

Electrostatics: Electric Potential, Electric Potential & Electric potential Difference

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Problems 2

Electric Potential Energy	Electric Potential	Electric Potential Difference
$U_E = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r} = qV$	$V = k \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i}$	$V_{AB} = V_B - V_A$

I. Answer the following problems.

1. A positive charge $q_1 = +2 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}$ is held stationary, while a negative charge, $q_2 = -1 \times 10^{-8} \text{C}$ is released from rest at a distance of 10cm from q_1 . Find the kinetic energy of charge q_2 when it's 1cm from q_1 .

gain Kinetic energy → loss of potential

$$U = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r}$$

$$U_E = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r} = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(2 \times 10^{-6})(-1 \times 10^{-8})}{.10}$$

$$U_E = -1.8 \times 10^{-2}$$

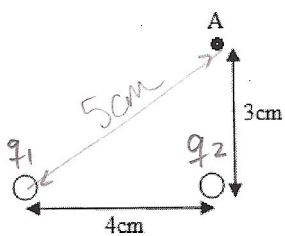
$$U_E = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(2 \times 10^{-6})(-1 \times 10^{-8})}{.01}$$

$$U_E = -1.8 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\Delta U = -1.8 \times 10^{-2} - (-1.8 \times 10^{-2}) = -2$$

$$\Delta U = -1.62 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J} = \Delta K$$

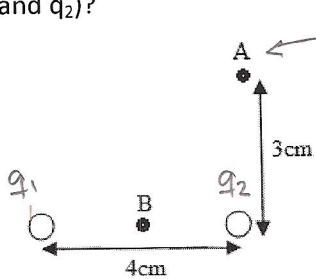
2. If charges $q_1 = 4 \times 10^{-9} \text{C}$ and $q_2 = -6 \times 10^{-9} \text{C}$ are stationary, Calculate the potential at point A in the figure below.



$$V = k \left[\frac{q_1}{r_1} + \frac{q_2}{r_2} \right] = 9 \times 10^9 \left[\frac{4 \times 10^{-9}}{.05} + \frac{-6 \times 10^{-9}}{.03} \right]$$

$$V = -1080 \text{ V}$$

3. How much work would it take to move a charge $1 = +1 \times 10^{-2} \text{C}$ from point A to point B (midway point between q_1 and q_2)?



$V_A = -1080 \text{ V}$

① Find V_B

$$V_B = k \left[\frac{q_1}{r_1} + \frac{q_2}{r_2} \right] = 9 \times 10^9 \left[\frac{4 \times 10^{-9}}{.02} + \frac{-6 \times 10^{-9}}{.02} \right]$$

$$V_B = -900 \text{ V}$$

$$W = U_E = q \cdot V$$

$$W = \Delta U_E = q \cdot \Delta V$$

② Change in electric potential from A → B

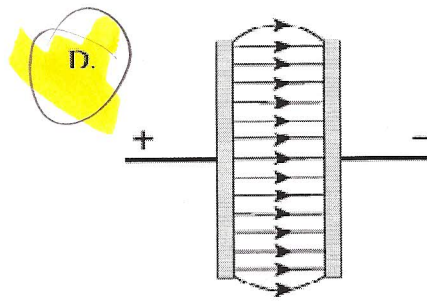
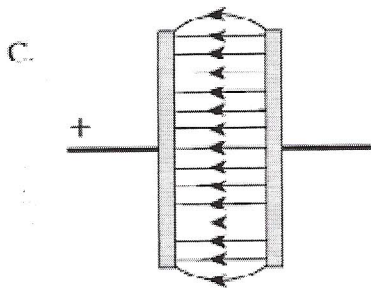
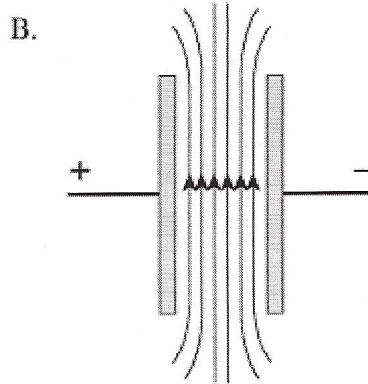
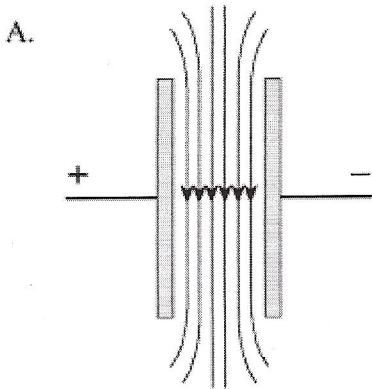
$$\Delta V_{A \rightarrow B} = V_B - V_A = -900 - (-1080) = +180 \text{ V}$$

③ $U_E = q \cdot \Delta V = 1 \times 10^{-2} (180 \text{ V}) = 1.8 \text{ J} = W$

II. Answer the following multiple choice questions.

I.

Which of the following best illustrates the electric field between parallel plates with opposite electric charges?



2.

The atomic nucleus of uranium contains 92 protons. What is the direction and magnitude of the electric field 2.5×10^{-10} m from this nucleus?

$92(1.6 \times 10^{-19}) = 1.47 \times 10^{-17}$

	DIRECTION OF ELECTRIC FIELD	MAGNITUDE OF ELECTRIC FIELD
A.	towards nucleus	5.3×10^2 N/C
B.	away from nucleus	5.3×10^2 N/C
C.	towards nucleus	2.1×10^{12} N/C
D.	away from nucleus	2.1×10^{12} N/C

$E = E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$
 $E = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(1.47 \times 10^{-17})}{(2.5 \times 10^{-10})^2}$
 $E = 2.1 \times 10^{12}$
 AWAY

3.

A 0.16 C charge is moved in an electric field from a point with a potential of 25 V to another point with a potential of 95 V. How much work was done to move this charge?

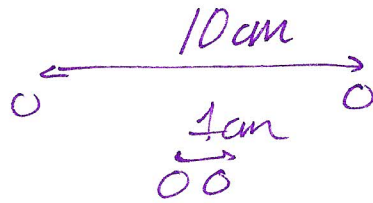
- A. 4.0 J
- B. 11 J
- C. 15 J
- D. 19 J

$q = 0.16$
 $V = 25$ $V = 95$

$W = \Delta U_e = q\Delta V$
 $W = 0.16(95 - 25)$
 $W = 11.2$

①

gain loss
 $\Delta K = \Delta U_E$

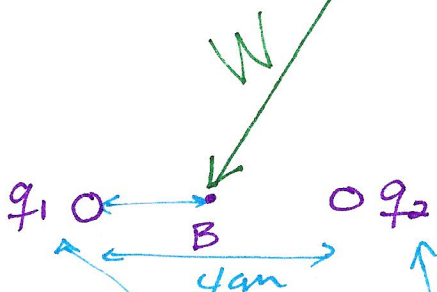


$$\Delta U_E = U - U_0$$

$$U_E = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r}$$

③

$$V_A = K \left[\frac{q_1}{r_1} + \frac{q_2}{r_2} \right] = \underline{\underline{\quad}} \text{ V}$$



$$W = \Delta U_E = q \cdot \Delta V = q(V_B - V_A)$$

STEP 1: bet V_B

$$V_B = K \left[\frac{q_1}{r_1} + \frac{q_2}{r_2} \right]$$

STEP 2: bet ΔV

$$\Delta V_{A \rightarrow B} = V_B - V_A$$

STEP 3: bet ΔU_E

$$\Delta U_E = q \cdot \Delta V_{A \rightarrow B}$$

Multiple choice

②

92 protons

$$r = 2.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

$E = ?$

$$q = 92(4e)$$

$$E = \frac{FE}{q} = \frac{Kq}{r^2}$$

③

$$q = -16e$$

$$V_A = 25V$$

$$V_B = 95V$$

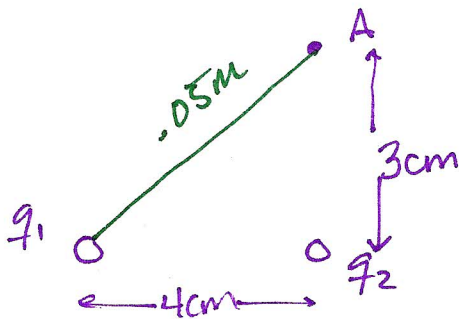
$$W \rightarrow \Delta U_E$$

$$\Delta U_E = q \cdot \Delta V$$

②

$$q_1 = 4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$$

$$q_2 = -6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$$



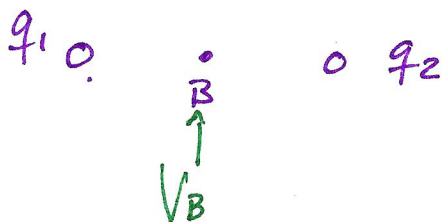
$$V_A = K \left[\frac{4 \times 10^{-9}}{.05} + \frac{-6 \times 10^{-9}}{.03} \right] = \underline{\underline{-1080 \text{ V}}}$$

③

$$q = 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ C}$$

$$V_A = -1080 \text{ V}$$

$$W = \Delta U_E$$



$$\Delta U_E = q \cdot \Delta V$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$V_B - V_A$$

STEP 1: Find V_B

$$V_B = K \left[\frac{4 \times 10^{-9}}{.02} + \frac{-6 \times 10^{-9}}{.02} \right]$$

STEP 2: Find the electric potential

$$V_{AB} = V_B - V_A$$

STEP 3: Find the change in electric potential

$$\Delta U_E = q \cdot \Delta V_{AB}$$