

Midterm 2

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1 Memory Bank

1. $F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$... Coulomb Force
2. $k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N C}^{-2} \text{ m}^2$... Remember $k = 1/(4\pi\epsilon_0)$.
3. $q_e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$... Charge of an electron/proton
4. $\vec{E} = q\vec{E}$... Electric field and charge
5. $\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$... Electric field of two oppositely charged planes each with charge density σ
6. $\epsilon_0 \approx 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$

7. $dE = \int k dq/r^2$... Remember that dq takes the form below

8. $dq = \lambda dx$... Linear charge density (C/m)

9. $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = Q_{enc}/\epsilon_0$... Gauss' Law, constant electric field over the surface area.

10. $U = q\Delta V$... Potential energy and voltage

11. 1 eV: an electron-Volt is the amount of energy one electron gains through 1 V.

12. $V(r) = k \frac{q}{r}$... Voltage of a point charge

13. $\vec{E} = -\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x}$... E-field is the slope or change in voltage with respect to distance

14. $V(x) = -Ex + V_0$... Voltage is linear between two charge planes

15. $Q = CV$... Definition of capacitance

16. $C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$... Capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor

17. $C_{tot}^{-1} = C_1^{-1} + C_2^{-1}$... Adding two capacitors in series.

18. $C_{tot} = C_1 + C_2$... Adding two capacitors in parallel.

19. $i(t) = dQ/dt$... Definition of current.

20. $v_d = i/(nqA)$... Charge drift velocity in a conductor with number density n and area A .

21. $R_{tot}^{-1} = R_1^{-1} + R_2^{-1}$... Adding two capacitors in parallel.

22. $R_{tot} = R_1 + R_2$... Adding two capacitors in series.

23. $\Delta V = IR_{tot}$, $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$... Versions of Ohm's Law. (\vec{J} is the current density with units of Amps per meter-squared).

24. $P = IV$... Relationship between power, current, and voltage.

25. $V_C(t) = \epsilon_1 (1 - \exp(-t/\tau))$... voltage across the capacitor in an RC series circuit. The time constant $\tau = RC$.

26. $i(t) = \frac{R}{L} \exp(-t/\tau)$... Current in an RC series circuit.

27. $i_{in} = i_{out}$... Kirchhoff's junction rule.

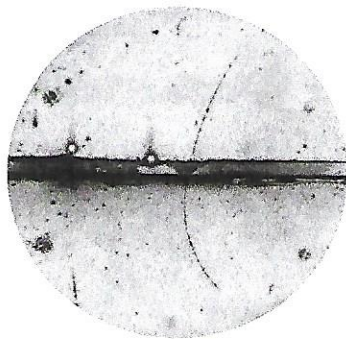
28. $\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3 + \dots = 0$... Kirchhoff's loop rule.

29. $\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$... The Lorentz force on a charge q with velocity \vec{v} in a magnetic field \vec{B} .

30. $\vec{B} = r\vec{T} \times \vec{B}$... The Lorentz force on a conductor of length L carrying a current I in a magnetic field \vec{B} .

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Figure 3: The trajectory of a sub-atomic particle through a cloud chamber.



1. The experimental result depicted in Fig. 3 shows the trajectory of a sub-atomic particle that is revealed by a device called a cloud chamber. The particle bends to the left after passing through a lead plate. (a) The magnetic field is into the page. What is the sign of the charge of this particle? (b) It was later deduced that this particle had the mass of an electron. Why is that strange? (c) Imagine the B-field had a strength of 0.05 T and the velocity of the particle was 10^6 m/s. What was the force on the particle, and in what direction was the force?

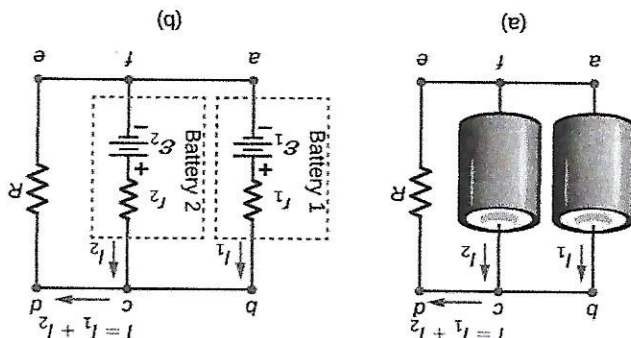
a. The sign of this particle is positive because the particle is going up and to the left.

b. It's strange because the electrons & protons have the same mass but different charges. Subatomic particles are negative so its weird that it is positive from part A.

$$\begin{aligned} c. B &= 0.005 \text{ T} \quad v = 10^6 \text{ m/s} \\ q &= +1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \\ F &= qvB \\ &= (1.6 \times 10^{-19})(10^6)(0.005) \\ &= 8.0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

to the left

Figure 2: Two AA batteries are connected in parallel to power a calculator represented by R. (a) The batteries are connected in parallel. (b) A circuit diagram representing the circuit in (a).



$$\begin{aligned} 12r_2 + (I_1 + I_2)r_2 - E_2 &= 0 \\ 12r_2 + (I_2 + I_2)r_2 - E_2 &= 0 \\ 12(0.25) + (I_2 + I_2)(50) - 1.5 &= 0 \\ 12(0.25) + (2I_2)(50) - 1.5 &= 0 \\ 12(0.25) + 100I_2 - 1.5 &= 0 \\ 100.25I_2 - 1.5 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b. I &= \frac{q}{t} \rightarrow + = \frac{I}{q} \\ &= \frac{(2.5 \text{ A}) \cdot (1 \text{ hr}) (2 \text{ batteries})}{0.03} \\ &= 166.6 \approx 167 \text{ hrs} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 12 - 0.015 \text{ A} &= I_2 = 0.015 \text{ A} \\ \text{Current flow} &= I = I_1 + I_2 \\ &= 2(0.015) \\ &= 0.030 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

a. abcdef
If the batteries each have a charge $q = 2.5$ A hr, how long will the current flow?