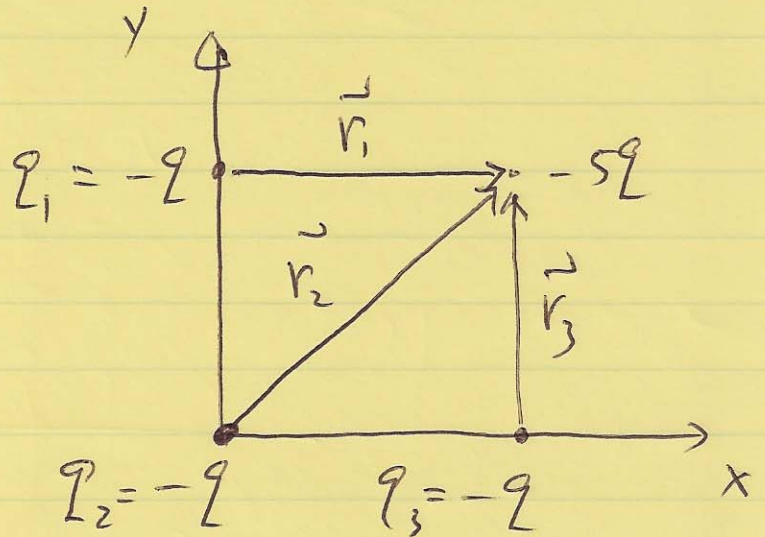


Solutions to Physics 9C-A (2008) MT¹

1-(a)



$$\vec{F}_{q_1, -5q} = \vec{F}_{q_2, -5q}$$

$$+ \vec{F}_{q_3, -5q}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(-q)(-5q)}{L^2} \hat{i} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(-q)(-5q)}{(\sqrt{2}L)^2} \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(-q)(-5q)}{L^2} \hat{j}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{5q^2}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) \hat{i} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{5q^2}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) \hat{j}$$

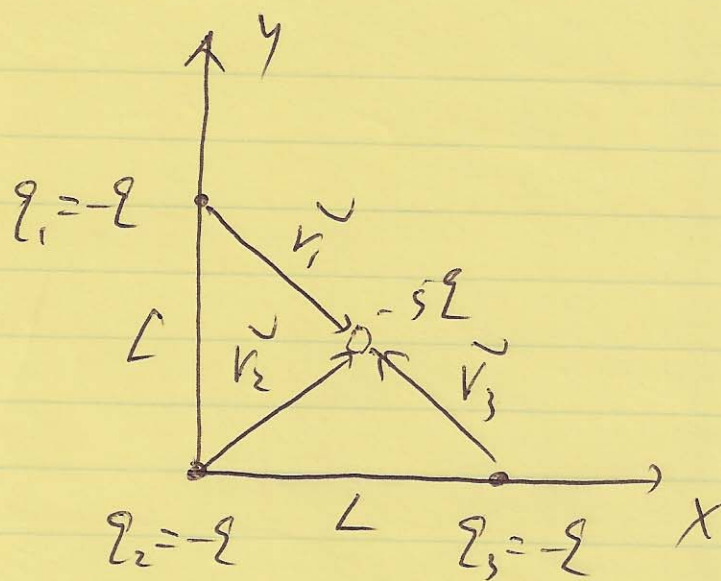
$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{5q^2}{L^2} \left(\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{F}_{q_1, -5q}| = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{L^2} \left(5\sqrt{2} + \frac{5}{2} \right)$$

$\vec{F}_{q_1, -5q}$ is along $\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$ direction.

1-(b)

The work is the sum of the works done by the electric forces from the three charges.



$$W_E = W_E^{(1)} + W_E^{(2)} + W_E^{(3)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(-q)(-5q)}{|\vec{r}_1|} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(-q)(-5q)}{|\vec{r}_2|}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(-q)(-5q)}{|\vec{r}_3|}$$

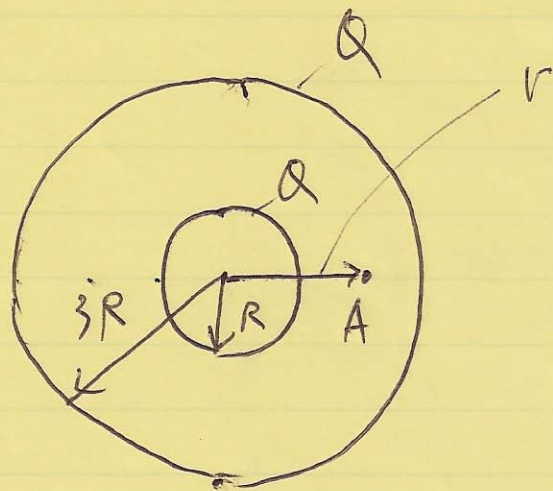
$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{15q^2}{(\sqrt{2}/2) \cdot L} \quad \#$$

$$W_E^{(1)} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(-q)(-5q)}{|\vec{r}_1|} \Bigg|_{+\infty}^{|\vec{r}_1|} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{5q^2}{|\vec{r}_1|} \quad \#$$

2-(a) Inside two spherical shells of uniformly distributed charges, the electric field is zero:

$$\vec{E}(0 < |\vec{r}| < R) = 0$$

2-(b) By definition, the electric potential $V(\vec{r})$ relative to its value at the infinity (set to zero) is



$$\begin{aligned} V(\vec{r}) - V(+\infty) &= \int_{|\vec{r}|}^{+\infty} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \int_{r}^{3R} \vec{E}(R < |\vec{r}| < 3R) \cdot d\vec{\ell} \\ &\quad + \int_{3R}^{+\infty} \vec{E}(|\vec{r}| > 3R) \cdot d\vec{\ell} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} Q \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{3R} \right) + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (2Q) \left(\frac{1}{3R} - \frac{1}{+\infty} \right)$$

Thus,

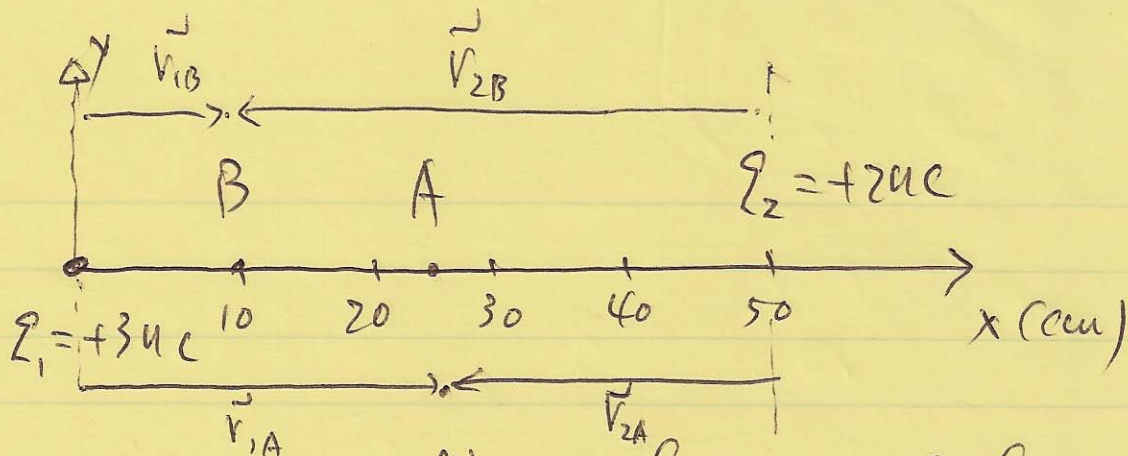
$$V(\vec{r}; R < |\vec{r}| < 3R) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{3R} \right) \quad \#$$

$$2-(c) \quad V(\vec{r}; |\vec{r}| = 4R) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(2Q)}{4R}$$

referenced to infinity. Thus the electric potential energy of a positive charge q placed at $r = |\vec{r}| = 4R$ is simply

$$U_q(\vec{r}) = q V(\vec{r}; |\vec{r}| = 4R) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(2Q) \cdot q}{4R} \quad \#$$

3.



By energy conservation, the gain of the kinetic energy from zero for the electron equals to the change in ~~the~~ its potential energy when it moves from A to B:

$$\frac{m_e}{2} v^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} q_1(-e) \left(\frac{1}{|r_{1A}|} - \frac{1}{|r_{1B}|} \right) + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} q_2(-e) \left(\frac{1}{|r_{2A}|} - \frac{1}{|r_{2B}|} \right)$$

$$\therefore v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \cdot m_e} \left[q_1(-e) \left(\frac{1}{|r_{1A}|} - \frac{1}{|r_{1B}|} \right) + q_2(-e) \left(\frac{1}{|r_{2A}|} - \frac{1}{|r_{2B}|} \right) \right]}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 9 \times 10^9 (\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}^2) \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{C} \times 10^{-9} \text{C}}{9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{Kg}} \left[3 \left(\frac{1}{0.1} - \frac{1}{0.25} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{1}{0.4} - \frac{1}{0.25} \right) \right]}$$

$$\approx 7 \times 10^6 \text{ m/sec.}$$

4-(a)

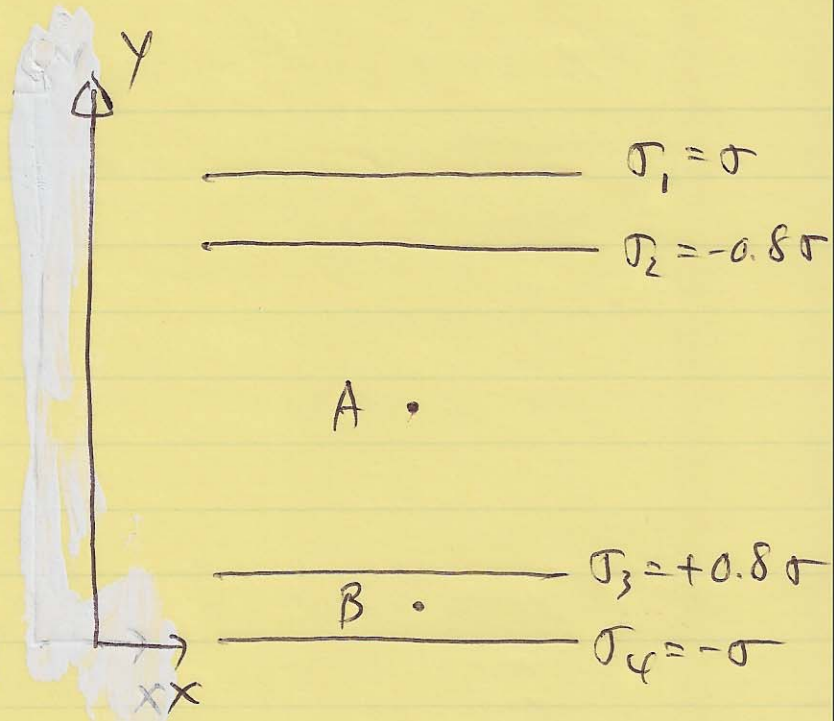
$$\vec{E}_A = \vec{E}_A^{(1)} + \vec{E}_A^{(2)} + \vec{E}_A^{(3)} + \vec{E}_A^{(4)}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_1}{2\epsilon_0} (-\hat{j}) + \frac{\sigma_2}{2\epsilon_0} (-\hat{j})$$

$$+ \frac{\sigma_3}{2\epsilon_0} (+\hat{j}) + \frac{\sigma_4}{2\epsilon_0} (+\hat{j})$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{j} (-1 + 0.8 + 0.8 - 1)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} (0.2) (-\hat{j})$$



4-(b)
$$\vec{E}_B = \vec{E}_B^{(1)} + \vec{E}_B^{(2)} + \vec{E}_B^{(3)} + \vec{E}_B^{(4)}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_1}{2\epsilon_0} (-\hat{j}) + \frac{\sigma_2}{2\epsilon_0} (-\hat{j}) + \frac{\sigma_3}{2\epsilon_0} (+\hat{j}) + \frac{\sigma_4}{2\epsilon_0} (+\hat{j})$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{j} (-1 + 0.8 - 0.8 - 1)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} (-\hat{j})$$