

Problem 1. A point charge of magnitude $+q$ produces an electric field pattern with a certain strength at distance r .

- If another point charge produces an electric field that is twice as strong at the same distance r , what is the magnitude and sign of this second charge? (5 pts)
- If a third point charge produces an electric field that is half as strong and directed inward at the same distance r , what is the magnitude and sign of this charge? (5 pts)

Problem 2.

The electric potential along a line is described by the function:

$$V(x) = 80 - 12x + 3x^2 \quad (\text{with } V \text{ in volts, } x \text{ in meters}).$$

- Write the expression for the electric field $E(x)$ along the x -axis. (3 pts)
- Calculate the electric field at $x = 0.0 \text{ m}, 1.0 \text{ m}, 2.0 \text{ m}, 3.0 \text{ m}$. (7 pts)

Problem 3 (10 pts) — Fill in the blanks

A uniform electric field of 900 N/C points to the right.

- What is the potential difference $V_D - V_C$ if point D is 0.20 m to the right of point C? (3 pts)
- What is the potential difference $V_C - V_A$ if A is 0.35 m to the left of C? (3 pts)
- What is the potential difference $V_D - V_A$? (2 pts)
- Can we determine the absolute value of potential at C? Explain. (2 pts)

Problem 4 (10 pts) — Fill in the blanks

The electric potential along the x -axis is given by

$$V(x) = 100 - 20x + 5x^2 \quad (\text{in volts, with } x \text{ in meters}).$$

Find the electric field at positions $x = 0.5, 1.0, 1.5$, and 2.0 m .

Problem 5 (10 pts) — Fill in the blanks

A steady current I flows through a cylindrical copper wire of radius r .

- a) How much charge passes through the wire in a time t ? (4 pts)
- b) What is the current density J ? (3 pts)
- c) If the resistivity of copper is ρ , what is the electric field inside the wire? (3 pts)

Problem 6 (10 pts) — Fill in the blanks

A parallel-plate capacitor consists of two circular plates of radius R separated by distance d .

- a) Find its capacitance in vacuum. (4 pts)
- b) If the capacitor holds charge Q , what is the potential difference? (3 pts)
- c) If a dielectric with dielectric constant K is inserted fully between the plates, what is the stored energy? (3 pts)

Problem 7 (10 pts) — Long Question

Three resistors of $3\ \Omega$, $6\ \Omega$, and $12\ \Omega$ are connected in parallel across a 9 V battery.

- a) What is the equivalent resistance? (3 pts)
- b) What is the current through each resistor? (3 pts)
- c) What is the power dissipated in each resistor? (2 pts)
- d) What is the total power dissipated, and how does it compare with the power dissipated in the equivalent resistance? (2 pts)

Problem 8 (10pts) Long question

A circuit consists of a 12 V battery connected to two resistors $R_1 = 3\ \Omega$ and $R_2 = 6\ \Omega$ in series. In parallel with R_2 , there is another resistor $R_3 = 4\ \Omega$.

- a) Write down the loop and junction equations needed to analyze the circuit. (4 pts)
- b) Solve for the current through each resistor (I_1, I_2, I_3). (6 pts)

(Hint: Treat the branch containing R_2 and R_3 as a parallel combination.)

Problem 9 (10 pts) — Capacitance with moving dielectric

A parallel-plate capacitor has plates of area A and separation d . A dielectric slab of constant $K = 4$ is inserted halfway between the plates.

- a) Derive the expression for the effective capacitance. (6 pts)
- b) If the dielectric is pulled out with velocity u , find the current in the external circuit. (4 pts)

Problem 10 (10 pts) — Gauss's Law

A solid sphere of radius a carries a uniform charge density ρ . Concentric with it is a conducting spherical shell of inner radius b and outer radius c , which initially has no net charge.

- a) Find the electric field in the regions: $r < a$, $a < r < b$, $b < r < c$, and $r > c$. (6 pts)
- b) Find the induced charges on the inner and outer surfaces of the conducting shell. (4 pts)