PH 102 / LeClair

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Quiz 4: Exam Review

Constant electric fields / capacitors:

$$\Delta V = |\vec{\mathbf{E}}| |\Delta \vec{\mathbf{x}}| \qquad \Delta P E = q \Delta V \qquad K E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \qquad Q = C \Delta V \qquad C = \frac{\epsilon_o A}{d}$$
$$F = \frac{k_e q_1 q_2}{r^2} \qquad k_e = 9 \times 10^9 \frac{\mathrm{Nm}^2}{\mathrm{C}^2} \qquad I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = nq v_d A \qquad E_{\mathrm{cap}} = \frac{1}{2} Q \Delta V = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

1. Two particles are separated by a distance of 3.0 m; each exerts an electric force of 1.0 N on the other. If one particle carries 10 times as much electric charge as the other, what is the magnitude of the smaller charge? Note $p = 10^{-12}$, $n = 10^{-9}$, $\mu = 10^{-6}$, $k = 10^3$.

- □ 10 pC
- $\square 10 \,\mu\text{C}$
- \square 10 nC
- \Box 10 kC

2. Suppose that a wire has a nonuniform cross section (thicker in some parts than others). Is the drift velocity of the electrons the same everywhere along this wire? The resistivity?

- □ yes; yes
- □ yes; no
- □ no; yes
- □ no; no

3. Consider a simple parallel-plate capacitor whose plates are given equal and opposite charges and are separated by a distance D. The capacitor is not connected to a battery. Suppose the plates are pushed together until they are separated by a distance d < D. How does the final electrostatic energy stored in the capacitor compare to the initial energy?

- ^D The final stored energy is smaller than the initial stored energy.
- \square The final stored energy is greater than the initial stored energy.
- \square They are the same.

4. Car batteries are often rated in ampere-hours. This unit by itself designates the amount of which of the following that can be drawn from the battery?

- □ charge
- □ power
- □ energy
- □ current