

# Midterm 1 for Calculus-Based Physics: Electricity and Magnetism

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## Memory Bank:

1. Coulomb Force:  $\vec{F} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$
2.  $k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N C}^{-2} \text{ m}^2$
3.  $q_e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
4. Mass of a proton:  $1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
5. Electric field and charge:  $\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$
6. Field of infinite wire of charge density  $\lambda$ :  $\vec{E}(z) = \frac{2k\lambda}{z} \hat{z}$
7. Field of two oppositely charged infinite planes, with charge density  $\sigma$ :  $\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$
8.  $\epsilon_0 \approx 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$
9. Dipole moment:  $\vec{p} = q\vec{d}$
10. Torque on dipole moment:  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$
11. Electric flux:  $\Phi = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = EA \cos \theta$
12. Gauss' law:  $\Phi = Q_{enc}/\epsilon_0$
13. Potential energy and voltage:  $U = q\Delta V$
14. Voltage of a point charge:  $V(r) = k \frac{q}{r}$
15. Voltage and E-field:  $\vec{E} = -\nabla V$ , single-variable  $\vec{E} = -\frac{dV}{dx}$
16. Constant E-field:  $E = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x}$
17. E-field and voltage:  $\Delta V = -\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{x}$
18. Capacitance:  $Q = CV$
19. Parallel plate capacitor:  $C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$
20. Adding two capacitors in series:  $C_{tot}^{-1} = C_1^{-1} + C_2^{-1}$
21. Adding two capacitors in parallel:  $C_{tot} = C_1 + C_2$
22. Definition of current:  $I(t) = \frac{dQ}{dt}$
23. Drift velocity:  $v_d = \frac{I}{nAq}$
24. Ohm's law:  $V = IR$
25. Power:  $P = IV$
26. **Adding two resistors in series**  $R_{tot} = R_1 + R_2$
27. **Adding two resistors in parallel**  $R_{tot}^{-1} = R_1^{-1} + R_2^{-1}$

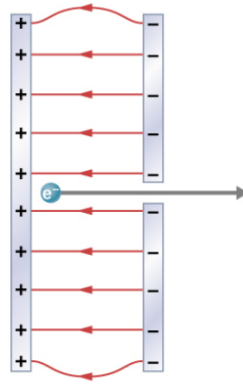


Figure 1: A device accelerating a **positively charged** particle to the right.

### 1. Chapter 5, Electrostatics

- (a) Two electrons approach each other in space. What is the electric force of repulsion between them when they are separated by  $10^{-13}$  m?
- (b) A charge  $q_1$  is located at  $(-2,-2)$  m in a 2D coordinate system, a charge  $q_2$  is located at  $(-2,2)$  m, a charge  $q_3$  is located at  $(2,2)$  m, and a charge  $q_4$  is located at  $(2,-2)$  m. If  $q_1 = q_2 = 20\mu$  C, and  $q_3 = q_4 = 40\mu$  C, find the value of the electric field at  $(0,0)$ .
- (c) In Fig. 1, assume a proton is being accelerated to the right. (a) If the electric field is  $E = 2000$  N/C to the right, what is the force on the proton? (b) Using Newton's Second Law, show that the acceleration is  $a = (q/m)E$ . (c) Recall that an object that is accelerating travels a distance  $d$  in a time  $t$  according to  $d = \frac{1}{2}at^2$ . How far has the proton travelled in  $1\mu$ s?

### 2. Chapter 6, Gauss' Law

- (a) Show that the electric field of an infinite line of charge with charge per unit length  $\lambda$  is  $E = \lambda/(2\pi\epsilon_0 r)$ , if the test charge is a distance  $r$  from the line.

### 3. Chapter 7, Voltage

- (a) An arch of electricity sends  $10.0$  C of charge through a potential of  $10^4$  Volts, and a second arch sends  $1.0$  C of charge through a potential of  $10^5$  Volts. What total energy was dissipated? (Add the two energies).

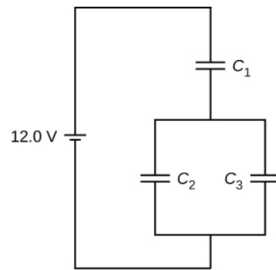


Figure 2: A circuit of capacitors.

- (b) Consult again Fig. 1. (a) If the plates are 150 cm apart, and the field is still 2000 N/C, what is the voltage difference between the plates? (b) Draw  $V(x)$ , the voltage as a function of distance  $x$  between the plates.

- (c) If a charge  $q_1 = 10$  nC is fixed in place, and a charge of  $q_2 = 0.1$  nC is placed a distance of 1 m from it, (a) what is the potential energy of  $q_2$ ? (b) If  $q_2$  has a mass of  $10^{-6}$  kg, what speed will it reach if it is released?

#### 4. Chapter 8, Capacitance

- (a) Find the (a) charge stored when 5.0 V is applied to an 50.0 pF capacitor. (b) What is the energy stored?
- (b) Find the charge stored when 5.0 V is applied to two 50.0 pF capacitors *in parallel*.
- (c) Consult Fig. 2. If  $C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = 0.1 \mu\text{F}$ , and  $V = 12.0$  Volts, what is the total charge stored?

#### 5. Chapter 9, Current and Ohm's law

- (a) Suppose the charge collected in a capacitor is measured to follow the function  $Q(t) = -Q_0 \exp(-t/\tau)$ .  
 (a) Using the definition of current, show that the current into the capacitor is  $i(t) = (Q_0/\tau) \exp(-t/\tau)$ .  
 (b) If  $\tau = RC$ , with  $R = 1000\Omega$ , and  $C = 1.0\mu\text{F}$ , and  $Q_0 = 1\mu\text{C}$ , what is the current when  $t = 5$  ms?

- (b) Suppose two resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are both  $1000\Omega$ , and are connected in parallel to a 5V battery. (a) What is the total current flowing from the battery? (b) What is the power being provided by the battery?