

Exam 1

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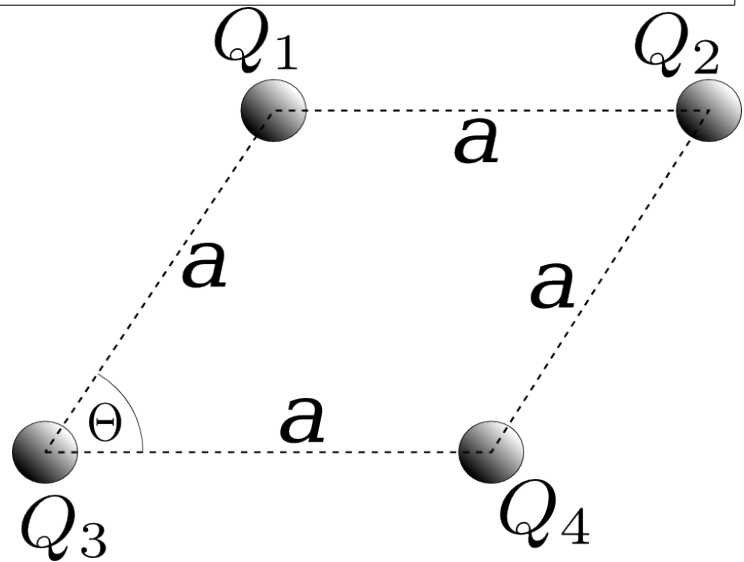
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501 Fuller, Melissa	Tues, 2:20-5:10	516 Li, Feng	Thurs, 8:00-10:50
502 Mahony, James	Tues, 3:55-6:45	517 Amin, Vivek	Thurs, 9:35-12:25
503 Chen, Jason	Tues, 4:55-7:45	518 Chen, Jason	Thurs, 11:10-2:00
504 Ferguson, Jim	Tues, 5:55-8:45	519 Russell, Charles	Thurs, 12:45-3:35
505 Zhang, Xiwen	Tues, 6:55-9:55	520 Zhang, Xiwen	Thurs, 2:20-5:10

Your grade:

Problem 1.

Four charges Q_1 , Q_2 , Q_3 , and Q_4 are positioned in the corners of a rhombus with sides measures $a=0.5\text{m}$ and angle $\theta=60^\circ$. $Q_1=+2.0\text{mC}$, $Q_4=+2.0\text{mC}$, and $Q_2=+1.0\text{mC}$ is positive.



What is the magnitude and direction of the force with which charge Q_1 acts on charge Q_2 ? _____ (show direction on the figure)

What is the magnitude and direction of the force with which charge Q_4 acts on charge Q_2 ? _____ (show direction on the figure)

If Q_3 is zero what is the magnitude and direction of the total force which acts on charge Q_2 ? _____ (show direction on the figure)

What does Q_3 have to be so that the total force on Q_2 will be zero? _____

What will be the total force acting on Q_2 if the value of Q_3 in the previous question is doubled? _____

Problem 2.

A metallic sphere of radius R has a charge Q .

How much work is needed to move a small charge q from the center of this sphere to the surface?_____

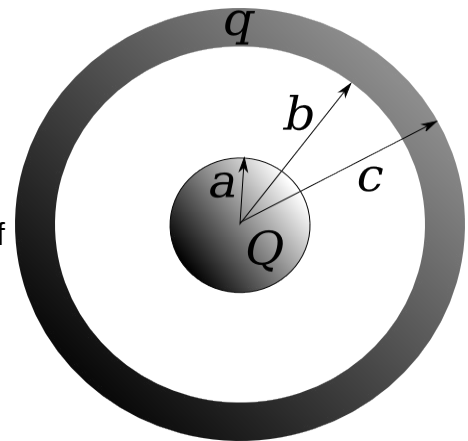
How much work is needed to move a small charge q from the center of this sphere to infinity?_____

This sphere is surrounded with a spherical metallic shell of radius $r > R$.

How much work is needed to move a small charge q from the center of the sphere to the shell?_____

Problem 3.

A solid, conducting sphere of radius $a = 3.5\text{cm}$ carries an excess charge of $Q = +12.0\mu\text{C}$. This sphere is located at the center of a hollow, conducting sphere (shell) with an inner radius of $b = 10.0\text{cm}$ and an outer radius of $c = 13.0\text{cm}$ as shown. The hollow shell also carries a total excess charge of $q = -6.0\mu\text{C}$.



What is the total charge at the inner surface of the shell?

What is the total charge at the outer surface of the shell? _____

What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field at a distance 1cm from the center? _____

What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field at a distance 4cm from the center? _____

What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field at a distance 12cm from the center? _____

What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field at a distance 16cm from the center? _____

Problem 4.

Four protons are initially at rest in the corners of a square of side $a=0.8\text{nm}$. All four are released simultaneously.

What is the maximum speed each will ever reach? _____

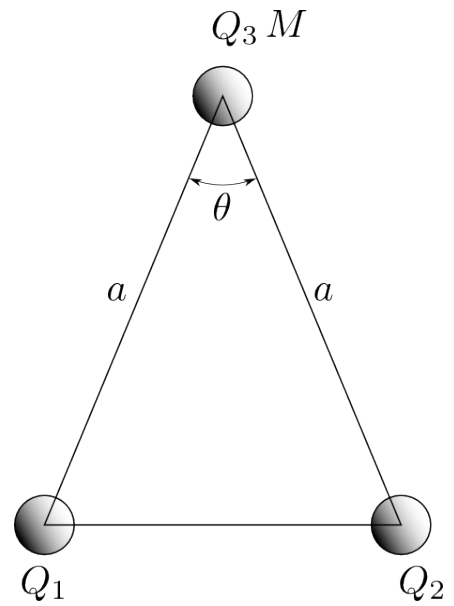
How far will the protons have traveled when this speed is reached? _____

What is the maximum acceleration each will achieve? _____

How far will the protons have traveled when this acceleration is reached? _____

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 $\theta=20^\circ$. $Q_1=Q_2=+6.0\text{mC}$ 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.

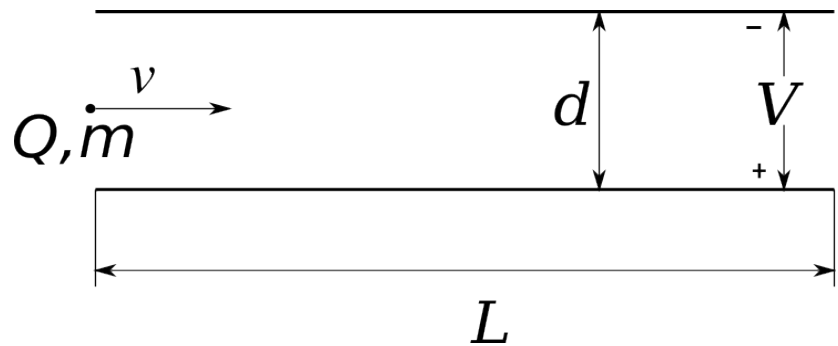


What is the initial acceleration of the charge Q_3 ? _____

What is the velocity of the charge Q_3 at infinity? _____

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

Problem 6.



A parallel plate capacitor with length $L=10\text{cm}$ is set up horizontally and has a distance between plates $d=1\text{cm}$ and the potential difference between the plates $V=500\text{Volts}$. A small object of charge $Q=2\mu\text{C}$ and mass $m=1\text{g}$ enters the capacitor with horizontal velocity $v=20\text{m/s}$. Neglect the gravitational force.

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

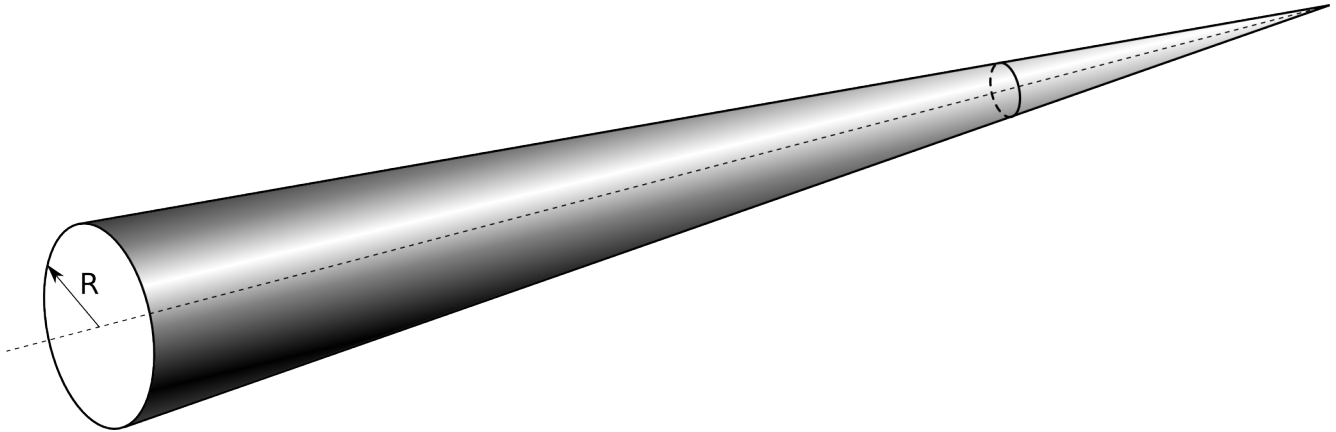
What is the electrostatic force acting on the object? _____

What is the magnitude of the object's velocity when it leaves the capacitor? _____

What is the direction of the object's velocity when it leaves the capacitor? _____

Problem 7.

An infinitely long insulating cylinder of radius R is charged. Its cylindrically symmetric charge distribution has a charge density $\rho(r)=\rho_0(1-2r^2/R^2)$ for $r<R$ and $\rho=0$ for $r>R$, where r is the distance to the central axis of the cylinder.



What is the total charge per unit length inside the cylinder? _____

What is the magnitude of the electric field for points $r > R$? _____

What is the magnitude of the electric field for points $r < R$? _____

At what distance r_0 is the magnitude of the electric field the largest? _____

Problem 8.

For the distribution of charge given in Problem 7.

What is the electric field potential for points $r > R$? _____

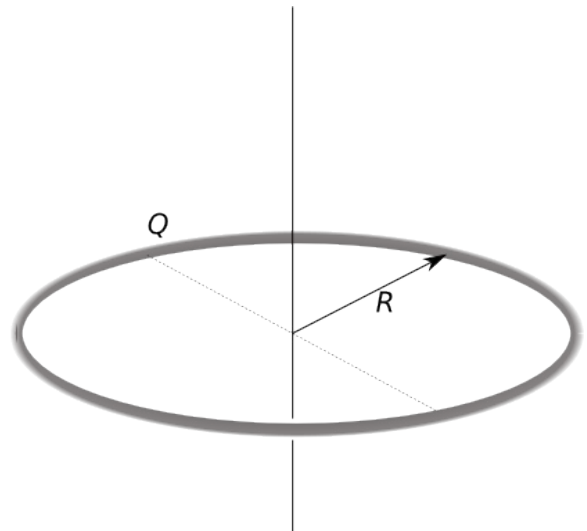
What is the electric field potential for points $r < R$? _____

At what distance r_{max} is the potential the largest? _____

Problem 9.

A uniformly charged ring of radius R has a total charge Q .

What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field along the axis of the ring? _____



What is electric field potential along the axis of the ring? _____

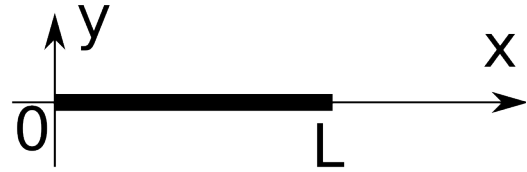
What is the electric field at the center of the ring? _____

What is the electric potential at the center of the ring? _____

What velocity will a small charge q of mass m have at infinity if it was released just a little bit off from the center of the ring? _____

Problem 10.

A very thin stick of length L has a charge density $\rho(x) = \rho_0 x^2 / L^2$



What is the direction and the magnitude of the electric field at the point $x=0$?

What is the potential of the electric field at the point $x=0$? _____

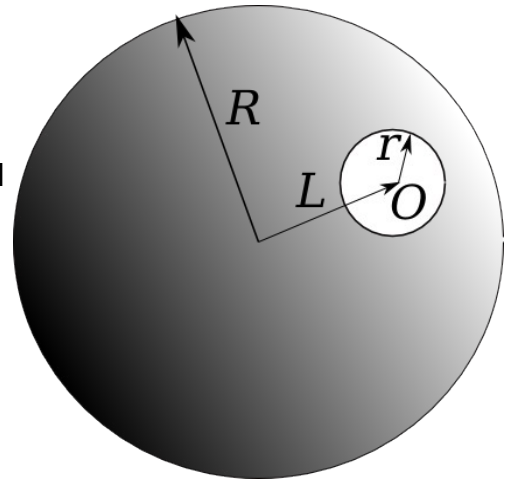
What velocity will a charge q of mass m have at infinity if released from rest at the point $x=0$? _____

Extra Problems.

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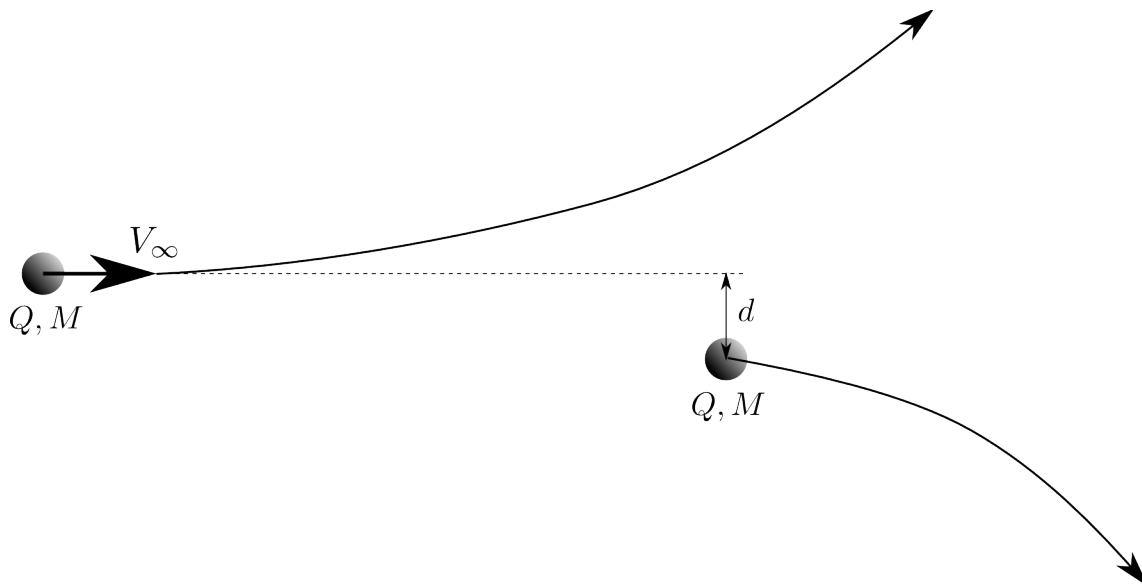
Extra Problem 1. (5 extra points)

A uniformly charged sphere of radius R has a spherical cavity of radius r and center O at distance $L < R - r$ from the center of the sphere as shown on the picture.



What is the electric field at the points inside the cavity? _____

Extra Problem 2. (5 extra points)



A charged point-like particle with charge Q and mass M has velocity V_∞ at infinity and impact parameter d . It scatters off an identical particle which is initially at rest.

What will be the closest distance between the particles? _____