

Electricity and Magnetism Overview of Course Charge and Conduction

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Topics

- charge
- static electric interactions
- electric fields
- electric potential
- capacitance
- current, resistance, circuits
- magnetic fields, induction
- alternating currents
- Maxwell's equations

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You not should if:

- You just want an easy A.
- You just want to memorize answers without understanding them.
- You will not make time to work on problems outside of class.

Book

• Fundamentals of Physics Extended, 9th Edition, Halliday, Resnick, and Walker

We will cover chapters 21-33 of this textbook.

Other Books

- Physics: Principles with Applications, Giancoli (no calculus)
- Physics: A Strategic Approach, Knight (calculus with clear explanation)

Useful Survival Trick

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Google Search	I'm Feeling Lucky

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When you get stuck, use a search engine.

Other Resources

Resources for when you have questions

- Me. You can email me, ask me before or after class, or come to my office hour.
- Each other. Work together! It will improve your understanding.
- The Math & Science Tutorial Center.

Where to look for course materials

- Course Studio.
- My website on the De Anza Physics page.

Evaluation

- Midterm and Final exam.
- Weekly quizzes.
- Labs.

Assignments

- Uncollected homework problems from the textbook. (You still need to do them.)
- A few collected homework worksheets.
- Read the textbook.

Evaluation

quizzes & worksheets	30%
midterm	20%
final	30%
labs	20%

Projected Grading Scheme:

88% ightarrow 100%	= A
76% ightarrow 87%	= B
$65\% \to 75\%$	= <i>C</i>
54% ightarrow 64%	= D
0% ightarrow 53%	= F

Note about presentation of work

- For each problem make sure your method is clear.
- If there is an equation or principle you are using, write it out at the start of your solution.
- <u>Underline</u>, <u>box</u>, <u>highlight</u>, or unambiguously emphasize the answer.
- If the reasoning is not clear, the answer is not correct.
- Give your answers to a reasonable number of significant figures.

Note about collected assignments

- If you cannot come to class on a due date, email me the assignment and bring the hard copy to the next class.
- If you are ill, or will have a problem handing in an assignment on time, come talk to me **before** the due date.

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What changed?

Electricity isn't new: Ancient philosophers, including Greek philosophers, were aware of both electric and magnetic phenomena.

It was not until 1820 that Hans Christian Ørsted realized by accident that electricity and magnetism were related.

Goals:

- know how to use EM theory to solve problems
- understanding EM principles and how they apply to technology
- have a feeling for the scope of EM theory

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Model

A simplified description of a system and its interactions that includes only what is necessary to make predictions.

Overview

- electric charge
- conductors
- insulators
- induced charge
- Force from a point charge
- Force from many charges

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The unit for charge is the Coulomb, written with the symbol C.

Charges of some particles

Atoms are composed of electrons and a nucleus.

Electrons are negatively charged.

Nuclei have a positive charge:

- protons have positive charge
- neutrons are neutrally charged



¹Figure from Wikipedia.

Electric Charge on larger objects

Before there was any knowledge of atoms, charge was imagined as a kind of continuous fluid.

A large scale effect: In dry weather, it is easy to get a shock from static electricity.

This is due to a charge imbalance.

Charge on larger objects

Most large objects around us have (approximately) zero net charge.

Objects can become charged when rubbed against one another.



¹Diagrams from Halliday, Resnick, Walker, 9th ed.

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Charged objects can also attract neutral objects by charge induction or polarization.

Some Vocabulary

electrically neutral

An object is electrically neutral if its net charge is zero.

electrically isolated

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Conductors

materials through which charge can move readily

Insulators

(also called nonconductors) are materials that charge cannot move through freely

Induced Charge

If a conductor is brought close to a charged object, positive and negative charges in the conductor start to separate and we say a charge is **induced** on the conductor.



Induced Charge Polarization



Course Tool

Quiz Socket

http://www.quizsocket.com

- Allows me to ask multiple choice questions or do surveys, and get real-time feedback.
- You remain anonymous.
- You need a device connected to the internet.

Load the webpage (http://www.quizsocket.com) and enter the quiz id.

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A conductor is initially neutrally charged.

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A (negatively) charged object is brought close, polarizing the conductor.

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Excess (negative) charge on the far side is drawn off the conductor by grounding it.

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The conductor is isolated again.

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The conductor is now (positively) charged.

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Summary

- content of the course
- charge
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- Force from many charges

Homework

- Get the textbook: Fundamentals of Physics Extended, 9th Edition, Halliday, Resnick, and Walker
- Read the Lab instructions for Thursday.
- Read Ch 21.
- Do the worksheet at http://www.physicsclassroom.com/ getattachment/curriculum/estatics/static2.pdf