

# Physics 1B-2 (9:00 am-9:50 am) Spring 2019 Midterm 2

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TOTAL POINTS

**72 / 100**

QUESTION 1

## 1 Problem 1 23 / 25

- + 2 pts  $dq = \lambda ds$ , integrate
- + 2 pts integrate  $\rightarrow Q = 2R\lambda$
- + 3 pts  $dE = \lambda ds / r^2$
- + 2 pts  $\hat{r}$  with correct theta convention
- + 5 pts  $E_x = 0$  by symmetry
- + 3 pts  $E_y$  integral
- + 5 pts  $E_y = -\lambda / (8\epsilon_0 R) =$

$-Q / (16\epsilon_0 R^2)$ ; no  $\lambda$  in final answer

- + 3 pts  $F = qE$ ; NOTE: alternative approach using potential  $V$  to find  $F$  graded similarly:  $dq$  &  $Q$  same,  $dV$  instead of  $dE$ ,  $\hat{r}$  and symmetry for  $F_x = 0$  same,  $V$  integration graded like  $E_y$  integral,  $F = -dV/dr$  graded like final  $E_y$  expression;

- ✓ + 25 pts ALL
- + 0 pts 0
- 2 Point adjustment

• lambda

QUESTION 2

## 2 Problem 2 (a) 8 / 20

- + 20 pts Correct
- ✓ + 2 pts Correct relation between  $E$  and  $V$
- ✓ + 2 pts Correct Electric field for  $r < R_1$
- + 2 pts Correct Electric field for  $R_1 < r < R_2$
- + 2 pts Correct Electric field for  $R_2 < r < R_3$
- + 2 pts Correct Electric field for  $r > R_3$
- ✓ + 2 pts Identify metal sphere as equipotential
- + 2 pts Correct potential for  $R_1 < r < R_2$
- + 2 pts Correct potential for  $r > R_3$
- + 2 pts Identify metal shell as equipotential
- + 0 pts Incorrect or unattempted
- + 2 Point adjustment

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Electric field for  $r < R_1$ ,  $R_1 < r < R_2$ ,  $R_2 < r < R_3$ ,  $r > R_3$  to be calculated. Electric potential can be found from Electric field. Since the metal sphere and shell are conductors, the electric field in that region will be 0. And adding the electric potentials for  $r < R_1$ ,  $R_1 < r < R_2$ ,  $R_2 < r < R_3$ ,  $r > R_3$  will give total electric field at  $r < R_1$ . Final Potential at  $r < R_1$  is  $kQ/6R_1$ .

QUESTION 3

## 3 Problem 2 (b) 0 / 10

- + 10 pts Correct  $p = 12R_1$
- + 3 pts Correct potential difference inside the metal shell
- + 3 pts Correct potential difference outside the metal shell
- + 3 pts Correct energy relation
- + 3 pts Correct method
- ✓ + 0 pts Incorrect

QUESTION 4

## 4 Problem 3 (a) 11 / 15

- ✓ + 3 pts Correct general formula for capacitor  $C = k \epsilon_0 A / d$
- + 2 pts Correct formula for capacitor 1
- + 2 pts Correct formula for capacitor 2 and for capacitor 3
- ✓ + 4 pts Summing capacitors in parallel
- ✓ + 4 pts Proper formula for capacitors in series
- 1 pts Misunderstanding of the problem that did not simplify the problem
- + 0 pts Nothing from the above
- 1 pts Mistake in calculations
- 2 pts The same minor mistake (wrong area) leading to wrong capacities 1,2,3
- 4 pts Wrong definition which capacitors in parallel

and which in series (or wrong usage of the formulas)

- **3 pts** Formulas are written but not applied
- **2 pts** Mistake in calculations involving wrong units
- + **2 pts** Correct plan

#### QUESTION 5

##### 5 Problem 3 (b) 10 / 10

- + **2 pts**  $Q = VC$
- + **2 pts**  $C = \epsilon A / d$  (or expression from the part a that is wrong but I can't punish for this again here)
- + **3 pts**  $F = E \sigma A = E Q$
- + **3 pts**  $E = V / (2 d)$
- **1.5 pts** Missing 2 in  $E = V / (2 d)$  (or in the  $U = 1/2 C V^2$  for energy approach)
- ✓ + **10 pts** Correct
- + **0 pts** Nothing
- **1.5 pts** Didn't take a derivative (or did it wrong) in the energy approach.
- **1 pts** The answer uses not only  $A, d, V$
- + **3 pts**  $U = 1/2 C V^2$  (energy approach)
- + **1.5 pts**  $F = -dU / dx$  (energy approach)
- **2 pts** Final result is not obtained (or wrong)
- **1.5 pts** Mistake involving wrong units
- **1 pts** Minor mistake

#### QUESTION 6

##### 6 Problem 4 20 / 20

- + **5 pts** Know the relation between flux and electric field
- + **5 pts** Give correct magnitude or symmetry of the electric field
- + **5 pts** Write down correct integral
- + **7 pts** Know the flux is 1/24 of total flux
- ✓ + **20 pts** Correct
- + **0 pts** Incorrect

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**PLEASE READ:**

- This exam is closed book and closed notes. You may use one calculator; no other electronics are permitted.
- Please show your full solution in the boxes provided (where the scanners can pick them up). The size of the boxes provided do not indicate the difficulty of the problem.
- Indicate final answers by circling them.
- Your solutions will be graded on correctness and coherence; results given with no details will receive zero credit.
- There is additional scratch paper attached so you can collect your thoughts first.
- Academic dishonesty is reported to the Office of the Dean of Students.

Potentially useful relations:

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$$

$$2 \cos^2 x = 1 + \cos 2x$$

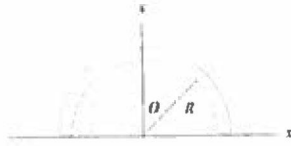
$$\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x$$

$$\int \sin x \cos x \, dx = -\cos^2 x / 2$$

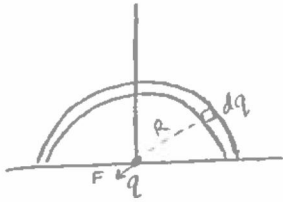
$$\int \frac{dx}{(x^2+a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x}{a^2(x^2+a^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x^2+a^2)(x^2+b^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{a(b^2-a^2)^{1/2}} \tan^{-1}\left(x \sqrt{\frac{(b^2-a^2)}{a^2(x^2+b^2)}}\right), \quad b^2 > a^2$$

**Problem 1** (25 pts). A positively charged wire of total charge  $Q$  is bent into a semicircle of radius  $R$ :



The charge per unit length along the semicircle is given by  $\lambda = \lambda_0 \cos \theta$ . If a particle with a charge  $q$  is placed at the origin, what is the total force on the particle in terms of the total charge  $Q$  (not  $\lambda_0$ ),  $q$ ,  $R$  and any necessary universal constants?.



$$dF = \frac{kq dq}{R^2}$$

$$dF = \frac{kq \cdot (\lambda_0 \cos^2 \theta d\theta)}{R^2}$$

$$F = \int dF$$

$$= \int_0^\pi \frac{kq \lambda}{R^2} \cos^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{kq \lambda}{R^2} \int_0^\pi \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta$$

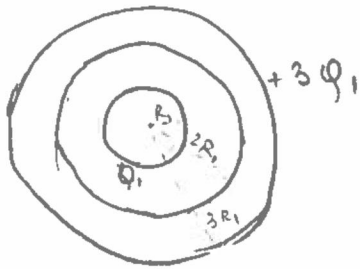
$$= \frac{kq \lambda}{R^2} \left[ \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{4} \right]_0^\pi$$

$$= \frac{kq \lambda}{R^2} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right]$$

$$F = \frac{\pi \cdot kq \lambda}{2R^2}$$

**Problem 2.** A solid metal sphere of radius  $R_1$  carries a charge  $-Q_1$ , where  $Q_1 > 0$ . Surrounding this sphere is a metal shell of inner radius  $R_2 = 2R_1$  and outer radius  $R_3 = 3R_1$  that carries a total charge of  $Q_2 = +3Q_1$ .

a. What is the potential for  $r < R_1$  assuming the potential is zero at infinity? (20pts)



$$V_{\infty} = 0$$

$$V_r = -\int_a^b E \cdot dl$$

$$V = -\int_a^b E \cdot dl$$

→ since  $E$  for  $r < R_1$  is zero,

$V = \text{constant}$  for  $r < R_1$ ,

since  $V$  is constant,

$$\Rightarrow V_{R_1} = V_{r < R_1}$$

$$\rightarrow V_{R_1} = \frac{kQ_1}{R_1}$$

$\Rightarrow V$  of  $r < R_1$ ,

$$V_r = \frac{kQ_1}{R_1}$$

- b. An electron is emitted from the surface of  $R_1$  with negligible velocity. It is accelerated and escapes through a small hole in the metal shell. It comes to rest at point P. How far is P from the center of the metal sphere? (10 pts)

from  $R_1$  to  $R_2$ , the electron will experience a

$$\text{force of } F = qE$$

$$= e \cdot \frac{kQ_1}{r^2} \quad \text{where } R_1 < r < R_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{e}{m} \cdot \frac{kQ_1}{r^2}$$

Force on  $e$  from  $R_2$  to  $R_3$  is zero

Force on  $e$  for  $r > R_3$

$$\int E \cdot dA = \frac{2Q_1}{\epsilon_0}$$

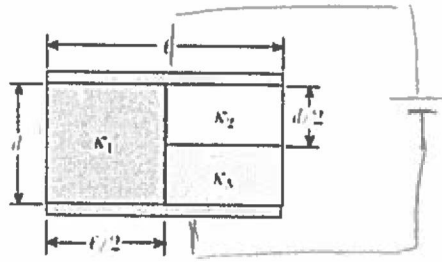
$$\Rightarrow E \cdot = \frac{2Q_1}{\epsilon_0 \cdot 4\pi r^2} = \frac{2kQ_1}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow F = e \cdot \frac{2kQ_1}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{F} = -e \cdot \frac{2kQ_1}{r^2}$$

**Problem 3.**

- a. A parallel-plate capacitor is constructed by filling the space between two square plates with blocks of three dielectric materials, as in the figure below. You may assume that  $l \gg d$ . Find an expression for the capacitance of the device in terms of the plate area  $A$ ,  $d$ ,  $\kappa_1$ ,  $\kappa_2$ , and  $\kappa_3$ . (15 pts)



We can assume that  $\kappa_1$ ,  $\kappa_2$  and  $\kappa_3$  will act as 3 capacitors.

for  $\kappa_2$ : 
$$C_2 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d - \frac{d}{2} + \frac{d}{2\kappa_2}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{\frac{d}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\kappa_2}\right)} = \frac{2\epsilon_0 A}{d \left(1 + \frac{1}{\kappa_2}\right)}$$

for  $\kappa_3$ : 
$$C_3 = C_2 = \frac{2\epsilon_0 A}{d \left(1 + \frac{1}{\kappa_3}\right)}$$

for  $\kappa_1$ : 
$$C_1 = \kappa_1 \cdot \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

$\kappa_2$  and  $\kappa_3$  are in series

$$\Rightarrow C' = \frac{C_2 \cdot C_3}{C_2 + C_3} = \frac{\left(\frac{2\epsilon_0 A}{d}\right)^2 \cdot \left[\frac{\kappa_3}{\kappa_3 + 1} \cdot \frac{\kappa_2}{\kappa_2 + 1}\right]}{\frac{2\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left[\frac{\kappa_3}{\kappa_3 + 1} + \frac{\kappa_2}{\kappa_2 + 1}\right]} = \frac{2\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left[\frac{\kappa_3 \cdot \kappa_2}{\kappa_3 + \kappa_2 + 2\kappa_3 \kappa_2}\right]$$

$\kappa_1$  and combination of  $\kappa_2$   $\kappa_3$  is in parallel

$$\Rightarrow C_{eq} = \kappa_1 \cdot \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} + \frac{2\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left[\frac{\kappa_3 \cdot \kappa_2}{\kappa_3 + \kappa_2 + 2\kappa_3 \kappa_2}\right]$$

- b. Consider the capacitor above with  $\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = \kappa_3 = 1$ . Find the magnitude of the force each plate experiences due to the other plate as a function of  $V$ , the potential drop across the capacitor. Your answer should be in terms of  $A$ ,  $d$ ,  $V$ , and any necessary universal constants. (10 pts)

$$\text{If } \kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = \kappa_3 = 1$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} + \frac{2\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{\kappa_2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} \quad \text{where } \epsilon = \frac{3}{2} \epsilon_0$$

$$E \text{ due to one plate} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon} = \frac{Q/A}{2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \epsilon_0} = \frac{CV/A}{3\epsilon_0}$$

$$F = q \cdot E$$

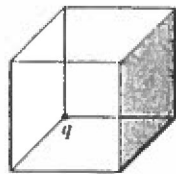
$$= Q \cdot \frac{CV}{3\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{C^2 V^2}{3\epsilon_0 A}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2} \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}\right)^2 \cdot V^2}{3\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\epsilon_0 A V^2}{d^2}$$

$$F = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\epsilon_0 A V^2}{d^2}$$



**Problem 4.** A charge sits in the corner of a cube of side  $a$  as shown below. Find the flux through the shaded region. (There are many ways to solve this problem.) (20 pts)



We can assume the  $q$  and the cube is part of a system of 8 cubes:



Since the charge is at the centre of the bigger cube,

$\Phi$  through each face is

$$\Phi_1 = \frac{q}{6\epsilon_0}$$

Now, the flux through each smaller square of one side of the cube

$$\Phi_2 = \frac{\Phi_1}{4}$$

$$\Phi_2 = \frac{q}{24\epsilon_0}$$

Scratch paper