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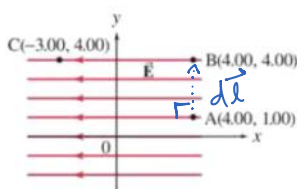


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FORMULAS FOR ΔV :

$$\Delta V = V_f - V_i$$

$$\Delta V = g \Delta u, \quad \Delta u := \text{CHANGE IN PE}$$

$$\Delta V = - \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \sim \text{"DISTANCE"}$$

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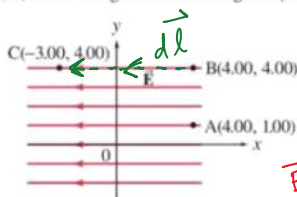


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$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\oint E dA \cos \theta = \dots$$

$$E \oint dA = \dots$$

$$E(A_{\text{TOTAL}}) = \dots$$

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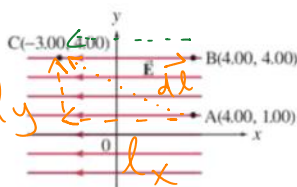


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find ΔV

$$\Delta V_{BA}$$

$$\Delta V_{CB}$$

$$\Delta V_{CA}$$

GIVEN: \vec{E} , l

$$\Delta V_{BA} = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$= - \int_A^B E dl \cos \theta$$

$$= - E \int_A^B dl \cos 90^\circ$$

$$= 0$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta$$

$$= AB \cos \theta$$

$$\Delta V_{CB} = - \int_B^C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$= - \int_B^C E dl \cos \theta$$

$$= - \int_B^C E dl$$

$$= - E \int_B^C dl$$

$$= - E l_{CB}$$

$$= - (4.20) (7)$$

$$= -29.4 \text{ V}$$

EVALUATE

"TOTAL DISTANCE FROM B \rightarrow C"

$$\Delta V_{CA} = - \int_A^C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$= - \int_A^C E dl \cos \theta$$

$$= - E \cos \theta \int_A^C dl$$

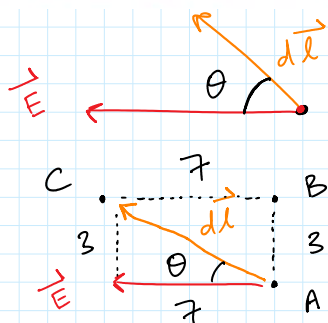
$$= - E \cos \theta l_{..}$$

$\cos \theta$

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= ANGLE B/W \vec{A} & \vec{B}

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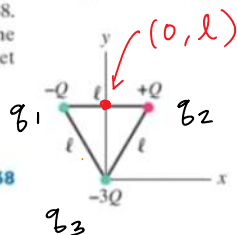
$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{3}{7} \right] \approx 23.2^\circ$$

$$l_{CA} = \sqrt{3^2 + 7^2} = \sqrt{58}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -E \cos \theta \int_A dx \\ &= -E \cos \theta l_{CA} \\ &= -(4.20) \cos 23.2^\circ (\sqrt{58}) \\ &= \boxed{-29.4 \text{ V}} \end{aligned}$$

77. Three charges are at the corners of an equilateral triangle (side ℓ) as shown in Fig. 23-38. Determine the potential at the midpoint of each of the sides. Let $V = 0$ at $r = \infty$.

FIGURE 23-38
Problem 77.



* NOTE: For today's session, let's just find the potential at the point $(0, \ell)$ *

Answer: at $(0, \ell)$, the net electric potential is $V = -\frac{\sqrt{3}Q}{2\pi\epsilon_0\ell}$

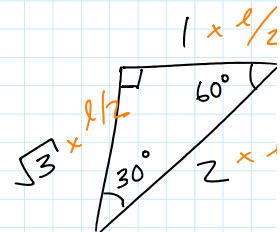
FINDING V_{NET} AT $(0, \ell)$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{NET} &= V_1 + V_2 + V_3 \\ &= K \frac{q_1}{r_1} + K \frac{q_2}{r_2} + K \frac{q_3}{r_3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} q_1 = -Q \\ q_2 = +Q \\ q_3 = -3Q \end{cases}$$

$$r_1 = r_2 = \ell/2$$

$$r_3 = \sqrt{3} \ell/2$$



$$\rightarrow V_{NET} = K \frac{-Q}{\ell/2} + K \frac{+Q}{\ell/2} + K \frac{-3Q}{\sqrt{3} \ell/2}$$

$$= \boxed{-K \frac{6Q}{\sqrt{3} \ell}}$$

~ "TECHNICALLY CORRECT" ; MATHEMATICALLY EQUIVALENT

WE "RATIONALIZE" THE FRACTION TO MATCH THE SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} V_{NET} &= -K \frac{6Q}{\sqrt{3} \ell} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = -K \frac{6\sqrt{3} Q}{3 \ell} = -K \frac{2\sqrt{3} Q}{\ell} \\ &= -\left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \frac{2\sqrt{3} Q}{\ell} = \boxed{-\frac{\sqrt{3} Q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 \ell}} \end{aligned}$$

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BADA BOOM

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