac{r_x}{\sqrt{r_x^2 + r_y^2}} \hat{\iota} + \frac{r_y}{\sqrt{r_x^2 + r_y^2}} \hat{j}$ 

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# Finding Equilibria for Charges Constrained to Line

Procedure:

- Consider all possible regions
- For each region, express location with a variable
- Express forces in terms of variable
- Set total force on object to zero
- Solve for location
- Accept solution only if in selected region
- Determine if stable or unstable

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Procedure:

- Determine if stable or unstable
  - Consider small displacements from equilibrium
  - $\circ$  If net force is towards equilibrium, then stable
  - If net force is away from equilibrium, then unstable

#### Motion in a Uniform Electric Field

Find  $\vec{a}$  and apply Newton's equations of motion for constant acceleration from Physics I.

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}}{m} = \frac{q\vec{E}}{m}$$

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2 \qquad y = y_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}a_y t^2$$

$$v_x = v_{x0} + a_x t \qquad v_y = v_{y0} + a_y t$$

$$v_x^2 = v_{x0}^2 + 2a_x \Delta x \qquad v_y^2 = v_{y0}^2 + 2a_y \Delta y$$

# Gauss's Law

Procedure:

- Divide into distinct regions
- Write out law,  $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$
- Sketch Gaussian surface
- Factor out *E* and substitute for Gaussian area
- Substitute for enclosed charge
- In non-conducting regions, solve for *E* and add direction
- In conducting regions, solve for surface charge

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Areas: Spherical Symmetry  $E(4\pi r^2) =$ Cylindrial Symmetry  $E(2\pi rL) =$ Planar Symmetry E(2A) =

#### Gauss's Law

Procedure:

• In conducting regions, solve for surface charge

Inner Surface:  $Q_{inner} = -\sum_{i} q_{other enclosed}$ Outer Surface:  $Q_{outer} = Q_{conductor} - Q_{inner}$ 

# **Dipoles in Uniform Field**

$$\vec{p} = q\vec{d} \text{ (from - to +)}$$
  
 $\vec{F} = 0$   
 $\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$   
 $U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$ 

# **Finding Capacitance**

Procedure:

• Find  $\vec{E}$  using Gauss's Law  $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$ 

• Find *V* using 
$$V = |\Delta V| = \left| - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \right|$$

• Find *C* using  $C = \left| \frac{Q}{V} \right|$ 

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Problems involving circuits: Use these equations and  $C = \frac{Q}{V}$ 

## **Capacitors in Circuits**

Additional topics:

- What forces are there when two objects are brought near each other? Consider both charged and neutral and both conductors and insulators.
- What forces are on a charged object in an electric field? How does the force, field, energy or potential change as an object is moved from one location to another in the presence of a field or other charges?

Example: A uniformly positively charged insulator is brought near a positive point charge. Describe any force that might be experienced by the insulator.

Example: A dipole is located in a uniform electric field.

- a) Illustrate the orientation of the dipole that will result in the maximum potential energy.
- b) Illustrate the orientation of the dipole that will result in the maximum torque.
- c) Illustrate the orientation of the dipole that will result in the maximum force.

Example:  $q_3 = 2C$  is constrained to move along the *x*-axis.  $q_1 = 3C$  at (2cm, 2cm) and  $q_2 = -5C$  at (-4cm, 2cm) are held fixed. In which region, is there an equilibrium for  $q_3$ ?



Example: A pair of charges have an energy  $U_0$ . The distance between the charges is doubled. What is the energy of the modified arrangement?

Example: A charge experiences a force  $F_0$  due to another nearby charge. The charge is moved so that it now experiences a force  $2F_0$  due to the nearby charge. What must have happened when the charge was moved? Example: Three identical capacitors may be arranged as illustrated. Rank the three arrangements in order from least capacitance to greatest capacitance.



Example: A charge Q is uniformly distributed along an arc of radius a as illustrated. One wishes to find the force on the arc due to a charge q located at the origin.

- a) Determine dQ.
- b) Determine r.
- c) Determine  $\hat{r}$ .
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Example: A charge Q is uniformly distributed along a line from (a, 0) to (a, b). One wishes to find the electric field at (0, b) due to the line of charge. a) Determine dQ.

- b) Determine r.
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- Example: A point charge  $q_0$  is located at the center of a sphere of radius a with a uniform surface charge distribution  $\sigma$ . Concentric with the sphere is a conducting spherical shell with inner radius b > a and outer radius c. The conducting shell has a charge Q.
- a) Determine the electric field in the region a < r < b.
- b) Determine the surface charge on the conductor at r = b.
- c) Determine the surface charge density on the conductor at r = c.

Example: Consider the illustrated circuit.

- a) Determine the total capacitance of the circuit.
- b) Determine the charge on each capacitor.
- c) Determine the potential difference across each capacitor.

$$C_{1} = 15\mu\text{F}$$

$$C_{2} = 5\mu\text{F}$$

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$$V_{B} = 4\overline{\text{V}}$$

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 be without dielectric:  $C_i = \kappa C_0$  and  $C_f = C_0$ 

$$Q_f = Q_i = Q$$

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$$P_{\mathcal{E}} = I\mathcal{E} = (2A)(12V) = 24W$$