

Exam 2 – Voltage and Moving Charges

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This is a closed book examination but during the exam you may refer to a 3"x5" note card with words of wisdom you have written on it. There is extra scratch paper available. Your explanation is worth $\frac{3}{4}$ of the points. Explain your answers!

A general reminder about problem solving:

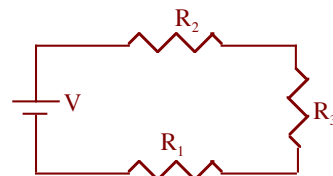
- Show all your work.
- Really; Show All Work!
- Focus
 - Draw a picture of the problem
 - What is the question? What do you want to know?
 - List known and unknown quantities
 - List assumptions
- Physics
 - Determine approach – What physics principles will you use?
 - Pick a coordinate system
 - Simplify picture to a schematic (if needed)
- Plan
 - Divide problem into sub-problems
 - Modify schematic and coordinate system (if needed)
 - Write general equations
- Execute
 - Write equations with variables
 - Do you have sufficient equations to determine your unknowns?
 - Simplify and solve
- Evaluate
 - Check units
 - Why is answer reasonable?
 - Check limiting cases!

1. [4 PTS] An object with negative charge, $q = -7 \text{ uC}$, is moving with a constant speed along the x-axis, $\vec{v} = \langle 8 \times 10^4, 0, 0 \rangle \text{ m/s}$. When the object is at $\vec{x} = \langle 5, 0, 0 \rangle \text{ m}$, where is the magnetic field produced by this moving charge zero?

- a) The magnetic field is zero everywhere.
- b) $\vec{x} = \langle 5, 5, 0 \rangle \text{ m}$
- c) $\vec{x} = \langle 5, 0, 5 \rangle \text{ m}$
- d) $\vec{x} = \langle 10, 0, 0 \rangle \text{ m}$
- e) The magnetic field is not zero anywhere.

2. [4 PTS] You connect three light bulbs (resistors) to a battery as shown in the diagram to the right. If the light bulb labeled R_2 is dimmest (i.e. uses least power), what must be true?

- a) R_2 has the largest resistance.
- b) R_2 has the same resistance as the other light bulbs, it just has the current (which is really electrons traveling the opposite direction) pass through it last.
- c) R_2 has the smallest current.
- d) R_2 has the smallest resistance.
- e) R_2 has the largest voltage drop.



The next two problems concern a long wire positioned along the x-axis that has a current of $\vec{I} = \langle 1.2, 0, 0 \rangle A$ flowing through it. The wire's center is at the origin, $\vec{x} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle m$.

3. [4 PTS] What is the direction of the magnetic field directly above the wire at $\vec{x} = \langle 0, 2, 0 \rangle mm$?
 - a) $\vec{B} \propto \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle T$
 - b) $\vec{B} \propto \langle 0, -1, 0 \rangle T$
 - c) $\vec{B} \propto \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle T$
 - d) $\vec{B} \propto \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle T$
 - e) $\vec{B} \propto \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle T$
 - f) $\vec{B} \propto \langle 0, 0, -1 \rangle T$

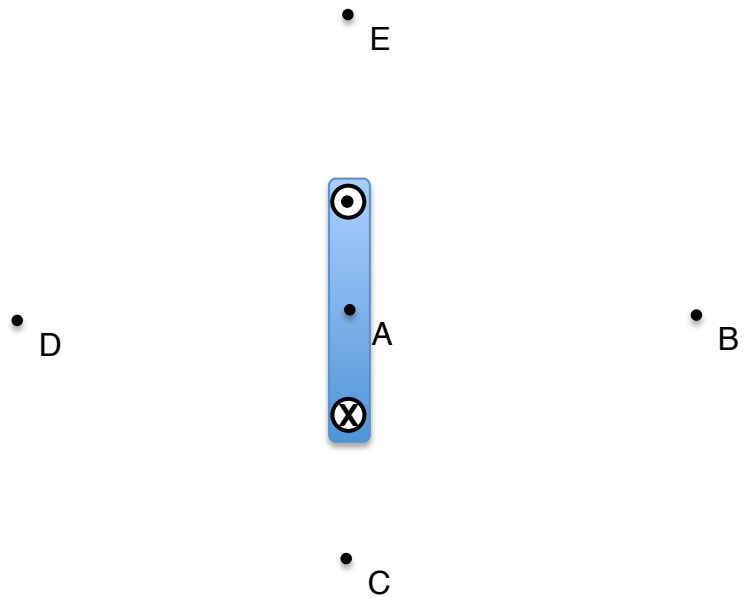
4. [4 PTS] The current in the wire is doubled and you move twice as far away. What happens to the magnitude of the magnetic field your new observation point?
 - a) Increases by a factor of 4
 - b) Increases by a factor of 2
 - c) Does not change
 - d) Decreases by a factor of 2
 - e) Decreases by a factor of 4

5. [4 PTS] A neutral hollow metal sphere is placed between two large charged plates. The plates are 15 cm apart. The voltage difference between the plates is kept at a high voltage of 150kV. What is the voltage inside the hollow metal sphere?
 - a) The voltage is zero.
 - b) The voltage increases toward the center.
 - c) The voltage is constant inside the sphere.
 - d) The voltage decreases toward the center.
 - e) There is no voltage inside the sphere.

6. [4 PTS] You connect three light bulbs in parallel to a 9 V battery. One of the light bulbs is noticeably brighter (uses more power) than the other two light bulbs. What happens when you disconnect this bright bulb? Assume the battery is ideal – it can supply any amount of current.
 - a) The other two light bulbs increase in brightness.
 - b) The bulb closest to the battery increases in brightness.
 - c) Nothing happens to the brightness of the other two bulbs.
 - d) The bulb furthest from the battery decreases in brightness.
 - e) The other two light bulbs decrease in brightness.

7. [4 PTS] A resistor is placed in series with a 1.5 volt battery. What is the resistance if you measure a current of 0.25 A in this circuit?
- 0.167 Ω
 - 0.375 Ω
 - 2.67 Ω
 - 6.00 Ω
 - 24.0 Ω

8. [4 PTS] The diagram to the right is the side of a wire loop with a current flowing in it. The current flows into the bottom of the loop and out of the top of the loop. Indicate the direction of the magnetic field at the 5 locations indicated.



9. [4 PTS] A negative point charge is located at the origin. You measure the voltage 2 cm from the charge. What is the voltage 4 cm from the charge?
- The voltage increases by a factor of 4
 - The voltage increases by a factor of 2
 - The voltage does not change
 - The voltage decreases by a factor of 2
 - The voltage decreases by a factor of 4
10. [4 PTS] Two charges form a dipole centered at the origin. Both charges have the same magnitude $|q| = 3.21 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ and have a center-to-center separation of 8.75 nm. What is the electric potential at the origin (midway between the charges)?
- 0.66 V
 - 0.33 V
 - 0 V
 - 0.33 V
 - 0.66 V

The next two problems can be done using problem solving sheets or on additional paper.

11. [12 PTS] An electron is released from a heated filament (basically a light bulb). The filament is at a voltage of 120 V. There is a large plate 2 cm from the filament. You would like the velocity of the electron to be 3×10^6 m/s (1% the speed of light!) when it reaches the plate. Determine the necessary voltage on the plate.

BONUS [10%]: If you apply relativistic methods to this problem.

12. [12 PT] You are given a 15W light bulb and a 150W light bulb. The power ratings for these light bulbs refer to a standard configuration where the bulbs are hooked in parallel to a 120 V power supply. For some reason you decide to connect these light bulbs in series to the 120 V power supply. Determine the power ratings for the bulbs in this new configuration.

$$\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} = 10^{-7} \frac{N}{A^2} \quad \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = k = 9 \times 10^9 \frac{Nm^2}{C^2}$$

mass of electron $m_e = 9.109 \times 10^{-31} kg$

charge of electron $q_e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} C$

$$V_{sphere} = \frac{4\pi r^3}{3} \text{ and } A_{sphere} = 4\pi r^2$$

mass of proton $m_p = 1.673 \times 10^{-27} kg$