

CHAPTER 24 | Electric Potential

1 | Suppose that in a lightning flash the potential difference between a cloud and the ground is $1.0 \times 10^9 \text{ V}$ and the quantity of charge transferred is 30 C .

a) What is the change in energy of that transferred charge?

(Ans: $\Delta U = 3.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}$)

b) If all the energy released could be used to accelerate a 1000 kg car from rest, what would be its final speed? (Ans: $v = 7.7 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$)

2 | The electric field in a region of space has the components $E_y = 0$, $E_z = 0$ and $E_x = (4.00 \text{ N/C})x$. Point A is on the y axis at $y = 3.00 \text{ m}$, and point B is on the x axis at $x = 4.00 \text{ m}$. What is the potential difference $V_B - V_A$?

(Ans: $\Delta V = -32.0 \text{ V}$)

3 | Two uniformly charged, infinite, nonconducting planes are parallel to a yz plane and positioned at $x = -50 \text{ cm}$ and $x = +50 \text{ cm}$. The charge densities on the planes are -50 nC/m^2 and $+25 \text{ nC/m}^2$, respectively. What is the magnitude of the potential difference between the origin and the point on the x axis at $x = +80 \text{ cm}$? (Hint: Use Gauss' law.) (Ans: $\Delta V = 2.5 \times 10^3 \text{ V}$)

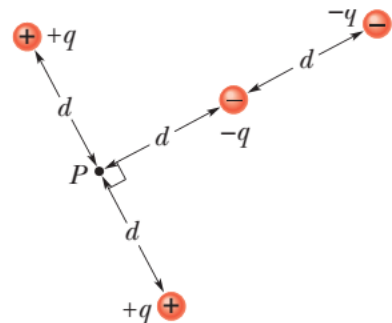
4 | A nonconducting sphere has radius $R = 2.31 \text{ cm}$ and uniformly distributed charge $q = 3.50 \text{ fC}$. Take the electric potential at the sphere's center to be $V_0 = 0$. What is V at radial distance

a) $r = 1.45 \text{ cm}$ (Ans: $V = -2.68 \times 10^{-4} \text{ V}$) and

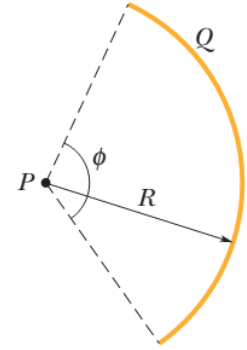
b) $r = R$. (Ans: $V = -6.81 \times 10^{-4} \text{ V}$)

5 | In the figure, what is the net electric potential at point P due to the four particles if $V = 0$ at infinity, $q = 5.00 \text{ fC}$, and $d = 4.00 \text{ cm}$?

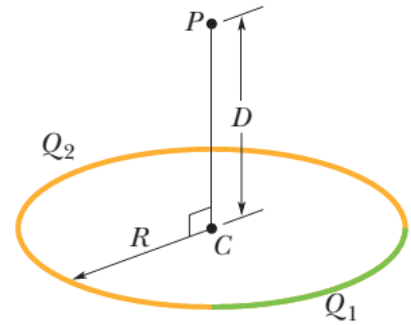
(Ans: $V = 5.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ V}$)



6 | In the figure, a plastic rod having a uniformly distributed charge $Q = -25.6 \text{ pC}$ has been bent into a circular arc of radius $R = 3.71 \text{ cm}$ and central angle $\phi = 120^\circ$. With $V = 0$ at infinity, what is the electric potential at P , the center of curvature of the rod? (Ans: $V_P = -6.20 \text{ V}$)

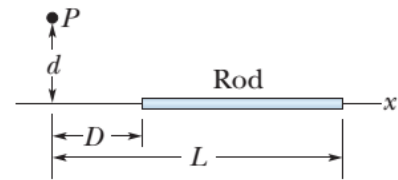


7 | A plastic rod has been bent into a circle of radius $R = 8.20 \text{ cm}$. It has a charge $Q_1 = +4.20 \text{ pC}$ uniformly distributed along one quarter of its circumference and a charge $Q_2 = -6Q_1$ uniformly distributed along the rest of the circumference. With $V = 0$ at infinity, what is the electric potential at



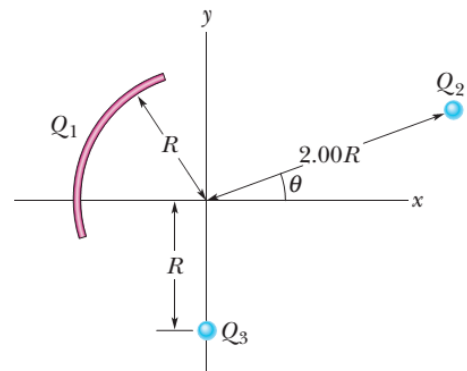
a) the center C of the circle (Ans: $V_C = -2.3 \text{ V}$)
 b) and point P , on the central axis of the circle at distance $D = 6.71 \text{ cm}$ from the center? (Ans: $V_P = -1.78 \text{ V}$)

8 | Figure in front shows a thin rod with a uniform charge density of 2.00 mC/m . Evaluate the electric potential at point P if $d = D = L/4.00$. Assume that the potential is zero at infinity.



(Ans: $V = 2.18 \times 10^4 \text{ V}$)

9 | In the figure, what is the net electric potential at the origin due to the circular arc of charge $Q_1 = +7.21 \text{ pC}$ and the two particles of charges $Q_2 = 4.00Q_1$ and $Q_3 = -2.00Q_1$? The arc's center of curvature is at the origin and its radius is $R = 2.00 \text{ m}$; the angle indicated is $\theta = 20.0^\circ$. (Ans: $V = 3.24 \times 10^{-2} \text{ V}$)



10 | The electric potential is given by $V = (2.0 \text{ V/m}^2)x^2 - (3.0 \text{ V/m}^2)y^2$ at points in an xy plane. In unit-vector notation, what is the electric field at the point $(3.0 \text{ m}, 2.0 \text{ m})$? (Ans: $\vec{E} = 12(-\hat{i} + \hat{j})\text{V/m}$)

11 | At the point $(3.00\hat{i} + 2.00\hat{j} + 4.00\hat{k}) \text{ m}$ what is the magnitude of the electric field if the electric potential in the region is given by $V = 2.00xyz^2$, where V is in volts and coordinates x , y , and z are in meters? (Ans: $E = 150 \text{ N/C}$)

12 | In figure, how much work must we do to bring a particle, of charge $Q = +16e$ and initially at rest, along the dashed line from infinity to the indicated point near two fixed particles of charges $q_1 = +4e$ and $q_2 = -q_1/2$? Distance $d = 1.40 \text{ cm}$, $\theta_1 = 43^\circ$, and $\theta_2 = 60^\circ$. (Ans: $W = 0$)

