AP® Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
2009 Free-Response Questions

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TABLE OF INFORMATION FOR 2008 and 2009

CONSTANTS AND CONVERSION FACTORS			
Proton mass,	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$ kg	Electron charge magnitude,	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$ C
Neutron mass,	$m_n = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$ kg	1 electron volt,	$1\text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$ J
Electron mass,	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31}$ kg	Speed of light,	$c = 3.00 \times 10^{8}$ m/s
Avogadro's number,	$N_0 = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}	Universal gravitational constant,	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$ m^3/kg•s^2
Universal gas constant,	$R = 8.31$ J/(mol•K)	Acceleration due to gravity at Earth's surface,	$g = 9.8$ m/s^2
Boltzmann's constant,	$k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K		

1 unified atomic mass unit,	$1\text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27}\text{ kg} = 931\text{ MeV}/c^2$
Planck's constant,	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}\text{ J•s} = 4.14 \times 10^{-15}\text{ eV•s}$
	$hc = 1.99 \times 10^{-25}\text{ J•m} = 1.24 \times 10^{3}\text{ eV•nm}$
Vacuum permittivity,	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}\text{ C}^2/\text{N•m}^2$
Coulomb's law constant,	$k = 1/4\pi\epsilon_0 = 9.0 \times 10^{9}\text{ N•m}^2/\text{C}^2$
Vacuum permeability,	$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}\text{ (T•m)/A}$
Magnetic constant,	$k' = \mu_0/4\pi = 10^{-7}\text{ (T•m)/A}$
1 atmosphere pressure,	$1\text{ atm} = 1.0 \times 10^{5}\text{ N/m}^2 = 1.0 \times 10^{5}\text{ Pa}$

UNIT SYMBOLS								
	meter,	m	mole,	mol	watt,	W	farad,	F
	kilogram,	kg	hertz,	Hz	coulomb,	C	tesla,	T
	second,	s	newton,	N	volt,	V	degree Celsius,	°C
	ampere,	A	pascal,	Pa	ohm,	Ω	electron-volt,	eV
	kelvin,	K	joule,	J	henry,	H		

PREFIXES

Factor	Prefix	Symbol
10^{9}	giga	G
10^{6}	mega	M
10^{3}	kilo	k
10^{-2}	centi	c
10^{-3}	milli	m
10^{-6}	micro	μ
10^{-9}	nano	n
10^{-12}	pico	p

VALUES OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS FOR COMMON ANGLES

θ	0°	30°	37°	45°	53°	60°	90°
$\sin\theta$	0	$1/2$	$3/5$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$4/5$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	1
$\cos\theta$	1	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$4/5$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$3/5$	$1/2$	0
$\tan\theta$	0	$\sqrt{3}/3$	$3/4$	1	$4/3$	$\sqrt{3}$	∞

The following conventions are used in this exam.

I. Unless otherwise stated, the frame of reference of any problem is assumed to be inertial.

II. The direction of any electric current is the direction of flow of positive charge (conventional current).

III. For any isolated electric charge, the electric potential is defined as zero at an infinite distance from the charge.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS C EQUATIONS FOR 2008 and 2009

MECHANICS

$\upsilon = \upsilon_0 + at$

$x = x_0 + \upsilon_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$\upsilon^2 = \upsilon_0{}^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$

$\sum \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_{net} = m\mathbf{a}$

$\mathbf{F} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt}$

$\mathbf{J} = \int \mathbf{F}\,dt = \Delta\mathbf{p}$

$\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$

$F_{fric} \le \mu N$

$W = \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$

$K = \frac{1}{2}m\upsilon^2$

$P = \frac{dW}{dt}$

$P = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v}$

$\Delta U_g = mgh$

$a_c = \frac{\upsilon^2}{r} = \omega^2 r$

$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$

$\sum \boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_{net} = I\boldsymbol{\alpha}$

$I = \int r^2 dm = \sum mr^2$

$\mathbf{r}_{cm} = \sum m\mathbf{r} / \sum m$

$\upsilon = r\omega$

$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} = I\boldsymbol{\omega}$

$K = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$

$\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t$

$\theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$

a = acceleration
F = force
f = frequency
h = height
I = rotational inertia
J = impulse
K = kinetic energy
k = spring constant
ℓ = length
L = angular momentum
m = mass
N = normal force
P = power
p = momentum
r = radius or distance
$\mathbf{r}$ = position vector
T = period
t = time
U = potential energy
υ = velocity or speed
W = work done on a system
x = position
μ = coefficient of friction
θ = angle
τ = torque
ω = angular speed
α = angular acceleration

$\mathbf{F}_s = -k\mathbf{x}$

$U_s = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{1}{f}$

$T_s = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$

$T_p = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{\ell}{g}}$

$\mathbf{F}_G = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}\hat{\mathbf{r}}$

$U_G = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r}$

ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM

$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q_1q_2}{r^2}$

$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{q}$

$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$

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

$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i}$

$U_E = qV = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{q_1q_2}{r}$

$C = \frac{Q}{V}$

$C = \frac{\kappa\epsilon_0 A}{d}$

$C_p = \sum_i C_i$

$\frac{1}{C_s} = \sum_i \frac{1}{C_i}$

$I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$

$U_c = \frac{1}{2}QV = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$

$R = \frac{\rho\ell}{A}$

$\mathbf{E} = \rho\mathbf{J}$

$I = Nev_d A$

$V = IR$

$R_s = \sum_i R_i$

$\frac{1}{R_p} = \sum_i \frac{1}{R_i}$

$P = IV$

$\mathbf{F}_M = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$

A = area
B = magnetic field
C = capacitance
d = distance
E = electric field
$\mathcal{E}$ = emf
F = force
I = current
J = current density
L = inductance
ℓ = length
n = number of loops of wire per unit length
N = number of charge carriers per unit volume
P = power
Q = charge
q = point charge
R = resistance
r = distance
t = time
U = potential or stored energy
V = electric potential
υ = velocity or speed
ρ = resistivity
ϕ_m = magnetic flux
κ = dielectric constant

$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = \mu_0 I$

$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\frac{I\,d\boldsymbol{\ell} \times \mathbf{r}}{r^3}$

$\mathbf{F} = \int I\,d\boldsymbol{\ell} \times \mathbf{B}$

$B_s = \mu_0 nI$

$\phi_m = \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$

$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\phi_m}{dt}$

$\mathcal{E} = -L\frac{dI}{dt}$

$U_L = \frac{1}{2}LI^2$

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS C EQUATIONS FOR 2008 and 2009

GEOMETRY AND TRIGONOMETRY

Rectangle

$A = bh$

Triangle

$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$

Circle

$A = \pi r^2$

$C = 2\pi r$

Parallelepiped

$V = \ell wh$

Cylinder

$V = \pi r^2 \ell$

$S = 2\pi r\ell + 2\pi r^2$

Sphere

$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

$S = 4\pi r^2$

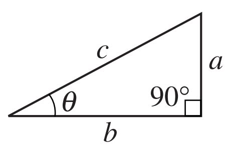
Right Triangle

$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

$\sin\theta = \frac{a}{c}$

$\cos\theta = \frac{b}{c}$

$\tan\theta = \frac{a}{b}$



A = area
C = circumference
V = volume
S = surface area
b = base
h = height
ℓ = length
w = width
r = radius

CALCULUS

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{df}{du}\frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^n\right) = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(e^x\right) = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

$$\int x^n\,dx = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1},\ n \neq -1$$

$$\int e^x\,dx = e^x$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln|x|$$

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

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

PHYSICS C: ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM
SECTION II
Time—45 minutes
3 Questions

Directions: Answer all three questions. The suggested time is about 15 minutes for answering each of the questions, which are worth 15 points each. The parts within a question may not have equal weight. Show all your work in this booklet in the spaces provided after each part, NOT in the green insert.

E&M. 1.

A spherically symmetric charge distribution has net positive charge Q_0 distributed within a radius of R. Its electric potential V as a function of the distance r from the center of the sphere is given by the following.

$$V(r) = \frac{Q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}\left[-2 + 3\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right] \text{ for } r < R$$

$$V(r) = \frac{Q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \text{ for } r > R$$

Express all algebraic answers in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.

(a) For the following regions, indicate the direction of the electric field $E(r)$ and derive an expression for its magnitude.

i. $r < R$

____ Radially inward ____ Radially outward

ii. $r > R$

____ Radially inward ____ Radially outward

(b) For the following regions, derive an expression for the enclosed charge that generates the electric field in that region, expressed as a function of r.

i. $r < R$

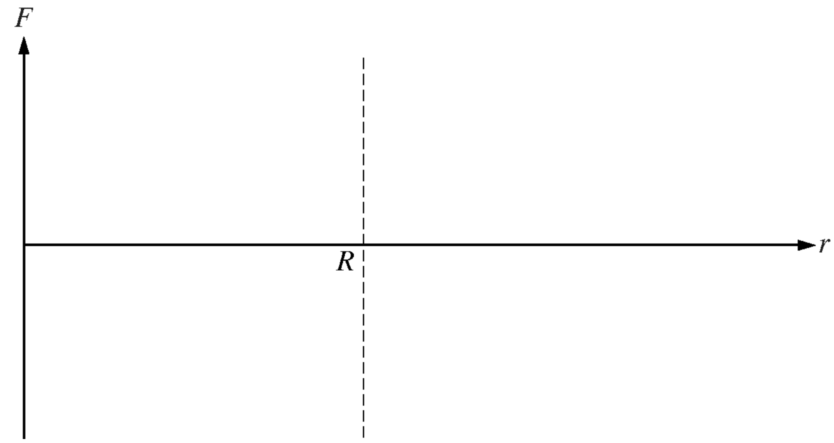
ii. $r > R$

(c) Is there any charge on the surface of the sphere ($r = R$) ?

____ Yes ____ No

If there is, determine the charge. In either case, explain your reasoning.

(d) On the axes below, sketch a graph of the force that would act on a positive test charge in the regions $r < R$ and $r > R$. Assume that a force directed radially outward is positive.



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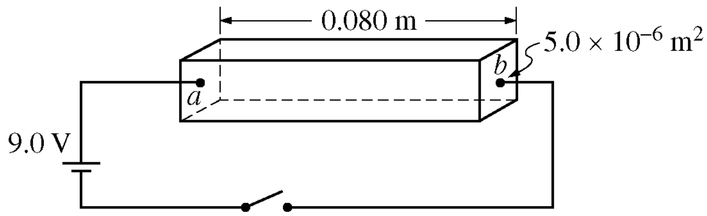
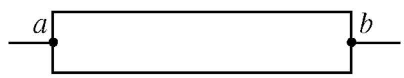


E&M. 2.

A 9.0 V battery is connected to a rectangular bar of length 0.080 m, uniform cross-sectional area $5.0 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{m}^2$, and resistivity $4.5 \times 10^{-4}\ \Omega \bullet \text{m}$, as shown above. Electrons are the sole charge carriers in the bar. The wires have negligible resistance. The switch in the circuit is closed at time $t = 0$.

(a) Calculate the power delivered to the circuit by the battery.

(b) On the diagram below, indicate the direction of the electric field in the bar.

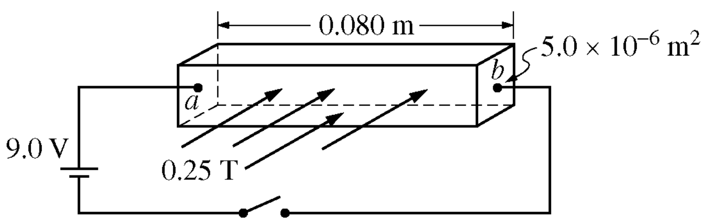


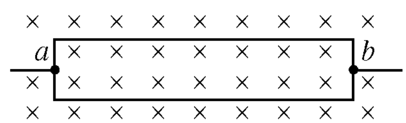
Side View

Explain your answer.

(c) Calculate the strength of the electric field in the bar.

A uniform magnetic field of magnitude 0.25 T perpendicular to the bar is added to the region around the bar, as shown below.

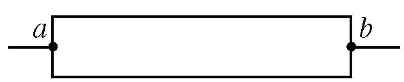




Side View

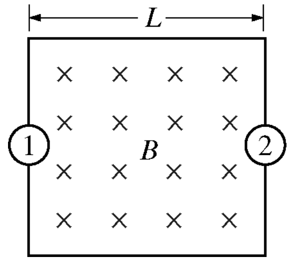
(d) Calculate the magnetic force on the bar.

(e) The electrons moving through the bar are initially deflected by the external magnetic field. On the diagram below, indicate the direction of the additional electric field that is created in the bar by the deflected electrons.



Side View

(f) The electrons eventually experience no deflection and move through the bar at an average speed of $3.5 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{m/s}$. Calculate the strength of the additional electric field indicated in part (e).



E&M. 3.

A square conducting loop of side L contains two identical lightbulbs, 1 and 2, as shown above. There is a magnetic field directed into the page in the region inside the loop with magnitude as a function of time t given by $B(t) = at + b$, where a and b are positive constants. The lightbulbs each have constant resistance R_0. Express all answers in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.

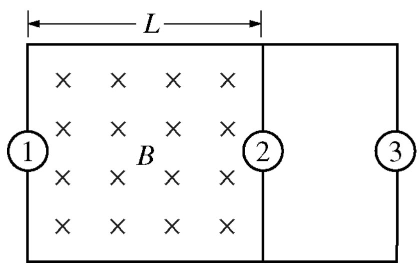
(a) Derive an expression for the magnitude of the emf generated in the loop.

(b) i. Determine an expression for the current through bulb 2.

ii. Indicate on the diagram above the direction of the current through bulb 2.

(c) Derive an expression for the power dissipated in bulb 1.

Another identical bulb 3 is now connected in parallel with bulb 2, but it is entirely outside the magnetic field, as shown below.

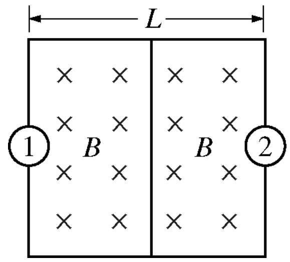


(d) How does the brightness of bulb 1 compare to what it was in the previous circuit?

____ Brighter ____ Dimmer ____ The same

Justify your answer.

Now the portion of the circuit containing bulb 3 is removed, and a wire is added to connect the midpoints of the top and bottom of the original loop, as shown below.



(e) How does the brightness of bulb 1 compare to what it was in the first circuit?

____ Brighter   ____ Dimmer   ____ The same

Justify your answer.

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