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Today

- Announcements:
 - Up to 4 people can collaborate on the homework essay questions.
 - HW#5 on electric and magnetic forces will be due after the exam on October 19th.
 - The exam #1 review sheet has been posted.
- Electric and Magnetic Forces
- Electric and Magnetic Fields

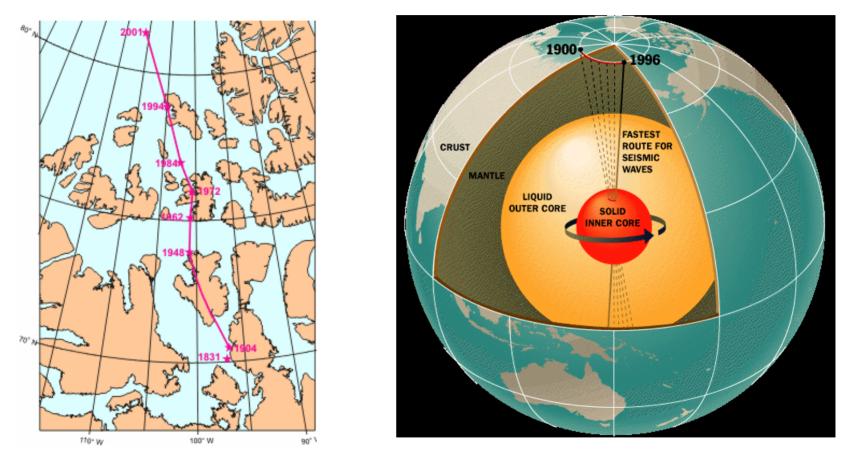


Why does the Earth's magnetic field?

- Moving charge, current, causes a magnetic field.
- Current is the flow of charge (electrons) in a wire, similar to water flowing in a pipe.
- Large scale current in the Earth is due to the liquid core of the earth and its rotation. The exact nature is not known.
- The Earth's changing magnetic field: http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/29dec_magneticfield.htm



The Changing Earth's Magnetic Field

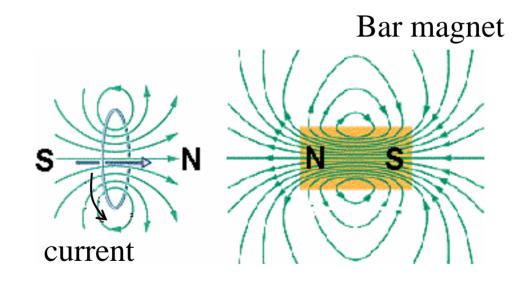


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The correspondence of a loop of current and magnet

Magnets have an internal structure were the motion of the electrons creates small regions with currents.





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Important observations

- The magnetic force and the electric force are related. They are two manifestations of what we call the **electromagnetic** force.
- There are four equations that give the relationship. These are Maxwell's Equations; more about them later.
- The electric force is much stronger than the gravitational force.
 - $k = 8.99E + 9 N m^2/C^2$
 - $G = 6.67E-11 N-m^2/kg^2$
- The electric force is what allows us to sit and stand.



Electric and Magnetic Fields

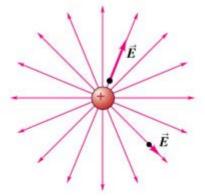
- If we move a test charge, q, (or magnet) in the vicinity of another charge (or magnet) we can make a map of the force.
- Define: Electric field E = F/q
- Electric field is a vector. Its units are N/C or V/m (volts/meter)
- Once we know the electric field we can calculate the force: F=qE

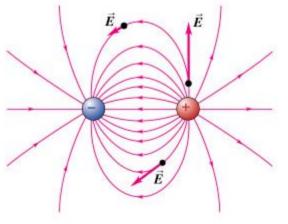
F = electric field times charge in the field

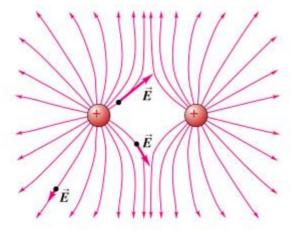




Samples







(a) A single positive charge (compare Figure 21.16)

(b) A positive charge and a negative charge of equal magnitude (an electric dipole)

(c) Two equal positive charges

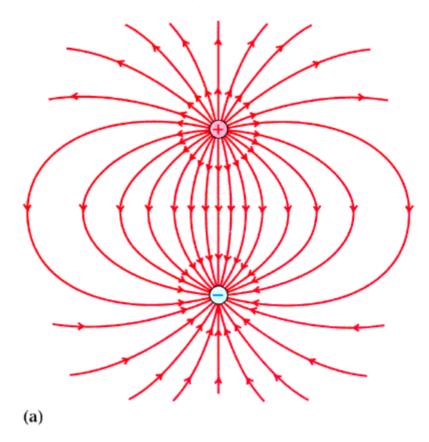
- Electric field lines point away from positive charge and toward negative charge.
- Charge generates an electric field.

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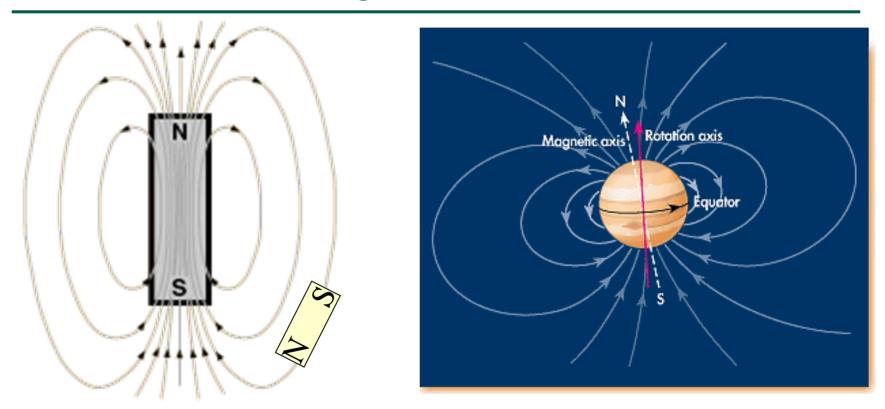
Example of two point charges







Magnetic Fields

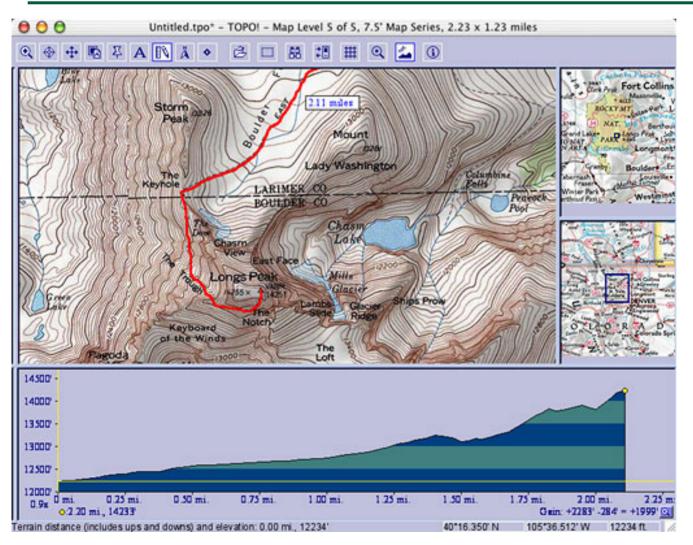


The SI unit for magnetic field is Tesla, T. At East Lansing the Earth's magnetic field strength is 0.7E-4 T.





Topographical Maps



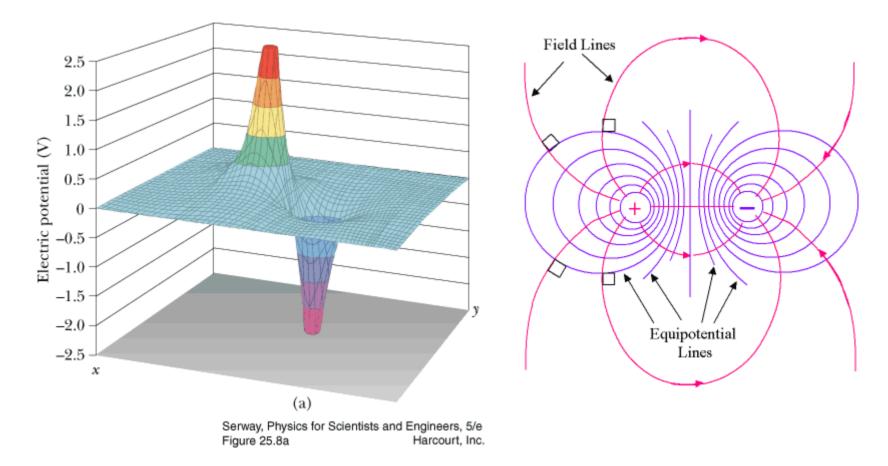
Sample from TOPO Maps

The slope gives a measure of the gravitational field





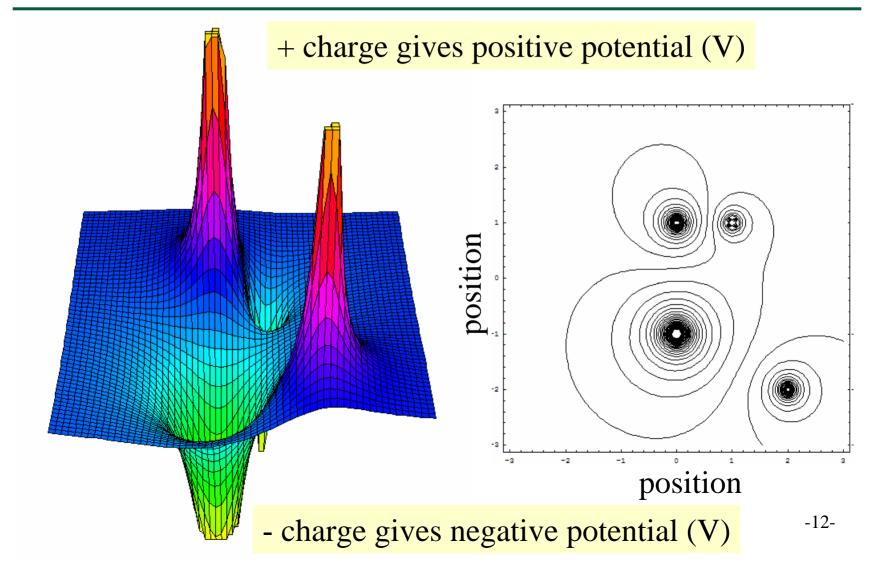
Map for the Electric Field







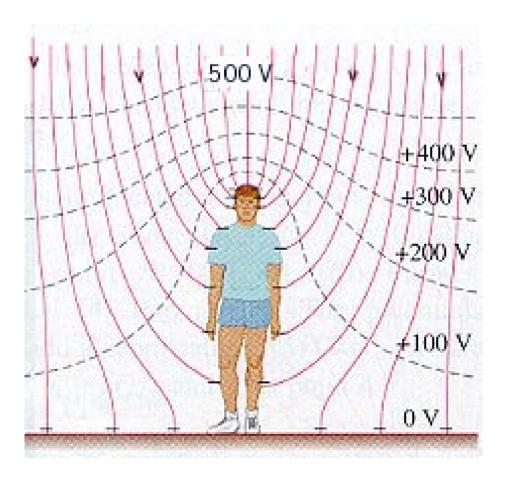
Another example- 4 charges







The Earth has an electric field

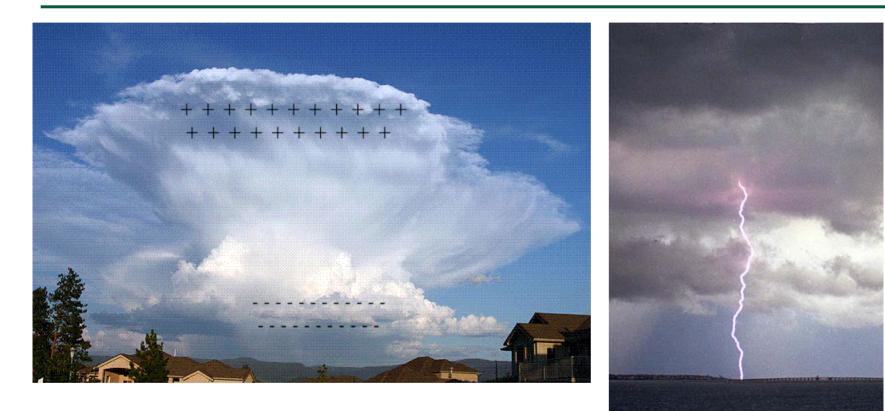


The Earth's electric field is about 150 N/C (same as V/m)





Lightning



Potential difference of 100 MV is developed between cloud and ground. In the bolt about 5 C of charge are transferred (on average).



The Strength of the Electric Field

- Electric potential SI unit is the Volt (V)
- Electric field is rate of change of potential

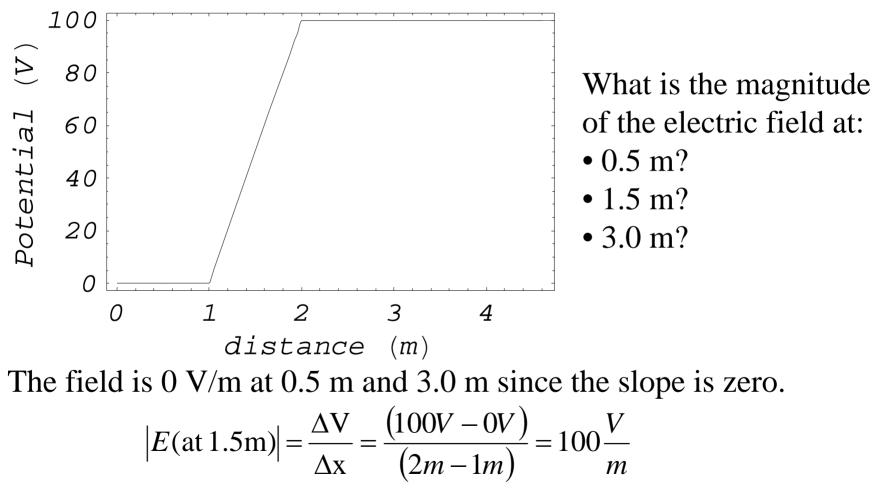
$$E = -\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x}$$

• The minus sign means that electric fields point from + to – charge.





Sample Problem





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Electric fields and potential

- In equilibrium the electric field in a metal conductor (electrons to move) is zero.
- This means that inside a metal the electric potential is flat, like the flat top of a table.
- Sitting inside a metal cage is like sitting on top of a large, flat table. As long as you are in the center, there is no danger of falling off.



Maxwell's Equations - 1864

- These 4 equations describe the full relationship between the electric and magnetic field. $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho$ Charge makes an electric field.
- $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$ Moving charge makes a magnetic field. $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$ Changing magnetic field makes an electric field $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ Magnets always have a north and a south pole
 - They also predict the existence of an electromagnetic wave that travels with speed c
 - This was possible due to the math of Maxwell and the insight of Faraday