

Sample Exam 5 - Skip Problems 1 -3

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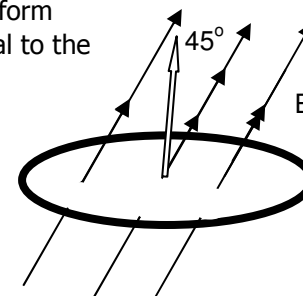
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1. A point charge of 10 nano-coulombs is located at the center of a cube. Each of the six faces of the cube is 25 cm. by 25 cm. in size. What is the total electric flux through the surface of the cube?

- A) $8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$ B) $1130 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$ C) $188 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$ D) $0.0 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$
E) $94.2 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$

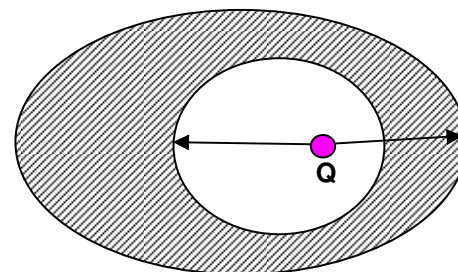
2. The circular surface shown in the sketch has a radius of 10 cm. It is immersed in a uniform electric field with magnitude 120 N/C . The field lines make a 45° angle with the vector normal to the surface, as shown in the sketch. What is the electric flux through the surface in $\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$:

- A) 7.1×10^{-3} B) 2.7 C) 3.8 D) -0.098 E) 9.4



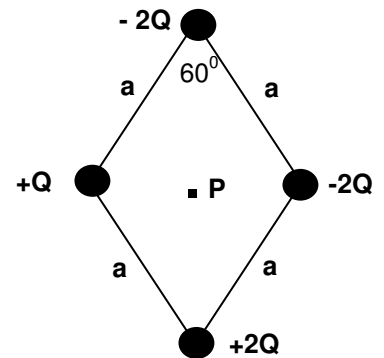
3. A positive charge $Q = 25 \text{ nC}$ is placed inside the cavity of an egg shaped, electrically neutral conducting shell as shown. How much charge will be induced on the inner and outer surfaces of the shell?

- A. $Q_{\text{inner}} = 25 \text{ C.}$ $Q_{\text{outer}} = 0 \text{ C}$
B. $Q_{\text{inner}} = 0 \text{ nC.}$ $Q_{\text{outer}} = +25 \text{ nC}$
C. $Q_{\text{inner}} = -25 \text{ nC.}$ $Q_{\text{outer}} = 0 \text{ C}$
D. $Q_{\text{inner}} = -25 \text{ nC.}$ $Q_{\text{outer}} = +25 \text{ nC}$
E. $Q_{\text{inner}} = 25 \text{ nC.}$ $Q_{\text{outer}} = -25 \text{ nC}$



4. Four point charges are located at the corners of a diamond-shaped parallelogram as shown in the sketch. The value of $Q = 20 \mu\text{C}$. The length of each side of the figure is $a = 30 \text{ cm}$, with an 60° angle located as shown. The potential at infinity is the zero reference level. Find an expression for the electric potential V at point P , the center of the diamond shape. Note: k_e is the constant $1 / 4\pi\epsilon_0$

- A) $V = 0$
- B) $V = 2k_eQ / a.\text{sqrt}(3)$
- C) $V = -4k_eQ / a$
- D) $V = -k_eQ / a.\text{sqrt}(3)$
- E) $V = -2k_eQ / a$



5. Find the electric field 0.3 cm away from an infinitely long thin charged line with linear charge density $\lambda = 2.0 \mu\text{C/m}$.

- A. $12 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}$
- B. $12 \times 10^7 \text{ V/m}$
- C. $4.5 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m}$
- D. $9 \times 10^9 \text{ V/m}$
- E. $4.5 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}$

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6. The equi-potential surfaces near an infinite charged sheet are planes. If the potential difference between a pair of equi-potentials that are 8 meters apart is 1200 volts , what is the magnitude of the electric field between the sheets?

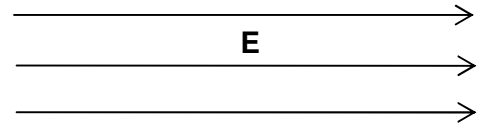
- A) $1.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V/m}$
- B) 300 V/m
- C) 150 V/m
- D) 2400 V/m
- E) $1.7 \times 10^{13} \text{ V/m}$

7. A metal sphere is charged to a potential of 300 volts. Its radius is 2 meters. The potential at a point 1 meter from the center of the sphere is:

- A) 300 V.
- B) -100 V.
- C) -300 V.
- D) 0 V.
- E) 100 V.

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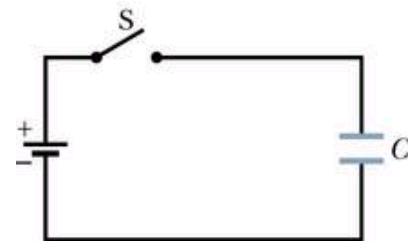
8. An electron is moved through a displacement Δx parallel to the direction of a uniform electric field. During this displacement:



- A) the potential energy of the electron and the electric potential do not change.
- B) the potential energy of the electron increases, the electric potential increases.
- C) the potential energy of the electron increases, the electric potential decreases.
- D) the potential energy of the electron decreases, the electric potential decreases.
- E) the potential energy of the electron decreases, the electric potential increases

9. The capacitor in the sketch has a capacitance of $24.0 \mu\text{F}$ and is initially uncharged. The battery maintains a potential difference of 3.0 V . How much total charge flows out of the battery until the capacitor is fully charged (the current stops flowing)?

- A) $3.20 \mu\text{C}$
- B) $8.00 \mu\text{C}$
- C) $72.0 \mu\text{C}$
- D) $12,000 \mu\text{C}$
- E) $30.0 \mu\text{C}$

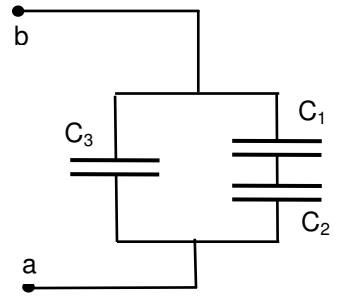


10. A parallel plate capacitor being designed is supposed to have a capacitance of 400 pF ($1 \text{ pF} = 10^{-12} \text{ F} = 10^{-6} \mu\text{F}$). It will be filled with a material whose dielectric constant is close to 1.5 (glass). The distance between plates will be 0.3 mm . Approximately, what should the area of the plates be?

- A) 1.10 m^2
- B) 0.028 m^2 .
- C) 0.014 m^2 .
- D) 0.009 m^2 .
- E) 0.9 m^2 .

11. Three capacitors are connected in the series/parallel arrangement shown in the sketch. Suppose $C_1 = 30\mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 30\mu\text{F}$, and $C_3 = 15\mu\text{F}$. The potential difference across the combination $V_{ab} = 40\text{ V}$. The equivalent capacitance between points a and b is closest to:

- A) $15\ \mu\text{F}$
- B) $30\ \mu\text{F}$
- C) $7.5\ \mu\text{F}$
- D) $45\ \mu\text{F}$
- E) $12\ \mu\text{F}$

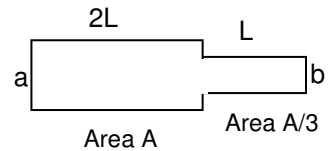


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12. In problem 11, calculate the voltage across capacitor C_2 (in volts)

- A) 60
- B) 40
- C) 10
- D) 20
- E) 6×10^{-4}

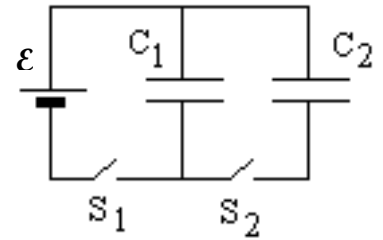
13. Two wires made of the same material are joined end-to-end and a potential difference is maintained across the combination, from a to b in the sketch. The thin wire has cross sectional area $A/3$ and length L . The fatter wire has area A and length $2L$. Which of the following quantities are the same for both wires:



1. The resistivity of each wire
2. The resistance of each wire
3. The current density inside each wire
4. The current through each wire
5. The potential difference across each wire

- A) 1, 2, and 3
- B) 1, 2, 4, and 5
- C) 1 only
- D) 2 only
- E) 1 and 4 only

14. In the circuit shown in the sketch, switches S_1 and S_2 are initially open. Capacitor $C_1 = 30.0 \text{ nF}$ is then charged by closing switch S_1 which connects it to the battery whose EMF $\mathcal{E} = 90 \text{ V}$. Switch S_1 is then opened, thereby disconnecting C_1 from the battery. Switch S_2 is then closed, thereby connecting the charged capacitor C_1 to the uncharged 15.0 nF capacitor C_2 . Find the final potential difference across capacitors C_1 and C_2 . (Hint: after being disconnected, the total charge on the combination C_1, C_2 remains constant).



- A. 60 V
- B. 30 V
- C. 4 V
- D. 10 V
- E. 120 V

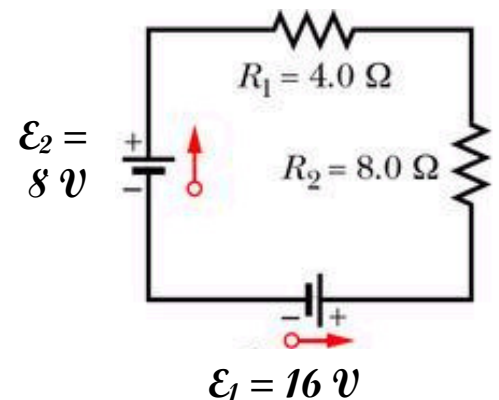
15. For the previous problem, the final charge on capacitor C_1 is closest to:

- A) $2.0 \mu\text{C}$
- B) 0.8 nC
- C) $0.2 \mu\text{C}$
- D) 1.2 nC
- E) $1.8 \mu\text{C}$

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16. Assume that the batteries in the figure have negligible internal resistance. Assume that the current flows counterclockwise. Find the magnitude of the current in the circuit and the power dissipated in resistor R_1 .

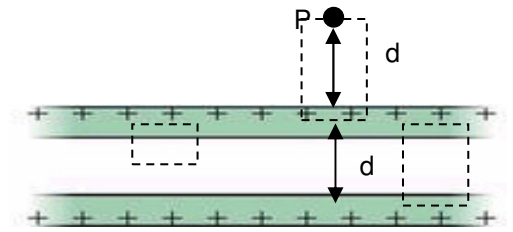
- A) $i = 0.67 \text{ A}, P_1 = 2.7 \text{ watts}$
- B) $i = 1.33 \text{ A}, P_1 = 5.4 \text{ watts}$
- C) $i = 1.5 \text{ A}, P_1 = 24 \text{ watts}$
- D) $i = 0.67 \text{ A}, P_1 = 1.8 \text{ watts}$
- E) $i = 1.5 \text{ A}, P_1 = 9 \text{ watts}$



Extra Credit:

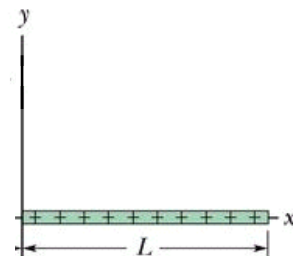
17. The sketch shows edge views of two parallel **conducting** sheets with identical positive charges $Q = 4 \mu\text{C}$. on each. The area of each plate area is 2 m^2 . What is the electric field E_{IN} midway between the plates; also, what is E_p at point P, which is 1 mm above the upper plate as shown? Hint: The dashed line Gaussian surfaces may be helpful.

- A) $E_{\text{IN}} = 0, E_p = 5.65 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$
- B) $E_{\text{IN}} = 0, E_p = 2.26 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m}$
- C) $E_{\text{IN}} = 1.1 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m}, E_p = \text{zero}$
- D) $E_{\text{IN}} = 0, E_p = 1.1 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m}$
- E) $E_{\text{IN}} = 0, E_p = 0$



18. The figure shows a plastic rod of length $L = 2.5 \text{ m}$, with a non-uniform linear charge density $\lambda = \alpha \cdot x$ with $\alpha = 10^{-3} \text{ C/m}^2$. The rod is lying on the x axis. Assuming $V = 0$ at infinity, find the electric potential (in volts) at the left end of the rod – in other words, at the origin. Select the closest answer.

- A) Zero
- B) 2.7×10^{10} volts
- C) 2.25×10^7 volts
- D) 1.35×10^8 volts
- E) Infinity



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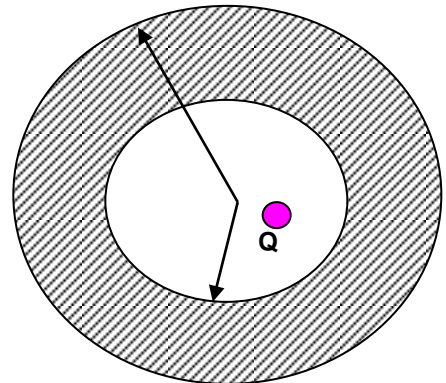
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3. A negative charge $Q = -18 \text{ nC}$ is placed inside an electrically neutral spherical conducting shell with the inner radius a and the outer radius b . What charges will be induced on the inner and outer surfaces of the shell?

- A. Inner charge = 0 C. Outer charge = 0 C
B. Inner charge = +18 nC. Outer charge = -18 nC
C. Inner charge = -18 nC. Outer charge = +18 nC
D. Inner charge = 0 nC. Outer charge = +18 nC
E. Inner charge = -18 nC. Outer charge = 0 C

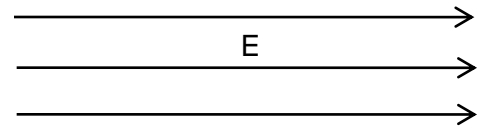


4. The sketch shows cross-sections through two infinitely large, parallel, **non-conducting** sheets with identical distributions of positive surface charge density σ . What is the electric field \mathbf{E} at points above the sheets and between them?

- A) $2\sigma/\epsilon_0$ down and $\sigma/2\epsilon_0$ up
B) $2\sigma/\epsilon_0$ up and zero
C) σ/ϵ_0 up and zero
D) σ/ϵ_0 up and $-\sigma/\epsilon_0$ up
E) $2\sigma/\epsilon_0$ up and $\sigma/2\epsilon_0$ up

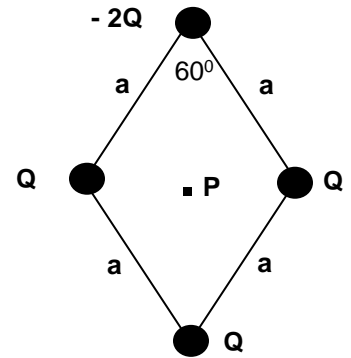


5. An electron is moved through a displacement opposite to the direction of a uniform electric field. During this displacement:



- A) the potential energy of the electron and the electric potential do not change.
- B) the potential energy of the electron decreases, the electric potential increases.**
- C) the potential energy of the electron increases, the electric potential decreases.
- D) the potential energy of the electron increases, the electric potential increases.
- E) the potential energy of the electron decreases, the electric potential decreases.

6. Four point charges are located at the corners of the parallelogram as shown in the diagram. Three charges have the same positive value $+Q = +5 \mu\text{C}$. The fourth charge has the negative value $-2Q = -10 \mu\text{C}$. The length of each side $a = 2 \text{ m}$, with a 60° angle located as shown. What is the electric potential at point P, the center of the diamond shape? The potential at infinity is defined as the zero reference level.



- A) Zero Volts
- B) $2.25 \times 10^4 \text{ V}$
- C) $6.40 \times 10^4 \text{ V}$**
- D) $8.78 \times 10^3 \text{ V}$
- E) $5.4 \times 10^4 \text{ V}$

7. A solid metal sphere is charged to a potential of V volts. The potential $\frac{1}{2}$ of the distance from the center to the edge is:

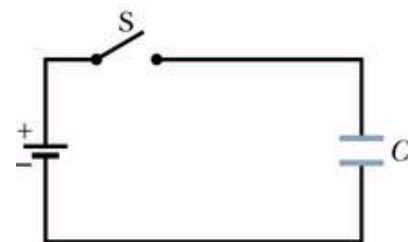
- A. 0
- B. V^3
- C. $V^{1/3}$
- D. $-V$
- E. V**

8. Equi-potential surfaces near an infinite charged sheet are planes. If the potential difference between a pair of equi-potentials that are 60 mm apart is 240 volts, what is the electric field between the sheets?

- A) 0.36 V/m
- B) 0.72 V/m
- C) 10^{-4} V/m
- D) 4000 V/m**
- E) 40,000 V/m

9. The capacitor in the figure has a capacitance of $120 \mu\text{F}$ and is initially uncharged. The battery maintains a potential difference of 3.0 V. How much total charge is taken from the battery until the capacitor is fully charged (the current stops flowing)?

- A) $360 \mu\text{C}$**
- B) $1.7 \mu\text{C}$
- C) $0.4 \mu\text{C}$
- D) $6.0 \times 10^5 \mu\text{C}$
- E) $150 \mu\text{C}$

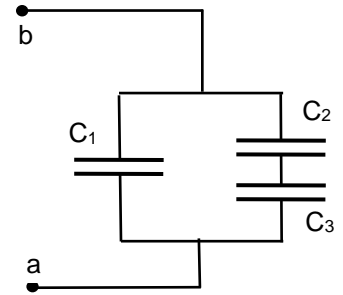


10. A parallel plate capacitor being designed is supposed to have a capacitance of 600 pF. The area of each plate will be 10 cm² and it will be filled with a material whose dielectric constant is 1.5 (glass). What should the distance between the plates be?

- A) **0.022 mm.**
- B) 0.15 mm.
- B) 8.85 mm.
- C) 0.098 mm.
- E) 15 mm.

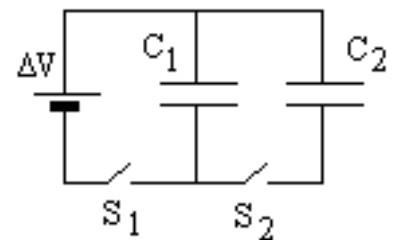
11. Three capacitors are connected in the series/parallel arrangement shown in the sketch. Suppose $C_1 = 8\mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 4\mu\text{F}$, and $C_3 = 16\mu\text{F}$. The potential difference across the combination $V_{ab} = 24\text{ V}$. The equivalent capacitance between points a and b is closest to:

- A) 5.7 μF
- B) 28 μF
- C) 11.2 μF**
- D) 35 μF
- E) 10 μF



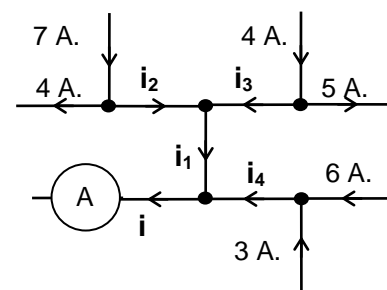
12. In the circuit shown, capacitor $C_1 = 4.0\text{ nF}$ is first charged by closing switch S_1 which connects it to the battery whose EMF $\Delta V_0 = 60\text{ V}$. Switch S_1 is then opened, and the charged capacitor C_1 is connected to the uncharged 6.0 nF capacitor C_2 by closing switch S_2 . Find the final potential difference across capacitors C_1 and C_2 . (Hint: after being disconnected, the total charge on the combination C_1, C_2 remains constant).

- A) 30 V
- B) 24 V**
- C) 6 V
- D) 48 V
- E) 12 V

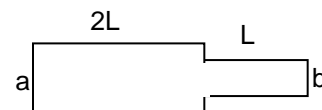


13. A network of current-carrying conductors is set up as shown in the diagram. What current "i" is passing through the ammeter?

- A) 15 A.
- B) 10 A.
- C) 20 A.
- D) 11 A.**
- E) 8 A.



14. Two wires made of the same material are joined end-to-end and a potential difference is maintained across the combination, from a to b in the sketch. The thin wire has area $A/2$ and length L . The fatter wire has area A and length $2L$. Which of the following quantities are the same for both wires:



1. the resistance of each wire
2. the current through each wire
3. the potential difference across each wire
4. the current density inside each wire

- A) **1, 2, and 3**
- B) 2 only
- C) 1 only
- D) 1, 2, and 4
- E) none of these

15. A physics professor remodeling his kitchen plans to put in a new circuit for lights operating at 120 Volts that can handle up to 10 light bulbs of 60 watts each, all in parallel. What is the maximum current in Amperes that should be used in deciding which kind of wire and circuit breaker or fuse to install?

- A) 15.0 A
- B) 12.5 A
- C) 10.0 A
- D) 7.5 A
- E) 5.0 A**

Extra Credit:

17. In problem 11 calculate the voltage across capacitor C_3 (in volts)

- A) 1.8
- B) 2.8
- C) 3.8
- D) 4.8**
- E) 5.8

18. The figure shows a plastic rod of length $L = 50$ cm, total positive charge $Q = 1 \mu\text{C}$., and uniform charge density λ , lying on an x axis. With $V = 0$ at infinity, find the electric potential (in volts) at point P_1 on the axis, at distance $d = 25$ cm. to the left of one end of the rod. Select the closest answer.

- A) zero
- B) 1
- C) 20,000**
- D) 2
- E) 10,000

