

Chapter 4

Electric Potential Part 2

Intended Learning Outcomes of the lecture (ILOs):

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When you have completed this section, the students will be able to:

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- Identify the Electric Potential Differences due to a **Point Charge** and **Electric Dipole**
- Understanding the concepts of Electric potential energy
فهم مفهوم طاقة الجهد الكهربى
- Demonstrate how can determine the Electric field from potential difference
شرح كيفية حساب المجال الكهربى من الجهد الكهربى
- Apply the principle laws of Electric Potential to solve some problems
تطبيق القوانين فى بعض المسائل

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$$V = \frac{W}{q_0}$$

$$\Delta V = Ed$$

Uniform Electric field

$$V_f - V_i = -\int_i^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Non-Uniform Electric field

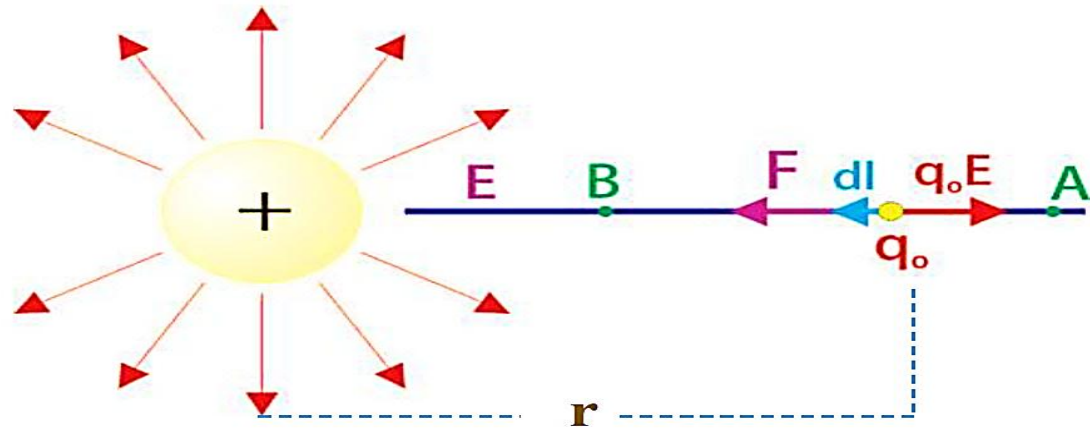
POTENTIAL DUE TO A POINT CHARGE

$$\therefore E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{r^2}$$

$$V = Ed$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{r^2} \cdot r$$

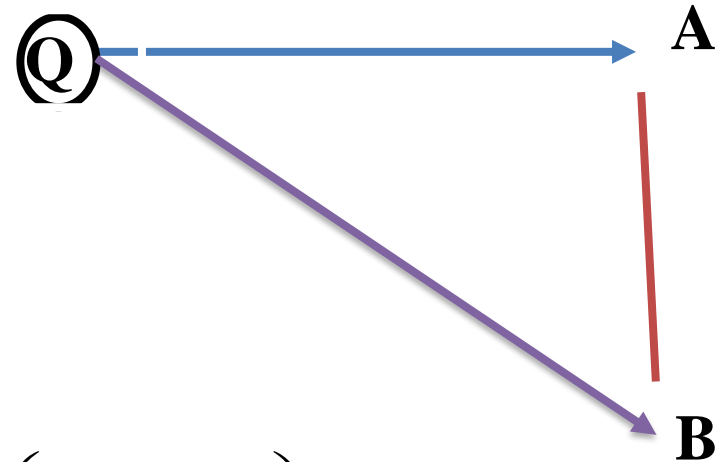
$$\therefore V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{r}$$



Electric potential difference is scalar

$$V_A = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r_A} \right)$$

$$V_B = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r_B} \right)$$



$$V_B - V_A = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r_B} - \frac{1}{r_A} \right)$$

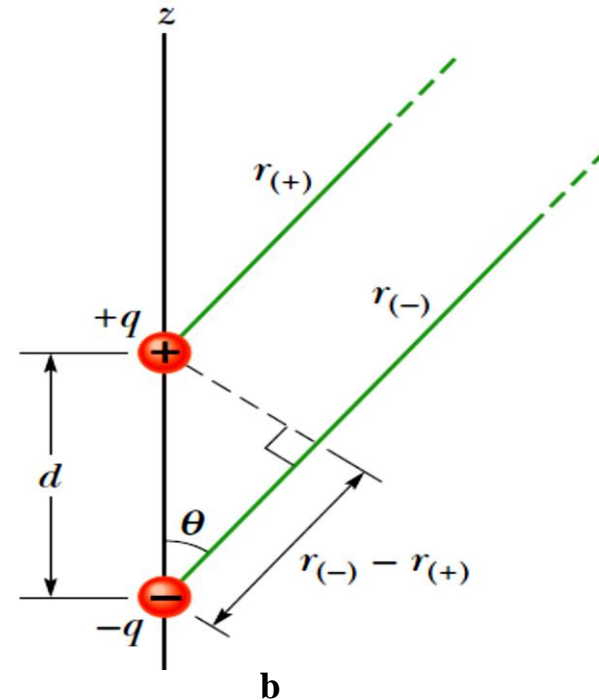
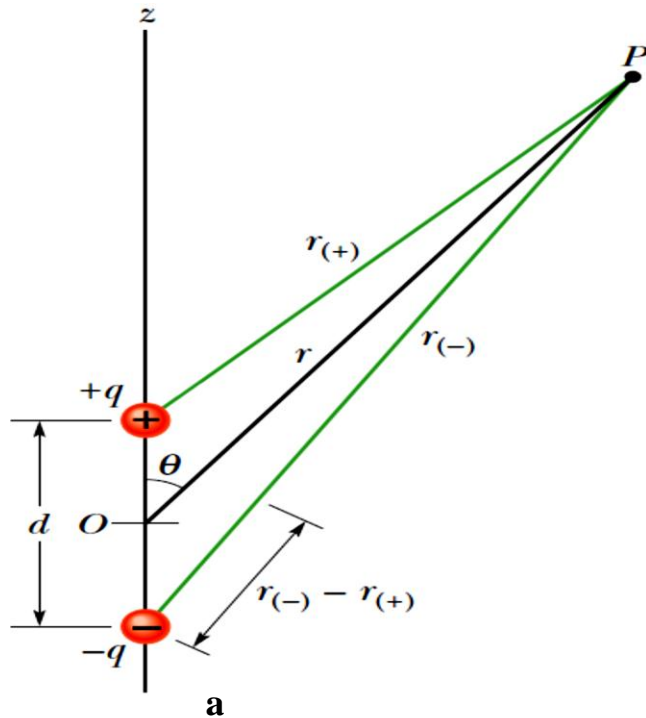
Potential Due to a Group of Point Charge

$$V_{tot} = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + \dots + V_n$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_1^n \frac{q_i}{r_i}$$

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Potential due to an electric dipole



$$V = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{r(-) - r(+)}{r(+)r(-)} \right) \quad V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{P \cos \theta}{r^2} \right) \quad (\text{electric dipole})$$

$V = 0$ when $\theta = 90^\circ$

V is the maximum positive value when $\theta = 0^\circ$

V is the maximum negative value when $\theta = 180^\circ$.

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ELECTRIC POTENTIAL ENERGY

Electric Potential Energy : The work required to bring them from infinity to that configuration

$$U = Vq_2$$



$$\therefore V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{r}$$

$$\therefore U = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q_1q_2}{r}$$

$$\therefore U = \sum \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q_iq_j}{r_{ij}}$$

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Electric potential energy is scalar

U :- positive (+) this means that the exchange forces of system will be repulsive

U :- Negative (-) this means that the exchange forces of system will be attractive

ELECTRIC FIELD FROM POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE

Now we determine the electric field from the electric potential by the following relation.

$$E = \frac{dV}{dr}$$

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EXAMPLES

Example.1

What is the electric potential at point P , located at the center of the square of point charges shown in Figure? The distance d is 1.3 m, and the charges are.

$$q_1 = +12 \text{ nC}, q_2 = +31 \text{ nC}, q_3 = -24 \text{ nC}, q_4 = +17 \text{ nC}$$

Solution

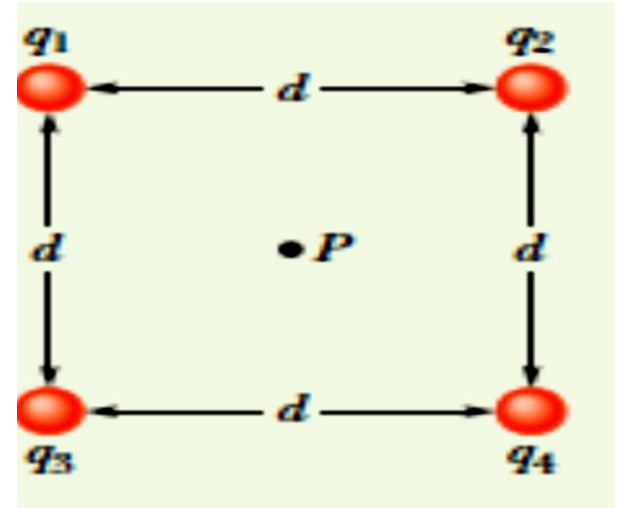
$$V = \sum_{i=1}^4 V_i = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q_1}{r} + \frac{q_2}{r} + \frac{q_3}{r} + \frac{q_4}{r} \right)$$

The distance r is $d/\sqrt{2}$, which is 0.919 m, and the sum of the charges is

$$q_{net} = (q_1 + q_2 + q_3 + q_4) = (12 - 24 + 31 + 17) \times 10^{-9} = 36 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$$

Thus,

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{36 \times 10^{-9}}{0.919} = 350 \text{ V}$$



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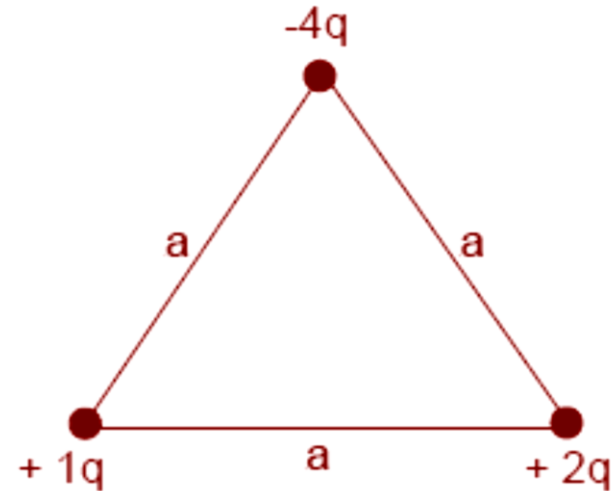
Example.2

Three charges are held fixed as shown in the figure. What is the potential energy? Assume that $q=1\times 10^{-7}$ C and $a = 10$ cm

Solution

$$U=U_{12}+U_{13}+U_{23}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \left[\frac{(+q)(-4q)}{a} + \frac{(+q)(+2q)}{a} + \frac{(-4q)(+2q)}{a} \right]$$



$$U = \frac{-10}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \left[\frac{q^2}{a} \right]$$

$$U = -\frac{9 \times 10^9 (10)(1 \times 10^{-7})^2}{0.1} = -9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J}$$

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Example.3

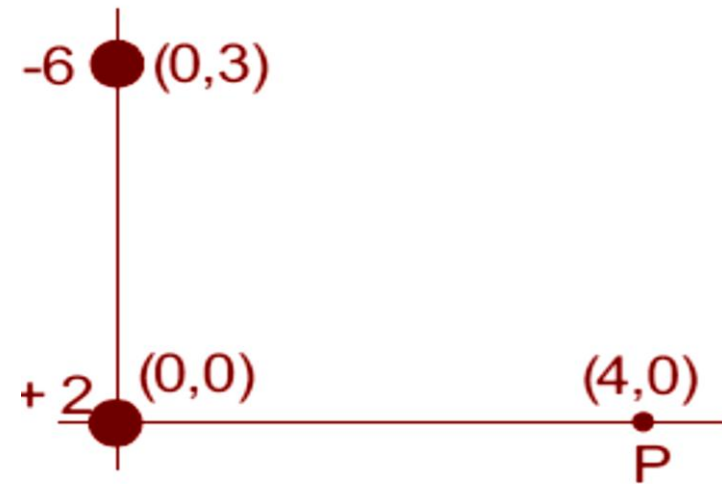
Two charges of $2\mu\text{C}$ and $-6\mu\text{C}$ are located at positions $(0,0)$ m and $(0,3)$ m, respectively as shown in figure.

(i) Find the total electric potential due to these charges at point $(4,0)$ m.

Solution

$$V_p = V_1 + V_2 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q_1}{r_1} + \frac{q_2}{r_2} \right)$$

$$V = 9 \times 10^9 \left(\frac{2 \times 10^{-6}}{4} + \frac{6 \times 10^{-6}}{5} \right) = -6.3 \times 10^3 \text{ V}$$



(ii) How much work is required to bring a $3\mu\text{C}$ charge from ∞ to the point P ?

$$W = q_3 V_p = 3 \times 10^{-6} \times -6.3 \times 10^3 = -18.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J}$$

The -ve sign means that work is done by the charge for the movement from ∞ to P .

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(iii) What is the potential energy for the three charges?

$$U = U_{12} + U_{13} + U_{23}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{(2 \times 10^{-6})(-6 \times 10^{-6})}{3} + \frac{(2 \times 10^{-6})(3 \times 10^{-6})}{4} + \frac{(-6 \times 10^{-6})(3 \times 10^{-6})}{5} \right]$$

$$\therefore U = -5.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Joule}$$

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A particle having a charge $q = 3 \times 10^{-9}$ C moves from point a to point b along a straight line, a total distance $d = 0.5$ m. The electric field is uniform along this line, in the direction from a to b , with magnitude $E = 200$ N/C. **Determine the force on q , the work done on it by the electric field, and the potential difference $V_a - V_b$.**

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Example.5

Point charge of $+12 \times 10^{-9}\text{C}$ and $-12 \times 10^{-9}\text{C}$ are placed 10cm part as shown in figure.

Compute the potential at point a , b , and c . Compute the potential energy of a point charge $+4 \times 10^{-9}\text{C}$ if it placed at points a , b , and

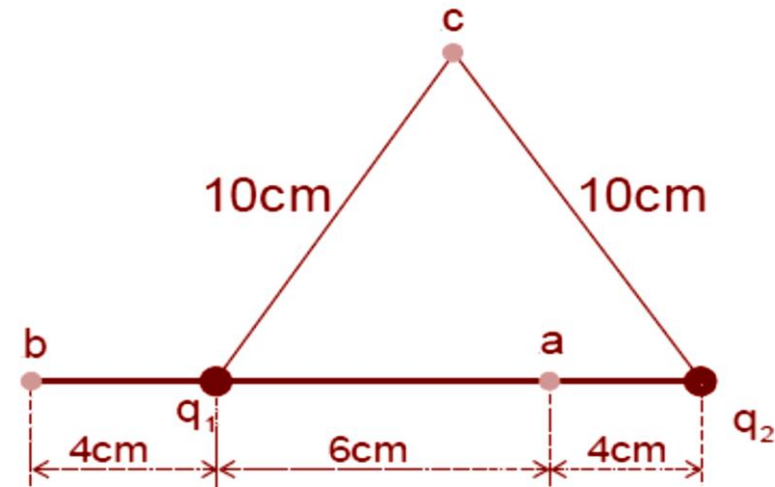
Solution

We need to use the following equation at each point to calculate the potential,

$$\therefore V = \sum_n V_n = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \sum \frac{q_i}{r_i}$$

At point a

$$\therefore V_a = 9 \times 10^9 \left[\frac{12 \times 10^{-9}}{0.06} + \frac{-12 \times 10^{-9}}{0.04} \right] = -900 \text{ Volt}$$



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At point *b*

$$\therefore V_b = 9 \times 10^9 \left[\frac{12 \times 10^{-9}}{0.04} + \frac{-12 \times 10^{-9}}{0.14} \right] = -1930 \text{ Volt}$$

At point *c*

$$\therefore V_b = 9 \times 10^9 \left[\frac{12 \times 10^{-9}}{0.1} + \frac{-12 \times 10^{-9}}{0.14} \right] = 0 \text{ Volt}$$

We need to use the following equation at each point to calculate the potential energy

$$U = qV$$

At point *a*

$$U_a = qV_a = 4 \times 10^{-9} \times (900) = -36 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J}$$

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At point b

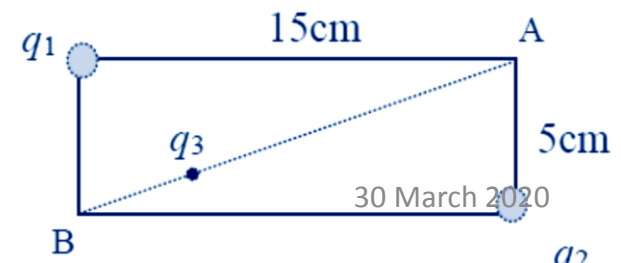
$$U_b = qV_b = 4 \times 10^{-9} \times (1930) = +77 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J}$$

At point c

$$U_c = qV_c = 4 \times 10^{-9} \times (0) = 0 \text{ J}$$

Example 6

In the rectangle shown in figure $q_1 = -5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$ and $q_2 = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$ calculate the work required to move a charge $q_3 = 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$ from B to A along the diagonal of the rectangle.



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