

# Midterm Exam No. 01 (2014 Summer)

## PHYS 203B: College Physics

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Solution

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Total: 140 points

1. (10 points.) Four identical metal spheres have charges of  $q_A = +Q$ ,  $q_B = +\frac{1}{4}Q$ ,  $q_C = -\frac{3}{4}Q$ , and  $q_D = -\frac{3}{2}Q$ . Spheres  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , are brought together so they touch, and then they are separated. Then sphere  $C$  is touched to sphere  $D$  and separated. What is the resultant charge on sphere  $C$ ?
2. (10 points.) What is the electric force between a glass ball with  $3.0 \mu\text{C}$  of charge and a rubber ball with  $-4.0 \mu\text{C}$  of charge when their centers are separated by  $5 \text{ cm}$ ?
3. (20 points.) Four point charges have equal magnitudes, all four being positive. These charges are fixed to the corners of a square. The magnitude of each of the charges is  $4.0 \mu\text{C}$ , and the lengths of the sides of the square are  $2.0 \text{ cm}$ . Calculate the magnitude of the net force that each charge experiences.
4. (10 points.) An electric field of  $246,500 \text{ N/C}$  points due west at a certain spot. What are the magnitude and direction of the force that acts on a charge of  $-6.8 \mu\text{C}$  at this spot?
5. (20 points.) Charges of  $-q$  and  $+2q$  are fixed in place, with a distance of  $a = 2.0 \text{ m}$  between them. See Fig. 1. A dashed line is drawn through the negative charge, perpendicular to the line between the charges. On the dashed line, at a distance  $y$  from the negative charge, there is at least one spot where the total potential is zero. Find  $y$ .

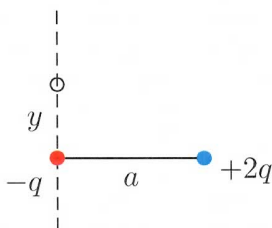


Figure 1: Problem 5

6. (10 points.) A proton and an electron are moving due east in a constant electric field that also points due east. The electric field has a magnitude of  $4.3 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$ . Determine the ratio of the magnitude of the acceleration of the proton to that of the electron.

MTE-01, Prob. 1

Step 1 :  $q_A = +Q$        $q_B = +\frac{1}{4}Q$        $q_C = -\frac{3}{4}Q$        $q_D = -\frac{3}{2}Q$

Step 2 :  $q_A = q_B = q_C = \frac{Q + \frac{1}{4}Q - \frac{3}{4}Q}{3}$        $q_D = -\frac{3}{2}Q$   
 $= +\frac{1}{6}Q$

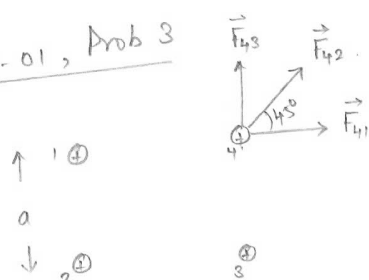
Step 3 :  $q_A = q_B = +\frac{1}{6}Q$        $q_C = q_D = \frac{+\frac{1}{6}Q - \frac{3}{2}Q}{2}$   
 $= -\frac{2}{3}Q$

Answer:       $q_C = -\frac{2}{3}Q$

MTE-01, Prob. 2

$F = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9) \times (3 \times 10^{-6}) \times (4 \times 10^{-6})}{(5 \times 10^{-2})^2} = 43.2 \text{ N}$  , attractive  
 (toward each other)

MTE-01, Prob 3



$|\vec{F}_{41}| = |\vec{F}_{43}| = \frac{kq^2}{a^2}$   
 $|\vec{F}_{42}| = \frac{kq^2}{(\sqrt{2}a)^2} = \frac{kq^2}{2a^2}$

$|\vec{F}_{\text{tot}}| = \frac{kq^2}{a^2} \cos 45 + \frac{kq^2}{a^2} \cos 45 + \frac{kq^2}{2a^2}$   
 $= \frac{kq^2}{a^2} \left( \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$   
 $= \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9) \times (4 \times 10^{-6})^2}{(2 \times 10^{-2})^2} \left( \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$   
 $= 688.4 \text{ N}$

MTE-01, Prob 4

$$\vec{F} = q \vec{E} = (-6.8 \times 10^6) \times (2.465 \times 10^5) \text{ N}$$

$$= 1.68 \text{ N to East}$$

MTE-01, Prob 5

$$V_1 + V_2 = 0$$

$$-\frac{kq}{y} + \frac{k2q}{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}} = 0$$

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$2y = \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}$$

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$3y^2 = a^2$$

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} a$$

$$= \pm 0.67 \text{ m.}$$

$$y = \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2 \text{ m}}{\sqrt{3}} = 1.155 \text{ m}$$

MTE-01, Prob 6

Proton accelerator, and electron decelerator.

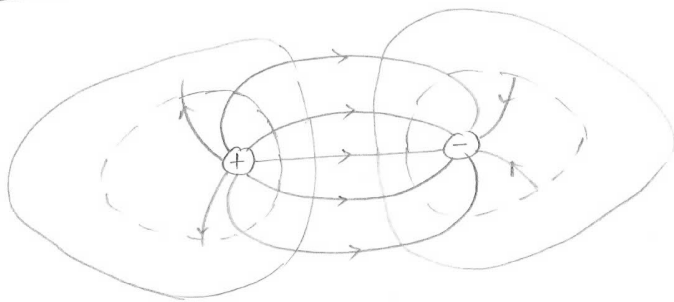
$$a_p = \frac{q_p E}{m_p}$$

$$a_e = \frac{q_e E}{m_e}$$

$$\frac{a_p}{a_e} = \frac{m_e}{m_p} = 5.45 \times 10^{-4}$$

MTE-01, Prob 7

$$\Phi_E = \frac{Q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{+5e - 5e}{\epsilon_0} = 0.$$

MTE-01, Prob 8

MTE-01, Prob 9

$$(a) \quad a = \frac{qE}{m} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 620}{1.67 \times 10^{-27}} = 5.94 \times 10^{10} \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$(b) \quad V_f = V_i + a \Delta t \quad \Delta t = \frac{1.4 \times 10^6}{5.94 \times 10^{10}} = 2.36 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sec.}$$

$$1.4 \times 10^6 = 0 + (5.94 \times 10^{10}) \Delta t$$

$$(c) \quad \Delta x = \frac{V_f^2 - V_i^2}{2a} = \frac{(1.4 \times 10^6)^2}{2 \times (5.94 \times 10^{10})} = 16.50 \text{ m}$$

$$(d) \quad K_f = \frac{1}{2} m_p V_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times (1.67 \times 10^{-27}) \times (1.4 \times 10^6)^2 = 1.64 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J}$$

MTE-01, Prob 10

$$(a) \quad \frac{1}{R_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{3}{R} \quad R_{\text{tot}} = \frac{R}{3} = \frac{3\Omega}{3} = 1\Omega$$

$$(b) \quad V_1 = V_2 = V_3 = 10 \text{ V}$$

$$(c) \quad I_1 = \frac{V_1}{R_1} = \frac{10}{3\Omega} = 0.033 \text{ A}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{V_2}{R_2} = \frac{10}{3\Omega} = 0.033 \text{ A}$$

$$I_3 = \frac{V_3}{R_3} = \frac{10}{3\Omega} = 0.033 \text{ A}$$

$$I_1 + I_2 + I_3 = 0.1 \text{ A}$$

$$(d) \quad P_1 = I_1 V_1 = (0.033) 10 = 0.33 \text{ W}$$

$$P_2 = I_2 V_2 = 0.33 \text{ W}$$

$$P_3 = I_3 V_3 = 0.33 \text{ W}$$