

# Physics 142 - September 23, 2014

- Heads up - Exam 1 Two weeks from now ...
- Homeworks
- How did Thursday's lecture work for you?
- Questions from last Thursday's lecture?

Gauss' Law examples

Any questions on Gauss' Law?

Started discussion of Energy + Potential

Last  
Time

# Man of the Hour



$$1 \text{ Volt} = 1 \frac{\text{Joule}}{\text{Coulomb}}$$

Count Alessandro Giuseppe  
Antonio Anastasio Volta

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Como, Lombardy, Italy

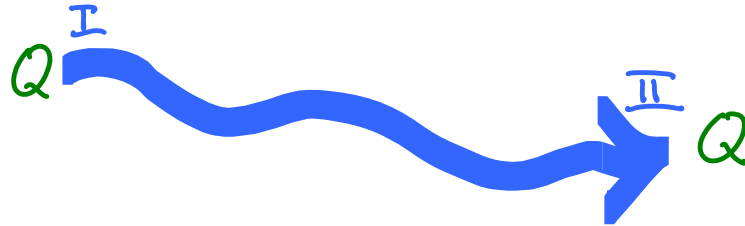
1745 - 1827

Invented the Voltaic pile

forerunner of the

Modern battery

hopefully this man  
didn't go thru his whole life  
this pissed off



Work  
change to move  $Q$  from  $I \rightarrow II$  is potential difference

$$\Delta \text{ Energy of system} \equiv \Delta U$$

$$\frac{W}{q} = - \frac{\Delta U}{q} \equiv \text{Potential difference}$$

well defined

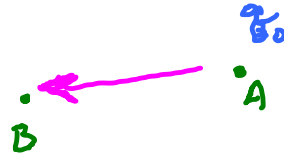
Absolute potential requires  
that a "zero" be defined

$$V \text{ or } \Delta V \text{ or } V_{II} \text{ or } V_{II} - V_I$$

units  $\rightarrow$  Joules/Coulomb

Specifically last time

+Q



Calculated work to move  $q_0$  from point A to point B

$$W = k q_0 Q \left[ \frac{1}{R_B} - \frac{1}{R_A} \right]$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{W}{q_0} = k Q \left[ \frac{1}{R_B} - \frac{1}{R_A} \right]$$

Suppose we did  instead?

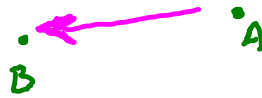
+Q

Electrostatics (Electromagnetism)

is a conservative force

↳ Potential difference is  
PATH Independent

+Q



Calculated work to move  $q_0$  from point A to point B

$$W = k q_0 Q \left[ \frac{1}{R_B} - \frac{1}{R_A} \right]$$

Let  $A \rightarrow \infty$

$$W_{q_0 \text{ at B}} = \frac{k q_0 Q}{R_B}$$

Absolute pot. of chg Q  $v = \frac{kQ}{R_B}$

# Electric Potential

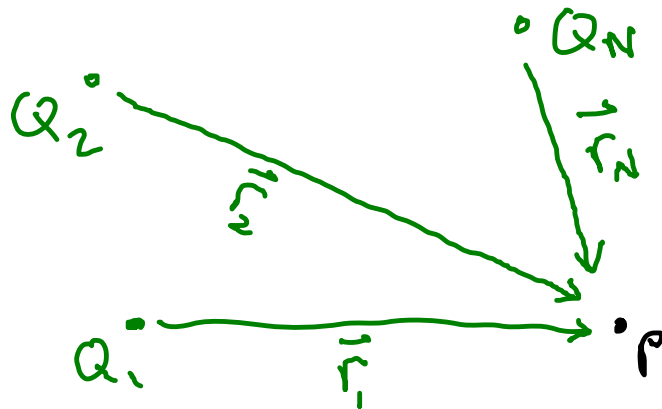
let  $V=0$  at  $\infty$

Potential of point chg



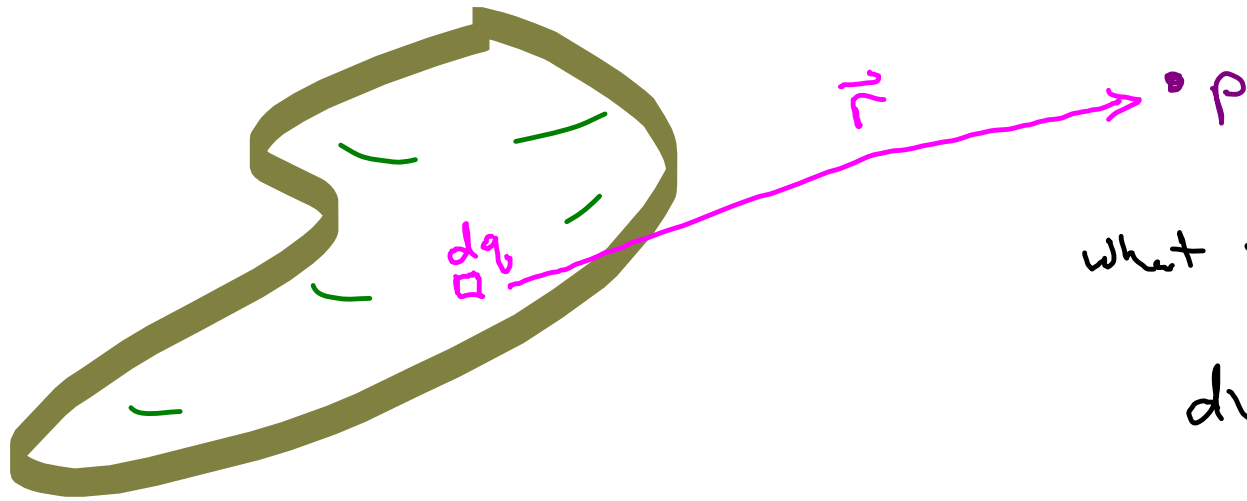
$$V_P = \frac{kQ}{r}$$

System of discrete charges



$$V_P = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{kQ_i}{r_i}$$

Scalar  
Sum  
of  
Potentials



what is  $dV_p$  at pt P

$$dV_p = \frac{k dq}{r}$$

$$V_p = \int \frac{k dq}{r}$$

chg  
distribution

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\rho dv}$

why care?

$$E_s = -\frac{dv}{ds}$$

$V(x)$

$$E_x = -\frac{dv}{dx}$$

$V(x, y, z)$

$$\vec{E} = \hat{i} E_x + \hat{j} E_y + \hat{k} E_z$$

$$\vec{E} = \hat{i} \left(-\frac{dv}{dx}\right) + \hat{j} \left(-\frac{dv}{dy}\right) + \hat{k} \left(-\frac{dv}{dz}\right)$$



in multi-dimensional problem  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial s} = \frac{dV}{ds}$  where all other variables are treated as CONSTANT

$$2xy^2 \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 4xy$$

Gradient

$$\vec{\nabla} V = \hat{i} \left( -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{j} \left( -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \right) + \hat{k} \left( -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} V = -\vec{\nabla} V \quad \vec{\nabla} \equiv \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

'vector operator'  $\equiv$  "Del"



2 conducting spheres  
connected by conducting wire

← Deposit  $Q$   
How does it get  
distributed?

(a)  $\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{R_2^2}{R_1^2} \quad |$

(c)  $\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{R_2}{R_1} \quad |$

(b)  $\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{R_1^2}{R_2^2} \quad | \frac{1}{3}$

(d)  $\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{R_1}{R_2} \quad | \frac{1}{4}$



$$\frac{kQ_1}{r_1} = \frac{kQ_2}{r_2}$$

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2}$$



where does breakdown occur?

(a) between large spheres 3

(b) between small spheres 5

(c) between both sets of spheres  
~ simultaneously

most  
of  
rest

$$E_B$$

$$\frac{k Q_B}{R_B^2}$$

$$\frac{k Q_B}{R_B} \frac{1}{R_B}$$

$$E_b$$

$$\frac{k Q_b}{R_b^2}$$

$$\frac{k Q_b}{R_b} \frac{1}{R_b}$$