

50. (a) From Eq. 23-38 (and the facts that $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = 1$ and $\hat{j} \cdot \hat{i} = 0$), the potential energy is

$$\begin{aligned} U &= -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} = -[(3.00\hat{i} + 4.00\hat{j})(1.24 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m})] \cdot [(4000 \text{ N/C})\hat{i}] \\ &= -1.49 \times 10^{-26} \text{ J} . \end{aligned}$$

(b) From Eq. 23-34 (and the facts that $\hat{i} \times \hat{i} = 0$ and $\hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}$), the torque is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\tau} &= \vec{p} \times \vec{E} = [(3.00\hat{i} + 4.00\hat{j})(1.24 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m})] \times [(4000 \text{ N/C})\hat{i}] \\ &= (-1.98 \times 10^{-26} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m})\hat{k} . \end{aligned}$$

(c) The work done is

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \Delta U = \Delta(-\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}) = (\vec{p}_i - \vec{p}_f) \cdot \vec{E} \\ &= [(3.00\hat{i} + 4.00\hat{j}) - (-4.00\hat{i} + 3.00\hat{j})](1.24 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m}) \cdot [(4000 \text{ N/C})\hat{i}] \\ &= 3.47 \times 10^{-26} \text{ J} . \end{aligned}$$