

EvaluAlde Beta Bonus Assignment – College Physics

II: Electrostatics

Instructions:

- Answer all questions in detail. Show your work and reasoning for each part.
- Your submission must be a single PDF file. You may type your solutions or handwrite and scan them.
- This assignment is for bonus credit and will help improve our grading tools—thank you for participating!
- Submit your PDF via the usual course submission portal by the posted deadline.

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Questions

1. Coulomb's Law:

Two point charges, $q_1 = +2.0 \mu\text{C}$ and $q_2 = -3.0 \mu\text{C}$, are placed 0.50 m apart in vacuum.

- a) Calculate the magnitude and direction of the electrostatic force on each charge.
- b) Is the force attractive or repulsive?

2. Electric Field of a Point Charge:

What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field at a point 0.30 m away from a $+5.0 \mu\text{C}$ point charge?

3. Electric Field from Multiple Charges:

Two charges, $+1.0 \mu\text{C}$ and $-2.0 \mu\text{C}$, are fixed 0.40 m apart.

- a) Find the electric field at the midpoint between them (magnitude and direction).
- b) If a $+1.0 \text{ nC}$ test charge is placed at the midpoint, what force does it experience (magnitude and direction)?

4. Electric Potential (Point Charges):

What is the electric potential at a point 0.25 m from a $-4.0 \mu\text{C}$ point charge? (Assume zero potential at infinity.)

5. Potential Difference and Work:

An electron moves from point A (potential = +100 V) to point B (potential = -50 V).

a) What is the potential difference $V_B - V_A$?

b) How much work is done by the electric field on the electron during this move?

Questions

1. a) $F = k \cdot \frac{q_1 \cdot q_2}{r^2}$
 Magnitude = 0.2157 N
 Direction = pull toward each other
 $8.99 \times 10^9 \cdot \frac{(2.0 \times 10^{-9})(3.0 \times 10^{-6})}{(.50)^2}$
 $F = 0.2157 \text{ N}$

(+), (-) = attraction
 q_1 directed towards q_2
 q_2 directed towards q_1

b) Attractive since charges are opposite

2. magnitude: $5.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$
 $E = k \frac{|q|}{r^2} \Rightarrow 8.9875 \times 10^9 \cdot \frac{|5.0 \times 10^{-6}|}{(.30)^2}$
 $E = 5.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$

Direction: away from +5.0 μC charge
 Charge = (+) = points away

3. a) 6.7×10^5
 Direction: towards -2.0 μC charge to the right

b) $6.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N}$ right

Midpoint = $D/2 = .20 \text{ m}$ from each
 $E_1 = k \frac{|q_1|}{r^2} = 8.9875 \times 10^9 \times \frac{(1.0 \times 10^{-6})}{(.20)^2} = 224687.5 \text{ N/C}$
 $E_2 = k \frac{|q_2|}{r^2} = 8.9875 \times 10^9 \times \frac{(2.0 \times 10^{-6})}{(.20)^2} = 449375 \text{ N/C}$
 $E_{\text{net}} = E_1 + E_2 = 674062.5 \text{ N/C}$

b) $F = q_{\text{test}} E_{\text{net}}$
 $q_{\text{test}} = 1.0 \text{ nC} = 1.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$
 $F = (1.0 \times 10^{-9}) \times (674062.5)$
 $F = 6.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N}$

4. $V = -1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ V}$

$V = k \cdot \frac{q}{r}$
 $V = 8.9875 \cdot \frac{(-4.0 \times 10^{-6})}{.25} = -143800 \text{ V}$

5. a) -150 V

$V_B - V_A = (-50 \text{ V}) - (+100 \text{ V}) = -150 \text{ V}$

b) $2.40 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J}$

$V_f = q \Delta V$
 $W = -q \Delta V$
 $-(-1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(150 \text{ V}) = 2.40 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J}$