PH 102 / LeClair

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Quiz 3: Electrical Energy

Constant electric fields / capacitors:

 $\Delta V = |\vec{\mathbf{E}}| |\Delta \vec{\mathbf{x}}| \qquad \Delta P E = q \Delta V \qquad K E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \qquad Q = C \Delta V \qquad C = \frac{\epsilon_o A}{d}$

1. If you place a positively charged particle in an electric field, the charge will move

- □ from higher to lower electric potential and from lower to higher potential energy.
- □ from higher to lower electric potential and from higher to lower potential energy.
- ^D from lower to higher electric potential and from lower to higher potential energy.
- □ from lower to higher electric potential and from higher to lower potential energy.

2. You have five capacitors, each with a rated value of $C = 1 \times 10^{-6}$ F. What is the equivalent capacitance when they are all combined in parallel? In series?

3. Calculate the speed of a proton that is accelerated from rest through a potential difference of 130 V. The charge of a proton is $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C, and its mass is $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$ kg.

4. Suppose that near the ground directly below a thundercloud, the electric field is of a constant magnitude of 2.0×10^4 V/m and points upward. What is the potential difference between the ground and a point in the air, 50 m above ground?