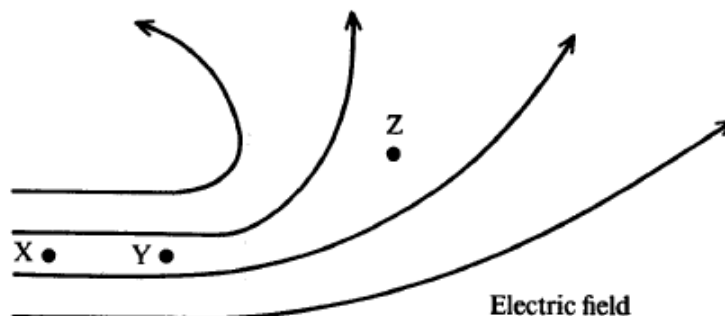


The diagram below represents electric field lines in space. The points X, Y and Z are three points situated in the field.



94 [1985 Question 67](#), [1 mark](#)

If the electric potential at Y is zero, which line (A - F) in the following table represents the sign of the electric potential at X and Z?

	Sign of electric potential at X	Sign of electric potential at Z
A.	+	+
B.	+	-
C.	-	-
D.	-	+
E.	zero	+
F.	zero	-

A small, positive charge is placed successively at X, Y and Z.

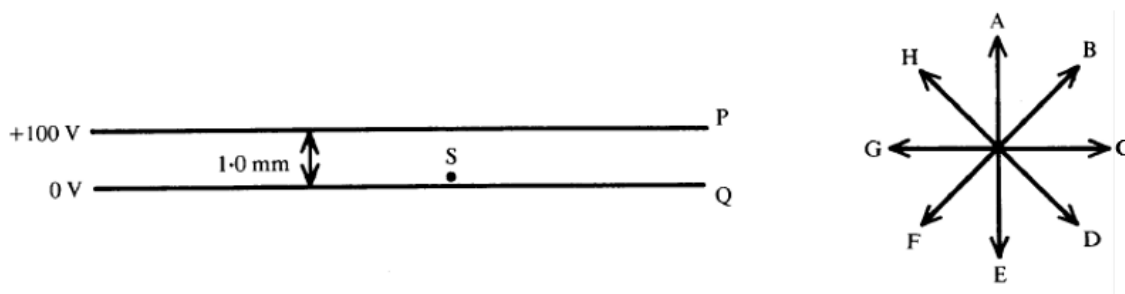
95 [1985 Question 68](#), [1 mark](#)

Which one or more of the following statements is correct?

- A. When the charge is at Y it will accelerate towards X.
  - B. The magnitude of the force on the charge is the same at each of the points X, Y and Z.
  - C. The force on the charge at X will be greater than the force on the charge at Z.
  - D. When the charge is at Z it will experience a smaller force than at either X or Y.
- (one or more answers)

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Two large metal plates, P and Q, are separated by 1.0 mm and are charged so that a potential difference of 100 V exists between them. The diagram shows an edge-on view of the plates.



**96** [1984 Question 49](#), [1 mark](#)

What is the magnitude of the electric field at point S just above the surface of the plate Q?

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**97** [1984 Question 50](#), [1 mark](#)

i. What is the magnitude of the electric field mid-way between the plates?

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ii. Which of the alternatives (A - H) in the key above best gives the direction of the electric field mid-way between the plates?

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**98** [1984 Question 51](#), [1 mark](#)

i. What is the magnitude of the acceleration of an electron placed mid-way between the plates?

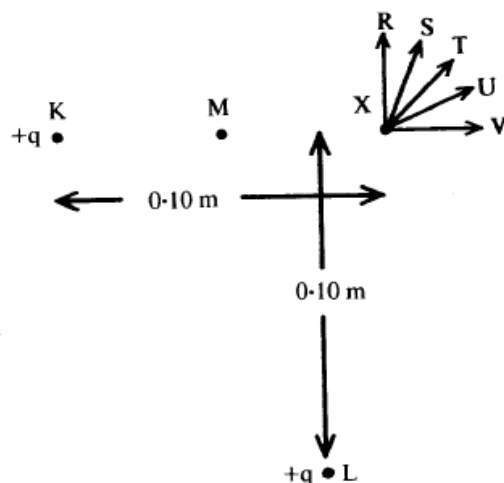
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ii. Which of the alternatives (A - H) in the key above best gives the direction of this acceleration?

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(The ratio  $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}}$  for an electron is  $-2.0 \times 10^{11} \text{ C kg}^{-1}$ )

Two equal point charges are placed at the points K and L in the diagram below and produce a resultant electric field at the point X of magnitude  $100 \text{ V m}^{-1}$  in the direction of T.



The charge at the point K is then shifted a distance of 0.05 m to M.

**99** [1984 Question 52](#), [1 mark](#)

Which of the arrows (R - V) now best describes the direction of the resultant electric field at the point X?

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**100** [1984 Question 53](#), [1 mark](#)

Which of the alternatives (A - D) below best gives the magnitude of the resultant electric field at X?

- A.  $4.0 \times 10^2 \text{ V m}^{-1}$
- B.  $2.9 \times 10^2 \text{ V m}^{-1}$
- C.  $2.0 \times 10^2 \text{ V m}^{-1}$
- D.  $1.7 \times 10^2 \text{ V m}^{-1}$

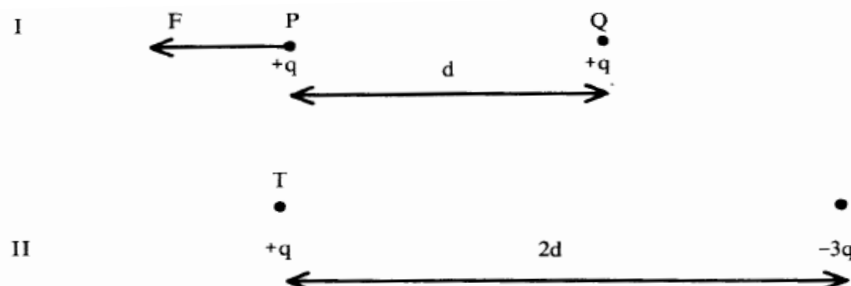
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The two diagrams below each show a pair of point charges. The two charges and their separations are indicated. In case I the force on P is shown by a vector  $F$ .

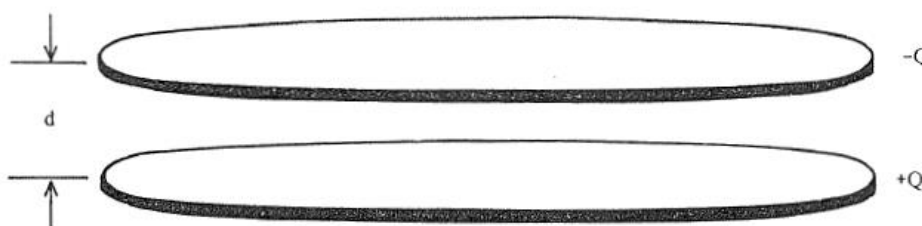
**101 1983 Question 49, 1 mark**

Write an expression in terms of  $F$  for the magnitude of the force on the charge T shown in case II, and indicate the direction (left or right) of this force.



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Two large isolated parallel metal plates distance  $d$  apart are both uniformly charged such that the charge on one plate is equal in magnitude and opposite in sign to the charge on the other.



Use the answer key below for the following question:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| A. the quantity increases by a factor of 4 | B. the quantity increases by a factor of 2 |
| C. the quantity has not changed            | D. the quantity decreases by a factor of 2 |
| E. the quantity decreases by a factor of 4 |  |

**102 1983 Question 50, 1 mark**

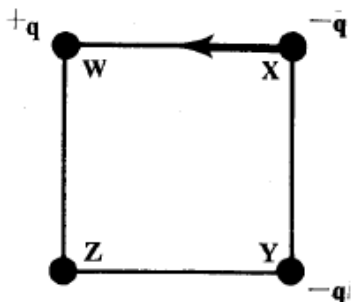
What happens to the magnitude of the electric field midway between the plates if  $d$  is halved?

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**103 1983 Question 51, 1 mark**

What happens to the magnitude of the potential difference between the two plates if  $d$  is doubled?

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A fourth charge,  $Q$ , is placed at  $Z$ , after which the charge at  $X$  experiences a net electrostatic force indicated by the arrow.

**108 1982 Question 51, 1 mark**

What is the value of  $Q$ ?

- A.  $-2.8q$
- B.  $-1.4q$
- C.  $+1.4q$
- D.  $+2.8q$
- E.  $+4.0q$

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Constant in Coulomb's Law  $k = 9.0 \times 10^9$  newton m<sup>2</sup> coulomb<sup>-2</sup>

Charge on electron  $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  coulomb .

Use these data to answer questions 50 and 51.

**125 [1977](#) Question 50, [1 mark](#)**

How many electronic charges are there in one coulomb?

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**126 [1977](#) Question 51, [1 mark](#)**

What is the value of  $k$  in newton m<sup>2</sup> (electronic charge)<sup>-2</sup>?

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Two insulated uncharged metal spheres are each given net charges of +  $Q$  coulomb. The force each exerts on the other is  $F$  newton when they are placed  $d$  m apart.

**127 [1977](#) Question 52, [1 mark](#)**

What distance apart should the spheres be if the force between them is to be  $3F$ ?

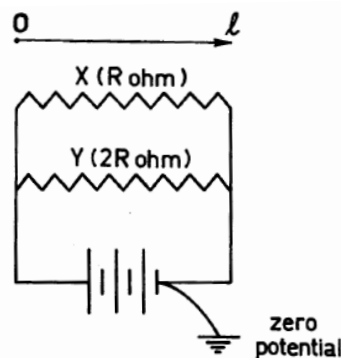
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**128 [1977](#) Question 53, [1 mark](#)**

The spheres are now returned to their original separation of  $d$  m. What charge should be added to one of the spheres if the force between them is to be  $-2F$ ?

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152 [1973](#) Question 73, [1 mark](#)

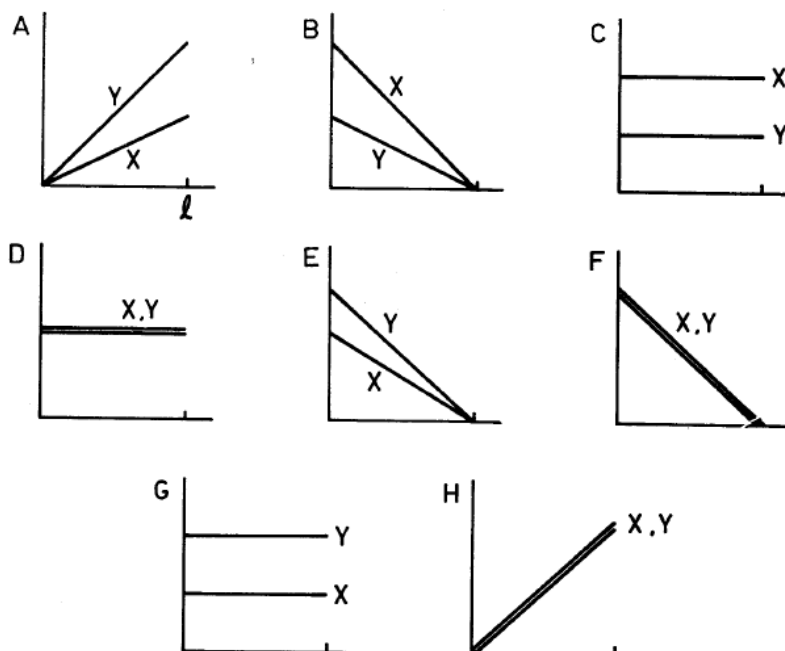
Which of the graphs below represents the electrical potential versus distance along each wire?

153 [1973](#) Question 74, [1 mark](#)

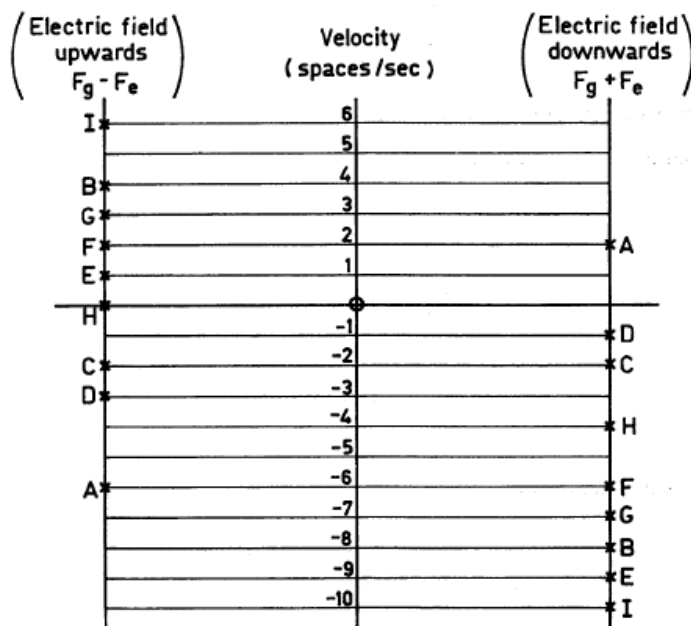
Which graph represents the current versus distance along each wire?

154 [1973](#) Question 75, [1 mark](#)

Which graph represents the electric field versus distance along each wire?



A student carries out the Millikan experiment with small plastic spheres, all of the same size. He measures the terminal velocities of several spheres under two conditions, one when the electric field is in the same direction as gravity, and one when the field is reversed. He displays his results as shown in the diagram. The letters refer to particular spheres.



159 [1972 Question 64](#), [1 mark](#)

Which sphere carries the greatest charge?

160 [1972 Question 65](#), [1 mark](#)

Which sphere carries no net charge?

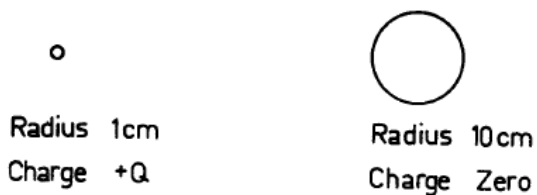
161 [1972 Question 66](#), [1 mark](#)

Which sphere is apparently of different mass from the others?

162 [1972 Question 67](#), [1 mark](#)

How many electronic charges appear to be on the sphere G?

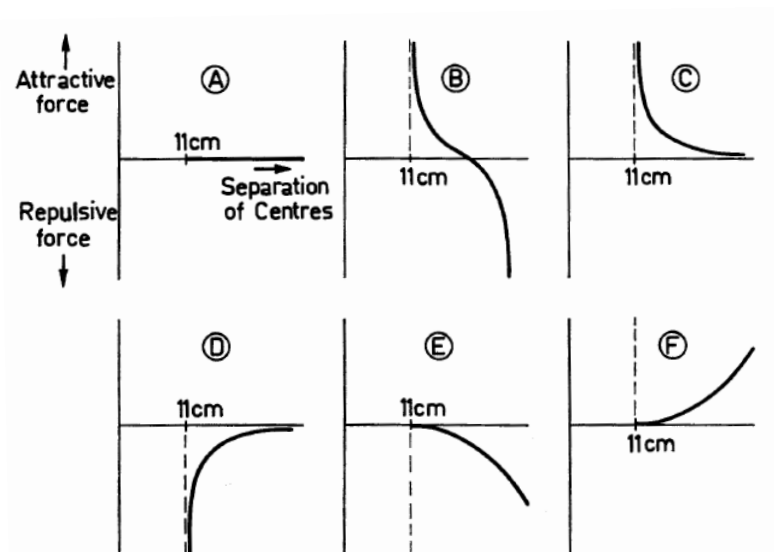




A large, uncharged metal sphere is moved towards a small, charged metal sphere.

**163** [1971 Question 67, 1 mark](#)

Which graph best represents the relation between the electrical force and the separation between the centres of the spheres?



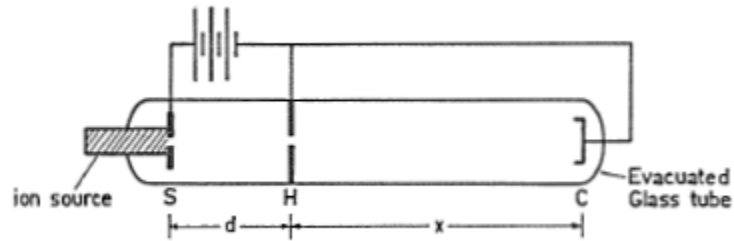
The two spheres are now touched together.

**164** [1971 Question 68, 1 mark](#)

When the spheres are separated, which graph best represents the force-distance relation?

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In the apparatus in the diagram, positive ions are accelerated in the electric field produced by the battery whose EMF is  $V$  volt.



The ions are released from the ion source S, pass through the hole in electrode H and are collected by electrode C.

**168 1971 Question 83, 1 mark**

- (a) What is the potential difference between H and S?
- (b) What is the potential difference between C and H?

Assuming the fields to be uniform.

**169 1971 Question 84, 1 mark**

- (a) What is the electric field between H and S?
- (b) What is the electric field between C and H?

An ion of mass  $m$  kg and charge  $+e$  coulomb, initially at rest, is released by the ion source.

**170 1971 Question 85, 1 mark**

What is its acceleration

- (a) in the space between H and S?
- (b) in the space between C and H?

**171 [1971](#) Question 86, [1 mark](#)**

What is the speed of the ion

(a) just before reaching H?

(b) just before reaching C?

**172 [1971](#) Question 87, [1 mark](#)**

Write an expression for the time taken by an ion to travel from H to C using only symbols selected from the following:  $V$ ,  $m$ ,  $e$ ,  $d$ ,  $x$ .

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Two parallel plates 3 cm apart in a vacuum have a certain potential difference between them. Suppose that an electron is released from the negative plate at the same instant as an  $\alpha$ -particle ( $\text{He}^{++}$ ) leaves the positive plate.

Note : the mass of the  $\alpha$ -particle is about  $7 \times 10^3$  times the mass of the electron.

**173 [1971](#) Question 91, [1 mark](#)**

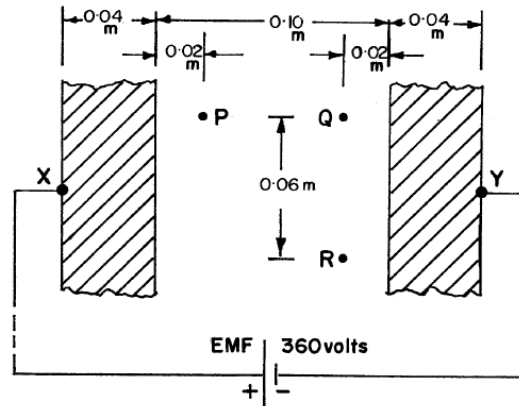
Neglecting any interaction between the electron and the  $\alpha$ -particle, the particles pass one another

- A. midway between the plates.
- B. 1 cm from the positive plate.
- C. 1 cm from the negative plate.
- D. very close to the positive plate.
- E. very close to the negative plate.

**174 [1971](#) Question 92, [1 mark](#)**

What is the value of the ratio  $\frac{\text{maximum kinetic energy of electron}}{\text{maximum kinetic energy of } \alpha\text{-particle}}$

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Two large parallel metal blocks are set up 0.1 metre apart in a vacuum. A battery of EMF 360 volt is connected across the blocks so that the block on the left is positively charged and the other one negatively charged.

P is a point 0.02 metre from the positive block, Q and R are points 0.02 metre from the negatively charged block. The distances PQ and QR are both 0.06 metre.

Experiments are performed using a proton and an alpha particle.

An alpha particle has twice the charge and four times the mass of a proton.

**185 [1970](#) Question 67, [1 mark](#)**

What is the value of the ratio:

$$\frac{\text{kinetic energy of alpha particle at Q after release from rest at P}}{\text{kinetic energy of proton at Q after release from rest at P}} \quad ?$$

**186 [1970](#) Question 68, [1 mark](#)**

What is the value of the ratio:

$$\frac{\text{work done in taking alpha particle from Q to P}}{\text{work done in taking alpha particle from R to P}} \quad ?$$

**187 [1970](#) Question 69, [1 mark](#)**

What is the value of the electric field between the blocks?

**188 [1970](#) Question 70, [1 mark](#)**

Which of the following graphs best represents the electric potential at all points along the straight line between X and Y?

