

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

- a) 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)
- b) 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:

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

- a) Write the expression for the electric field  $E(x)$  along the  $x$ -axis. (3 pts)
- b) 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  $900 \text{ N/C}$  points to the right.

- What is the potential difference  $V_D - V_C$  if point D is  $0.20 \text{ m}$  to the right of point C? (3 pts)
- What is the potential difference  $V_C - V_A$  if A is  $0.35 \text{ m}$  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  $2.0 \text{ m}$ .

### 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  $\rho$ , 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  $\rho$ . 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)