

# Work and Potential


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**Force**  
 Force on  $Q$  due to  $E$ -Field:  $\vec{F}_E = Q\vec{E}$   
 Move in dir.  $\vec{E}$ :  $\vec{F}_E = \vec{F}_E \cdot \vec{E}$ , Force applied:  $\vec{F}_E = -\vec{F}_{el}$   
 $E$ -Field:  $\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$

**Work**  
 - Force applied: distance moved  
 $dW = -Q \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} = -Q \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} \rightarrow W = -q \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} \text{ (J)}$   
 - If  $Q \perp \vec{E}$ ,  $W = 0$   
 ex: move  $q^+$  towards  $Q^+$ :  $W = -q \int_{\infty}^r \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} = -q \int_{\infty}^r \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 L^2} dL$

**Potential**  
 - work done by external source moving  $q$  from 1 pt. to another in an  $E$  field  
 Potential difference:  $V_{AB} = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} = V_A - V_B \text{ (J/C) (V)}$   
 - (+) if work done against  $E$  field  
 Electric Field inside closed surface:  $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L} = 0$

Charge $Q$	$ \vec{E} $	$ V $
Point $Q$	$\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \left(\propto \frac{1}{r^2}\right)$	$\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left(\propto \frac{1}{r}\right)$
Inf. line $\rho$	$\frac{\rho}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left(\propto \frac{1}{r}\right)$	$\frac{\rho}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$
Inf. sheet $\rho_s$	$\frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \text{ (const.)}$	$\frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon_0} r \text{ (} \propto r \text{)}$

ex:  @ origin:  $\vec{E} = 0$   $\therefore$  cancel  
 $V \neq 0$   $\therefore$  from  $\infty \rightarrow$  ring, work done against  $E$ -field outward from ring  
 $dE = \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \cos\theta \rightarrow R^2 = \rho^2 + z^2, \cos\theta = \frac{z}{R}$   
 $E(z) = \frac{Q_{total} \cdot z}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (\rho^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z} \text{ V/m}$   
 $V: V = -\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{L}, V = 0 @ \infty$   
 $= -\int_0^z \frac{Q_{total} \cdot z'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (\rho^2 + z'^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z} \cdot d\vec{z}' \hat{z}$   
 $= \frac{Q_{total}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2}} \rightarrow @ z = 0, V = \frac{Q_{total}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \rho}$

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 The electric field at the point  $(2, 6, 4)$  is, in SI units of N/C,  
 $\vec{E} = \frac{10^{-9}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (8, 2, 8)$ .  
 Introducing a point charge of  $-100 \text{ nC}$  at some point  $P$  will make  $\vec{E} = 0$  at the point  $(2, 6, 4)$ . Find  $P$ .

ANSWER:  $P = ( \text{ } , \text{ } , \text{ } )$

Note: You can earn partial credit on this problem.

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superposition:  
 $\vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 = 0$   
 $\vec{E}$  fixed from pt.  $q = (-100) \text{ nC}$ :  
 $\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r} \rightarrow r = \sqrt{(2-a)^2 + (6-b)^2 + (4-c)^2}$   
 $= \frac{-100 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 [(2-a)^2 + (6-b)^2 + (4-c)^2]^{3/2}} \frac{(2-a, 6-b, 4-c)}{[(2-a)^2 + (6-b)^2 + (4-c)^2]^{3/2}}$   
 $\frac{10^{-9}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \langle 8, 2, 8 \rangle + \frac{(-100 \times 10^{-9})}{4\pi\epsilon_0 [(2-a)^2 + (6-b)^2 + (4-c)^2]^{3/2}} \langle 2-a, 6-b, 4-c \rangle = 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  solve & compare:  $\frac{1}{[(2-a)^2 + (6-b)^2 + (4-c)^2]^{3/2}} \langle -900(2-a), -900(6-b), -900(4-c) \rangle = -\langle 72, 18, 72 \rangle$   
 $\therefore P = \langle -0.0542785, 5.48643, 1.94572 \rangle$

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## Assignment 1: Problem 4

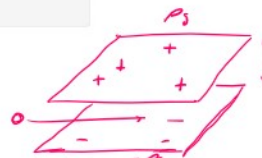
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 An electrostatic air filter uses an electric field to force charged dust particles to be deflected towards collecting plates as they pass through the unit. For the purposes of this question, model the air filter as two parallel infinite sheets of charge having uniform surface charge densities of  $\rho_s$  and  $-\rho_s$  respectively. Air containing dust particles flows between these two charged surfaces. If the separation of the plates is  $d = 2 \text{ cm}$ , the average dust particle radius is  $r = 25 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , and the density of the dust is  $75 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$ , estimate the necessary surface charge density  $\rho_s$  on the collecting plates if the force on a dust particle having a charge of  $q = 3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ C}$  must counteract that of gravity in order for the filter to be effective.

$\rho_s = \text{ } \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}^2}$

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 $F_e = F_g$   
 $F_g = mg = (25 \times 10^{-6})^3 \frac{4}{3} \pi \cdot 75 (9.8) = 4.810564 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}$   
 $\vec{E}_s = \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{z} \times 2 \text{ plates}$   
 $\vec{F}_e = \vec{E}_s \cdot q = \frac{\rho_s q}{\epsilon_0}$   
 $\frac{\rho_s (3 \times 10^{-15})}{\epsilon_0} = 4.810564 \times 10^{-11}$   
 $\rightarrow$  solve:  $\rho_s = 1.4197898 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}^2$

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The line segment joining  $P_0(3, 0, 0)$  to  $P_1(9, 0, 0)$  has a uniform linear charge with density  $\rho_L = -7 \text{ nC/m}$ . No other charges are present.

(a) Find the electric field at the origin:

 $\vec{E}(0, 0, 0) =$   N/C.
(b) Find the total charge,  $Q$ , on the given segment:
 $Q =$   C.

(c) Imagine replacing the given segment with a point charge  $Q$ , with  $Q$  given in part (b). Where should this point charge be placed so that the electric field at the origin is identical with the one found in part (a)?

 $P =$   m.

**WeBWorK note:** For non-scalar objects, bracket shape matters. WeBWorK interprets  $(1, 2, 3)$  as a point, but  $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  as a vector.

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$\rho_L = -7 \text{ nC}$   
 $P_0(3, 0, 0)$  to  $P_1(9, 0, 0)$   
 $\rho_L = -7 \text{ nC/m}$   
 a)  $\vec{E}$ -field @ origin  
 $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{a}_r$   $d\vec{E} = \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \rightarrow dQ = \rho_L dr$   
 $\vec{E}_x = \int_3^9 \frac{\rho_L}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} dr \hat{a}_x$   
 $= \langle 14, 0, 0 \rangle \text{ V/m}$   
 b) Total charge  
 $Q_{\text{total}} = \int_3^9 \rho_L dr = -4.2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$   
 c)  $\vec{E} = \langle 14, 0, 0 \rangle$   $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{a}_r$   
 $14 = \frac{-4.2 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$   
 $\rightarrow \text{solve: } r = 5.196156 \text{ m}$

a)  $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{a}_r$   
 $d\vec{E}_x = \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \sin\theta \rightarrow dQ = \rho_L ds$   
 $\vec{E}_x = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\rho_L}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \sin\theta ds \rightarrow s = \theta r$   
 $ds = r d\theta$   
 $= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\rho_L}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \sin\theta d\theta$   
 $\rho_L = \frac{Q_{\text{total}}}{\pi r}$  (half circle)  
 $= \frac{Q_{\text{total}}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin\theta d\theta = 7859.50336 \text{ V/m } \hat{a}_x$   
 b)  $\langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$

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$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$   
 $V_{\text{total}} = V_1 + V_2$   
 $V_1 = \frac{4e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \rightarrow r = |\langle 3, -5, 1 \rangle| = \sqrt{35}$   
 $V_2 = \frac{-e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \rightarrow r = |\langle 3, -5, 1 \rangle| = \sqrt{35}$   
 $V_{\text{total}} = \frac{4e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{35}} - \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{35}} = 7.71958 \times 10^{-10} \text{ V}$   
 a)  $V_{\text{total}} = 0$   
 $V_{\text{total}} = V_1 + V_2 = 0 \rightarrow V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$   
 $r_1 = |\langle x, y, z \rangle|$   
 $r_2 = |\langle x, y, z \rangle - \langle 8, 0, 0 \rangle|$   
 $0 = \frac{4e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} - \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{(x-8)^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$   
 $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 4\sqrt{(x-8)^2 + y^2 + z^2} \rightarrow y=0, z=0$   
 $x^2 = 16(x^2 - 16x + 64) \rightarrow 30x = 128 \rightarrow x = 128/30 = 64/15$   
 $\therefore \text{charge: } \langle 64/15, 0, 0 \rangle$   
 $\therefore \Delta = 128$   
 b)  $\langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \sqrt{4((x-2)^2 + y^2 + z^2)} \rightarrow y=0, z=0$$

$$x^2 = 16(x^2 - 16x + 64)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{solve: } x = 52/5 \approx 10.4$$

$$\therefore \text{line: } (x, y, z) = (2, 0, 0) + \frac{2x+2y+z}{5} = \text{origin}$$

$$\therefore \omega = \frac{121}{15}$$



$$\vec{E} = \langle y, (x+y), y \rangle$$

$$V(2, 1, 1) = 25$$

$$V(2, 6, 4) = ?$$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ From } (2, 1, 1) \rightarrow (2, 6, 1)$$

$$\int_1^6 (x+y) dy \rightarrow z=1$$

$$= 55$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ From } (2, 6, 1) \rightarrow (2, 6, 4)$$

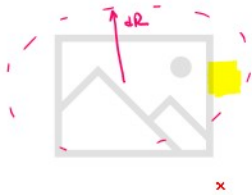
$$\int_1^4 y dz \rightarrow y=6$$

$$= 162$$

$$V(2, 6, 4) = V(2, 1, 1) - 55 - 162$$

$$= 25 - 55 - 162$$

$$= -192 \text{ V}$$



$$|V| = \frac{\rho_0}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$= \frac{(10 \times 10^{-4})(1.9 - 0.095)}{2 \cdot 20}$$

$$= 536.469 \text{ V}$$