

Electrostatics Formulas - Mid

1. Coulomb's Law:

$$\vec{F} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

2. Electric Field Intensity:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

3. Electric Potential:

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$$

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4. Electric Potential Energy:

$$U = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{i>j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}} + \frac{q_2 q_3}{r_{23}} + \frac{q_3 q_1}{r_{31}} \right)$$

5. Potential Difference:

$$\Delta V = V_B - V_A = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

6. Work done to move a charge q from A to B :

$$W_{A \rightarrow B} = q(V_A - V_B) = -q\Delta V$$

(Work is positive if moving against the field, negative if moving with the field)

7. Gauss's Law:

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

8. Electric Flux:

$$\Phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = EA \cos \theta$$

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9. Charge Densities:

$$\lambda = \frac{q}{L}, \quad \sigma = \frac{q}{A}, \quad \rho = \frac{q}{V}$$

10. Electric Field from Gauss's Law:

(a) Spherical Symmetry (outside sphere):

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2}$$

(b) Spherical Symmetry - inside a uniformly charged non-conducting sphere (radius R):

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qr}{R^3} \quad \text{for } r < R$$

(c) Spherical Symmetry - inside a conducting sphere:

$$E = 0 \quad \text{for } r < R$$

(d) Cylindrical Symmetry (outside line charge):

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

(e) Planar Symmetry (infinite plane):

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

(f) Two Infinite Oppositely Charged Plates:

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

11. Electric Field on Axial Line of Dipole (finite r, d):

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{qd}{\left(r^2 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

Potential (general point):

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_+|} - \frac{q}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_-|} \right]$$

12. Torque on a Dipole in a Uniform Electric Field:

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E} = pE \sin \theta$$

13. Potential Energy of a Dipole in a Uniform Electric Field:

$$U = -pE \cos \theta$$

14. Electric Field of a Finite Line Charge (length L on x-axis, center at origin):

$$E_x = 0, \quad E_y = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 y} \left(\frac{L/2}{\sqrt{(\frac{L}{2})^2 + y^2}} \right)$$

15. Electric Field of a Circular Arc of Charge (radius R , angle θ_0):

$$E_x = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \int_{-\theta_0/2}^{\theta_0/2} \cos \theta \, d\theta, \quad E_y = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \int_{-\theta_0/2}^{\theta_0/2} \sin \theta \, d\theta$$

Symmetric case:

$$E_x = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 R} \sin\left(\frac{\theta_0}{2}\right), \quad E_y = 0$$

16. Electric Field of a Ring of Charge (radius R at point z along the axis):

$$E_z = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qz}{(R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

17. Electric Field of a Disk of Charge (uniform charge density σ , radius R at point z on axis):

$$E_z = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left(1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} \right)$$