

# Phys 7B Lec 03 Midterm 2

TOTAL POINTS

**83.5 / 100**

QUESTION 1

## 1 Problem 1 15 / 20

- + 0 pts Null: no credit
- + 20 pts Full marks
- + 4 pts FIRST method: correct starting equation for calculating electric potential
- + 5 pts FIRST method: correct electric potential
- + 2.5 pts FIRST method: partial credit for potential calculation
- + 3 pts FIRST method: correctly applying the binomial approximation with  $x$  small
- + 2 pts FIRST method: binomial approximation written down correctly
- + 2 pts FIRST method: converting electric potential to potential energy appropriately
- + 4 pts FIRST method: correct force from  $F = -dU/dx$  or  $E = -dV/dx$  OR explaining that  $U$  has the potential energy of a simple harmonic oscillator.
- + 4 pts FIRST method: showing or explaining that it satisfies simple harmonic motion
- + 2 pts FIRST method: correctly showing that it satisfies simple harmonic motion, but having an  $x^2$  in the denominator of the frequency still.
- ✓ + 4 pts SECOND method: Coulomb's Law written down correctly
- ✓ + 3 pts SECOND method: all components cancel except for the  $x$  component
- ✓ + 2 pts SECOND method: correct trig term to get the  $x$  component of the force (or field)
- ✓ + 3 pts SECOND method: correct force (or field) calculation aside from the trig component
- + 3 pts SECOND method: partial credit for the Coulomb's Law calculation of the field or force
- ✓ + 1 pts SECOND method: correct force
- + 3 pts SECOND method: correct approximation

with  $x$  being small

- + 4 pts SECOND method: showing or explaining how the calculated force means simple harmonic motion
- ✓ + 2 pts SECOND method: showing or explaining it's simple harmonic motion BUT still having an  $x$  term in the  $\omega^2$  coefficient

QUESTION 2

## 2 Problem 2 16 / 20

- + 10 pts (a) Full marks
- + 0 pts (a) No marks
- ✓ + 1 pts (a) Mentioned using superposition
- ✓ + 1 pts (a) Used Gauss' Law (or attempt at Coulomb's law solution)
- ✓ + 2 pts (a) Correct simplification of flux integral (or correct distance if using Coulomb's law)
- ✓ + 1 pts (a) Used a gaussian surface with spherical symmetry, and with variable radius  $r$  (ie. Uniform E-field on the surface) (or correct integral bounds if using Coulomb's law)
- ✓ + 1 pts (a) Correct enclosed charge (or correct  $dq$  if using Coulomb's law)
- ✓ + 1 pts (a) Correct electric field magnitude on gaussian surface (given answer for  $Q_{enc}$  and simplification of flux integral or  $dq$ , distance, and integral bounds if using Coulomb's law)
- ✓ + 1 pts (a) Correct electric field direction on gaussian surface (must hold for ANY position on the sphere)
- + 1 pts (a) Correct electric field solution (given solution for a single sphere; must be properly added as vectors)
- + 1 pts (a) Correct solution in terms of  $d$ , eliminating  $r$  (given electric field solution)
- + 10 pts (b) Full marks

- + 0 pts (b) No marks
- ✓ + 2 pts (b) No electric field inside conductor
- ✓ + 2 pts (b) Charge on cavity surface is equal and opposite to interior charge
- ✓ + 2 pts (b) Charge on outer surface must equal sum of interior charges
  - + 2 pts (b) Charge distributes uniformly on outer surface (must mention that it is uniform or that the effect of the point charges is cancelled by the inner cavity walls)
- ✓ + 2 pts (b) Field outside is that of a point charge  $Q_1+Q_2$  (The above logical steps must all be present, not just the solution)

#### QUESTION 3

##### 3 Problem 3 19 / 20

- ✓ + 20 pts All Correct
  - + 12 pts Part (a): All Correct
  - + 8 pts Part (b): All Correct
  - + 6 pts Part (a):  $r > R$ , all correct
  - + 6 pts Part (a):  $r < R$ , all correct
  - + 4 pts Part (a): Know Gauss's Law 4/12pts
  - + 3 pts Part (a):  $r > R$ , correct equation for charge enclosed 3/12pts
  - + 3 pts Part (a):  $r < R$ , correct equation for charge enclosed 3/12pts
  - + 1 pts Part (a):  $r > R$ , correct answer 1/12pts
  - + 1 pts Part (a):  $r < R$ , correct answer 1/12pts
  - + 3 pts Part (b): Know energy conservation 3/8pts
  - + 2 pts Part (b): Electrical potential, correct formula 2/8pts
  - + 2 pts Part (b): Electrical potential, correct answer 2/8pts
  - + 1 pts Part (b): Correct answer 1/8pts
  - + 0 pts No point
- 1 Point adjustment
  - Slight mistake in the calculation

#### QUESTION 4

##### 4 Problem 4 16.5 / 20

- + 20 pts All correct

- ✓ + 1 pts a) Correct direction from symmetry
- ✓ + 2 pts a) Recognition that Gauss's law is applicable (including attempting to set up a surface)
- ✓ + 2 pts a) Valid implementation of Gauss's law
  - + 1 pts a) Partial credit for writing down infinite sheet formula
- ✓ + 1 pts b) Recognition that spring force is zero
  - + 1 pts b) Statement that gravitational and electrostatic forces are equal or that net force (including electrostatic) equals zero on bottom plate
- ✓ + 2 pts b) Correct electrostatic force
  - + 1 pts b) Partial credit: Electrostatic force off by factor of 2
- ✓ + 0.5 pts c) Correct capacitance formula
- ✓ + 1 pts c) Correct RC charge exponential
- ✓ + 1.5 pts c) Correct use of zero initial charge condition
- ✓ + 1.5 pts c) Correct use of 90% charge condition
  - + 1 pts d) Correct prediction of force direction
- ✓ + 1.5 pts d) Valid relationship between force and energy
- ✓ + 2 pts d) Recognition that the capacitor may be considered as two capacitors in parallel
- ✓ + 1 pts d) Correct capacitance formulas for the two sides of the divide
- ✓ + 1 pts d) Correct expressions for energy on each side of the divide
- 1.5 Point adjustment

● In part a), what is A? It seems like you're using it to refer to both the face of the rectangle and the area of the plate, so you need to be careful regarding your definitions. We need sigma defined in terms of the given quantities, so I'm deducting a point for that.

In b), sigma is proportional to Q, so you can't have it in your expression. You lose half a point here.

#### QUESTION 5

##### 5 Problem 5 17 / 20

- + **15 pts** Part A Correct
- ✓ + **5 pts** Part B Correct
- ✓ + **2 pts** KCL/KVL Equation or equivalent
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- + **3 pts** Part A Correct Answer subject to system of equations
- + **1 pts** Ohm's Law
- + **2 pts** Ohm's Law for Equivalent Circuit
- + **2 pts** Correct Answer corresponding to part a
- + **0 pts** Click here to replace this description.

PHYSICS 7B, Lecture 3 - Spring 2018

Midterm 2, C. Bordel

Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

7pm-9pm

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- Name of your GSI: Caleb Eades
- Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Discussion section #: 301

Math Information Sheet

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2} = -\frac{1}{x}$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln x$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x^2+a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x}{a^2 \sqrt{(x^2+a^2)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\tan\theta)}{\partial\theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta}$$

$$\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla}U$$

$$(1+x)^a \sim 1+ax \text{ when } x \rightarrow 0$$

\* Cylindrical coordinate system

$$\vec{dr} = dr \vec{u}_r + r d\theta \vec{u}_\theta + dz \vec{u}_z$$

$$\vec{\nabla}f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \vec{u}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \vec{u}_\theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \vec{u}_z$$

\* Spherical coordinate system

$$\vec{dr} = dr \vec{u}_r + r d\theta \vec{u}_\theta + r \sin\theta d\varphi \vec{u}_\varphi$$

$$\vec{\nabla}f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \vec{u}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \vec{u}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} \vec{u}_\varphi$$

**Make sure you show all your work and justify your answers  
in order to get full credit!**

**Problem 1 - Charged particle interacting with a charged ring (20 pts)**

An electron of charge  $-e$  and mass  $m$  is placed at the center of a circular ring of radius  $R$ , which carries a uniformly distributed positive charge  $Q$ .

If the electron is displaced from the center a small distance  $x$  as pictured in Figure 1, show that it undergoes simple harmonic motion when released.

Hint: Simple harmonic oscillator verifies

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

Electric field:

By symmetry only  $\cos\theta$  is important.

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r^2} \cos\theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + R^2$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{L} = \frac{Q}{2\pi R}$$

$$dq = \lambda dl = \lambda R d\theta$$

$$L = 2\pi R$$

$$dl = R d\theta$$

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda R dx}{(x^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} \quad E = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{x dx}{(x^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{x}{R^2 \sqrt{x^2 + R^2}}$$

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r^2} \cos\theta = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda R}{r^2} \cos\theta d\theta$$

$$\vec{E} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda R}{x^2 + R^2} \cos\theta d\theta = \frac{\lambda R}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (x^2 + R^2)} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos\theta d\theta = [-\sin\theta]_0^{2\pi} = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{kQx}{R^2 \sqrt{x^2 + R^2}} \hat{x}$$

$$F = q\vec{E} = -e \frac{kQx}{R^2 \sqrt{x^2 + R^2}}$$

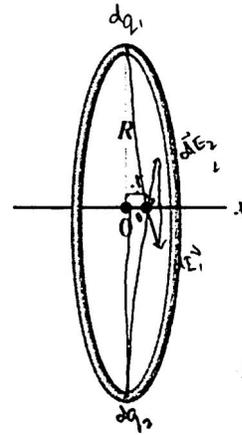


Figure 1

**Problem 2- Spheres with cavities (20 pts)**

A solid dielectric sphere of radius  $R_1$  carries uniform volume charge density  $\rho$  ( $\rho > 0$ ). A spherical hole of radius  $R_2$  is made in the larger sphere such that the 2 centers are separated by a distance  $d$  verifying  $d + R_2 < R_1$ . See Figure 2.1.

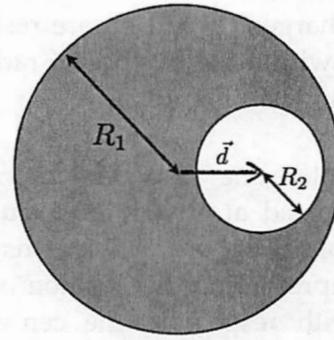
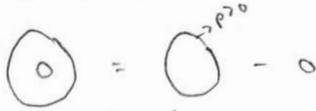


Figure 2.1

- a. Calculate the electric field created at any point inside the spherical cavity, in terms of the vector  $\vec{d}$  joining the two centers.

Superposition Principle:



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$



$$E \oint dA = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\rho \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3\right)}{\epsilon_0} = \vec{E} \cdot A = \vec{E}(r) \cdot 4\pi r^2$$

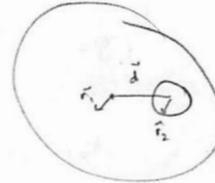
$$\vec{E}(r) = \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon_0} \hat{r}_1$$

$$E_{cavity} = \frac{\rho r_1}{3\epsilon_0} \hat{r}_1 - \frac{\rho r_2}{3\epsilon_0} \hat{r}_2 = \left[ \frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0} (R_1 - R_2) \vec{d} \right]$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

By the same logic

$$\vec{E}(r) = \frac{\rho r_2}{3\epsilon_0} \hat{r}_2$$



Now let's consider an uncharged solid conducting sphere of radius  $r_0$  containing two spherical cavities of radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . Point charges  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are respectively placed within the cavities of radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , as shown in Figure 2.2.

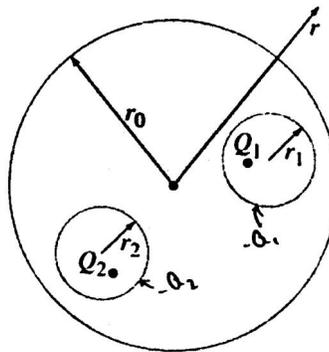
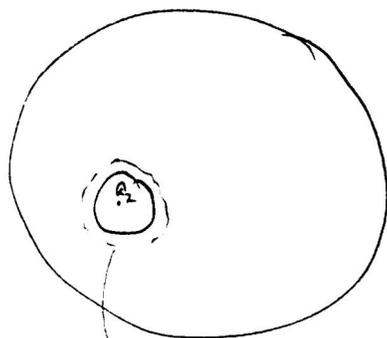


Figure 2.2

- b. Determine the electric field  $\vec{E}$  created at any point  $P$  outside the solid sphere in terms of  $\vec{r}$ , representing the position of point  $P$  with respect to the center of the solid sphere.

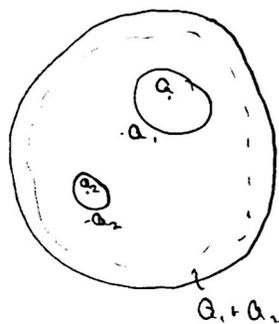
The electric field inside a conductor is 0.



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0} = 0$$

$Q_{enc} = 0 = Q_2 + Q_{surface}$   
 $\rightarrow$  charge of  $-Q_2 = Q_{surface}$  accumulated on surface

By the same logic, a charge of  $-Q_1$  accumulates on inner surface of the other cavity



net charge = 0 on conductor  
 charge on surface of conductor =  $Q_2 + Q_1$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

spherical shell

$$E \oint dA = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

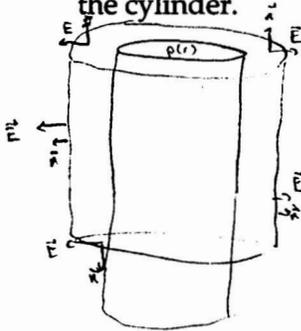
$$E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{E}(r) = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$$

### Problem 3 - Charged particle and infinite charged cylinder (20 pts)

An infinitely long cylinder of radius  $R$  carries positive charge with volume density  $\rho(r) = \rho_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)$ , where  $\rho_0$  is a positive constant and  $r$  the radial distance measured from the symmetry axis of the cylinder.

- a. Determine the electric field created by the charge distribution both inside and outside the cylinder.



$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \vec{E} \cdot \oint d\vec{A} = EA = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\int dq}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\int \rho dV}{\epsilon_0} \quad (dV = \rho dV, \quad dV = \rho dV) \\ Q_{enc} &= \int \rho dV = \int_0^R \rho_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) \cdot 2\pi r h dr = \rho_0 2\pi h \int_0^R \left(r - \frac{r^3}{R^2}\right) dr = \rho_0 2\pi h \left[\frac{1}{2}r^2 - \frac{1}{4R^2}r^4\right]_0^R \\ &= \rho_0 2\pi h \left[\frac{1}{2}R^2 - \frac{R^4}{4R^2}\right] = \rho_0 2\pi h \left[\frac{3}{4}R^2\right] \\ EA &= \frac{\rho_0 2\pi h \left[\frac{3}{4}R^2\right]}{\epsilon_0} = \vec{E}(r)(2\pi r h) = \frac{\rho_0 2\pi h \left[\frac{3}{4}R^2\right]}{\epsilon_0} \quad \left\{ E(r) = \frac{3R^2 \rho_0}{4\epsilon_0 r} \right\} \end{aligned}$$



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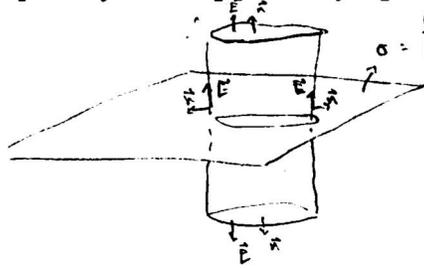
- b. If an electron of electric charge  $-e$  and mass  $m$  is released from rest at a distance  $r=10R$ , determine the speed of the electron when it reaches the surface of the cylinder.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E} &= \frac{3R^2 \rho_0}{4\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r} \\ dV &= -\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{3R^2 \rho_0}{4\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{3R^2 \rho_0}{4\epsilon_0 r} dr \\ V_R - V_{10R} &= -\int_{10R}^R \frac{3R^2 \rho_0}{4\epsilon_0 r} dr = \frac{3R^2 \rho_0}{4\epsilon_0} \int_R^{10R} \frac{1}{r} dr = \frac{3R^2 \rho_0}{4\epsilon_0} \left[\ln r\right]_R^{10R} = \frac{3R^2 \rho_0}{4\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{10R}{R}\right) = \frac{3R^2 \rho_0 \ln(10)}{4\epsilon_0} \\ \Delta U &= qV = \frac{e 3R^2 \rho_0 \ln(10)}{4\epsilon_0} = KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \\ v^2 &= 2mqV = \frac{(meR^2 \rho_0 \ln(10))}{4\epsilon_0} = \frac{3meR^2 \rho_0 \ln(10)}{2\epsilon_0} \\ v &= \sqrt{\frac{3meR^2 \rho_0 \ln(10)}{2\epsilon_0}} \end{aligned}$$

### Problem 4 - Capacitor (20 pts)

In the entire problem, consider that the plates are infinitely thin large square sheets of side length  $l$ .

- a. Determine the magnitude and direction of the electric field created at any point in space by such a plate carrying some charge  $Q$ .



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Phi_{top} + \Phi_{bottom} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Phi_{top} = \Phi_{bottom} = 2\Phi_{top}$$

$$\Phi_{top} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{2\epsilon_0} = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E \int dA = \frac{\sigma A}{2\epsilon_0} = E \cdot A = \frac{\sigma A}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}}$$

A horizontal parallel plate capacitor is made of two such large conducting sheets of mass  $m$ , separated by a small distance  $d$ . The lower sheet is resting on a massless spring of stiffness constant  $k$  and resistance  $R$ , and the upper sheet hangs down held by a thin metallic cable, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

- b. Determine the amount of electric charge  $Q$  that needs to be accumulated on the plates of this capacitor in order for the spring to keep its equilibrium length (neither compressed nor stretched).

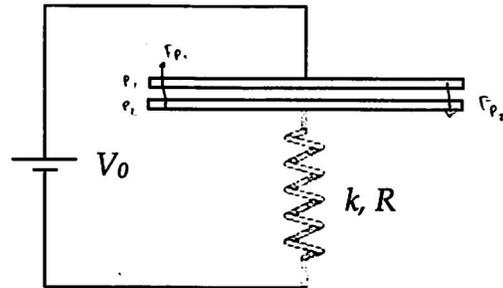


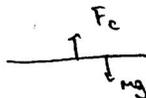
Figure 3.1

$$E_{between} = E_{plate 1} + E_{plate 2} = 2 \left( \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$F_{plate 1} = QE = \frac{Q\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$F_{plate 2} = -QE = -\frac{Q\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

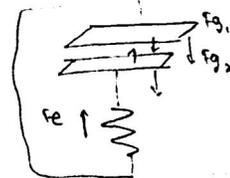


$$F = kx$$

$$V = IR$$

$$V_0 - \frac{Q}{C} - IR = 0$$

$$V_0 = \frac{Q}{C} + IR$$



$$F_{g1} + F_{g2} + F_{plate 1} - F_{plate 2} = 0$$

$$\frac{Q\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} - 2mg = 0$$

$$\boxed{Q = \frac{4mg\epsilon_0}{\sigma}}$$

You may consider that the lower plate is static in the rest of the problem.

- c. Assuming that the capacitor is initially uncharged, how long do you need to wait after you connect it to a battery that supplies a voltage  $V_0$  if you want the capacitor to reach 90% of its full charge?

$$V_0 - \frac{Q}{C} - IR = 0$$

$$V_0 = \frac{Q}{C} + IR = \frac{Q}{C} + R \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} R + \frac{Q}{C} = 0$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} RC = -Q$$

$$dQ RC = -Q dt$$

$$\int \frac{1}{Q} dQ = \int -\frac{1}{RC} dt$$

$$\ln(Q) = -\frac{t}{RC} + \alpha$$

$$Q = \beta e^{-t/RC}$$

general solution

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} Q \text{ constant} \\ \frac{dQ}{dt} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{particular}$$

$$V_0 = \frac{Q}{C} \quad Q = CV_0$$

$$Q(t) = \beta e^{-t/RC} = CV_0$$

$$Q(0) = 0 = \beta + CV_0$$

$$\beta = -CV_0$$

$$Q(t) = -CV_0 e^{-t/RC} + CV_0$$

$$= CV_0 (1 - e^{-t/RC}) = Q_{max} (1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$$\text{at } t = \infty, \quad Q(t) = CV_0$$

$$CV_0 \cdot \frac{9}{10} = CV_0 (1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$$q = 10(1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$$q = 10 - 10e^{-t/RC}$$

$$-1 = -10e^{-t/RC}$$

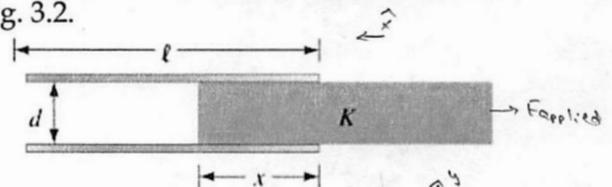
$$\frac{1}{10} = e^{-t/RC}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) = -\frac{t}{RC} = -\ln(10)$$

$$t = RC \ln(10)$$

Now the fully charged parallel-plate capacitor, initially carrying charge  $Q$ , is disconnected from the battery. Then a slab of dielectric material of dielectric constant  $K$ , thickness  $d$  and side length  $l$  is slowly introduced between the plates. At time  $t$ ,  $x$  represents the length of the slab that has been inserted in the capacitor. See Fig. 3.2.

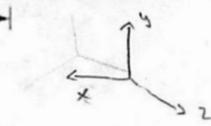
- d. Determine the direction and magnitude of the electric force exerted on the slab.



Capacitors in parallel



Figure 3.2



$$C(x) = \epsilon_0 \frac{l(l-x)}{d} + \epsilon \frac{lx}{d}$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \frac{l(l-x)}{d} + K\epsilon_0 \frac{lx}{d} = \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{l(l-x)}{d} + \frac{Klx}{d} \right) = \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{l^2 - lx + Klx}{d} \right) = \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{l^2 - lx(K-1)}{d} \right)$$

$$U(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{\epsilon_0 \left( \frac{l^2 - lx(K-1)}{d} \right)} = \frac{dQ^2}{2\epsilon_0(l^2 - lx(K-1))}$$

$$\vec{F} = -\nabla U = - \left\langle \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \right\rangle$$

$$F_x = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{dQ^2}{2\epsilon_0(l^2 - lx(K-1))} \right] = \frac{dQ^2}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{1}{l^2 - lx(K-1)} \right] = -\frac{dQ^2}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ (l^2 - lx(K-1))^{-1} \right]$$

$$F_y = \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$F_z = \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$= -\frac{dQ^2}{2\epsilon_0} \left( -1(l^2 - lx(K-1))^{-2} \cdot -l(K-1) \right)$$

$$= -\frac{dQ^2 l(K-1)}{2\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{(l^2 - lx(K-1))^2}$$

$$\vec{F}_x = -\frac{dQ^2 l(K-1)}{2\epsilon_0 (l^2 - lx(K-1))^2} \hat{x}$$

**Problem 5 - DC circuit (20 pts)**

A network of five identical resistors of resistance  $R$  is connected to a battery supplying a voltage  $V_0$ , as shown in Figure 4.

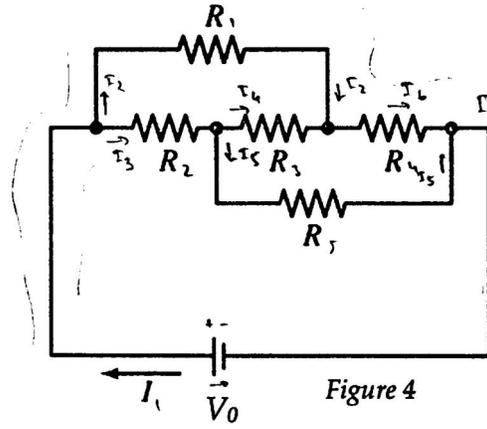
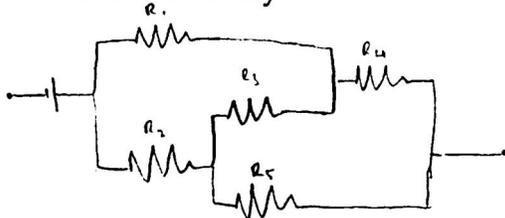


Figure 4

$R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R_4 = R_5 = R$

- a. Using Kirchhoff's rules exclusively, determine the current  $I$  that flows out of the battery.



Junction Rule:

$I_1 = I_2 + I_3 = I_4 + I_6$   
 $I_3 = I_4 + I_5$   
 $I_6 = I_5 + I_4$

Loop Rule:

$-V_0 + I_2 R + I_6 R = 0$   
 $-V_0 + I_3 R + I_4 R + I_6 R = 0$   
 $-V_0 + I_5 R + I_7 R = 0$

$V_0 = R(I_2 + I_6) = R(I_3 + I_4 + I_6)$   
 $= R(I_3 + I_5)$   
 $I_2 + I_6 = I_3 + I_4 + I_6 = I_3 + I_5 = \frac{V_0}{R}$   
 $I_2 + I_3 + I_4 = I_4 + I_5 + I_4 + I_2 + I_4 = I_4 + I_5 + I_2$   
 $2I_2 + I_4 = 3I_4 + I_5 + I_5 = I_4 + 2I_5$   
 $2I_2 = 2I_4 + I_5 + I_5 = 2I_5$   
 $I_2 = I_5$   
 $2I_2 = 2I_4 + 2I_2$

$\frac{V_0}{R} = 2I_2 + I_4 \quad I_4 = \frac{V_0}{R} - 2I_2$

$I_5 = \frac{V_0}{R} - 3I_4 - I_2$

$= \frac{V_0}{R} - 3\left[\frac{V_0}{R} - 2I_2\right] - I_2 = \frac{V_0}{R} - \frac{3V_0}{R} + 6I_2 = 5I_2 - \frac{2V_0}{R}$

$I_6 = I_2 + I_4 = I_2 + \frac{V_0}{R} - 2I_2 = \frac{V_0}{R} - I_2$

$I_3 = I_4 + I_5 = \frac{V_0}{R} - 2I_2 + 5I_2 - \frac{2V_0}{R} = 3I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R}$

$I_1 = I_2 + I_3 = I_2 + 3I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R} = 4I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R} = 5I_2 - \frac{2V_0}{R} + \frac{V_0}{R} - I_2 = 4I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R}$

$I_1 = I_2 + I_3 = \frac{3V_0}{2R} + \frac{9V_0}{8R} - \frac{V_0}{R} = \frac{12V_0}{8R} + \frac{9V_0}{8R} - \frac{8V_0}{8R} = \frac{4V_0}{8R} = \frac{V_0}{2R}$

- b. Deduce from part (a) the equivalent resistance  $R_{eq}$  of the single resistor that is equivalent to the five-resistor network.

$V_0 = IR_{eq}$  assume  $I$  obtained from a

$R_{eq} = \frac{V_0}{I} = \frac{V_0}{V_0/2R} = 2R$

$-V_0 + R(3I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R}) + R(5I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R})$

$3I_2 R - V_0 + 5I_2 R - V_0 = V_0$

$8I_2 R = 3V_0$

$I_2 = \frac{3V_0}{8R} \quad I_1 = 3I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R} = \frac{9V_0}{8R} - \frac{V_0}{R}$

$I_2 + I_3 = 4I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R}$

$I_3 = 3I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R}$

$I_1 = I_2 + I_3$

$I_2 = ?$

$I_3 = 3I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R}$

$I_4 = \frac{V_0}{R} - 2I_2$

$I_5 = 5I_2 - \frac{V_0}{R}$

$I_6 = \frac{V_0}{R} - I_2$