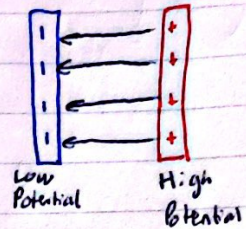


# Electric Potential

## Electric Potential

- The amount of work needed to move a unit of electric charge a specific distance through an electric field.



Formulae:  $\Delta V = \frac{\Delta U}{q_0} = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$

Units: Volts

- not dependent on the charge in the field

## Absolute Electric Potential

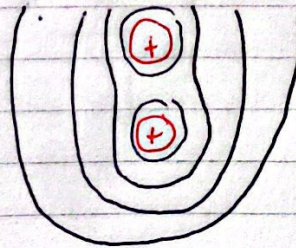
- The amount of energy-per-unit-charge that it takes to move a small, positive, test-charge from infinitely far away to a given position.

Formula:  $V = k \frac{q}{r}$

## Equipotentials

- Lines in which every point has the same electric potential.

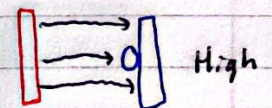
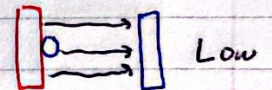
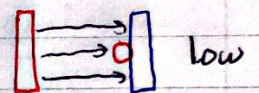
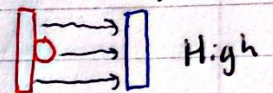
- Able to calc electric field based on potential



Formula:  $E_x = - \frac{dV}{dx}$

## Electric Potential Energy

(Dependent on charge in field)



$W = qEd$   
 $\Delta U = - \int_i^f q \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$

### Question 1

How much work is done in moving a  $+2.6 \mu\text{C}$  charged particle from a point with a potential of  $100.0\text{V}$  to a point with a potential of  $20\text{V}$ ?

$$\Delta V = \frac{\Delta U}{q}$$

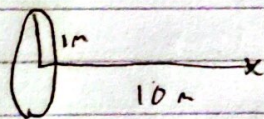
$$80 \rightarrow 2.6 \mu\text{C} = \Delta U = \text{work}$$

$$\text{Work} = -2.08 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$$

$\pm$  Negative sign  
h/c high  
to low  
potential

### Question 2

A hoop has a charge of  $+2.6 \mu\text{C}$ , and radius of  $1\text{m}$ . Determine the electric potential for this hoop at a point along its axis of rotation  $10\text{m}$  away.



$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int k \frac{dq}{r} = \frac{kQ}{r} \\ &= \frac{k(2.6)}{\sqrt{1^2 + 10^2}} = \frac{9.0 \times 10^9 \cdot 2.6}{\sqrt{101}} \\ &= 7.36 \times 10^8 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

### Question 3 (7.65)

$$a \leq r \leq b$$

$$V = \int_b^a E \cdot dr = kQ \left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)$$

### Question 4 (7.61)

A potential difference of  $120\text{V}$  is applied between two parallel plates what is the electric field if they are  $2.5\text{cm}$  apart?

$$\Delta V = -\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\Delta V = Ed$$

$$E = \frac{V}{d} = \frac{120}{2.5 \times 10^{-2}} = 4.80 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$$