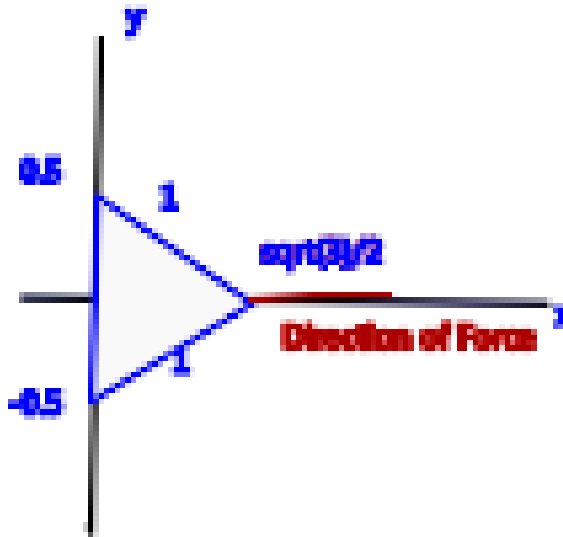


ASSIGNMENT 1

1. THREE ELECTRONS ARE PLACED AT THE CORNERS OF AN EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE WITH SIDES LENGTH 1M, FIND THE NET FORCE ON ANY ONE ELECTRON DUE TO THE OTHER TWO

Let us consider the triangle to be positioned as so:

$$\sqrt{1 - 0.5^2} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$



Direction is, by symmetry going to be away from the corner. So for the point on the x axis, the force will be along the x axis.

$$|F| = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} q_e \left(\frac{q_e}{1^2} + \frac{q_e}{1^2} \right) = \frac{q_e^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0} = 4.61 \times 10^{-28} N$$

2. FIND THE WORK DONE OF A CHARGE OF qC , BY FIELD $\mathbf{E} = (0, E)$ IN MOVING IT ALONG THE QUARTER CIRCLE FROM $(5, 0)$ TO $(0, 5)$

$$x = 5 \cos \theta, y = 5 \sin \theta, \theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$$

$$l(\theta) = (x, y) = (5 \cos \theta, 5 \sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{dl}{d\theta} = (-5 \sin \theta, 5 \cos \theta)$$

$$W_{AB} = -Q \int_A^B \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -q \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (0, E) \cdot (-5 \sin \theta, 5 \cos \theta) d\theta = -q \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 5E \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$W = -5Eq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \theta d\theta = -5qE [\sin \theta]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = -5qE J$$

3. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CAN NOT BE THE FORCE CREATED BY AN ELECTRIC FIELD ON A CHARGE OF $1C$ LOCATED AT (x, y, z) ?

To be an electric field (force) must be conservative.

ie at all points

$$\exists f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbf{F} = \nabla f$$

$$\text{ie curl } \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$$

- 3.1. $F = (x^2, y^2, z^2)$ **Yes.** $\text{curl } F = (0 - 0, 0 - 0, 0 - 0) = \mathbf{0}$

Thus conservative thus it could be an electric field

- 3.2. $\mathbf{F} = (-y^3, x^3, 0)$ **No.** $\text{curl } F = (0 - 0, 0 - 0, 3x^2 + 3y^2) \neq \mathbf{0}$

Not an electric field.

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- 3.3. $\mathbf{F} = r\hat{\theta}$ **No.** $F = \nabla f$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial r} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial r} = r^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 0$$

no such function can exist.

$$(\text{curl } F)_z = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial r F_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \theta} \right) = \frac{1}{r} (2r - 0) = 2 \neq 0$$

Not a conservative field

no a electric field

- 3.4. $\mathbf{F} = z\hat{r} + r\hat{z}$ **yes.**

3.4.1. $\frac{\partial F_z}{\partial \theta} = r \frac{\partial F_\theta}{\partial z}. 0 = 0$

3.4.2. $\frac{\partial F_r}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial r}. 1 = 1$

- 3.4.3. *Thus.* Curl is zero, so is conservative, so could be electric field

3.4.4. $\frac{\partial r F_\theta}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \theta}. 0 = 0$

- 3.4.5. *Thus.* Curl is zero, so is conservative, so could be electric field

- 3.5. $F = r \cos \phi \hat{\theta}$ **No.**

3.5.1. $\frac{\partial \sin \theta F_\phi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial F_\theta}{\partial \phi}$. $0 \neq -r \sin \phi$

So $\text{curl } F \neq 0$

thus not conservative

so not electric field

3.6. $F = \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \hat{\theta}$ **Yes.**

3.6.1. $\frac{\partial \sin \theta F_\phi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial F_\theta}{\partial \phi}$. $0=0$

3.6.2. $\frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \theta} = \sin \theta \frac{\partial r F_\phi}{\partial r}$. $0 = 0$

3.6.3. $\frac{\partial r F_\theta}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \theta}$. $0 = 0$

3.6.4. *Thus.* Curl is zero, so is conservative,
so could be electric field

4. A CHARGE OF $-qC$ IS PLACED IN THE CENTER OF A SPHERICAL, VACUUM, CAVEITY RADIUS R , INSIDE A PERFECT CONDUCTOR. WHAT IS THE CHARGE INDUCED ON THE SURFACE OF THE CAVEITY?

This is a boundary condition problem.

- 4.1. **Electric Field Due to charge almost at boundary of vacuum.** by gauss

Let us create a gaussian sphere of radius: $R - \Delta h$,

$$\oiint E \cdot dA = \text{flux} = \frac{Q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

since perpendicular:

$$\oiint E \cdot dA = EA = 4\pi(R - \Delta h)^2 E$$

$$4\pi(R - \Delta h)^2 E = \frac{Q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{-q}{\epsilon_0 4\pi(R - \Delta h)^2}$$

- 4.1.1. *Consider a surface inside the conductor.* Let us consider a closed surface, with one side being parallel to the spherical cavity at $R + \Delta h$ distance from center.

- 4.1.2. *Let us now consider a Gaussian surface, crossing the boundary,* Let's make it a cut off spherical wedge. of height $2\Delta h$

such that: the inner surface has area: $A_i = k4\pi(R - \Delta h)^2$

and the outer surface: $k4\pi(R + \Delta h)^2$

for some constant $k < 1$

This surface will capture a portion of the charge induced on the inner surface of the conductor.

by symmetry it will capture kQ_{inducted}

There is a field: D_i though the inside edge,

since this boundary is shared with the sphere from 4.1, $D_i = \frac{-q}{\epsilon_0 4\pi(R - \Delta h)^2}$

4.1.3. Apply Gauss' law to spherical wedge. Gauss' law: $\oiint D \cdot dA = \text{flux} = \frac{Q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$

$$\oiint D \cdot dA = D_i A_i + D_o A_o + D_{\text{tangential}} A_{\text{side}}$$

with $A_{\text{side}} \propto \Delta h$ area of a cone slice

$$\oiint D \cdot dA = D_i k 4\pi (R - \Delta h)^2 + D_o k 4\pi (R + \Delta h)^2 + D_{\text{tangential}} A_{\text{side}}$$

consider $\Delta h \rightarrow 0$

$$\oiint D \cdot dA = D_i A_i + D_o A_o + D_{\text{tangential}} A_{\text{side}} = k Q_{\text{induced}}$$

$$D_i k 4\pi R^2 + D_o k 4\pi (R)^2 + 0 = k Q_{\text{induced}}$$

$$D_i + D_o = \frac{Q_{\text{induced}}}{4\pi R^2}$$

$$\frac{-q}{\epsilon_0 4\pi R^2} + D_o = \frac{Q_{\text{induced}}}{4\pi R^2}$$

$$Q_{\text{induced}} = 4\pi R^2 D_o - \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Since D_o is the an electric field within a perfect conductor,

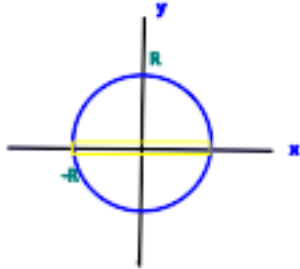
$$D_o = 0$$

Thus

$$Q_{\text{induced}} = -\frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

5. SPHERE RADIUS R WITH CHARGE DENSITY $\rho C/m^3$, TEST CHARGE $-qC$ WITH MASS m RELEASED FROM REST, AT ON ONE OF NARROW CHANNEL

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Let $p(t)$ be the position of the partical at time t

$$p(0) = (-R, 0, 0)$$

$$p'(0) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$p''(t) = \frac{F(p(t))}{m}$$

More over, since by symmetry, the partical is constrained to the x axis, we can simplify to 1 dimentional cordinates.

$$p(0) = -R$$

$$p'(0) = 0$$

$$p''(t) = \frac{F(p(t))}{m}$$

We must find the values of the Electric Field, along the x axis ($\phi = 0, \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ axis)

5.1. Sphere Electric Field Values.

5.1.1. *Use Gaus' Law inside.* Gaus law: $\oiint E \cdot dA = \text{flux} = \frac{Q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$

Lets consider, a point on the x Axis, that is on a gaussian surface of radius T from center, $T \leq R$

$$Q_{\text{enc}}(T) = V\rho = \frac{4}{3}\pi T^3 \rho$$

By semetry we know that the field will be radial - perpendicular though the surface.

We also know, by symetry that the field will be equal all all points on the surface.

$$\text{So } \oiint_T E \cdot dA = E(T)A(T) = 4\pi T^2 E(T)$$

thus

$$\oiint E \cdot dA = \frac{Q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$4\pi T^2 E(T) = \frac{4\pi T^3 \rho}{3\epsilon_0}$$

$$E(T) = \frac{T\rho}{3\epsilon_0}$$

Notice that there is a point in the center: $E(0) = 0$

5.1.2. *Use Gaus'es law Outside.* $Q_{\text{enc}}(R) = V\rho = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \rho$

$$\oiint E \cdot dA = \frac{Q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$4\pi T^2 E(T) = \frac{4\pi R^3 \rho}{3\epsilon_0}$$

$$E(T) = \frac{R^3 \rho}{3T^2 \epsilon_0}$$

$$5.2. \text{ Force. } F(T) = -qE(T) = \begin{cases} \frac{-qT\rho}{3\epsilon_0} & T \leq R \\ \frac{-qR^3\rho}{3T^2\epsilon_0} & T > R \end{cases}$$

Note that qis of different charge to the sphere, so it will be attracted

5.3. **Work out position.** $p(0) = -R$

$$p'(0) = 0$$

$$p''(t) = \frac{F(p(t))}{m} = \begin{cases} \frac{-|p(t)|q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0} & |p(t)| \leq R \\ \frac{-qR^3\rho}{3m|p(t)|^2\epsilon_0} & |p(t)| > R \end{cases}$$

5.3.1. *Let us consider the case* $-R \leq p(t) \leq 0$. $p''(t) = -\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}p(t)$

This a a 2ODE, solve it with Mathimatica.

$$p(t) = -R \cos\left(t\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}}\right)$$

So we are oscillating with constant amplitude.

Worryingly, we have perpetural motion,

however this may be a consiqence of ignoring friction.

check: $p(0) = -R \times 1$

5.3.2. *Solve for other side:* $0 \leq p(t) \leq R$. When will we reach the center?

$$\cos\left(t\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}}\right) = 0 \iff t = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}}} \times k, k \in (2\mathbb{Z} + 1)$$

$$\text{Giving us intiuial contdion: } p\left(\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}}}\right) = 0$$

$$p'(t) = R\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}} \sin\left(t\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}}\right)$$

$$p'\left(\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}}}\right) = R\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = R\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}}$$

$$p''(t) = \frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}p(t)$$

Could continue to solve this with mathimatica, but this is getting convoluted, and error prone.

Assume that $p(t) = -R \cos\left(t\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}}\right)$ holds for whole domain

5.3.3. *For it to return to start position. $t\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}} = 2\pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$*

$$t = \frac{2\pi k}{\sqrt{\frac{q\rho}{3m\epsilon_0}}} \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Final Position. No final position as constant motion.