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| **PH 221 Homework Assignment Chapter on Charge and**  **E Field – 34 Problems Total** |
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| **1.** What is the magnitude of the electric force between the nucleus of copper (atomic number = 29) and electron which is located a distance of away from the nucleus? |
| [Solution for Problem 1](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP01.pdf) |
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| **2.** How many electrons have been removed for an object to have a net charge of ? |
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| [Solution for Problem 2](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP02.pdf) |
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| **3.** What is the repulsive electrical force between two protons which are located a distance of apart within the nucleus? |
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| [Solution for Problem 3](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP03.pdf) |
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| **4.** A person scuffling their feet on a shag carpet on a day with low humidity accumulates a net charge of . |
| [Solution for Problem 4](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP04.pdf) |
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| **5.** What is the total charge of all the protons in a bar of platinum? (Platinum has an atomic number of and an atomic mass of . ) |
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| [Solution for Problem 5](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP05.pdf) |
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| **6.** Calculate the ratio of the electrical force between the electron and the proton in a hydrogen atom to the gravitational force between the same electron and proton in the same hydrogen atom. |
| [Solution for Problem 6](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP06.pdf) |
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| **7.** Two negative point charges are a fixed distance apart. The sum of their charges is . What must be charge for each one in order that: |
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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **(a)** | The magnitude of the electric force between them is a maximum? | |  |  | | **(b)** | The magnitude of the electric force between them is a minimum? | |
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| [Solution for Problem 7](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP07.pdf) |
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| **8.** Two small nonconducting spheres have a total charge of . When the spheres are placed a distance of apart the force each sphere exerts on the other has a magnitude of . What is the charge on each sphere if |
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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **(a)** | The electric force between them is repulsive? | |  |  | | **(b)** | The electric force between them is attractive? | |
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| [Solution for Problem 8](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP08.pdf) |
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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **9.** Four identical charges are placed on the corners of a square which has a side length of . What is the net force acting on  Charge “d”? |  | |
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| [Solution for Problem 9](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP09.pdf) |
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| **10.** A charge is transferred from an initially uncharged object to an identical object also initially uncharged a distance of away. The force of attraction between the two objects is found to be . How many electrons were transferred from the first object to the second object? |
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| [Solution for Problem 10](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP10.pdf) |
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| |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **11.** Two small spheres are hanging from identical massless, stretchless, and unbreakable cords both of length . Sphere A has a mass and a charge . Sphere B has a mass and a charge . Due to the charges an electrical force causes the two spheres to be hanging at angles and as shown. The distance between the two spheres is . | |
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| **(a)** | If , and , find the ratio of . |

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| **(b)** | For this same situation as (a) find the distance d between the two spheres. |

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| **(c)** | If , , , and , find the ratio of . |

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| **(d)** | For this same situation as (c) find the distance d between the two spheres. |

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| [Solution for Problem 11](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP11.pdf) |
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| **12.** An electrical force of is created when an electron is placed inside a uniform electric field. What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field? |
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| [Solution for Problem 12](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP12.pdf) |
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| **13.** A charge is placed into a uniform electric field given by |
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| What is the electric force (vector) that acts on the charge? |
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| [Solution for Problem 13](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP13.pdf) |
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| **14.** Determine the magnitude and direction of the electric field at the point (P) indicated below due to the two charges shown. , ,  , and . |
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| [Solution for Problem 14](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP14.pdf) |
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| **15.** Two charges are located on two points of a triangle as shown in the figure on the right. and . and  . What is the magnitude and direction of the Electric Field at point P due to these two charges? |  |

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| [Solution for Problem 15](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP15.pdf) |
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| **16.** Two charges are located along the y axis. Charge A is and Charge B is . The distance from Charge A to point P is  . The electric field due to these two charges is zero at point P. What is the distance from Charge B to point P? |  |

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| [Solution for Problem 16](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP16.pdf) |
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| **17.** As shown below there are two charges and . At a point P the electric field due to these two charges is found to be zero! The distance from point P to charge is . What is the distance between charges and which is referred to as in the diagram? |
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| [Solution for Problem 17](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP17.pdf) |
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| **18.** As shown below, two parallel circular rings of radius are centered on the x – axis and separated by a distance of . Each ring has a charge uniformly distributed around it. Find the magnitude and direction of the electric field created by these two rings at points along the x – axis. |
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| [Solution for Problem 18](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP18.pdf) |
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|  | **19.** A wire has a length of and runs along the y – axis as shown on the left. The wire has a total charge of on it which is uniformly distributed providing a linear charge density of . What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field along the x – axis. Assume the wire is centered with the x – axis so that it extends from the x – axis. |

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| [Solution for Problem 19](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP19.pdf) |
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| **20.** A nonconductive polymer is shaped into a semicircle of radius as shown on the right. It has a nonuniform charge distributed on it that follows the relationship given by the linear charge density function . is a negative constant with units of . is the point at the center of the semi-circle. Recall that for and  for . |  |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **(a)** | Find the magnitude and direction of the electric field at point P. | |  |  | | **(b)** | Determine the magnitude and direction the electric field will create to act on an electron placed at point P. If and  . | |
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| [Solution for Problem 20](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP20.pdf) |
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| **21.** Consider a large plane with sides which lies in the x-y plane as shown below. The plane has charge uniformly distributed along its surface with an area charge density  which has units of . Point P lies along the z axis above the center of the plane. |
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| Determine the electric field due to the charged plane at point P assuming the plane is infinitely large (i.e. ). Use two methods: |
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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **(a)** | Consider the plane being composed of long straight wires running along the  x – axis. Sum them up along the y – axis. | |  |  | |  | **Hint: review** [Homework Problem 19](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP19.pdf)**.** | |  |  | | **(b)** | Consider the plane being composed of concentric rings of charge centered on the x-y origin. Then sum them up along the radius. | |  |  | |  | **Hint: review** [Homework Problem 18](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP18.pdf)**.** | |
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| [Solution for Problem 21](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP21.pdf) |
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| **22.** Consider two charges shown below, and separated by a distance of . At a point shown below from and from the total electric field is found to be zero. What is the ratio of the two charges ? |
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| [Solution for Problem 22](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP22.pdf) |
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| **23.** A proton has an initial velocity designated by: . It enters an electric field which can be described by: . |
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| [Solution for Problem 23](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP23.pdf) |
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| **24.** An electron is traveling with an initial velocity of when it enters an electric field that is parallel to this initial velocity. The electron is brought to rest by this electric field, after traveling a distance of . |
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| **25.** A proton is moving through space with an initial velocity of |
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| At time , the proton is at location when it enters an electric field described by |
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| What is the proton’s position at time ? |
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| [Solution for Problem 25](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP25.pdf) |
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| **26.** An electric dipole consists of charges and which are separated by a distance . Assume , . The dipole is placed into an electric field with a strength of . Assume the dipole direction, which goes from the negative charge towards the positive charge, is initially parallel to the electric field. |
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| **(a)** | Calculate the value of the dipole moment. |
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| **(b)** | What is the torque on the dipole when it is parallel to the electric field? |
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| **(c)** | What is the torque on the dipole when it is making a angle with the direction of the electric field? |
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| **(d)** | What is the torque on the dipole when it is antiparallel to the electric field? |
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| **(e)** | How much work is required for an external agent to rotate the dipole from being parallel to the electric field to being antiparallel to the electric field? |

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| **27.** A molecule has an electric dipole moment of . The two atoms are separated by a distance of . |
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| [Solution for Problem 27](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP27.pdf) |
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| **28.** The Earth’s electric field can be approximated as charges uniformly distributed through the Earth’s volume resulting in a field of strength approximately which points inward towards the center of the Earth. What is the amount of the net charge of the Earth and is it positive or negative? |
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| [Solution for Problem 28](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP28.pdf) |
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| **29.** If instead of the gravitational force keeping the Moon in orbit around the Earth, what if it were the electrical force? Assume identical but oppositely signed charges were distributed on the Earth and the Moon. How large would the charge have to be in magnitude for the Moon to continue to orbit the Earth at the same distance? |
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| [Solution for Problem 29](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP29.pdf) |
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| **30.** In the Bohr model of the Hydrogen atom, the electron moves along a circular orbit around the proton. What is the speed of the electron in the ground state of hydrogen when the electron is at the Bohr radius ? |
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| [Solution for Problem 30](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP30.pdf) |
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| **31.** When a spark appears in a medium (say, air) then the local electrical field has exceeded a value known as the break-down electrical field for the medium. For dry air (think of winter time), the break-down field is approximately . Consider a small elastic balloon which has accumulated static charge. If the balloon is approximately spherical with a radius of , how much charge is needed before the balloon “pops” due to creating a spark across its diameter? |
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| [Solution for Problem 31](http://physics.nmu.edu/~ddonovan/classes/Nph221/Homework/IHQE/IHQEP31.pdf) |
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| **32.** Polystyrene is a common material used in packing items to protect them from damage during shipping. Polystyrene can accumulate charge quite easily which creates a static electricity force between polystyrene and other items. When unpacking, you often have small bits of polystyrene sticking together as well as sticking to the packed object and other items. Consider two small spherical balls of polystyrene are electrically attached. Let’s assume the electrical force is equal to the weight of one sphere. Consider the two spheres to be identical and have radii of and each has charge of magnitude of . Obviously since they are attracted, they have opposite signs for their charges. What is the mass density of the polystyrene used? |
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| **33.** An object shown on the right has a mass and has been charged to . The object is connected to a massless, stretchless and unbreakable cord of length . When the angle shown in the figure is , the object is found to be at rest in the electric field shown in the diagram. What is the magnitude of the electric field? |  |

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| **34.** There are three identical conducting solid spheres each has a mass , charge , and radii of . Spheres A and B are initially located near each other with a distance of from the center of Sphere A to the center of Sphere B. |
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