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Phys 2426

Lecture 1

Electricity

Electrostatics

DC Circuits

Magnetism

Magnetostatics

Induction

AC Circuits

Waves & Oscillations

Sound, String, EM Waves (Light)

Wave Effects

Optics

Electricity and Charges

Gravitation

Mass m

kilograms kg

Always \oplus

Electrostatics

Charge q or Q

coulombs C

Can be \oplus or \ominus

Particles of charge

Proton

$$q_p = +1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} = +e$$

Electron

$$q_e = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} = -e$$

Most elec. effects are due to electrons.

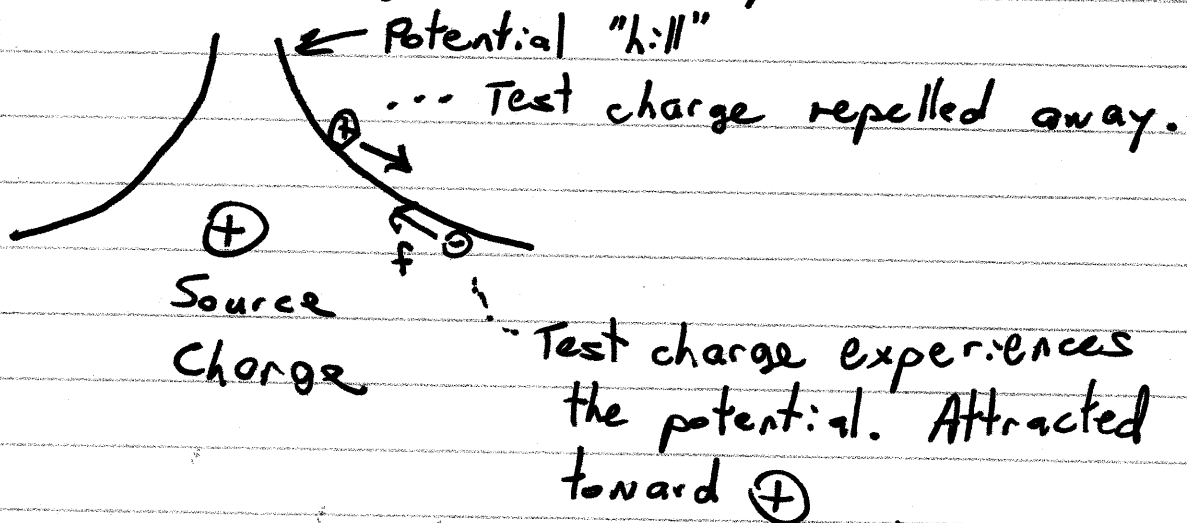
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Gravitational Wells

- All masses make "dents"
These are low (negative) grav. potential areas.
- Other masses attracted to low spots.
- The force points "downhill".

Electric Potential (AKA Voltage)

- Positive charges make "hills";
⊖ make "dents".
- ⊕ charges attracted "downhill".
⊖ charges "bubble up"



• The steepness of the potential is the Electric Field.

$$\vec{E} \text{ points "downhill"} \quad \rightarrow \quad \vec{F} = q_0 \vec{E}$$
$$E_x = - \frac{dV}{dx} \quad \uparrow \text{ test charge}$$