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# 4C QUIZZ #1

This Quizz is closed book.

Make sure to always indicate positive directions and make large and neat figures. Specify the units of numerical answers.

The electron's mass  $m = 9.11 \times 10^{-31}$  Kg and its charge  $|e| = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C,  $1/(4\pi\epsilon_0) = 9 \times 10^9$  Nm<sup>2</sup>/C<sup>2</sup>.

PROBLEM 1 (20 points).

Two charges  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are positioned relative to a point P as shown in the Figure. Their distances from P are a and b respectively. Assume that the charge  $q_1$  is given. The total electric field at point P is measured to be zero. Calculate the charge  $q_2$  (magnitude and sign).

#### PROBLEM 2 (20 points).

An electron with charge e is initially moving with a velocity  $v_0$  perpendicular to a homogeneous electric field E. Pick a coordinate system and define your axes. Make a Figure showing your coordinate system,  $v_0$ , and E.

- a. Calculate the acceleration (magnitude and direction) of the acceleration that the electron experiences.
- b. What kind of motion will the electron execute?
- c. Calculate the change in the electron's kinetic energy after a time t.

#### PROBLEM 3 (20 points).

A dipole with dipole moment p is initially positioned in a uniform electric field perpendicular to the electric field lines. An observer rotates the dipole from 90 deg to 0 deg measured relative to the direction of the electric field.

- a. How much work does the observer do? Specify magnitude and sign.
- b. How much work is done by the electric field?
- c. If instead of rotating the dipole the observer translates the dipole in the direction of the electric field. How much work does she have to do?

PROBLEM 4 (20 points).

A spherical shell of insulting material carries a uniform volume charge density  $\rho$ . Its inner radius is  $R_1$  and its outer radius is  $R_2$ . At its center is a charge Q. There are three distinct regions: region I where  $r < R_1$ , region II where  $R_1 < r < R_2$ , and region III where  $r > R_2$ . Make a figure showing this situation.

- a. Calculate the electric field (magnitude and direction) in region I.
- b. Calculate the electric field (magnitude and direction) in region II.
- c. Calculate the electric field (magnitude and direction) in region III.

- d. Is the electric field continuous at the boudaries between region I and II and between regions II and III? Show that it is (not).
- e. Graph the value of the electric field as function of r.

## PROBLEM 5 (20 points).

A rectangular volume, with length L much larger than it transverse size d, contains a charge Q at its center. The cross section of the volume is a square with sides d. Calculate the approximate electric flux through one of the four sides of the volume.

### EXTRA CREDIT PROBLEM (30 points)

In problem 1, put a charge Q at point P where the electric field is zero and thus the force on charge is zero as well. Consider the charge displaced by a small amount  $\Delta x$ . Calculate the force on the charge Q (direction and magnitude) as function of  $\Delta x$ . Simplify your expression as much as possible using the fact that the force is zero when  $\Delta x = 0$ .