

1. The figure below displays the location of two point charges ($q_1 = -5q$ and $q_2 = 2q$). How far from q_2 and in what direction is there a point in which a third charged particle ($q_3 = +q$) will be in equilibrium? Express your answer in terms of the distance a between charges q_1 and q_2 .

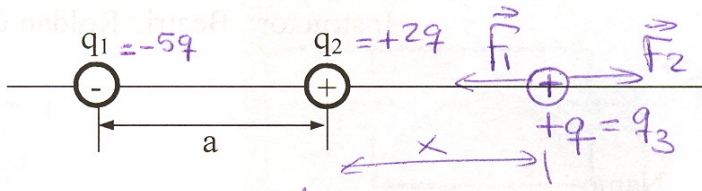
$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|q_1 q_2|}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net } q_3} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2$$

$$0 = F_2 - F_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} q \left(\frac{5q}{(x+a)^2} - \frac{2q}{x^2} \right)$$

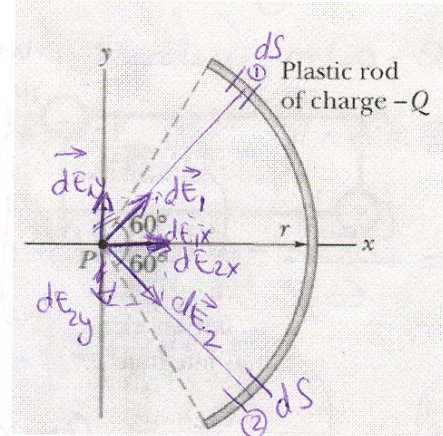
magnitude

$$\frac{5}{(x+a)^2} = \frac{2}{x^2} \rightarrow 3x^2 - 2a^2 - 4xa = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x \approx 1.72a}$$



$$\boxed{x = 1.72a}$$

2. The figure below shows a plastic rod with a uniformly distributed charge $-Q$. The rod has been bent in a 120° circular arc of radius r . Assume a coordinate system as it is shown in the figure, where the axis of symmetry of the rod lies along the x axis and the origin is at the center of curvature P of the rod. In terms of Q and r , what is the electric field \vec{E} (magnitude and direction) due to the rod at point P? Hint: use the linear charge density (λ) in your calculations. Also remember: (arc length = angle \cdot radius).



$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{S} = \frac{Q}{(\text{Angle}) \cdot (\text{Radius})}$$

"arc length"

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r^2}$$

$$dq = \lambda \cdot ds$$

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\lambda ds}{r^2}$$

$$dE_x = dE \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\lambda \cdot (r \cdot d\theta)}{r^2} \cos \theta$$

$$E = \int dE_x = \int_{-60^\circ}^{60^\circ} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{r} \cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{r} [\sin \theta]_{-60^\circ}^{60^\circ}$$

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \cdot r} (1.73) = \frac{(Q/(2.1r))(1.73)}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)r} = \frac{0.82 Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \uparrow$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{2.1r}$$

$$S = (2.1 \text{ rad}) \cdot r$$

$E = \frac{0.82 Q}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)r^2} \uparrow$	Direction: $+X$ -Axis
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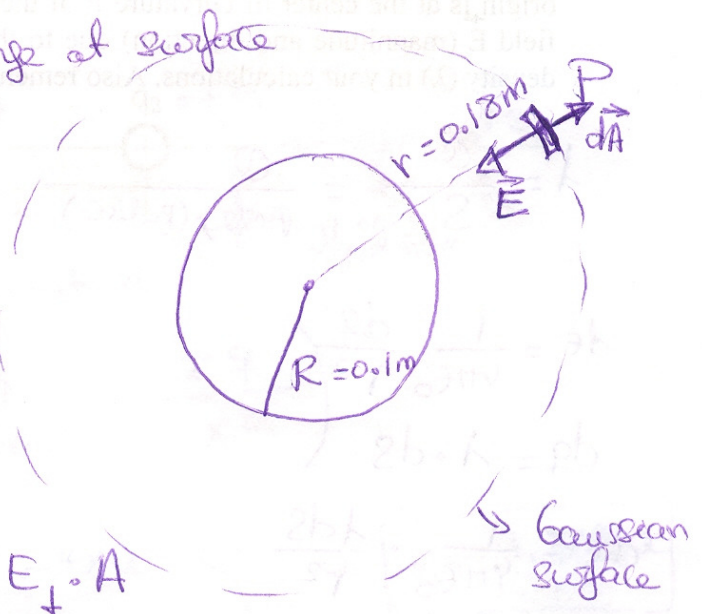
3. A conducting sphere of radius 10 cm has an unknown charge. If the electric field 18 cm from the center of the sphere has a magnitude of 4000 N/C and is directed radially inward, what is the net charge on the sphere?

Conducting sphere \rightarrow all charge at surface

$R = 0.1 \text{ m}$, unknown charge

$E = 4 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C}$ inward

$$\Phi_E = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0} = \oint E_{\perp} \cdot dA = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$



$$\frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0} = \int \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \cdot (4\pi r^2) = E_{\perp} \cdot A$$

constant

$$E_{\perp} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0 \cdot A} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0 (4\pi r^2)} = 4 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C}$$

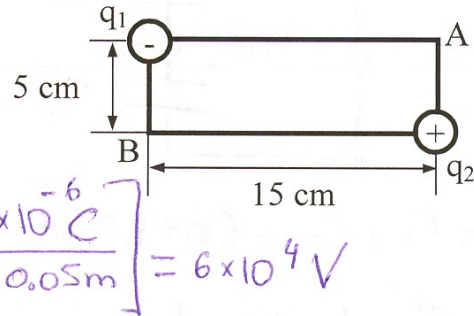
$$Q_{\text{enc}} = \epsilon_0 \cdot A \cdot E_{\perp} = \left(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{C}^2}{\text{N m}^2}\right) \cdot (4\pi) \cdot (0.18 \text{ m})^2 \cdot (4 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C})$$

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = 14.4 \text{ nC} \quad (\text{and } \ominus, \text{ since the } \vec{E} \text{ is inward})$$

$Q = -14.4 \text{ nC}$

4. In the rectangle of the figure below, the sides have lengths of 5 cm and 15 cm, $q_1 = -5\mu\text{C}$ and $q_2 = +2\mu\text{C}$. Assume $V = 0$ at infinity. Obtain:

- Electric potential at A
- Electric potential at B
- Work required to move a third charge $q_3 = +3\mu\text{C}$ from B to A through a diagonal of the rectangle.



$$(a) V_A = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q_1}{r_1} + \frac{q_2}{r_2} \right]$$

$$V_A = (9 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2}) \cdot \left[\frac{-5 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}}{0.15 \text{m}} + \frac{2 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}}{0.05 \text{m}} \right] = 6 \times 10^4 \text{V}$$

$$(b) V_B = (9 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2}) \cdot \left[\frac{-5 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}}{0.05 \text{m}} + \frac{2 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}}{0.15 \text{m}} \right] = -78 \times 10^4 \text{V}$$

$$(c) W_{E, B \rightarrow A} = -\Delta U = U_B - U_A = q_3 \cdot [V_B - V_A] = (3 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}) [-78 \times 10^4 \text{V} - 6 \times 10^4 \text{V}]$$

$$W_{E, B \rightarrow A} = -2.52 \text{J}$$

Work done by electric field

$$W_{E, B \rightarrow A} = -W_{\text{applied force}} \Rightarrow \boxed{+2.52 \text{J}}$$

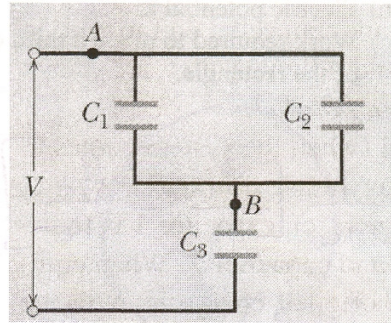
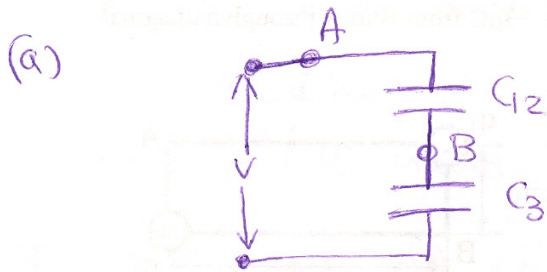
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W_{applied force}

(a) $6 \times 10^4 \text{V}$	(b) $-78 \times 10^4 \text{V}$	(c) $W_{\text{appl.}} = +2.52 \text{J}$
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5. In the circuit shown below, $C_1 = 10 \mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 4.3 \mu\text{F}$ and $C_3 = 2.5 \mu\text{F}$.

(a) Find the equivalent capacitance for the combination of three capacitors shown.

(b) If the potential difference applied to the input terminals is $V = 11 \text{ V}$, what is the charge on C_1 ?



Parallel $\Rightarrow C_{12} = C_1 + C_2 = (10 + 4.3) \mu\text{F} = 14.3 \mu\text{F}$

Series $\Rightarrow (C_{123})_{eq}^{-1} = \frac{1}{C_{12}} + \frac{1}{C_3} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_{eq_{123}}} = \frac{1}{(4.3 \mu\text{F})} + \frac{1}{(2.5 \mu\text{F})}$

$\Rightarrow C_{eq_{123}} \approx 2.13 \mu\text{F}$

(b) $V = 11 \text{ V} = \frac{Q}{C_{123}} \Rightarrow Q = C_{123} \cdot V = (2.13 \mu\text{F}) \cdot (11 \text{ V}) = 23.43 \mu\text{C}$

Series capacitors have the same charge $\Rightarrow Q = Q_{12} = Q_3$

$\Rightarrow Q_{12} = 23.4 \mu\text{C}$

$V_{12} = \frac{Q_{12}}{C_{12}} = \frac{23.4 \mu\text{C}}{14.3 \mu\text{F}} = 1.64 \text{ V} = V_1 = V_2$ (Parallel)

$Q_1 = C_1 \cdot V_1 = (10 \mu\text{F}) \cdot (1.64 \text{ V}) = 16.4 \mu\text{C}$

(a) $C_{eq} = 2.13 \mu\text{F}$

(b) $q_1 = 16.4 \mu\text{C}$