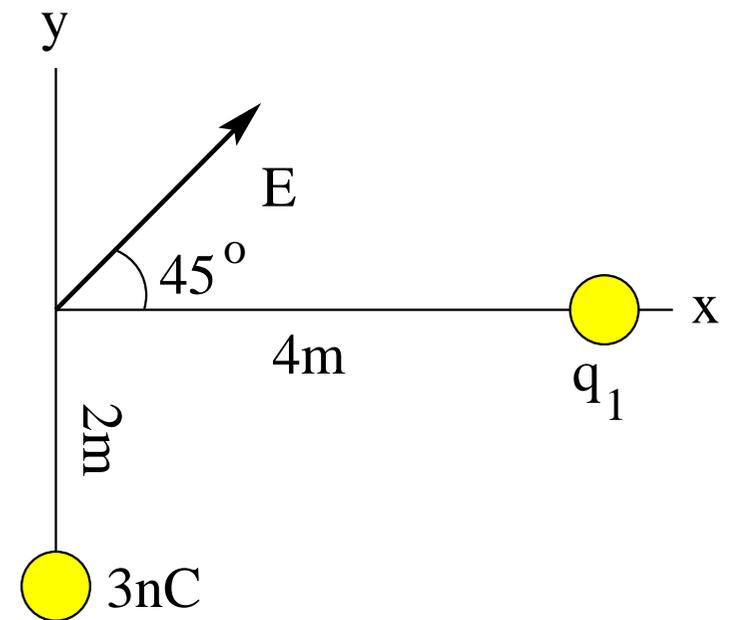


# Intermediate Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '05)



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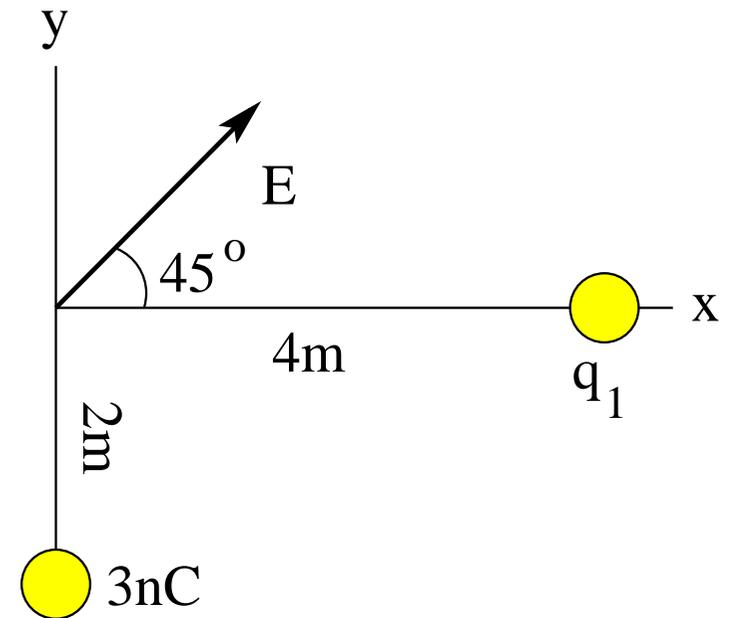
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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad E_y &= k \frac{3\text{nC}}{(2\text{m})^2} = 6.75\text{N/C}, \\ E_x &= E_y, \\ E &= \sqrt{E_x^2 + E_y^2} = 9.55\text{N/C}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad E_x &= k \frac{(-q_1)}{(4\text{m})^2}, \\ q_1 &= -\frac{(6.75\text{N/C})(16\text{m}^2)}{k} = -12\text{nC}. \end{aligned}$$

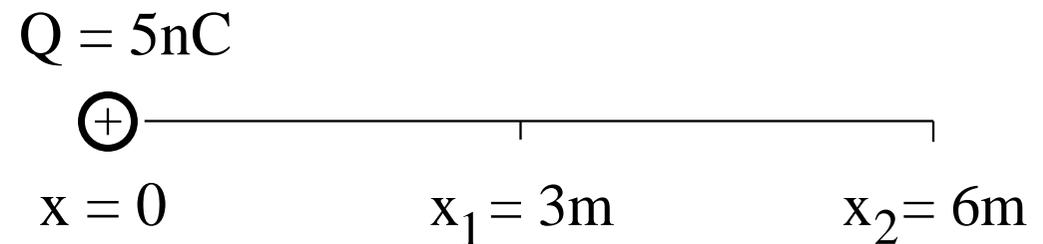


## Intermediate Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '05)



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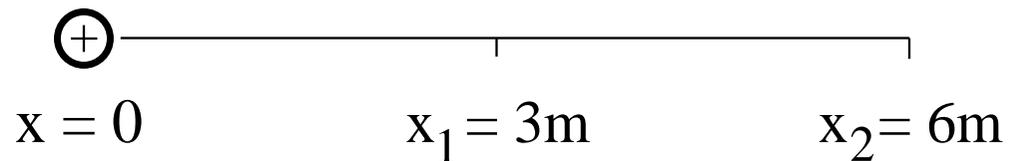
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$$Q = 5\text{nC}$$



Solution:

$$(a) \quad V_1 = k \frac{Q}{x_1} = 15\text{V}, \quad V_2 = k \frac{Q}{x_2} = 7.5\text{V}.$$

$$(b) \quad \Delta U = q(V_2 - V_1) = (4\text{nC})(-7.5\text{V}) = -30\text{nJ} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta K = -\Delta U = 30\text{nJ}.$$

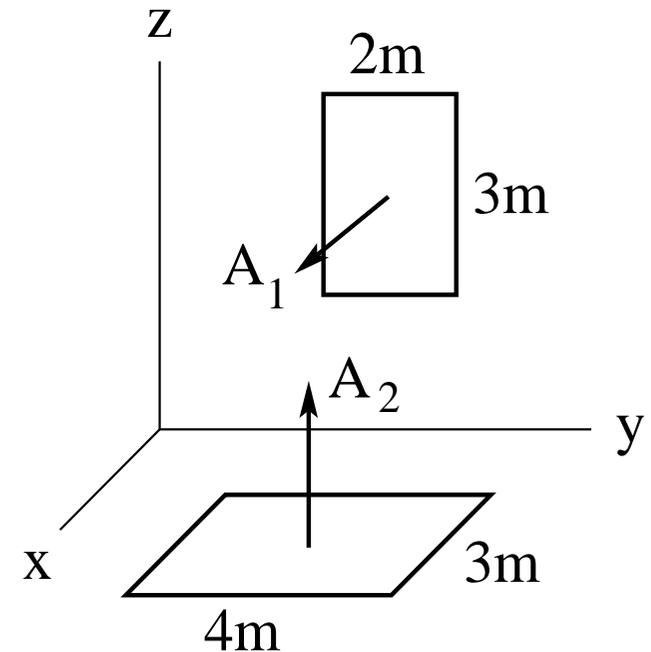
$$\Delta K = K_2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2K_2}{m}} = 200\text{m/s}.$$

# Intermediate Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '05)



Consider two plane surfaces with area vectors  $\vec{A}_1$  (pointing in positive  $x$ -direction) and  $\vec{A}_2$  (pointing in positive  $z$ -direction). The region is filled with a uniform electric field  $\vec{E} = (2\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})\text{N/C}$ .

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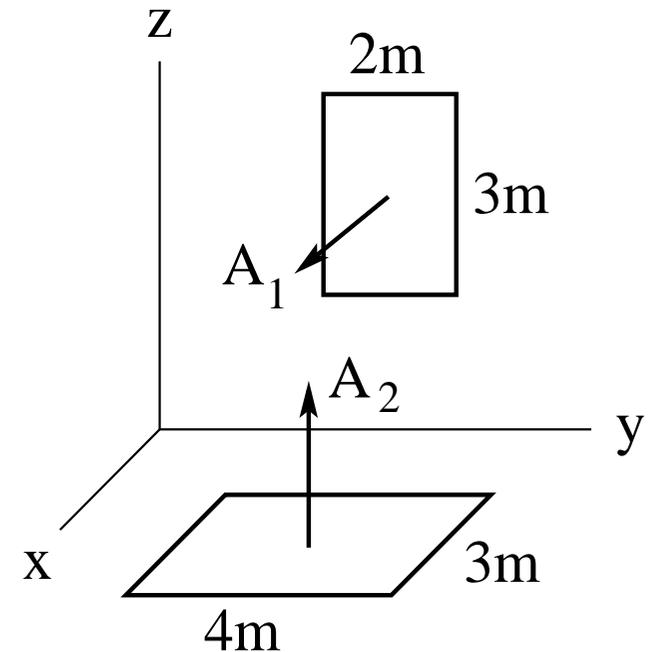


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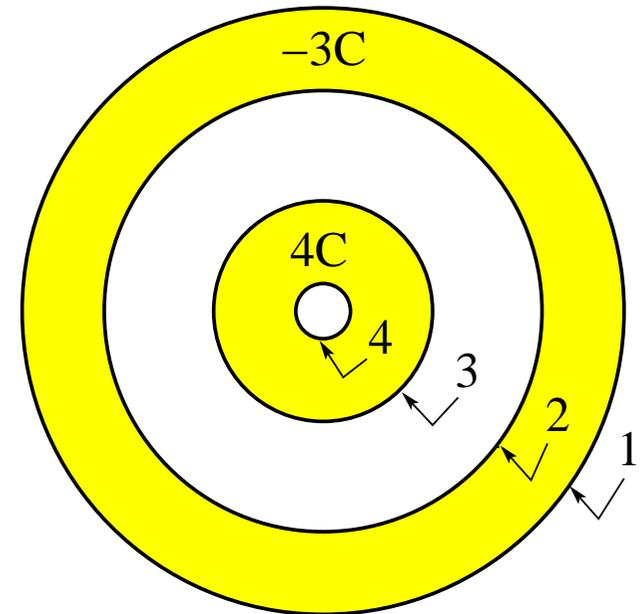
- (a)  $\vec{A}_1 = 6\hat{i} \text{ m}^2$ ,  
 $\Phi_E^{(1)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_1 = (2\text{N/C})(6\text{m}^2) = 12\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ .
- (b)  $\vec{A}_2 = 12\hat{k} \text{ m}^2$ ,  
 $\Phi_E^{(2)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_2 = (-3\text{N/C})(12\text{m}^2) = -36\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ .



# Intermediate Exam I: Problem #4 (Spring '05)



Consider two concentric conducting spherical shells. The total electric charge on the inner shell is  $4C$  and the total electric charge on the outer shell is  $-3C$ . Find the electric charges  $q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4$  on each surface of both shells as identified in the figure.



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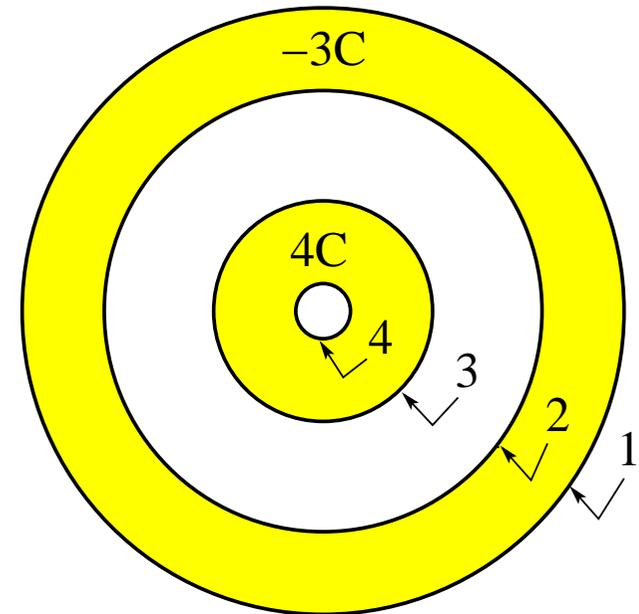


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## Solution:

Start with the innermost surface.  
Note that any excess charge is located at the surface of a conductor.  
Note also that the electric field inside a conductor at equilibrium vanishes.

- Gauss's law predicts  $q_4 = 0$ .
- Charge conservation then predicts  $q_3 + q_4 = 4C$ . Hence  $q_3 = 4C$ .
- Gauss's law predicts  $q_2 = -(q_3 + q_4) = -4C$ .
- Charge conservation then predicts  $q_1 + q_2 = -3C$ . Hence  $q_1 = +1C$ .

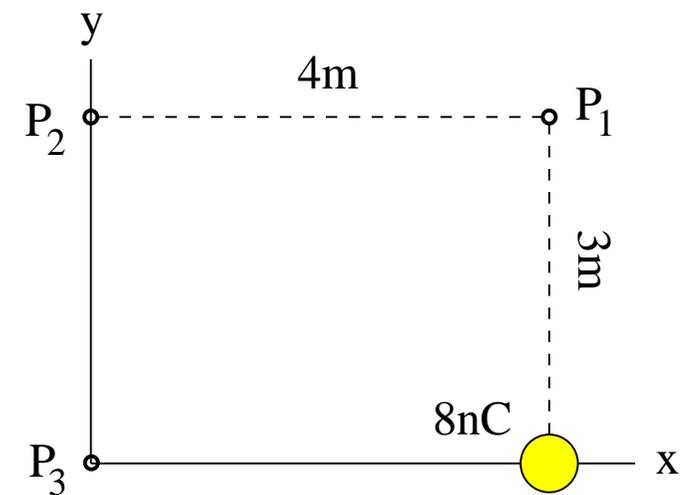


# Intermediate Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '06)



Consider a point charge  $q = +8\text{nC}$  at position  $x = 4\text{m}$ ,  $y = 0$  as shown.

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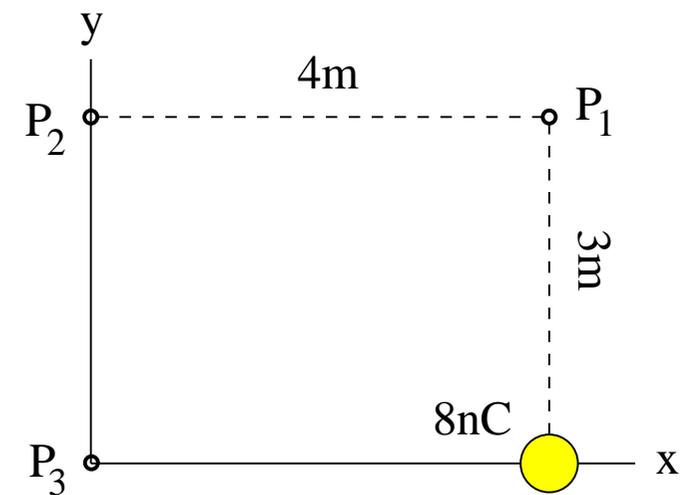
$$(a) \quad E_x = 0, \quad E_y = k \frac{8\text{nC}}{(3\text{m})^2} = 7.99\text{N/C}.$$

$$(b) \quad E_x = -k \frac{8\text{nC}}{(5\text{m})^2} \cos \theta = -2.88\text{N/C} \times \frac{4}{5} = -2.30\text{N/C}.$$

$$E_y = k \frac{8\text{nC}}{(5\text{m})^2} \sin \theta = 2.88\text{N/C} \times \frac{3}{5} = 1.73\text{N/C}.$$

$$(c) \quad V = k \frac{8\text{nC}}{4\text{m}} = 17.98\text{V}.$$

$$(d) \quad V = k \frac{8\text{nC}}{5\text{m}} = 14.38\text{V}.$$

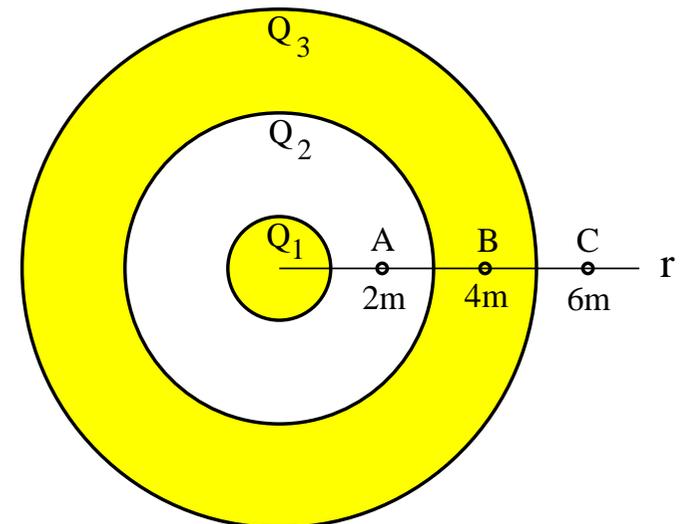


## Intermediate Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '06)



Consider a conducting sphere of radius  $r_1 = 1\text{m}$  and a conducting spherical shell of inner radius  $r_2 = 3\text{m}$  and outer radius  $r_3 = 5\text{m}$ . The charge on the inner sphere is  $Q_1 = -0.6\mu\text{C}$ . The net charge on the shell is zero.

- Find the charge  $Q_2$  on the inner surface and the charge  $Q_3$  on the outer surface of the shell.
- Find magnitude and direction of the electric field at point  $A$  between the sphere and the shell.
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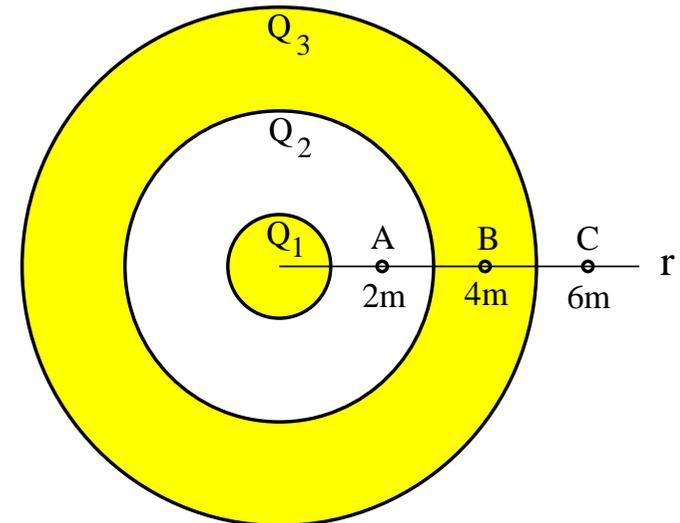
### Solution:

- (a) Gauss's law implies that  $Q_2 = -Q_1 = +0.6\mu\text{C}$ .  
Given that  $Q_2 + Q_3 = 0$  we infer  $Q_3 = -0.6\mu\text{C}$ .

- (b)  $E_A = k \frac{0.6\mu\text{C}}{(2\text{m})^2} = 1349\text{N/C}$  (inward).

- (c)  $E_B = 0$  inside conductor.

- (d)  $E_C = k \frac{0.6\mu\text{C}}{(6\text{m})^2} = 150\text{N/C}$  (inward).

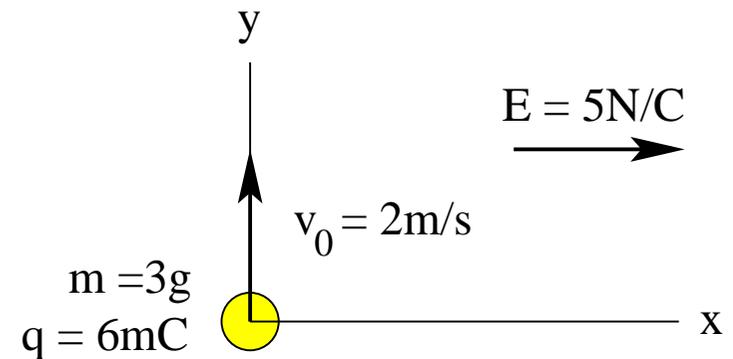


# Intermediate Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '06)



Consider a region of uniform electric field as shown. A charged particle is projected at time  $t = 0$  with initial velocity as shown. Ignore gravity.

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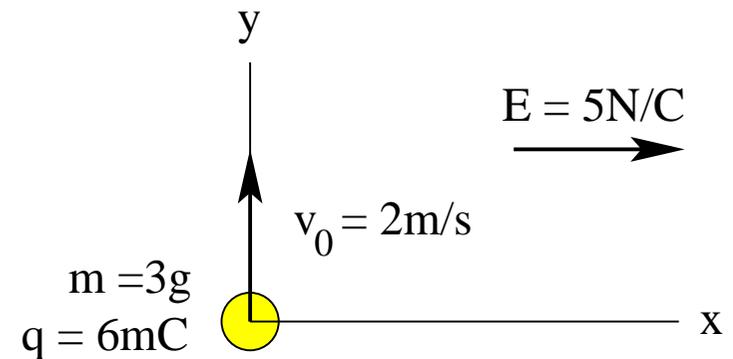
**Solution:**

$$(a) \quad a_x = \frac{q}{m} E = \frac{6 \times 10^{-3}\text{C}}{3 \times 10^{-3}\text{kg}} (5\text{N/C}) = 10\text{m/s}^2, \quad a_y = 0.$$

$$(b) \quad v_x = 0, \quad v_y = v_0 = 2\text{m/s}.$$

$$(c) \quad v_x = a_x t = (10\text{m/s}^2)(1.2\text{s}) = 12\text{m/s}, \quad v_y = v_0 = 2\text{m/s}.$$

$$(d) \quad x = \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2 = 0.5(10\text{m/s}^2)(1.2\text{s})^2 = 7.2\text{m}, \quad y = v_y t = (2\text{m/s})(1.2\text{s}) = 2.4\text{m}.$$

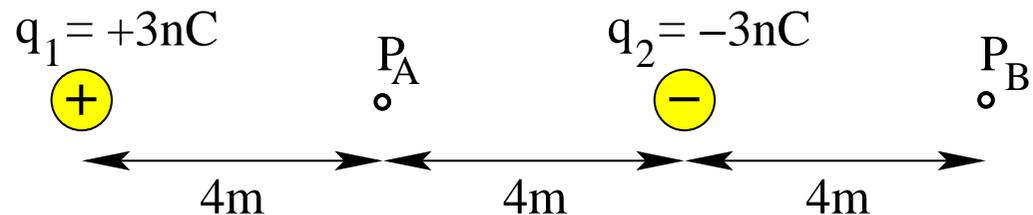


# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '07)



Consider the configuration of two point charges as shown.

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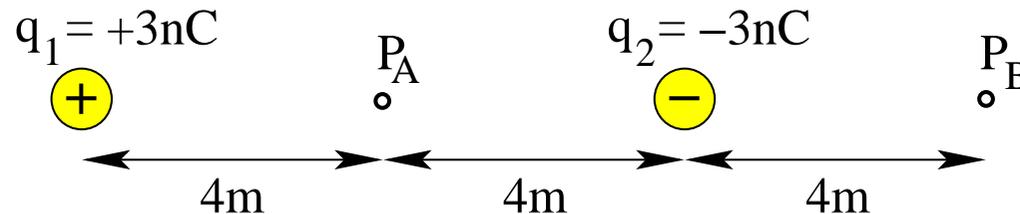


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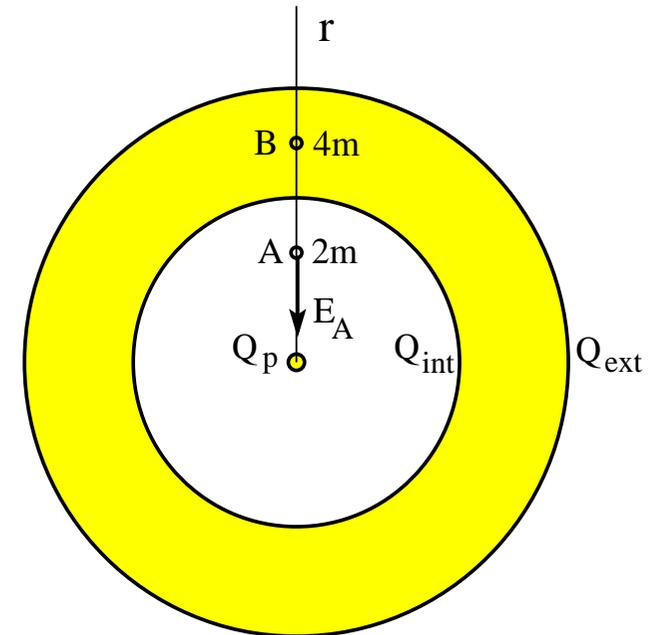
- (a)  $F_{12} = k \frac{|3\text{nC}|^2}{(8\text{m})^2} = 1.27\text{nN}$  (directed right).
- (b)  $E_A = 2k \frac{|3\text{nC}|}{(4\text{m})^2} = 3.38\text{N/C}$  (directed right).
- (c)  $V_B = k \frac{(+3\text{nC})}{12\text{m}} + k \frac{(-3\text{nC})}{4\text{m}} = -4.50\text{V}$ .

# Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '07)



A point charge  $Q_p$  is positioned at the center of a conducting spherical shell of inner radius  $r_2 = 3.00\text{m}$  and outer radius  $r_3 = 5.00\text{m}$ . The total charge on the shell  $Q_s = +7.00\text{nC}$ . The electric field at point  $A$  has strength  $E_A = 6.75\text{N/C}$  and is pointing radially inward.

- (a) Find the value of  $Q_p$  (point charge).
- (b) Find the charge  $Q_{int}$  on the inner surface of the shell.
- (c) Find the charge  $Q_{ext}$  on the outer surface of the shell.
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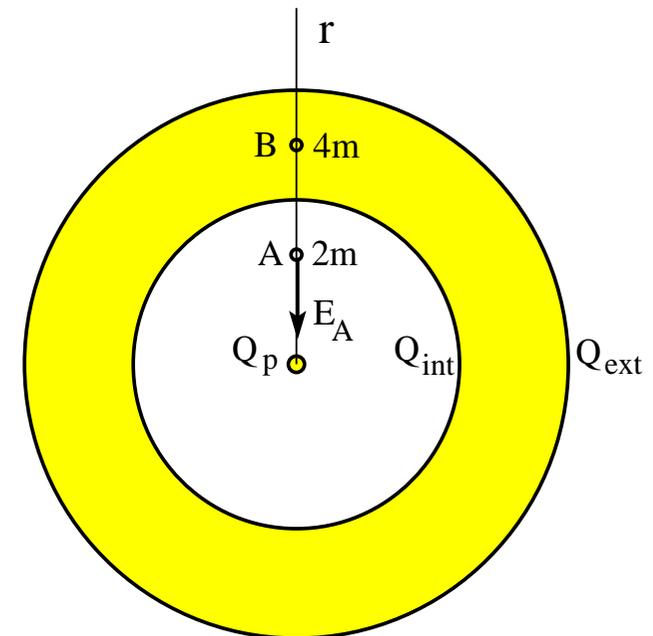


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**Solution:**

- Gauss's law implies that  $-E_A(4\pi r_A^2) = \frac{Q_p}{\epsilon_0}$   
 $\Rightarrow Q_p = -3.00\text{nC}$ .
- Gauss's law implies that  $Q_{int} = -Q_p = +3.00\text{nC}$ .
- Charge conservation,  $Q_{int} + Q_{ext} = Q_s = 7.00\text{nC}$ , then implies that  $Q_{ext} = +4.00\text{nC}$ .
- $E_B = 0$  inside conductor.

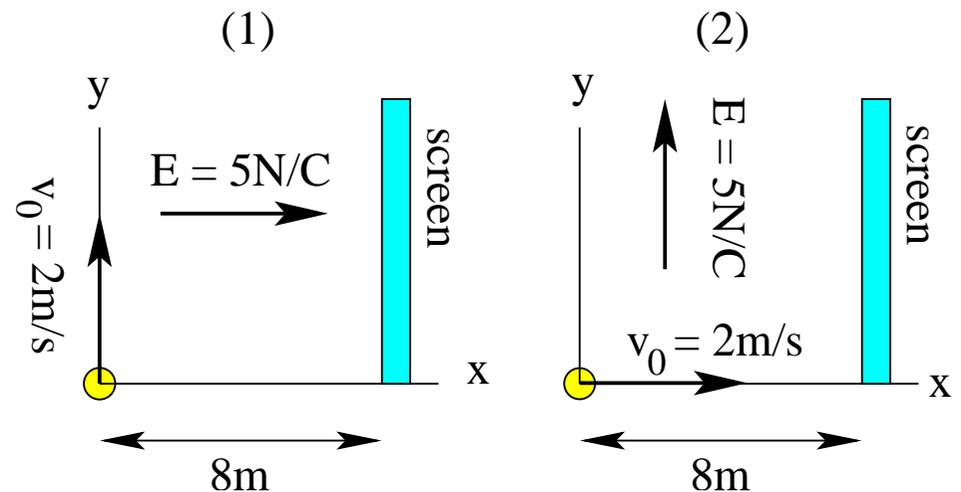


# Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '07)



Consider two regions of uniform electric field as shown. Charged particles of mass  $m = 2\text{kg}$  and charge  $q = 1\text{C}$  are projected at time  $t = 0$  with initial velocities as shown. Both particles will hit the screen eventually. Ignore gravity.

- (a) At what time  $t_1$  does the particle in region (1) hit the screen?
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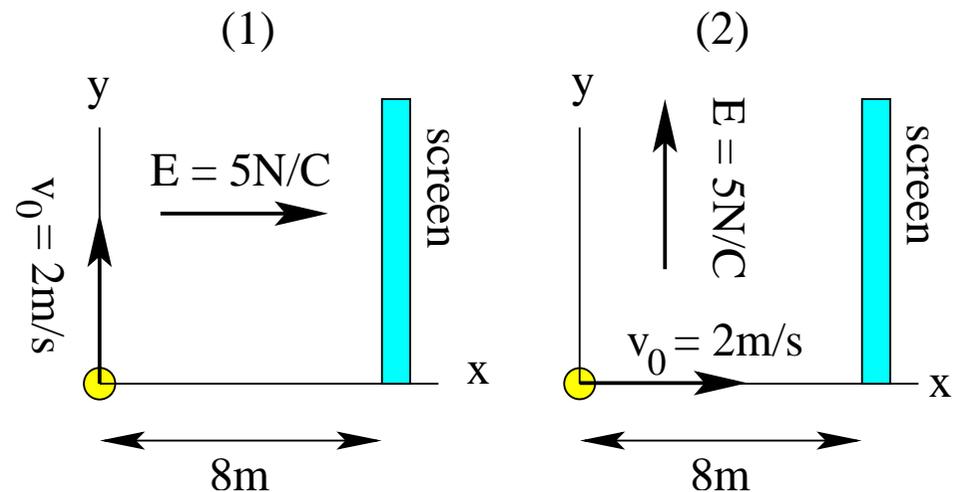
**Solution:**

(a)  $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}at_1^2$  with  $a = \frac{q}{m}E = 2.5\text{m/s}^2$ ,  
 $x_1 = 8\text{m} \Rightarrow t_1 = 2.53\text{s}$ .

(b)  $y_1 = v_0t_1 = 5.06\text{m}$ .

(c)  $x_2 = v_0t_2 \Rightarrow t_2 = \frac{8\text{m}}{2\text{m/s}} = 4\text{s}$ .

(d)  $y_2 = \frac{1}{2}at_2^2 = 20\text{m}$ .

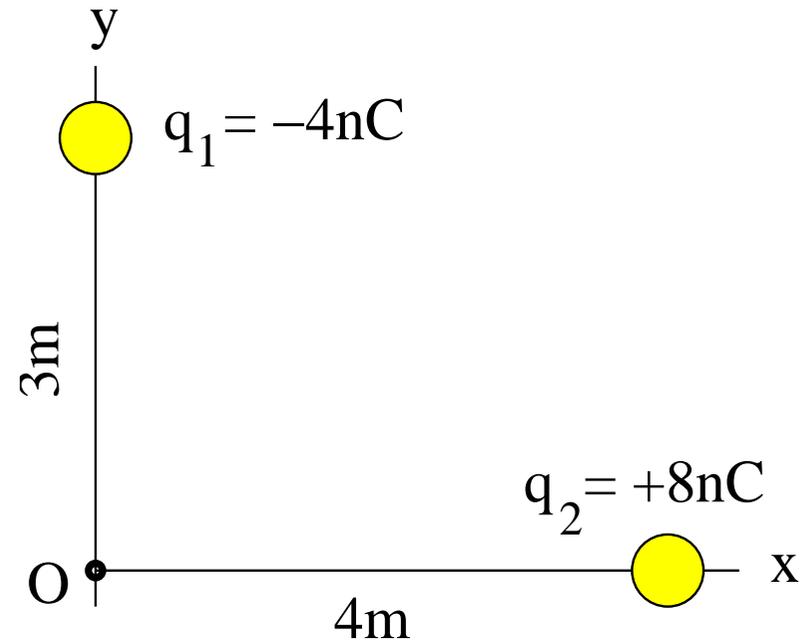


# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '08)



Consider two point charges positioned in the  $xy$ -plane as shown.

- (a) Find the magnitude  $F$  of the force between the two charges.
- (b) Find the components  $E_x$  and  $E_y$  of the electric field at point  $O$ .
- (c) Find the electric potential  $V$  at point  $O$ .
- (d) Find the potential energy  $U$  of charge  $q_2$  in the presence of charge  $q_1$ .



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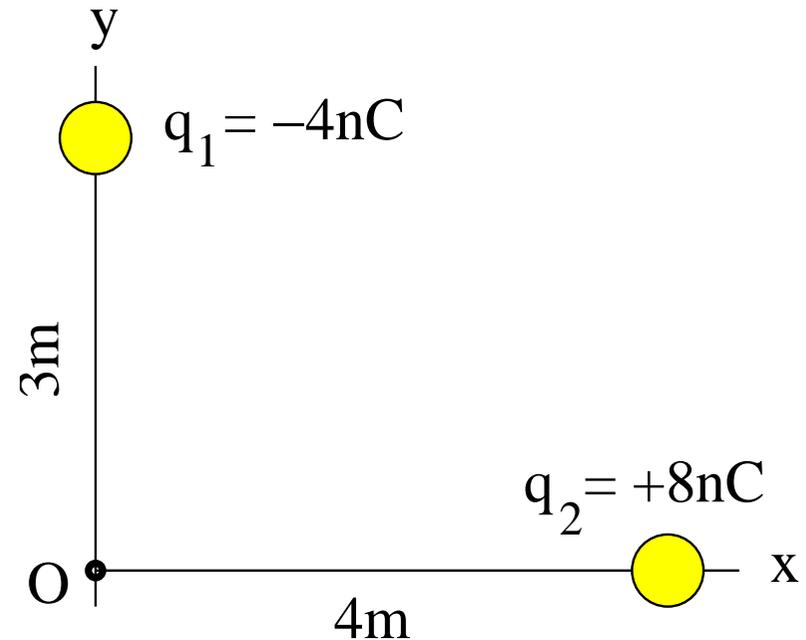
**Solution:**

$$(a) F = k \frac{|q_1 q_2|}{(5\text{m})^2} = 1.15 \times 10^{-8} \text{N}.$$

$$(b) E_x = -k \frac{|q_2|}{(4\text{m})^2} = -4.5 \text{ N/C},$$
$$E_y = +k \frac{|q_1|}{(3\text{m})^2} = +4.0 \text{ N/C}.$$

$$(c) V = k \frac{q_2}{4\text{m}} + k \frac{q_1}{3\text{m}} = 18\text{V} - 12\text{V} = 6\text{V}.$$

$$(d) U = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{5\text{m}} = -57.6 \text{ nJ}.$$

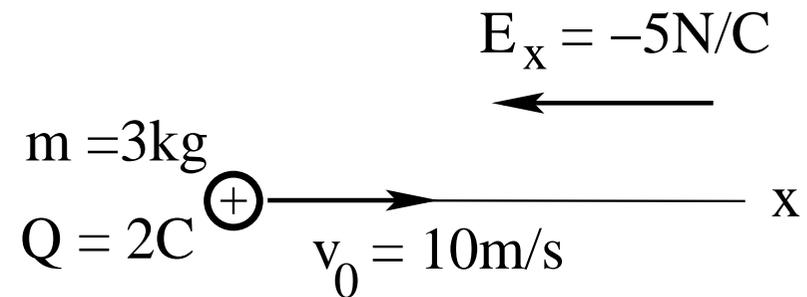


## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '08)



Consider a region of uniform electric field  $E_x = -5\text{N/C}$ . A charged particle (charge  $Q = 2\text{C}$ , mass  $m = 3\text{kg}$ ) is launched from initial position  $x = 0$  with velocity  $v_0 = 10\text{m/s}$  in the positive  $x$ -direction.

- Find the (negative) acceleration  $a_x$  experienced by the particle.
- Find the time  $t_s$  it takes the particle to come to a stop.
- Find the position  $x_s$  of the particle at time  $t_s$ .
- Find the work  $W$  done by the electric field to bring the particle to a stop.



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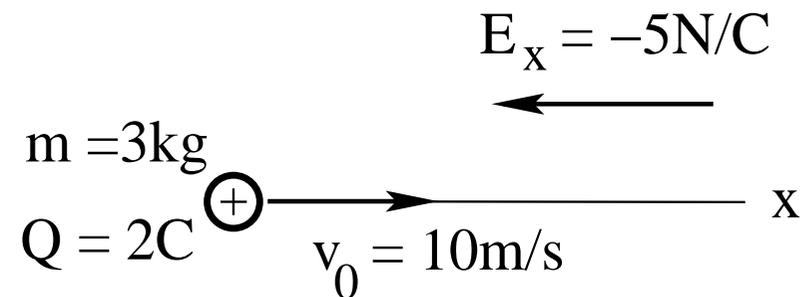
**Solution:**

$$(a) \quad a_x = \frac{2\text{C}}{3\text{kg}}(-5\text{N/C}) = -3.33\text{m/s}^2.$$

$$(b) \quad t_s = \frac{v_0}{|a_x|} = 3.00\text{s}.$$

$$(c) \quad x_s = \frac{v_0^2}{2|a_x|} = 15.0\text{m}.$$

$$(d) \quad W = \Delta K = -\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 = -150\text{J}.$$



# Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '08)

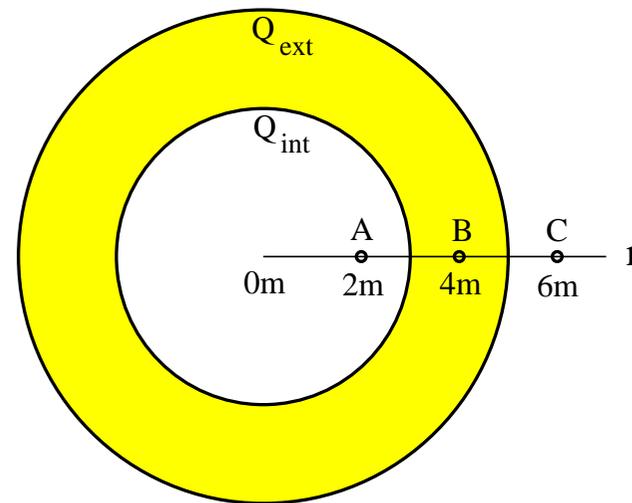


Consider a conducting spherical shell of inner radius  $r_{int} = 3\text{m}$  and outer radius  $r_{ext} = 5\text{m}$ . The net charge on the shell is  $Q_{shell} = 7\mu\text{C}$ .

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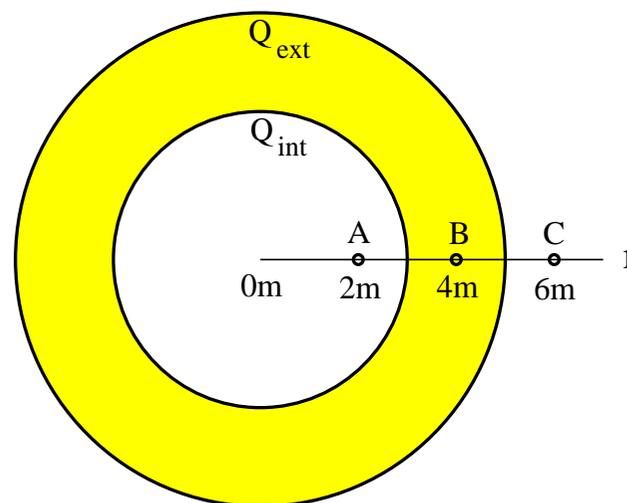
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## Solution:

- (a)  $Q_{int} = 0, \quad Q_{ext} = 7\mu\text{C}$ .
- (b)  $A$ : none,  $B$ : none,  $C$ : right.
- (c)  $Q_{int} = 3\mu\text{C}, \quad Q_{ext} = 4\mu\text{C}$ .
- (d)  $A$ : left,  $B$ : none,  $C$ : right.

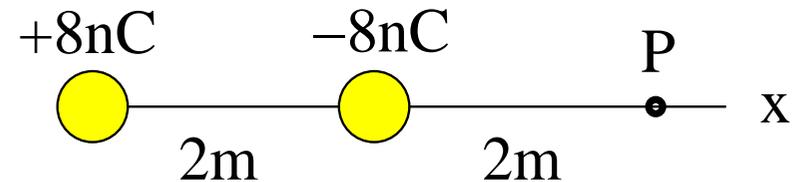


# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '09)



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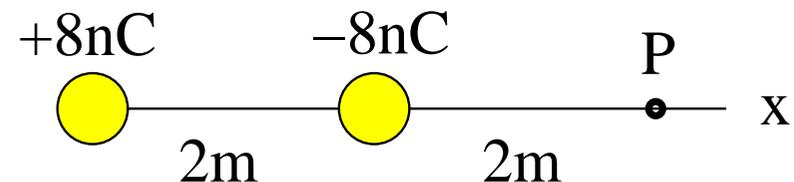


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**Solution:**

$$(a) E_x = +k \frac{8\text{nC}}{(4\text{m})^2} + k \frac{(-8\text{nC})}{(2\text{m})^2} = 4.5\text{N/C} - 18\text{N/C} = -13.5\text{N/C} \quad (\text{directed left}).$$

$$(b) V = +k \frac{8\text{nC}}{4\text{m}} + k \frac{(-8\text{nC})}{2\text{m}} = 18\text{V} - 36\text{V} = -18\text{V}.$$

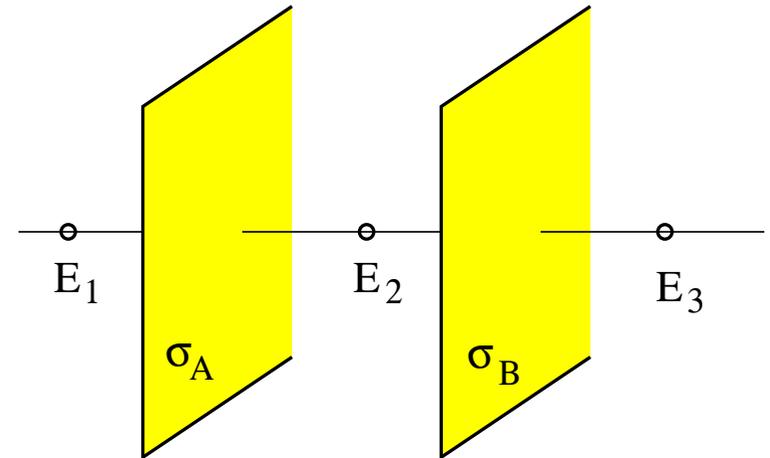
$$(c) U = qV = (-1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{C})(-18\text{V}) = 2.9 \times 10^{-18}\text{J}.$$

$$(d) a_x = \frac{qE_x}{m} = \frac{(-1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{C})(-13.5\text{N/C})}{9.1 \times 10^{-31}\text{kg}} = 2.4 \times 10^{12}\text{ms}^{-2} \quad (\text{directed right}).$$

## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '09)



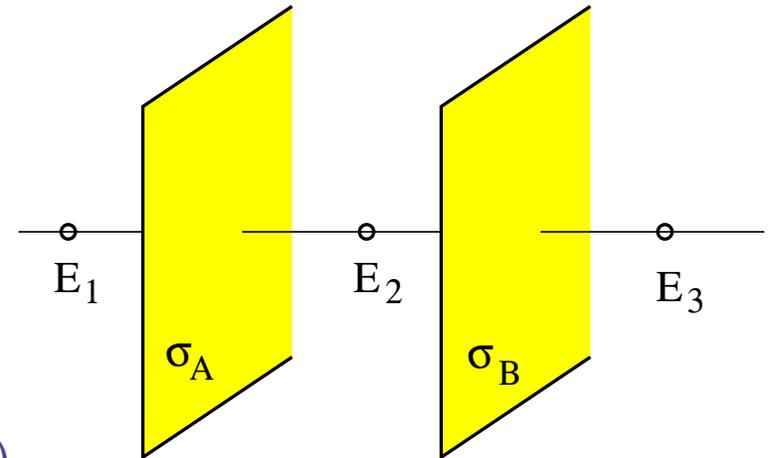
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**Solution:**

$$E_A = \frac{|\sigma_A|}{2\epsilon_0} = 0.40 \text{N/C} \quad (\text{directed away from sheet A}).$$

$$E_B = \frac{|\sigma_B|}{2\epsilon_0} = 0.23 \text{N/C} \quad (\text{directed toward sheet B}).$$

$$E_1 = E_A - E_B = 0.17 \text{N/C} \quad (\text{directed left}).$$

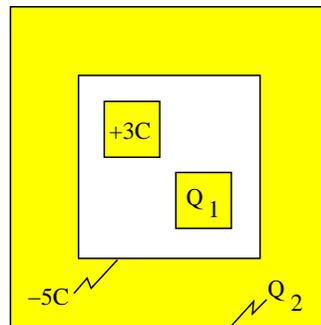
$$E_2 = E_A + E_B = 0.63 \text{N/C} \quad (\text{directed right}).$$

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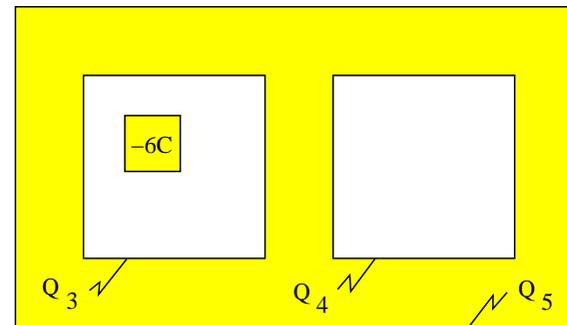
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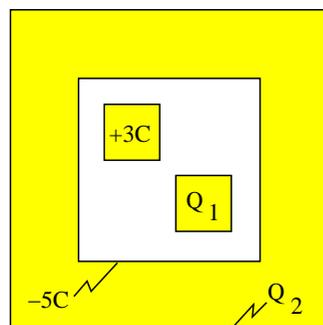


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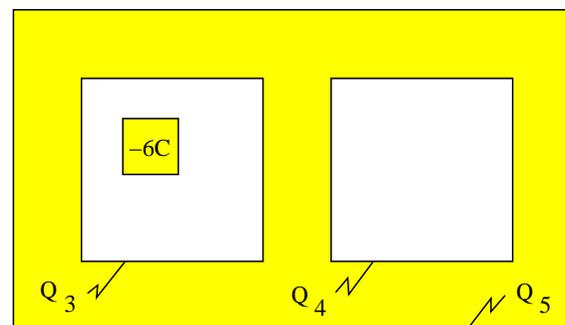
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(b)

## Solution:

(a) Gauss's law implies  $Q_1 + 3C + (-5C) = 0 \Rightarrow Q_1 = +2C$ .

Net charge on the box:  $Q_2 + (-5C) = 0 \Rightarrow Q_2 = +5C$ .

(b) Gauss's law implies  $Q_3 + (-6C) = 0 \Rightarrow Q_3 = +6C$ .

Gauss's law implies  $Q_4 = 0$ .

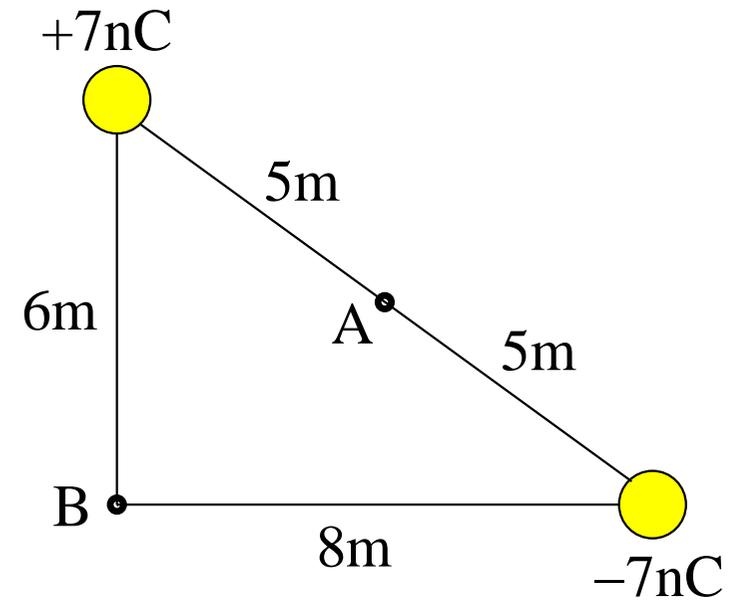
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# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Fall '10)



Consider two point charges positioned as shown.

- (a) Find the magnitude of the electric field at point  $A$ .
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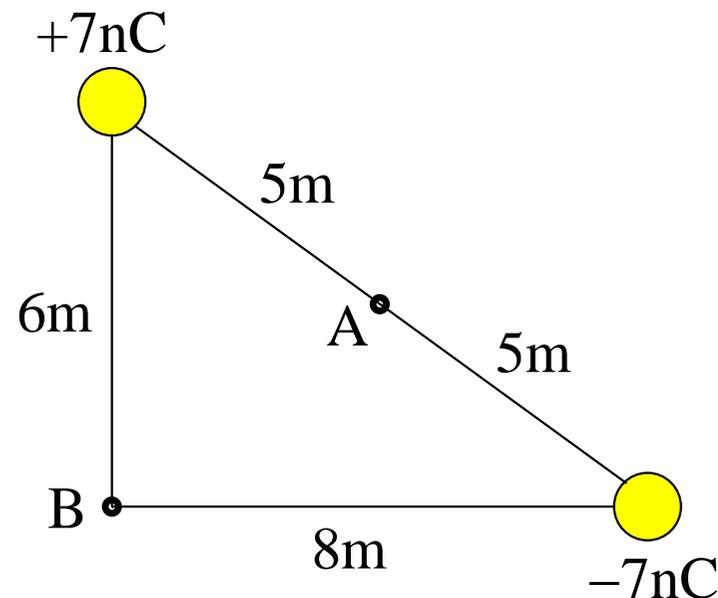
**Solution:**

$$(a) E_A = 2k \frac{|7\text{nC}|}{(5\text{m})^2} = 2(2.52\text{V/m}) = 5.04\text{V/m}.$$

$$(b) V_A = k \frac{(+7\text{nC})}{5\text{m}} + k \frac{(-7\text{nC})}{5\text{m}} = 12.6\text{V} - 12.6\text{V} = 0.$$

$$(c) E_B = \sqrt{\left(k \frac{|7\text{nC}|}{(6\text{m})^2}\right)^2 + \left(k \frac{|7\text{nC}|}{(8\text{m})^2}\right)^2} \Rightarrow E_B = \sqrt{(1.75\text{V/m})^2 + (0.98\text{V/m})^2} = 2.01\text{V/m}.$$

$$(d) V_B = k \frac{(+7\text{nC})}{6\text{m}} + k \frac{(-7\text{nC})}{8\text{m}} = 10.5\text{V} - 7.9\text{V} = 2.6\text{V}.$$

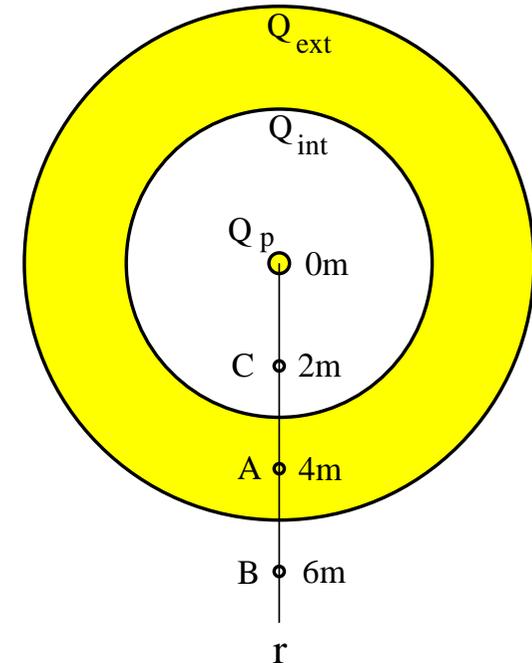


## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Fall '10)



A point charge  $Q_p$  is positioned at the center of a conducting spherical shell of inner radius  $r_{int} = 3\text{m}$  and outer radius  $r_{ext} = 5\text{m}$ . The charge on the inner surface of the shell is  $Q_{int} = -4\text{nC}$  and the charge on the outer surface is  $Q_{ext} = +3\text{nC}$ .

- Find the value of the point charge  $Q_p$ .
- Find direction (up/down/none) and magnitude of the electric field at point  $A$ .
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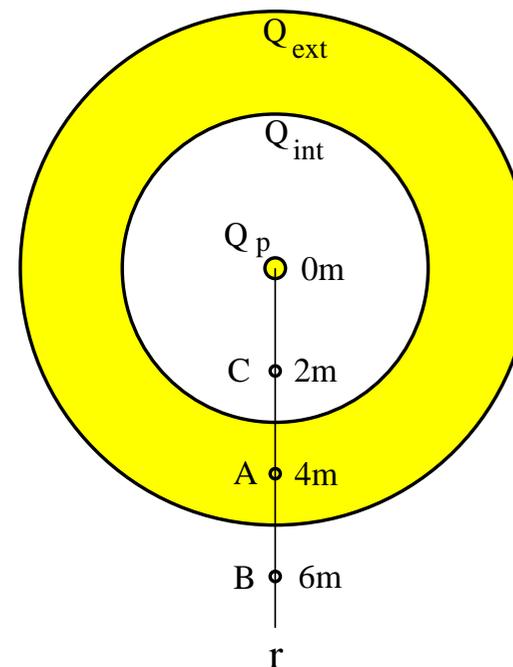
### Solution:

(a)  $Q_p = -Q_{int} = +4\text{nC}$ .

(b)  $E_A = 0$  inside conductor (no direction).

(c)  $E_B [4\pi(6\text{m})^2] = \frac{Q_p + Q_{int} + Q_{ext}}{\epsilon_0}$   
 $\Rightarrow E_B = k \frac{3\text{nC}}{(6\text{m})^2} = 0.75\text{N/C}$  (down).

(d)  $E_C [4\pi(2\text{m})^2] = \frac{Q_p}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow E_C = k \frac{4\text{nC}}{(2\text{m})^2} = 9\text{N/C}$  (down).

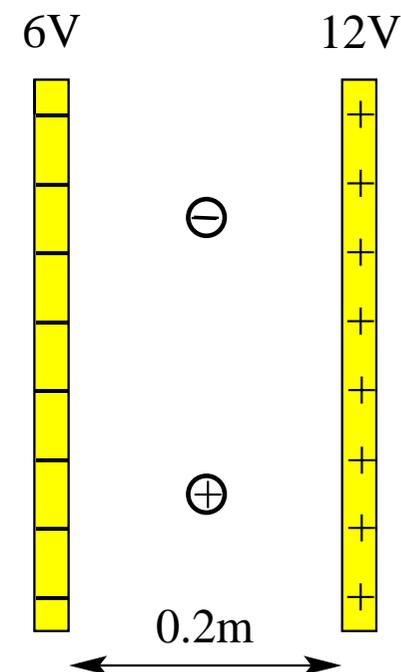


## Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Fall '10)



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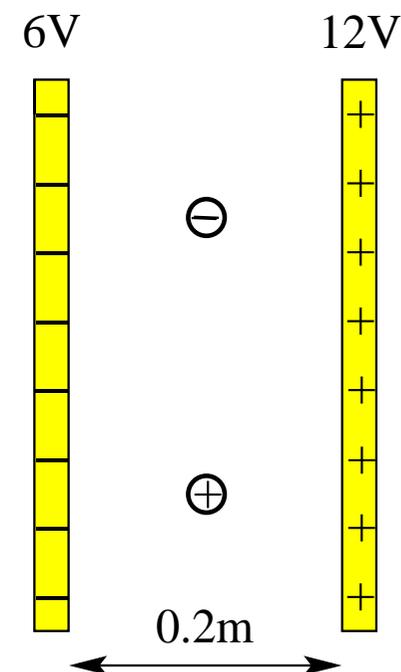


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### Solution:

- $E = 6\text{V}/0.2\text{m} = 30\text{V}/\text{m}$ .
- left
- proton (positive charge)
- smaller  $m$ , equal  $|q| \Rightarrow$  larger  $|q|E/m$
- $K = |q\Delta V| = (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{C})(3\text{V}) = 4.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{J}$ .



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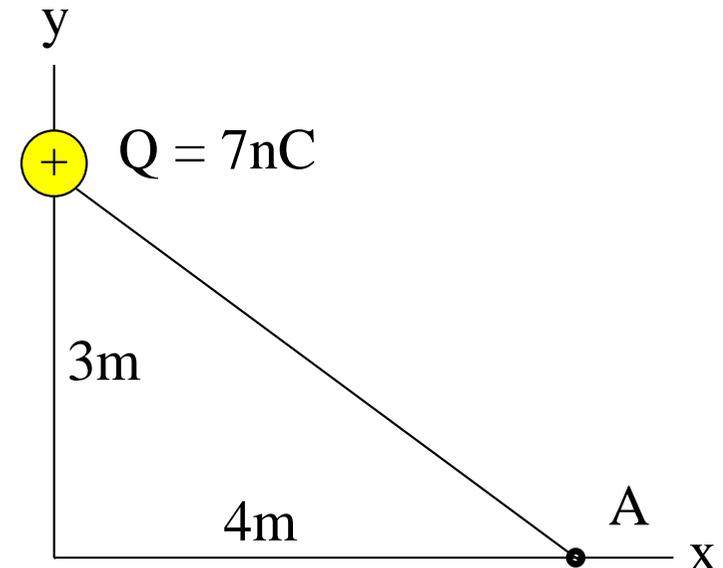


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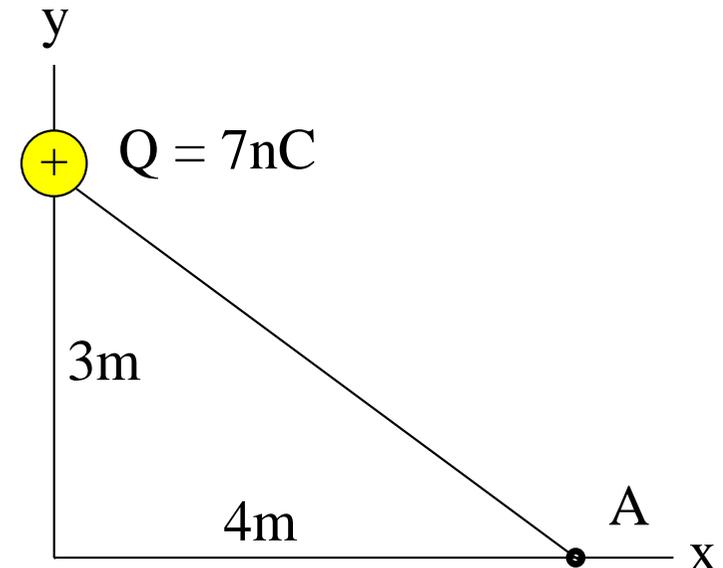
$$(a) E = k \frac{|7\text{nC}|}{(5\text{m})^2} = 2.52\text{N/C},$$

$$E_x = \frac{4}{5}E = 2.02\text{N/C}, \quad E_y = -\frac{3}{5}E = -1.51\text{N/C}$$

$$(b) V = k \frac{7\text{nC}}{5\text{m}} = 12.6\text{V}.$$

$$(c) F = qE = 4.03 \times 10^{-19}\text{N}.$$

$$(d) U = qV = 2.02 \times 10^{-18}\text{J}.$$

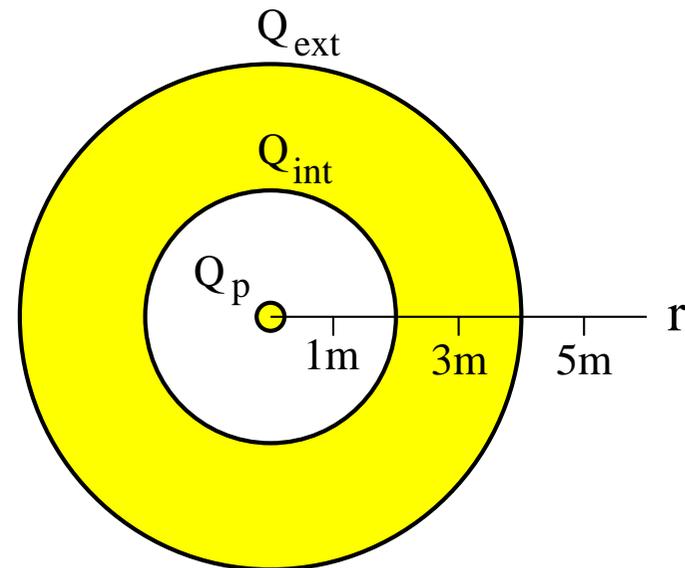


## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '11)



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- (b) Find the surface charge density  $\sigma_{\text{ext}}$  on the outer surface of the shell.
- (c) Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E$  through a Gaussian sphere of radius  $r = 5\text{m}$ .
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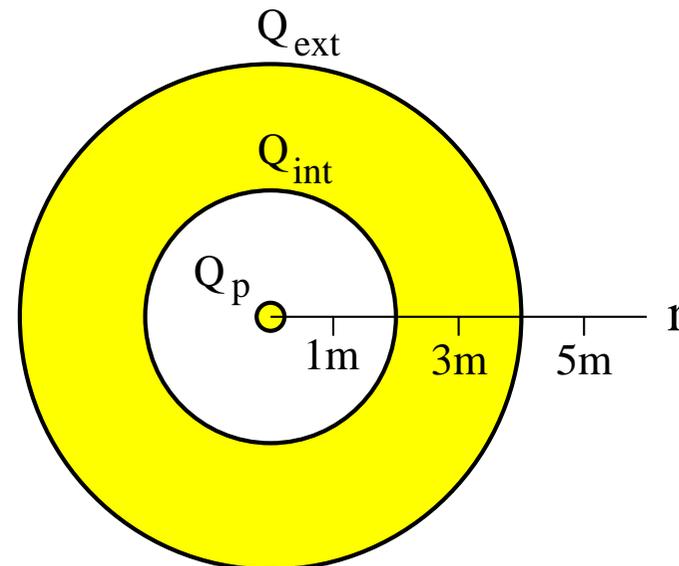
**Solution:**

(a)  $Q_{\text{int}} = -Q_{\text{p}} = -3\text{nC}$ .

(b)  $\sigma_{\text{ext}} = \frac{Q_{\text{ext}}}{4\pi(4\text{m})^2} = 3.98 \times 10^{-11}\text{C/m}^2$ .

(c)  $\Phi_E = \frac{Q_{\text{ext}}}{\epsilon_0} = 904\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ .

(d)  $E = 0$  inside conductor.

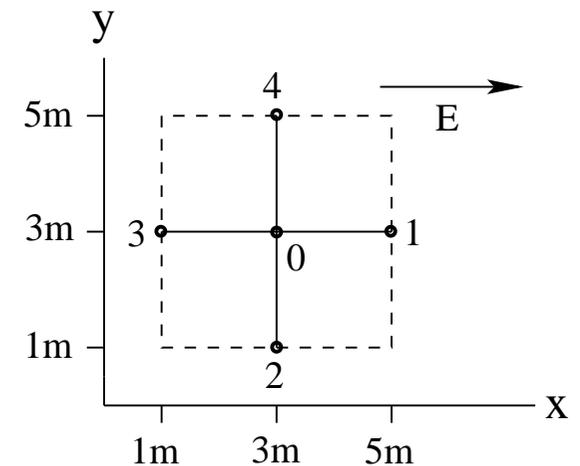


# Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '11)



Consider a region of space with a uniform electric field  $\mathbf{E} = 0.5\text{V/m}\hat{\mathbf{i}}$ . Ignore gravity.

- (a) If the electric potential vanishes at point 0, what are the electric potentials at points 1 and 2?
- (b) If an electron ( $m = 9.11 \times 10^{-31}\text{kg}$ ,  $q = -1.60 \times 10^{-19}\text{C}$ ) is released from rest at point 0, toward which point will it start moving?
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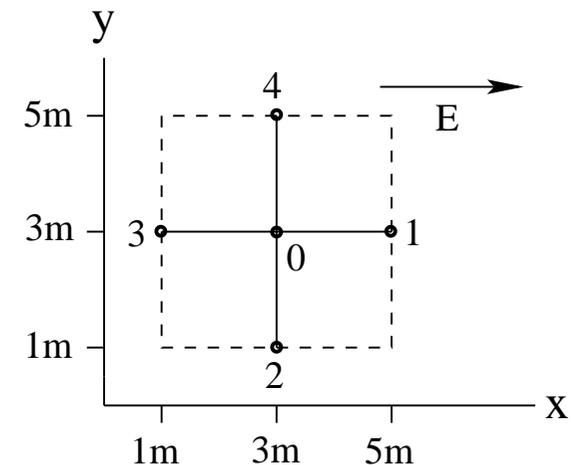
(b)  $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E} = -|qE|\hat{\mathbf{i}}$  (toward point 3).

(c)  $\Delta V = (V_3 - V_0) = 1\text{V}$ ,  $\Delta U = q\Delta V = -1.60 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}$ ,  
 $K = -\Delta U = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}$ ,  $v = \sqrt{\frac{2K}{m}} = 5.93 \times 10^5\text{m/s}$ .

Alternatively:

$$F = qE = 8.00 \times 10^{-20}\text{N}, \quad a = \frac{F}{m} = 8.78 \times 10^{10}\text{m/s}^2,$$

$$|\Delta x| = 2\text{m}, \quad v = \sqrt{2a|\Delta x|} = 5.93 \times 10^5\text{m/s}.$$

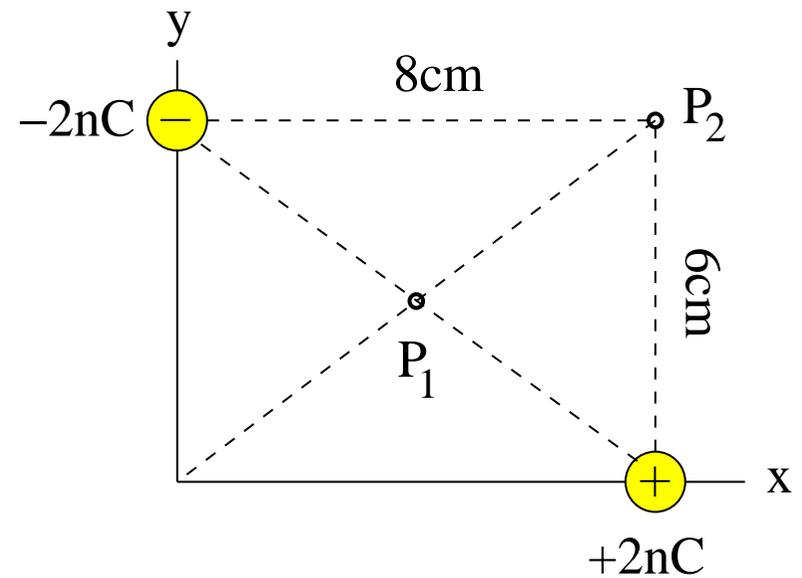


# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '12)



Consider two point charges at the positions shown.

- (a) Find the magnitude  $E$  of the electric field at point  $P_1$ .
- (b) Find the components  $E_x$  and  $E_y$  of the electric field at point  $P_2$ .
- (c) Draw the direction of the electric field at points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  in the diagram.
- (d) Calculate the potential difference  $\Delta V = V_2 - V_1$  between point  $P_2$  and  $P_1$ .



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**Solution:**

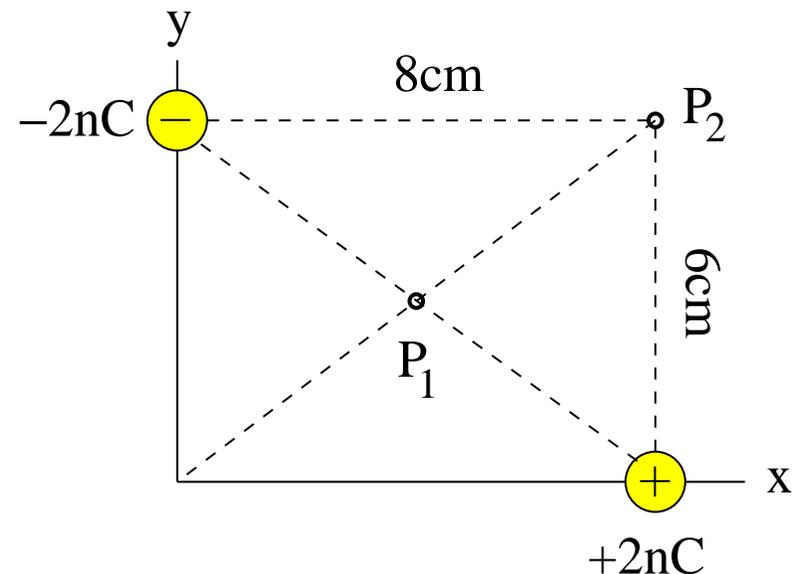
$$(a) E = 2k \frac{2\text{nC}}{(5\text{cm})^2} = 1.44 \times 10^4 \text{N/C}.$$

$$(b) E_x = -k \frac{2\text{nC}}{(8\text{cm})^2} = -2.81 \times 10^3 \text{N/C}.$$

$$E_y = k \frac{2\text{nC}}{(6\text{cm})^2} = 5.00 \times 10^3 \text{N/C}.$$

(c)  $\mathbf{E}_1$  up and left toward negative charge;  $\mathbf{E}_2$  more up and less left

$$(d) \Delta V = V_2 - 0 = k \frac{2\text{nC}}{6\text{cm}} + k \frac{-2\text{nC}}{8\text{cm}} = 300\text{V} - 225\text{V} = 75\text{V}.$$



# Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '12)

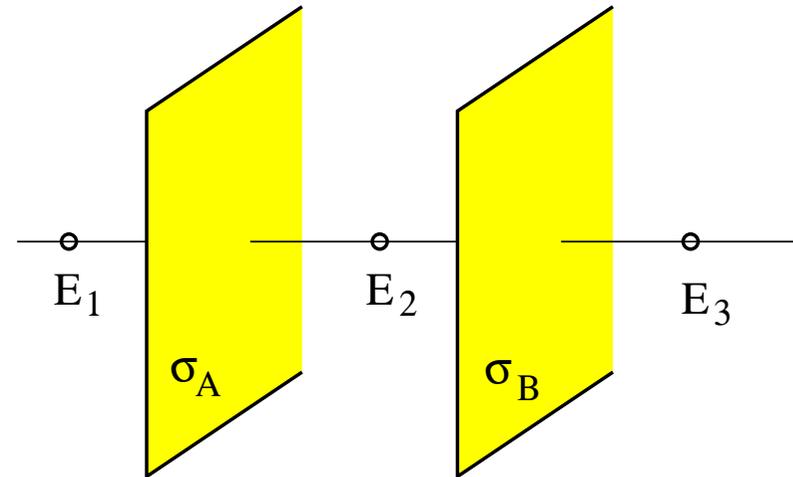


Two very large, thin, uniformly charged, parallel sheets are positioned as shown. Find the values of the charge densities (charge per area),  $\sigma_A$  and  $\sigma_B$ , if you know the electric fields  $\mathbf{E}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{E}_3$ .

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# Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '12)

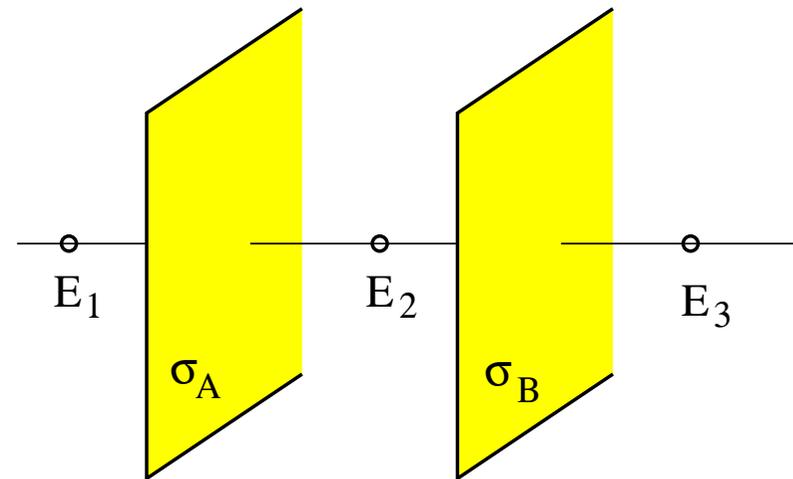


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**Solution:**

(a) The two sheets are equally charged:

$$\sigma_A = \sigma_B = 2\epsilon_0(1\text{N/C}) = 1.77 \times 10^{-11}\text{C/m}^2.$$

(b) The two sheets are oppositely charged:

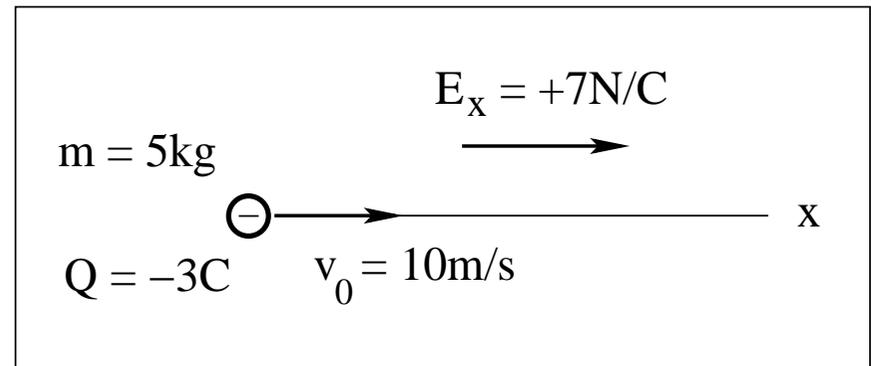
$$\sigma_A = -\sigma_B = 2\epsilon_0(1\text{N/C}) = 1.77 \times 10^{-11}\text{C/m}^2.$$

## Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '12)



Consider a region of uniform electric field  $E_x = +7\text{N/C}$ . A charged particle (charge  $Q = -3\text{C}$ , mass  $m = 5\text{kg}$ ) is launched at time  $t = 0$  from initial position  $x = 0$  with velocity  $v_0 = 10\text{m/s}$  in the positive  $x$ -direction. Ignore gravity.

- Find the force  $F_x$  acting on the particle at time  $t = 0$ .
- Find the force  $F_x$  acting on the particle at time  $t = 3\text{s}$ .
- Find the kinetic energy of the particle at time  $t = 0$ .
- Find the kinetic energy of the particle at time  $t = 3\text{s}$ .
- Find the work done on the particle between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 3\text{s}$ .



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- Find the work done on the particle between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 3\text{s}$ .

### Solution:

(a)  $F_x = QE_x = (-3\text{C})(7\text{N/C}) = -21\text{N}$ .

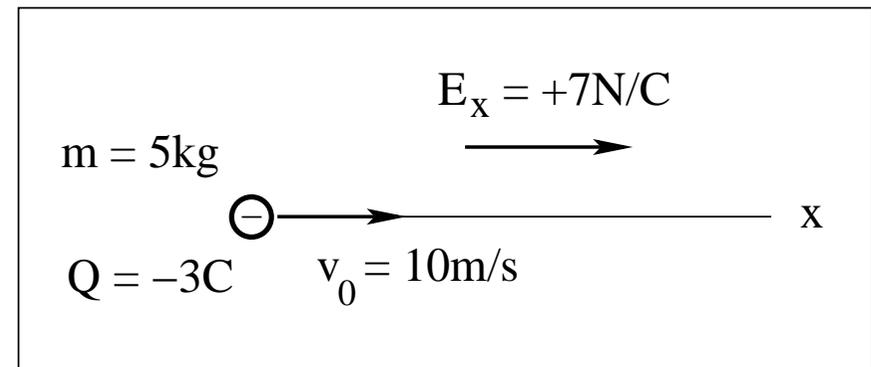
(b) no change from (a).

(c)  $K = \frac{1}{2}(5\text{kg})(10\text{m/s})^2 = 250\text{J}$ .

(d)  $v_x = v_0 + a_x t = v_0 + (F_x/m)t = 10\text{m/s} + (-21\text{N}/5\text{kg})(3\text{s}) = -2.6\text{m/s}$ .

$$K = \frac{1}{2}(5\text{kg})(-2.6\text{m/s})^2 = 16.9\text{J}.$$

(e)  $W = \Delta K = 16.9\text{J} - 250\text{J} = -233\text{J}$ .

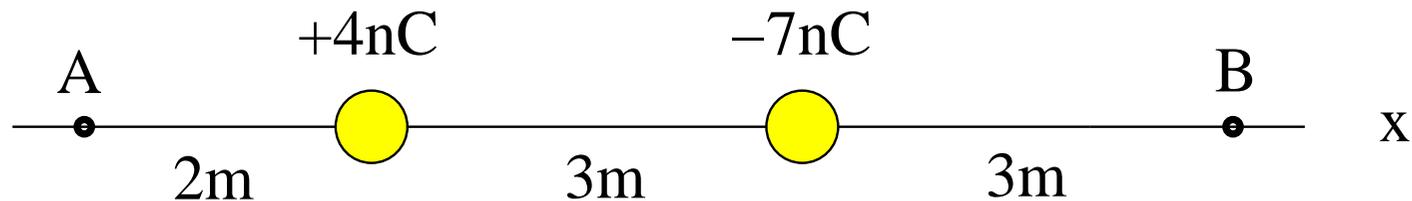


# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '13)



Consider two point charges positioned on the  $x$ -axis as shown.

- (a) Find magnitude and direction of the electric field at points A and B.
- (b) Find the electric potential at points A and B.
- (c) Find the electric potential energy of a proton (mass  $m = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$  kg, charge  $q = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$  C) when placed at point A or point B.
- (d) Find magnitude and direction of the acceleration the proton experiences when released at point A or point B.



# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '13)



**Solution:**

$$(a) E_x = -k \frac{4\text{nC}}{(2\text{m})^2} - k \frac{(-7\text{nC})}{(5\text{m})^2} = -9.00\text{N/C} + 2.52\text{N/C} = -6.48\text{N/C}.$$

$$E_x = k \frac{4\text{nC}}{(6\text{m})^2} + k \frac{(-7\text{nC})}{(3\text{m})^2} = 1.00\text{N/C} - 7.00\text{N/C} = -6.00\text{N/C}.$$

$$(b) V = +k \frac{4\text{nC}}{2\text{m}} + k \frac{(-7\text{nC})}{5\text{m}} = 18.0\text{V} - 12.6\text{V} = 5.4\text{V}.$$

$$V = +k \frac{4\text{nC}}{6\text{m}} + k \frac{(-7\text{nC})}{3\text{m}} = 6.0\text{V} - 21.0\text{V} = -15.0\text{V}.$$

$$(c) U = qV = (5.4\text{V})(1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{C}) = 8.64 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}.$$

$$U = qV = (-15.0\text{V})(1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{C}) = -2.40 \times 10^{-18}\text{J}.$$

$$(d) a_x = \frac{qE_x}{m} = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{C})(-6.48\text{N/C})}{1.67 \times 10^{-27}\text{kg}} = -6.21 \times 10^8\text{ms}^{-2}.$$

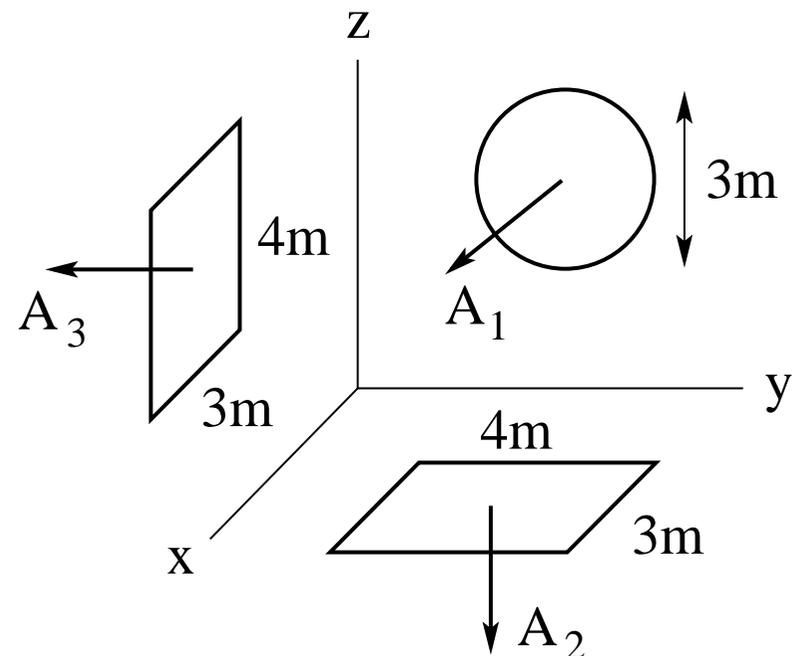
$$a_x = \frac{qE_x}{m} = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{C})(-6.00\text{N/C})}{1.67 \times 10^{-27}\text{kg}} = -5.75 \times 10^8\text{ms}^{-2}.$$

## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '13)



Consider three plane surfaces (one circle and two rectangles) with area vectors  $\vec{A}_1$  (pointing in positive  $x$ -direction),  $\vec{A}_2$  (pointing in negative  $z$ -direction), and  $\vec{A}_3$  (pointing in negative  $y$ -direction) as shown. The region is filled with a uniform electric field  $\vec{E} = (-3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})\text{N/C}$  or  $\vec{E} = (2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})\text{N/C}$ .

- Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E^{(1)}$  through surface 1.
- Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E^{(2)}$  through surface 2.
- Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E^{(3)}$  through surface 3.



# Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '13)



## Solution:

$$(a) \vec{A}_1 = \pi(1.5\text{m})^2\hat{i} = 7.07\text{m}^2\hat{i}, \quad \Phi_E^{(1)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_1 = (-3\text{N/C})(7.07\text{m}^2) = -21.2\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}.$$

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$$(b) \vec{A}_2 = (3\text{m})(4\text{m})(-\hat{k}) = -12\text{m}^2\hat{k}, \quad \Phi_E^{(2)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_2 = (-4\text{N/C})(-12\text{m}^2) = 48\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}.$$

$$\vec{A}_2 = (3\text{m})(4\text{m})(-\hat{k}) = -12\text{m}^2\hat{k}, \quad \Phi_E^{(2)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_2 = (5\text{N/C})(-12\text{m}^2) = -60\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}.$$

$$(c) \vec{A}_3 = (3\text{m})(4\text{m})(-\hat{j}) = -12\text{m}^2\hat{j}, \quad \Phi_E^{(3)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_3 = (9\text{N/C})(-12\text{m}^2) = -108\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}.$$

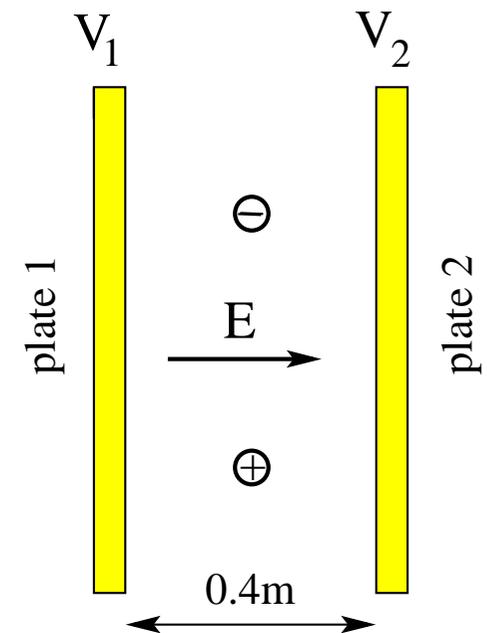
$$\vec{A}_3 = (3\text{m})(4\text{m})(-\hat{j}) = -12\text{m}^2\hat{j}, \quad \Phi_E^{(3)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_3 = (-6\text{N/C})(-12\text{m}^2) = 72\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}.$$

# Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '13)



An electron ( $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{kg}$ ,  $q_e = -1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{C}$ ) and a proton ( $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{kg}$ ,  $q_p = +1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{C}$ ) are released from rest midway between oppositely charged parallel plates. The electric field between the plates is uniform and has strength  $E = 40 \text{V/m}$ . Ignore gravity.

- (a) Which plate is positively (negatively) charged?
- (b) Find the electric forces  $\vec{F}_p$  acting on the proton and  $\vec{F}_e$  acting on the electron (magnitude and direction).
- (c) Find the accelerations  $\vec{a}_p$  of the proton and  $\vec{a}_e$  of the electron (magnitude and direction).
- (d) If plate 1 is at potential  $V_1 = 1 \text{V}$  at what potential  $V_2$  is plate 2?  
If plate 2 is at potential  $V_2 = 2 \text{V}$  at what potential  $V_1$  is plate 1?



# Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '13)



## Solution:

(a) plate 1 (plate 2)

(b)  $F_p = |q_p|E = 6.40 \times 10^{-18} \text{N}$ . (directed right).

$F_e = |q_e|E = 6.40 \times 10^{-18} \text{N}$ . (directed left).

(c)  $a_p = F_p/m_p = 3.83 \times 10^9 \text{m/s}^2$ . (directed right).

$a_e = F_e/m_e = 7.03 \times 10^{12} \text{m/s}^2$ . (directed left).

(d)  $V_2 = 1\text{V} - (40\text{V/m})(0.4\text{m}) = -15\text{V}$ .

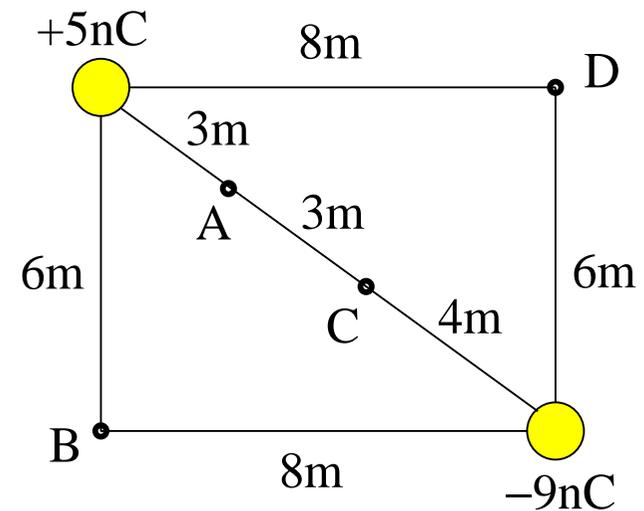
$V_1 = 2\text{V} + (40\text{V/m})(0.4\text{m}) = 18\text{V}$ .

# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '14)



Consider two point charges positioned as shown.

- Find the magnitude of the electric field at point  $A$ .
- Find the electric potential at point  $B$ .
- Find the magnitude of the electric field at point  $C$ .
- Find the electric potential at point  $D$ .

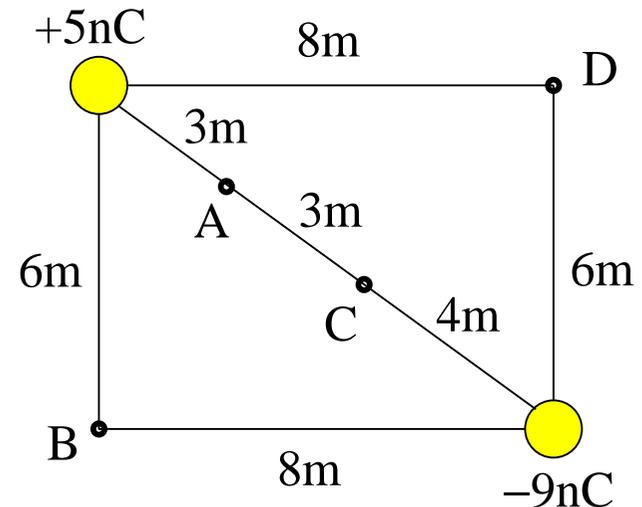


# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '14)



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- Find the electric potential at point *D*.



**Solution:**

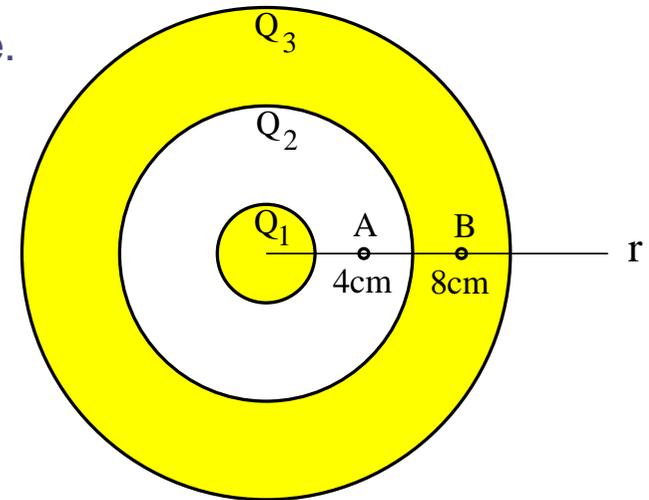
- $E_A = k \frac{|5\text{nC}|}{(3\text{m})^2} + k \frac{|-9\text{nC}|}{(7\text{m})^2} = 5.00\text{V/m} + 1.65\text{V/m} = 6.65\text{V/m}.$
- $V_B = k \frac{(+5\text{nC})}{6\text{m}} + k \frac{(-9\text{nC})}{8\text{m}} = 7.50\text{V} - 10.13\text{V} = -2.63\text{V}.$
- $E_C = k \frac{|5\text{nC}|}{(6\text{m})^2} + k \frac{|-9\text{nC}|}{(4\text{m})^2} = 1.25\text{V/m} + 5.06\text{V/m} = 6.31\text{V/m}.$
- $V_D = k \frac{(+5\text{nC})}{8\text{m}} + k \frac{(-9\text{nC})}{6\text{m}} = 5.63\text{V} - 13.5\text{V} = -7.87\text{V}.$

## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '14)



Consider a conducting sphere of radius  $r_1 = 2\text{cm}$  and a conducting spherical shell of inner radius  $r_2 = 6\text{cm}$  and outer radius  $r_3 = 10\text{cm}$ . The charges on the two surfaces of the shell are  $Q_2 = Q_3 = 1.3\text{nC}$  [ $3.1\text{nC}$ ].

- Find the charge  $Q_1$  on the surface of the conducting sphere.
- Find the magnitude of the electric field at points  $A$  and  $B$ .
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- (a) Find the charge  $Q_1$  on the surface of the conducting sphere.
- (b) Find the magnitude of the electric field at points  $A$  and  $B$ .
- (c) Find the surface charge density  $\sigma_3$  on the outermost surface.

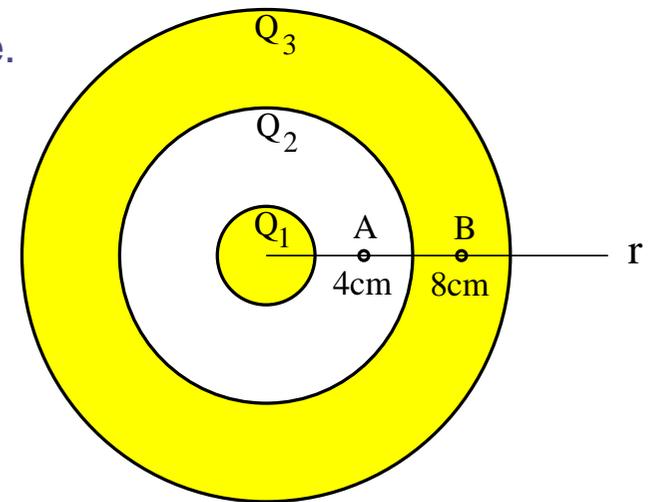
**Solution:**

(a) Gauss' law implies that  $Q_1 = -Q_2 = -1.3\text{nC}$  [-3.1nC].

(b)  $E_A = k \frac{1.3\text{nC}}{(4\text{cm})^2} = 7.31 \times 10^3 \text{N/C}$   
 $\left[ k \frac{3.1\text{nC}}{(4\text{cm})^2} = 1.74 \times 10^4 \text{N/C} \right]$ .

$E_B = 0$  inside conductor.

(c)  $\sigma_3 = \frac{Q_3}{4\pi r_3^2} = \frac{1.3\text{nC}}{1257\text{cm}^2} = 1.03 \times 10^{-8} \text{C/m}^2$   $\left[ \frac{3.1\text{nC}}{1257\text{cm}^2} = 2.47 \times 10^{-8} \text{C/m}^2 \right]$

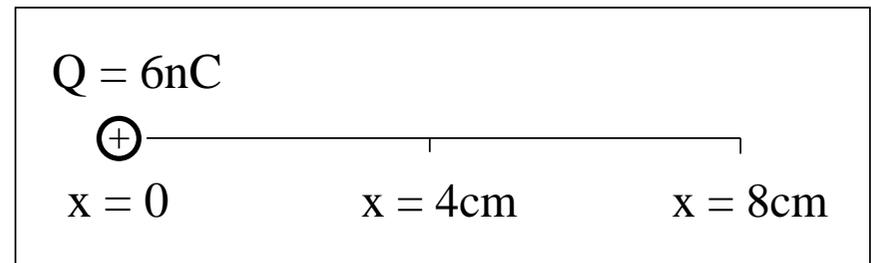


## Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '14)



Consider a point charge  $Q = 6\text{nC}$  fixed at position  $x = 0$ .

- (a) Find the electric potential energy  $U_4$  of a charged particle with mass  $m = 1\text{mg}$  and charge  $q = 2\mu\text{C}$  placed at position  $x = 4\text{cm}$ .
- (b) Find the electric potential energy  $U_8$  of a charged particle with mass  $m = 2\text{mg}$  and charge  $q = -1\mu\text{C}$  placed at position  $x = 8\text{cm}$ .
- (c) Find the kinetic energy  $K_8$  of that particle, released from rest at  $x = 4\text{cm}$ , when it has reached position  $x = 8\text{cm}$ .
- (d) Find the kinetic energy  $K_4$  of that particle, released from rest at  $x = 8\text{cm}$ , when it has reached position  $x = 4\text{cm}$ .
- (e) Find the velocity  $v_8$  of that particle at  $x = 8\text{cm}$ .
- (f) Find the velocity  $v_4$  of that particle at  $x = 4\text{cm}$ .

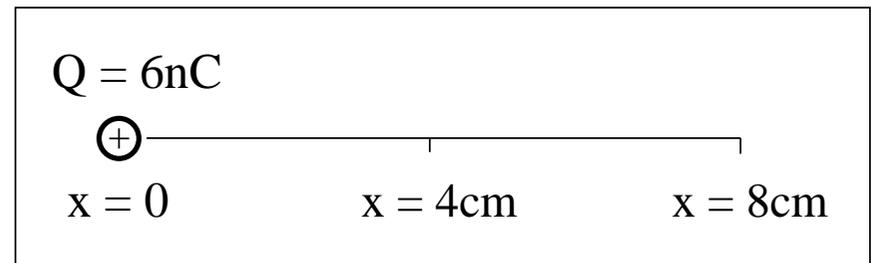


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- (f) Find the velocity  $v_4$  of that particle at  $x = 4\text{cm}$ .



**Solution:**

$$(a) U_4 = k \frac{qQ}{4\text{cm}} = 2.7\text{mJ}.$$

$$(c) K_8 = (2.7 - 1.35)\text{mJ} = 1.35\text{mJ}.$$

$$(e) v_8 = \sqrt{\frac{2K_8}{m}} = 52.0\text{m/s}.$$

$$(b) U_8 = k \frac{qQ}{8\text{cm}} = -0.675\text{mJ}.$$

$$(d) K_4 = (1.35 - 0.675)\text{mJ} = 0.675\text{mJ}.$$

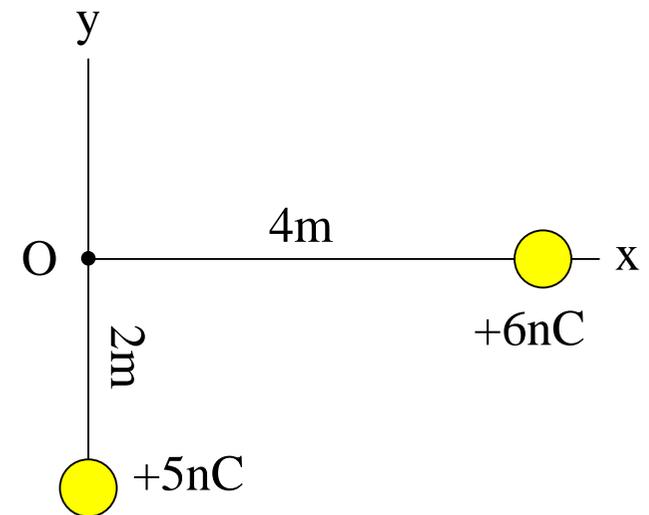
$$(f) v_4 = \sqrt{\frac{2K_4}{m}} = 26.0\text{m/s}.$$

# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Fall '14)



Two point charges are placed in the  $xy$ -plane as shown.

- (a) Find the components  $E_x$  and  $E_y$  of the electric field at point  $O$ .
- (b) Draw an arrow indicating the direction of  $\vec{E}$  at point  $O$ .
- (c) Find the electric potential  $V$  at point  $O$ .
- (d) Find the magnitude  $F$  of the electric force between the two charges.



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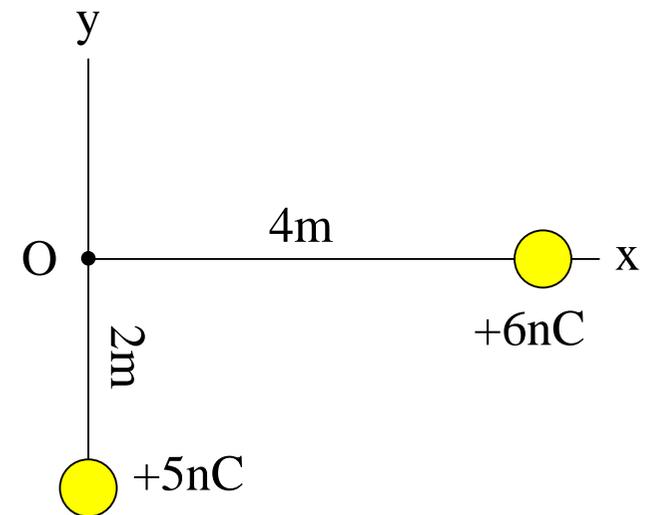
**Solution:**

$$(a) \quad E_x = -k \frac{|6\text{nC}|}{(4\text{m})^2} = -3.38\text{N/C}$$
$$E_y = +k \frac{|5\text{nC}|}{(2\text{m})^2} = 11.25\text{N/C}.$$

(b) Up and left.

$$(c) \quad V = k \frac{6\text{nC}}{4\text{m}} + k \frac{5\text{nC}}{2\text{m}} = 13.5\text{V} + 22.5\text{V} = 36\text{V}.$$

$$(d) \quad F = k \frac{|6\text{nC}||5\text{nC}|}{20\text{m}^2} = 13.5\text{nN}.$$

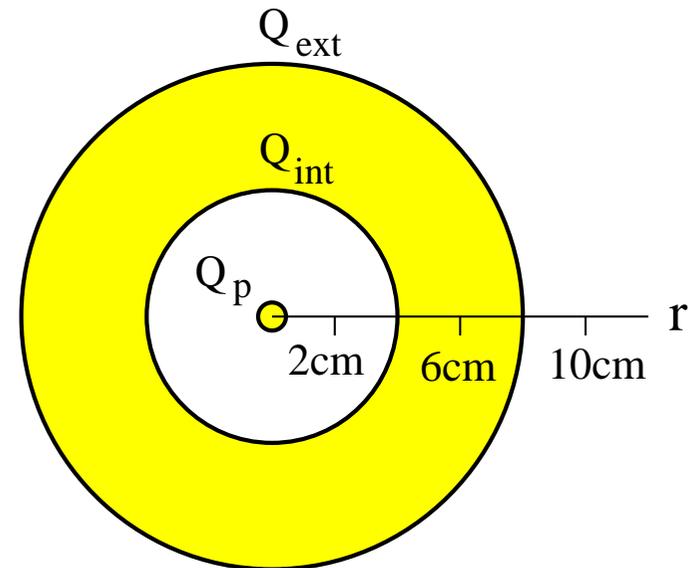


## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Fall '14)



The conducting spherical shell shown in cross section has a 4cm inner radius and an 8cm outer radius. A point charge  $Q_p$  is placed at the center. The charges on the inner and outer surfaces of the shell are  $Q_{\text{int}} = 5\text{nC}$  and  $Q_{\text{ext}} = 7\text{nC}$ , respectively.

- Find the charge  $Q_p$ .
- Find the magnitude of the electric field  $E$  at radius  $r = 10\text{cm}$ .
- Find the surface charge density  $\sigma_{\text{int}}$  on the inner surface of the shell.
- Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E$  through a Gaussian sphere of radius  $r = 6\text{cm}$ .



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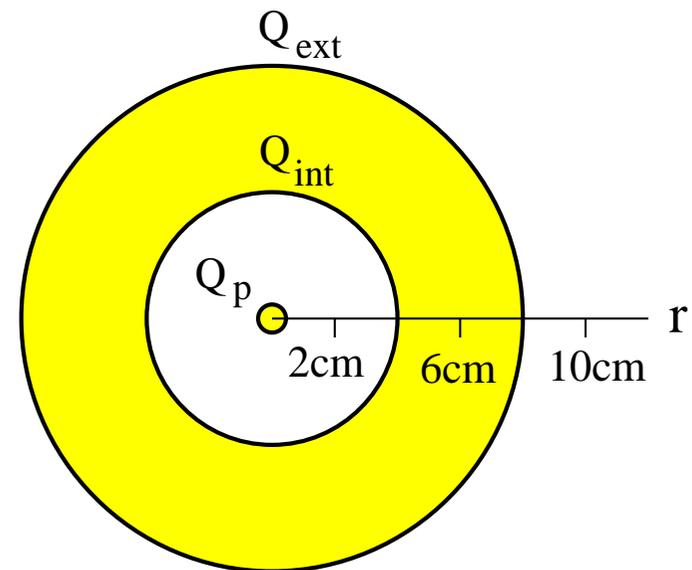
### Solution:

(a)  $Q_p = -Q_{\text{int}} = -5\text{nC}$ .

(b)  $E[4\pi(10\text{cm})^2] = \frac{Q_p + Q_{\text{int}} + Q_{\text{ext}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q_{\text{ext}}}{\epsilon_0}$   
 $\Rightarrow E = 6300\text{N/C}$ .

(c)  $\sigma_{\text{int}} = \frac{Q_{\text{int}}}{4\pi(4\text{cm})^2} = 2.49 \times 10^{-7}\text{C/m}^2$ .

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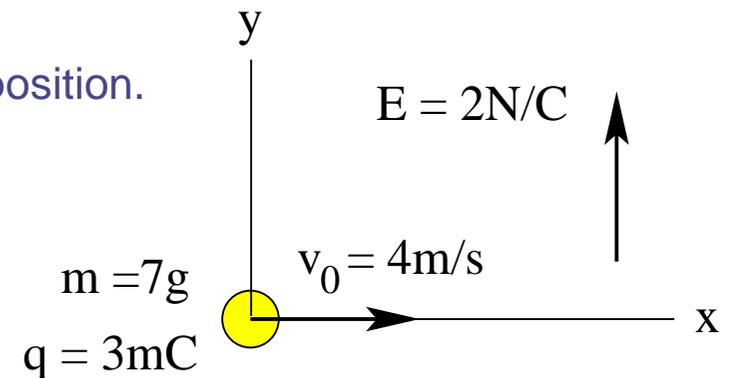


## Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Fall '14)



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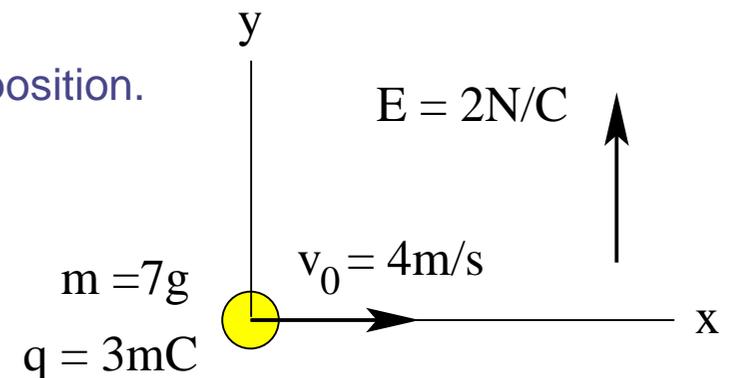


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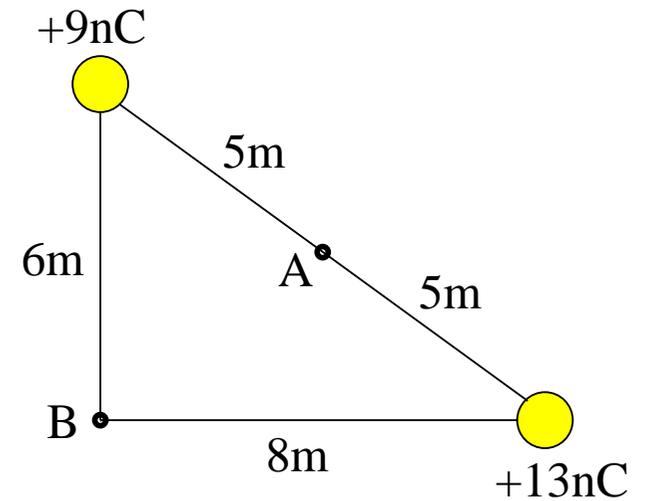
- $a_x = 0, \quad a_y = \frac{q}{m}E = \frac{3 \times 10^{-3}\text{C}}{7 \times 10^{-3}\text{kg}}(2\text{N/C}) = 0.857\text{m/s}^2.$
- $v_x = v_0 = 4\text{m/s}, \quad v_y = a_y t = (0.857\text{m/s}^2)(2\text{s}) = 1.71\text{m/s}.$
- $E = \frac{1}{2}(7 \times 10^{-3}\text{kg})[(4\text{m/s})^2 + (1.71\text{m/s})^2] = 6.62 \times 10^{-2}\text{J}.$
- Upright parabolic path.

# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '15)



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- (b) Find the electric potential at point  $B$ .
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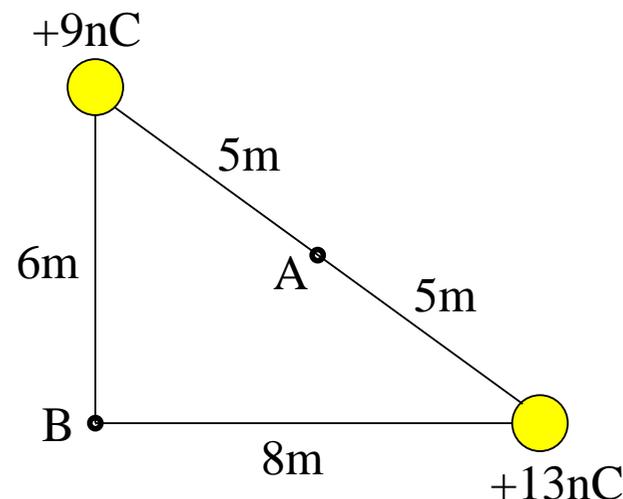
**Solution:**

$$(a) F = k \frac{|(9\text{nC})(13\text{nC})|}{(10\text{m})^2} = 10.53\text{nN}.$$

$$(b) V_B = k \frac{(9\text{nC})}{6\text{m}} + k \frac{(13\text{nC})}{8\text{m}} = 13.5\text{V} + 14.6\text{V} = 28.1\text{V}.$$

$$(c) E_A = \left| k \frac{9\text{nC}}{(5\text{m})^2} - k \frac{13\text{nC}}{(5\text{m})^2} \right| = |3.24\text{N/C} - 4.68\text{N/C}| = 1.44\text{N/C}.$$

Direction along hypotenuse toward upper left.

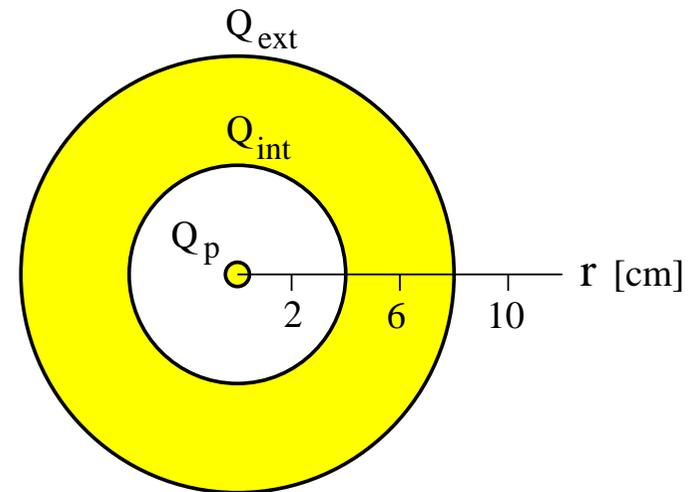


## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '15)



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- Find the point charge  $Q_p$ .
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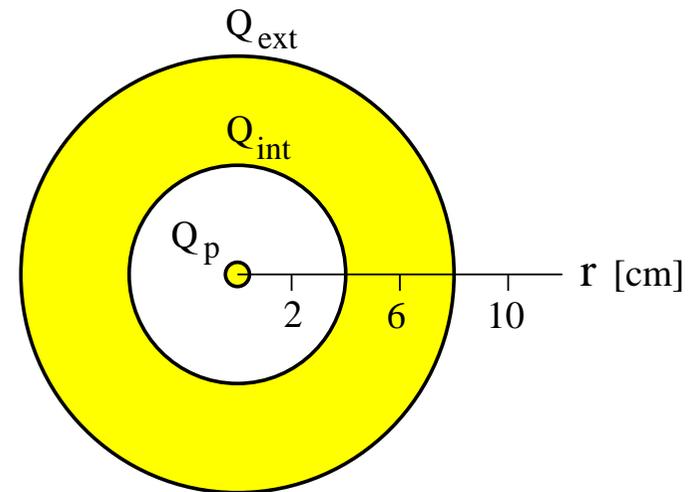


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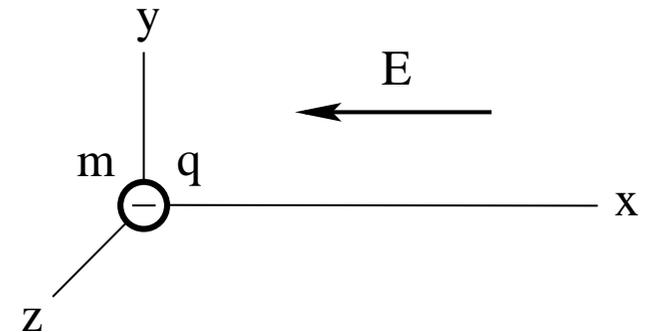
- $Q_p = -Q_{\text{int}} = -7\text{nC}$ .
- $\sigma_{\text{int}} = \frac{Q_{\text{int}}}{4\pi(4\text{cm})^2} = 3.48 \times 10^{-7}\text{C/m}^2$ .
- $E = \frac{k(11\text{nC})}{(10\text{cm})^2} = 9900\text{N/C}$ .

## Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '15)



Consider a region of uniform electric field  $\mathbf{E} = -7\hat{i}$  N/C. At time  $t = 0$  a charged particle (charge  $q = -5\text{nC}$ , mass  $m = 4 \times 10^{-6}\text{kg}$ ) is released from rest at the origin of the coordinate system as shown.

- Find the acceleration, the velocity, and the position of the particle  $t = 0$ .
- Find the acceleration, the velocity, and the position of the particle at  $t = 3\text{s}$ .
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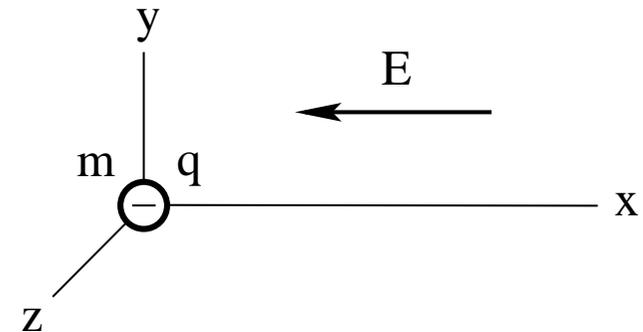
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**Solution:**

$$(a) \quad a_x = \frac{(-5\text{nC})}{4 \times 10^{-6}\text{kg}} (-7\text{N/C}) = 8.75 \times 10^{-3}\text{m/s}^2,$$
$$v_x = 0, \quad x = 0.$$

$$(b) \quad a_x = 8.75 \times 10^{-3}\text{m/s}^2,$$
$$v_x = a_x t = (8.75 \times 10^{-3}\text{m/s}^2)(3\text{s}) = 2.63 \times 10^{-2}\text{m/s},$$
$$x = \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2 = (0.5)(8.75 \times 10^{-3}\text{m/s}^2)(3\text{s})^2 = 3.94 \times 10^{-2}\text{m}.$$

$$(c) \quad W = F \Delta x = (-5\text{nC})(-7\text{N/C})(3.94 \times 10^{-2}\text{m}) = 1.38\text{nJ}.$$
$$W = \Delta K = \frac{1}{2} (4 \times 10^{-6}\text{kg})(2.63 \times 10^{-2}\text{m/s})^2 = 1.38\text{nJ}.$$



# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Fall '15)



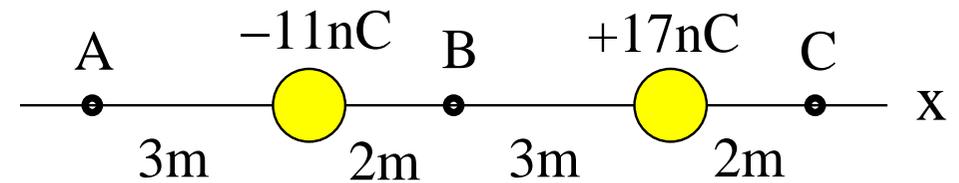
Consider two point charges positioned on the  $x$ -axis as shown.

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# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Fall '15)



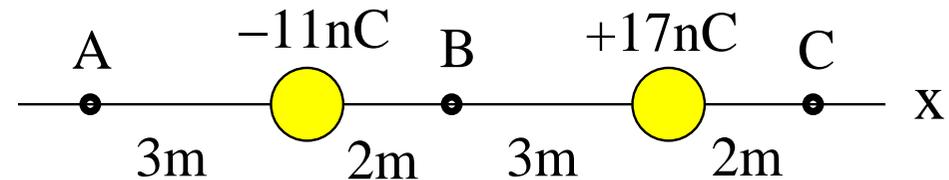
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**Solution:**

$$(1a) E_x = -k \frac{|-11\text{nC}|}{(7\text{m})^2} + k \frac{|17\text{nC}|}{(2\text{m})^2} = -2.02\text{N/C} + 38.25\text{N/C} = +36.23\text{N/C}.$$

$$(1b) V = k \frac{(-11\text{nC})}{2\text{m}} + k \frac{(17\text{nC})}{3\text{m}} = -49.5\text{V} + 51.0\text{V} = 1.5\text{V}.$$

$$(2a) E_x = -k \frac{|-11\text{nC}|}{(2\text{m})^2} - k \frac{|17\text{nC}|}{(3\text{m})^2} = -24.75\text{N/C} - 17.00\text{N/C} = -41.75\text{N/C}.$$

$$(2b) V = k \frac{(-11\text{nC})}{3\text{m}} + k \frac{17\text{nC}}{8\text{m}} = -33.0\text{V} + 19.1\text{V} = -13.9\text{V}.$$

## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Fall '15)



Consider two plane surfaces (of rectangular and a circular shape) with area vectors  $\vec{A}_1$  pointing in positive  $z$ -direction) and  $\vec{A}_2$  pointing in positive  $x$ -direction.

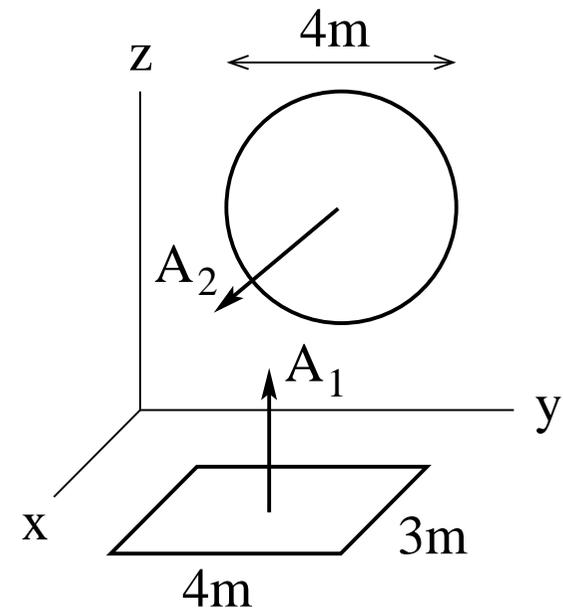
The region is filled with a uniform electric field

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(a) Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E^{(1)}$  through area  $A_1$ .

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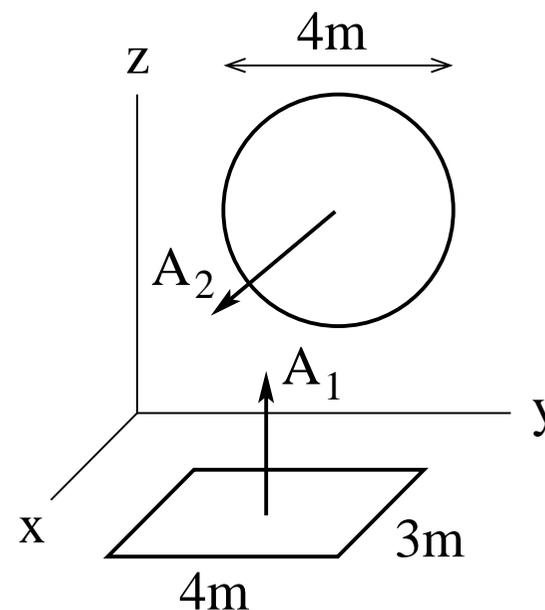
**Solution:**

(1a)  $\Phi_E^{(1)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_1 = (-7\text{N/C})(12.0\text{m}^2) = -84.0\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ .

(1b)  $\Phi_E^{(2)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_2 = (4\text{N/C})(12.6\text{m}^2) = 50.4\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ .

(2a)  $\Phi_E^{(1)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_1 = (5\text{N/C})(12.0\text{m}^2) = 60.0\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ .

(2b)  $\Phi_E^{(2)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_2 = (-6\text{N/C})(12.6\text{m}^2) = -75.6\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ .



# Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Fall '15)



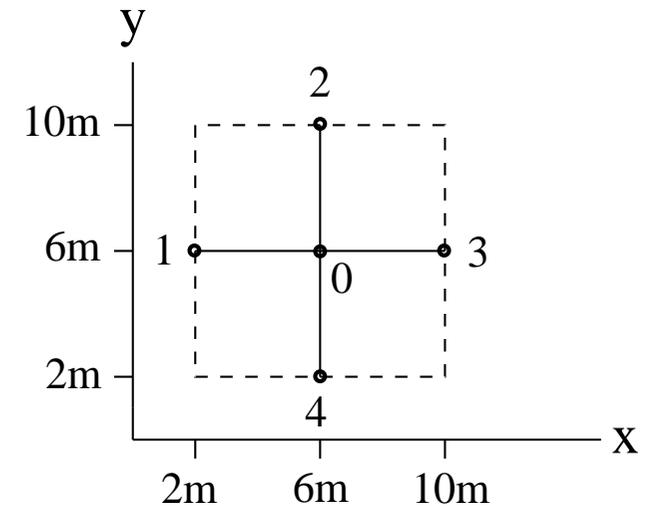
Consider a region of space with a uniform electric field

(1)  $\mathbf{E} = 1.2\text{V/m}\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ , (2)  $\mathbf{E} = 0.6\text{V/m}\hat{\mathbf{i}}$ . Ignore gravity.

(a) If the electric potential vanishes at point 0, what are the electric potentials at points 1, 2, 3, 4?

(b) If a proton ( $m = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}\text{kg}$ ,  $q = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}\text{C}$ ) is released from rest at point 0, toward which point will it start moving?

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**Solution:**

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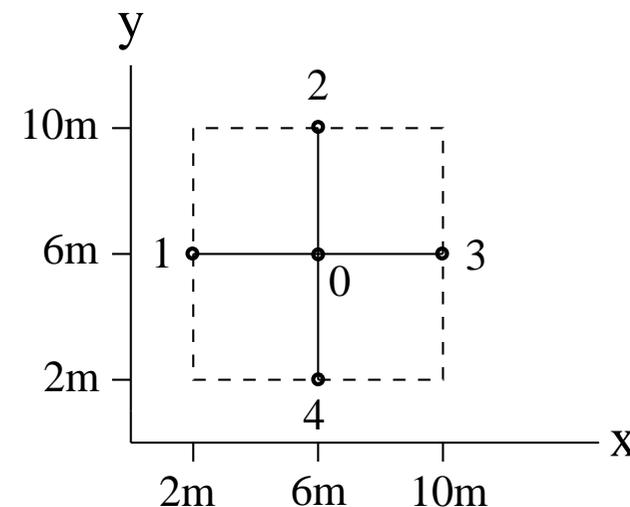
(1b)  $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E}$  (toward point 2).

(1c)  $\Delta V = (V_2 - V_0) = -4.8\text{V}$ ,  
 $\Delta U = q\Delta V = -7.68 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}$ ,  
 $K = -\Delta U = +7.68 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}$ .

(2a)  $V_1 = 2.4\text{V}$ ,  $V_2 = 0$ ,  $V_3 = -2.4\text{V}$ ,  $V_4 = 0$ .

(2b)  $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E}$  (toward point 3).

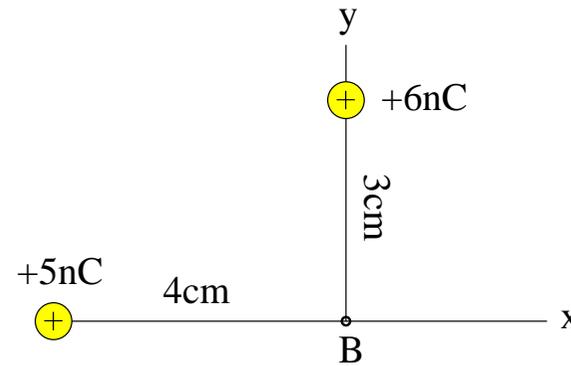
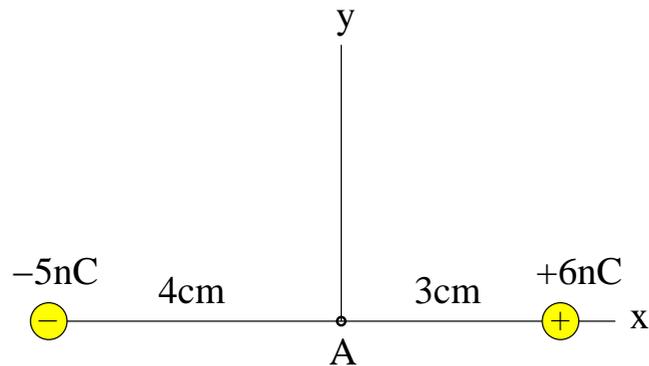
(2c)  $\Delta V = (V_3 - V_0) = -2.4\text{V}$ ,  
 $\Delta U = q\Delta V = -3.84 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}$ ,  
 $K = -\Delta U = +3.84 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}$ .



# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '16)



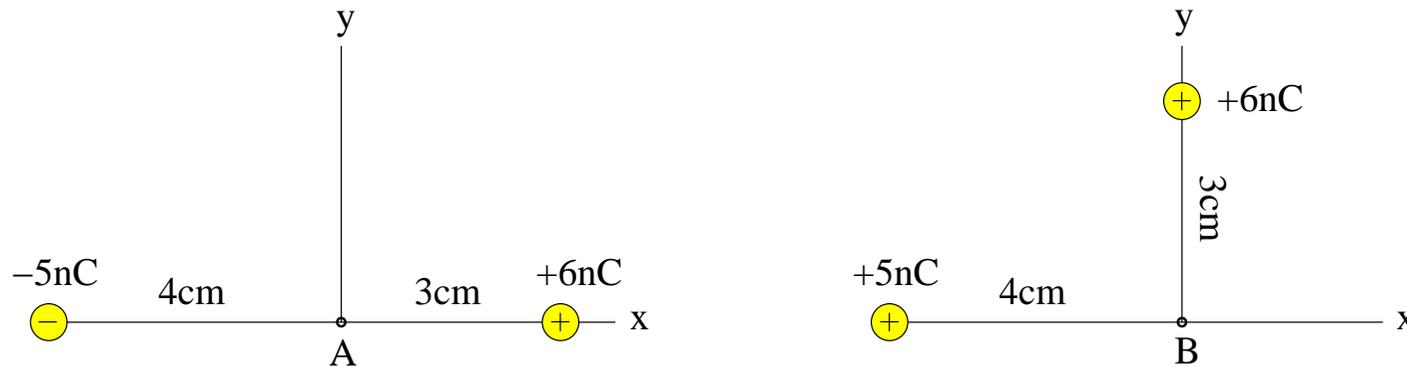
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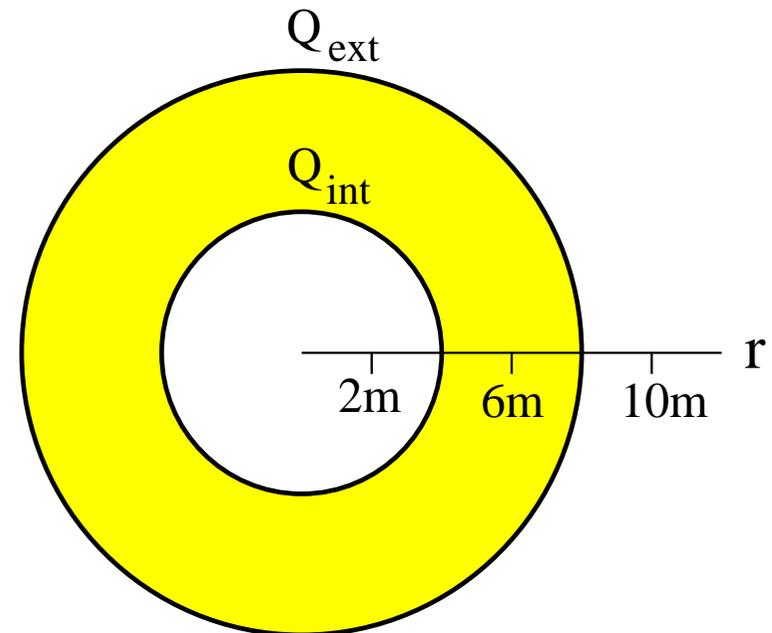
- $V^{(A)} = k \frac{6\text{nC}}{3\text{cm}} + k \frac{(-5\text{nC})}{4\text{cm}} = 1800\text{V} - 1125\text{V} = 675\text{V}.$
- $E_x^{(A)} = -k \frac{|6\text{nC}|}{(3\text{cm})^2} - k \frac{|-5\text{nC}|}{(4\text{cm})^2} = -88\,125\text{V/m}, \quad E_y^{(A)} = 0.$
- $V^{(B)} = k \frac{6\text{nC}}{3\text{cm}} + k \frac{5\text{nC}}{4\text{cm}} = 1800\text{V} + 1125\text{V} = 2925\text{V}.$
- $E_x^{(B)} = k \frac{|5\text{nC}|}{(4\text{cm})^2} = 28\,125\text{V/m}, \quad E_y^{(B)} = -k \frac{|6\text{nC}|}{(3\text{cm})^2} = -60\,000\text{V/m}.$

## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '16)



A charged conducting spherical shell has a 4m inner radius and an 8m outer radius. The charge on the outer surface is  $Q_{\text{ext}} = -7\text{nC}$ .

- (a) Find the charge  $Q_{\text{int}}$  on the inner surface of the shell.
- (b) Find the surface charge density  $\sigma_{\text{ext}}$  on the outer surface of the shell.
- (c) Find the magnitude of the electric field  $E$  at radius  $r = 6\text{m}$ .
- (d) Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E$  through a Gaussian sphere of radius  $r = 10\text{m}$ .
- (e) Find the magnitude of the electric field  $E$  at radius  $r = 10\text{m}$ .



# Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '16)

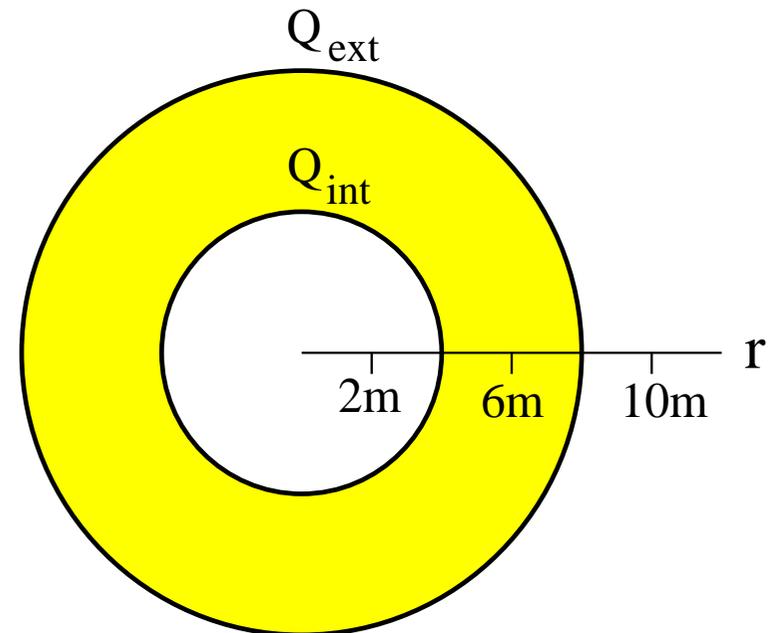


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- (d) Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E$  through a Gaussian sphere of radius  $r = 10\text{m}$ .
- (e) Find the magnitude of the electric field  $E$  at radius  $r = 10\text{m}$ .

## Solution:

- (a)  $Q_{\text{int}} = 0$  (inferred from Gauss' law.)
- (b)  $\sigma_{\text{ext}} = \frac{-7\text{nC}}{4\pi(8\text{m})^2} = -8.70 \times 10^{-12}\text{C/m}^2.$
- (c)  $E = 0$  (inside conducting material.)
- (d)  $\Phi_E = \frac{-7\text{nC}}{\epsilon_0} = -791\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}.$
- (e)  $E = k \frac{|-7\text{nC}|}{(10\text{m})^2} = 0.63\text{V/m}.$

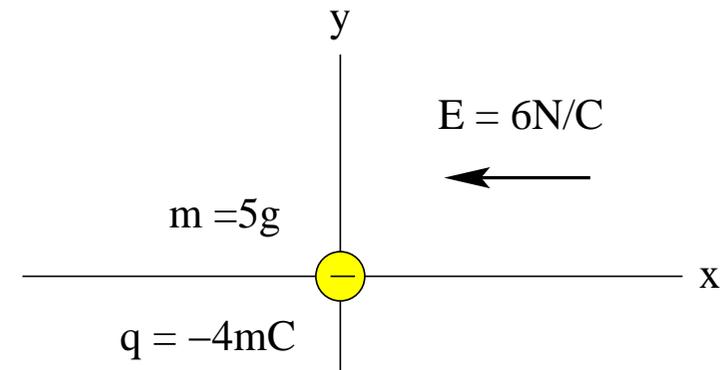


## Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '15)



Consider a region of uniform electric field as shown. A charged particle is released from rest at time  $t = 0$  at the origin of the coordinate system.

- (a) Find the acceleration  $a_x$  of the particle at time  $t = 3\text{s}$ .
- (b) Find the velocity  $v_x$  of the particle at time  $t = 3\text{s}$ .
- (c) Find the position  $x$  of the particle at time  $t = 3\text{s}$ .
- (d) In what time  $\Delta t$  does the particle move from  $x = 10\text{m}$  to  $x = 20\text{m}$ ?



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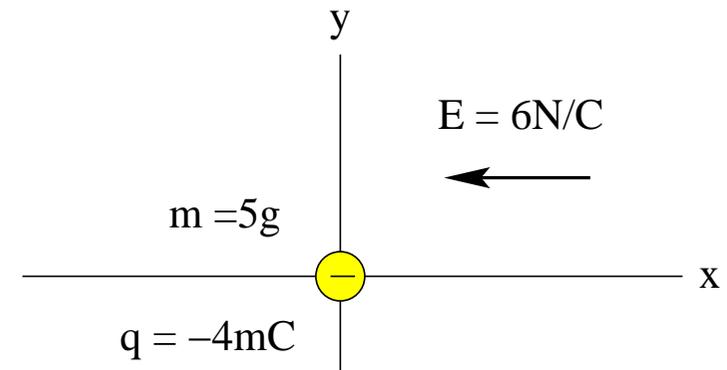
**Solution:**

$$(a) \quad a_x = \frac{q}{m} E = \frac{-4 \times 10^{-3}\text{C}}{5 \times 10^{-3}\text{kg}} (-6\text{N/C}) = 4.8\text{m/s}^2.$$

$$(b) \quad v_x = a_x t = (4.8\text{m/s}^2)(3\text{s}) = 14.4\text{m/s}.$$

$$(c) \quad x = \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2 = 0.5(4.8\text{m/s}^2)(3\text{s})^2 = 21.6\text{m}.$$

$$(d) \quad \Delta t = \sqrt{\frac{2(20\text{m})}{4.8\text{m/s}^2}} - \sqrt{\frac{2(10\text{m})}{4.8\text{m/s}^2}} = 2.89\text{s} - 2.04\text{s} = 0.85\text{s}.$$

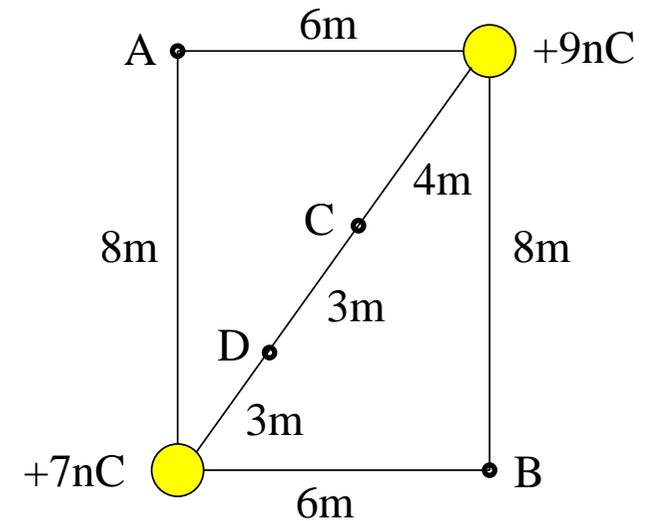


# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Fall '16)



Consider two point charges positioned as shown.

- (a) Find the magnitude of the electric field at point  $C$  [ $D$ ].
- (b) Draw the field direction at point  $C$  [ $D$ ] by an arrow.
- (c) Find the electric potential at point  $A$  [ $B$ ].

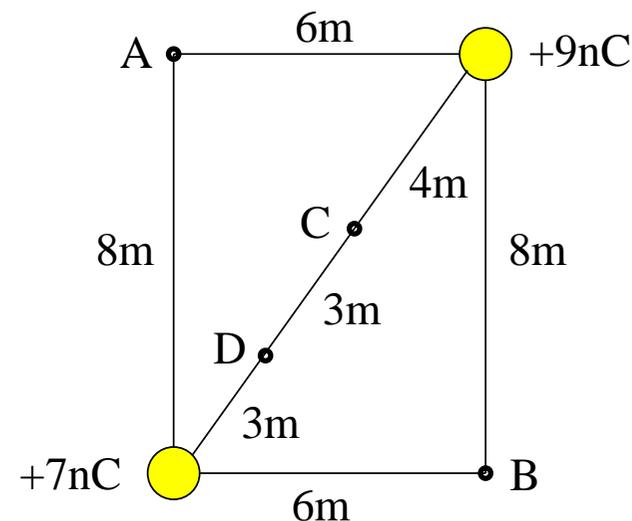


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- (c) Find the electric potential at point  $A$  [B].



**Solution:**

- $E_C = k \frac{9\text{nC}}{(4\text{m})^2} - k \frac{7\text{nC}}{(6\text{m})^2} = 5.06\text{V/m} - 1.75\text{V/m} = 3.31\text{V/m}.$   
[ $E_D = k \frac{7\text{nC}}{(3\text{m})^2} - k \frac{9\text{nC}}{(7\text{m})^2} = 7.00\text{V/m} - 1.65\text{V/m} = 5.35\text{V/m}].$
- Down/left along diagonal [Up/right along diagonal].
- $V_A = k \frac{9\text{nC}}{6\text{m}} + k \frac{7\text{nC}}{8\text{m}} = 13.50\text{V} + 7.88\text{V} = 21.4\text{V}.$   
[ $V_B = k \frac{9\text{nC}}{8\text{m}} + k \frac{7\text{nC}}{6\text{m}} = 10.1\text{V} + 10.5\text{V} = 20.6\text{V}].$

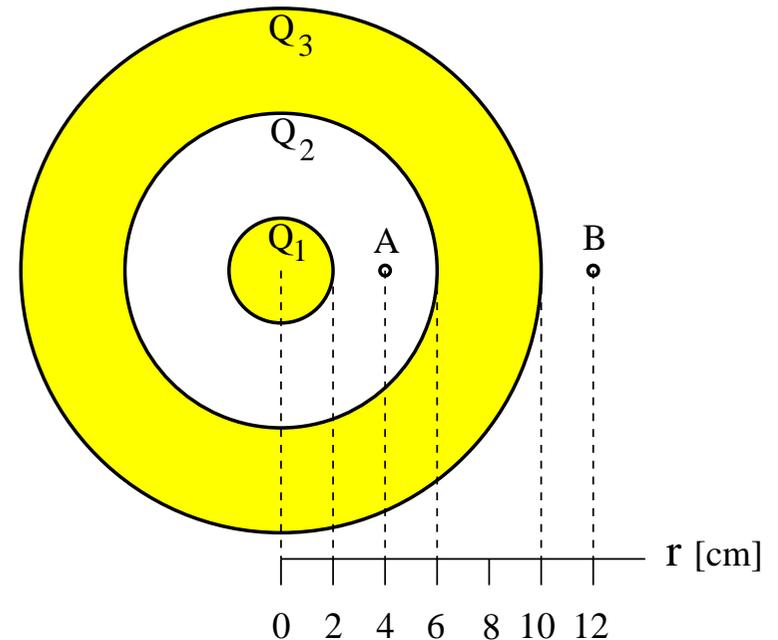
# Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Fall '16)



Consider a conducting sphere and a conducting spherical shell as shown in cross section. The charges on the two surfaces of the shell are

$$Q_2 = -5\text{nC} \text{ and } Q_3 = +2\text{nC} \text{ [} Q_2 = +4\text{nC} \text{ and } Q_3 = -3\text{nC} \text{].}$$

- (a) Find the charge  $Q_1$  on the surface of the conducting sphere.
- (b) Find magnitude and direction of the electric field at point  $A$ .
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**Solution:**

(a) Gauss' law implies that

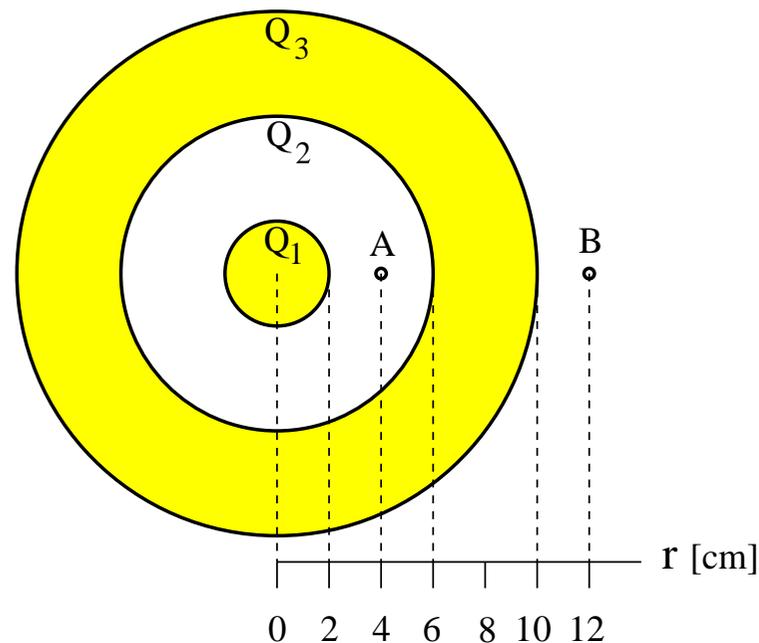
$$Q_1 = -Q_2 = +5\text{nC} \text{ [} Q_1 = -Q_2 = -4\text{nC} \text{].}$$

$$(b) E_A = k \frac{5\text{nC}}{(4\text{cm})^2} = 28.1 \times 10^3 \text{N/C} \quad (\text{right})$$

$$[E_A = k \frac{4\text{nC}}{(4\text{cm})^2} = 22.5 \times 10^3 \text{N/C} \quad (\text{left})].$$

$$(c) E_B = k \frac{2\text{nC}}{(12\text{cm})^2} = 1.25 \times 10^3 \text{N/C} \quad (\text{right})$$

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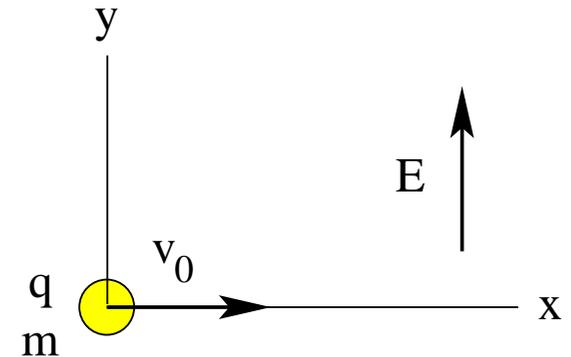


## Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Fall '16)



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- Find the components  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  of the electric force acting on the particle at time  $t = 1.5\text{s}$ .
- Find the components  $v_x$  and  $v_y$  of the velocity at time  $t = 1.5\text{s}$ .
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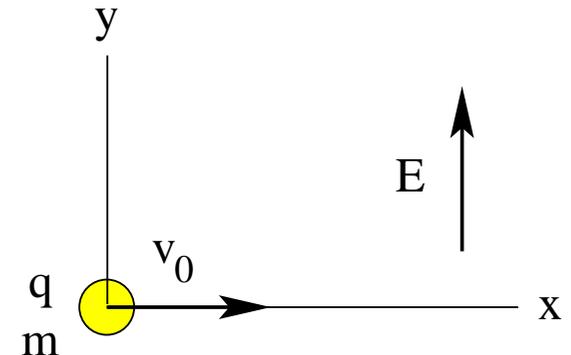
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- (c) Find the kinetic energy at time  $t = 1.5\text{s}$ .

## Solution:

(a)  $F_x = 0$ ,  $F_y = qE = 10\text{mN}$   
[ $F_x = 0$ ,  $F_y = qE = 12\text{mN}$ ].

(b)  $v_x = v_0 = 4\text{m/s}$ ,  $v_y = \frac{F_y}{m}t = 5\text{m/s}$   
[ $v_x = v_0 = 5\text{m/s}$ ,  $v_y = \frac{F_y}{m}t = 9\text{m/s}$ ].

(c)  $K = \frac{1}{2}(3 \times 10^{-3}\text{kg})[(4\text{m/s})^2 + (5\text{m/s})^2] = 61.5\text{mJ}$   
[ $K = \frac{1}{2}(2 \times 10^{-3}\text{kg})[(5\text{m/s})^2 + (9\text{m/s})^2] = 106\text{mJ}$ ].

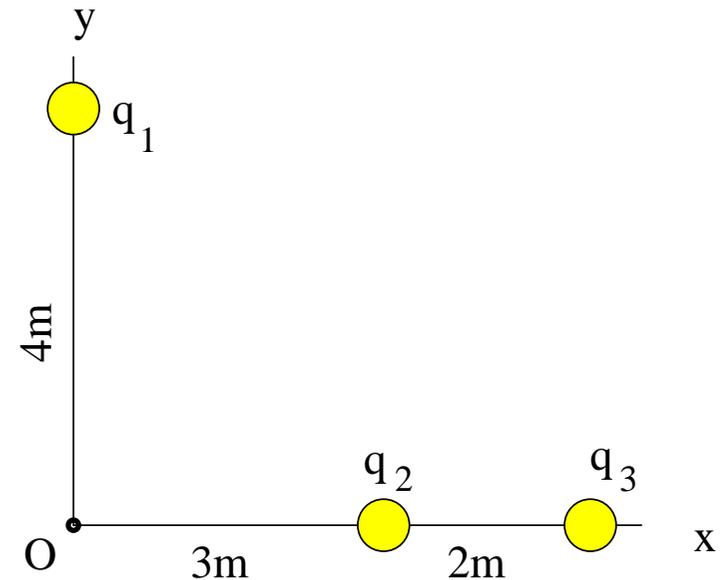


# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Spring '17)



Point charges  $q_1 = +1\text{nC}$ ,  $q_2 = +2\text{nC}$ ,  $q_3 = -3\text{nC}$  [ $q_1 = -1\text{nC}$ ,  $q_2 = +2\text{nC}$ ,  $q_3 = +3\text{nC}$ ] are positioned as shown.

- (a) Find the components  $E_x$  and  $E_y$  of the electric field at point  $O$ .
- (b) Find the electric potential  $V$  at point  $O$ .
- (c) Find the direction ( $\uparrow$ ,  $\nearrow$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\searrow$ ,  $\downarrow$ ,  $\swarrow$ ,  $\leftarrow$ ,  $\nwarrow$ ) of the resultant Coulomb force on charge  $q_2$ .



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**Solution:**

$$(a) E_x = -k \frac{|q_2|}{(3\text{m})^2} + k \frac{|q_3|}{(5\text{m})^2} = -0.92 \text{ N/C}$$

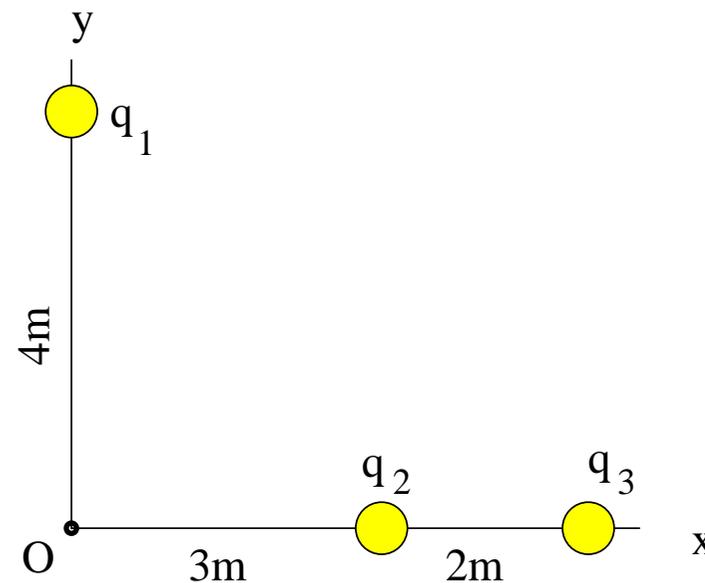
$$\left[ E_x = -k \frac{|q_2|}{(3\text{m})^2} - k \frac{|q_3|}{(5\text{m})^2} = -3.08 \text{ N/C} \right]$$

$$E_y = -k \frac{|q_1|}{(4\text{m})^2} = -0.56 \text{ N/C}$$

$$\left[ E_y = +k \frac{|q_1|}{(4\text{m})^2} = +0.56 \text{ N/C} \right]$$

$$(b) V = k \frac{q_1}{4\text{m}} + k \frac{q_2}{3\text{m}} + k \frac{q_3}{5\text{m}} = 2.85\text{V} \quad \left[ V = k \frac{q_1}{4\text{m}} + k \frac{q_2}{3\text{m}} + k \frac{q_3}{5\text{m}} = 9.15\text{V} \right]$$

(c)  $\searrow$  [ $\nwarrow$ ]

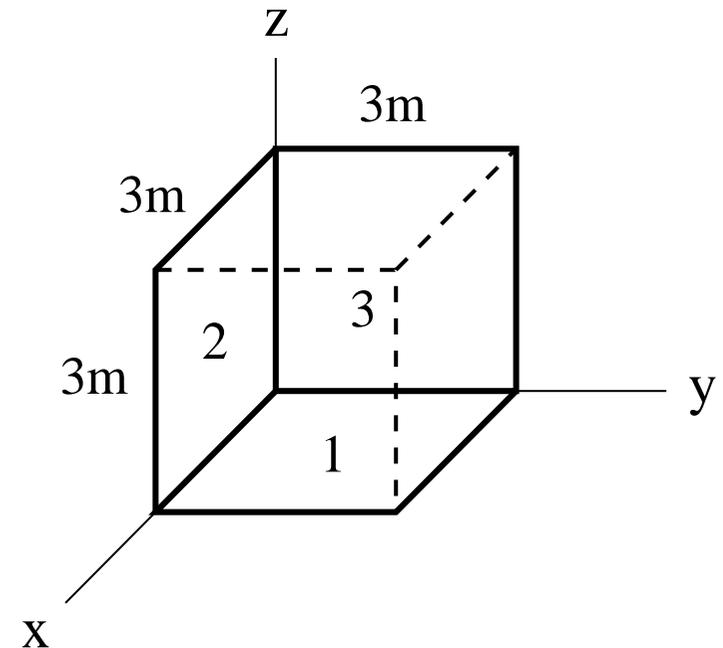


## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Spring '17)



Consider a Gaussian surface in the form of a cube with edges of length 3m placed into a region of uniform electric field  $\mathbf{E} = (5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})\text{N/C}$  [ $\mathbf{E} = (8\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 9\hat{k})\text{N/C}$ ].

- (a) Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E^{(1)}$  through face 1 (in  $xy$  plane).
- (b) Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E^{(2)}$  through face 2 (in  $xz$  plane).
- (c) Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E^{(3)}$  through face 3 (in  $yz$  plane).
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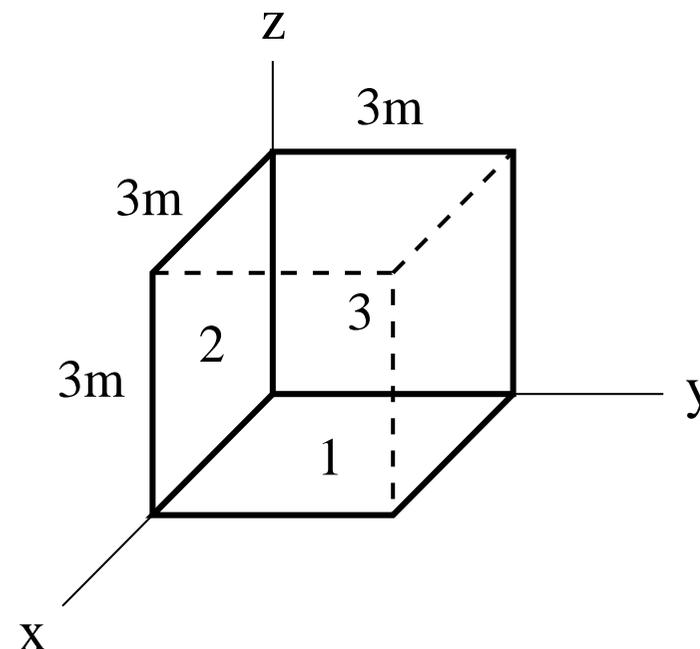
### Solution:

(a)  $\Phi_E^{(1)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_1 = (6\text{N/C})\hat{k} \cdot (-9\text{m}^2)\hat{k} = -54\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$   
[ $\Phi_E^{(1)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_1 = (-9\text{N/C})\hat{k} \cdot (-9\text{m}^2)\hat{k} = 81\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ ]

(b)  $\Phi_E^{(2)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_2 = (-4\text{N/C})\hat{j} \cdot (-9\text{m}^2)\hat{j} = +36\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$   
[ $\Phi_E^{(2)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_2 = (7\text{N/C})\hat{j} \cdot (-9\text{m}^2)\hat{j} = -63\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ ]

(c)  $\Phi_E^{(3)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_3 = (5\text{N/C})\hat{i} \cdot (-9\text{m}^2)\hat{i} = -45\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$   
[ $\Phi_E^{(3)} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}_3 = (8\text{N/C})\hat{i} \cdot (-9\text{m}^2)\hat{i} = -72\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ ]

(d)  $\Phi_E^{(tot)} = \frac{Q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} = 0$   $\left[ \Phi_E^{(tot)} = \frac{Q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} = 0 \right]$

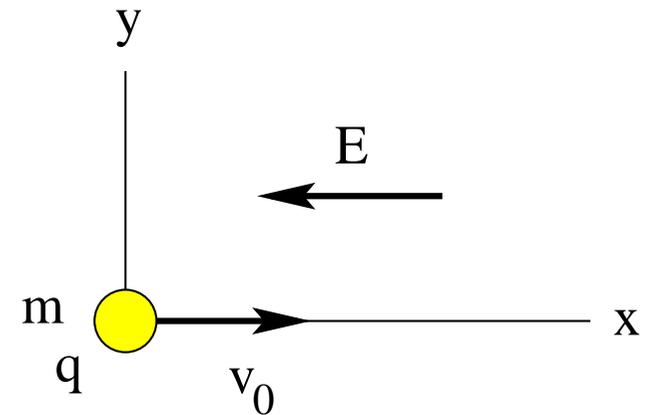


## Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '17)



Consider a region of uniform electric field  $\mathbf{E} = -2\text{N/C}\hat{\mathbf{i}}$  [ $\mathbf{E} = -3\text{N/C}\hat{\mathbf{i}}$ ]. A charged particle ( $m = 0.04\text{kg}$ ,  $q = 6\text{mC}$ ) [ $m = 0.05\text{kg}$ ,  $q = 7\text{mC}$ ] is projected at time  $t = 0$  with initial velocity  $\mathbf{v}_0 = 8\text{m/s}\hat{\mathbf{i}}$  [ $\mathbf{v}_0 = 9\text{m/s}\hat{\mathbf{i}}$ ] from the origin of the coordinate system as shown.

- Find the the acceleration  $a_x$  of the particle at time  $t = 2.5\text{s}$ .
- Find its velocity  $v_x$  at time  $t = 2.5\text{s}$ .
- Find its position  $x$  at time  $t = 2.5\text{s}$ .



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## Solution:

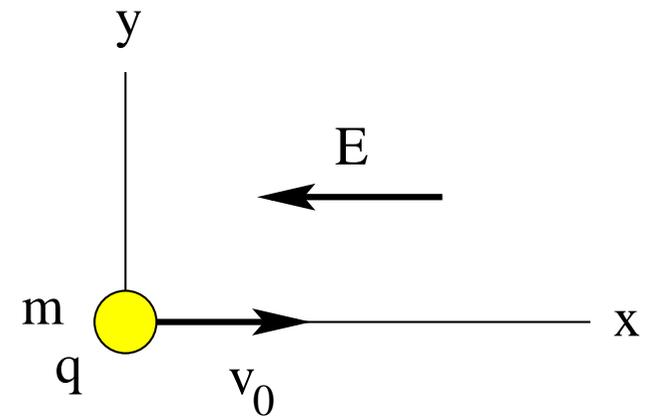
$$(a) a_x = -\frac{q}{m}E = -\frac{6 \times 10^{-3}\text{C}}{4 \times 10^{-2}\text{kg}}(2\text{N/C}) = -0.3\text{m/s}^2$$

$$\left[ a_x = -\frac{q}{m}E = -\frac{7 \times 10^{-3}\text{C}}{5 \times 10^{-2}\text{kg}}(3\text{N/C}) = -0.42\text{m/s}^2 \right]$$

$$(b) v_x = v_0 + a_x t = 8\text{m/s} - (0.3\text{m/s}^2)(2.5\text{s}) = 7.25\text{m/s}$$
$$[v_x = v_0 + a_x t = 9\text{m/s} - (0.42\text{m/s}^2)(2.5\text{s}) = 7.95\text{m/s}]$$

$$(c) x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2 = (8\text{m/s})(2.5\text{s}) - 0.5(0.3\text{m/s}^2)(2.5\text{s})^2 = 19.1\text{m}$$

$$\left[ x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2 = (9\text{m/s})(2.5\text{s}) - 0.5(0.42\text{m/s}^2)(2.5\text{s})^2 = 21.2\text{m} \right]$$

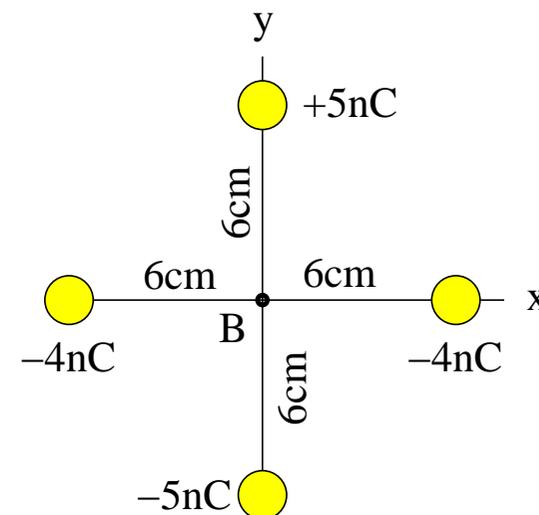
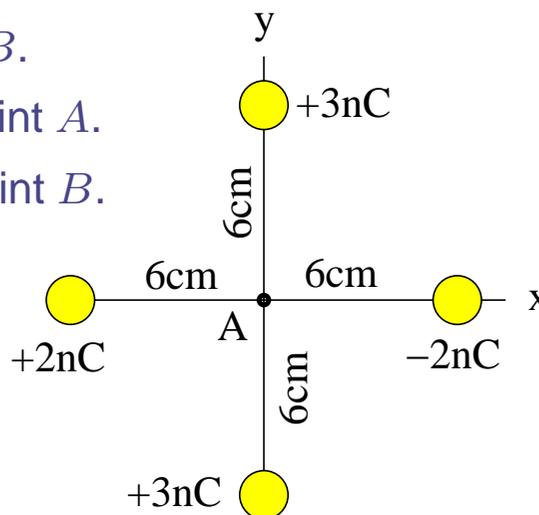


# Unit Exam I: Problem #1 (Fall '17)



Consider point charges positioned in two coordinate systems as shown.

- Find the electric field  $\mathbf{E}_A$  at point  $A$ .
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- Find the electric potential  $V_A$  at point  $A$ .
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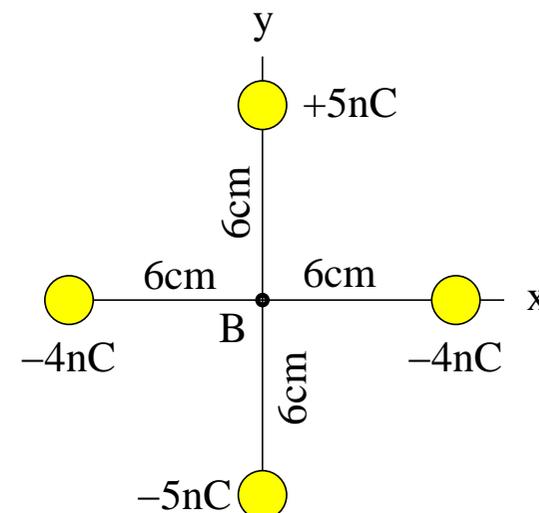
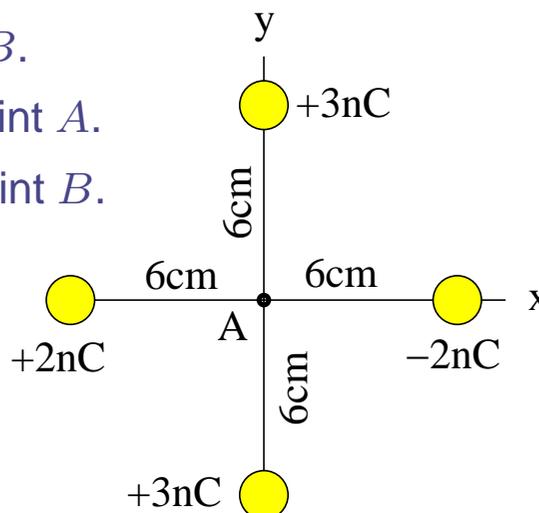


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**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{E}_A = 2k \frac{|2\text{nC}|}{(6\text{cm})^2} \hat{\mathbf{i}} = 1.00 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C } \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_B = -2k \frac{|5\text{nC}|}{(6\text{cm})^2} \hat{\mathbf{j}} = -2.50 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C } \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

$$V_A = 2k \frac{3\text{nC}}{6\text{cm}} = 9.00 \times 10^2 \text{ V}$$

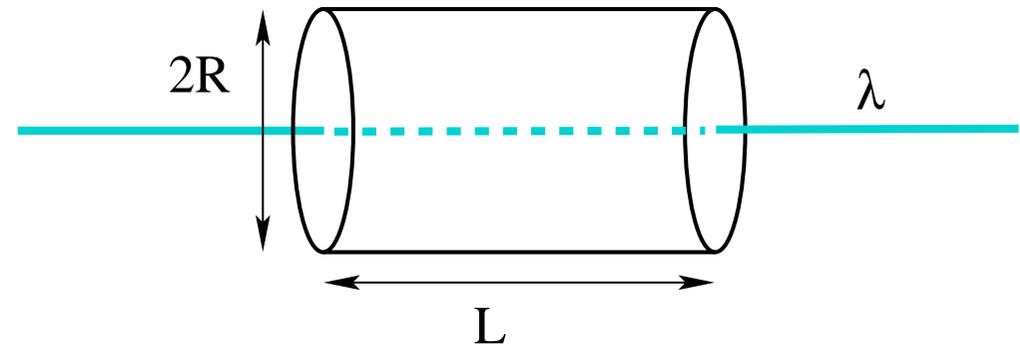
$$V_B = 2k \frac{(-4\text{nC})}{6\text{cm}} = -12.0 \times 10^2 \text{ V}$$

## Unit Exam I: Problem #2 (Fall '17)



Consider a long charged rod with charge per unit length  $\lambda = 3\mu\text{C}/\text{m}$  [ $\lambda = 2\mu\text{C}/\text{m}$ ]. A Gaussian cylinder of radius  $R = 4\text{cm}$  [ $R = 5\text{cm}$ ] and length  $L = 12\text{cm}$  [ $L = 15\text{cm}$ ] is placed with its axis along the rod as shown.

- Find the area  $A$  of the Gaussian cylinder.
- Find the electric charge  $Q_{in}$  inside the cylinder.
- Find the electric flux  $\Phi_E$  through the Gaussian cylinder.

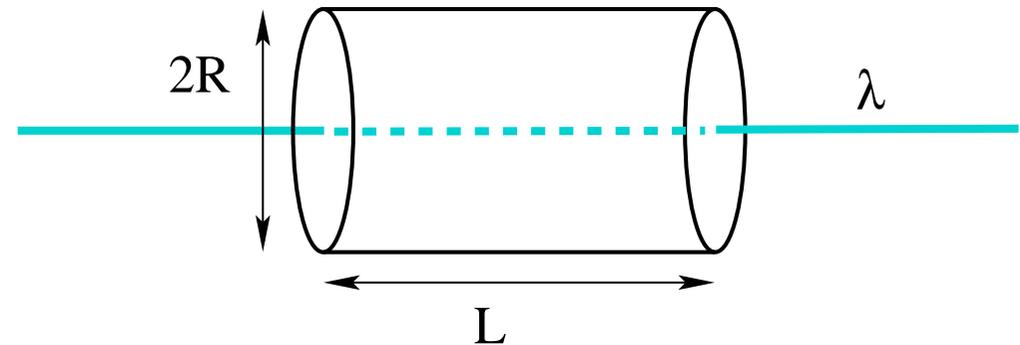


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### Solution:

$$(a) A = 2 \times \pi(4\text{cm})^2 + 2\pi(4\text{cm})(12\text{cm}) = 4.03 \times 10^{-2}\text{m}^2$$

$$[A = 2 \times \pi(5\text{cm})^2 + 2\pi(5\text{cm})(15\text{cm}) = 6.28 \times 10^{-2}\text{m}^2]$$

$$(b) Q_{in} = \lambda L = (3\mu\text{C}/\text{m})(12\text{cm}) = 0.36\mu\text{C} \quad [Q_{in} = \lambda L = (2\mu\text{C}/\text{m})(15\text{cm}) = 0.30\mu\text{C}]$$

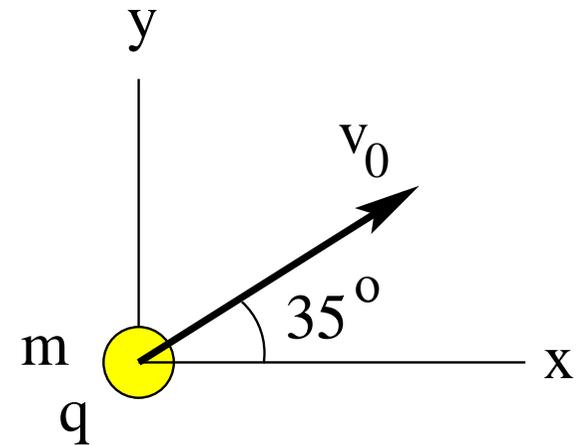
$$(c) \Phi_E = \frac{Q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} = 4.07 \times 10^4 \text{Nm}^2/\text{C} \quad [\Phi_E = \frac{Q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} = 3.39 \times 10^4 \text{Nm}^2/\text{C}]$$

## Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Fall '17)



In a region of uniform electric field  $\mathbf{E} = 9\text{N/C}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 7\text{N/C}\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ , a charged particle ( $m = 0.02\text{kg}$ ,  $q = 4\text{mC}$ ) is projected at time  $t = 0$  with initial speed  $v_0 = 6\text{m/s}$  in the direction shown. If we write  $\mathbf{a} = a_x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + a_y\hat{\mathbf{j}}$  for the acceleration and  $\mathbf{v}(t) = v_x(t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + v_y(t)\hat{\mathbf{j}}$  for the velocity of the particle ...

- (a) find  $a_x$  and  $a_y$ ,
- (b) find  $v_x(0)$  and  $v_y(0)$ ,
- (c) find  $v_x(6\text{s})$  and  $v_y(6\text{s})$ .



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- (b) find  $v_x(0)$  and  $v_y(0)$ ,
- (c) find  $v_x(6\text{s})$  and  $v_y(6\text{s})$ .

## Solution:

$$(a) \quad a_x = \frac{4 \times 10^{-3}\text{C}}{2 \times 10^{-2}\text{kg}} (9\text{N/C}) = 1.80\text{m/s}^2.$$

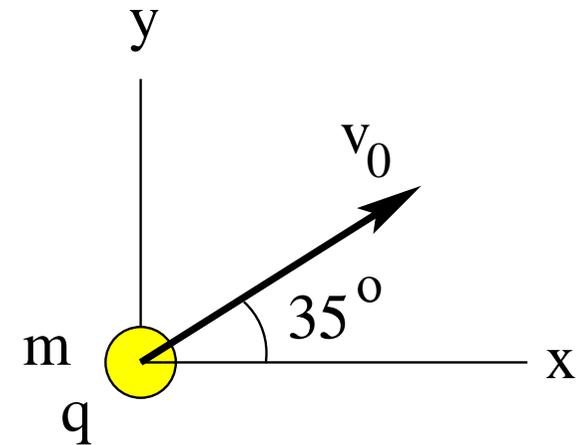
$$a_y = \frac{4 \times 10^{-3}\text{C}}{2 \times 10^{-2}\text{kg}} (7\text{N/C}) = 1.40\text{m/s}^2.$$

$$(b) \quad v_x(0) = v_0 \cos 35^\circ = (6\text{m/s})(0.819) = 4.91\text{m/s}.$$

$$v_y(0) = v_0 \sin 35^\circ = (6\text{m/s})(0.574) = 3.44\text{m/s}.$$

$$(c) \quad v_x(6\text{s}) = 4.91\text{m/s} + (1.80\text{m/s}^2)(6\text{s}) = 15.7\text{m/s}.$$

$$v_y(6\text{s}) = 3.44\text{m/s} + (1.40\text{m/s}^2)(6\text{s}) = 11.8\text{m/s}.$$



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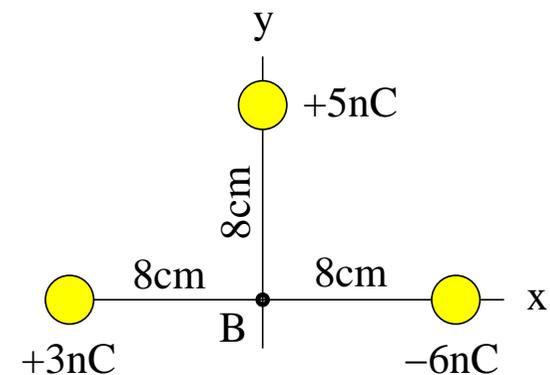
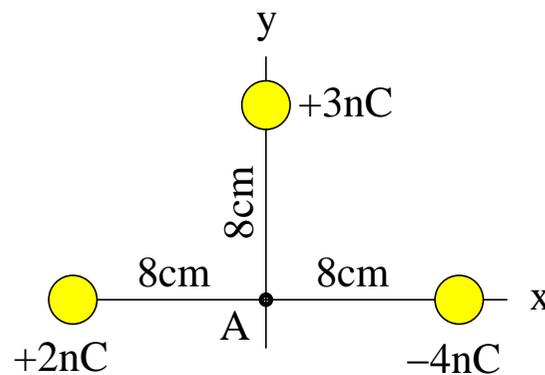


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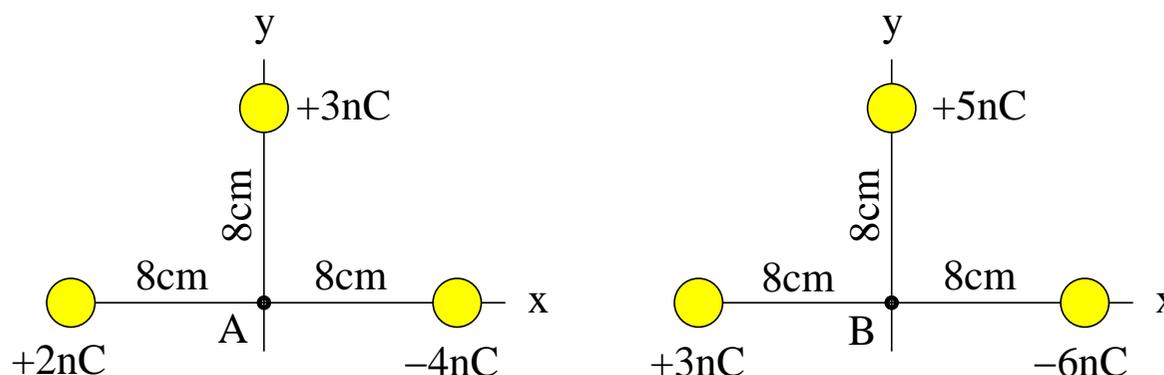


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$$\mathbf{E}_B = k \frac{|3nC|}{(8cm)^2} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + k \frac{|6nC|}{(8cm)^2} \hat{\mathbf{i}} - k \frac{|5nC|}{(8cm)^2} \hat{\mathbf{j}} = 12.7 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C} \hat{\mathbf{i}} - 7.03 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

$$\bullet V_A = k \frac{2nC}{8cm} + k \frac{3nC}{8cm} - k \frac{4nC}{8cm} = 113\text{V}, \quad V_B = k \frac{3nC}{8cm} + k \frac{5nC}{8cm} - k \frac{6nC}{8cm} = 225\text{V}$$

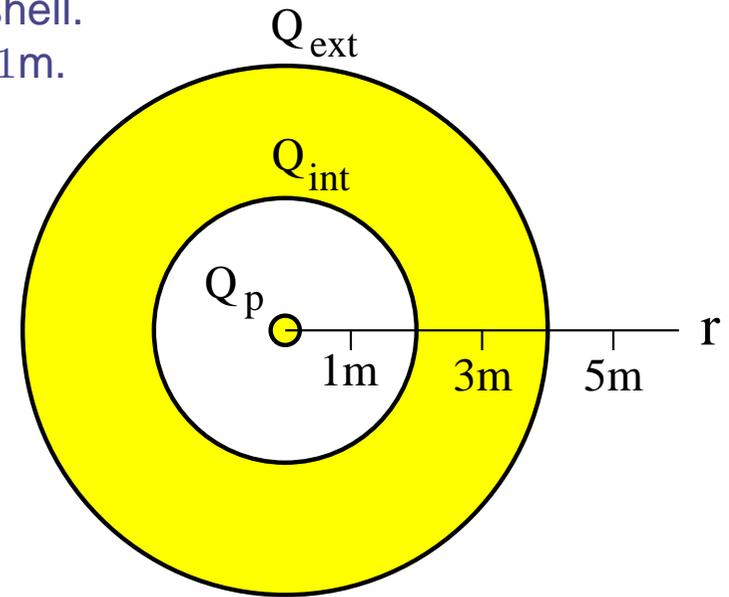
$$\bullet F_{23} = k \frac{|(2nC)(3nC)|}{(8cm)^2 + (8cm)^2} = 4.22 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}, \quad F_{35} = k \frac{|(3nC)(5nC)|}{(8cm)^2 + (8cm)^2} = 10.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}$$

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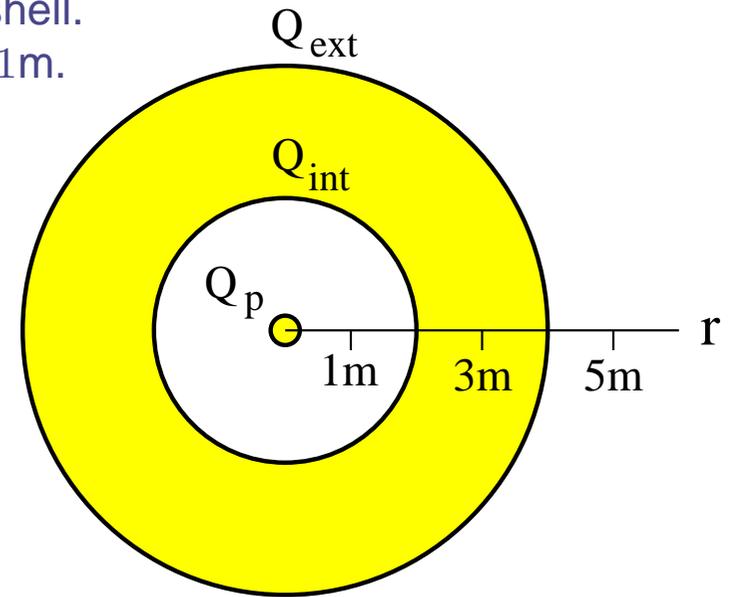


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[ $Q_{\text{int}} = -5\text{nC}$ ,  $Q_{\text{ext}} = +5\text{nC}$ ].

(b)  $\Phi_E = \frac{Q_p}{\epsilon_0} = -452\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ ,  
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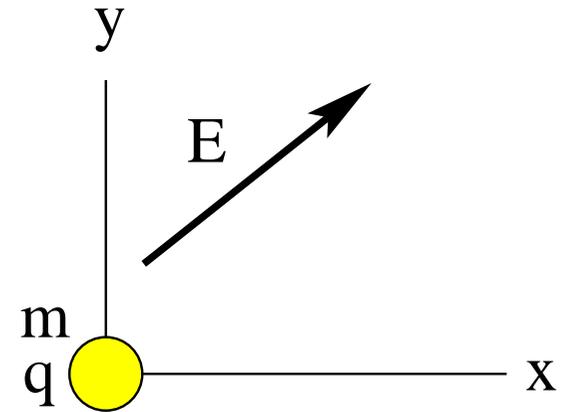
(c)  $4\pi(5\text{m})^2 E = \frac{(Q_p + Q_{\text{int}} + Q_{\text{ext}})}{\epsilon_0} < 0 \Rightarrow E = -1.44\text{N/C}$  (inward),  
[ $4\pi(5\text{m})^2 E = \frac{(Q_p + Q_{\text{int}} + Q_{\text{ext}})}{\epsilon_0} > 0 \Rightarrow E = +1.80\text{N/C}$  (outward)].

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- (c) Draw the shape of the path into the diagram.

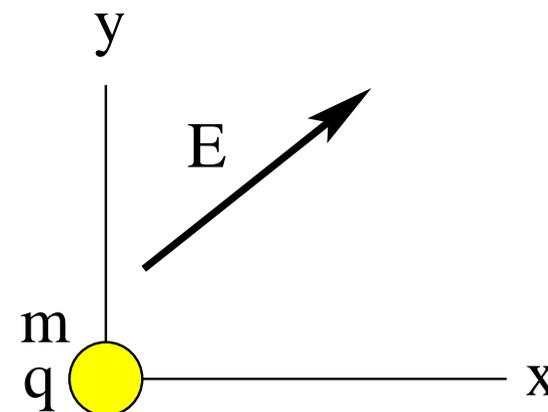


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### Solution:

(a)  $F_x = (2 \times 10^{-3}\text{C})(5\text{N/C}) = 10 \times 10^{-3}\text{N}$ ,  $F_y = (2 \times 10^{-3}\text{C})(4\text{N/C}) = 8 \times 10^{-3}\text{N}$ .  
[ $F_x = (3 \times 10^{-3}\text{C})(5\text{N/C}) = 15 \times 10^{-3}\text{N}$ ,  $F_y = (3 \times 10^{-3}\text{C})(4\text{N/C}) = 12 \times 10^{-3}\text{N}$ .]

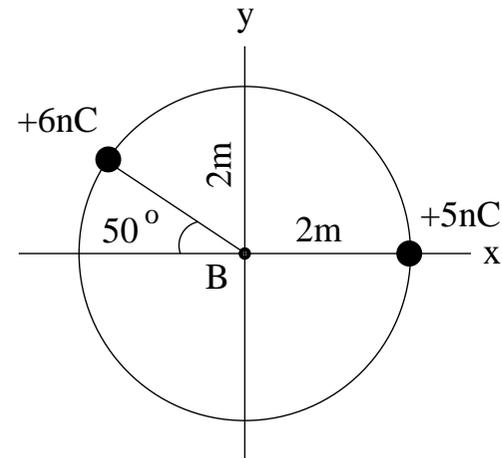
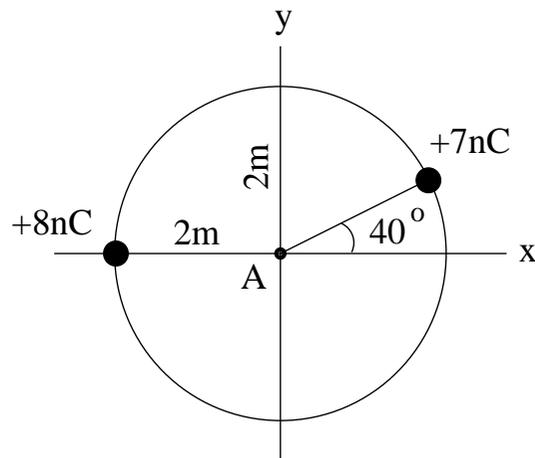
(b)  $x = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{10 \times 10^{-3}\text{N}}{3 \times 10^{-2}\text{kg}} \right) (7\text{s})^2 = 8.17\text{m}$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{8 \times 10^{-3}\text{N}}{3 \times 10^{-2}\text{kg}} \right) (7\text{s})^2 = 6.53\text{m}$ .  
[ $x = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{15 \times 10^{-3}\text{N}}{2 \times 10^{-2}\text{kg}} \right) (7\text{s})^2 = 18.4\text{m}$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{12 \times 10^{-3}\text{N}}{2 \times 10^{-2}\text{kg}} \right) (7\text{s})^2 = 14.7\text{m}$ .]

- (c) Straight line through origin parallel to direction of electric field.

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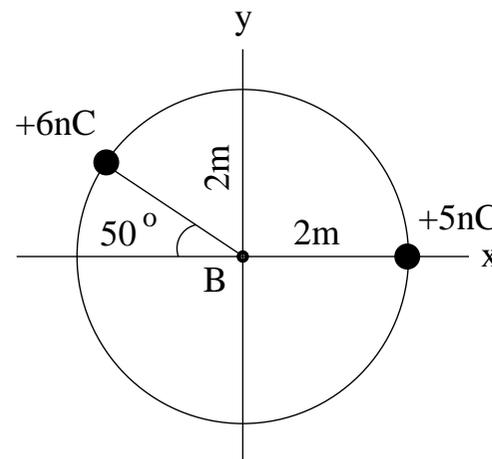
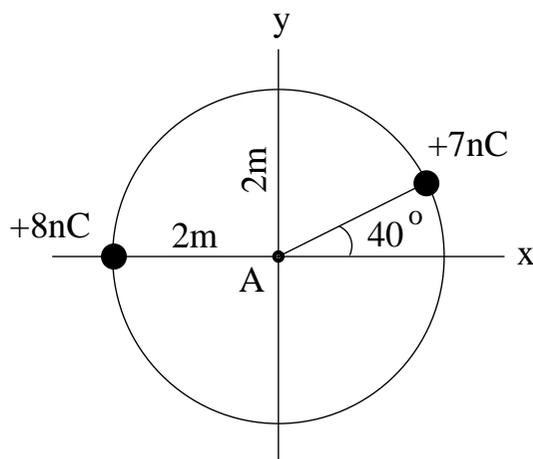


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## Solution:

$$(a) E_x = k \frac{8nC}{(2m)^2} - k \frac{7nC}{(2m)^2} \cos 40^\circ = 5.9N/C$$

$$(b) E_y = -k \frac{7nC}{(2m)^2} \sin 40^\circ = -10.1N/C$$

$$(c) V = k \frac{8nC}{2m} + k \frac{7nC}{2m} = 67.5V.$$

$$E_x = k \frac{6nC}{(2m)^2} \cos 50^\circ - k \frac{5nC}{(2m)^2} = -2.57N/C$$

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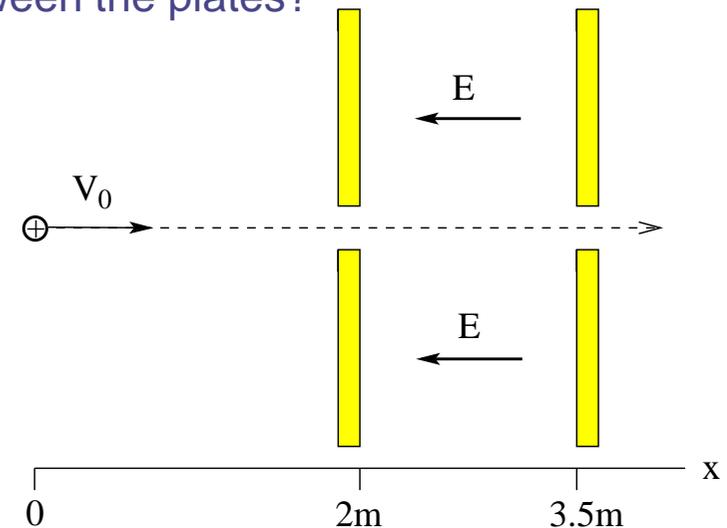
$$V = k \frac{6nC}{2m} + k \frac{5nC}{2m} = 49.5V.$$

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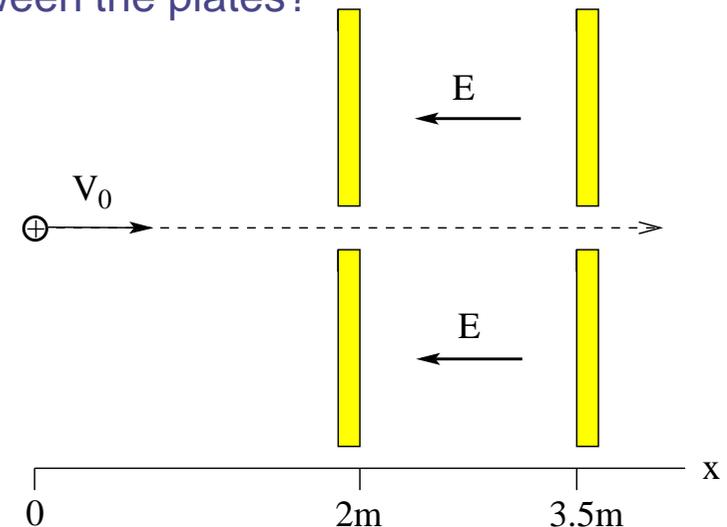
$$(a) \quad t = \frac{(2\text{m})}{v_0} = 5.71 \times 10^{-5}\text{s} \quad [4.76 \times 10^{-5}\text{s}].$$

$$(b) \quad a = -\frac{qE}{m} = -1.34 \times 10^8\text{m/s}^2 \quad [-2.20 \times 10^8\text{m/s}^2].$$

$$(c) \quad |\Delta V| = E(1.5\text{m}) = 2.1\text{V} \quad [3.45\text{V}].$$

(d) loss

$$(e) \quad \Delta K = -q|\Delta V| = -3.36 \times 10^{-19}\text{J} \quad [-5.52 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}].$$

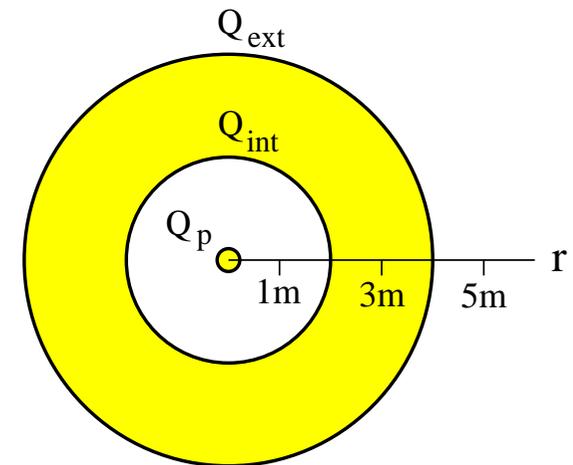


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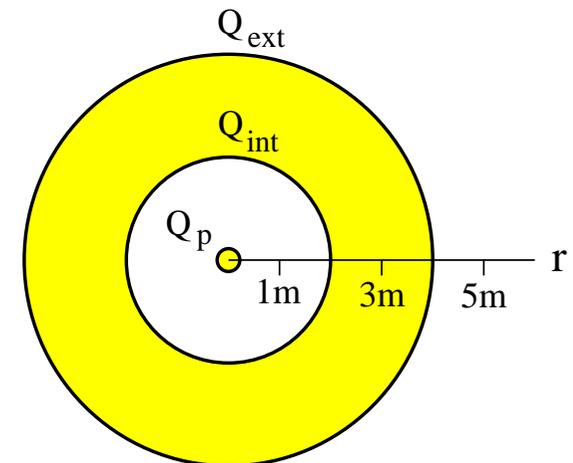
(a)  $E = \frac{kQ_p}{(1\text{m})^2} = 63\text{N/C}$  [72N/C].

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(c)  $E = 0$ .

(d)  $Q_{\text{ext}} = -Q_{\text{int}} = +7\text{nC}$  [+8nC].

(e)  $\Phi_E = \frac{Q_p}{\epsilon_0} = 791\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$  [904Nm<sup>2</sup>/C].

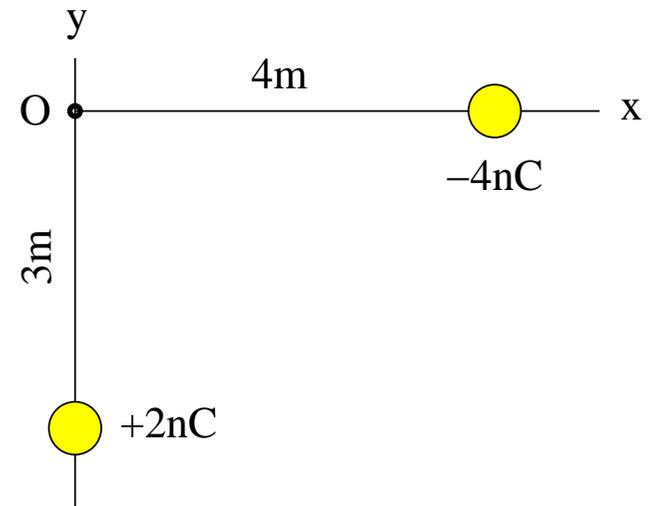


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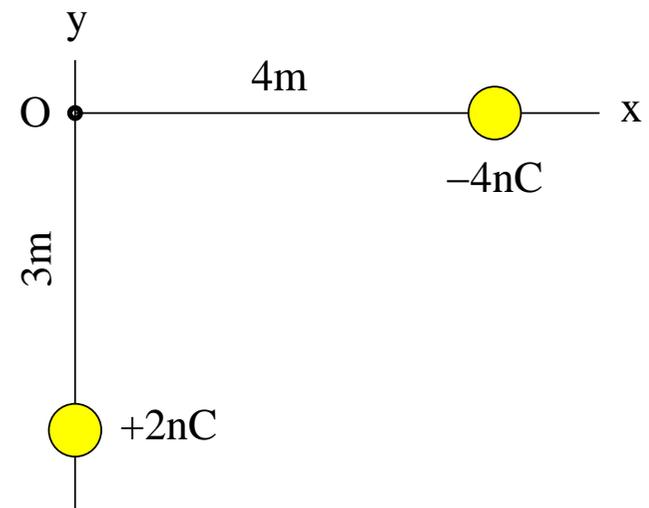


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$$(a) \quad E_x = k \frac{|-4\text{nC}|}{(4\text{m})^2} = \frac{9}{4} \text{ N/C} = 2.25 \text{ N/C}, \quad E_y = k \frac{|2\text{nC}|}{(3\text{m})^2} = 2 \text{ N/C}.$$

$$(b) \quad V = k \frac{(-4\text{nC})}{4\text{m}} + k \frac{2\text{nC}}{3\text{m}} = -9\text{V} + 6\text{V} = -3\text{V}.$$

$$(c) \quad F = k \frac{|(-4\text{nC})(2\text{nC})|}{(5\text{m})^2} = \frac{72}{25} \text{ nN} = 2.88 \text{ nN}$$

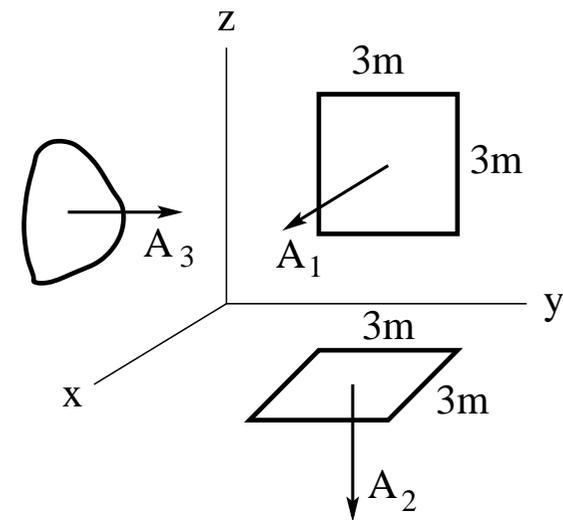
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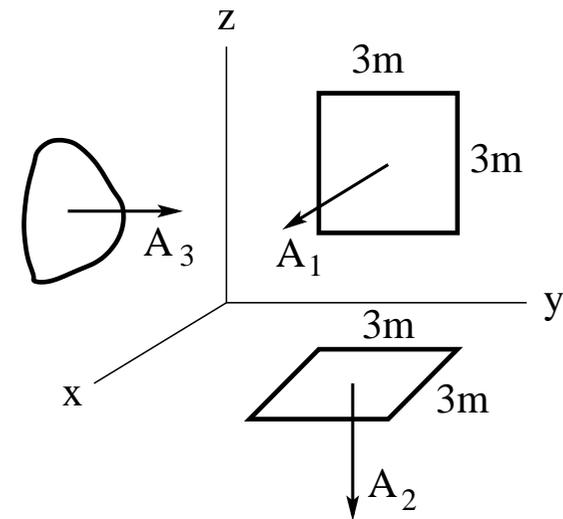
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(b)  $\mathbf{A}_2 = -9\text{m}^2 \hat{\mathbf{k}}$ ,  $\Phi_E^{(2)} = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{A}_2 = -(4\text{N/C})(9\text{m}^2) = -36\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}.$

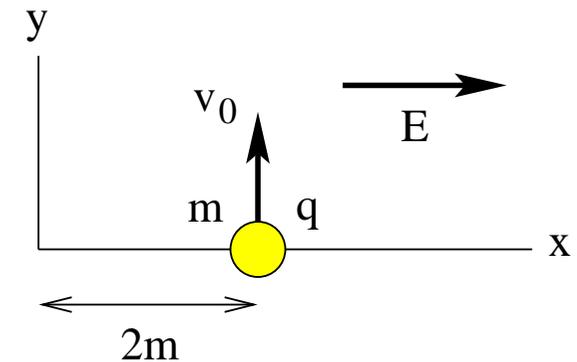
(c)  $\mathbf{A}_3 = A_3 \hat{\mathbf{j}}$ ,  $\Phi_E^{(3)} = A_3(3\text{N/C}) = 21\text{Nm}^2/\text{C} \Rightarrow A_3 = 7\text{m}^2.$

## Unit Exam I: Problem #3 (Spring '19)



Consider a region of uniform electric field  $\mathbf{E} = 3\text{N/C}\hat{\mathbf{i}}$ . A charged particle ( $m = 2\text{kg}$ ,  $q = 4\text{C}$ ) is projected at time  $t = 0$  with initial velocity  $\mathbf{v}_0 = 5\text{m/s}\hat{\mathbf{j}}$  from the position shown.

- Find the acceleration  $\mathbf{a} = a_x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + a_y\hat{\mathbf{j}}$  of the particle at time  $t = 3\text{s}$ .
- Find its velocity  $\mathbf{v} = v_x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + v_y\hat{\mathbf{j}}$  at time  $t = 3\text{s}$ .
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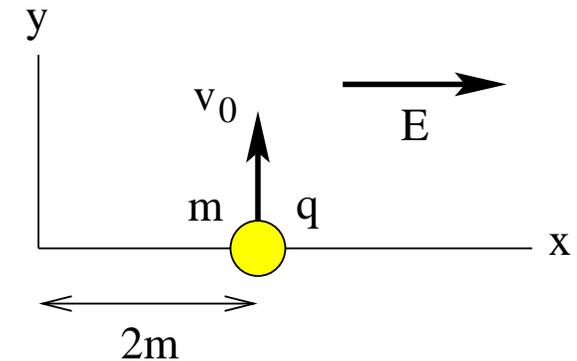


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## Solution:

(a)  $a_x = \frac{q}{m}E = \frac{4\text{C}}{2\text{kg}}(3\text{N/C}) = 6\text{m/s}^2$ ,  $a_y = 0$ .

(b)  $v_x = a_x t = (6\text{m/s}^2)(3\text{s}) = 18\text{m/s}$ ,  $v_y = v_0 = 5\text{m/s}$ .

(c)  $x = x_0 + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2 = 2\text{m} + 0.5(6\text{m/s}^2)(3\text{s})^2 = 29\text{m}$ ,  $y = v_0 t = (5\text{m/s})(3\text{s}) = 15\text{m}$ .