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Test 02

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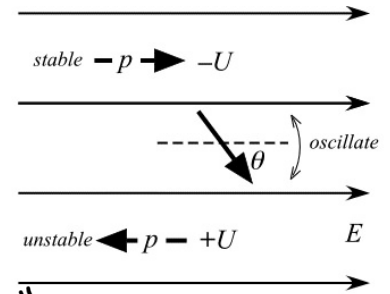
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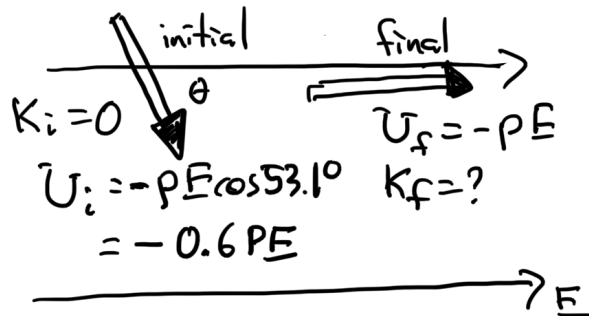
Question value 8 points

- (01) A dipole is placed in a uniform electric field. When aligned opposite to the field, the dipole is in unstable equilibrium with an energy of +2.00 mJ. When aligned parallel to the field, it is in stable equilibrium with an energy of -2.00 mJ. The dipole is set into oscillation about its stable equilibrium point, with turning points at angles of $\pm 53.1^\circ$ relative to the equilibrium position. What will be the kinetic energy of the dipole when it rotates through the 0° orientation?



- (a) 0.60 mJ
- (b) 0.80 mJ**
- (c) 1.00 mJ
- (d) 0.40 mJ
- (e) 1.20 mJ

Dipole energy $U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$
 so parallel : $-pE = -2.00 \text{ mJ} = "pE" = 2 \text{ mJ}$



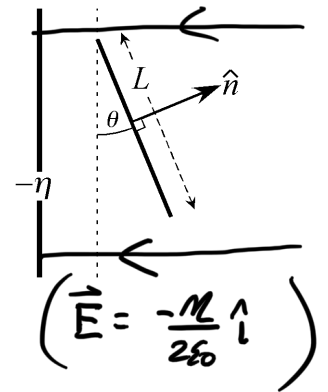
$$K_f + U_f = K_i + U_i$$

$$K_f + (-pE) = 0 + (-0.6pE)$$

$$K_f = 0.4 pE = 0.4(2.0 \text{ mJ})$$

Question value 8 points

- (02) A very large charged surface has a uniform area charge density $-\eta$. A small, square plastic sheet of length L on a side is held near the surface as shown at right. (In the figure, we see an *edge view* of the plastic sheet; it extends a distance L directly into the page.) The sheet is oriented with its surface tilted at angle θ away from being parallel with the larger surface. The normal direction for the plastic sheet is chosen to be "up and to the right", as indicated in the figure. What is the electric flux through the plastic sheet?



- (a) $\Phi = 0$, because plastic is an insulating material.

(b) $\Phi = -\frac{\eta L^2}{2\epsilon_0} \sin \theta$

(c) $\Phi = +\frac{\eta L^2}{2\epsilon_0} \sin \theta$

(d) $\Phi = -\frac{\eta L^2}{2\epsilon_0} \cos \theta$

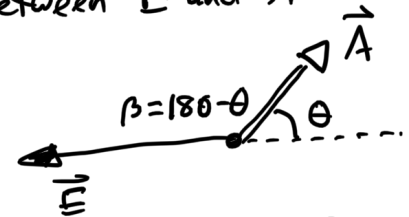
(e) $\Phi = +\frac{\eta L^2}{2\epsilon_0} \cos \theta$

$$\Phi = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}$$

$$= EA \cos \beta$$

where $\beta =$ angle between \vec{E} and \vec{A}

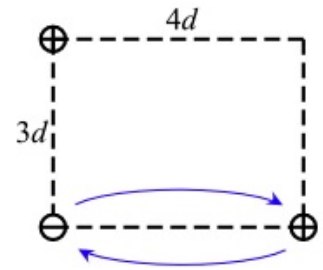
$$\Phi = \left(\frac{\eta}{2\epsilon_0}\right)(L^2) \cos(180-\theta)$$



$$\Phi = -\frac{\eta L^2}{2\epsilon_0} \cos \theta \quad \left[\text{using } \cos(180-\theta) = -\cos \theta \right]$$

Question value 8 points

- (03) Three charges of identical magnitude Q are at the corners of a rectangle as shown at right. How much external work would be required to exchange the two bottom charges, as indicated by the arrows? Assume the charges begin and end at rest.



(a) $W_{ext} = +\frac{3}{20} \frac{kQ^2}{d}$

(b) $W_{ext} = +\frac{4}{15} \frac{kQ^2}{d}$

(c) $W_{ext} = -\frac{4}{15} \frac{kQ^2}{d}$

(d) $W_{ext} = -\frac{5}{12} \frac{kQ^2}{d}$

(e) $W_{ext} = -\frac{3}{20} \frac{kQ^2}{d}$

(f) $W_{ext} = +\frac{5}{12} \frac{kQ^2}{d}$

$\Delta K = 0$

so $W_{ext} = \Delta E = \Delta K + \Delta U$

$W_{ext} = \Delta U = U_f - U_i$

$$= \left[\frac{-kQ^2}{5d} + \frac{+kQ^2}{3d} + \frac{-kQ^2}{4d} \right] - \left[\frac{-kQ^2}{3d} + \frac{+kQ^2}{5d} + \frac{-kQ^2}{4d} \right]$$

$$W_{ext} = -\frac{kQ^2}{5d} + \frac{kQ^2}{3d} + \frac{kQ^2}{3d} - \frac{kQ^2}{5d}$$

$$= \frac{2kQ^2}{d} \left[\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right] = \frac{2kQ^2}{d} \left[\frac{5-3}{15} \right]$$

$W_{ext} = +\frac{4kQ^2}{15d}$

Question value 8 points

- (04) A parallel-plate capacitor has plates separated by a distance $d = 3.0$ cm. When a charge $q = +2.0$ mC is held 2.0 cm from the negative plate and released, it strikes the negative plate with a kinetic energy $K_f = 8.0$ J. If the negative plate is assumed to be at a potential $V_- = -1000$ volts, what is the potential of the positive plate?

(a) $V_+ = +1000$ volts

(b) $V_+ = -5000$ volts

(c) $V_+ = +5000$ volts

(d) $V_+ = +8000$ volts

(e) $V_+ = -8000$ volts

(f) $V_+ = 0$ volts

Energy is conserved:

$\Delta K + \Delta U = 0$

$\Delta U = -\Delta K = -(+8.0 \text{ J})$

hence, the charge fell through

$\Delta V = \frac{\Delta U}{q} = \frac{-8 \text{ J}}{+2 \text{ mC}} = -4000 \text{ V}$

→ that's for $\Delta x = \frac{2}{3} d$

For full capacitor, $\Delta x = d$

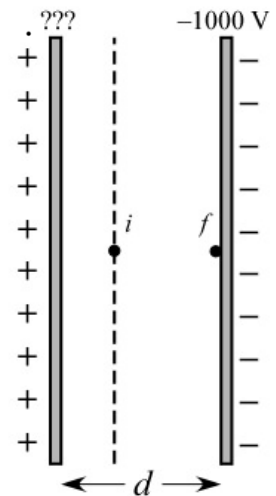
⇒ $\Delta V_{pos \text{ to } neg} = -6000 \text{ V}$

or

$V_- - V_+ = -6000 \text{ V}$

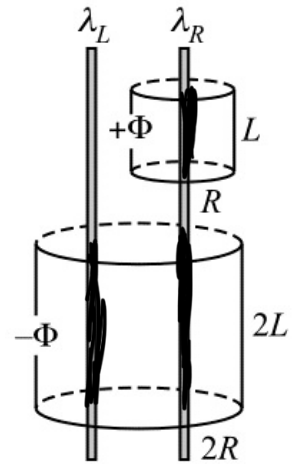
$V_+ = V_- + 6000 \text{ V}$

$V_+ = +5000 \text{ V}$



The next two questions involve the following situation:

Two very long charged rods lie parallel to each other, with unknown linear charge densities λ_L and λ_R . If a Gaussian cylinder of radius R and length L encloses *only* the rod on the right, the measured flux through the surface is $+\Phi$. If a larger Gaussian surface of radius $2R$ and length $2L$ encloses both rods, the total flux through the surface is measured to be $-\Phi$.



Gauss's Law $\bar{\Phi}_{gs} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q_{in}$
 or
 $Q_{in} = \epsilon_0 \bar{\Phi}_{gs}$

Question value 4 points
 (5.1) What is the linear charge density of the rod on the right?

- (a) $\lambda_R = +\epsilon_0 \Phi / L$
- (b) $\lambda_R = +\epsilon_0 \Phi / 2\pi R$
- (c) $\lambda_R = +\epsilon_0 \Phi / \pi R^2$
- (d) $\lambda_R = +\epsilon_0 \Phi / R$
- (e) $\lambda_R = +\epsilon_0 \Phi / 2\pi RL$

\Rightarrow For small GS, surface encloses a length L of charge density $\lambda_R \Rightarrow Q_{in} = \lambda_R L$

So, Gauss's Law gives

$$(\lambda_R L) = \epsilon_0 \bar{\Phi} \rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_R = \frac{\epsilon_0 \bar{\Phi}}{L}}$$

Question value 4 points
 (5.2) What is the linear charge density of the rod on the left?

- (a) $\lambda_L = -2\epsilon_0 \Phi / 4\pi RL$
- (b) $\lambda_L = -\epsilon_0 \Phi / 4\pi R$
- (c) $\lambda_L = -\epsilon_0 \Phi / 2R$
- (d) $\lambda_L = -3\epsilon_0 \Phi / 4\pi R^2$
- (e) $\lambda_L = -3\epsilon_0 \Phi / 2L$

For large GS, the surface encloses a total length $2L$ of both line charges

$$\rightarrow Q_{in} = (\lambda_R + \lambda_L) 2L$$

So, Gauss's Law gives:

$$(\lambda_R + \lambda_L) 2L = -\epsilon_0 \bar{\Phi}$$

$$\lambda_R + \lambda_L = \frac{-\epsilon_0 \bar{\Phi}}{2L}$$

$$\lambda_L = \frac{-\epsilon_0 \bar{\Phi}}{2L} - \lambda_R = \frac{-\epsilon_0 \bar{\Phi}}{2L} - \left(\frac{\epsilon_0 \bar{\Phi}}{L} \right)$$

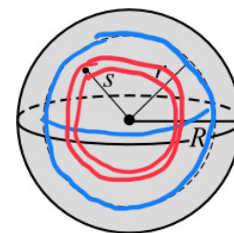
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_L = \frac{-3\epsilon_0 \bar{\Phi}}{2L}}$$

The following problem will be hand-graded. Show all supporting work for this problem.

- (6) (20 points) A solid insulating sphere of radius R has a **non-uniform** charge density placed on it, given by the formula:

$$\rho(s) = \rho_0(1 - s/R)$$

Here, ρ_0 is a positive constant, and the parameter s is the distance from the center of the sphere, $0 \leq s \leq R$.



- (i) Determine the electric field magnitude *inside* the sphere, as a function of the distance r from the center of the sphere. Express your answer in terms of ρ_0 , ϵ_0 , R , and r .
- (ii) Find the radius r_{max} at which the field magnitude is greatest, and then determine that maximal field value E_{max} . Your answer should be expressed in terms of ρ_0 , ϵ_0 , and R .

- ① Assume a Gaussian sphere of radius $r < R$ (blue)
 \rightarrow IF $E_{in}(r)$ is the electric field inside the sphere,
 Then the flux through the sphere is

$$\Phi_{es} = E_{in}(r) \cdot 4\pi r^2$$

- ② Find the total charge inside this sphere
 \Rightarrow Sum charge by shells (red): $dQ = \rho(s) \cdot 4\pi s^2 ds$

$$\Rightarrow Q_{in} = \int_{s=0}^{s=r} \rho_0 \left(1 - \frac{s}{R}\right) 4\pi s^2 ds = 4\pi \rho_0 \int_0^r \left(s^2 - \frac{s^3}{R}\right) ds$$

$$\text{so } Q_{in} = 4\pi \rho_0 \left[\frac{s^3}{3} - \frac{s^4}{4R} \right]_0^r \rightarrow \boxed{Q_{in} = 4\pi \rho_0 \left[\frac{r^3}{3} - \frac{r^4}{4R} \right]}$$

- ③ Apply Gauss's Law: $\Phi_{es} = Q_{in}/\epsilon_0$

$$E_{in}(r) \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{4\pi \rho_0}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{r^3}{3} - \frac{r^4}{4R} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow E_{in}(r) = \boxed{\frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{r}{3} - \frac{r^2}{4R} \right]}$$

Now: Maximize E_{in} by setting $\frac{dE}{dr} = 0$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad 0 = \frac{d}{dr} \left[\frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{r}{3} - \frac{r^2}{4R} \right) \right] = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2r}{4R} \right) = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{r}{2R} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{r_{max} = \frac{2}{3} R}$$

- ⑤ Evaluate E_{in} at r_{max} :

$$E_{max} = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2R}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{4R} \left(\frac{4}{9} R^2 \right) \right] = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{2}{9} R - \frac{1}{9} R \right]$$

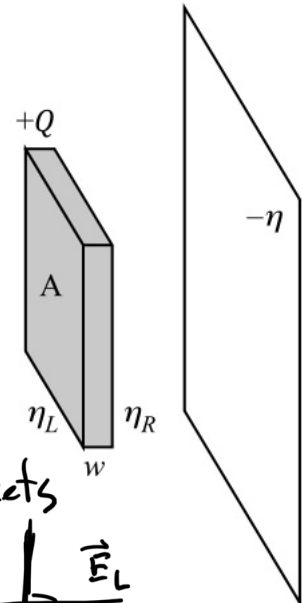
$$\boxed{E_{max} = \frac{\rho_0 R}{9\epsilon_0}}$$

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The following problem will be hand-graded. Show all supporting work for this problem.

- (7) (20 points) A conducting slab of width w and area A has a total charge $+Q$ placed upon it. The slab is placed near a large flat sheet having surface charge density $-\eta$. The slab is aligned with its two faces *parallel* to the sheet, as shown at right.

Determine the surface charge density η_L and η_R on the left and right faces of the slab. (You may assume that the edge surfaces of the slab have negligible area.) Express your answer in terms of w, A, Q , and/or η



- ① Total charge on L/R faces adds to Q :

$$\eta_L \cdot A + \eta_R \cdot A = Q \quad \text{two unknowns, } \eta_L, \eta_R$$

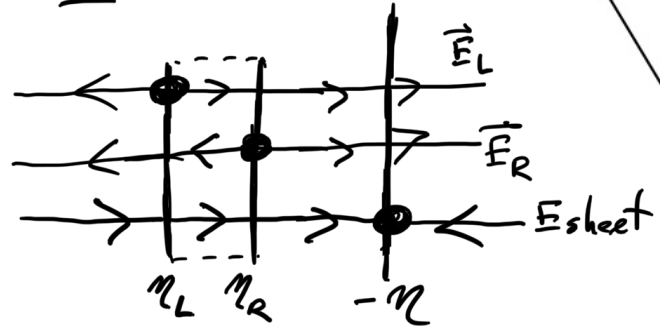
- ② Net electric field inside conductor must be zero \rightarrow field is sum of three sheets

at "X"

$$\vec{E}_L = \left\langle +\frac{\eta_L}{2\epsilon_0} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{E}_R = \left\langle -\frac{\eta_R}{2\epsilon_0} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{sheet}} = \left\langle +\frac{\eta}{2\epsilon_0} \right\rangle$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{\eta_L}{2\epsilon_0} - \frac{\eta_R}{2\epsilon_0} + \frac{\eta}{2\epsilon_0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\eta_L + \eta_R = \eta \quad \text{two unknowns } \eta_L, \eta_R$$

$$\eta_L + \eta_R = Q/A \quad \text{that's two equations in two unknowns}$$

Add: $2\eta_R = \frac{Q}{A} + \eta$

$$\eta_R = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{Q}{A} + \eta \right)$$

subtract:

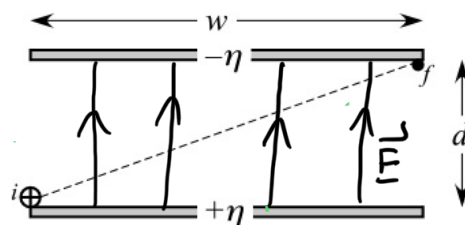
$$-2\eta_L = \eta - \frac{Q}{A}$$

$$\eta_L = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{Q}{A} - \eta \right)$$

Correction!

The following problem will be hand-graded. Show all supporting work for this problem.

- (8) (20 points) A capacitor has plates with charge density $\pm\eta$ separated by a distance d . The plates have side-to-side width w . A proton (charge $+e$) is initially at one edge of the positive plate, and is moved to the opposite edge of the negative plate, as shown. It begins and ends at rest.



Find expressions for the following quantities. In each case, express your answer in terms of ϵ_0 , η , e , w , and/or d . Be sure to attach an explicit positive or negative sign to each answer!

- (i) The potential difference ΔV moved through by the proton.
 (ii) The work done on the proton by the electric field, W_{elec} .
 (iii) The work done on the proton by an external agent, W_{ext} .

Inside Capacitor:

$$\vec{E} = +\frac{\eta}{\epsilon_0} \hat{j}$$

(i) In a uniform field: $\Delta V = -\vec{E} \cdot \Delta \vec{s}$

$$\rightarrow \Delta V = -\left(+\frac{\eta}{\epsilon_0} \hat{j}\right) \cdot (w \hat{i} + d \hat{j})$$

$$\Delta V = -\frac{\eta d}{\epsilon_0}$$

moving from pos plate to neg plate = move to lower potential

(ii) $W_{field} = -\Delta U$

where $\Delta U = q \Delta V = (+e) \left(-\frac{\eta d}{\epsilon_0}\right) = -\frac{e\eta d}{\epsilon_0}$

so $W_{field} = -\left(-\frac{e\eta d}{\epsilon_0}\right) \Rightarrow W_{field} = +\frac{e\eta d}{\epsilon_0}$

positive sign: field is converting PE into KE

(iii)

Proton begins and ends at rest: net $\Delta K = 0$

\Rightarrow No KE change, but a PE loss: system loses energy, $E_f < E_i$.

then $\Delta E_{sys} = W_{ext}$

$$\rightarrow W_{ext} = \Delta K + \Delta U = 0 + \left(-\frac{e\eta d}{\epsilon_0}\right)$$

$$W_{ext} = -\frac{e\eta d}{\epsilon_0}$$