

## Describing fields

### - formula:

- work - electric potential equation:  $W = Q \Delta V_e$

- work - gravitational potential equation:  $W = m \Delta V_g$

- **CHAPTER COMMENT:** Electric fields = blue highlight, while gravity fields are given by a green highlight.

### - fields

- A field is said to exist when one object can exert a force on another object at a distance.

| Electric fields   | Gravity fields   |
|---|--|
| A electrostatic force exists between two charged objects.   | A gravitational force exists between two objects that both have mass.  |
| There are two types of charges:   | A gravitational field is associated with each mass. Any other mass in this field has a gravitational field acting on it. |
| - negative = surplus in electrons   |  |
| - positive = deficit of electrons   |  |
| Same charge = repulsion   |  |
| Opposite charge = attractive  |  |
| A net electric charge leads to an electric field. An electrostatic force acts on a charge that is in the field of another charge. | Gravity is always an attractive force. Repulsion between masses is never observed.                                       |

### - field strength

- electric field strength = force acting on positive test charge  $\rightarrow E = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}$   
magnitudes of test charge

$N C^{-1} = \frac{N}{C}$  - the direction of the field is the same as the direction of the force acting on a positive charge.

$E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$  - units =  $N C^{-1}$

- gravitational field strength = force acting on test mass  
magnitudes of test mass

- Gravitational force is always attractive.

- direction of field strength is always the same that gives rise to the field strength.

-  $N kg^{-1}$ .

### - energy ideas no far.

#### - electric fields

- electric pd:  $V = \frac{W}{Q}$

-  $V =$  electric pd,  $W =$  work done, and  $Q =$  charge of a positive charge.

-  $V = J C^{-1}$

#### - gravity fields (potential energy)

-  $\Delta E_p = mgh$

-  $\Delta E_p$  is change in gravitational potential energy,  $m =$  mass,  $g =$  gravity, and  $h =$  change in height.

-  $\Delta E_p = \text{Joules}$

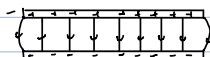
### - field lines

- If a charged particle/mass passes through an electric field with relevant field property (mass for gravity, charge for electricity) it'll be affected & still move away from the side with the same charge.

- the fields between two parallel are:

- Uniform in the region between the plates.

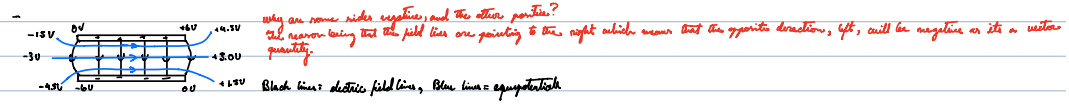
- Becomes weaker at the edges (known as edge effects) as the field changes from the value between the plates to the outside-plate value.



- the weaker lines (curved lines) show how the field gradually weakens.

- lines of force in a line in a field of force whose tangent at any point gives the direction of the field at that point.

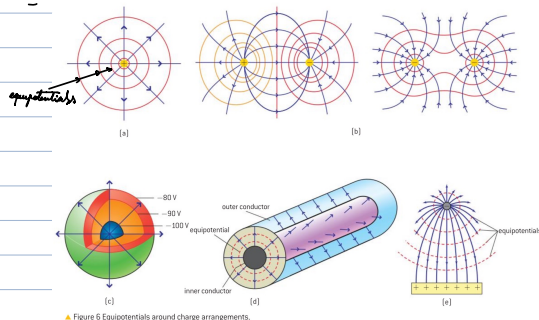
- The lines of force originate at positive charge (by definition) and end at the negative charged side.
- The lines of equal potential difference between two parallel plates:



- The lines are called equipotentials, or they show points where the voltage is always the same.
  - The reason that when a charge moves from one point to another along an equipotential line, no work is done.
- There is a simple relationship between electrical field lines and equipotentials. The relationship is that the angle between them will always be  $90^\circ$ .
- The values for "potential" are the same as "potential difference".
  - Potential differences are measured final state minus initial state. E.g. final state  $= +1.5\text{ V}$ , initial  $= -3.0\text{ V}$   $\Delta V = +4.5\text{ V}$ .
- The figure 4 shows the potential lines and electric lines in 2 dimensions rather than 3 dimensions.
  - In 3 dimensions the rule of electric field always being  $90^\circ$  to the potential lines will remain true.
  - Therefore in three dimensions it's possible to have equipotential surfaces or volumes.
- An example of equipotential surfaces or volumes in solid conductors.
  - In a solid conductor if there is a potential difference between any part of the conductor and another, then charge will flow until the potential difference is zero.
  - All parts of the conductor must therefore be at the same potential or each other, meaning the whole conductor is an equipotential volume. Therefore, the field lines must exit the volume at  $90^\circ$ , no matter the shape.
- Summary of equipotential surfaces or volumes:
  - All points have the same potential.
  - They are regions where charge can move without work being done on or by the charge.
  - Field lines are at  $90^\circ$ .
  - Have zero potential.
  - Don't have direction (potential, like any energy, is a scalar quantity).
  - Can't ever meet or cross another equipotential that has a different value.

### Equipotential and field lines in other situations

- Equipotentials and electric field lines for a number of common situations.



### Field lines due to a single point charge

- For a single positive charge, the field lines radiate out from the point and the field is called a radial field.
- For a single negative charge the field lines are the same, but instead of pointing outwards they point inwards.
- The equipotentials for figure 1a are two shells around the point charge.
  - Which they are in 2D, it's necessary to think of them in 3D.

### Field lines due to two point charges of the same and opposite signs

- Don't see figure 6.
- Have some similarities to the magnetic patterns in the space between two bar magnets.

### Field due to a charged sphere (figure 6c)

- A hollow or solid conducting sphere is at a single potential.
- The field outside of the sphere is identical to the point charge of the same magnitude.
  - Although, there are no field lines in the sphere.

### Field due to a co-axial conductor (figure 6d)

- These conductors have a central conductor with an earthed cylinder around it, separated and spaced by an insulator.

- The spacing of the arrangement is different from that of a sphere and so the spacing of field patterns changes as well.

- Field between a point charge and a charged plate (figures)

- The field lines are radial to the point charge when very close to it and the lines are  $90^\circ$  to the surface of the plate.

- Field and equipotential in gravitation

- The arrangement of gravitational field lines that surround a point mass or a spherical planet is similar to the pattern for electric field lines around a negative point charge, the reason being that the gravitational field will be pointing into the object.

- The idea of equipotentials also transfers to the gravitational fields, the reason being that if an object is placed 10m above the surface of the earth, then no work will have to be done to move the object to another place as long as it's 10m above the surface.

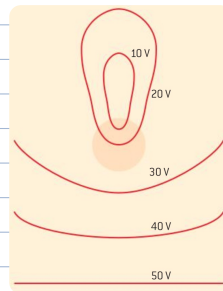
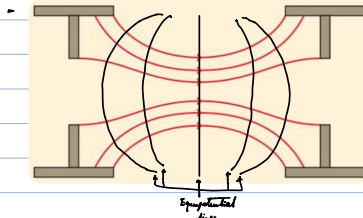
- This is because of the fact that the mass begins and ends its journey on the same equipotential point.

- The contour lines (lines on a map joining points of equal height) on a map represent the equipotential lines

- Walking on a contour line will mean that you will have the same vertical displacement, and therefore your gravitational potential energy won't change

- Just as for electric fields, a gravitational field is uniform and directed downwards at  $90^\circ$  normal to the surface when close to the surface of the object.

- Worked example



The field will be strongest between 10V and 20V equipotential line because they're closer to one another compared to the other equipotential lines. Since the electric field strength is given by the equation:  $E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$ , the shorter the distance the stronger the field. Furthermore, work = distance \* force, therefore force =  $\frac{\text{work}}{\text{distance}}$ , showing that the smaller the distance the stronger the force.

$$E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$$

$$E = \frac{(8.99 \cdot 10^8)(1.6 \cdot 10^{-19})}{r^2}$$

- Potential at a point

- Gravitational potential

- Gravitational potential difference is the work done in moving a unit mass (1kg in our unit system) between two points.

- To calculate this difference, we have to know the gravitational energy required to achieve the move, and the mass of the object.

$$\Delta\phi_g = \frac{W}{m}$$

-  $\Delta\phi_g$  is equal to the change in the gravitational potential,  $W$  is the work done, and  $m$  is the mass of the object.

-  $\Delta\phi_g$  units are  $J kg^{-1}$

- Gravitational potential is defined to be zero at infinity.

- Newton's law of gravitation says that the force of attraction  $F$  between two point masses is inversely proportional.

$$F \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

- At infinity we know that the gravitational force is zero due to the fact that the equation is  $F \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$ .

- Energy has to be done to the system to return the mass to infinity.

- Whenever two masses are closer than infinity, the system of the two masses has a negative potential.

- Negative potential potential means that work has to be done to bring the potential back to zero.

- The closer the objects are to one another, the more negative the stored energy becomes because we have to put in more energy to put it back to infinite separation.

- At infinity, the gravitational potential is zero and equal to zero.

- At separation less than infinity the masses have gravitational force acting on each other, therefore they have negative gravitational potential.

- The closer they approach each other, the more negative the stored energy becomes because we have to put increasing amounts of energy back into the system to move the masses back to infinite distances.

- Gravitational potential at a point is defined as: Equal to the work done per unit mass ( $kg$ ) in moving a test mass from infinity to the point in question.

- On earth raising an object by one meter will result in an increase by  $10J kg^{-1}$  for each meter raised.

- To know the potential change we just have to know the mass of the object, and multiply it by the gravity.

$$\Delta\phi_g = m \cdot g$$

- Electric potential

- Just as gravitational potential the zero of potential is defined at infinity.

- The change in electric potential  $\Delta V_e$  is defined as:

$$\Delta V_e = \text{work done in moving charge between two points} / q$$

magnitude of charge

- The energy stored in the system per unit charge is what we call the potential of the system.
- When two oppositely charged particles they will attract each other.
- When two charges are at a finite distance work will have to be done to bring the two charges to infinite distance.
  - If the charges are separated further and further, the potential will become closer and closer to zero.
- When two like charges are held at a finite distance, energy was stored in the system when the charges were brought together from infinity.
  - When the charges are released they will return to infinity where repulsive force is zero.
  - Oppositely to opposite charges, when moving in a like charge closer to another like charge, work has to be done or they will repel one another. Therefore, the value for the potential will be above zero rather than below it.
- The electric potential at a point is the work done in bringing a unit positive test charge from infinity to the point.

10.2 Fields of Work

- Equations:

- Potential energy equations:  $V_e = k \frac{Qq}{r}$ ,  $V_g = - \frac{GMm}{r}$
- Field strength equations:  $E = \frac{\Delta V_e}{\Delta r}$ ,  $g = - \frac{\Delta V_g}{\Delta r}$
- Relation between field strength and potential:  $E_g = -g$ ,  $E_p = -\frac{dV_p}{dr}$
- Force laws:  $F_e = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$ ,  $F_g = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$
- escape speed:  $v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$
- orbital speed:  $v_{orb} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$  (can be the same as the speed of the object)

- Gravitational field strength (topic 6):  $g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$   
 - m = mass of source

- Force and inverse-square law behavior

| Electric fields   | Gravity fields  |
|---|---|
| Both fields obey an inverse-square law in which the force between two objects is inversely proportional to the distance between them squared.   |   |
| In a vacuum:<br>$F_e = + \frac{kq_1 q_2}{r^2}$ where $F_e$ is the force between two point charges $q_1$ and $q_2$ and $r$ is the distance between them. This is known as Coulomb's law.<br>The constant $k$ in the equation is $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$<br>where $\epsilon_0$ is known as the permittivity of a vacuum or the permittivity of free space.<br>If the field is in a medium other than a vacuum then the $\epsilon_0$ in the equation is replaced by $\epsilon$ , the permittivity of the medium.<br>The sign in the equation is positive. The sign of the overall result of a calculation indicates the direction in which the force acts. Negative indicates attraction between the charges; positive indicates repulsion. | $F_g = \frac{GM_1 m_2}{r^2}$ where $F_g$ is the force between two point masses $m_1$ and $m_2$ and $r$ is the distance between them. This is known as Newton's law of gravitation.<br>The constant in the equation is $G$ known as the universal gravitational constant.<br>The value of $G$ is a universal constant. |

- If positive force  $F_e$  indicates an attractive or repulsive force.
- If negative one is attractive.
- $F_g$  is an attractive force.

- Capacitors

- $Q \propto V$ ,  $Q \propto \frac{1}{d}$ ,  $Q \propto \frac{1}{r}$
- $Q \propto \frac{V \epsilon_0}{d} \rightarrow Q = \epsilon_0 \frac{V A}{d}$
- $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ m}^{-3} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^4 \text{ A}^2$ ,  $\epsilon_0$  = Area,  $d$  = distance between plates,  $Q$  = charge,  $V$  = voltage (pd).

- Electric field strength and potential gradient

- A positive charge that has size  $Q$  is in a field between two charged plates.
- The field has strength  $E$ , and force  $F$  acts on charge.
  - $F = EQ \rightarrow$  work done =  $EQ \cdot r$  ( $W = F \cdot d$ )
- $E = \frac{V}{d}$  (electric field strength =  $\frac{\text{potential}}{\text{distance}}$ )  $E = \frac{F}{Q}$

- Worked example

- a)  $E = \frac{V}{d}$       b)  $Q = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$   
 $= \frac{500 \text{ V}}{0.12 \text{ m}}$        $Q = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$   
 $= 4166.7$        $F = EQ$   
 $= 4.2 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ N}$        $= (4166.67)(3.2 \cdot 10^{-19})$   
 $F = 1.33 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ N}$
- 80 mm,  $1.2 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
- $F = EQ$       -  $d = \frac{V}{E}$

Round rounds results before the final calculations like an idiot!!

$$E = \frac{V \cdot Q}{d}$$

$$V = \frac{(3.6 \cdot 10^{-14})(0.04)}{1.2 \cdot 10^{-11}} = 2571.43 \text{ V}$$

$$V = 2.57 \text{ kV}$$

$$E = \frac{(2571.43)(4.8 \cdot 10^{-14})}{(1.4 \cdot 10^{-11})} = 20.57 \text{ mmV}$$

### Electric field strength and surface charge density

The equation  $D = \epsilon_0 \frac{V}{d}$  can be rearranged to  $\frac{Q}{A} = \epsilon_0 \frac{V}{d}$ .

$\frac{Q}{A} = \sigma$ , which is the surface charge density on the plate.

$E$  can be written as  $\frac{V}{d}$ .

Between the plates the electric field strength is:  $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$ .

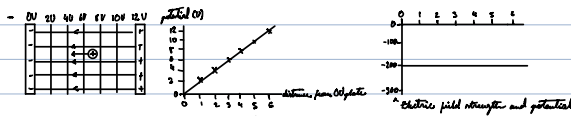
This equation is for a field between two parallel plates.

Each plate contributes half the field, so the electric field  $E$  close to the surface of any conductor is equal to:

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \rightarrow E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$\sigma$  is the charge per unit area on the surface and  $\epsilon_0$  is the constant  $8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^4 \text{ A}^{-2}$ .

### Graphical interpretation of electric field strength and potential



The equipotentials are equally spaced.

Since the electric field is uniform, the graph of potential from 0V to 12V against distance will be a straight line through the origin.

Given  $E$  (electric field strength) = potential gradient

$$= -\frac{\Delta V_e}{\Delta x}$$

The negative sign in this equation  $-\frac{\Delta V_e}{\Delta x}$  represents the direction of the vector electric field that it always opposes to the variation of the potential ( $\Delta V_e$ ) of the positive charge.

Therefore, moving in the opposite direction of the field will result in the gain in potential energy, and a positive sign.

moving from 0V to 12V =  $12 - 0 = 12 \text{ V} = \Delta V_e$ .

The equation is  $\Delta V_e = \text{final potential} - \text{initial potential}$ .

What the equation simply shows that as you go from a high potential to a lower one, you'll lose potential energy.

Although, when an electron moves from 0V towards the 12V, its potential energy is reduced because because the potential energy change,  $\Delta E_p$ , is given by  $e \Delta V$ . Since  $e = -1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ , this  $\text{---}$  means that the changes are opposite of a positive point charge.

If the electron is free to do so, then it will accelerate gaining kinetic energy from the field, with a loss of the electrical potential energy.

The equation  $E = -\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x}$  can be re-written as  $E \Delta x = -\Delta V$ .

Electric field strength is the force per unit charge.

Field strength equation:  $E = \frac{kqQ}{r^2} \rightarrow V_e = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$  or  $\frac{kqQ}{r}$  ( $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ ).

The equation predicts that the closer we are to a positive charge, the greater the potential is.

The work required to move a charge from infinity to the point above it will be in:  $W = V_e q$ .

If this charge  $q$  is in a field that comes from another single point charge  $Q$  then its potential energy  $E_p = qV_e$  or  $E_p = \frac{kqQ}{r} = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$ .

### Worked example

$$E = \frac{V}{d} = \frac{1500}{0.75} = 600 \text{ m}^{-1} = 600 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$$

$$Q_e = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} = \frac{kQ}{r} = \frac{(8.99 \cdot 10^9) (8.99 \cdot 10^{-9})}{(1.5)} = 2.876 \text{ V} = 2.8 \text{ V}$$

### Potential inside a hollow conducting charged sphere

Outside of a charged conducting sphere, the field is identical to that of a point charge.

The reason being that the electric field lines leave the sphere at  $90^\circ$ .

### Field inside the sphere

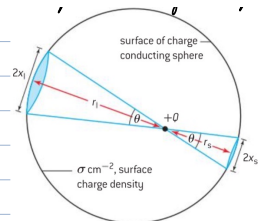
Now the field in a conductor, all the surplus charge must be outside of the sphere this is because:

Charge will move until they are as far apart as possible

The charge will move until they're at equilibrium (when they're at equal distance to one another).

The final the field strength inside of the conductor, all of the force acting on the charge have to be taken into consideration.

Force on a positive test charge in a sphere.



▲ Figure 6 Field inside a charged conductor.

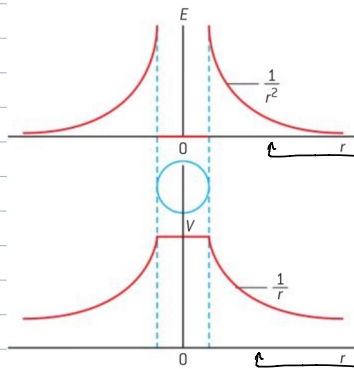
- As can be seen in the image, the cones have equal angles to one another.
- The distances from the test charge to the sphere for the small cone is  $r_1$ .
- The distances from the test charge to the sphere for the large cone is  $r_2$ .
- The radii are instead  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ .
- The surface charge density on the cone is  $\sigma$ , the same for the whole sphere.

|                                   | For the small cone                | For the large cone                |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Area of the end of the cone       | $\pi r_1^2$                       | $\pi r_2^2$                       |
| Charge on the end of the cone     | $\sigma \pi r_1^2$                | $\sigma \pi r_2^2$                |
| Distance of area from test charge | $r_1$                             | $r_2$                             |
| Force on test charge due to area  | $\frac{kQ\sigma\pi r_1^2}{r_1^2}$ | $\frac{kQ\sigma\pi r_2^2}{r_2^2}$ |
|                                   | Directed away from the surface    | Directed away from the surface    |

- Since the test charge in the cone, the forces will have to be equal to one another.

$$\frac{kQ\sigma\pi r_1^2}{r_1^2} = \frac{kQ\sigma\pi r_2^2}{r_2^2}$$

- Now they're equal to one another, they will cancel out giving 0 net force.
- Because the cones (representations of the electrical field strength) cancel one another out in all directions for all spheres, therefore there will be no electric field strength in the sphere, meaning no electric field in the sphere.
- No work is required to move a charge in the sphere as  $\Delta V = 0$ .
- The potential on the inside of the sphere is the same as the potential on the surface of the sphere.



Since the gradient is  $\frac{1}{r^2}$  the equation is that of the electric field strength:  $E = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$ .

▲ Figure 7 Field and potential inside and outside the conductor.

Since electrical potential is given by the equation:  $E_p = \frac{kqQ}{a}$ , this is the graph because the change is given by  $\frac{1}{a}$ .

### - Gravitational potential

#### - Equations

- Similar to electrical fields strength where  $E = -\frac{\Delta V_e}{\Delta r}$ , for the gravitational field strength is:  $g = -\frac{\Delta V_g}{\Delta r}$ .
- $g$  represents the gravitational field strength,  $V_g$  is the gravitational potential, and  $r$  is the distance.
- The potential  $V_g$  at  $r$  for a point mass is:  $V_g = -\frac{GM}{r}$ .
- The potential energy of  $m$  at  $r$  from mass  $M$  is:  $E_p = mV_g = -\frac{GMm}{r}$ . ( $E_p = -\frac{GMm}{r}$ )
- $E_p$  is the potential energy stored,  $V_g$  is gravitational potential.
- $G$  is the gravitational constant,  $M$  is the mass,  $r$  is the distance, and  $m$  is the second point mass.
- In the universe, the forces are always attractive.

- This results in the potential always being negative (as work has to be done to separate the masses and bring them back to infinite distance), and the maximum is zero at infinite distance.
- The gravitational potential ( $\epsilon_p$ ) is also a representation of the kinetic energy required to escape the gravitational pull of a mass.
  - Think of  $\epsilon_p$  as a potential well, and that a mass must have a required potential energy to escape the atmosphere.

Worked example

-  $\epsilon_p$  only     initial =  $-55 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1}$       $\Delta \epsilon_p = 55 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1}$   
 $\Delta \epsilon_p = m \Delta V_g$      final =  $-55 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1}$   
 $\Delta \epsilon_p = 20 \text{ J}$

-  $V_g = -\frac{GM}{R}$   
 $= \frac{(6.67 \cdot 10^{-11}) (6 \cdot 10^{24})}{(6.4 \cdot 10^6)}$   
 $= -6.25 \cdot 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$

Gravitational inside a planet

- We can think of Earth as having two parts, the solid sphere beneath our feet or the shell "above our heads".
- The inner solid sphere, with a smaller radius, behaves as a normal Earth but with a different gravitational field strength.
  - $g = \frac{g(\text{reduced mass of Earth})}{(\text{reduced Earth radius})}$
- The outer spherical shell doesn't have an effect on the gravitational field.
- The reduced mass of the earth is equal to  $\frac{4}{3} \pi \rho r^3$ .
  - $\rho =$  density of the Earth so,  $g = \frac{4\pi \rho r^3}{3}$ .
  - $r'$  is the radius of the "small Earth".
- The gravitational field is proportional to the distance from the center of the Earth until you reach the surface.

Leaving the Earth

- The velocity of a satellite in orbit is given by  $v_{\text{orbit}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R}}$ .
- The orbital time T for the orbit is:  $T_{\text{orbit}} = \frac{2\pi R^3}{GM}$  (with + seconds)
  - $M$  is the mass of the planet and  $R$  is the radius of the orbit.
- Two orbits are particularly important.
  - The **polar orbit** is used for satellites close to Earth's surface (100km from surface).
    - For the polar orbit, the linear speed ( $v_{\text{orbit}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R}}$ ) is  $7800 \text{ m/s}$  or  $28000 \text{ km/hour}$ .
    - Example:  $T_{\text{orbit}} = \frac{2\pi R^3}{GM}$ 

$$= \frac{2\pi (6.4 \cdot 10^6)^3}{(6.67 \cdot 10^{-11}) (6 \cdot 10^{24})}$$

$$= 5095.24 \text{ s}$$

$$= 85.00 \text{ minutes}$$

$$= 1.42 \text{ hours}$$
  - The **geostationary orbit** is a special case of the geosynchronous orbit.
    - Geosynchronous satellites orbit at much greater distance from the Earth and have orbital time equal to one sidereal day which is roughly 24 hours.
    - Geostationary orbit is when a satellite is placed over the equator, and doesn't wobble.

Worked example

-  $24 \cdot 3600 = 86400$       $86400 = \frac{2\pi R^3}{GM}$       $4.22 \cdot 10^7 - 6.4 \cdot 10^6 = 358.00000 \text{ m}$       $g = \frac{GM}{(R_c + R)^2}$   
 $= \frac{(6.67 \cdot 10^{-11}) (6 \cdot 10^{24})}{(6.4 \cdot 10^6)^2}$       $= 2.4 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ m}$       $= \frac{(6.67 \cdot 10^{-11}) (6 \cdot 10^{24})}{(6.4 \cdot 10^6)^2}$   
 $a = 4.23 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}$       $= 0.23 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$

Escaping the Earth

- The total energy of a satellite is made up of the gravitational potential energy and the kinetic energy (giving energy transfer to the atmosphere).
- To escape from the surface of the Earth, work has to be done (as gravity is always attractive (negative potential energy with 0 at infinity)) to bring the satellite and the Earth to infinite distance.
  - For an **unpowered projectile** this is simply equal to the kinetic energy. **An unpowered projectile is something like a ball, it can't propel itself up.**
    - This simply means that the gravitational potential energy and the kinetic energy must be equal to zero: **gravitational potential energy + kinetic energy = 0.**
    - $-\frac{GMm}{R_c} + \frac{1}{2} m v_c^2 = 0$
  - $R_c$  is the distance of the satellite from the center of the Earth.  $v_c$  is the escape velocity.  $M_c =$  mass of earth, and  $m_r =$  mass of satellite.

- The gravitational potential energy is negative because it's a bound system. kinetic energy is always positive.
- To escape the Earth's gravitational field completely, the total energy of the satellite must be at least zero.
  - When the satellite is exactly zero (able to just reach infinity) then:  $v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r_0}}$
  - $g$  is the gravitational field strength at the surface.
  - The speed to leave the surface of Earth needs to be about  $11.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  ( $110,000 \text{ km h}^{-1}$ ) to enter orbit. A higher speed than this will result in a positive speed at infinity.
- The escape velocity is the speed at which an unpowered object (e.g. bullet) would have to be travelling at to leave Earth's surface.
  - Equivalently: Escape Velocity is the minimum speed needed for a free, non-propelled object to escape from the gravitational influence of a massive body.
  - Escape velocity is only required to send a ballistic object on a trajectory that will allow the object to escape the gravity well of the mass (Earth).
  - In theory a rocket can escape Earth's gravitational field at any velocity as long as it has the required fuel.
  - It must simply supply  $63 \text{ MJ s}^{-1}$  for each kilogram of the mass of the rocket (at Earth's surface the gravitational potential is  $-62.5 \text{ MJ kg}^{-1}$ ).
- After takeoff, a spacecraft sits in a potential well on the Earth's surface.
  - It needs enough energy to reach the mass at the potential at Lagrangian point (where gravitational field strength of earth & the moon are equal). Once the spacecraft is at that point it can fall down to arrive at the Moon.

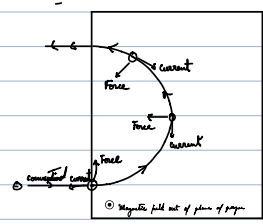
**Orbit shapes**

- Orbital speed close to the surface is  $7.9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , and the escape speed is  $11.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ .
- As speeds between these values the spacecraft will achieve different orbits.
  - Speeds less than  $7.9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  the spacecraft will return back to Earth.
  - Speeds of  $7.9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  the spacecraft will have a circular path.
  - Speeds between  $7.9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $11.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  the orbit will be an ellipse.
  - Speeds of  $11.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  the craft will escape in a parabolic trajectory.
  - Speeds greater than  $11.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  the craft will escape the earth along a hyperbolic path.

**Charges moving in magnetic and electric fields**

**Charges moving in magnetic fields**

- In this figure below an electron moving to the right will be affected by the magnetic field at  $90^\circ$  to it.



The diagram shows the Fleming left hand rule (where the thumb is the force, the index finger is the field, and the middle finger is the current).

- Fleming's left-hand rule states that the effect on the electron.
  - The force will be acting on the electron at  $90^\circ$  to the conventional current, pushing the electron.
  - The current is conventional because it's conventional current.
- The electron accelerates in response to the force, and its direction of motion must change.
  - The direction of this change is such that it will still travel at  $90^\circ$  to the field and the magnetic force will continue to be at right angles to the electron's new direction.
  - Exact requirements for an electron to move in a circle.
    - The magnetic force (force on the diagram) is what provides the centripetal force, which changes direction, showing that the electron is accelerating towards the center.
- The force acting on the electron depends on its charge  $q$ , its speed  $v$ , and the magnetic field strength  $B$ .
  - The centripetal force will lead to a circular orbit of radius  $r$  and:
    - $\frac{mv^2}{r} = Bqv$
  - The radius of the circle is:
    - $r = \frac{mv}{Bq} = \frac{p}{Bq} = \frac{(2meE_N)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{Bq}$
    - $p$  is momentum,  $m_e$  is the mass of the electron.
- To determine the specific charge on the electron (charge per unit mass ( $\text{C kg}^{-1}$ )).
  - The fine beam tube is used in which a beam of electrons is fired through a gas at very low pressure (meaning that the electrons can't collide with too many gas atoms).



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- When a uniform magnetic field is applied at right angles to the beam direction, the electrons move in a circle and their paths is shown by the emission of visible light from atoms excited by the collisions with electrons along the path.
- The electrons of mass  $m_e$  are accelerated using a potential difference  $V$  before entering the field.
  - $\frac{1}{2} m_e v^2 = qV$  so  $v = \sqrt{\frac{2qV}{m_e}}$  which with  $v = \frac{Bq r}{m_e}$  gives  $\frac{q}{m_e} = \frac{2V}{B^2 r^2}$ .
- When an electron beam is moving into a magnetic field (not 90° to the beam direction) then the perpendicular electron velocity will lead to a circular motion.
  - The difference is that:  $r = \frac{m_e v \sin \theta}{Bq}$
  - where  $\theta$  is the angle between the field direction and the beam direction.
  - the radius of the circle will be smaller than the perpendicular case.
  - the parallel velocity does not lead to a circular motion.
  - the electron will move at the component speed ( $v \cos \theta$ ) in a helical path.

- to summarise, when a charged particle (e.g. electron) moves through a magnetic field where the electron moves to the right of a uniform magnetic field where the field lines are oriented at 90° to the direction which the electron moves (conventional current (non-conventional)) this will mean that the electron will accelerate towards the center (due to force), meaning that its direction of motion will change. this will mean that the electron will be in circular motion for the duration its travelling in & the force will be at constant 90° angle).

- the circular motion will also alter the direction of the force.
- the force is calculated by:  $Bqv = \frac{m_e v^2}{r}$ .
- the speed of the electrons can be calculated by:  $v = \sqrt{\frac{2qV}{m_e}}$ .
- the radius of the circle is:  $r = \frac{m_e v}{Bq} = \frac{m_e}{Bq} \sqrt{\frac{2qV}{m_e}} = \frac{\sqrt{2m_e V}}{B}$

- for charged particles moving in a field which isn't at 90° to the direction of the charged particle, then the particle perpendicular and parallel velocities must be considered.

- the particle will still be in circular motion in the perpendicular direction, but the radius will change to:  $r = \frac{m_e v \sin \theta}{Bq}$
- $\theta$  is the angle between the field direction and the beam direction.
- Radius of the circle will be less than the perpendicular.
- the particle won't be in circular motion in the parallel component, the electron will move at the component speed ( $v \cos \theta$ ) resulting in a helical path.

- charges moving in electrical field

- this changes for a particle moving in an electric field.

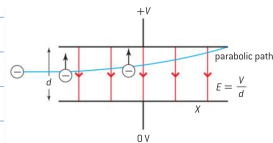


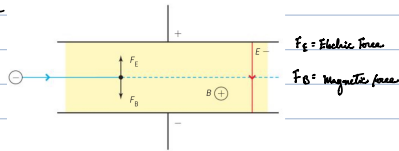
Figure 16 Motion of an electron in a uniform electric field.

- the force on the electrons was act parallel to the field lines.
- in the figure above the particle is accelerating upwards.
  - since the force's magnitude and direction is constant the acceleration is also constant.
  - the acceleration is given by:  $a = \frac{F}{m_e} = \frac{qE}{m_e} = \frac{qV}{m_e d}$
- horizontal velocity is constant.
- time to travel between two plates is:  $t = \frac{2d}{v_{horizontal}}$
- vertical component is:  $v_{vertical} = a_{vertical} \cdot t = \left(\frac{qV}{m_e d}\right) \left(\frac{2d}{v_{horizontal}}\right)$
- the final speed (leaving plate) is  $v = \sqrt{v_{vertical}^2 + v_{horizontal}^2}$
- the deflection ( $\Delta y$ ) of the particle is given by the equation:  $\Delta y = \frac{1}{2} a t^2$ 
  - the deflection is also proportional to  $t^2$ .
  - this means that the trajectory of the electron is parabolic not circular.

- charges moving in magnetic and electric fields

- when magnetic fields and electric fields are combined at right angles to each other, the electric force is vertically upwards, and the magnetic force is downwards.
- when the forces are equal, the net force is zero on the charged particles.

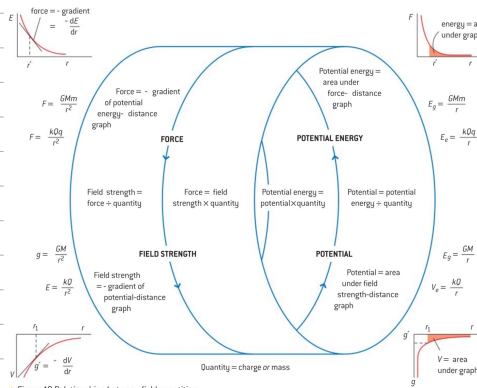
$$- F_E = F_B \quad qE = Bqv \rightarrow v = \frac{E}{B}$$



▲ Figure 17 Crossed electric and magnetic fields can cancel out.

- The  $E:B$  ratio shows that there is only one speed where the forces are balanced.
- Charged particles travelling more slowly than this speed will have a larger electric force than magnetic force, the particles will be accelerating upwards.
- If faster particles will mean that the magnetic force will be greater than the electric force, and will be accelerating downwards.
- This experiment is known as a velocity selector.

Graphs and Tables



▲ Figure 19 Relationships between field quantities.

|   |  | Electric   | Gravitational   |
|---|--|--|---|
| Force law   |  | $F = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$ (Coulomb's law)  | $F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$ (Newton's law)  |
| Field strength  | Modification when not in a vacuum                    | Replace $\epsilon_0$ with $\epsilon$   | No change   |
|   | Definition   | $E = \frac{F}{q}$  | $g = \frac{F}{m}$   |
|   | Unit   | $N C^{-1}$ or $V m^{-1}$   | $N kg^{-1}$ or $m s^{-2}$   |
|   | Distance $r$ from a point object                     | $E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$   | $g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$  |
|   | At $r$ from centre of sphere of radius $R, r \geq R$ | $E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$   | $g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$  |
|   | At $r$ from centre of sphere of radius $R, r < R$    | $E = 0$  | $g = \frac{4\pi G \rho r}{3}$   |
| Potential   | Definition   | Electric potential energy per unit charge  | Gravitational potential energy per unit mass  |
|   | Unit   | $V = J C^{-1}$   | $J kg^{-1}$   |
|   | For two point charges or masses                      | $V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$   | $V = -\frac{GM}{r}$   |
| Differences value at infinity: Attractive: zero and maximum Repulsive: zero and minimum | Constant in force law                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between charges</li> <li>• Attractive and repulsive depending on charge sign</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between masses</li> <li>• Only attractive</li> </ul> |
|   |  | $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ (= Coulomb constant $k$ )   | $G$   |