

- Q.1** What is the work done in moving a  $2\ \mu\text{C}$  point charge from corner A to corner B of a square ABCD as shown in Fig. 4.34, when a  $10\ \mu\text{C}$  charge exists at the centre of the square?

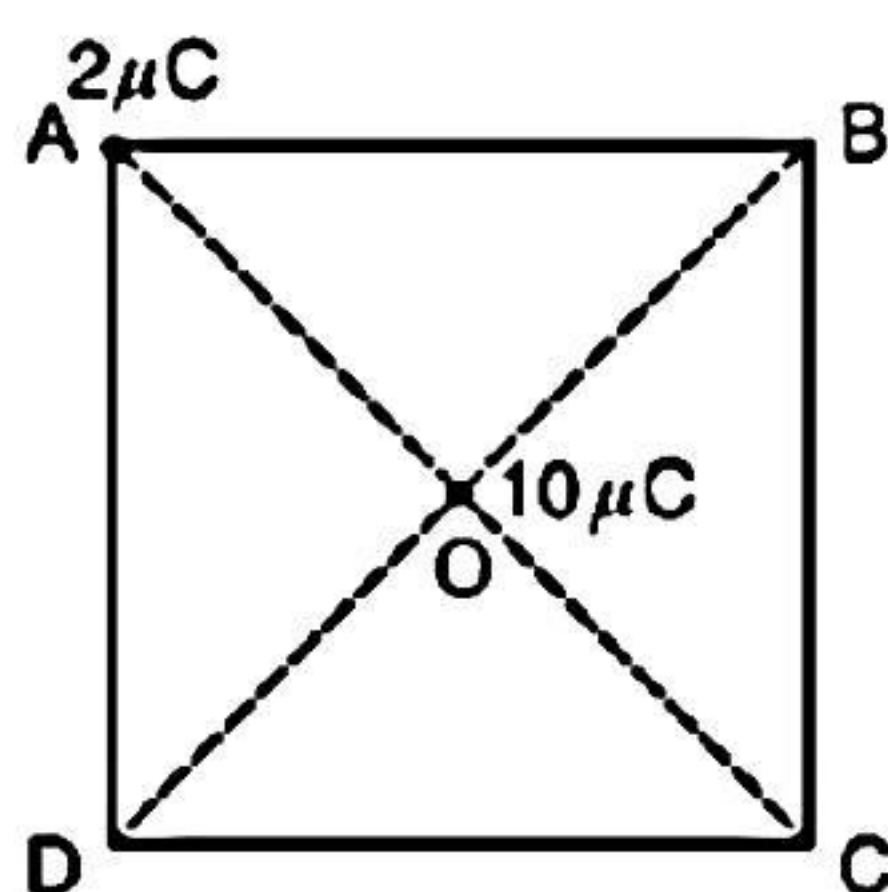


Fig. 4.34

- Q.2** Define the unit of electric potential.
- Q.3** A charge of 2 C moves between two plates maintained at a potential difference of 1 volt. What is the energy acquired by the charge?
- Q.4** How is electric field at a point related to potential gradient ?
- Q.5** Potential difference between two given points, 5 cm apart, is 20 V. What is the value of electric field ?
- Q.6** How much work is done in moving a  $500\ \mu\text{C}$  charge between two points on an equipotential surface?

Or

No work is done in moving a test charge over an equipotential surface. Explain, why.

- Q.7** What is the direction of electric field w.r.t. an equipotential surface ?
- Q.8** The electric field inside a parallel plate capacitor is E as shown in Fig 4.38.

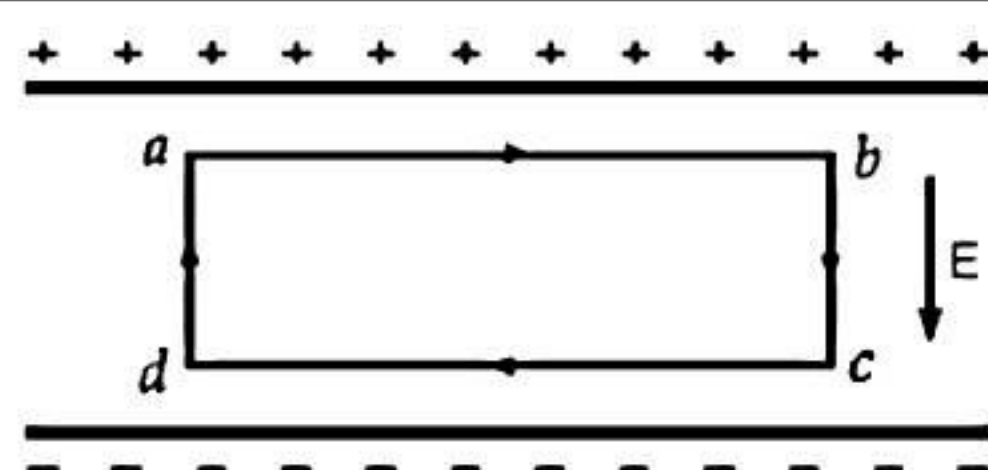


Fig. 4.38

Find the amount of work done in moving a charge  $q$  over a closed loop  $abcda$ .

**Q.9** Fig. 4.39 (a) and 4.39 (b) show the field lines of a single positive and negative charge respectively:

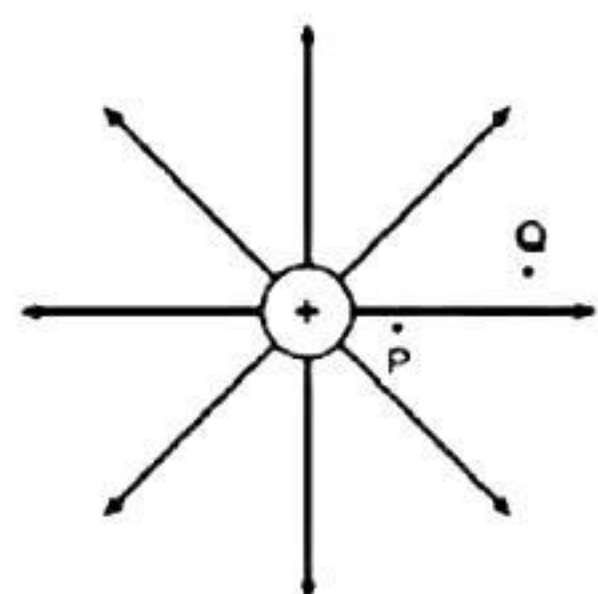


Fig. 4.39 (a)

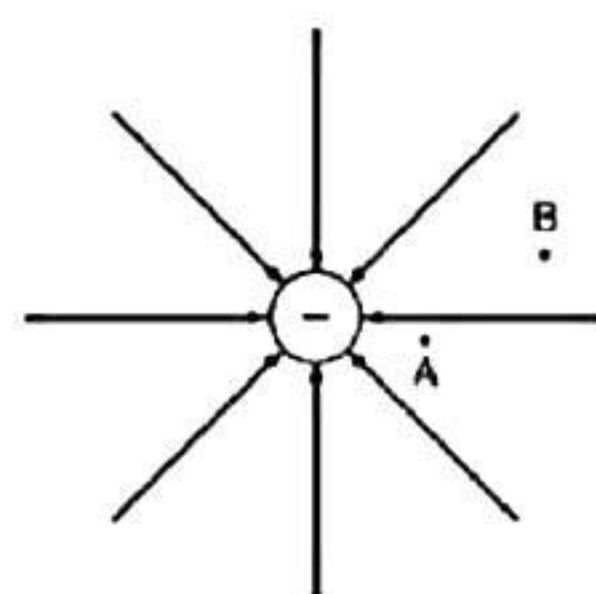


Fig. 4.39 (b)

- (i) Give the sign of the potential difference  $V_P - V_Q$  and  $V_B - V_A$
- (ii) Give the sign of the potential energy difference of a small negative charge between the points  $Q$  and  $P$ ;  $A$  and  $B$ .
- (iii) Give the sign of the work done by the field in moving a small positive charge from point  $Q$  to  $P$ .
- (iv) Give the sign of the work done by an external agency in moving a small negative charge from point  $B$  to  $A$ .
- (v) Does the kinetic energy of a small negative charge increase or decrease in going from point  $B$  to  $A$ ?

**Q.10** A test charge  $q$  is moved without acceleration from  $A$  to  $C$  along the path from the point  $A$  to  $B$  and then from  $B$  to  $C$  in electric field as shown in Fig 4.42.

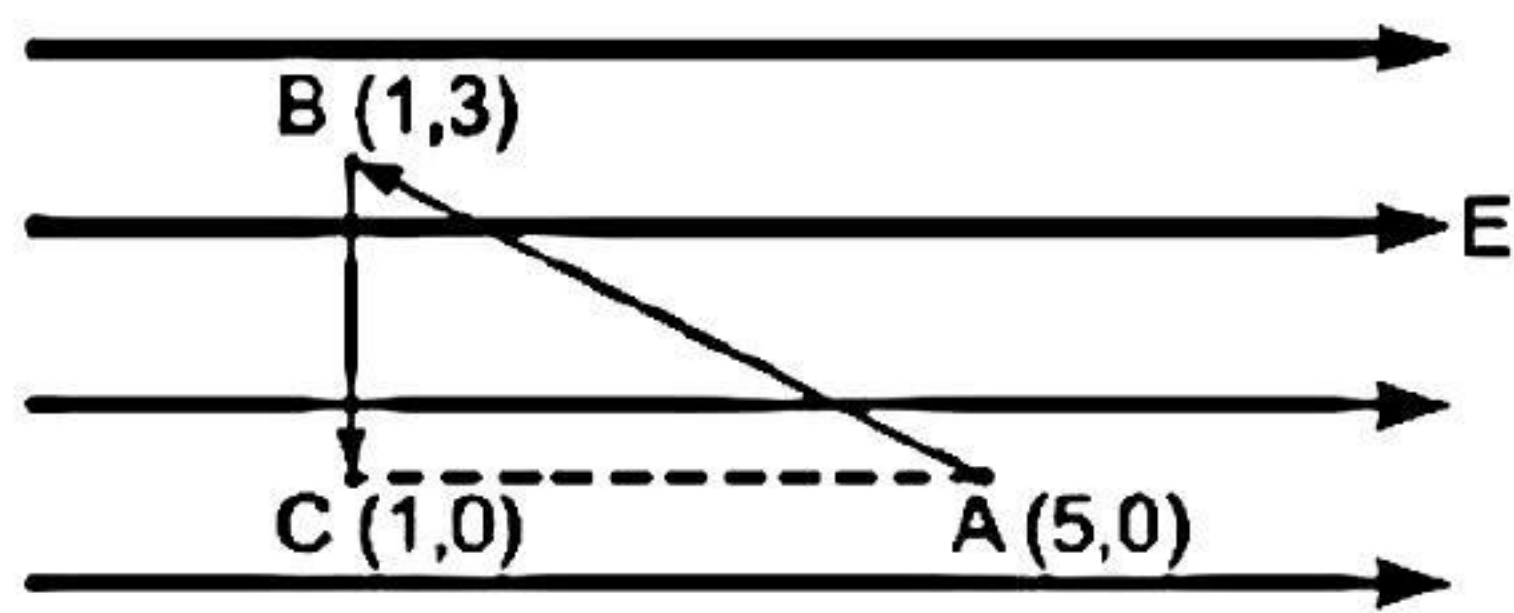


Fig. 4.42

(i) Calculate the potential difference between A and C.

(ii) At which point (of the two) is the electric potential more and why?

**Q.11** What is an equipotential surface? Show that the electric field is always directed perpendicular to an equipotential surface.

**Q.12** What is an equipotential surface? Draw an equipotential surface for a point charge ( $Q > 0$ ).



# SOLUTION

(PHYSICS)

## Electric Potential & Capacitance

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### TOPIC – Relation between E & V

**Sol.1** The points A and B are at the same distance from  $10 \mu\text{C}$  charge. Since  $V_A = V_B$ , no work will be done in moving a  $2 \mu\text{C}$  charge from point A to B.

**Sol.2** Refer to section 4.03.

**Sol.3** Energy gained by charge,

$$W = V \cdot q = 1 \times 2 = 2\text{J}$$

**Sol.4** Electric field at any point is equal to the negative of potential gradient at that point i.e.

$$E = -\frac{dv}{dr}$$

**Sol.5** Here,  $dV = 20\text{ V}$ ;  $dr = 5\text{ cm} = 0.05\text{m}$

$$\text{Now, } E = -\frac{dv}{dr}$$

$$= -\frac{20}{0.05} = -400\text{V m}^{-1}$$

The negative sign indicates that the direction of electric field is always in the direction of decrease of electric potential.

**Sol.6** As the two points on an equipotential surface are at the same potential, no work is done in moving a charge between two points.

**Sol.7** It is along the normal to the equipotential surface.

**Sol.8** The direction of electric field  $\vec{E}$  is from positive plate of the capacitor to its negative plate.

Therefore, force on the charge  $q$ ,

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$$

Therefore, the amount of work done in moving a charge  $q$  over a closed loop abcda,

$$W = W_{ab} + W_{bc} + W_{cd} + W_{da}$$

$$= q\vec{E} \cdot \vec{ab} + q\vec{E} \cdot \vec{bc} + q\vec{E} \cdot \vec{cd} + q\vec{E} \cdot \vec{da}$$

$$= qE ab \cos 90^\circ + qE bc \cos 0^\circ + qE cd \cos 90^\circ + qE da \cos 180^\circ$$

$$= 0 + qE bc + 0 - qE da$$

$$= 0$$

**Sol.9** In Fig. 439 (a), as the field is due to positive charge,

$$V_P - V_Q > 0.$$

In Fig. 4.39 (b), as the field is due to negative charge,

$$V_A - V_B < 0$$

$$\text{Or } V_B - V_A > 0.$$



(ii) The potential energy of a negative charge at point Q will be negative and at point P, it will be still more negative. Therefore,

$$(P.E.)_Q - (P.E.)_P > 0$$

For similar reasons,

$$(P.E.)_A - (P.E.)_B > 0$$

(iii) A small positive charge will tend to move from point P to Q and the work done by the field in moving the charge from point P to Q will be positive. Therefore, work done by electric field in moving a small positive charge from point Q to P will be negative.

(iv) For the reasons as given in (iii), work done by external agency in moving a small negative charge from B to A will be positive.

(v) As the potential energy of the negative charge decreases, kinetic energy of the negative charge increases in going from point B to A.

**Sol.10** (i) The work done in moving a test charge between two points in an electric field depends only on the initial and final positions of the charge. Let  $dV$  be the potential difference between A and C. If  $AC = dr$ , then

$$dV = E \, dr \quad (\text{in magnitude})$$

Here,  $dr = 5 - 1 = 4$  units

$$dV = E \times 4 = 4E$$

(ii) The potential at C is greater than that at A i.e.  $V_C > V_A$ . It is because, the direction of electric field is in the direction of decrease of potential difference.

**Sol.11** Let  $\vec{E}$  be electric field at a point on equipotential surface. Then, small work done in moving a test charge  $q_0$  through a small displacement  $\vec{dr}$  along the surface,

$$dW = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{dr} = (-q_0 \vec{E}) \cdot \vec{dr}$$

Since work done in moving a test charge along an equipotential surface is always zero,

$$(-q_0 \vec{E}) \cdot \vec{dr} = 0$$

$$\text{Or } \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dr} = 0$$

Hence, electric field is directed perpendicular to the surface.

**Sol.12** Any surface, which has same electrostatic potential at every point, is called an equipotential surface.

For a point charge, equipotential surface is a spherical shell with the charge lying at the centre of the shell.

For a point charge  $Q > 0$ , the equipotential surface is as shown in Fig. 4.11.