

Chapter 23 Electric Potential

I] Assignments

Questions: 2-6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19

Problems: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 34, 38, 39, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 59, 60, 62, 66, 69, 72, 73, 76, 83, 84.

II] Solution to selected problems

23-2) $q_p = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$. $V_0 = 185 \text{ V}$, $V = -55 \text{ V}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta W = -\Delta U = q_p(V - V_0) &= 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}(-55 - 185) \text{ V} \\ &= +384 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 3.84 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J} \\ &= 240 \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

23-7) Breakdown of air occurs at

$$E_{bd} = 3 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}, \quad \vec{E} = k \frac{Q}{r^2}$$

$$\text{so } 3.0 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}} = k \frac{Q}{(6.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore Q &= \frac{3.0 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}} \times (6.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2}{9.0 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2}} \\ &= \frac{3.0 \times 6.5^2}{9.0} \times 10^{-4} \text{ C} = 14.1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C} \\ &= 1.41 \mu\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

23-11) $\vec{E} = -4.20 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} \hat{x}$

(a) $V_{BA} = V_B - V_A = -\int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$ ($\because \vec{E} \perp d\vec{l}$)

(b) $V_{CB} = V_C - V_B =$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\int_B^C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad (\vec{E} \parallel d\vec{l}) \\ &= -\int_0^7 E dl = -E \int_0^7 dl = -E(-7.00 \text{ m}) \\ &= -4.20 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}(-7.00 \text{ m}) = 29.4 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

(c) $V_{CA} = V_C - V_A = (V_C - V_B) - (V_B - V_A)$
 $= -29.4 \text{ V}$

23-18) Across a membrane wall $\lambda = 10^{-8} \text{ m}$,

$$V = 0.10 \text{ V}$$

uniform electric field $\Rightarrow V = E \cdot \lambda$

$$\therefore E = \frac{V}{\lambda} = \frac{0.10 \text{ V}}{10^{-8} \text{ m}} = 10^7 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$$

23-27 $Q_1 = Q_2 = 25 \text{ nC}$, $q = 0.18 \text{ nC}$
 0 3.0 6.0 cm
 $\oplus \quad \oplus \quad \oplus$
 $Q_1 \quad P \quad S \quad Q_2$
 More q from point P to point S
 $V_p = k \frac{Q_1}{r_1} + k \frac{Q_2}{r_2}$

Since $r_1 = r_2 = 0.03 \text{ m} = 3.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} = r$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V_p &= 2k \frac{Q}{r} = 2 \times 9.0 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2} \times \frac{25 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}}{3.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} \\ &= \frac{18 \times 25}{3.0} \times 10^{-4+2} \text{ V} = 15 \times 10^6 \text{ V} = 1.5 \times 10^7 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_s = k \frac{Q_1}{r_1'} + k \frac{Q_2}{r_2'} \quad r_1' = 4.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}, \quad r_2' = 2.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V_s &= kQ \left(\frac{1}{4.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} + \frac{1}{2.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} \right) \\ &= 9.0 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2} \times 25 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C} \left[\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right] \frac{1}{\text{m}} \\ &= 9.0 \times 2.5 \times 7.5 \times 10^{-4+2} \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{C}} \\ &= 1688 \times 10^4 \text{ V} = 1.688 \times 10^7 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore W_{ext} &= \Delta U_{p \rightarrow s} = q \Delta V_{p \rightarrow s} = q(V_s - V_p) \\ &= 1.8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C} \times (1.688 - 1.50) \times 10^7 \text{ V} \\ &= 1.8 \times 0.188 \text{ J} = 0.338 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

23-43) Plane Symmetry

and $\sigma = 0.75 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} = \frac{2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}^2}{2 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}}$$

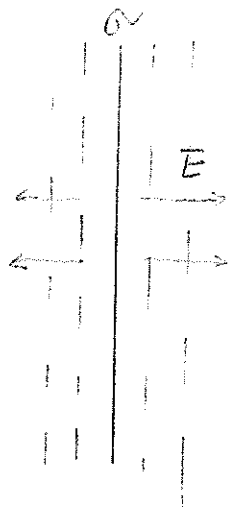
$$= \frac{75}{2 \times 8.85} \times 10^{-5+12} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}$$

$$= 4.24 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$$

$\Delta V = 100 \text{ V} = E \cdot d$

$\therefore d = \frac{\Delta V}{E} = \frac{100 \text{ V}}{4.24 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}}$

$$= 2.36 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 2.36 \text{ mm}$$



Equipotential surfaces will be surfaces // to the charged metal plates and with s separation of 2.36 mm betw any two adjacent surfaces

23-45). $p = 4.8 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m}$, $k = 4.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$

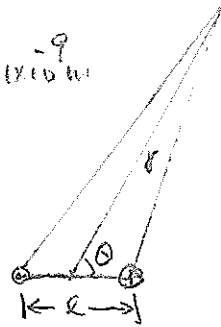
$V = k \frac{p \cos \theta}{r^2}$

(a) $\theta = 0^\circ$

$\therefore V = k \frac{p \cos 0^\circ}{r^2}$

$$= 9.0 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2} \times \frac{4.8 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m}}{(4.1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m})^2}$$

$$= \frac{9.0 \times 4.8}{4.1^2} \times 10^{-3} \text{ V} = 2.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V}$$



(b) $\theta = 45^\circ$

$V = k \frac{p \cos 45^\circ}{r^2}$

$$= \frac{9.0 \times 4.8}{4.1^2} \times 10^{-3} \times 0.707 \text{ V} = 1.82 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V}$$

(c) $\theta = 180^\circ - 45^\circ = 135^\circ$

$V = k \frac{p \cos(135^\circ)}{r^2} = (-0.707)$

$$= -1.82 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V}$$

23-51). $V = y^2 + 2.5xy - 3.5xy^2$

$E_x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -(2y + 2.5y - 3.5xy)$

$E_y = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = -(2y + 2.5x - 3.5xy)$

$E_z = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = -(0 + 0 - 3.5xy)$

$\therefore \vec{E} = \hat{i} E_x + \hat{j} E_y + \hat{k} E_z$

$$= -[(2y + 2.5x - 3.5xy)\hat{i} + (2y + 2.5x - 3.5xy)\hat{j} + 3.5xy\hat{k}]$$

23-56) $K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

(a) $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$, $K = 1.5 \text{ keV} = 2.4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$

$\therefore 2.4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J} = \frac{1}{2} (9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}) v^2$

$\therefore v_e = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 2.4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 2.4}{9.11} \times 10^{14} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$

$$= 2.30 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

(b) $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$, $K = 1.5 \text{ keV} = 2.4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$

$\therefore v_p = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 2.4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}}{1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 2.4}{1.67} \times 10^{10} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$

$$= 5.36 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$