

Name Solutions

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ECE 311

Exam 1

Fall 2009

Closed Text and Notes

- 1) Be sure you have 12 pages.
- 2) Write only on the question sheets. Show all your work. If you need more room for a particular problem, use the reverse side of the same page.
- 3) calculators allowed
- 4) Write neatly, if your writing is illegible then print.
- 5) The last 2 pages contain equations that may be of use to you.
- 6) This exam is worth 100 points.

(5 pts) 1. Find the distance between the two points $A(1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ in Cartesian coordinates and $B(1, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4})$ in spherical coordinates.

Convert point B to cartesian coordinates

$$\rho = r \sin \theta = 1 \sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$x = \rho \cos \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = \rho \sin \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$z = r \cos \theta = 1 \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} d^2 &= (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2 \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + 1 = \frac{5}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$d = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} = 1.118$$

(5 pts) 2. The intersection of the surfaces $r = 1\text{m}$ and $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ is

- a) a circle
- b) a straight line
- c) a sphere
- d) a cone
- e) c and d
- f) a and b

(5 pts) 3. Find a unit vector perpendicular to the vectors $\mathbf{A} = 1\hat{a}_x + 3\hat{a}_y + 1\hat{a}_z$ and $\mathbf{B} = -2\hat{a}_x + 4\hat{a}_z$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \text{a vector perpendicular to } \vec{A} \text{ and } \vec{B}$$

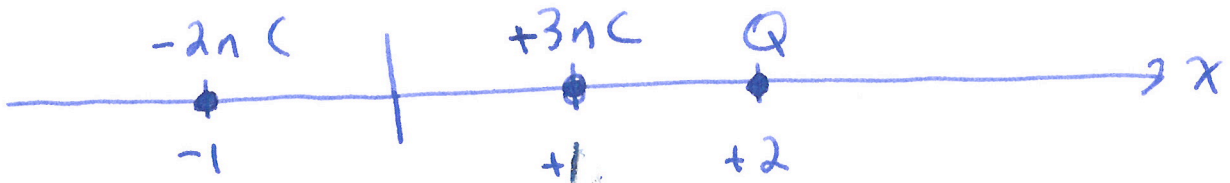
$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{a}_x(12-0) - \hat{a}_y(4+2) + \hat{a}_z(0+6)$$

$$= 12\hat{a}_x - 6\hat{a}_y + 6\hat{a}_z$$

$$\text{unit vector} = \frac{\vec{A} \times \vec{B}}{|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|} = \frac{12\hat{a}_x - 6\hat{a}_y + 6\hat{a}_z}{\sqrt{(12)^2 + (6)^2 + (6)^2}} = \frac{12\hat{a}_x - 6\hat{a}_y + 6\hat{a}_z}{\sqrt{216}}$$

$$\text{Unit Vector} = 0.82\hat{a}_x - 0.41\hat{a}_y + 0.41\hat{a}_z$$

(10 pts) 4. A -2 nC point charge is located at $(-1, 0, 0)$ and a 3 nC point charge at $(1, 0, 0)$. What charge would have to be placed at $(2, 0, 0)$ in order for $\mathbf{E}(0, 0, 0) = 0$?



$$\vec{E}(0,0,0) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{-2 \text{ nC}}{(1 \text{ m})^2} \hat{a}_x + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{+3 \text{ nC}}{(1 \text{ m})^2} (-\hat{a}_x) + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{(2 \text{ m})^2} (-\hat{a}_x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{-2 \text{ nC}}{1 \text{ m}^2} - \frac{3 \text{ nC}}{1 \text{ m}^2} - \frac{Q}{4 \text{ m}^2} \right] \hat{a}_x = 0$$

$$- \frac{5 \text{ nC}}{1 \text{ m}^2} - \frac{Q}{4 \text{ m}^2} = 0$$

$$Q = -20 \text{ nC}$$

(10 pts) 5. A cylindrical surface defined by $\rho = 1\text{m}$, $0 < z < 1\text{m}$, and has a surface charge density given by $\rho_s = z^2 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}^2}$ (when z is in meters and ϕ in radians.) What is the total charge on the surface of this cylinder?

$$Q = \int \rho_s ds = \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} z^2 \rho d\phi dz \quad \text{C}$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} z^2 (1) d\phi dz \quad \text{C}$$

since $\rho = 1$

$$= \int_0^1 z^2 \left[\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \right] dz \quad \text{C}$$

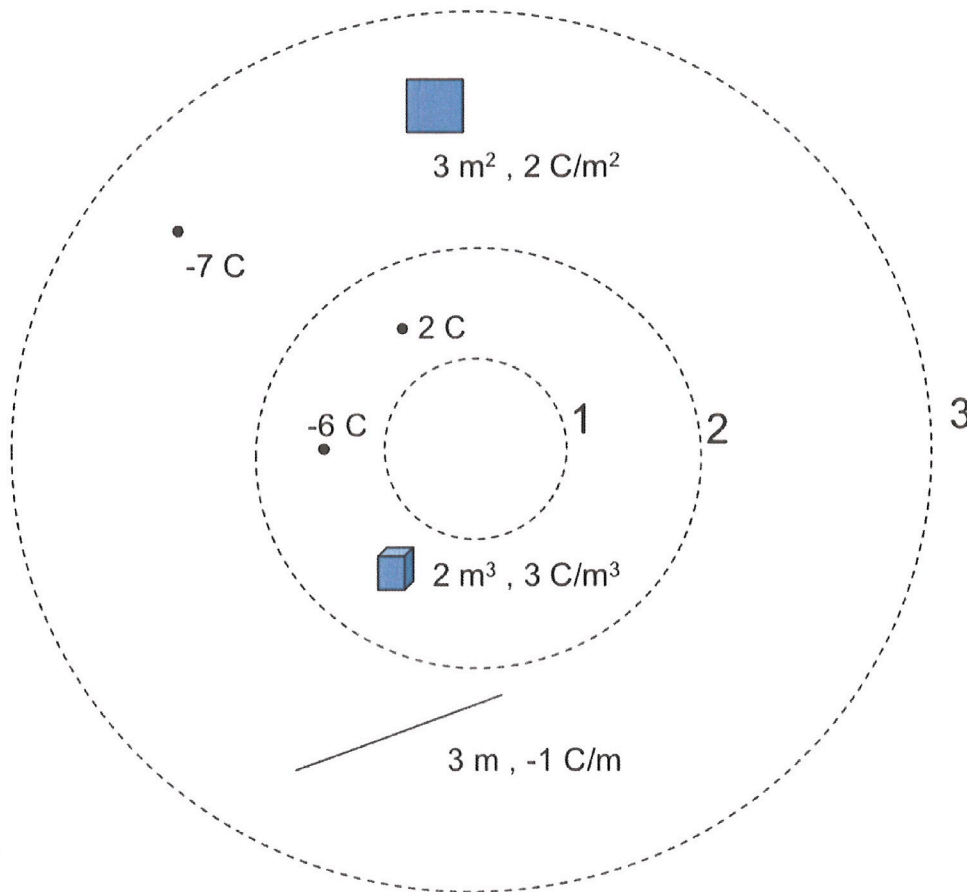
$$= \int_0^1 z^2 \left[\phi \Big|_0^{2\pi} \right] dz \quad \text{C}$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 z^2 dz \quad \text{C}$$

$$= 2\pi \frac{z^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 \quad \text{C}$$

$$Q = \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ C}$$

(12 pts) 6. In the following figure the dashed lines represent closed spherical surfaces that completely surround any objects shown within. Determine the following integrals.



$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \text{ over surface 1} = 0$$

$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \text{ over surface 2} = 2\text{ C} - 6\text{ C} + 2\text{ m}^3 \left(3 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}^3} \right) = 2\text{ C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \text{ over surface 3} &= \oint_2 \vec{D} \cdot \vec{dS} + (3\text{ m}) \left(-1 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}} \right) - 7\text{ C} + 3\text{ m}^2 \left(2 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}^2} \right) \\ &= 2\text{ C} - 3\text{ C} - 7\text{ C} + 6\text{ C} \\ &= -2\text{ C} \end{aligned}$$

(5 pts) 7. Two infinite sheets of charge of charge density 2 nC/m^2 are placed in the planes $z = 6 \text{ m}$ and $z = 12 \text{ m}$. What would the charge density have to be on an infinite sheet of charge placed at $z = 9 \text{ m}$ so that $E = 0$ for $z > 12 \text{ m}$ and for $z < 6 \text{ m}$?

a) 0 nC/m^2

b) 2 nC/m^2

c) -2 nC/m^2

d) 4 nC/m^2

e) -4 nC/m^2

(10 pts) 8. Given that the electric flux density is

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{r}{3} \hat{a}_r \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}^2} \text{ for } 0 < r \leq 1 \text{ m}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{3r^2} \hat{a}_r \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}^2} \text{ for } r > 1 \text{ m}$$

note $D_\theta = 0$

$D_\phi = 0$

Find the charge density everywhere.

$$\rho_v = \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 D_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (D_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial D_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$

for $0 < r \leq 1 \text{ m}$

$$\rho_v = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{r}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{r^3}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} r^2 = 1 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}^3}$$

for $r > 1 \text{ m}$

$$\rho_v = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{1}{3r^2} \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) = 0$$

so,

$\rho_v = 1 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}^3}$	$0 < r \leq 1 \text{ m}$
0	$r > 1 \text{ m}$

(10 pts) 9. Everywhere in space the electric field is $\mathbf{E} = 10\hat{a}_x \frac{V}{m}$. How much work does it take to move a 10 C charge from (10m, 10m, 10m) to (0, 0, 0)?

C charge from (10m, 10m, 10m) to (0, 0, 0)?

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= -Q \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = -(10C) \int_{(10,10,10)}^{(0,0,0)} 10\hat{a}_x \frac{V}{m} \cdot (dx\hat{a}_x + dy\hat{a}_y + dz\hat{a}_z) \\
 &= -10C \int_{10m}^0 10 \frac{V}{m} dx = (-10C) \left(10 \frac{V}{m}\right) \int_{10m}^0 dx \\
 &= (-100) \frac{C \cdot J}{C \cdot m} \int_{10m}^0 dx = -100 \frac{J}{m} \cdot x \Big|_{10m}^0 = \left(-100 \frac{J}{m}\right) (-10m)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$W = 1000 \text{ J}$$

(10 pts) 10. There is a 1 nC point charge at $(r=1, \theta=\frac{\pi}{2}, \phi=\frac{\pi}{4})$ and a 2 nC point charge at

$(r=1, \theta=\frac{\pi}{3}, \phi=\frac{\pi}{6})$. Choosing as reference $V(r=\infty) = 0$, What is $V(0,0,0)$?

$$V(\vec{r}) = \sum \frac{Q_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_j|}$$

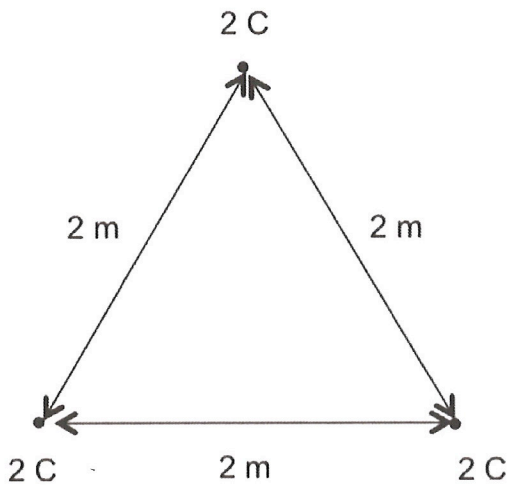
$$V(0,0,0) = \frac{1 \text{ nC}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (1m)} + \frac{2 \text{ nC}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (1m)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi(8.854 \times 10^{-12} \frac{F}{m})} (3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C})$$

$$= 26.96 \frac{C}{F} = 26.96 \frac{C}{(C/V)}$$

$$V(0,0,0) = 26.96 \text{ V}$$

(10 pts) 11. How much potential energy is stored in the following collection of charges? (Three 2 C point charges one at each apex of an equilateral triangle whose sides have length 2 m.)



$$W = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 Q_k V_k$$

$$V_k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2C}{2m} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2C}{2m}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4C}{2m} = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{C}{m}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \left[(2C) \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{C}{m} + (2C) \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{C}{m} + (2C) \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{C}{m} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} (2C) \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{C}{m} \right) = \frac{3}{2\pi (8.854 \times 10^{-12} \frac{F}{m})} \frac{C^2}{m}$$

$$= 5.39 \times 10^{10} \frac{C^2}{F} = 5.39 \times 10^{10} \frac{C^2}{(F/V)} = 5.39 \times 10^{10} \frac{C^2}{C(V/J)}$$

$$W = 5.39 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}$$

alternate method: position the three 2C charges at $r = \infty$ and bring them in one at a time.

$$W = W_1 + W_2 + W_3$$

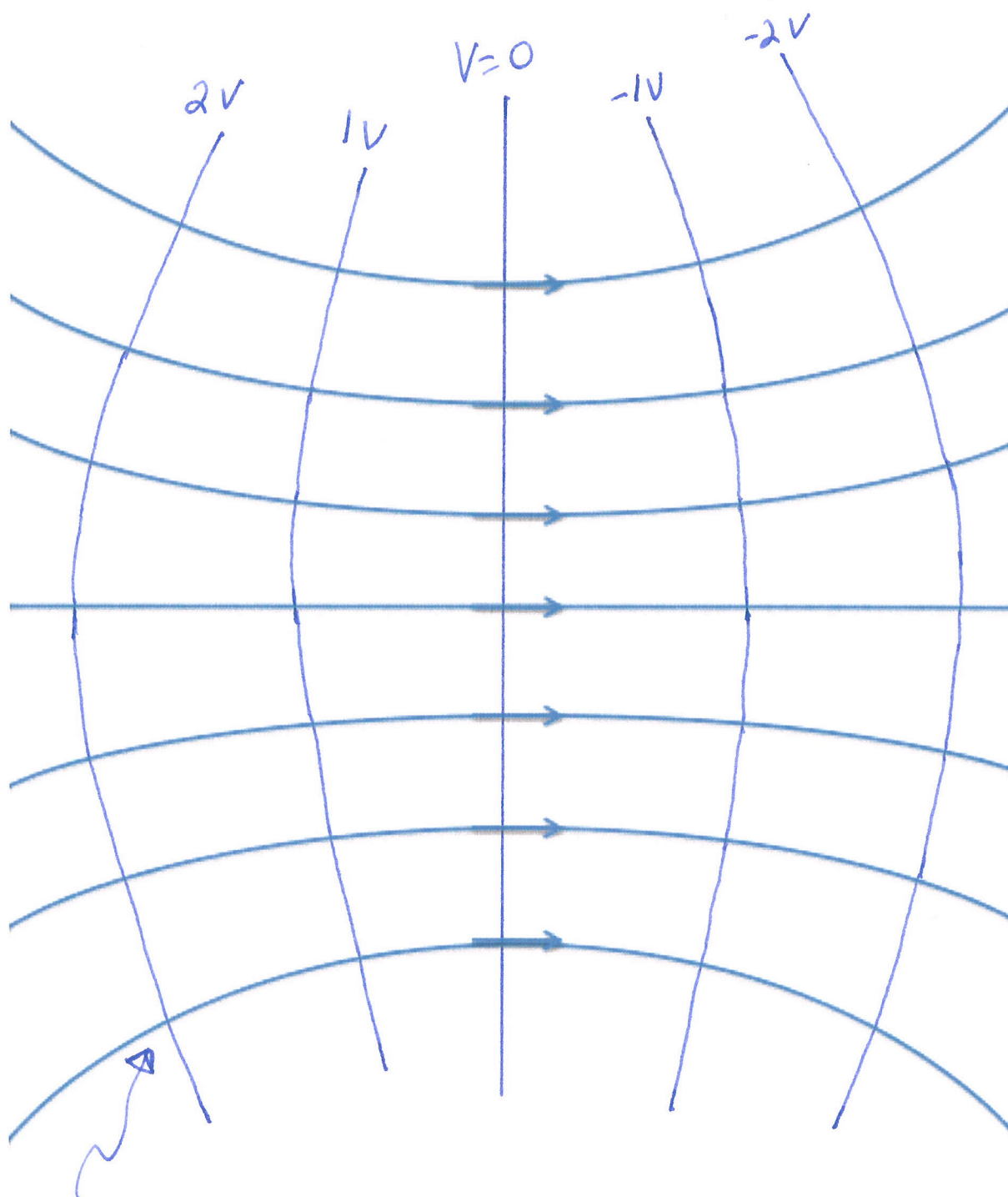
$W_1 = 0$ because it takes no work to bring in the first 2C charge

$$W_2 = QV_1 = (2C) \frac{2C}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (2m)} = \frac{C^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m}$$

$$W_3 = QV_1 + QV_2 = 2C \frac{2C}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (2m)} + 2C \frac{2C}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (2m)} = \frac{4C^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m}$$

$$W = \frac{6C^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m} = 5.39 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}$$

- (7 pts) 12. Shown lines indicating the electric field in a region of space. Sketch five equipotential surfaces starting close to one end and finishing near the other end. Select and label one of your equipotential surface as 0 V. Now indicate each successive surface with the appropriate voltage assuming increments of 1 V between adjacent equipotential surfaces you have drawn.



all intersections
are at right angles