



PHYSICS

BOOKS - NN GHOSH PHYSICS (HINGLISH)

POTENTIAL AND FIELD DUE TO A DIPOLE

Example

1. ABC is a small , isosceles right angled-triangle of hypotenuse 1 cm . A charge of $+4\mu\text{C}$ (picocoulomb) is placed at the right-angled corner A and -20 pC and -20 pC at B and C respectively . Show that this system of charges may be treated as a dipole for all external points at large distances . Calculate the potential due to this system of charges of charges at a point on the prolongation of the side AC at a distance 40 cm from A .



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2. Calculate the binding energy of a dipole consisting of two charges $+4\text{pC}$ and -4pC separated by a distance 20μ (micron) .

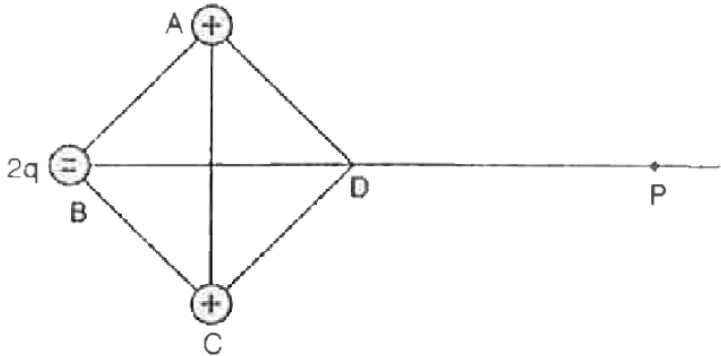


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3. A system consists of two identical dipoles placed along the sides of a square ABCD in such a way that $+q$ and $+q$ lie at the corner A and C and $-q$ and $-q$ at the corner B . Calculate the potential due to the system on

the diagonal BD at a distance r from the intersection of the diagonals of the square .

The length of each diagonal is $2a$.



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4. In a certain region of space, electric field is along the z -direction throughout. The magnitude of electric field is , however, not

constant but increases uniformly along the positive z-direction. At the rate of $10^5 \text{NC}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}$. What are the force and torque experienced by system having a total dipole moment equal to 10^{-7}Cm in the negative z-direction?



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5. A dipole of moment

$\vec{p} = 10^{-7} (5\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ C is placed in an

electric field $\vec{E} = 10^7 (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \text{Vm}^{-1}$.

Find the torque experienced .



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Exercise

1. ABC is a very small equilateral triangles of side 0.5×10^{-3} m . A charge of $+20$ aC (attocoulomb) is placed at the corner A and two charges , each of -10 aC , at B and C . Calculate the potential at a point on the

prolongation of AC 2 cm away from A .

[Hint: 1 aC (attocoulomb = 10^{-18} coulomb)]



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2. An electric dipole consists of two opposite charges of magnitude $1\mu C$ (micro-coulomb) separated by a distance of 2 cm . The dipole is placed in an electric field of $10^5 Vm^{-1}$. (a) What maximum torque does the field exert on the dipole ? (b) How much work must an external agent do to turn the dipole end for

end , starting from a position of alignment

$$\theta = 0 ?$$



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3. Show that the potential at a point of coordinates (x,y) with reference to the axis of the dipole as x -axis and the line perpendicular to the axis and passing through the centre of the dipole as y -axis is

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{px}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} \quad \text{and hence show}$$

that the components of the field along x - and

y- axis are given by ,

$$E_x = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0}, \frac{2x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^{5/2}}$$

$$E_y = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0}, \frac{3xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^{5/2}}$$

[Hint : Find the value of $\cos \theta$ and r in terms of x and y and substitute their values in the standard formula

$$E_x = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \text{ and } E_y = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}]$$



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4. A dipole of moment 4×10^{-14} C m is placed with the its centre at one corner of a cube of

sidelength 20 cm and its axis coinciding with one of the edges at that corner . Calculate the potential and field at the diagonally opposite corner .



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5. Two dipole of moment 5×10^{-12} C m form a cross with their axes ($-$ to $+$) along the coordinate axes . Calculate the potential at a point 20 cm away in a direction making an angle 30° with the x-axis .



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6. Find the locus of points where the electric field due to a dipole is (i) perpendicular to its axis , (ii) anti-parallel to the axis .

[Hint : $\tan\alpha = \frac{\tan\theta}{2}$]



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7. Find the locus of points where the electric field (resultant) will always have a bearing of 45° with the axis of the dipole .



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8. A dipole consisting of $+10$ nC (nanocoulomb) and -10 nC separated by 2 cm oscillates in an electric field of strength 60000 V m^{-1} . Calculate the frequency of vibration of the dipole if its moment of inertia about the axis of oscillation is $3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ kg m}^2$.

[Hint : $t = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{pE}}$ a formula similar to $t = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mB}}$ in magnetism.]



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9. A system consists of charges $+q$ and $+q$ at the opposite corners of a square of sides $2a$ and $-q$ and $-q$ at the other two corners . Calculate the potential and field at a distance r from the centre of the square along a line parallel to the two sides of the square . Assume $a < < r$.



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10. Two identical dipoles have their axes at right angles to each other and also bisecting each other . Calculate the field at a distance r from the point of intersection of their axes in a direction θ with the axis of one of the dipoles . The dipole moment of each dipole is equal to p .



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11. A system consists of charges $+q$ and $+q$ at the opposite corners of a square of sides $2a$ and $-q$ and $-q$ at the other two corners . Calculate the potential and field at a distance r from the centre of the square along a line parallel to the two sides of the square . Assume $a < r$.



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12. Two electric dipoles , each of dipole moment $p = 6.2 \times 10^{-30}$ C m are placed with their axes along the same line their centre a distance $d = 10^{-8}$ m apart . Calculate the force of attraction between the dipoles .



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13. A point electric dipole with a moment p is placed in the external uniform electric field whose strength equals E_0 . With $p \uparrow \uparrow E_0$. In

this case one of the equipotential surfaces enclosing the dipole from a sphere. Find the radius of this sphere.



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14. Calculate the energy released in the formation of 1 kg hydrogen chloride , given that the dipole moment of hydrogen chloride molecules is 3.44×10^{-30} C m and the separation between hydrogen and chlorine

atoms in the equilibrium position is $1.01 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$.



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15. A dipole of electric moment p is located at a distance r from a long thread charged with a linear density λ . Find the force on the dipole if (a) it is placed parallel to the thread, (b) perpendicular to the thread.

[Hint : Field due to long thread = $\frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{r}$]



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