

# Exam 1

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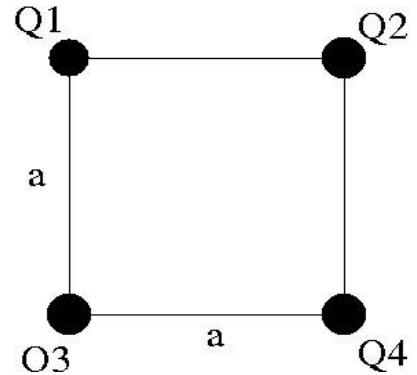
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**Problem 1.**

Four charges Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4 are positioned in the corners of a square whose side measures  $a=0.5\text{m}$ . Q1= $+3.0\text{mC}$ , Q4= $+3.0\text{mC}$ , and Q2=  $+1.0\text{mC}$  is positive.



What is the magnitude and direction of the force with which charge Q1 acts on charge Q2? \_\_\_\_\_ (show direction on the figure)

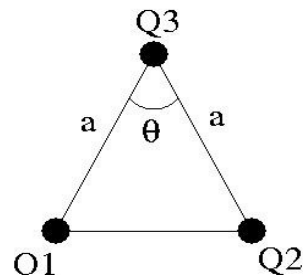
What is the magnitude and direction of the force with which charge Q4 acts on charge Q2? \_\_\_\_\_ (show direction on the figure)

What does Q3 have to be so that the total force on Q2 to be zero? \_\_\_\_\_

What will be the total force acting on Q2 if we double Q3? \_\_\_\_\_

## Problem 2.

Three charges  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , and  $Q_3$  are positioned in the corners of a triangle whose side measures  $a=0.5\text{m}$  and angle  $\theta=60^\circ$ .  $Q_1=Q_2=+3.0\text{mC}$  and  $Q_3=+1.0\text{mC}$ .



What is the magnitude and direction of the force with which charge  $Q_1$  acts on charge  $Q_3$ ? \_\_\_\_\_ (show direction on the figure)

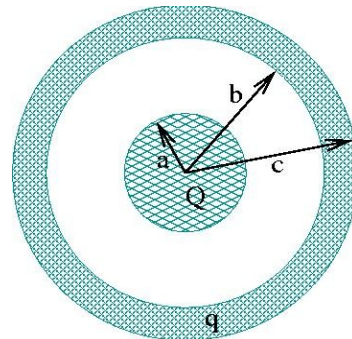
What is the magnitude and direction of the force with which charge  $Q_2$  acts on charge  $Q_3$ ? \_\_\_\_\_ (show direction on the figure)

What is the magnitude and direction of the total force which acts on charge  $Q_3$ ? \_\_\_\_\_ (show direction on the figure)

What would be the magnitude and direction of the total force which acted on charge  $Q_3$ , if charge  $Q_2=-3.0\text{mC}$ ? \_\_\_\_\_ (show direction on the figure)

## Problem 3.

A solid, conducting sphere of radius  $a=3.5\text{cm}$  carries an excess charge of  $Q=+6.0\mu\text{C}$ . This sphere is located at the center of a hollow, conducting sphere with an inner radius of  $b=10.0\text{cm}$  and an outer radius of  $c=12.0\text{cm}$  as shown. The hollow sphere also carries a total excess charge of  $q=+6.0\mu\text{C}$ .



What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field at a distance  $2\text{cm}$  from the center? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field at a distance 5cm from the center? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field at a distance 11cm from the center? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field at a distance 15cm from the center? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the total charge at the outer surface of the hollow sphere? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Problem 4.**

Two protons are released from the rest when they are 0.8nm apart.

What is the maximum speed they will reach? \_\_\_\_\_

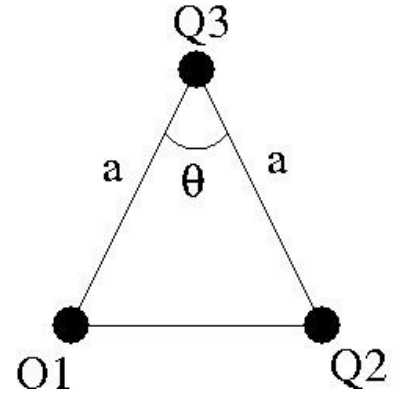
When does this speed occur? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the maximum acceleration they will achieve? \_\_\_\_\_

When does this acceleration occur? \_\_\_\_\_

### Problem 5.

Three charges  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , and  $Q_3$  are positioned in the corners of a triangle whose side measures  $a=0.5\text{m}$  and angle  $\theta=60^\circ$ .  $Q_1=Q_2=+3.0\text{mC}$  and  $Q_3=+1.0\text{mC}$ . The mass of charge  $Q_3$  is  $M=10\text{g}$ . At initial time the charge  $Q_3$  is released.



What is initial acceleration of the charge  $Q_3$ ? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the velocity of the charge  $Q_3$  at infinity? \_\_\_\_\_

What would the velocity at infinity be if charge  $Q_3$  started from midpoint between charges  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ ? \_\_\_\_\_

### Problem 6.

The plates of the parallel-plate capacitor are  $d=10\text{mm}$  apart, and each carries a charge of magnitude  $Q=8.0\mu\text{C}$ . The electric field between the plates has a magnitude of

$$E = 4.0 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}$$

What is the potential difference between the plates? \_\_\_\_\_

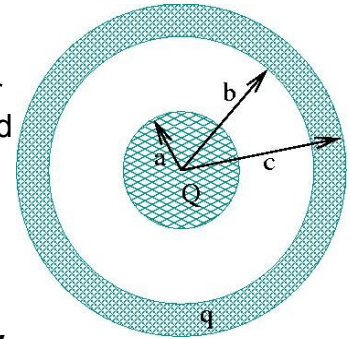
What is the area of each plate? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the capacitance? \_\_\_\_\_

How will the capacitance and the potential difference change if we double the distance between the plates? \_\_\_\_\_

### Problem 7. (spherical capacitor)

A solid, conducting sphere of radius  $a = 3.5\text{cm}$  is located at the center of a hollow, conducting sphere with an inner radius of  $b = 10.0\text{cm}$  and an outer radius of  $c = 12.0\text{cm}$  as shown. The charge of the solid sphere is  $Q = -6.0\mu\text{C}$ . The hollow sphere also carries a total excess charge of  $q = +6.0\mu\text{C}$ .

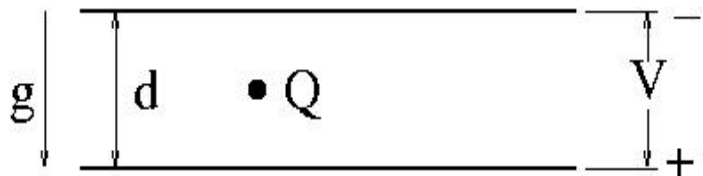


What is the potential difference between the solid and the hollow spheres? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the capacitance of this system of conductors? \_\_\_\_\_

### Problem 8.

A parallel plate capacitor is set up horizontally and has a distance between plates  $d = 1\text{cm}$  and the potential difference between the plates  $V = 100\text{Volts}$ . A small object



in between the plates has a small charge  $Q = 1\mu\text{C}$ .

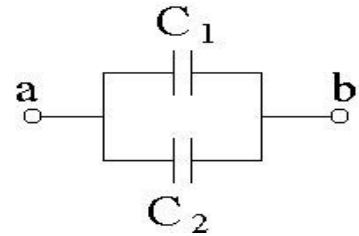
What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field in between the plates? \_\_\_\_\_

What electrostatic force is acting on the object? \_\_\_\_\_

What should be the mass of the object in order for the object to be at rest? ( $g = 9.8\text{m/s}^2$ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 9.**

A system of capacitors is shown on the figure,  $C_1=2\mu F$  ,  
 $C_2=3\mu F$  . Potential difference between points a and b is  
 $V=10\text{Volts}$ .



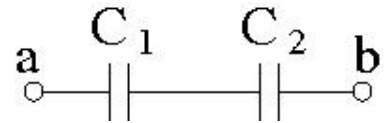
What is the charge  $Q_1$  on capacitor  $C_1$  ? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the charge  $Q_2$  on capacitor  $C_2$  ? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the total capacitance of the system? \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 10.**

A system of capacitors is shown on the figure,  $C_1=2\mu F$  ,  
 $C_2=3\mu F$  . Potential difference between points a and b is  $V=10\text{Volts}$ .



What is the total capacitance of the system? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the charge  $Q_1$  on capacitor  $C_1$  ? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the charge  $Q_2$  on capacitor  $C_2$  ? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the voltage difference  $V_1$  across the capacitor  $C_1$  ? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the voltage difference  $V_2$  across the capacitor  $C_2$  ? \_\_\_\_\_