

2012 AP® PHYSICS C: ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

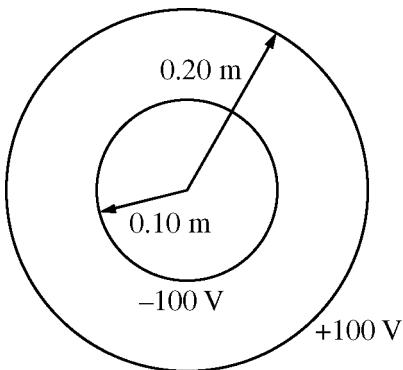
PHYSICS C: ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM

SECTION II

Time—45 minutes

3 Questions

Directions: Answer all three questions. The suggested time is about 15 minutes for answering each of the questions, which are worth 15 points each. The parts within a question may not have equal weight. Show all your work in this booklet in the spaces provided after each part.



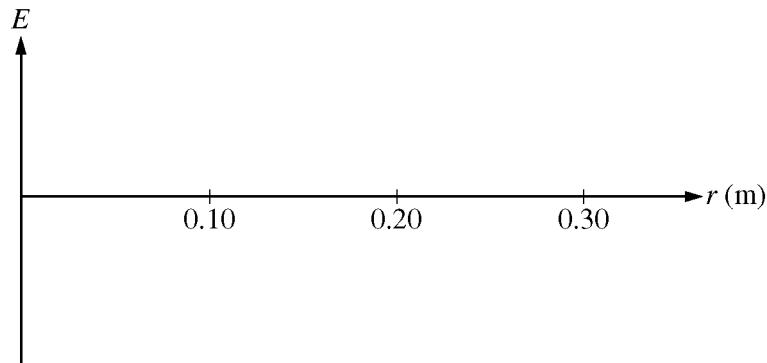
E&M. 1.

Two thin, concentric, conducting spherical shells, insulated from each other, have radii of 0.10 m and 0.20 m, as shown above. The inner shell is set at an electric potential of -100 V , and the outer shell is set at an electric potential of $+100\text{ V}$, with each potential defined relative to the conventional reference point. Let Q_i and Q_o represent the net charge on the inner and outer shells, respectively, and let r be the radial distance from the center of the shells. Express all algebraic answers in terms of Q_i , Q_o , r , and fundamental constants, as appropriate.

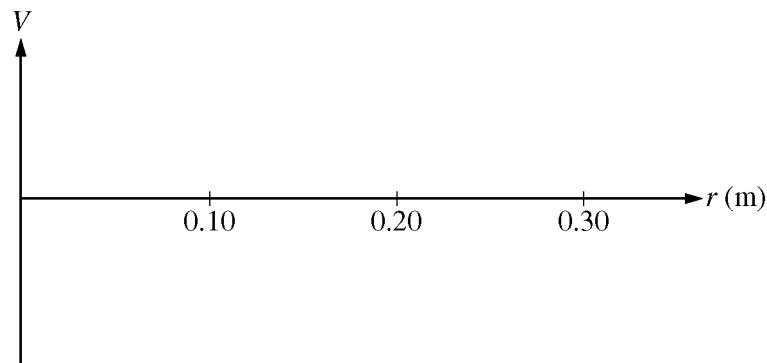
- Using Gauss's Law, derive an algebraic expression for the electric field $E(r)$ for $0.10\text{ m} < r < 0.20\text{ m}$.
- Determine an algebraic expression for the electric field $E(r)$ for $r > 0.20\text{ m}$.
- Determine an algebraic expression for the electric potential $V(r)$ for $r > 0.20\text{ m}$.
- Using the numerical information given, calculate the value of the total charge Q_T on the two spherical shells ($Q_T = Q_i + Q_o$).

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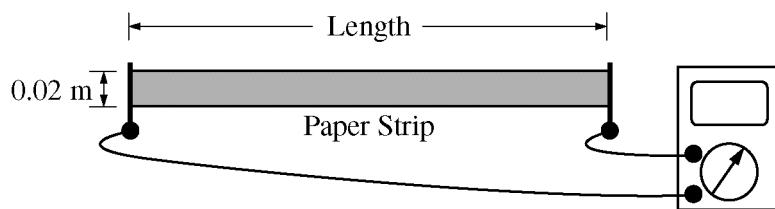
- (e) On the axes below, sketch the electric field E as a function of r . Let the positive direction be radially outward.



- (f) On the axes below, sketch the electric potential V as a function of r .



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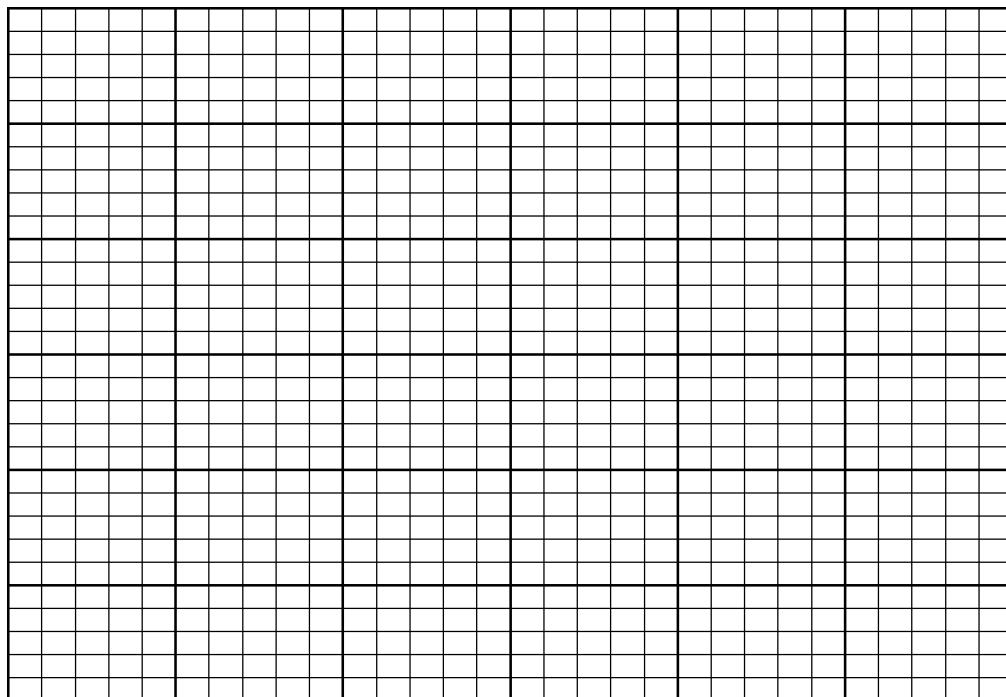


E&M. 2.

A physics student wishes to measure the resistivity of slightly conductive paper that has a thickness of 1.0×10^{-4} m. The student cuts a sheet of the conductive paper into strips of width 0.02 m and varying lengths, making five resistors labeled R₁ to R₅. Using an ohmmeter, the student measures the resistance of each strip, as shown above. The data are recorded below.

Resistor	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅
Length (m)	0.020	0.040	0.060	0.080	0.100
Resistance (Ω)	80,000	180,000	260,000	370,000	440,000

- (a) Use the grid below to plot a linear graph of the data points from which the resistivity of the paper can be determined. Include labels and scales for both axes. Draw the straight line that best represents the data.



- (b) Using the graph, calculate the resistivity of the paper.