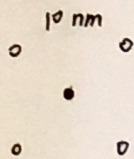


Problem 2.



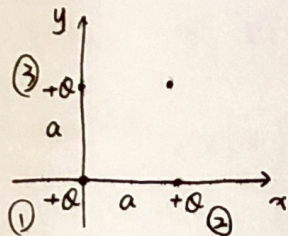
$$W = U_1 - U_2$$

$$= \frac{4}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q^2}{\frac{5}{2}a} - \frac{2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q^2}{\frac{1}{2}a} - \frac{2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q^2}{\frac{5}{2}a}$$

$$= \frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a} \left(\frac{8}{\sqrt{2}} - 4 - \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} \right)$$

$$= 0.038 \text{ eV}$$

Problem 3.



(a). Let's set a coordinate like shown on the left

$$\vec{E} = \left[\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{a^2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2}a)^2} \right] \hat{n}_x + \left[\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{a^2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2}a)^2} \right] \hat{n}_y$$

$$= \frac{(4+\sqrt{2})Q}{16\pi\epsilon_0 a^2} \hat{n}_x + \frac{(4+\sqrt{2})Q}{16\pi\epsilon_0 a^2} \hat{n}_y$$

(b). $V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{a} \times 2 + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{\sqrt{2}a} = \frac{(4+\sqrt{2})Q}{8\pi\epsilon_0 a}$ (We set infinity as zero).

(c). $W = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q^2}{a} \times 2 + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q^2}{\sqrt{2}a} - 0 = \frac{(4+\sqrt{2})Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 a}$

(d). When assembling the first one, $W_1 = 0$.

When assembling the second one, $W_2 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q^2}{a}$

When assembling the third one, $W_3 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q^2}{a} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q^2}{\sqrt{2}a}$

$W = W_1 + W_2 + W_3 = 0 + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q^2}{a} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q^2}{a} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q^2}{\sqrt{2}a} = \frac{(4+\sqrt{2})Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 a}$

Problem 4.

From the previous homework, we know that

$$\vec{E} = \begin{cases} \vec{0} & , r < a \\ \frac{k}{2\epsilon_0 r^2} (r^2 - a^2) \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|} & , a < r < b \\ \frac{k}{2\epsilon_0 r^2} (b^2 - a^2) \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|} & , r > b \end{cases}$$

We set the infinity as zero.

$$\text{When } r < a, \quad V(r) - V(\infty) = \int_r^{\infty} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_r^a \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_b^{\infty} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

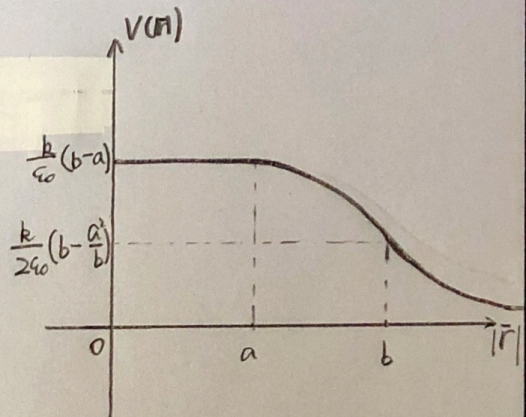
$$= \frac{k}{2\epsilon_0} \left(b + \frac{a^2}{b} - 2a \right) + \frac{k}{2\epsilon_0} \left(b - \frac{a^2}{b} \right) = \frac{k}{\epsilon_0} (b - a)$$

$$\text{When } a < r < b, \quad V(r) - V(\infty) = \int_r^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_b^{\infty} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{k}{2\epsilon_0} \left(b + \frac{a^2}{b} - r - \frac{a^2}{r} \right) + \frac{k}{2\epsilon_0} \left(b - \frac{a^2}{b} \right)$$

$$= \frac{k}{2\epsilon_0} \left(2b - r - \frac{a^2}{r} \right)$$

$$\text{When } r > b, \quad V(r) - V(\infty) = \int_r^{\infty} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{k(b^2 - a^2)}{2\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\text{Therefore } V(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{\epsilon_0} (b - a) & r < a \\ \frac{k}{2\epsilon_0} \left(2b - r - \frac{a^2}{r} \right) & a < r < b \\ \frac{k}{2\epsilon_0 r} (b^2 - a^2) & r > b \end{cases}$$



Problem 5.

Let's choose a point where is \$s_0\$ from the wire as zero.

$$V(s) - V(s_0) = \int_s^{s_0} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

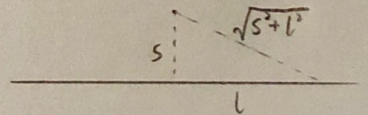
$$E \cdot 2\pi s l = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda l}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi s \epsilon_0}$$

$$V(s) = \int_s^{s_0} \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0 s} ds = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0} (\ln s_0 - \ln s) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0} \ln \frac{s_0}{s}$$

$$|\nabla V| = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0 s}$$

$$\text{According to Gauss's law, } \vec{E} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi s \epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{s}}{|\vec{s}|}$$

Therefore the gradient of the potential yields the correct field.



Problem 6

Assume the density of charge is ρ

$$\rho \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 = q \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{3q}{4\pi R^3}$$

$$dq = \rho 4\pi r^2 dr = \frac{3qr^2}{R^3} dr, \quad q_0 = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \cdot \rho = \frac{r^3}{R^3} q$$

$$dW = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{dq \cdot q_0}{r} = \frac{3q^2 r^4}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^6} dr$$

$$W = \int_0^R dW = \int_0^R \frac{3q^2 r^4}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^6} dr = \frac{3q^2}{20\pi\epsilon_0 R}$$