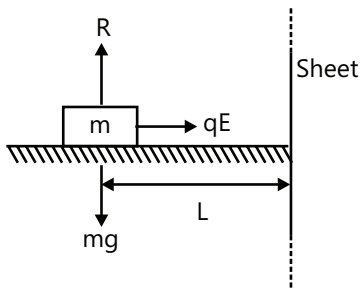


Solved Examples

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Example 1: A block having mass m and charge $-q$ is resting on a frictionless plane at a distance L from fixed large non-conducting infinite sheet of uniform charge density σ as shown in figure. Discuss the motion of the block assuming that collision of the block with the sheet is perfectly elastic. Is it SHM?



Sol: Electric force produced by sheet will accelerate the block towards the sheet producing an acceleration.

Acceleration will be uniform because electric field E due to the sheet is uniform

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{qE}{m}, \text{ where } E = \sigma / 2\epsilon_0$$

As initially the block is at rest and acceleration is constant, from second equation of motion, time taken by the block to reach the wall

$$L = \frac{1}{2}at^2 \text{ i.e., } t = \sqrt{\frac{2L}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{2mL}{aE}} = \sqrt{\frac{4mL\epsilon_0}{a\sigma}}$$

As collision with the wall is perfectly elastic, the block will rebound with same speed and as now its motion is opposite to the acceleration, it will come to rest after travelling same distance L in same time t . After stopping it will be again accelerated towards the wall and so the block will execute oscillatory motion with 'span' L and time period.

$$T = 2t = 2\sqrt{\frac{2mL}{aE}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{4mL\epsilon_0}{a\sigma}}$$

However, as the restoring force $F=qE$ is constant and not proportional to displacement x , the motion is not simple harmonic.

Example 2: How many electrons must be given to a neutral body so that it could acquire a charge of 4.0 pC ?

Sol: Formula based.

On giving electrons, body acquires -ve charge and to acquire a net charge of 4pC

$$q = 4 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}$$

$$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{q}{e} = \frac{4 \times 10^{-12}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 2.5 \times 10^7$$

2.5×10^7 electrons will have to be given.

Example 3: What is the value of charge on a body if it has an excess of 1.5×10^7 electrons?

Sol: Electrons are negatively charged

$n = 1.5 \times 10^7$ and the body has excess of electrons

\Rightarrow it is -vely charged and charge on it is $q = ne$

$$\Rightarrow q = 1.5 \times 10^7 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$\Rightarrow q = 2.4 \text{ pC}$$

Example 4: When 10^{22} electrons are removed from a neutral metal sphere, what is the charge on the sphere?

Sol: Loss of electrons make a body positively charged.

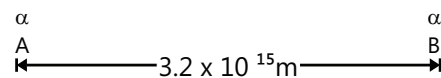
On removing electrons, body acquires +ve charge and its value is

$$q = ne = 10^{22} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 1600 \text{ coulomb.}$$

Example 5: Calculate the coulomb force between two α -particles separated by a distance of $3.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$.

Sol: Charge on α -particle

$$\text{We have } q_\alpha = +2e = 3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$



$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_\alpha q_\alpha}{r^2} = 9 \times 10^9 \times \frac{3.2 \times 10^{-19} \times 3.2 \times 10^{-19}}{3.2 \times 3.2 \times 10^{-30}}$$

$$= 90 \text{ N (repulsive)}$$

Example 6: Consider two identical spheres P and Q with charge q on each. A third sphere R of the same size but

uncharged is successively brought in contact with the two spheres. What is the new force of repulsion between P and Q?

Sol: Charge on two spheres will be equally divided on two sphere each times on touching.

When R is kept in contact with R, charge q is equally distributed between P and R.

$$\text{Charge on P} = \frac{q}{2}$$

$$\text{Charge on R} = \frac{q}{2}$$

When R is kept in contact with Q, total charge will again be equally distributed.

$$\text{Charge on Q} = \frac{q + (q/2)}{2} = \frac{3q}{4}$$

$$\text{Charge on R} = \frac{3q}{4}$$

Initial force of repulsion between P and Q

$$F(\text{say}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{qxq}{r^2} \right)$$

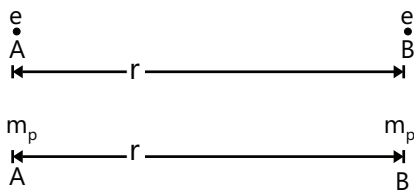
Final force of repulsion between P and Q

$$F^1 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{\frac{q}{2} \times \frac{3q}{4}}{r^2} \right) = \frac{3}{8} F$$

Example 7: Compare the electrostatic force and gravitational force taking two protons.

Sol: Simply apply the formula for Gravitational and Electrostatic force

$$F_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2}; F_g = G \frac{m_p^2}{r^2}; \text{Mass of proton} = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{kg}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{F_e}{F_g} = 1.24 \times 10^{36}$$

Example 8: A charge Q is to be divided on two objects. What should be the value of the charges on the two objects, so that the force between them can be maximum?

Sol: If a + b constant, then a x b is maximum when a = b.

Let the charges divided on the two objects be q and Q-q so that the force between them is $f = K \frac{q(Q-q)}{r^2}$

For maximum force, $\frac{dF}{dq} = 0$

$$\frac{d}{dq} \left[K \frac{q(Q-q)}{r^2} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K}{r^2} \frac{d}{dq} [q(Q-q)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dq} [qQ - q^2] = 0$$

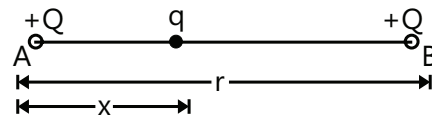
$$\Rightarrow Q - 2q = 0 \Rightarrow q = \frac{Q}{2}$$

i.e, the charge must be equally divided.

Example 9: Two identical point charges of magnitude Q are kept at a distance r from each other. A third point charge q is placed on the line joining the above two charges, such that all the three charges are in equilibrium. What is the sign, magnitude and position of the third charge?

Sol: For equilibrium, net F on each charge = 0

Let identical charges Q be placed at A and B and another charge q is at a distance x from A so that it is in equilibrium.



\therefore Force on q due to charge at A in the + X direction

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq}{x^2} \text{ and force on a due to charge at B in the-X}$$

$$\text{direction} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq}{(r-x)^2}$$

For equilibrium, these two forces must be equal i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{(r-x)^2} \text{ or } x = \frac{r}{2} \text{ If } q \text{ was a negative charge, the}$$

direction of force due to q at B would be in-X and at A

in +X direction.

But, if all the three charges are of same nature, there would be repulsion between charges at A and B also. Hence to have equilibrium among three charges, Q must be opposite of q so that force of attraction between Q

and q = force of repulsion between Q and q .

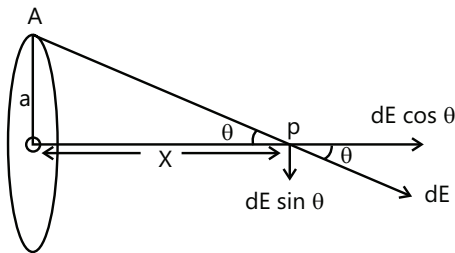
$$\text{i.e., } \frac{Q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$\therefore q = \frac{Q}{4}$$

Example 10: A charge Q is uniformly distributed on the circumference of a circular ring of radius a . Find the intensity of electric field at a point at a distance x from the center on the axis of ring.

Sol: Consider a small part of the ring. All points on the ring are symmetrical to any point on the axis of the ring. Given situation is depicted in the figure. Consider an infinitesimal element at point A on the circumference of the ring. Let charge on this element be dq . The magnitude of the intensity of electric field $d\vec{E}$ at a point P situated at a distance x from the center on its axis is,

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{AP^2} = k \frac{dq}{(a^2 + x^2)}$$



Its direction is from A to P . Now consider two components of $d\vec{E}$ (i) $dE \sin \theta$, parallel to the axis of the ring and (ii) $dE \cos \theta$, parallel to the axis.

Here it is clear that in the vector sum of intensities due to all such elements taken all over the circumference, the $dE \sin \theta$ components of the diametrically opposite elements will cancel each other as they are mutually opposite. Hence only $dE \cos \theta$ components should be considered for integration.

\therefore The total intensity of electric field at point P ,

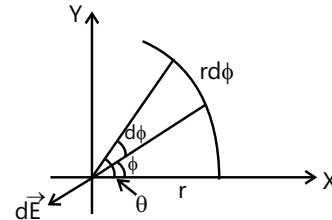
$$= \int dE \cos \theta = \int k \frac{dq}{(a^2 + x^2)} \frac{OP}{AP} \quad E = k \int \frac{dq}{(a^2 + x^2)} \frac{x}{(a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\therefore E = k \frac{x}{(a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_{\text{surface}} dq = \frac{dxQ}{(a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{xQ}{(a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

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Example 1: An arc of radius r subtends an angle θ at the center with x -axis in a Cartesian coordinate system. A charge is distributed over the arc such that the linear charge density is λ . Calculate the electric field at the origin.



Sol: Consider small element on the arc as point charge and then proceed by integrating for all such points. The electric charge distributed on the portion of the arc making an angle $d\phi$ is $dQ = \lambda r d\phi$. The electric field produced due to this portion at the origin will be, $dE = \frac{k\lambda r \cdot d\phi}{r^2}$. The electric field vector $d\vec{E}$ of this portion of the arc is indicated in the diagram.

$d\vec{E}$ has two components

$$dE_x = -\frac{k\lambda r d\phi}{r^2} \cos \phi \hat{i} \quad \text{and} \quad dE_y = -\frac{k\lambda r \cdot d\phi}{r^2} \sin \phi \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{E}_x = \frac{k\lambda}{r} \int_0^\theta \cos \phi d\phi \hat{i} = -\frac{k\lambda}{r} [\sin \phi]_0^\theta \hat{i}$$

$$\therefore \vec{E}_x = -\frac{k\lambda}{r} \sin \theta \hat{i} \quad (\theta \text{ not } \phi)$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{E}_y = \frac{k\lambda}{r} \int_0^\theta \sin \phi d\phi \hat{j} = \frac{k\lambda}{r} [\cos \phi]_0^\theta \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{E}_y = \frac{k\lambda}{r} [(\cos \theta - 1) \hat{j}]$$

$$\therefore \vec{E}_y = \frac{k\lambda}{r} [(1 - \sin \theta) \hat{i} + (\cos \theta - 1) \hat{j}]$$

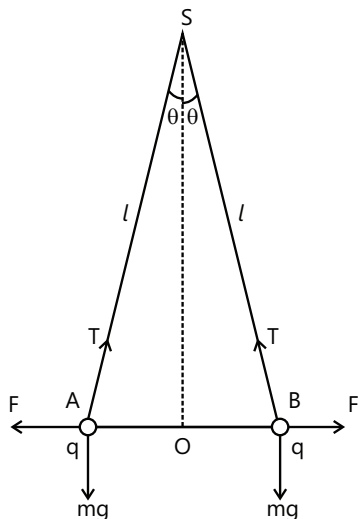
(\hat{i} component is just $-\sin \theta$)

Example 2: Two small spheres each having mass m kg and charge q coulomb are suspended from a point by insulating threads each 1 metre long but of negligible mass. If θ is the angle each string makes with the vertical when equilibrium has been attained, show that $q^2 = (4mg l^2 \sin^2 \theta \tan \theta) 4\pi\epsilon_0$.

Sol: Gravitational as well as electrostatic force act on each sphere.

Consider two small spheres A and B each of mass

m kg and charge q coulomb. When the two spheres are suspended from point S by two threads each of length l, they repel each other and when equilibrium is attained, each string makes an angle θ with the vertical [See figure.].



Each of the two spheres is acted upon by the following three forces:

- (i) The electrostatic force of repulsion f directed away from each other.
- (ii) The weight mg of the sphere acting vertically downwards.
- (iii) The tension T in the string directed towards point S .

Since the two spheres are in equilibrium, the three forces acting on a sphere can be represented by the three sides of the $\triangle AOS$ taken in order. For sphere A , we have at equilibrium by Lami's theorem

$$\frac{F}{OA} = \frac{mg}{SO} = \frac{T}{AS} \quad \dots (i)$$

Here, $OA = l \sin \theta$; $SO = l \cos \theta$ And $AB = 2AO = 2l \sin \theta$

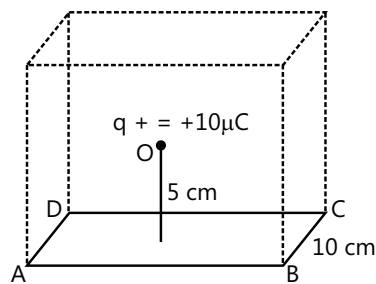
$$\text{and } F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{qxq}{AB^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q^2}{4l^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

From equation (i), we have $F = mgx \frac{OA}{SO}$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q^2}{4l^2 \sin^2 \theta} = mgx \frac{l \sin \theta}{l \cos \theta}$$

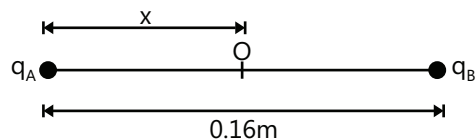
$$\text{or } q^2 = (4mg l^2 \sin^2 \theta \tan \theta) 4\pi\epsilon_0$$

Example 3: A point charge $+10 \mu\text{C}$ is at a distance 5 cm directly above the center of a square of side 10 cm as shown in Fig. What is the magnitude of the electric flux through the square?

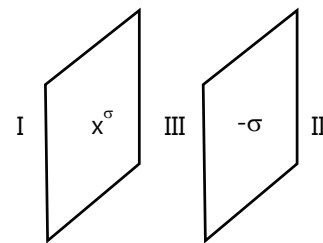


Sol: Charge is symmetric to all faces of the cube, hence by symmetry each face would have equal flux passing through it.

Here, $q = +10 \mu\text{C} = 10^{-5} \text{C}$



Consider that the charge q is at a distance of 5 cm from the square $ABCD$ of each side 10 cm [figure]. The square $ABCD$ can be considered as one of the six faces of a cube of each side 10 cm. Then, according to Gauss's theorem, total electric flux through all the six faces of the cube, $\phi = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$



Obviously, the flux through the square $ABCD$ will be

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \frac{1}{6} \times \phi = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{10^{-5}}{8.854 \times 10^{-12}} = 1.88 \times 10^5 \text{ N m}^2 \text{ C}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Example 4: Two large thin metal plates are parallel and close to each other as shown in the figure. On their inner faces, the plates have surface charge densities of opposite signs and of magnitude $17.0 \times 10^{-22} \text{ Cm}^{-2}$. What is E (i) to the left of the plates, (ii) to the right of the plates and (iii) between the plates?

Sol: Apply formula for Electric field intensity due to charged plate.

Here $\sigma = 17.0 \times 10^{-22} \text{ Cm}^{-2}$

(i) To the left of plates: The region I is to the left of the plates. Therefore, the electric field to the left of plates is zero.

(ii) To the right of plates: The region II is to the right of the plates. Again, the electric field in the region II is zero.

(iii) Between the two plates, the electric field given by

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{17.0 \times 10^{-22}}{8.854 \times 10^{-12}} = 1.92 \times 10^{-10} \text{ NC}^{-1}$$

Example 5: A parallel plate capacitor is to be designed with a voltage rating 1 kV, using a material of dielectric constant 3 and dielectric strength about 10^7 Vm^{-1} . (Dielectric strength is the maximum electric field a material can tolerate without breakdown, i.e., without starting to conduct electricity through partial ionization.) For safety, we should like the field never to exceed, say 10% of the dielectric strength. What minimum area of the plates is required to have a capacitance of 50 pF?

Sol: Maximum field strength should be 10% of the dielectric strength of the material,

10% of the given field i.e. 10^7 Cm^{-1}

Given $E = 0.1 \times 10^7 \text{ Cm}^{-1}$

Using $E = -\frac{dV}{dr}$ i.e. $E = \frac{V}{r}$, we get

$$r = \frac{V}{E} = \frac{1000}{0.1 \times 10^7} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

Using $C = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A}{d}$, we get

$$A = \frac{Cd}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} = \frac{Cr}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} = \frac{(450 \times 10^{-12})(10^{-3})}{8.854 \times 10^{-12} \times 3} = 19 \text{ cm}^2.$$

Example 6: The electrostatic force on a small sphere of charge $0.4 \mu\text{C}$ due to another small sphere of charge $-0.8 \mu\text{C}$ in air is 0.2 N.

(i) What is the distance between the two spheres?

(ii) What is the force on the second sphere due to the first?

Sol: Consider each sphere as a point charge and apply Coulomb's law.

(i) Force on charge 1 due to charge 2 is given by the relation

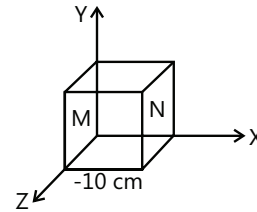
$$F_{12} = 9 \times 10^9 \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{F_{12}}{(9 \times 10^9) q_1 q_2} = \frac{0.2}{(9 \times 10^9)(0.8 \times 10^{-6})(0.4 \times 10^{-6})}$$

i.e. $r = 0.12 \text{ m}$

(ii) $F_{12} = F_{21} = 0.2 \text{ N}$, Attractive $F_{21} = F_{12}$.

Example 7: Electric field in the above figure is directed along + x direction and given by $E_x = 5Ax + 2B$, where E is in NC^{-1} and x is in meter. A and B are constants with dimensions.



Taking $A = 10 \text{ NC}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$ and $B = 5 \text{ NC}^{-1}$, Calculate

(i) The electric flux through the cube.

(ii) Net charge enclosed within the cube.

Sol: Vector rotation of area and Gauss's Law for net enclosed charged is applied.

(i) Given $E_x = 5Ax + 2B$. The electric field at face M where $x=0$ is $E_1 = 2B$. The electric field at face N where $x = 10 \text{ cm} = 0.10 \text{ m}$ is $E_2 = 5A \times 0.10 + 2B = 0.5A + 2B$

The electric flux through face M is

$$\phi_1 = \vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_1 = E_1 S_1 \cos \pi = -E_1 S_1$$

$$= -2Bx^2 \text{ where } x = 10 \text{ cm} = 0.01 \text{ m}$$

The electric flux through face N

$$\phi_2 = \vec{E}_2 \cdot \vec{S}_2 = E_2 S_1 \cos 0 = (0.5A + 2B)l^2$$

Net electric flux $\phi = \phi_1 + \phi_2$

$$= -2Bl^2 + (0.5A + 2B)l^2 = 0.5Al^2$$

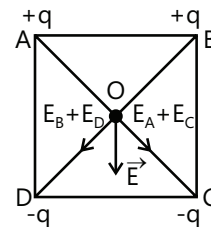
$$= 0.5 \times 10 \times (0.10)^2 = 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Vm}$$

(ii) If θ is net charge enclosed within the cube, then by

$$\text{Gauss's theorem } \phi = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} q$$

$$\phi = \epsilon_0 \phi = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ C} = 4.425 \times 10^{-13} \text{ C}$$

Example 8: Four electric charges, $+q, +q, -q$ and $-q$ are respectively placed on the vertices A, B, C and D of square. The length of the square is a. Calculate the intensity of the resultant electric field at the center.



Sol: Apply Superposition of electrostatic forces.

All the electric charges are equidistant from the center

O. If r is the distance of vertices from the center, we have, $E_A = E_B = E_C = E_D = \frac{kq}{r^2}$

The directions of these electric fields are as shown in figure.

If E' is the resultant field of E_B and E_D

$$E' = E_B + E_D = 2 \frac{kq}{r^2}$$

E is the resultant of E' and E'' . It is evident from the geometry of the figure that,

$$E^2 = E'^2 + E''^2 = \frac{8k^2q^2}{r^4} \text{ Using}$$

$$r = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, E = 4\sqrt{2}k \frac{q}{a^2}$$

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Exercise 1

Q.1 Electrostatic force between two charges is called central force. Why?

Q.2 In Coulomb's law, on what factors the value of electrostatic force constant k depends?

Q.3 Define dielectric constant of a medium.

Q.4 Dielectric constant of water is 80. What is its permittivity?

Q.5 State the principle of superposition of forces in electrostatics.

Q.6 How many electrons must be removed from a conductor, so that it acquires a charge of 3.5nC ?

Q.7 A point charge of 10^{-7} coulomb is situated at the center of a cube of 1 m side. Calculate the electric flux through its surface.

Q.8 Find the electric flux through each face of a hollow cube of side 10 cm, if a charge of $8.854\mu\text{C}$ is placed at its center.

Q.9 What is the force between two small charged spheres having charges of $2 \times 10^{-7}\text{C}$ and $3 \times 10^{-7}\text{C}$ placed 30 cm apart in air?

Q.10 A polythene piece rubbed with wool is found to have a negative charge of $3 \times 10^{-7}\text{C}$.

(i) Estimate the number of electrons transferred (from

which to which?)

(ii) Is there a transfer of mass from wool to polythene?

Q.11 Give two properties of electric lines of force. Sketch them for an isolated positive charge.

Q.12 An infinite line charge produces a field of 9×10^4 N/C at a distance of 2 cm. Calculate the linear charge density.

Q.13 Calculate the Coulomb's force between a proton and electron separated by $0.8 \times 10^{-15}\text{m}$.

Q.14 If the distance between two equal point charges is doubled and their individual charges are also doubled, what would happen to the force between them?

Q.15 Which is bigger, a coulomb or charge on an electron? How many electronic charge form one coulomb of charge?

Q.16 What is the amount of charge possessed by 1kg of electrons? Given that mass of an electron is $9.1 \times 10^{-31}\text{kg}$.

Q.17 Four charges $+q, +q, -q, -q$ are placed respectively at the four corners of a square of side a . Find the magnitude and direction of the electric field at the center of the square.

Q.18 Four point charges $q_A = 2\mu\text{C}, q_B = -5\mu\text{C}, q_C = 2\mu\text{C}$ and $q_D = 5\mu\text{C}$ are located at corners of a square ABCD of side 10 cm. What is the force on a charge of $1\mu\text{C}$ placed at the center of the square?

Q.19 Two point charges $q_A = 3\mu\text{C}$ and $q_B = 3\mu\text{C}$ are located 20 cm apart in vacuum.

(i) What is the electric field at the midpoint O of the line AB joining the two charges?

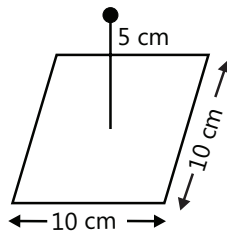
(ii) If a negative test charge of magnitude $1.5 \times 10^{-9}\text{ C}$ is placed at this point, what is the force experienced by the test charge?

Q.20 Consider a uniform electric field $E = 3 \times 10^3 \hat{i}\text{ N/C}$.

(i) What is the flux of this field through a square of 10 cm on a side whose plane is parallel to the yz plane?

(ii) What is the flux through the same square if the normal to its plane makes a 60° angle with the x-axis?

Q.21 A point charge $+10\mu\text{C}$ is at a distance of 5 cm directly above the center of a square of side 10 cm, as shown in figure. What is the magnitude of the electric flux through the square?



Q.22 Show that the electric field at the surface of a charged conductor is given by $\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{n}$, where σ is the surface charge density and \hat{n} is a unit vector normal to the surface in the outward direction.

Q.23 A copper atom consists of copper nucleus surrounded by 29 electrons. The atomic weight of copper is 63.5 g. Let us now take two pieces of copper weighing 10 g. Let us transfer one electron from one piece. What will be the Coulomb force between the two pieces after the transfer of electrons, if they are 1 cm apart? Avogadro number = $6 \times 10^{23}\text{ C mol}^{-1}$, charge on an electron = $1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{ C}$.

Q.24 Two fixed point charges $4Q$ and $2Q$ are separated by a distance x . Where a third point charge q should be placed for it to be in equilibrium?

Q.25 It is required to hold four equal point charges $+q$ in equilibrium at the corners of a square. Find the point charge that will do this, if placed at the center of the square.

Q.26 Four point charges, each having a charge q are placed on the four corners A, B, C and D of a regular pentagon ABCDE. The distance of each corner from the center is a . Find the electric field at the center of the pentagon.

Q.27 Define electric flux, Write its S.I. unit, A charge q is enclosed by a spherical surface of radius R . If the radius is reduced to half, how would the electric flux through the surface change?

Q.28 A positive point charge $(+q)$ is kept in the vicinity of an uncharged conducting plate. Sketch electric field lines originating from the point on to the surface of the plate.

Derive the expression of the electric field at the surface of a charged conductor.

Exercise 2

Single Correct Question

Q.1 A point charge $50\mu\text{C}$ is located in the XY plane at the point of position vector $\vec{r}_0 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ what is the electric field at the point of position vector $\vec{r} = 8\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$.

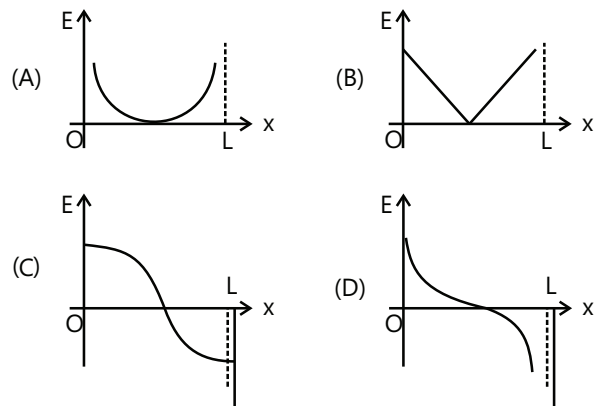
- (A) 1200V/m (B) 0.04V/m
(C) 900V/m (D) 4500V/m

Q.2 A point charge q is placed at origin. Let E_A , E_B and E_C be the electric field at three points A (1, 2, 3), B (1, 1, -1) and C (2, 2, 2) due to charge q Then

[i] $E_A \perp E_B$ [ii] $E_B = 4 |E_C|$ | Select the correct alternative

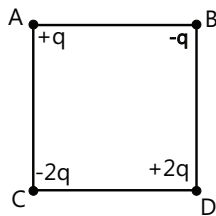
- (A) Only [i] is correct
(B) (B) only [ii] is correct
(C) Both [i] and [ii] are correct
(D) (D) both [i] and [ii] are wrong

Q.3 Two identical point charges are placed at a separation of l . P is a point on the line joining the charges, at a distance x from any one charge, The field at P is E . E is plotted against x for values of x from close to zero to slightly less than l . Which of the following best represents the resulting curve?



Q.4 Four charges are arranged at the corners of a square ABCD, as shown. The force on a +ve charge kept at the center of the square is

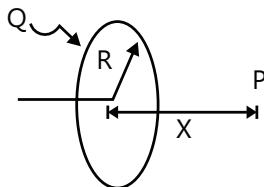
- (A) Zero
 (B) Along diagonal AC
 (C) Along diagonal BD
 (D) Perpendicular to the side AB



Q.5 Two free positive charges $4q$ and q are a distance l apart. What charge Q is needed to achieve equilibrium for the entire system and where should it be placed from charge q ?

- (A) $Q = \frac{4}{9}q$ (negative) at $\frac{l}{3}$
 (B) $Q = \frac{4}{9}q$ (positive) at $\frac{l}{3}$ (C) $Q = q$ (positive) at $\frac{l}{3}$
 (D) $Q = q$ (negative) at $\frac{l}{3}$

Q.6 A small particle of mass m and charge $-q$ is placed at point P on the axis of uniformly charged ring and released. If $R \gg x$, the particle will undergo oscillation along the axis of symmetry with an angular frequency that is equal to



- (A) $\sqrt{\frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m R^3}}$ (B) $\frac{\sqrt{qQx}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m R^4}$
 (C) $\frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m R^3}$ (D) $\frac{qQx}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m R^4}$

Q.7 Which of the following is a volt:

- (A) Erg per cm
 (B) Joule per coulomb
 (C) Erg per ampere
 (D) Newton/(Coulomb \times m²)

Q.8 A charged particle having some mass is resting in equilibrium at a height H above the center of a uniformly charged non-conducting horizontal ring of radius R . The force of gravity acts downwards. The

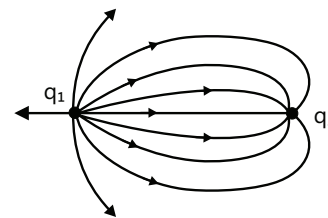
equilibrium of the particle will be stable

- (A) for all values of H (B) only if $H > \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}}$
 (C) only if $H < \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}}$ (D) only if $H = \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}}$

Q.9 Point P lies on the axis of a dipole. If the dipole is rotated by 90° anti-clock wise, the electric field vector E at P will rotate by

- (A) 90° Clock wise (B) 180°
 (C) 90° Anti clock wise (D) no ne

Q.10 The Fig. shows the electric field lines in the vicinity of two point charges. Which one of the following statements concerning this situation is true?

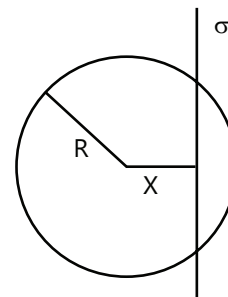


- (A) q_1 is negative and q_2 is positive
 (B) The magnitude of the ratio (q_2/q_1) is less than one
 (C) Both q_1 and q_2 have the same sign of charge
 (D) The electric field is strongest midway between the charges.

Q.11 Electric flux through a surface of area 100 m^2 lying in the xy plane is (in V-m) if $E = \hat{i} + \sqrt{2}\hat{j} + \sqrt{3}\hat{k}$

- (A) 100 (B) 141.4
 (C) 173.2 (D) 200

Q.12 An infinite, uniformly charged sheet with surface charge density σ cuts through a spherical Gaussian surface of radius R at a distance x from its center, as shown in the Fig. 18.80. The electric flux Φ through the Gaussian surface is



- (A) $\frac{\pi R^2 \sigma}{\epsilon_0}$ (B) $\frac{2\pi(R^2 - x^2)}{\sigma \epsilon_0}$
 (C) $\frac{\pi(R - x)^2}{\sigma \epsilon_0}$ (D) $\frac{\pi(R^2 - x^2)^2 \sigma}{\epsilon_0}$

Q.13 Two identical small conducting spheres, having charges of opposite sign, attract each other with a force of 0.108 N when separated by 0.5 m . The spheres

are connected by a conducting wire, which is then removed, and thereafter, they repel each other with a force of 0.036 N. The initial charges on the spheres are

- (A) $\pm 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$ and $\mp 15 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$
- (B) $\pm 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$ and $\mp 3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$
- (C) $\pm 2.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$ and $\mp 6.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$
- (D) $\pm 0.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$ and $\mp 1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$

Previous Years' Questions

Q.1 An alpha particle of energy 5 MeV is scattered through 180° by a fixed uranium nucleus. The distance of closest approach is of the order of **(1981)**

- (A) 1 \AA
- (B) 10^{-10} cm
- (C) 10^{-12} cm
- (D) 10^{-15} cm

Q.2 Two equal negative charges $-q$ are fixed at points $(0, -a)$ and $(0, a)$ on y-axis. A positive charge Q is released from rest at the point $(2a, 0)$ on the x-axis. The charge Q will **(1984)**

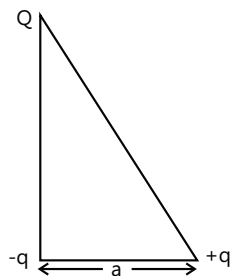
- (A) Execute simple harmonic motion about the origin
- (B) Move to the origin and remain at rest
- (C) Move to infinity
- (D) Execute oscillatory but not simple harmonic motion

Q.3 A charge q is placed at the centre of the line joining two equal charges Q . The system of the three charges will be in equilibrium if q is equal to **(1987)**

- (A) $-\frac{Q}{2}$
- (B) $-\frac{Q}{4}$
- (C) $+\frac{Q}{4}$
- (D) $+\frac{Q}{2}$

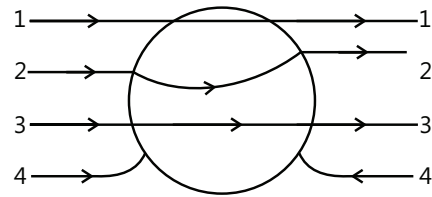
Q.4 The magnitude of electric field \vec{E} in the annular region of a charged cylindrical capacitor **(1996)**

- (A) Is same throughout
- (B) Is higher near the outer cylinder than near the inner cylinder
- (C) Varies as $1/r$ where r is the distance from the axis
- (D) Varies as $1/r^2$ where r is the distance from the axis



Q.5 A metallic solid sphere is placed in a uniform

electric field. The lines of force follow the path(s) shown in figure as **(1996)**



- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

Q.6 An electron of mass m_e , initially at rest, moves through a certain distance in a uniform electric field in time t_1 . A proton of mass m_p , also initially at rest, takes time t_2 to move through an equal distance in this uniform electric field. Neglecting the effect of gravity, the ratio t_2/t_1 is nearly equal to. **(1997)**

- (A) 1
- (B) $(m_p/m_e)^{1/2}$
- (C) $(m_e/m_p)^{1/2}$
- (D) 1836

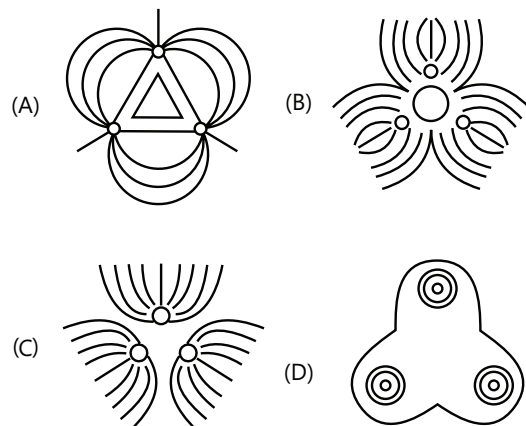
Q.7 A non-conducting ring of radius 0.5 m carries a total charge of $1.11 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C}$ distributed non-uniformly on its circumference producing an electric field E everywhere in space. The value of the integral $\int_{t=-\infty}^{t=0} -\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$ ($l=0$ being center of the ring) in volt is **(1997)**

- (A) +2
- (B) -1
- (C) -2
- (D) zero

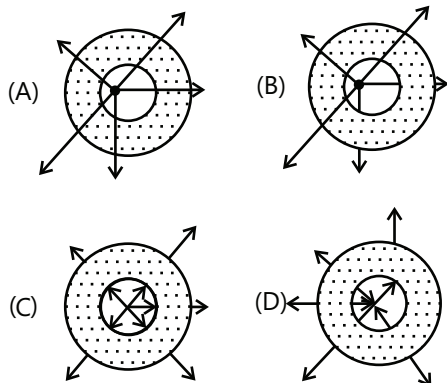
Q.8 Three charges Q , $+q$ and $+q$ are placed at the vertices of a right angle triangle (isosceles triangle) as shown. The net electrostatic energy of the configuration is zero, if Q is equal to **(2000)**

- (A) $\frac{-q}{1+\sqrt{2}}$
- (B) $\frac{-2q}{2+\sqrt{2}}$
- (C) $-2q$
- (D) $+q$

Q.9 Three positive charges of equal value q are placed at the vertices of an equilateral triangle. The resulting lines of force should be sketched as in **(2001)**



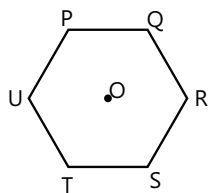
Q.10 A metallic shell has a point charge q kept inside its cavity. Which one of the following diagrams correctly represent the electric lines of force? (2003)



Q.11 Six charges, three positive and three negative of equal magnitude are to be placed at the vertices of a regular hexagon such that the electric field at O is double the electric field when only one positive charge of same magnitude is placed at R. Which of the following arrangements of charge is possible for, P, Q, R, S, T and U respectively? (2004)

- (A) +, -, +, -, -, + (B) +, -, +, -, +, -
 (C) +, +, -, +, -, - (D) -, +, +, -, +, -

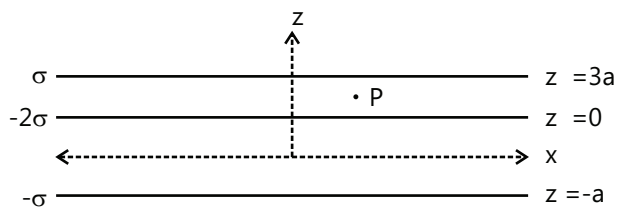
Q.12 Consider the charge configuration and a spherical Gaussian surface as shown in the figure. When calculating the flux of the electric field over the spherical surface, the electric field will be due to



(2004)

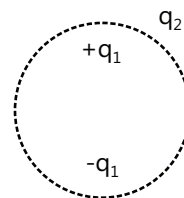
- (A) q_2 (B) Only the positive charges
 (C) All the charges (D) $+q_1$ and $-q_1$

Q.13 Three infinitely long charge sheets are placed as shown in figure. The electric field at point P is (2005)



- (A) $\frac{2\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{k}$ (B) $-\frac{2\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{k}$ (C) $\frac{4\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{k}$ (D) $-\frac{4\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{k}$

Q.14 Consider a neutral conducting sphere. A positive point charge is placed outside the sphere. The net charge on the sphere is then (2007)



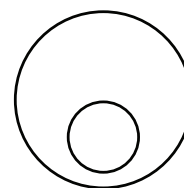
(A) Negative and distributed uniformly over the surface of the sphere

(B) Negative and appears only at the point on the sphere closest to the point charge

(C) Negative and distributed non-uniformly over the entire surface of the sphere

(D) zero

Q.15 A spherical portion has been removed from a solid sphere having a charge distributed uniformly in its volume as shown in the figure. The electric field inside the emptied space is (2007)



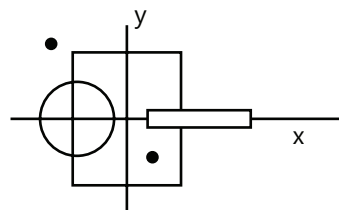
(A) Zero everywhere

(B) Non-zero and uniform

(C) Non-uniform

(D) Zero only at its center

Q.16 A disk of radius $\frac{a}{4}$ having a uniformly distributed charge $6C$ and $6C$ is placed in the x - y plane with its center at $\left(\frac{-a}{2}, 0, 0\right)$. A rod of length a carrying a uniformly distributed charge $8C$ is placed on the x -axis from $x = \frac{a}{4}$ to $x = \frac{5a}{4}$. Two point charges $-7C$ and $3C$ are placed at $\left(\frac{a}{4}, \frac{-a}{4}, 0\right)$ and $\left(\frac{-3a}{4}, \frac{3a}{4}, 0\right)$. Respectively. Consider a cubical surface formed by six surfaces $x = \pm \frac{a}{2}$, $y = \pm \frac{a}{2}$, $z = \pm \frac{a}{2}$. The electric flux through this cubical surface is (2009)



(A) $-\frac{2C}{\epsilon_0}$

(B) $\frac{2C}{\epsilon_0}$

(C) $\frac{10C}{\epsilon_0}$

(D) $\frac{12C}{\epsilon_0}$

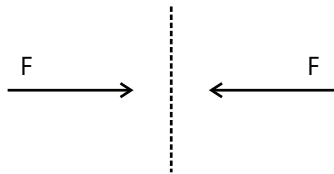
Q.17 Three concentric metallic spherical shells of radii R , $2R$ and $3R$ are given charges Q_1 , Q_2 and Q_3 respectively. It is found that the surface charge densities on the outer surfaces of the shells are equal. Then the ratio of the charges given to the shells, $Q_1 : Q_2 : Q_3$ is **(2009)**

- (A) 1:2:3 (B) 1:3:5 (C) 1:4:9 (D) 1:8:18

Q.18 A tiny spherical oil drop carrying a net charge q is balanced in still air with a vertical uniform electric field of strength $\frac{81\pi}{7} \times 10^5 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$. When the field is switched off, the drop is observed to fall with terminal velocity $2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ms}^{-1}$. Given $g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$, viscosity of the air $= 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Nsm}^{-2}$ and the density of oil $= 900 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$, the magnitude of q is **(2010)**

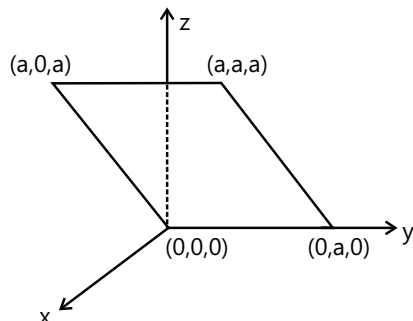
- (A) $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ (B) $3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
 (C) $4.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ (D) $8.0 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

Q.19 A uniformly charged thin spherical shell of radius R carries uniform surface charge density of σ per unit area. It is made of two hemispherical shells, held together by pressing them with force F (see figure). F is proportional to **(2010)**



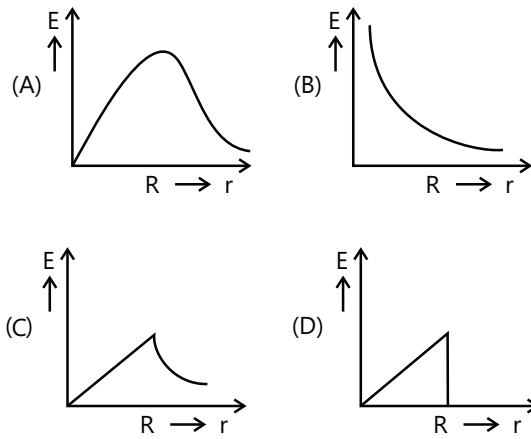
- (A) $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sigma^2 R^2$ (B) $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sigma^2 R$ (C) $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\sigma^2}{R}$ (D) $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\sigma^2}{R^2}$

Q.20 Consider an electric field $\vec{E} = E_0 \hat{x}$, where E_0 is a constant. The flux through the shaded area (as shown in the figure) due to this field is **(2011)**



- (A) $2E_0 a^2$ (B) $\sqrt{2} E_0 a^2$ (C) $E_0 a^2$ (D) $\frac{E_0 a^2}{\sqrt{2}}$

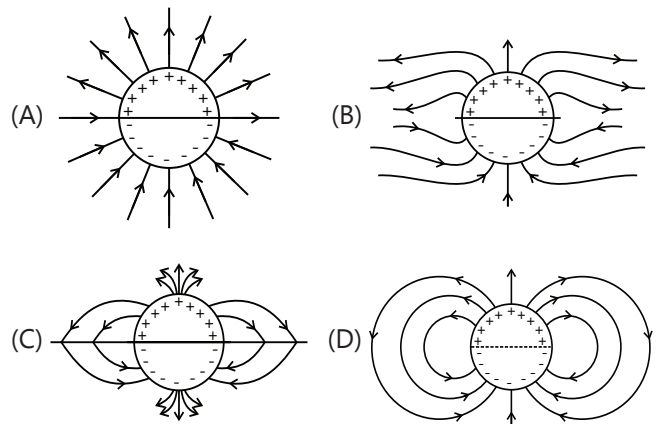
Q.21 In a uniformly charged sphere of total charge Q and radius R , the electric field E is plotted as a function of distance from the centre. The graph which would correspond to the above will be **(2012)**



Q.22 Two charges, each equal to q , are kept at $x = -a$ and $x = a$ on the x -axis. A particle of mass m and charge $q_0 = \frac{q}{2}$ is placed at the origin. If charge q_0 is given a small displacement ($y \ll a$) along the y -axis, the net force acting on the particle is proportional to: **(2013)**

- (A) $-y$ (B) $\frac{1}{y}$
 (C) $-\frac{1}{y}$ (D) y

Q.23 A long cylindrical shell carries positive surface charge σ in the upper half and negative surface charge $-\sigma$ in the lower half. The electric field lines around the cylinder will look like figure given in: (figures are schematic and not drawn to scale) **(2015)**

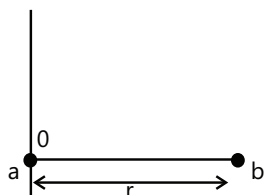


JEE Advanced/Boards

Exercise 1

Q.1 A negative point charge $2q$ and a positive charge q are fixed at a distance l apart. Where should a positive test charge Q be placed on the line connecting the charge for it to be in equilibrium? What is the nature of the equilibrium with respect to longitudinal motion?

Q.2 Draw E-r graph for $0 < r < b$, if two point charges a & b are located r distance apart, when

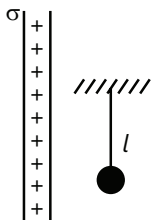


- (i) Both are + ve
- (ii) Both are - ve
- (iii) a is + ve and b is - ve
- (iv) a is - ve and b is + ve

Q.3 A clock face has negative charges $-q, -2q, -3q, \dots, -12q$ fixed at the position of the corresponding numerals on the dial. The clock hands do not disturb the net field due to point charges. At what time does the hour hand point in the same direction as electric field at the center of the dial.

Q.4 A charge $+10^{-9}$ C is located at the origin in free space & another charge Q at $(2, 0, 0)$. If the X-component of the electric field at $(3, 1, 1)$ is zero, calculate the value of Q . Is the Y-component zero at $(3, 1, 1)$?

Q.5 A simple pendulum of length l and bob mass m is hanging in front of a large non-conducting sheet having surface charge density σ . If suddenly a charge $+q$ is given to the bob & it is released from the position shown in figure. Find the maximum angle through which the string is deflected from vertical.

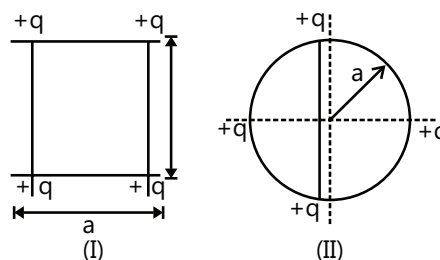


Q.6 A particle of mass m and charge $-q$ moves along a diameter of a uniformly charged sphere of radius R and carrying a total charge $+Q$. Find the frequency of S.H.M. of the particle if the amplitude does not exceed R .

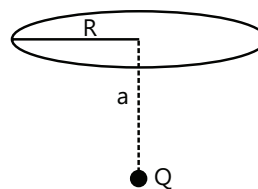
Q.7 A charge $+Q$ is uniformly distributed over a thin ring with radius R . A negative point charge $-Q$ and mass m starts from rest at a point far away from the center of the ring and moves towards the center. Find the velocity of this particle at the moment it passes through the center of the ring.

Q.8 A point charge $+q$ & mass 100 gm experiences a force of 100 N at a point at a distance 20 cm from a long infinite uniformly charged wire. If it is released find its speed when it is at a distance 40 cm from wire

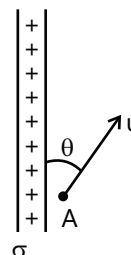
Q.9 consider the configuration of a system of four charges each of value $+q$. Find the work done by external agent in changing the configuration of the system from figure (i) and figure (ii).



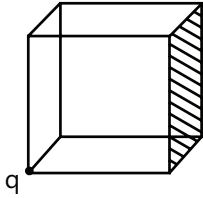
Q.10 Two identical particles of mass m carry charge Q each. Initially one is at rest on a smooth horizontal plane and the other is projected along the plane directly towards the first from a large distance with an initial speed V . Find the closest distance of approach.



Q.11 A particle of mass m and negative charge q is thrown in a gravity free space with speed u from the point A on the large non-conducting charged sheet with surface charge density σ , as shown in figure. Find the maximum distance from A on sheet where the particle can strike.

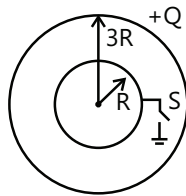


Q.12 The length of each side of a cubical closed surface is l . If charge q is situated on one of the vertices of the cube, then find the flux passing through shaded face of the cube.



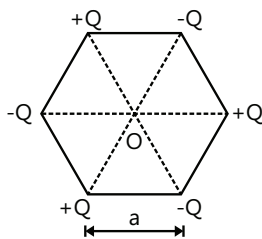
Q.13 A point charge Q is located on the axis of a disc of radius R at a distance a from the plane of the disc. If one fourth ($1/4^{\text{th}}$) of the flux from the charge passes through the disc, then find the relation between a & R .

Q.14 Two thin conducting shells of radii R and $3R$ are shown in figure. The outer shell carries a charge $+Q$ and the inner shell is neutral. The inner shell is earthed with the help of switch S . Find the charge attained by the inner shell.



Q.15 Consider three identical metal spheres A, B and C. Spheres A carries charge $+6q$ and sphere B carries charge $-3q$. Sphere C carries no charge. Spheres A and B are touched together and then separated. Sphere C is then touched to sphere A and separated from it. Finally the sphere C is touched to sphere B and separated from it. Find the final charge on the sphere C.

Q.16 Six charges are placed at the vertices of a regular hexagon as shown in the figure. Find the electric field on the line passing through O and perpendicular to the plane of the figure as a function of distance x from point O .



Q.17 A circular ring of radius R with uniform positive charge density λ per unit length is fixed in the $Y-Z$ plane with its center at the origin O . A particle of mass m and positive charge q is projected from the point $P(\sqrt{3}R, 0, 0)$ on the positive X -axis directly towards O , with initial velocity v .

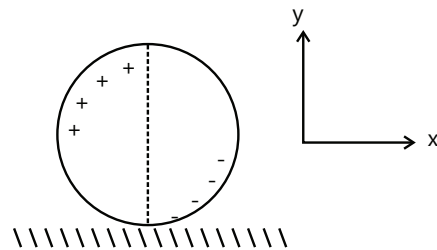
Find the smallest value of the speed v such that the particle does not return to P .

Q.18 2 small balls having the same mass & charge & located on the same vertical at heights h_1 & h_2 are thrown in the same direction along the horizontal at the same velocity v . The 1st ball touches the ground at a distance l from the initial vertical. At what height will the 2nd ball be at this instant? The air drag & the charges induced should be neglected.

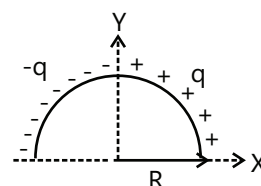
Q.19 Two identical balls of charges q_1 & q_2 initially have equal velocity of the same magnitude and direction. After a uniform electric field is applied for some time, the direction of the velocity of the first ball changes by 60° and the magnitude is reduced by half. The direction of the velocity of the second ball changes by 90° . In what proportion will the velocity of the second ball changes?

Q.20 Small identical balls with equal charges are fixed at vertices of regular 2008-gon with side a . At a certain instant, one of the balls is released & a sufficiently long time interval later, the ball adjacent to the first released ball is freed. The kinetic energies of the released balls are found to differ by K at a sufficiently long distance from the polygon. Determine the charge q of each part.

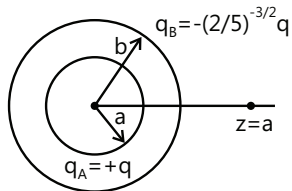
Q.21 A non-conducting ring of mass m and radius R is charged as shown. The charged density i.e. charge per unit length is λ . It is then placed on a rough non-conducting horizontal surface plane. At time $t=0$, a uniform electric field $E = E_0 \hat{i}$ is switched on and the ring starts rolling without sliding. Determine the frictional force (magnitude and direction) acting on the ring, when it starts moving.



Q.22 Find the electric field at the center of semicircular ring shown in figure.

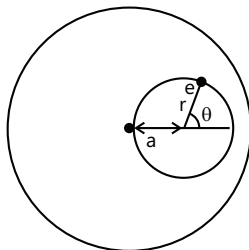


Q.23 Two concentric rings, one of radius 'a' and the other of radius 'b' have the charges +q and $-(2/5)^{-3/2}q$ respectively as shown in the figure. Find the ratio b/a if a charge particle placed on the axis at $z=a$ is in equilibrium.



Q.24 A positive charge Q is uniformly distributed throughout the volume of a non-conducting sphere of radius R . A point mass having charge $+q$ and mass m is fired towards the center of the sphere with velocity v from a point at distance r ($r > R$) from the center of the sphere. Find the minimum velocity v so that it can penetrate $R/2$ distance of the sphere. Neglect any resistance other than electric interaction. Charge on the small mass remain constant throughout the motion.

Q.25 A cavity of radius r is present inside a solid dielectric sphere of radius R , having a volume charge density of ρ . The distance between the centers of the sphere and the cavity is a . An electron e is kept inside the cavity at an angle $\theta = 45^\circ$ as shown. How long will it take to touch the sphere again?



Exercise 2

Single Correct Choice Type

Q.1 Mid way between the two equal and similar charges, we placed the third equal and similar charge. Which of the following statements is correct, concerning to the equilibrium along the line joining the charges

- (A) The third charge experienced a net force inclined to the line joining the charges.
- (B) The third charge is in stable equilibrium.
- (C) The third charge is in unstable equilibrium.
- (D) The third charge experiences a net force perpendicular to the line joining the charges.

Q.2 Select the correct statement: (Only force on a particle is due to electric field)

- (A) A charged particle always moves along the electric lines of force.
- (B) A charged particle may move along the line of force.
- (C) A charged particle never moves along the line of force.
- (D) A charged particle moves along the line of force only if released from rest.

Q.3 A conducting sphere of radius r has a charge. Then

- (A) The charge is uniformly distributed over its surface, if there is an external electric field.
- (B) Distribution of charge over its surface will be non-uniform if no external electric field exists in space.
- (C) Electric field strength inside the sphere will be equal to zero only when no external electric field exists.
- (D) Potential at every point of the sphere must be same.

Multiple Correct Choice Type

Q.4 Two fixed charges $4Q$ (positive) and Q (negative) are located at A and B, the distance AB being 3 m.

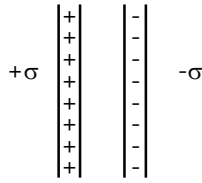


- (A) The point P where the resultant field due to both is zero is on AB outside AB.
- (B) The point P where the resultant field due to both is zero is on AB inside AB.
- (C) If a positive charge is placed at P and displaced slightly along AB it will execute oscillation
- (D) If a negative charge is placed at P and displaced slightly along AB it will execute oscillations.

Q.5 Three point charges Q , $4Q$ and $16Q$ are placed on a straight line 9 cm long. Charges are placed in such a way that the system has minimum potential energy. Then

- (A) $4Q$ and $16Q$ must be at the ends and Q at a distance of 3 cm from the $16Q$.
- (B) $4Q$ and $16Q$ must be at the ends and Q at a distance of 6 cm from the $16Q$.
- (C) Electric field at the position of Q is zero.
- (D) Electric field at the position of Q is $\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$.

Q.6 Two infinite sheets of uniform charge density $+\sigma$ and $-\sigma$ are parallel to each other as shown in the Fig. 18.103, Electric field at the



- (A) Points to the left or to the right of the sheets is zero.
 (B) Midpoint between the sheets is zero.
 (C) Midpoint of the sheets is σ / ϵ_0 and is directed towards right.
 (D) Midpoint of the sheet is $2\sigma / \epsilon_0$ and is directed towards right.

Q.7 A particle of mass m and charge q is thrown in a region where uniform gravitational field and electric field are present. The path of particle

- (A) May be a straight line (B) May be a circle
 (C) May be a parabola (D) May be a hyperbola

Assertion Reasoning Type

- (A) Statement-I is true, statement-II is true and statement-II is correct explanation for statement-I
 (B) Statement-I is true, statement-II is true and statement-II is NOT the correct explanation for statement-I
 (C) Statement-I is true, statement-II is false.
 (D) Statement-I is false, statement-II is true.

Q.8: Statement-I: A positive point charge initially at rest in a uniform electric field starts moving along electric lines of forces. (Neglect all other forces except electric forces)

Statement-II: Electric lines of force represents path of charged particle which is released from rest in it.

Q.9: Statement-I: For a non-uniformly charged thin circular ring with net charge zero, the electric potential at each point on axis of the ring is zero.

Statement-II: For a non-uniformly charged thin circular ring with net charges zero, the electric field at any point on axis of the ring is zero.

Q.10: Statement-I: If a concentric spherical Gaussian surface is drawn inside this spherical shell of charge, electric field (E) at each point of surface must be zero.

Statement-II: In accordance with Gauss's law

$$\phi_E = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{\text{net enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$Q_{\text{net enclosed}} = 0 \text{ implies } \phi_E = 0$$

Q.11: Statement-I: In a given situation of arrangement of charges, an extra charge is placed outside the Gaussian surface. In the Gauss Theorem $\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{Q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$ remains unchanged whereas electric field E at the site of the element is changed.

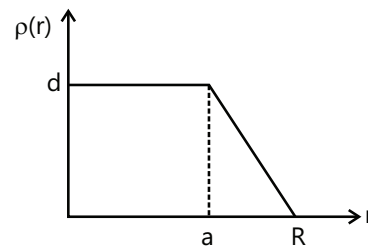
Statement-II: Electric field E at any point on the Gaussian surface is due to inside charge only.

Q.12: Statement-I: The flux crossing through a closed surface is independent of the location of enclosed charge.

Statement-II: Upon the displacement of charges within a closed surface, the E at any point on surface does not change.

Previous Years' Questions

Paragraph: (Q.1-Q.4) The nuclear charge (Ze) is non-uniformly distributed within a nucleus of radius R . The charge density $\rho(r)$ (change per unit volume) is dependent only on the radial distance r from the center of the nucleus as shown in figure, the electric field is only along the radial direction.



Q.1 The electric field $r=R$ is **(2008)**

- (A) Independent of a
 (B) Directly proportional to a
 (C) Directly proportional to a^2
 (D) Inversely proportional to a

Q.2 For $a=0$, the value of d (maximum value of ρ as shown in the figure) is **(2008)**

- (A) $\frac{3Ze}{4\pi R^3}$ (B) $\frac{3Ze}{\pi R^3}$ (C) $\frac{4Ze}{3\pi R^3}$ (D) $\frac{Ze}{3\pi R^3}$

Q.3 The electric field within the nucleus is generally observed to be linearly dependent on r . This implies (2008)

- (A) $a=0$ (B) $a = \frac{R}{2}$ (C) $a = R$ (D) $a = \frac{2R}{3}$

Q.4 Under the influence of the coulomb field of charge $+Q$, a charge $-q$ is moving around it in an elliptical orbit. Find out the correct statement(s). (2008)

- (A) The angular momentum of the charge $-q$ is constant
 (B) The linear momentum of the charge $-q$ is constant
 (C) The angular velocity of the charge $-q$ is constant
 (D) The linear speed of the charge $-q$ is constant.

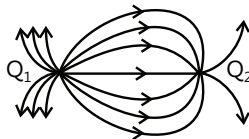
Q.5 A positively charged thin metal ring of radius R is fixed in the x - y plane with its centre at the origin O . A negatively charged particle P is released from rest at the point $(0, 0, z_0)$ where $z_0 > 0$. Then the motion of P is (1998)

- (A) Periodic for all values of z_0 satisfying $0 < z_0 < \infty$.
 (B) Simple harmonic for all values of z_0 satisfying $0 < z_0 \leq R$.
 (C) Approximately simple harmonic provided $z_0 < R$.
 (D) Such that P crosses O and continues to move along the negative z -axis towards $z = -\infty$.

Q.6 A non-conducting solid sphere of radius R is uniformly charged. The magnitude of the electric field due to the sphere at a distance r from its center. (1998)

- (A) Increases as r increases for $r < R$
 (B) Decreases as r increases for $0 < r < \infty$
 (C) Decreases as r increases for $R < r < \infty$
 (D) Is discontinuous at $r = R$

Q.7 A few electric field lines for a system of two charges Q_1 and Q_2 fixed at two different points on the x -axis are shown in the figure. These lines suggest that



(2010)

- (A) $|Q_1| > |Q_2|$
 (B) $|Q_1| < |Q_2|$
 (C) At a finite distances to the left of Q_1 the electric field is zero.
 (D) At a finite distance to the right of Q_2 the electric field is zero.

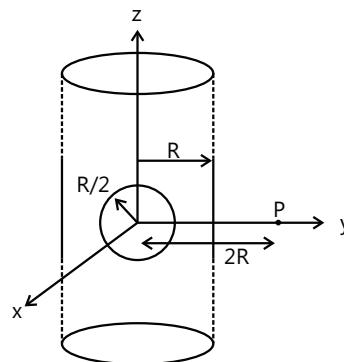
Q.8 A spherical metal shell A of radius R_A and a solid metal sphere B of radius $R_B (< R_A)$ are kept apart and each is given charge $+Q$. Now they are connected by a thin metal wire. Then (2011)

- (A) $E_A^{\text{inside}} = 0$ (B) $Q_A > Q_B$
 (C) $\frac{\sigma_A}{\sigma_B} = \frac{R_B}{R_A}$ (D) $E_A^{\text{onsurface}} < E_B^{\text{onsurface}}$

Q.9 A cubical region of side a has its centre at the origin. It encloses three fixed point charges, $-q$ at $(0, -a/4, 0)$, $+3q$ at $(0, 0, 0)$ and $-q$ at $(0, +a/4, 0)$. Choose the correct option(s) (2012)

- (A) The net electric flux crossing the plane $x = +a/2$ is equal to the net electric flux crossing the plane $x = -a/2$
 (B) The net electric flux crossing the plane $y = +a/2$ is more than the net electric flux crossing the plane $y = -a/2$.
 (C) The net electric flux crossing the entire region is $\frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$
 (D) The net electric flux crossing the plane $z = +a/2$ is equal to the net electric flux crossing the plane $x = +a/2$.

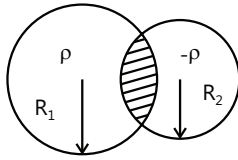
Q.10 An infinitely long solid cylinder of radius R has a uniform volume charge density ρ . It has a spherical cavity of radius $R/2$ with its centre on the axis of the cylinder, as shown in the figure. The magnitude of the electric field at the point P , which is at a distance $2R$ from the axis of the cylinder, is given by the expression $\frac{23\rho R}{16k\epsilon_0}$. The value of k is (2012)



Q.11 Two non-conducting solid spheres of radii R and $2R$, having uniform volume charge densities ρ_1 and ρ_2 respectively, touch each other. The net electric field at a distance $2R$ from the centre of the smaller sphere, along the line joining the centre of the spheres is zero. The ratio ρ_1 / ρ_2 can be (2013)

- (A) -4 (B) $-\frac{32}{25}$ (C) $\frac{32}{25}$ (D) 4

Q. 12 Two non-conducting spheres of radii R_1 and R_2 and carrying uniform volume charge densities $+\rho$ and $-\rho$, respectively, are placed such that they partially overlap, as shown in the figure. At all points in the overlapping region, (2013)



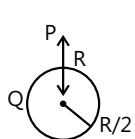
- (A) The electrostatic field is zero
 (B) The electrostatic potential is constant
 (C) The electrostatic field is constant in magnitude
 (D) The electrostatic field has same direction

Q. 13 Let $E_1(r)$, $E_2(r)$ and $E_3(r)$ be the respective electric fields at a distance r from a point charge Q , an infinitely long wire with constant linear charge density λ , and an infinite plane with uniform surface charge density σ . If $E_1(r_0) = E_2(r_0) = E_3(r_0)$ at a given distance r_0 , then (2014)

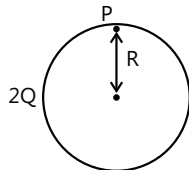
- (A) $Q = 4\sigma\pi r_0^2$ (B) $r_0 = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\sigma}$
 (C) $E_1(r_0/2) = 2E_2(r_0/2)$ (D) $E_2(r_0/2) = 4E_3(r_0/2)$

Q. 14 Charges Q , $2Q$ and $4Q$ are uniformly distributed in three dielectric solid spheres 1, 2 and 3 of radii $R/2$, R and $2R$ respectively, as shown in figure. If magnitudes of the electric fields at point P at a distance R from the centre of spheres 1, 2 and 3 are E_1, E_2 and E_3 respectively, then (2014)

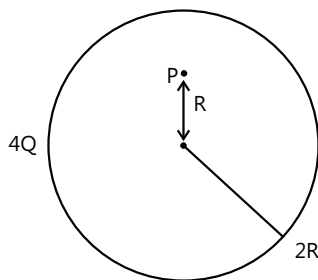
- (A) $E_1 > E_2 > E_3$ (B) $E_3 > E_1 > E_2$
 (C) $E_2 > E_1 > E_3$ (D) $E_3 > E_2 > E_1$



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Sphere 2



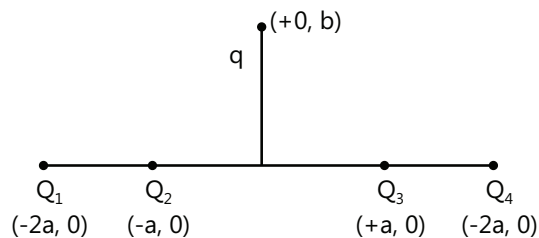
Sphere 3

Q. 15 Four charges Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 and Q_4 of same magnitude are fixed along the x axis at $x = -2a, -a, +a$ and $+2a$, respectively. A positive charge q is placed on the positive y axis at a distance $b > 0$. Four options of the signs of these charges are given in List I. The direction of the forces on the charge q is given in List II. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists. (2014)

| | List I | | List II |
|----|--|----|---------|
| P. | Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4 all positive | 1. | $+x$ |
| Q. | Q_1, Q_2 positive, Q_3, Q_4 negative | 2. | $-x$ |
| R. | Q_1, Q_4 positive, Q_2, Q_3 negative | 3. | $+y$ |
| S. | Q_1, Q_3 positive, Q_2, Q_4 negative | 4. | $-y$ |

Codes:

- (A) P-3, Q-1, R-4, S-2 (B) P-4, Q-2, R-3, S-1
 (C) P-3, Q-1, R-2, S-4 (D) P-4, Q-2, R-1, S-3

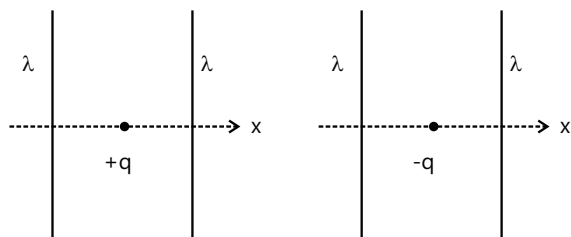


Q. 16 The figures below depict two situations in which two infinitely long static line charges of constant positive line charge density λ are kept parallel to each other. In their resulting electric field, point charges q and $-q$ are kept in equilibrium between them. The point charges are confined to move in the x direction only. If they are given a small displacement about their equilibrium positions, then the correct statement(s) is (are) (2015)

- (A) Both charges execute simple harmonic motion.
 (B) Both charges will continue moving in the direction of their displacement.
 (C) Charge $+q$ executes simple harmonic motion while charge $-q$ continues moving in the direction of its displacement.
 (D) Charge $-q$ executes simple harmonic motion while charge $+q$ continues moving in the direction of its displacement.

Q. 17 Consider a uniform spherical charge distribution of radius R_1 centred at the origin O . In this distribution, a spherical cavity of radius R_2 , centred at P with distance $OP = a = R_1 - R_2$ (see figure) is made. If the electric field

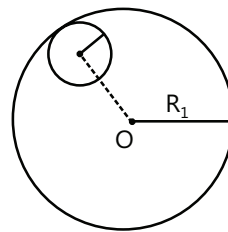
inside the cavity at position \vec{r} is $\vec{E}(\vec{r})$, then the correct statement(s) is(are) **(2015)**



(A) \vec{E} is uniform, its magnitude is independent of R_2 but its direction depends on \vec{r} (B) \vec{E} is uniform, its magnitude depends on R_2 and its direction depends on \vec{r}

(C) \vec{E} is uniform, its magnitude is independent of a but its direction depends on \vec{a}

(D) \vec{E} is uniform and both its magnitude and direction depend on \vec{a}



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Exercise 1

Q. 17 Q.18 Q.19
Q.23

Exercise 2

Q. 1 Q.3

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Q.7 Q.8 Q.11

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Exercise 1

Q.4 Q.20 Q.23
Q.24 Q.25

Exercise 2

Q.6

Previous Years' Questions

Q.1 Q.2 Q.3
Q.4 Q.5 Q.8

Answer Key

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Exercise 1

Q.2 System of Units and nature of medium

Q.6 2.1875×10^{10}

Q.7 $1.13 \times 10^4 \text{ Nm}^2\text{C}^{-1}$

Q.8 $1.67 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^2\text{C}^{-1}$

Q.9 $6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$ (repulsive)

Q.10 (i) 2×10^{12} , from wool to polythene,

(ii) Yes, but of a negligible amount ($= 2 \times 10^{18} \text{ kg}$ in the example).

Q.12 $0.1 \mu\text{C/m}$

Q.13 -360 N

Q.14 No change

Q.15 One coulomb, 6.25×10^{18}

Q.16 1.76×10^{11} C

Q.17 $4\sqrt{2}kq/a^2$

Q.18 Zero N

Q.19 (i) $5.4 \times 10^6 \text{Nm}^{-1}$ along OB

(ii) 8.1×10^{-3} N along OA

Q.20 (i) $30 \text{Nm}^2 / \text{C}$, (ii) $15 \text{Nm}^2 / \text{C}$

Q.21 $22 \times 10^5 \text{Nm}^2 / \text{C}$

Q.23 2.06×10^{18} N (attractive)

Q.24 At a distance $2a/3$ from the charge $+4q$; $Q=4q/9$ (negative)

Q.25 $\frac{1+2\sqrt{2}}{4}q$ (negative)

Q.26 kq/a^2 along OE

Q.27 No change

Q.28 (i) $dV=4E$, (ii) $V_c > V_A$

Exercise 2

Q.1 D

Q.2 C

Q.3 D

Q.4 D

Q.5 A

Q.6 A

Q.7 B

Q.8 B

Q.9 A

Q.10 B

Q.11 C

Q.12 D

Q.13 B

Previous Years' Questions

Q.1 C

Q.2 D

Q.3 B

Q.4 C

Q.5 B

Q.6 B

Q.7 A

Q.8 B

Q.9 C

Q.10 C

Q.11 D

Q.12 C

Q.13 B

Q.14 D

Q.15 B

Q.16 A

Q.17 B

Q.18 D

Q.19 A

Q.20 C

Q.21 C

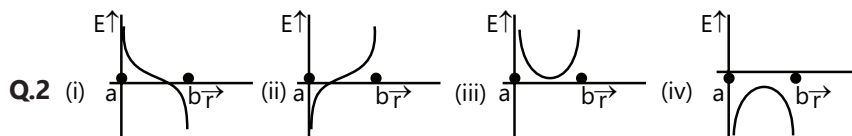
Q.22 D

Q.23 D

JEE Advanced/Boards

Exercise 1

Q.1 $a = \ell(1 + \sqrt{2})$, the equilibrium will be stable



Q.3 9:30

Q.4 $-3 \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{11}} \right)^3 \times 10^{-9}$ C, No field along y-axis

Q.5 $2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sigma q_0}{2\epsilon_0 mg} \right)$

Q.6 $\frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 mR^3}}$

Q.7 $\sqrt{\frac{2kQ^2}{mR}}$

Q.8 $20\sqrt{\ln 2}$

Q.9 $-\frac{kq^2}{a} (3 - \sqrt{2})$

Q.10 $r = \frac{4KQ^2}{mV^2}$

$$\text{Q.11 } \frac{2\epsilon_0 u^2 m}{q\sigma}$$

$$\text{Q.13 } a = \frac{R}{3}$$

$$\text{Q.15 } 1.125 q$$

$$\text{Q.17 } \sqrt{\frac{\lambda q}{2\epsilon_0 m}}$$

$$\text{Q.19 } \frac{v}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Q.21 } \lambda R E_0 \hat{i}$$

$$\text{Q.23 } 2$$

$$\text{Q.25 } \frac{\sqrt{6\sqrt{2}mr} \epsilon_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon \rho a}}$$

$$\text{Q.12 } \frac{q}{24 \epsilon_0}$$

$$\text{Q.14 } -Q/3$$

$$\text{Q.16 } 0$$

$$\text{Q.18 } H_2 = h_1 + h_2 - g \left(\frac{\ell}{V} \right)^2$$

$$\text{Q.20 } \sqrt{4\pi\epsilon_0 K a}$$

$$\text{Q.22 } -\frac{4kq}{\pi R^2} \hat{i}$$

$$\text{Q.24 } \sqrt{\frac{2kQq}{m} \left[\frac{-1}{r} + \frac{11}{8R} \right]}$$

Exercise 2

Single Correct Choice Type

Q.1 B

Q.2 B

Q.3 D

Multiple Correct Choice Type

Q.4 A, D

Q.5 B, C

Q.6 A, C

Q.7 A, C

Assertion Reasoning Type

Q.8 C

Q.9 C

Q.10 D

Q.11 C

Q.12 C

Previous Years' Questions

Q.1 A

Q.2 B

Q.3 C

Q.4 A, C

Q.5 A, C

Q.6 A

Q.7 A, D

Q.8 A, B, C, D

Q.9 A, C, D

Q.10 6

Q.11 B, D

Q.12 C, D

Q.13 C

Q.14 C

Q.15 A

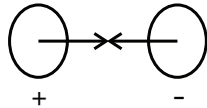
Q.16 C

Solutions

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Exercise 1

Sol 1: Because, the forces act towards or away from centre of the charge



Sol 2: The value of a quantity depends on the units it's been given. Electrostatic force constant $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon}$ where $\epsilon =$ permittivity of medium

$\therefore k$ is dependent on nature of medium

Sol 3: Dielectric constant of a medium is the ratio of permittivity of medium to permittivity of vacuum,

$$k = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$$

Sol 4: Given, dielectric constant = 80

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon = 80 \times \epsilon_0 = 80 \times 8.854 \times 10^{-12}$$

$$= 0.708 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}^2/\text{N-m}^2$$

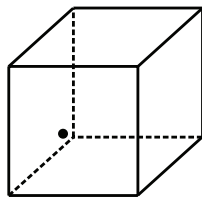
Sol 5: If a system contains many number of particles then the force on the system is the sum of forces on the particles.

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 + \dots + \vec{F}_n$$

Sol 6: $q = ne$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{q}{e} = \frac{3.5 \times 10^{-9}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 2.1875 \times 10^{10} \text{ electrons}$$

Sol 7:

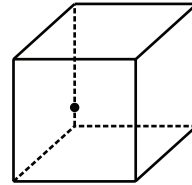


Electric flux through the surfaces of cube

$$= \frac{\text{charge enclosed}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$= \frac{10^{-7}}{8.854 \times 10^{-12}} = 1.13 \times 10^4 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1}$$

Sol 8:



Electric flux through all surfaces

$$\text{cube} = \frac{\text{charge enclosed}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{8.854 \times 10^{-6}}{8.854 \times 10^{-12}} = 10^6 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1}$$

flux through one surface

$$= \frac{1}{6} (10^6) \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1} = 1.67 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1}$$

(By symmetry)

Sol 9:



$$F = \frac{k \cdot q_1 q_2}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 6 \times 10^{-14}}{9 \times 10^{-2}} = 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N (repulsive)}$$

Sol 10: (i) $q = ne$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{q}{e} = \frac{3 \times 10^{-7}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \cong 2 \times 10^{12}$$

electrons should be present in polythene.

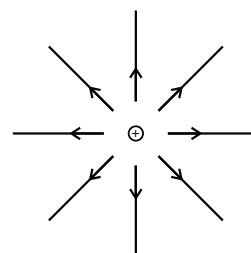
\therefore Direction of flow of electrons is from wool to polythene.

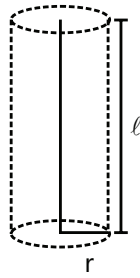
(ii) Yes, since electrons have mass, there is mass transfer.

Sol 11: Properties:

\rightarrow Electric lines of forces start at a positive charge and terminate at a negative charge.

\rightarrow No two lines of forces can intersect one another.



Sol 12:


Electric flux through the imaginary cylinder

$$= \frac{\text{charge enclosed}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(2\pi r l) = \frac{\lambda l}{\epsilon_0}$$

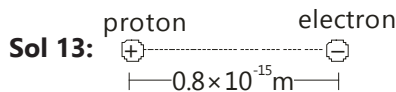
$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2\pi \epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{r}$$

$$\lambda = 2\pi \epsilon_0 E r$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2\pi \times (8.854 \times 10^{-12}) \times 9 \times 10^4 \times 2 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0.1 \mu\text{C/m}$$



$$F = \frac{k \cdot q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times (1.6 \times 10^{-19}) \times (-1.6 \times 10^{-19})}{(0.8 \times 10^{-15})^2}$$

$$= -360 \text{ N (attractive)}$$

Sol 14: $F_1 = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2}$

$$F_2 = \frac{k(2q_1)(2q_2)}{(2r)^2} = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2} = F_1$$

 \therefore No change is observed.

Sol 15: Electron charge $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \ll 1 \text{ C}$
 \therefore Coulomb is bigger

$$q = ne \Rightarrow n = \frac{q}{e} = \frac{1}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$$

$$= 6.25 \times 10^{18} \text{ electrons are required}$$

Sol 16: Given,

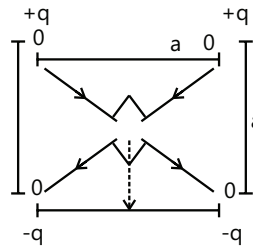
1 kg of electrons

$$\text{mass of electrons} = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{No. of electron} = \frac{1}{9.1 \times 10^{-31}}$$

Charge of 1 kg of electrons = n.e

$$= \frac{1}{9.1 \times 10^{-31}} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} = 1.76 \times 10^{11} \text{ C}$$

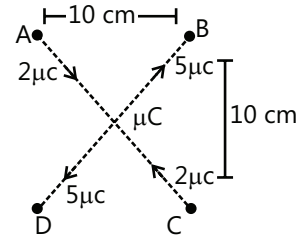
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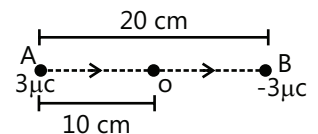
Electric field due +q at center

$$= \frac{kq}{r^2} = \frac{kq}{\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = \frac{2kq}{a^2}$$

 Addition of the four vectors gives field $2\sqrt{2} (E_q)$ downward

$$\therefore \text{Electric field} = 4\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{kq}{a^2}$$

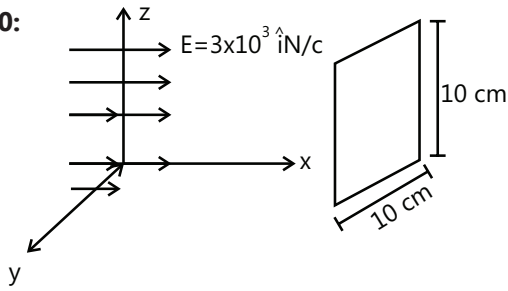
Sol 18:

 We can see that the forces acting on $1 \mu\text{C}$ are pairs of forces with equal magnitude and opposite direction

 \therefore Net force = $\vec{0}$

Sol 19: (i) Electric field at O

$$= \frac{k(3\text{mC})}{(10\text{cm})^2} \hat{i} + \left(\frac{k(-3\text{C})}{(10\text{cm})^2} (-\hat{i}) \right) = \frac{2k(3\text{C})}{10^{-2}} \hat{i}$$

$$= 5.4 \times 10^6 \text{ Nm}^{-1} \text{ along OB}$$

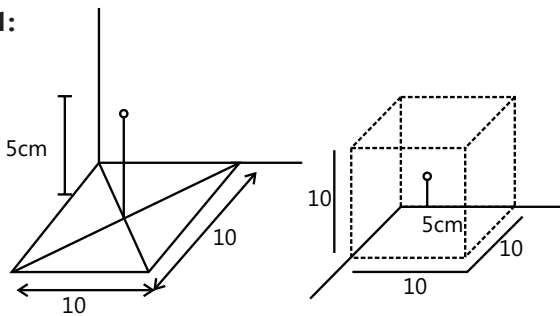
 (ii) If a charge of $-1.5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$ is placed at O, then the force it experiences = $E \times q = -8.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$ along OA

Sol 20:


$$(i) \text{ Flux} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = 3 \times 10^3 \hat{i} \times (10^{-2}) \hat{i} = 30 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$$

$$(ii) \text{ Flux} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = 3 \times 10^3 \hat{i} \cdot (10^{-2}) \left(\frac{\hat{i}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}\hat{j}}{2} \right)$$

$$= 15 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$$

Sol 21:


Construct a Gaussian surface as shown

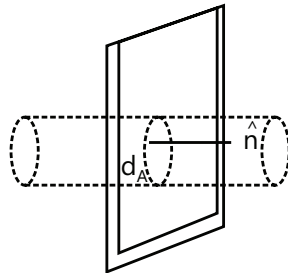
 The electric flux through the surfaces of cube = charge enclosed

$$= \frac{10\mu\text{C}}{\epsilon_0} = 4\pi \times 9 \times 10^9 \times 10 \times 10^{-6} = 36\pi \times 10^4 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1}$$

Flux through one plate (bottom plate)

$$= \frac{1}{6} \times (\text{total/flux}) \quad (\because \text{Symmetry})$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{10\mu\text{C}}{\epsilon_0} = 6\pi \times 10^4 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1} = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-1}$$

Sol 22:


$$\text{flux} = E \cdot \pi r^2 = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0} \quad (\text{gauss law})$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \quad (\because \sigma = \frac{q}{\pi r^2})$$

 electric field as in direction of \hat{n}

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \cdot \hat{n}$$

Sol 23: No. of copper molecules

$$= \frac{109}{63.59} \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} = 0.95 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}$$

No. of electrons transferred

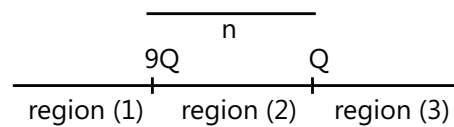
$$= \frac{0.95 \times 10^{23}}{100} = 0.95 \times 10^{21} \text{ electrons}$$

Charge of the pieces = n.e.

$$= 1.52 \times 10^2 = 152 \text{ C}$$

Force between the two pieces

$$= \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times (152) \times (-152)}{10^{-4}}$$

Sol 24:


Charge q should be negative to achieve equilibrium

Also if charge is placed in region (1) or (3) the charge will attract the charge in the middle while the other positive charge pushes the middle charge towards q. So only region (2) is appropriate

Let distance between 4Q and q be 'd' then for equilibrium

$$\frac{k(4Q)(Q)}{x^2} = \frac{(k)(4Q)(q)}{d^2}$$

$$\frac{q}{Q} = \frac{d^2}{x^2}$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{k(4Q)(Q)}{x^2} = \frac{(k)(Q)(q)}{(x-d)^2}$$

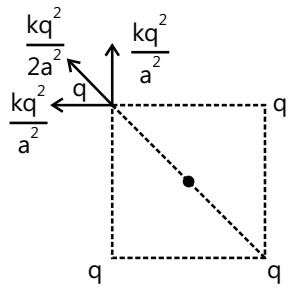
$$\Rightarrow \frac{q}{Q} = \frac{4(x-d)^2}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 4(x-d)^2 \Rightarrow x = d \pm \frac{d}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{2x}{3} \text{ or } d = 2x \text{ and } \frac{q}{Q} = \frac{4}{9} \Rightarrow q = \frac{4Q}{9}$$

$$\therefore q = \frac{-4Q}{9} \quad (\text{negative charge})$$

Sol 25:



The force on one charge due to others is

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{kq^2}{a^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{kq^2}{2a^2}\right)^2} + \frac{kq^2}{2a^2} = \left(\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{kq^2}{a^2}$$

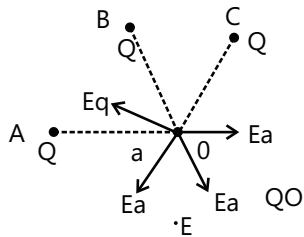
The charge to be placed at the center should be negative and let value be Q

$$\frac{kQ(q)}{\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = \frac{kq^2}{a^2} \left(\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \left(\frac{1+2\sqrt{2}}{4}\right) q$$

$$\therefore Q = -\frac{(1+2\sqrt{2})}{4} q$$

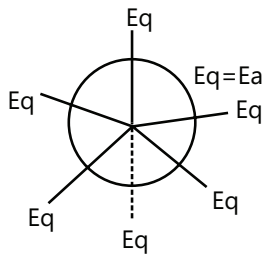
Sol 26:



$$E = \frac{kq}{a^2}$$

The system will be stable if a force E_q is placed at O along EO (\because symmetric and equal forces are acting)

\therefore By adding a force E_q along EO and OE we get



\therefore final electric field is E along OE

$$E = \frac{kq}{a^2}$$

Sol 27: Electric flux is the rate of flow of the electric field through a given area

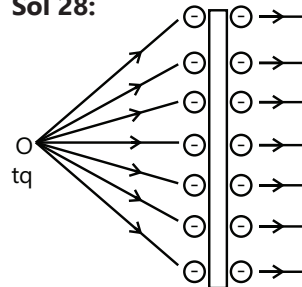
$$\phi = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}$$

SI units of flux is Volt-meter

Electric flux is independent of the radius of spherical surface since flux = $\frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$ (Gauss law)

\therefore No change will be observed.

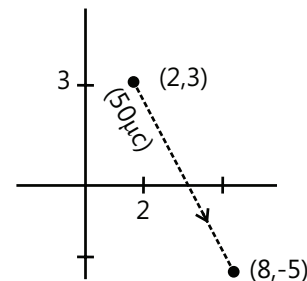
Sol 28:



For derivation of the expression, please refer the theory.

Exercise 2

Sol 1: (D)

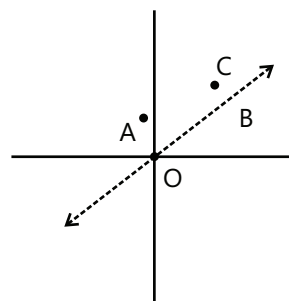


Direction of field = $(6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j})$ m

distance = 10 m

$$\text{Magnitude of field} = \frac{kq}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times (90 \mu\text{C})}{10^2} = 4500 \text{ V/m}$$

Sol 2: (C)



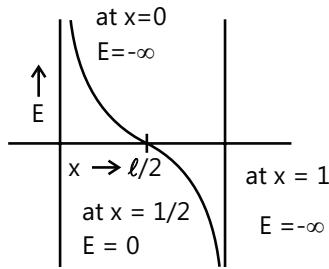
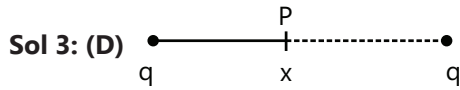
\vec{E}_A is parallel to \vec{OA} and similarly are others.

$$\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB} = 1 + 2 - 3 = 0$$

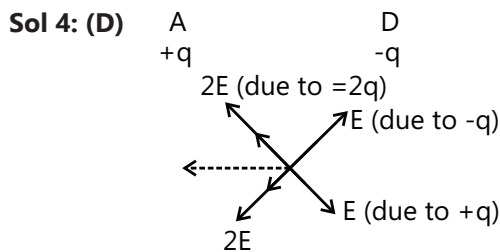
$$\Rightarrow \vec{OA} \perp \vec{OB} \Rightarrow \vec{E}_A \perp \vec{E}_B$$

$$|\vec{OB}| = \sqrt{3} |\vec{OC}| = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_B \propto \frac{1}{|\vec{OB}|^2}, E_C \propto \frac{1}{|\vec{OC}|^2} \Rightarrow \frac{E_C}{E_B} = \frac{1}{4}$$



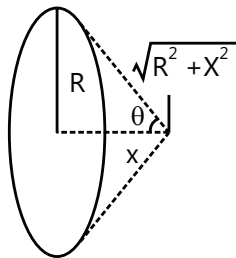
$$E_p = \frac{kq}{x^2} - \frac{kq}{(\ell-x)^2}$$



The vector sum gives field in direction perpendicular to AB

Sol 5: (A) Refer question 24 of exercise I JEE Main

Sol 6: (A)



Electric field due to ring at x is

$$= E = \int dE = \int dE \cos \theta \hat{i} + \int dE \sin \theta \hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \int_0^Q \frac{K \cos \theta dq}{(x^2 + R^2)} \hat{i} + \int_0^Q \frac{K \sin \theta dq}{(x^2 + R^2)} \hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \int_0^Q \frac{x}{(x^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} dq + 0$$

($\because \hat{j}$ components get cancelled while integration)

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{kQx}{(R^2 + x^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{kQx}{R^3} \text{ if } R \gg x$$

$$\Rightarrow F = m_0 a = -Eq$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{kQq}{m_0 R^3} .x$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{kQq}{m_0 R^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{Qq}{4\pi \epsilon_0 m_0 R^3}}$$

Sol 7: (B) Volt = joule/coulomb

(Since volt is S.I. unit of electric potential =W/q)

Sol 8: (B) $F = \frac{kQx(+q)}{(R^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} - mg$

if $\frac{dF}{dx} < 0$ then the particle is in stable equilibrium

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(R^2 + x^2)^{3/2} - \frac{3}{2}(R^2 + x^2)^{1/2}(2x^2)}{(R^2 + x^2)^3} < 0$$

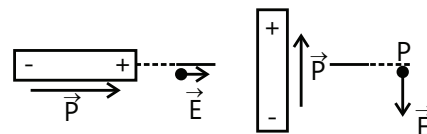
$$\Rightarrow R^2 + x^2 - 3x^2 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } x < -\frac{R}{\sqrt{2}}$$

\therefore Only if $x > \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}}$, the equilibrium will be stable.

Sol 9: (A) Initial

Final

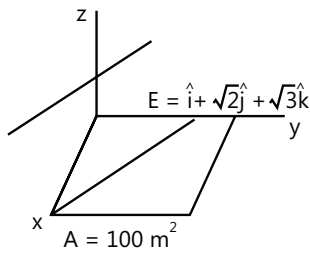


The field vector is rotated by 90° clockwise

Sol 10: (B) q_1 is positive, (emission of field lines), q_2 is negative, (termination of field lines).

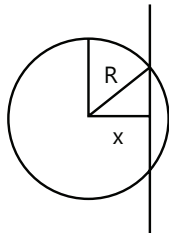
$$\frac{q_2}{q_1} = \frac{7}{10} = \frac{\text{number of lines absorbed}}{\text{number of lines emitted}} < 1$$

Electric field is strongest at some point closer to q_2 .

Sol 11: (C)


Only z-component of field is responsible for flux through plate

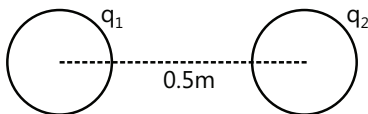
$$\Rightarrow \text{Flux} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = (\hat{i} + \sqrt{2}\hat{j} + \sqrt{3}\hat{k}) \cdot (100 \hat{k}) = 173.2 \text{ V}\cdot\text{m}$$

Sol 12: (D)


$$q_{\text{enclosed}} = \sigma \cdot A_{\text{enclosed}}$$

$$A_{\text{enclosed}} = \pi r^2 = \pi(R^2 - x^2)$$

$$\therefore \text{Flux through sphere} = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\pi(R^2 - x^2)\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

Sol 13: (B)


$$\frac{kq_1q_2}{(0.5)^2} = 0.108 \text{ N}$$

When connected with a wire, the charges on them will be distributed equally giving

$$q = \frac{-q_1 + q_2}{2} \text{ on each sphere}$$

(Since one of them is negative)

$$\frac{kq^2}{(0.5)^2} = 0.036 \text{ N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q^2}{q_1q_2} = \frac{0.036}{0.108} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (q_2 - q_1)^2 = \frac{4q_1q_2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_2^2 + q_1^2 - \frac{10q_1q_2}{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q_2 = \frac{q_1}{3} \text{ or } q_1 = \frac{q_2}{3}$$

$$\text{substituting } q_2 = \frac{q_1}{3} \text{ in } \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2} = 0.108 \text{ N gives}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = \pm 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C and } q_2 = \pm 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

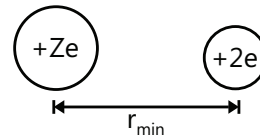
Previous Years' Questions

Sol 1: (C) From conservation of mechanical energy

Decrease in kinetic energy = increase in potential energy

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(Ze)(2e)}{r_{\min}} = 5 \text{ MeV} = 5 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore r_{\min} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2Ze^2}{5 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-13}} \\ &= \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(2)(92)(1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}{5 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-13}} \quad (Z = 92) \end{aligned}$$



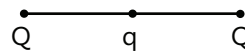
$$= 5.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}$$

$$= 5.3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}$$

i.e., r_{\min} is of the order of 10^{-12} cm

Sol 2: (D) Motion is simple harmonic only if Q is released from a point not very far from the origin on x-axis. Otherwise motion is periodic but not simple harmonic.

Sol 3: (B) Since, q is at the centre of two charges Q and Q, net force on it is zero, whatever the magnitude and sign of charge on it.



For the equilibrium of Q, q should be negative because other charge Q will repel it, so q should attract it. Simultaneously these attractions and repulsions should be equal.

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq}{(r/2)^2}$$

$$\text{or } q = \frac{Q}{4}$$

$$\text{or with sign } q = -\frac{Q}{4}$$

Sol 4: (C) The magnitude of electric field at a distance r from the axis is given as:

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

i.e., $E \propto \frac{1}{r}$

Here, λ is the charge per unit length of the capacitor.

Sol 5: (B) Electric Field lines never enter a metallic conductor ($E = 0$, inside a conductor) and they fall normally on the surface of a metallic conductor (because whole surface is at same potential and lines are perpendicular to equipotential surface)

Sol 6: (B) Electrostatic force, $F_e = eE$ (for both the particles)

But acceleration of electron, $a_e = F_e/m_e$ and acceleration of proton, $a_p = F_e/m_p$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} a_e t_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} a_p t_2^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \sqrt{\frac{a_e}{a_p}} = \sqrt{\frac{m_p}{m_e}}$$

Sol 7: (A)
$$-\int_{\ell=\infty}^{\ell=0} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \int_{\ell=\infty}^{\ell=0} dV = V \text{ (centre)} - V \text{ (infinity)}$$

But $V(\text{infinity}) = 0$

$$\therefore -\int_{\ell=\infty}^{\ell=0} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} \text{ corresponds to potential at centre of ring.}$$

And $V(\text{centre}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{R} = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(1.11 \times 10^{-10})}{0.5} = 2 \text{ volt}$

Sol 8: (B) Net electrostatic energy of the configuration will be

$$U = K \left[\frac{q \cdot q}{a} + \frac{Q \cdot q}{\sqrt{2}a} + \frac{Q \cdot Q}{a} \right] \text{ Here, } K = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

Putting $U = 0$ we get, $Q = \frac{-2q}{2 + \sqrt{2}}$

Sol 9: (C) Electric lines of force never form closed loops.

Sol 10: (C) Electric field is zero everywhere inside a metal (conductor) i.e., field lines do not enter a metal. Simultaneously these are perpendicular to a metal surface (equipotential surface).

Sol 11: (D) According to option (d) the electric field due to P and S and due to Q and T add to zero. While due to U and R will be added up.

Sol 12: (C) At any point over the spherical Gaussian surface, net electric field is the vector sum of electric fields due to $+q_1$, $-q_1$ and q_2 . Don't confuse with the electric flux which is zero (net) passing over the Gaussian surface as the net charge enclosing the surface is zero.

Sol 13: (B) All the three plates will produce electric field at P along negative z-axis, Hence,

$$\vec{E}_P = \left[\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} + \frac{2\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} + \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \right] (-\hat{k}) = -\frac{2\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{k}$$

\therefore Correct answer is (b)

Sol 14: (D) Charge will be induced in the conducting sphere, but net charge on it will be zero.

\therefore Option (d) is correct.

Sol 15: (B) Inside the cavity, field at any point is uniform and non-zero.

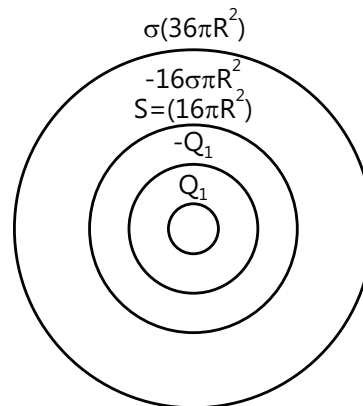
Therefore, correct option is (b).

Sol 16: (A) Total enclosed charge as already shown is

$$q_{\text{net}} = \frac{6C}{2} + \frac{8C}{4} - 7C = -2C$$

From Gauss theorem, net flux, $\phi_{\text{net}} = \frac{q_{\text{net}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{-2C}{\epsilon_0}$

Sol 17: (B)



$$Q_1 = \sigma(4\pi R^2) = 4\pi\sigma R^2$$

$$Q_2 = 16\pi\sigma R^2 - Q_1 = 12\pi\sigma R^2$$

$$Q_3 = 36\pi\sigma R^2 - 16\pi\sigma R^2 = 20\pi\sigma R^2$$

$$Q_1 : Q_2 : Q_3 = 1 : 3 : 5$$

Sol 18: (D) $qE = mg$

$$6\pi\eta v = mg$$

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho g = mg$$

$$\therefore r = \left(\frac{3mg}{4\pi\rho g}\right)^{1/3}$$

Substituting the value of r in Eq. (i) we get,

$$6\pi\eta v \left(\frac{3mg}{4\pi\rho g}\right)^{1/3} = mg$$

$$\text{or } (6\pi\eta v)^3 \left(\frac{3mg}{4\pi\rho g}\right) = (mg)^3$$

Again substituting $mg = qE$ we get.

$$(qE)^2 = \left(\frac{3}{4\pi\rho g}\right) (6\pi\eta v)^3$$

$$\text{or } qE = \left(\frac{3}{4\pi\rho g}\right)^{1/2} (6\pi\eta v)^{3/2}$$

$$\therefore q = \frac{1}{E} \left(\frac{3}{4\pi\rho g}\right)^{1/2} (6\pi\eta v)^{3/2}$$

Substituting the values we get

$$q = \frac{7}{81\pi \times 10^5} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi \times 900 \times 9.8} \times 216\pi^3} \\ \times \sqrt{(1.8 \times 10^{-5} \times 2 \times 10^{-3})^3}$$

$$= 8.0 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

Sol 19: (A) Electrical force per unit area = $\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}\right)^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$\text{Projected area} = \pi R^2$$

$$\therefore \text{Net electrical force} = \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{2\epsilon_0}\right) (\pi R^2)$$

In equilibrium, this force should be equal to the applied force.

$$\therefore F = \frac{\pi\sigma^2 R^2}{2\epsilon_0} \text{ or } F \propto \frac{\sigma^2 R^2}{\epsilon_0}$$

Sol 20: (C) Electric flux, $\phi = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{S}$

$$\text{or } \phi = ES \cos \theta$$

... (i) Here, θ is the angle between \vec{E} and \vec{S}

... (ii) In this question $\theta = 45^\circ$, because \vec{S} is perpendicular to surface.

$$E = E_0$$

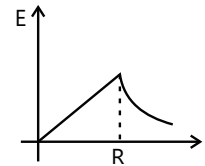
$$\dots \text{ (iii) } S = (\sqrt{2}a)(a) = \sqrt{2}a^2$$

$$\therefore \phi = (E_0)(\sqrt{2}a^2) \cos 45^\circ = E_0 a^2$$

$$\text{Sol 21: (C) } \vec{E}_{\text{inside}} = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^3}\right) \vec{r}$$

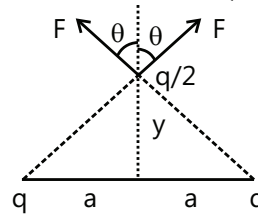
$$\vec{E}_{\text{outside}} = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^3}\right) \vec{r}$$

\therefore



Sol 22: (D)

$$F_{\text{net}} = 2F \cos \theta = 2 \frac{k \cdot q \cdot q / 2}{(\sqrt{a^2 + y^2})} \cdot \frac{y}{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}} = \frac{kq^2 y}{a^3} \quad (y \ll a)$$



Sol 23: (D) It originates from +Ve charge and terminates at - Ve charge. It can not form close loop.

JEE Advanced/Boards

Exercise 1

$$\text{Sol 1: } \frac{x}{-2q} \quad \frac{Q}{q} \quad \frac{\ell}{\ell}$$

For equilibrium $x > \ell$ and Q should be positive balancing force equations,

$$\frac{k(2q)(Q)}{(x)^2} = \frac{kq(Q)}{(x-\ell)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{\ell}{x}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{\ell}{x} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

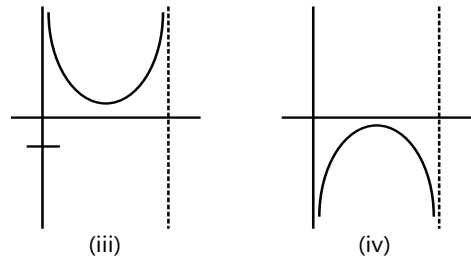
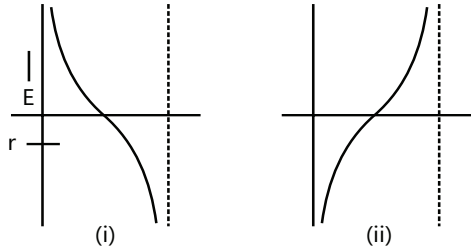
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\ell}{x} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \pm 1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow x = 2 \pm \sqrt{2} \ell$$

$$x > \ell \Rightarrow x = (2 + \sqrt{2}) \ell$$

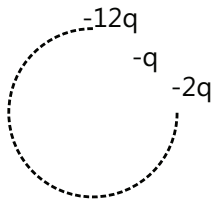
$(1 + \sqrt{2}) \ell$ from q

It is in stable equilibrium w.r.t. longitudinal motion

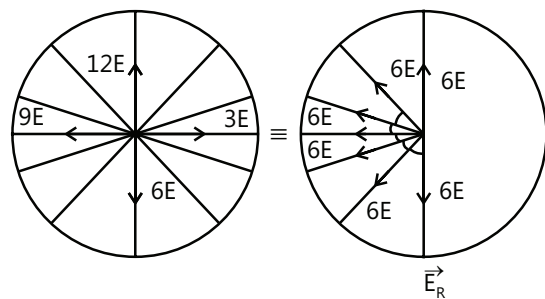
Sol 2:



Sol 3:



Direction of electric field at center is



$$\equiv \frac{6E}{6 + 6\sqrt{3}} \quad \equiv \frac{\vec{E}_R}{6(2 + \sqrt{3})}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{3}}$$

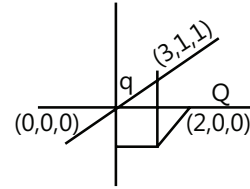
$$\tan \theta = 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 15^\circ$$

The hour hand should be midway of between 9 and 10

\therefore Time = 9 : 30

Sol 4:



$$\vec{E}_q = \frac{kQ}{\sqrt{(3^2 + 1^2 + 1^2)}} \left(\frac{3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{11}} \right)$$

$$\vec{E}_Q = \frac{kQ}{\left(\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}\right)} \left(\frac{\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

At P x-Component of field is zero

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{E}_p + \vec{E}_Q)_x = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{3kq}{(\sqrt{11})^3} = \frac{-QK}{(\sqrt{3})^3}$$

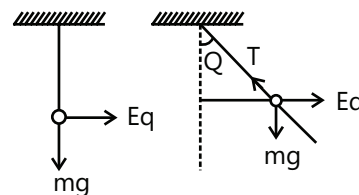
$$\Rightarrow Q = -3 \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{11}} \right)^3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$$

y-component has zero field.

Sol 5: Electric field due to plate = $\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$

(Non-conducting plate)

The force that is being applied on bob = Eq



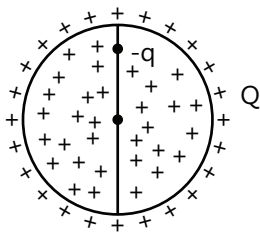
Change in gravitational potential = $mg \ell (1 - \cos\theta)$

Change in electrical potential = $Eq \ell \sin \theta$

$$mg \ell (2 \sin^2 \theta / 2) = Eq \ell (2 \sin \theta / 2 \cos \theta / 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta / 2 = \frac{Eq}{mg}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sigma q}{2 \epsilon_0 mg} \right)$$

Sol 6:


At any point x from center, the acceleration of the charge is

$$a = -\frac{Eq}{m}$$

But, electric field at the point is

$$E \cdot (4\pi r^2) = \frac{q_{\text{encloses}}}{\epsilon_0} \quad (\text{Gauss's law})$$

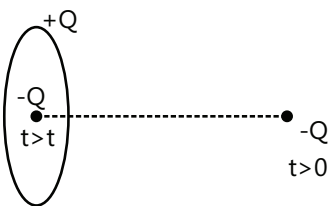
$$\Rightarrow E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{Qr}{4\pi \epsilon_0 R^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{-Qq}{4\pi \epsilon_0 R^2} \cdot x$$

$$\Rightarrow \therefore \omega = \sqrt{\frac{Qq}{4\pi \epsilon_0 R^3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{Qq}{4\pi \epsilon_0 R^3}}$$

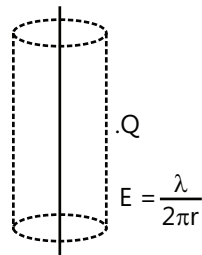
Sol 7:


$$\text{Electric potential at center of ring} = \frac{kQ}{R}$$

By energy conservation,

$$\frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{kQ(Q)}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{2kQ^2}{mR}}$$

Sol 8:


$$V = - \int E dr = \left[\frac{-\lambda}{2\pi} \ln r \right]_{r_1}^{r_2}$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \ln \frac{r_1}{r_2}$$

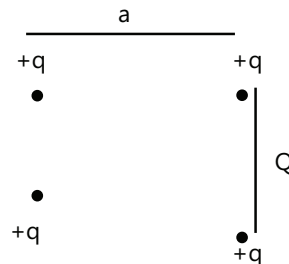
By energy conservation

$$\frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1} \right)$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\pi m} \ln \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1} \right)} \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{2Er}{m} \cdot \ln 2}$$

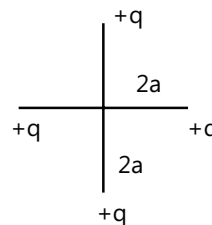
$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 100 \times 0.2}{0.1} \cdot \ln 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 20 \sqrt{\ln 2}$$

Sol 9:


Initial configuration

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Initial potential energy} &= \frac{kq^2}{a} \times 4 + \frac{kq^2}{\sqrt{2}a} \times 2 \\ &= (4 + \sqrt{2}) kq^2 / a \end{aligned}$$



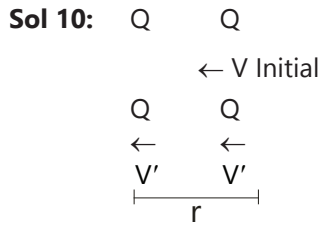
Final configuration

Final potential energy

$$= \frac{kq^2}{\sqrt{2}a} \times 4 + \frac{kq^2}{2a} \times 2 = (2\sqrt{2} + 1) kq^2 / a$$

$$\text{work done} = U_f - U_i$$

$$= \left((2\sqrt{2} + 1) - (4 + \sqrt{2}) \right) \frac{kq^2}{a} = -(3 - \sqrt{2}) \frac{kq^2}{a}$$



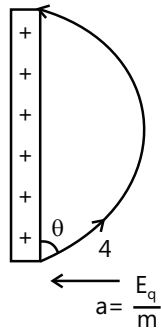
At closest distance of approach
 By momentum conservation $V' = V/2$
 By energy conservation,

$$\frac{1}{2} mV^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{V'}{2} \right)^2 \times 2 + \frac{kQ^2}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} kQ^2 = \frac{1}{4} mV^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{4kQ^2}{mV^2}$$

Sol 11:



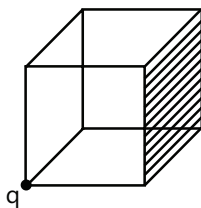
$$\Rightarrow \text{Maximum horizontal distance} = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{\max} = \frac{u^2}{a}$$

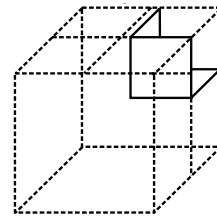
$$\Rightarrow H_{\max} = \frac{mu^2}{E_q} = \frac{2 \epsilon_0 mu^2}{\sigma q}$$

($\because E = \frac{\sigma}{2 \epsilon_0}$ for non-conducting plate)

Sol 12:



Construct Gaussian surface as below



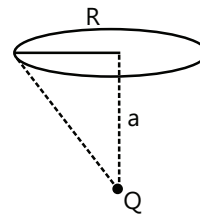
such that the original is $\frac{1}{8}$ th of it

$$\text{Flux} = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

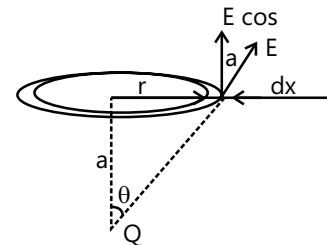
flux through one fourth of one surface

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{q}{24 \epsilon_0} \text{ (By symmetry)}$$

Sol 13:



Take an elemental part with thickness dr as below



The electric field at the elemental part is

$$E = \frac{kQ}{a^2 + r^2}$$

flux through the element $d\phi = E \cdot dA \cos \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \int_0^R \frac{Ea(2\pi r)}{(a^2 + r^2)^{1/2}} dr$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = 2\pi kQa \int_0^R \frac{r}{(a^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} dr$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = a\pi kQ \left[\frac{(a^2 + r^2)^{-1/2}}{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]_0^R$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = a\pi kQ [-2] \left[\frac{1}{(a^2 + R^2)^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{a} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = 2\pi kQ \left[1 - \frac{a}{(a^2 + R^2)^{1/2}} \right]$$

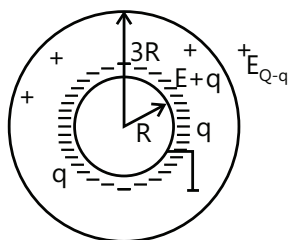
Given

$$\phi = \frac{Q}{4 \epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Q}{2 \epsilon_0} \left(1 - \frac{a}{(a^2 + R^2)^{1/2}} \right) = \frac{Q}{4 \epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{(a^2 + R^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 3a^2 = R^2 \Rightarrow a = \frac{R}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Sol 14:

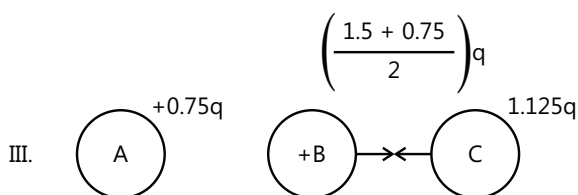
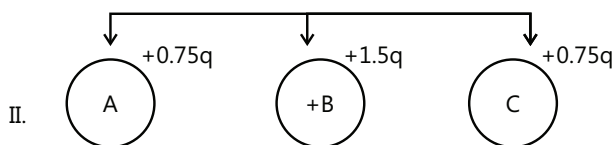
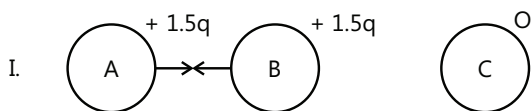
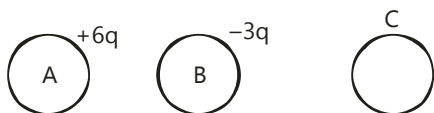


The potential at $r = R$ is zero

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k(Q-q)}{3R} + \frac{kq}{3R} - \frac{kq}{R} = 0$$

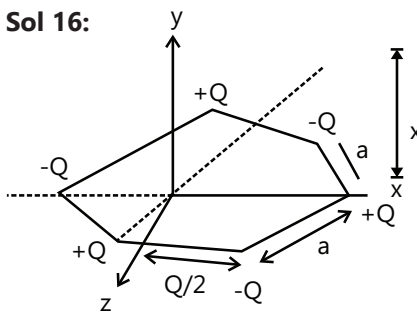
$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{Q}{3} \text{ (negative)}$$

Sol 15:



\therefore Charge on C = 1.125 q

Sol 16:



Consider electric field due to +Q charges,

We will get,

$$\vec{E}_{+Q} = \frac{kQ^2}{a^2 + x^2} \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} (\hat{j})$$

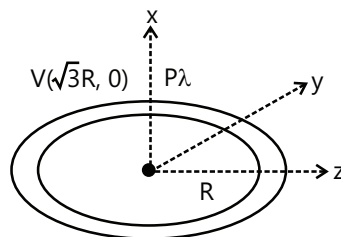
while due to negative charges,

$$\vec{E}_{-Q} = \frac{kQ^2}{a^2 + x^2} \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} (-\hat{j})$$

\therefore Electric field at point on the y-axis

$$= \vec{E}_{+Q} + \vec{E}_{-Q} = 0$$

Sol 17:



Initial electric potential energy = $q \cdot V_p$

$$= q \cdot \frac{kQ}{\sqrt{R^2 + (\sqrt{3}R)^2}} = \frac{kQq}{2R} = \frac{k\lambda(2\pi R)q}{2R} = \frac{\lambda q}{4 \epsilon_0}$$

$$\text{Final potential energy} = \frac{kQ}{R} q = \frac{\lambda q}{2 \epsilon_0}$$

for minimum velocity, final kinetic energy = 0

By conservation of Energy,

$$K.E_i + P.E_i = K.E_f + P.E_f$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + \frac{\lambda q}{4 \epsilon_0} = 0 + \frac{\lambda q}{2 \epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda q}{2 \epsilon_0 m}}$$

Sol 18: Consider the two balls of system, the only external force is gravitational force. Initial position of

COM is at $\frac{h_1 + h_2}{2}$. The vertical distance moved by

COM during time $t = \left(\frac{\ell}{v}\right)$ is $h = \frac{1}{2} g \left(\frac{\ell}{v}\right)^2$

Final height of COM is

$$H = \frac{h_1 + h_2 - g\left(\frac{\ell}{v}\right)^2}{2}$$

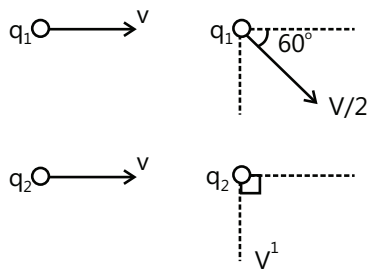
If the COM is at H, and one particle is on ground then the height of the other will be at height $H_2 = \frac{2(H_{COM}) - H_1}{2 - 1}$

$$\Rightarrow H_2 = h_1 + h_2 - g\left(\frac{\ell}{v}\right)^2$$

∴ Height at which the body is located is

$$H = h_1 + h_2 - g\left(\frac{\ell}{v}\right)^2$$

Sol 19: I. $t = 0 \rightarrow$ II. $t = t$



Acceleration of first ball in x-direction due to

$$\text{field} = (a_1)_x = \frac{3V}{4t} (\hat{i})$$

$$\text{Similarly } (a_1)_y = \frac{\sqrt{3}V}{4t} (-\hat{j})$$

$$(a_2)_x = \frac{-V}{t} (\hat{i})$$

$$(a_2)_y = \frac{-V'}{t} (\hat{j})$$

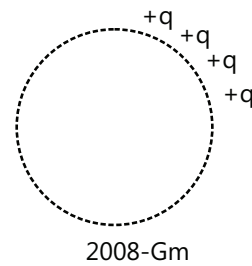
$$\bar{a}_1 = \frac{\bar{E} \cdot q_1}{m} = -\frac{3v}{4t} \hat{i} - \frac{\sqrt{3}v}{4t} \hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{E} = \frac{-3mv}{4q_1 t} \hat{i} - \frac{\sqrt{3}mv}{4q_1 t} \hat{j}$$

$$\bar{a}_2 = \frac{\bar{E} q_2}{m} = \frac{-3vq_2 \hat{i}}{4q_1 t} - \frac{\sqrt{3}vq_2 \hat{j}}{4q_1 t} = \frac{-v}{t} \hat{i} - \frac{v^1}{t} \hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q_2}{q_1} = \frac{4}{3} \text{ and } V^1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}V}{4} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = \frac{v}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Sol 20:



The potential energy of the system be $U = U_{12} + U_{13} + \dots + U_{20062007}$

The K.E. of the first ball after being released for a long time

By energy conservation

$$K.E_f + P.E_f = K.E_i + P.E_i$$

$$\Rightarrow K_1 = 0 + (P.E_i - P.E_f)$$

$$\Rightarrow K_1 = U_{12} + U_{13} + U_{14} + \dots + U_{2007}$$

The K.E. of second ball after being released for a long time

By energy conservation

$$K_2 = (P.E'_i - P.E'_f)$$

$$= U_{23} + U_{24} + U_{25} + \dots + U_{2,2007}$$

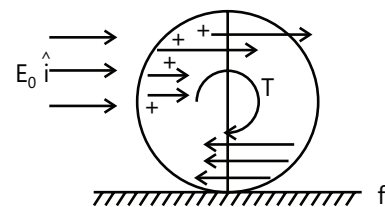
$$= U_{12} + U_{13} + U_{14} + \dots + U_{1,2006}$$

(∵ $U_{n,n+1} = U_{n-1,n}$ by symmetry)

$$\Rightarrow K_1 - K_2 = U_{1,2007} = \frac{kq^2}{a^2} = K (\because K_1 - K_2 = K \text{ Given})$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \sqrt{4\pi \epsilon_0 aK}$$

Sol 21:



Friction acts in forward direction decreases angular acceleration and increasing linear acceleration

$$\Rightarrow f = ma$$

$$\text{and } T_e - f \cdot R = I\alpha = mR^2\alpha$$

$$\text{also } a = R\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{T_e}{2R}$$

$$\text{but } T_e = \int dT_e = \int_0^Q E_0 dq \cdot R \cos\theta$$

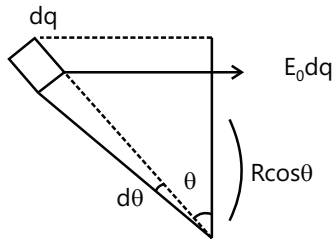
$$\Rightarrow T_e = 2 \times \int_0^{\pi/2} E_0 \lambda R^2 \cos\theta d\theta$$

(2 is multiplied considering -ve charges also)

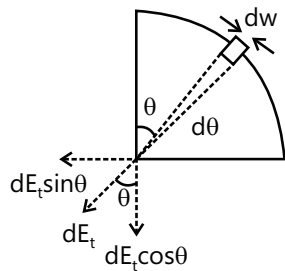
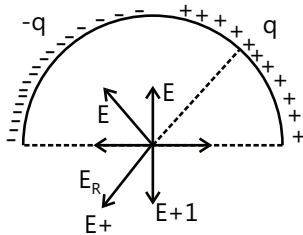
$$= 2 \times E_0 \lambda R^2 [\sin\theta]_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_e = 2E_0 \lambda R^2$$

$$\Rightarrow f = E_0 \lambda R \hat{i}$$



Sol 22:



The x-component of field = $\int dE_+ \sin\theta$

$$= \int \frac{k \cdot dq}{R^2} \sin\theta = \frac{k}{R} \lambda \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin\theta d\theta$$

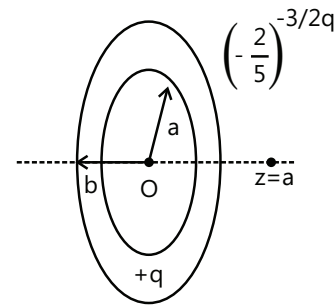
$$= \frac{k\lambda}{R} [-\cos\theta]_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{k\lambda}{R} (1) = \frac{kq}{R \left(\frac{\pi R}{2}\right)} = \frac{2kq}{\pi R^2}$$

The y-component of positive charges' field cancels the y-component field of negative charges' field.

\therefore The total electric field will be

$$\vec{E}_{\text{total}} = \vec{E}_+ + \vec{E}_- = \frac{4kQ}{\pi R^2} (-\hat{i})$$

Sol 23:



$$\vec{E}_A = \frac{kQ(a)}{(a^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} (\hat{i})$$

$$\vec{E}_B = \frac{kQ'(a)}{(b^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} (-\hat{i})$$

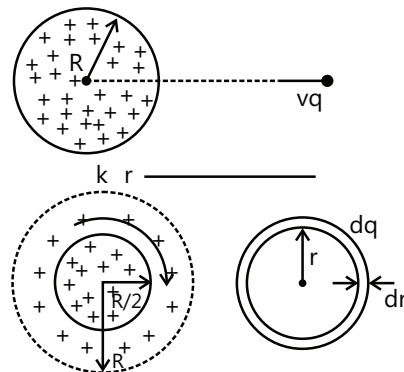
$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_A + \vec{E}_B = 0 \text{ (given)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Q}{(2a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{-Q'}{(b^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 + a^2 = 2a^2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 2a \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = 2$$

Sol 24:



\therefore potential at $R/2$ is

$$V = \int dV = \int_0^{R/2} \frac{k \cdot dq}{\left(\frac{R}{2}\right)} + \int_{R/2}^R \frac{k dq}{r}$$

(element part is a hollow sphere of rad radius r)

$$\Rightarrow V = \int_0^{R/2} \frac{k \cdot \rho \cdot 4\pi r^2 dr}{\left(\frac{R}{2}\right)} + \int_{R/2}^R \frac{k\rho 4\pi r^2 dr}{r} \quad \left(\because \rho = \frac{Q}{(4/3)\pi R^3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{2k\rho}{R} \times 4\pi \left[\frac{r^3}{3}\right]_0^{R/2} + 4\pi\rho k \left[\frac{r^2}{2}\right]_{R/2}^R$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{2k}{R} \frac{Q}{8} + \frac{9}{8} \frac{kQ}{R} = \frac{11}{8} \frac{kQ}{R}$$

By energy conservation we get,

$$K.E._i + P.E._i = K.E._f + P.E._f$$

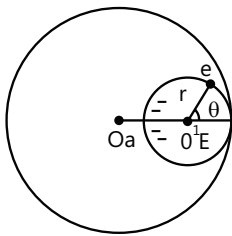
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + \frac{kQq}{r} = 0 + \frac{11kQq}{8R}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \sqrt{\frac{2kQq}{m} \left[\frac{-1}{r} + \frac{11}{8R} \right]}$$

Sol 25:

The electric field inside the cavity will be

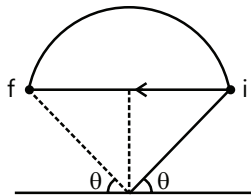
$$E = \frac{kQ}{a^2} \text{ along } OO' \text{ (proof next page)}$$



The distance the electron has to travel is

$$2a \cos \theta = \sqrt{2}r$$

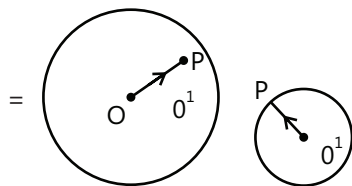
$$s = 1/2 at^2$$



$$\Rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{2s}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\sqrt{2}r}{\frac{Eq}{m}}} \left[\because a = \frac{Eq}{m} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{2m\sqrt{2}r}{e \cdot \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\rho \times (4/3)\pi a^3}{a^2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{6\sqrt{2}mr \epsilon_0}{epa}}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{required}} = \vec{E}_{\text{whole}} - \vec{E}_{\text{cut}}$$



$$= \vec{OP} - \vec{O'P} = \vec{OO'}$$

$$\text{Field at center of cavity} = \frac{kq}{a^2} \text{ where } q = \frac{4}{3}\rho\pi a^3$$

(Included charge)

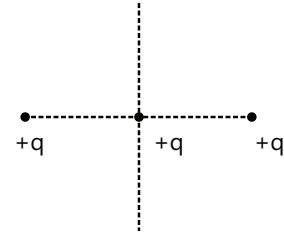
$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_{\text{required}} = \frac{\rho a}{3\epsilon_0} \text{ along } \vec{OO'}$$

It is true for any point inside cavity.

Exercise 2

Single Correct Choice Type

Sol 1: (B)



The charge in the middle experiences force along the line.

The equilibrium is stable along the line connecting charges while

The equilibrium is unstable along the line perpendicular to the line of charges

∴ Only option B is correct (given consider equilibrium only along line joining charges)

Sol 2: (B) It is not necessary for particle to move along lines of force. Lines of forces only denote the direction of force that exists on particle.

∴ Option B is correct (It may move in a uniform electric field)

To contradict option D, take negative charge.

Sol 3: (D) Charge won't be uniformly distributed if there is an external field, even in an external electric field, the field strength inside sphere is zero (by Gauss law)

Potential must be same at every point of sphere

Multiple Correct Choice Type

Sol 4: (A, D)



The resultant electric field will be zero at point closer to B and outside AB (by analysing directions of field and magnitudes)

If a positive charge is placed at P and distributed, the positive charge either goes towards, $-Q$ or moves away

from $-Q$ but won't oscillate ($\because \frac{d^2 v_p}{dx^2} > 0$) (unstable equilibrium) while negative charge oscillate ($\because \frac{d^2 U_n}{dx^2} < 0$) (Stable equilibrium)

Sol 5: (B, C) For the system to be at minimum potential energy, the higher charged particles should be far apart.



and now potential energy

$$U = \frac{k(4Q)^2}{d^2} + \frac{k(16Q)^2}{d-x} + \frac{k(4Q)(16Q)}{x}$$

$$\frac{dU}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{+16}{(d-x)^2} = \frac{4}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pm 2x = d - x$$

$$\Rightarrow x \pm 2x = d$$

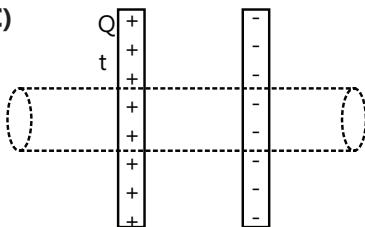
$$\Rightarrow x = d/3 \text{ or } x = -d$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{9}{3} = 3\text{cm.}$$

Field at Q is

$$= \frac{k(4Q)}{(3\text{cm})^2} - \frac{k(16Q)}{(6\text{cm})^2} = 0$$

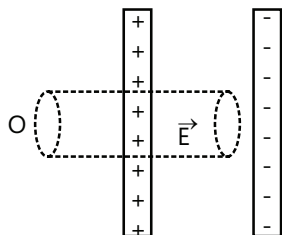
Sol 6: (A, C)



$$\text{flux} = E (2\pi r^2) = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{0}{\epsilon_0} = 0$$

$$\therefore E = 0$$

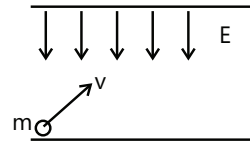
Also for any point between plates



$$\Rightarrow \text{flux} = E \cdot (\pi r^2) = \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma \pi r^2}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \text{towards right}$$

Sol 7: (A, C)



$$a = \frac{Eq}{m} + g \quad (\because F = ma = Eq + mg)$$

$$\text{if } \frac{Eq}{m} + g = 0 \Rightarrow \text{(linear motion)}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{Eq}{m} + g = k \text{ (constant)} \Rightarrow \text{parabolic motion}$$

Assertion Reasoning Type

Sol 8: (C) Electric lines of force represent the force acting on particle at that point

Sol 9: (C) Refer to question 30 of exercise - III

Sol 10: (D) Drawing Gaussian surface won't change electric field.

Sol 11: (C) Statement-I is true, since Q_{enclosed} is same but E at that site changes depending on external charge. But Gauss law is still valid since the flux by the external change is zero.

Sol 12: (C) Statement-I is true by Gauss law.

Statement-II is false since distance between the point charge and the site decreases which changes electric field.

Previous Years' Questions

Sol 1: (A) At $r = R$. From Gauss's law

$$E (4\pi R^2) = \frac{q_{\text{net}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Ze}{\epsilon_0}$$

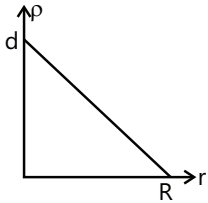
$$\text{or } E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Ze}{R^2}$$

E is independent of a .

Sol 2: (B) For $a = 0$

$$\rho(r) = \left(-\frac{d}{R} \cdot r + d \right)$$

$$\text{Now } \int_a^R (4\pi r^2) \left(d - \frac{d}{R} r \right) dr = \text{net charge} = Ze.$$



$$\text{Solving this equation, we get } d = \frac{3Ze}{\pi R^3}$$

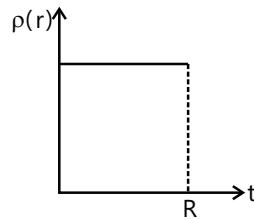
Sol 3: (C) In case of solid sphere of charge of uniform volume density

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{R^3} \cdot r$$

$$\text{or } E \propto r$$

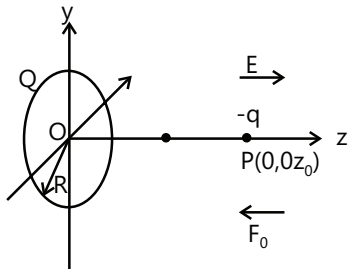
Thus, for E to be linearly dependent on r , volume charge density should be constant.

$$\text{or } a = R$$



Sol 4: (A, C) Net torque on $(-q)$ about a point (say P) lying over $+Q$ is zero. Therefore, angular momentum of $(-q)$ about point P should remain constant.

Sol 5: (A, C) Let Q be the charge on the ring, the negative charge $-q$ is released from point $P(0, 0, z_0)$. The electric field at P due to the charged ring will be along positive z -axis and its magnitude will be



$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qz_0}{(R^2 + z_0^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E = 0 \text{ at centre of the ring because } z_0 = 0$$

Force on charge at P will be towards centre as shown, and its magnitude is

$$F_e = qE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Qq}{(R^2 + z_0^2)^{3/2}} \cdot z_0 \quad \dots(i)$$

Similarly, when it crosses the origin, the force is again towards centre O .

Thus, the motion of the particle is periodic for all values of z_0 lying between 0 and ∞ .

Secondly, if $z_0 \ll R$, $(R^2 + z_0^2)^{3/2} = R^3$

$$F_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Qq}{R^3} \cdot z_0 \quad [\text{From Eq. (i)}]$$

i.e., the restoring force $F_e \propto -z_0$. Hence, the motion of the particle will be simple harmonic. (Here negative sign implies that the force is towards its mean position.)

Sol 6: (A) Inside the sphere $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^3} r$

$$\Rightarrow E \propto r \text{ for } r \leq R$$

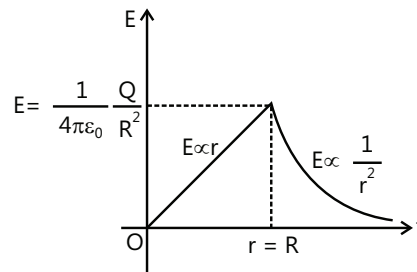
i.e., E at centre = 0 as $r = 0$

$$\text{and } E \text{ at surface} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{R^2} \text{ as } r = R$$

Outside the sphere

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q}{r^2} \text{ for } r \geq R \text{ or } E \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

Thus, variation of electric field (E) with distance (r) from the centre will be as shown



Sol 7: (A, D) From the behaviour of electric lines, we can say that Q_1 is positive and Q_2 is negative. Further, $|Q_1| > |Q_2|$

At some finite distance to the right of Q_2 , electric field will be zero. Because electric field due to Q_1 is towards right (away from Q_1) and due to Q_2 is towards left (towards Q_2). But since magnitude of Q_1 is more, the two fields may cancel each other because distance of that point from Q_1 will also be more

Sol 8: (A, B, C, D) Inside a conducting shell electric field is always zero. Therefore, option (a) is correct. When the two are connected, their potentials become the same.

$$\therefore V_A = V_B$$

$$\text{or } \frac{Q_A}{R_A} = \frac{Q_B}{R_B} \left(V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R} \right)$$

Since, $R_A > R_B \therefore Q_A > Q_B$

Potential is also equal to, $V = \frac{\sigma R}{\epsilon_0}$, $V_A = V_B$

$$\therefore \sigma_A R_A = \sigma_B R_B \text{ or } \frac{\sigma_A}{\sigma_B} = \frac{R_A}{R_B} \text{ or } \sigma_A < \sigma_B$$

Electric field on surface, $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$ or $E \propto \sigma$

Since $\sigma_A < \sigma_B \therefore E_A < E_B$

Sol 9: (A, C, D) $\phi_{\text{out}} = \frac{q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$

By symmetry

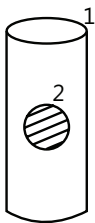
Sol 10: (1) + (2) = Complete cylinder

$$E_1 + E_2 = E$$

$$E = \frac{\rho \times \pi R^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0(2R)} = \frac{\rho R}{4\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_2 = \rho \times \frac{4\pi \left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^3}{3} \times \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0(4R^2)} = \frac{\rho R}{24 \times 4\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_1 = E - E_2 \Rightarrow \frac{\rho R}{4\epsilon_0} \left[1 - \frac{1}{24} \right] = \frac{\rho R}{4\epsilon_0} \frac{23}{4 \times 6} = \frac{23\rho R}{16\epsilon_0 \times 6}$$



Sol 11: (B, D)

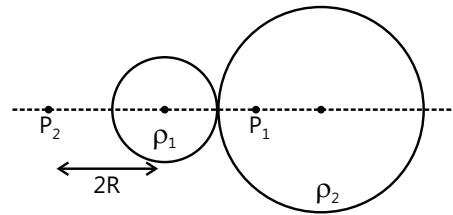
At point P_1 , $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\rho_1(4/3)\pi R^3}{4R^2} = \frac{\rho_2 R}{3\epsilon_0}$

$$\frac{\rho_1 R}{12} = \frac{\rho_2 R}{3}$$

$$\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} = 4$$

At point P_2 , $\frac{\rho_1(4/3)\pi R^3}{(2R)^2} + \frac{\rho_2(4/3)\pi 8R^3}{(5R)^2} = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} = -\frac{32}{25}$$



Sol 12: (C, D) In triangle PC_1C_2

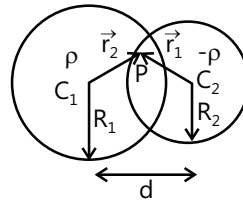
$$\vec{r}_2 = \vec{d} + \vec{r}_1$$

The electrostatic field at point P is

$$\vec{E} = \frac{K \left(\rho \frac{4}{3} \pi R_1^3 \right) \vec{r}_2}{R_1^3} + \frac{K \left(\rho \frac{4}{3} \pi R_2^3 \right) (-\vec{r}_1)}{R_2^3}$$

$$\vec{E} = K\rho \frac{4}{3} \pi (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0} \vec{d}$$



Sol 13: (C) $\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0^2} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r_0} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$

$$E_1 \left(\frac{r_0}{2} \right) = \frac{Q}{\pi\epsilon_0 r_0^2}, E_2 \left(\frac{r_0}{2} \right) = \frac{\lambda}{\pi\epsilon_0 r_0}, E_3 \left(\frac{r_0}{2} \right) = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$\therefore E_1 \left(\frac{r_0}{2} \right) = 2E_2 \left(\frac{r_0}{2} \right)$$

Sol 14: (C)

For point outside dielectric sphere $E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$

For point inside dielectric sphere $E = E_s \frac{r}{R}$

Exact Ratio $E_1 : E_2 : E_3 = 2 : 4 : 1$

Sol 15: (A)

P: By Q_1 and Q_4 , Q_3 and Q_2 F is in +y

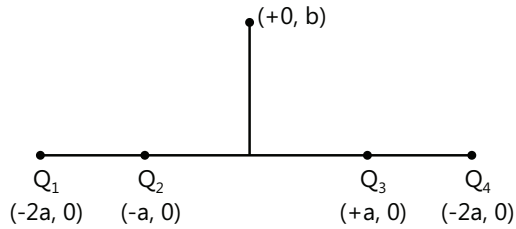
Q: By Q_1 and Q_4 , Q_2 and Q_3 F is in +ve x.

R: By Q_1 and Q_4 , F is in +ve y

By Q_2 and Q_3 , F is in $-ve y$

But later has more magnitude, since its closer to $(0, b)$.
Therefore net force is in $-y$

S: By Q_1 and Q_4 , F is in $+ve x$ and by Q_2 and Q_3 , F is in $-x$,
but later is more in magnitude, since its closer to $(0, b)$.
Therefore net force is in $-ve x$.



Sol 16: (C) In Case I:

$$\vec{F} = \frac{\lambda q}{2\pi\epsilon_0(r+x)} \hat{i} + \frac{\lambda q}{2\pi\epsilon_0(r-x)} (-\hat{i}) = \frac{\lambda q}{\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} x(-\hat{i})$$

Hence $+q$, charge will perform SHM with time period

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\pi r^2 \epsilon_0 m}{\lambda q}}$$

In case II: Resultant force will act along the direction of displacement.

Sol 17: (D) $\vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0} \overline{C_1 C_2}$

$C_1 \Rightarrow$ Centre of sphere and $C_2 \Rightarrow$ centre of cavity.