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**Note:** This test consists of one set of conceptual questions, three problems, and a bonus problem. For the problems, you *must show all of your work*, calculations, and reasoning clearly to receive credit. Be sure to include units in your solutions where appropriate. An equation sheet is provided on the last pages.

**Problem 1. Conceptual questions.** State whether the following statements are *True* or *False*. (10 points total, no calculations required)

(a) For an electric dipole of length  $s$ , the magnitude of the resulting electric field is proportional to  $r^{-3}$  when  $r \gg s$ .

True

$$|\vec{E}_{||}| = \frac{2k_e p}{r^3}$$

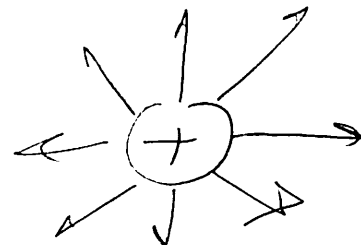
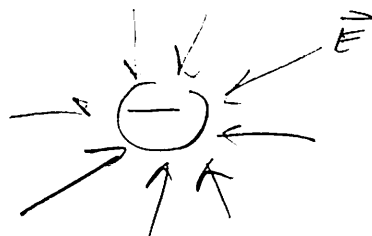
(b) The electron has a radius of  $0.529 \times 10^{-10}$  m.  $\leftarrow$  radius of electron orbit in Hydrogen  
False, electron is a "true point" particle

(c) Since information is massless, it can be transferred at speeds greater than that of light.


False, nothing can travel faster than  $c$

(d) Electric field lines point toward a negative charge.

True



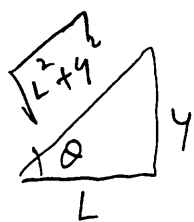
**Problem 2.** If monochromatic light of wavelength  $\lambda$  illuminates a double slit with slit separation  $d$ , derive a relation for the distance  $y$  of the interference minima from the central maximum if the interference pattern is displayed on a screen a horizontal distance  $L$  away from the slits. (a) Assume the small angle approximation. (b) Repeat, but do not assume the small angle approximation. (c) Make a sketch of the arrangement and interference pattern marking the locations of minima for a few values of  $m$ . (30 points total)

a)   $\delta = r_2 - r_1 \equiv \text{path length difference}$   
 $= d \sin \theta$   
 for destructive interference

$$\delta = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda, \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$$

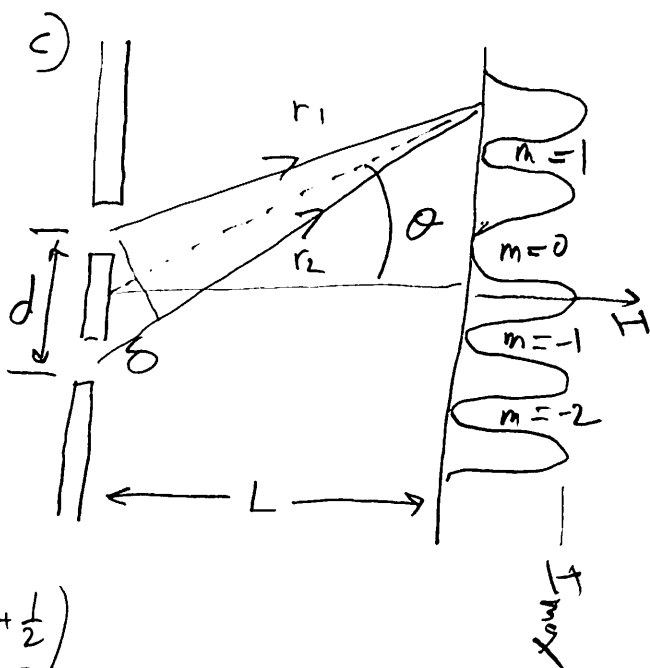
$$d \sin \theta = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda \quad \text{small } \theta$$

$$\text{or } \theta = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\lambda}{d}$$



$$y = L \tan \theta \approx L \theta = \frac{L \lambda}{d} \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{or } y = \frac{\lambda L}{d} \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right), \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$



b)  $\sin \theta = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\lambda}{d} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{L^2 + y^2}}$

$$y = \sqrt{L^2 + y^2} \frac{\lambda}{d} \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$y^2 = (L^2 + y^2) \left[ \frac{\lambda}{d} \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \right]^2$$

$$y^2 \left\{ 1 - \left[ \frac{\lambda}{d} \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \right]^2 \right\} = L^2 \left[ \frac{\lambda}{d} \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \right]^2$$

$$y = \frac{\frac{L \lambda}{d} \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{1 - \left[ \frac{\lambda}{d} \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \right]^2}}$$

$$y = \frac{\lambda L \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{d^2 - \lambda^2 \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2}}$$

**Problem 3.** For an optics project you need to design a diffraction grating that will disperse the visible spectrum (400-700 nm) over  $30.0^\circ$  in first order. (a) How many lines per millimeter does your grating need? (b) What is the first-order diffraction angle of light from a sodium lamp ( $\lambda = 589$  nm). (c) What is the maximum order ( $m$ ) that can be detected with your grating for  $\lambda = 400$  nm and 700 nm? (d) What is the chromatic resolving power of your grating in second-order if the sodium lamp illuminates a 2.0-mm long region of the grating? (30 points total)

$$a) d \sin \theta_{\text{bright}} = m \lambda \Rightarrow d = \frac{m \lambda}{\sin \theta} = \frac{(1)(400 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})}{\sin 30^\circ}$$

$$\text{for } \lambda = 700 \text{ nm} \\ d = 1.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm} \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{714 \text{ slits/mm}}$$

$$= 8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mm} \\ \# \frac{\text{slits}}{\text{mm}} = \frac{1}{d} = \frac{1}{8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mm}} = 1260 \text{ slits/mm}$$

$$b) \theta_{\text{bright}} = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{m \lambda}{d} \right) = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{(1)(589 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})}{1.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}} \right) \\ = \boxed{24.8^\circ}$$

$$c) \sin \theta = \frac{m \lambda}{d} \leq 1 \\ m \leq \frac{d}{\lambda} \\ 400 \text{ nm} \rightarrow m_{\text{max}} = \frac{1.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}}{400 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = \boxed{3.5} \\ 700 \text{ nm} \rightarrow m_{\text{max}} = \frac{1.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}}{700 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = \boxed{2}$$

$$d) R = N m \equiv \text{chromatic resolving power}, m = 2 \\ \lambda = 589 \text{ nm} \\ N = \text{number of illuminated slits} = (714 \text{ slits/mm})(2 \text{ mm}) = 1428 \text{ slits} \\ R = (1428)(2) = \boxed{2856}$$

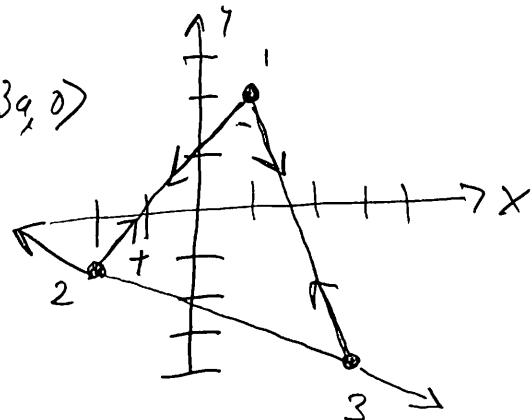
**Problem 4.** Three point charges are located in space at  $\vec{r}_1 = \langle a, b, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{r}_2 = \langle -b, -a, 0 \rangle$  and  $\vec{r}_3 = \langle c, -d, 0 \rangle$  with charges  $q_1 = -q$ ,  $q_2 = 2q$ , and  $q_3 = 3q$ . Take  $a = 1\mu\text{m}$ ,  $b = 2a$ ,  $c = 3a$ ,  $d = 4a$ , and  $q = 1 \times 10^{-10}$  C. (a) If  $m_1 = 2m_2 = 3m_3 = 1 \times 10^{-6}$  kg, determine the acceleration of each charge. (b) Make a sketch of the electric field lines due this initial configuration of the charges. (30 points total)

a)

$$\vec{r}_{12} = \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2 = \langle a, 2a, 0 \rangle - \langle -2a, -a, 0 \rangle = \langle 3a, 3a, 0 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}_{12}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{9a^2 + 9a^2} = 3a\sqrt{2}$$

$$\hat{r}_{12} = \frac{\vec{r}_{12}}{|\vec{r}_{12}|} = \frac{\langle 3a, 3a, 0 \rangle}{3a\sqrt{2}} = \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \rangle$$



$$\vec{r}_{13} = \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_3 = \langle a, 2a, 0 \rangle - \langle 3a, -4a, 0 \rangle = \langle -2a, 6a, 0 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}_{13}| = \sqrt{4a^2 + 36a^2} = a\sqrt{40} = 2a\sqrt{10}$$

$$\hat{r}_{13} = \frac{\vec{r}_{13}}{|\vec{r}_{13}|} = \frac{\langle -2a, 6a, 0 \rangle}{2a\sqrt{10}} = \langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_{23} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_3 = \langle -2a, -a, 0 \rangle - \langle 3a, -4a, 0 \rangle = \langle -5a, 3a, 0 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}_{23}| = \sqrt{25a^2 + 9a^2} = a\sqrt{34}, \quad \hat{r}_{23} = \frac{\vec{r}_{23}}{|\vec{r}_{23}|} = \frac{\langle -5a, 3a, 0 \rangle}{a\sqrt{34}} = \langle -\frac{5}{\sqrt{34}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, 0 \rangle$$

Force magnitudes

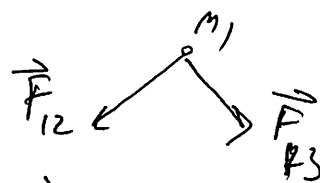
$$|\vec{F}_{12}| = k_e \frac{q_1 q_2}{|\vec{r}_{12}|^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9)(1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C})(2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C})}{18(1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m})^2} = 9.99 \text{ N}$$

$$|\vec{F}_{13}| = k_e \frac{q_1 q_3}{|\vec{r}_{13}|^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9)(1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C})(3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C})}{40(1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m})^2} = 6.743 \text{ N}$$

# Problem 4 (cont'd)

$$|\vec{F}_{23}| = \frac{k_e q_2 q_3}{|r_{23}|^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9) (2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C}) (3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C})}{34 (1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m})^2}$$

$$= 15.86 \text{ N}$$



mass  $m_1$ ,  $\Sigma \vec{F}_i = m_1 \vec{a}_1 \Rightarrow \vec{a}_1 = \frac{\Sigma \vec{F}_i}{m_1} = \frac{|\vec{F}_{12}|(-\hat{r}_{12}) + |\vec{F}_{13}|(-\hat{r}_{13})}{m_1}$

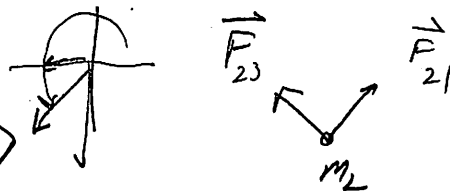
$$\vec{a}_1 = \frac{9.99 \text{ N}}{1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg}} \left\langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\rangle + \frac{6.743 \text{ N}}{1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg}} \left\langle +\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle -7.064 \times 10^6 \text{ N}, -7.064 \times 10^6 \text{ N}, 0 \right\rangle + \left\langle 2.132 \times 10^6, -6.397 \times 10^6, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = \left\langle -4.932 \times 10^6, -1.346 \times 10^7 \right\rangle \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \quad \text{or} \quad 14.3 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} @ 250^\circ$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = \frac{|\vec{F}_{21}|}{m_2} \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\rangle + \frac{|\vec{F}_{23}|}{m_2} \left\langle -\frac{5}{\sqrt{34}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{9.99}{2 \times 10^{-6}} \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\rangle + \frac{15.86}{2 \times 10^{-6}} \left\langle -\frac{5}{\sqrt{34}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, 0 \right\rangle$$

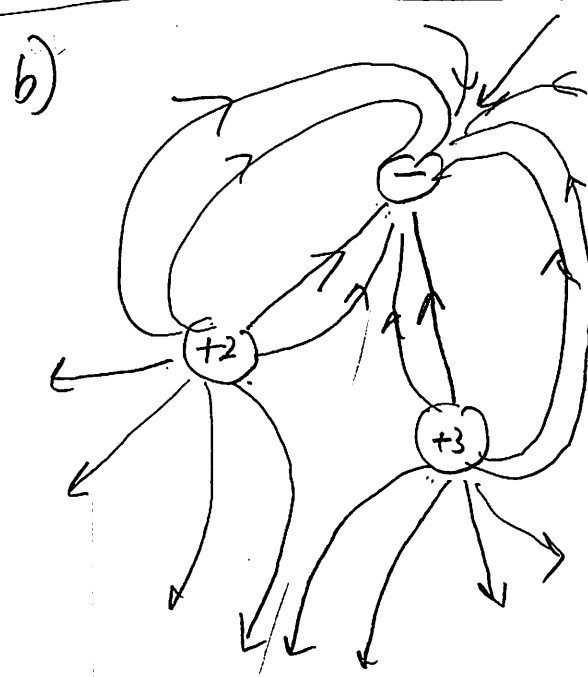


$$\vec{a}_2 = \left\langle -3.268 \times 10^6, 7.610 \times 10^6, 0 \right\rangle \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

or  $\vec{a}_2 = 8.36 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} @ 113^\circ$

and  $\vec{a}_3 = \left\langle 3.822 \times 10^6, -0.588 \times 10^6, 0 \right\rangle \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$

or  $\vec{a}_3 = 3.87 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} @ -8.75^\circ$



**Bonus Problem.** For a single slit, locate the position (angle  $\theta$  and height  $y$ ) of the first diffraction maximum (not the central maximum) if the slit has a width  $a$  and the interference pattern is displayed on a screen a distance  $L$  away from the slit. Use the relation for the intensity given by

$$I = I_{\max} \frac{\sin^2(\beta/2)}{(\beta/2)^2} \quad (1)$$

where  $\beta = (2\pi a/\lambda) \sin \theta$ . (5 points total)

To find maxima (and minima) take a derivative of  $I$  w.r.t  $\beta$

$$\frac{dI}{d\beta} = I_{\max} \frac{d}{d\beta} \left[ \frac{\sin^2 \beta/2}{(\beta/2)^2} \right]$$

$$= 2I_{\max} \left[ \frac{\sin \beta/2}{\beta/2} \right] \frac{d}{d\beta} \left[ \frac{\sin \beta/2}{\beta/2} \right]$$

$$= 2I_{\max} \left[ \frac{\sin \beta/2}{\beta/2} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{\beta/2} \frac{d}{d\beta} (\sin \beta/2) - \frac{\sin \beta/2}{\beta^2/4} \frac{d(\beta/2)}{d\beta} \right]$$

$$= 2I_{\max} \left[ \frac{\sin \beta/2}{\beta/2} \right] \left[ \frac{1/2}{\beta/2} \cos(\beta/2) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin \beta/2}{\beta^2/4} \right] = 0$$

Find roots of this equation  
or  $\boxed{\beta \cos(\beta/2) - 2 \sin(\beta/2) = 0}$  expect  $\frac{\beta}{2} \approx (m + \frac{1}{2})\pi$

$\beta$	$y$
$3\pi$	-2
$2\pi$	6.28
$5\pi$	4.14
$2.86\pi$	0.0082 $\leftarrow 1^{st} \text{ root}$

$$\beta = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} \sin \theta = 2.86\pi$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2.86\lambda}{2a} \right)$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{L}$$

$$y = L \tan \theta = L \tan \left( \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2.86\lambda}{2a} \right) \right)$$

