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Exam I Sample Formula Sheet

Constants:

$$\begin{aligned} k_e &\equiv 1/4\pi\epsilon_0 = 8.98755 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{C}^{-2} \\ \epsilon_0 &= 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2 \\ e &= 1.60218 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \\ m_{e^-} &= 9.10938 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \\ m_{p^+} &= 1.67262 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \end{aligned}$$

Basic Equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= ax^2 + bx^2 + c \implies x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\ \vec{F}_{\text{net}} &= m\vec{a} \text{ Newton's Second Law} \\ \vec{F}_{\text{centr}} &= -\frac{mv^2}{r}\hat{r} \text{ Centripetal} \end{aligned}$$

Electric Force & Field:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{12} &= k_e \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r} = q_2 \vec{E}_1 \\ \vec{E}_1 &= \vec{F}_{12}/q_2 = k_e \frac{q_1}{r^2} \hat{r} \\ \vec{E} &= k_e \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{r}_i \rightarrow k_e \int \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r} = k_e \int \frac{\rho \hat{r}}{r^2} dV_{ol} \\ \Phi_E &= \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = 4\pi k_e q_{\text{encl}} = \frac{q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0} \end{aligned}$$

Electric Potential:

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} &= 0 \\ \Delta U &= -W = -q \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad q \text{ moved from } A \text{ to } B \text{ in } \vec{E} \\ \Delta V &= V_B - V_A = \frac{\Delta U}{q} = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \end{aligned}$$

constant E : $\Delta U = q\Delta V = -q|\vec{E}| |\Delta \vec{x}| \cos \theta = -qE_x \Delta x$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{point}} &= k_e \frac{q}{r} \\ U_{\text{pair of point charges}} &= k_e \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}} = V_1 q_2 = V_2 q_1 \\ U_{\text{system}} &= \text{sum over unique pairs} = \sum_{\text{pairs } i,j} \frac{k_e q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} \\ U_{\text{field}} &= \frac{1}{2} \int \epsilon_0 E^2 dV_{ol} = \frac{1}{2} \int \rho V dV_{ol} \\ V &= k_e \int \frac{dq}{r} \quad \text{continuous} \\ E_x &= -\frac{dV}{dx} \rightarrow \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V \end{aligned}$$

Ohm:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V &= IR \\ \vec{J} &= \sigma \vec{E} \\ \mathcal{P} &= E \cdot \Delta t = I\Delta V = I^2 R = \frac{[\Delta V]^2}{R} \quad \text{power} \end{aligned}$$

Current:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A} \xrightarrow{\text{uniform J}} I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = nqAv_d \\ J &= \sum_k n_k q_k v_k \xrightarrow{\text{uniform J}} J = \frac{I}{A} = nqv_d \\ \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A} &= -\frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho dV_{ol} \\ \vec{v}_d &= \frac{q\tau}{m} \vec{E} \quad \tau = \text{scattering time} \\ \rho &= 1/\sigma = \frac{m}{nq^2\tau} \\ R &= \frac{\varrho l}{A} \\ \mathcal{P} &= E \cdot \Delta t = I\Delta V \quad \text{power} \end{aligned}$$

Other:

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{E}_2 - \vec{E}_1) \cdot \hat{n} &= 4\pi k_e \sigma \quad \text{sheet of charge with } \sigma \\ F_{\text{sheet}} &= \frac{\sigma}{2} (E_1 + E_2) \end{aligned}$$

Capacitors:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{capacitor}} &= C\Delta V \\ C_{\text{parallel plate}} &= \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \\ U_{\text{capacitor}} &= \frac{1}{2} Q\Delta V = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = C(\Delta V)^2 \\ C_{\text{eq, par}} &= C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots \\ 1/C_{\text{eq, series}} &= 1/C_1 + 1/C_2 + 1/C_3 + \dots \\ C_{\text{with dielectric}} &= \kappa C_{\text{without}} \quad \kappa_{\text{air}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{F}| &= \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2} \quad \text{magnitude} \\ \theta &= \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{F_y}{F_x} \right] \quad \text{direction} \\ d\vec{l} &= dx \hat{x} + dy \hat{y} + dz \hat{z} \\ \text{let } \vec{a} &= a_x \hat{x} + a_y \hat{y} + a_z \hat{z} \quad \text{and } \vec{b} = b_x \hat{x} + b_y \hat{y} + b_z \hat{z} \\ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta \\ \text{if } \vec{a} \perp \vec{b}, \text{ then } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Derived unit	Symbol	equivalent to
newton	N	kg·m/s ²
joule	J	kg·m ² /s ² = N·m
watt	W	J/s = m ² ·kg/s ³
coulomb	C	A·s
V	W/A = m ² ·kg/s ³ ·A	
farad	F	C/V = A ² ·s ⁴ /m ² ·kg
ohm	Ω	V/A = m ² ·kg/s ³ ·A ²
electron volt	eV	1.6 × 10 ⁻¹⁹ J
-	1 N/C	1 V/m
Power	Prefix	Abbreviation
10 ⁻¹²	pico	p
10 ⁻⁹	nano	n
10 ⁻⁶	micro	μ
10 ⁻³	milli	m
10 ⁻²	centi	c
10 ³	kilo	k
10 ⁶	mega	M
10 ⁹	giga	G
10 ¹²	tera	T