

## Chapter 21: The Electric Field I: Discrete Charge Distributions

Section: 21-1 Topic: Charge Type: Factual

1. Electric charges of the same sign
- A) also have the same magnitude.
  - B) attract each other.
  - C) repel each other.
  - D) exert no forces on each other.
  - E) None of these is correct.
- Ans: C

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2. Electric charges of the opposite sign
- A) also have the same magnitude.
  - B) attract each other.
  - C) exert no forces on each other.
  - D) repel each other.
  - E) None of these is correct.
- Ans: B

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3. Electrons
- A) are about 2000 times more massive than protons.
  - B) are about 2000 times less massive than protons.
  - C) have 2000 times the charge of protons.
  - D) have 1/2000 the charge of protons.
  - E) can have any amount of charge.
- Ans: B

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  - E) can have any amount of charge.
- Ans: A

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5. Experimental evidence indicates that
- A) charge is quantized and conserved.
  - B) charge is quantized but not conserved.
  - C) charge is conserved but not quantized.
  - D) charge is neither quantized nor conserved.
  - E) None of these answers is correct.
- Ans: A

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6. An electron ( $q = -e$ ) and a positron ( $q = +e$ ) can combine to give off two gamma rays. The net change in the algebraic sum of the charges is  
A)  $+2e$  B) zero C)  $-2e$  D)  $+e$  E)  $-e$   
Ans: B

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7. How many electrons must be transferred to a body to produce a charge of 125 nC?  
A)  $1.25 \times 10^{-7}$  D)  $3.45 \times 10^{11}$   
B)  $1.60 \times 10^{-19}$  E)  $7.81 \times 10^{11}$   
C)  $1.28 \times 10^{12}$   
Ans: E

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8. If an object is determined to have a negative charge of 160 nC, you can conclude that the object has an excess of  
A)  $10^9$  electrons D)  $10^{12}$  electrons  
B)  $10^{10}$  electrons E)  $10^{13}$  electrons  
C)  $10^{11}$  electrons  
Ans: D

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9. A particular nucleus of the element erbium contains 68 protons and 90 neutrons. What is the total number of electrons in the neutral erbium atom?  
A) 90 B) 158 C) 22 D) 68 E) None of the above  
Ans: D

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10. A particular nucleus of the element erbium contains 68 protons and 90 neutrons. What is the total charge of the erbium nucleus?  
A) zero D)  $1.1 \times 10^{-17}$  C  
B)  $1.4 \times 10^{-17}$  C E)  $3.5 \times 10^{-18}$  C  
C)  $2.5 \times 10^{-17}$  C  
Ans: D

Section: 21-2 Topic: Conductors and Insulators Type: Conceptual

11. Which of the following statements about conductors and insulators is NOT correct?  
A) Charges can move freely in conductors.  
B) Charges can move freely in insulators.  
C) In conductors, one or more of the outer electrons from an atom is no longer bounded to the atom.  
D) In insulators, all the electrons from an atom are bounded to the atom.  
E) Charges in both conductors and insulators can become polarized, i.e., one end has charges of one sign and the other end has charges of opposite sign.  
Ans: B

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12. Two small spheres attract one another electrostatically. This can occur for a variety of reasons. Which of the following statements must be true?

A) at least one sphere is charged                      D) both have the same charge  
B) neither is charged                                      E) None of these is correct.  
C) both are charged

Ans: A

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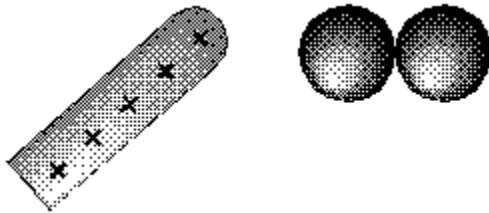
13. Two small spheres repel one another electrostatically. Which of the following statements must be true?

A) both have the same charge                      D) at least one sphere is charged  
B) neither is charged                                      E) they are oppositely charged  
C) both are charged

Ans: A

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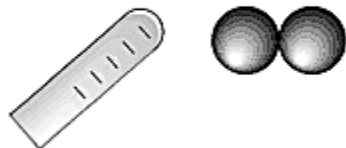
If you bring a positively charged insulator near two uncharged metallic spheres that are in contact and then separate the spheres, the sphere on the right will have

A) no net charge.    D) either a positive or negative charge.  
B) a positive charge.    E) None of these is correct.  
C) a negative charge.

Ans: B

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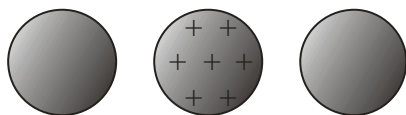
If you bring a negatively charged insulator near two uncharged metallic spheres that are in contact and then separate the spheres, the sphere on the right will have

- A) no net charge.
- B) a positive charge.
- C) a negative charge.
- D) either a positive or negative charge.
- E) None of these is correct.

Ans: C

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16.



A uniformly positively charged spherical conductor is placed midway between two identical uncharged conducting spheres. How would the charges in the middle sphere be distributed?

- A) The positive charges stay uniformly distributed on the surface of the middle sphere.
- B) There are more positive charges near the top and bottom of the sphere compared to the sides next to the two other spheres.
- C) There are more positive charges near the sides of the spheres that are next to the other two spheres compared to the other regions of the sphere.
- D) There are more positive charges near the front and back of the sphere compared to the sides next to the two other spheres.
- E) None of these is correct.

Ans: C

Section: 21–3 Topic: Coulomb's Law Type: Numerical

17. A positive charge of 63.0 nC is 15.0 cm from a negative charge of 45.0 nC. The force on one of the charges due to the other is approximately

- A)  $1.13 \times 10^{-3}$  N
- B)  $1.13 \times 10^{-7}$  N
- C)  $1.02 \times 10^7$  N
- D)  $1.25 \times 10^{-13}$  N
- E)  $1.02 \times 10^{-6}$  N

Ans: A

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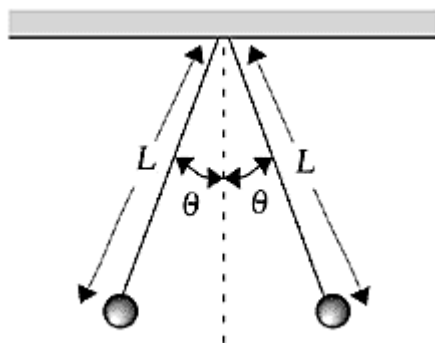
18. A positive charge of 94.0 nC is 12.0 cm from a negative charge of 53.0 nC. The force on one of the charges due to the other is approximately

A) 1.13 mN B) 0.373 mN C) 3.11 mN D) 1.25 mN E) 1.02  $\mu$ N

Ans: C

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19.



Two small spheres, each with mass  $m = 5.0$  g and charge  $q$ , are suspended from a point by threads of length  $L = 0.30$  m. What is the charge on each sphere if the threads make an angle  $\theta = 20^\circ$  with the vertical?

A)  $7.9 \times 10^{-7}$  C

D)  $6.3 \times 10^{-13}$  C

B)  $2.9 \times 10^{-7}$  C

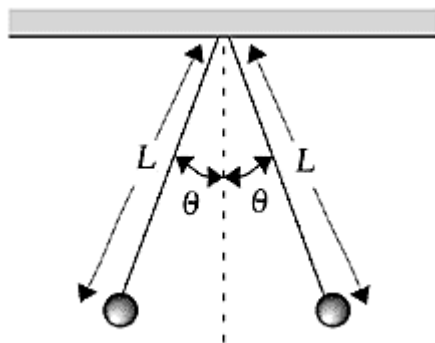
E)  $1.8 \times 10^{-7}$  C

C)  $7.5 \times 10^{-2}$  C

Ans: B

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20.



Two small spheres, each with mass  $m = 3.0$  g and charge  $q$ , are suspended from a point by threads of length  $L = 0.22$  m. What is the charge on each sphere if the threads make an angle  $\theta = 15^\circ$  with the vertical?

A)  $0.79 \mu$ C B)  $2.9 \mu$ C C) 75 mC D)  $6.3 \mu$ C E)  $0.11 \mu$ C

Ans: E



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25. Three charges are located at 100-m intervals along a horizontal line: a charge of  $-3.0\text{ C}$  on the left,  $+2.0\text{ C}$  in the middle, and  $+1.0\text{ C}$  on the right. What is the resultant force on the  $1.0\text{ C}$  charge due to the other two?

- A)  $1.1 \times 10^6\text{ N}$  to the right  
 B)  $1.1 \times 10^6\text{ N}$  to the left  
 C)  $2.5 \times 10^6\text{ N}$  to the right  
 D)  $2.5 \times 10^6\text{ N}$  to the left  
 E)  $4.5 \times 10^7\text{ N}$  to the right

Ans: A

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26. Point charges of  $4.0 \times 10^{-8}\text{ C}$  and  $-2.0 \times 10^{-8}\text{ C}$  are placed 12 cm apart. A third point charge of  $3.0 \times 10^{-8}\text{ C}$  halfway between the first two point charges experiences a force of magnitude

- A)  $4.5 \times 10^{-3}\text{ N}$   
 B)  $2.0 \times 10^{-3}\text{ N}$   
 C)  $1.5 \times 10^{-3}\text{ N}$   
 D) zero  
 E)  $5.0 \times 10^{-3}\text{ N}$

Ans: A

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27. A proton is about 2000 times more massive than an electron but they both have charges of the same magnitude. The magnitude of the force on an electron by a proton is \_\_\_\_\_ the magnitude of the force on the proton by the electron.

- A) 2000 times greater than  
 B) equal to  
 C) 2000 times less than  
 D) negligible compared to  
 E) None of these answers is correct.

Ans: B

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28. The Coulomb's force between a proton and an electron is  $2.27 \times 10^{39}$  times greater than the gravitational force. If the two forces were equal, what should the size of the elementary charge be

- A)  $1.60 \times 10^{-19}\text{ C}$   
 B)  $3.36 \times 10^{-39}\text{ C}$   
 C)  $1.23 \times 10^{-77}\text{ C}$   
 D)  $2.27 \times 10^{-39}\text{ C}$   
 E)  $4.41 \times 10^{-40}\text{ C}$

Ans: B





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34. Which of the following statements is not true?
- A) In nature, electric charge is conserved.
  - B) The force of repulsion between two like charges is directly proportional to the product of the square of the charges.
  - C) The force of repulsion between two like charges is inversely proportional to the square of the distance separating the charges.
  - D) Unlike charges attract each other.
  - E) Like charges repel each other.

Ans: B

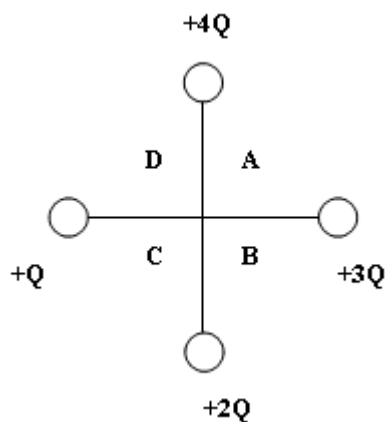
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35. A particular nucleus of the element plutonium contains 94 protons and 150 neutrons. What is the magnitude of the force from the nucleus on a single electron that is at a distance of  $0.563 \times 10^{-12}$  m from the plutonium nucleus?
- A)  $4.27 \times 10^{15}$  N
  - B)  $3.85 \times 10^{-14}$  N
  - C)  $6.83 \times 10^{-2}$  N
  - D) 6.42 N
  - E)  $1.09 \times 10^{-1}$  N

Ans: C

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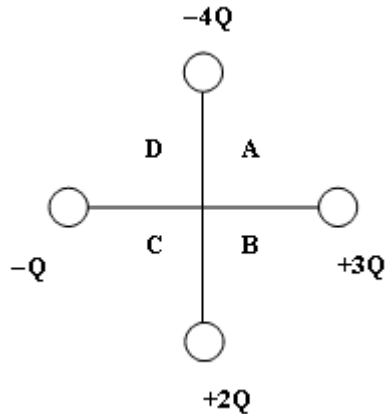
If a charge of  $+2Q$  were placed at the origin (the crossing point of the vertical and horizontal lines) of the above figure, into which quadrant would it feel a net force?

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) None, it feels no net force.

Ans: C

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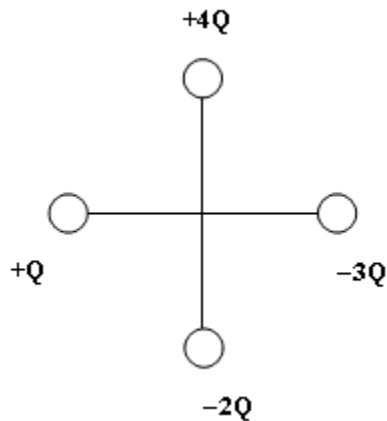
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A) A B) B C) C D) D E) None, it feels no net force.

Ans: D

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38.



If all the charges are 15 cm from the origin (the crossing point of the vertical and horizontal lines) in the above figure and  $Q = +3.0 \mu\text{C}$ , then calculate the magnitude of the net force on a charge of  $+Q$  placed at the origin.

A) 22.8 N B) 10.2 N C) 26.0 N D) 187 N E) none of the above

Ans: C

Section: 21-4 Topic: The Electric Field Type: Factual

39. A proton is moving horizontally north in an electric field that points vertically upward. The electric force on the proton is

A) zero. B) upward. C) downward. D) to the west. E) to the east.

Ans: B

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40. An electron is moving horizontally east in an electric field that points vertically upward. The electric force on the proton is  
A) zero. B) upward. C) downward. D) to the west. E) to the east.  
Ans: C

Section: 21-4 Topic: The Electric Field Type: Factual

41. The SI units of electric fields can be expressed as  
A)  $C/m^2$  B) C/s C)  $V \cdot C$  D) N E) V/m  
Ans: E

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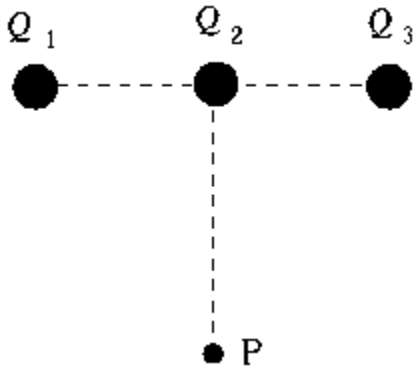
42. Three charges are located at 100-m intervals along a horizontal line: a charge of  $-3.0\text{ C}$  on the left,  $2.0\text{ C}$  in the middle, and  $1.0\text{ C}$  on the right. What is the electric field  $\vec{E}$  on the horizontal line halfway between the  $-3.0\text{ C}$  and  $2.0\text{ C}$  charges?  
A)  $2.2 \times 10^7\text{ N/C}$  to the left D)  $3.2 \times 10^6\text{ N/C}$  to the right  
B)  $1.8 \times 10^7\text{ N/C}$  to the right E)  $4.0 \times 10^6\text{ N/C}$  to the left  
C)  $1.8 \times 10^7\text{ N/C}$  to the left  
Ans: C

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43. A positive charge that is in an electric field  $\vec{E}$  experiences a force that is  
A) perpendicular to  $\vec{E}$ . D) in the same direction as  $\vec{E}$ .  
B) zero because the speed is zero. E) None of these is correct.  
C) in the direction opposite to  $\vec{E}$ .  
Ans: D

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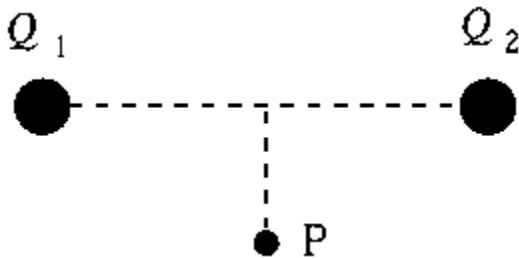
Three charges  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , and  $Q_3$ , each equal to  $6.4 \times 10^{-19}$  C, are in a straight line. The distance between neighboring charges is 60 nm. The magnitude of the electric field at  $P$ , which is 80 nm from  $Q_2$  on a line at right angles to the line between  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$ , is

- A)  $1.2 \times 10^{-8}$  N/C  
 B) 16 N/C  
 C) 2.0 N/C  
 D)  $1.9 \times 10^{10}$  N/C  
 E)  $1.2 \times 10^8$  N/C

Ans: D

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45.



Two charges  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are 8.0 cm apart. Charge  $Q_1 = 5.0$  nC and  $Q_2 = -5.0$  nC. The magnitude of the electric field at point  $P$ , 3.0 cm from the midpoint of the line joining  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ , is

- A)  $2.9 \times 10^5$  N/C  
 B)  $2.9 \times 10^4$  N/C  
 C)  $3.6 \times 10^5$  N/C  
 D) 0.29 kN/C  
 E)  $3.6 \times 10^6$  N/C

Ans: B

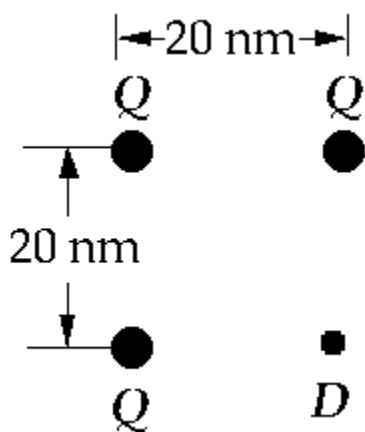
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46. Two charges of the same magnitude and sign are placed a certain distance apart. There is only one point in space near them where the electric field is zero. Which, if any, of the following statements about that point is true?
- A) It cannot be on the line joining the charges.  
 B) It must be on the line joining the charges and between the charges.  
 C) It must be on the line joining the charges but not between the charges.  
 D) Its position depends on the size of the charges.  
 E) None of these is correct.

Ans: B

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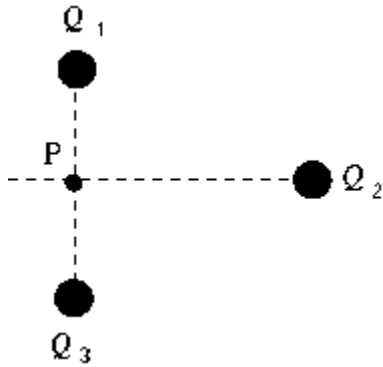
Three charges, each of  $Q = 3.2 \times 10^{-19}$  C, are arranged at three of the corners of a 20-nm square as shown. The magnitude of the electric field at  $D$ , the fourth corner of the square, is approximately

- A)  $1.4 \times 10^7$  N/C  
 B)  $1.0 \times 10^{11}$  N/C  
 C)  $3.6 \times 10^{10}$  N/C  
 D) 30 N/C  
 E)  $1.8 \times 10^7$  N/C

Ans: A

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48.



Three positive and equal charges  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , and  $Q_3$  are at the corners of an equilateral triangle as shown. Point  $P$  is at the midpoint of the line between  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$ . The electric field at  $P$  is

- A) zero.
- B) not zero and is directed along the line from  $P$  to  $Q_3$ .
- C) not zero and is directed along the line from  $P$  to  $Q_2$ .
- D) not zero and is directed along the line from  $Q_1$  to  $Q_2$ .
- E) None of these is correct.

Ans: E

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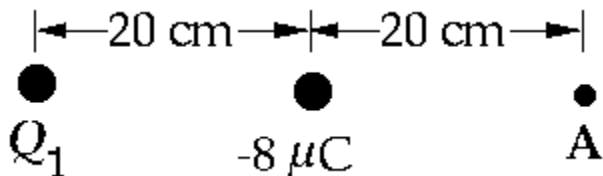
49. An electric field with a magnitude of  $6.0 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$  is directed parallel to the positive  $y$  axis. A particle with a charge  $q = 4.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$  is moving along the  $x$  axis with a speed  $v = 3.0 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$ . The force on the charge is approximately

- A)  $8.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$  perpendicular to the  $xy$  plane.
- B)  $2.9 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N}$  in the  $y$  direction.
- C)  $8.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$  in the  $x$  direction.
- D) zero.
- E)  $2.9 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N}$  in the  $x$  direction.

Ans: B

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50.



The electric field at point A is zero. What is charge  $Q_1$ ?

- A)  $+32 \mu\text{C}$
- B)  $-32 \mu\text{C}$
- C) The field cannot be zero at A for any value of  $Q_1$ .
- D)  $+16 \mu\text{C}$
- E)  $-16 \mu\text{C}$

Ans: A

Section: 21-4 Topic: The Electric Field Type: Conceptual

51. The direction of the electric field at a point is the same as

- A) the force on a neutron placed at that point.
- B) the force on a proton placed at that point.
- C) the force on an electron placed at that point.
- D) the force on a hydrogen molecule placed at that point.
- E) None of these is correct.

Ans: B

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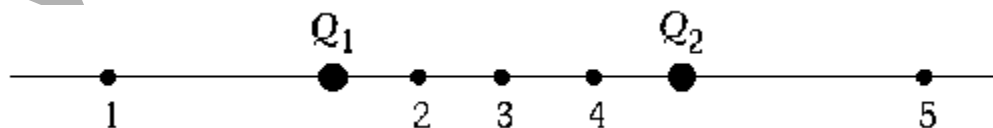
52. Two point charges of unknown magnitude and sign are a distance  $d$  apart. If the electric field strength is zero at a point between them on the line joining them, you can conclude that

- A) the charges are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign.
- B) the charges are equal in magnitude and have the same sign.
- C) the charges are not necessarily equal in magnitude but have opposite signs.
- D) the charges are not necessarily equal in magnitude but have the same sign.
- E) there is not enough information to say anything specific about the charges.

Ans: D

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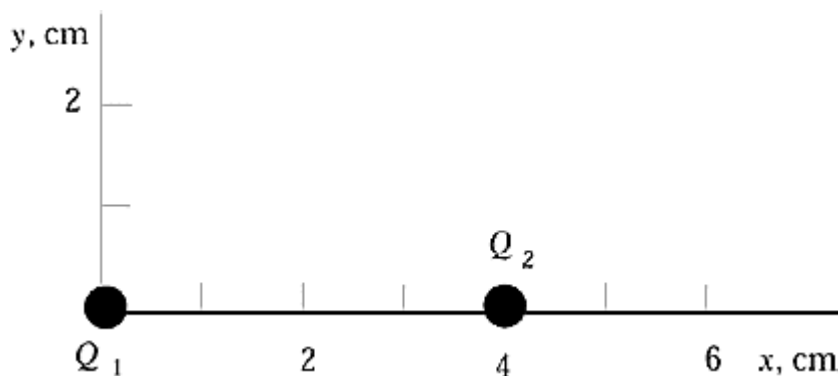
Charges  $Q_1 = -q$  and  $Q_2 = +4q$  are placed as shown. Of the five positions indicated by the numbered dots, the one at which the electric field  $\vec{E}$  is zero is

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4
- E) 5

Ans: A

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54.



In the diagram,  $Q_1 = 6.0 \mu\text{C}$  and  $Q_2 = -6.0 \mu\text{C}$ . The electric field at point (2, 0) is

- A) in the positive  $x$  direction.      D) in the negative  $y$  direction.  
 B) in the negative  $x$  direction.      E) zero at this point.  
 C) in the positive  $y$  direction.

Ans: A

Section: 21-4 Topic: The Electric Field Type: Numerical

55. A particular nucleus of the element plutonium contains 94 protons and 150 neutrons. What is the magnitude of the electric field at a distance of  $0.563 \times 10^{-12}$  m from the nucleus?

- A)  $6.81 \times 10^{17}$  N/C      D)  $3.83 \times 10^5$  N/C  
 B)  $4.27 \times 10^{17}$  N/C      E) none of the above  
 C)  $2.40 \times 10^5$  N/C

Ans: B

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56. Two charges  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are a distance  $d$  apart. If the electric field is zero at a distance of  $3d/4$  from  $Q_1$  (towards  $Q_2$ ), then what is the relation between  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ ?

- A)  $Q_1 = Q_2/9$     B)  $Q_1 = 9Q_2$     C)  $Q_1 = Q_2/3$     D)  $Q_1 = 3Q_2$     E)  $Q_1 = 4Q_2/3$

Ans: B

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57. Two charges  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are distance  $d$  apart. If the electric field is zero at distance  $3d/2$  from  $Q_1$  and  $d/2$  from  $Q_2$ , along the line joining  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ , then what is the relation between  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ ?

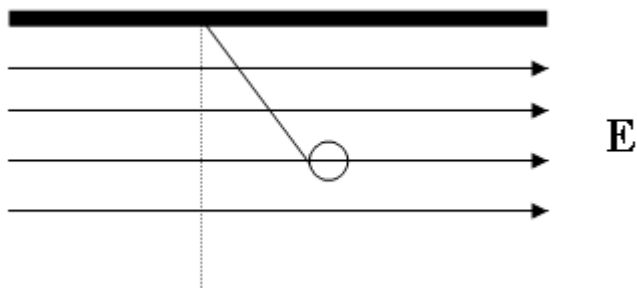
- A)  $Q_1 = 9Q_2$     B)  $Q_1 = -Q_2/9$     C)  $Q_1 = Q_2/3$     D)  $Q_1 = -3Q_2$     E)  $Q_1 = -9Q_2$

Ans: E



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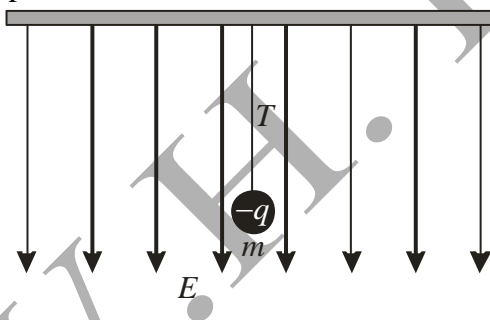
A bob of mass  $m$  ( $m = 0.500$  g), and charge magnitude  $Q$  ( $Q = 50.0$   $\mu\text{C}$ ) is held by a massless string in a uniform electric field  $E$ . If the bob makes an angle of  $10.0$  degrees with the vertical, then calculate the magnitude of the electric field  $E$  and the sign of the bob charge  $Q$ .

- A)  $1.73 \times 10^1$  N/C and  $Q$  is positive.      D)  $1.73 \times 10^1$  N/C and  $Q$  is negative.  
 B)  $9.81 \times 10^1$  N/C and  $Q$  is negative.      E)  $1.80 \times 10^{-1}$  N/C and  $Q$  is positive.  
 C)  $9.81 \times 10^1$  N/C and  $Q$  is positive.

Ans: A

Use the picture for the next two problems.

A conducting sphere has a net charge of  $-q$  and of mass  $m$  is suspended from the ceiling by a light string. A uniform electric field  $E$  is applied vertical down on the sphere.



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59. The tension  $T$  in the string is \_\_\_\_\_ the weight  $mg$ .

- A) less than      D) dependent on the strength of  $E$  in relation to  
 B) equal to      E) insufficient information to tell  
 C) greater than

Ans: A

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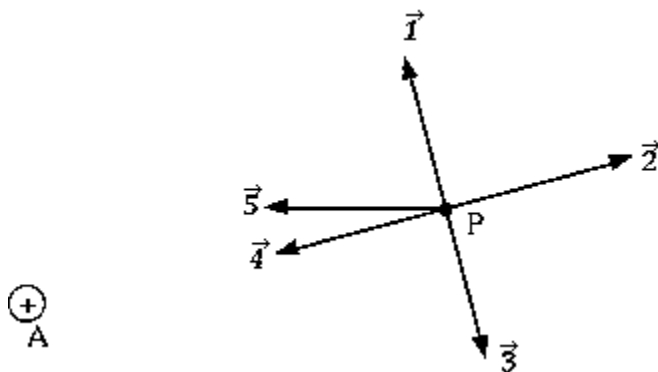
60. If  $m = 1 \text{ g}$ ,  $q = 1 \text{ } \mu\text{C}$  and  $E = 5000 \text{ N/C}$ , the tension  $T$  in the string is

- A)  $5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$  D)  $1.48 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N}$   
 B)  $9.81 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$  E) 0  
 C)  $4.81 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$

Ans: C

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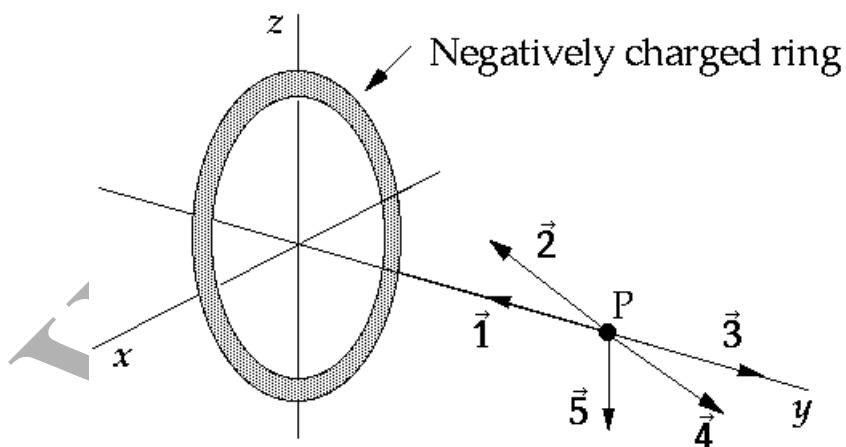
A small positive charge is located at A. The vector that gives the direction of the electric field at point P is

- A)  $\vec{1}$  B)  $\vec{2}$  C)  $\vec{3}$  D)  $\vec{4}$  E)  $\vec{5}$

Ans: B

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62.



The point P is on the axis of a ring of charge, and all vectors shown lie in the  $yz$  plane. The negatively charged ring lies in the  $xz$  plane. The vector that correctly represents the direction of the electric field at this point is

- A)  $\vec{1}$  B)  $\vec{2}$  C)  $\vec{3}$  D)  $\vec{4}$  E)  $\vec{5}$

Ans: A

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63. Which of the following statements about electric field lines is not true?
- A) The number of lines leaving a positive charge or entering a negative charge is proportional to the charge.
  - B) The lines begin on positive charges and end on negative charges.
  - C) The density of the lines (the number per unit area perpendicular to the lines) is proportional to the magnitude of the field at that point.
  - D) Electric field lines cross midway between charges that have equal magnitude and sign.
  - E) The direction of each line indicates the direction that a positively charged particle would move if placed at that point in the electric field.

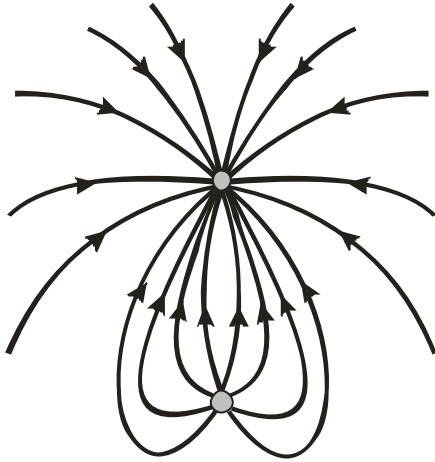
Ans: D

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64. Which of the following statements about electric field lines are true?
- A) The lines are drawn symmetrically entering or leaving an isolated charge.
  - B) At large distances from a system of charges, the field lines are equally spaced and radial, as if they came from a single point charge equal to the net charge of the system.
  - C) Electric field lines begin on positive charges (or at infinity) and end on negative charges (or at infinity).
  - D) The number of lines leaving a positive charge or entering a negative charge is proportional to the charge.
  - E) All of these statements are true.

Ans: E

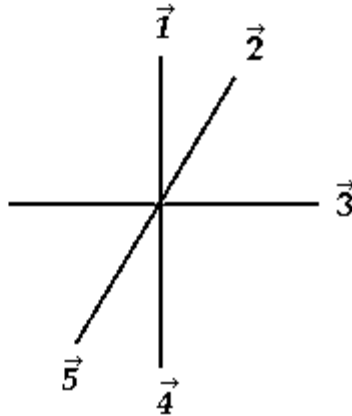
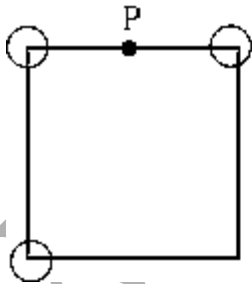
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65.



The figure shows the field lines for two charges. What is the ratio of the top charge to the bottom charge?

- A) 1:2  
B) -1:2  
C) 2:1  
D) -2:1  
E) 2:-1
- Ans: D

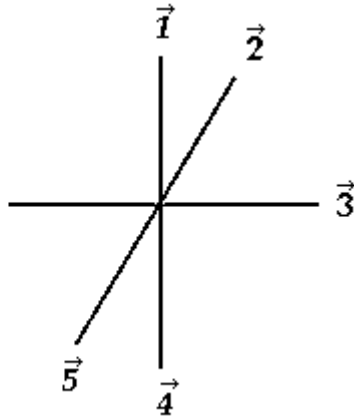
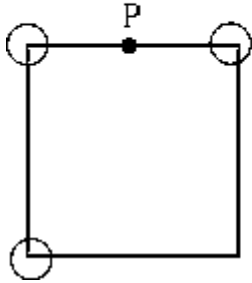
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A square has equal positive charges at three of its corners, as shown. The direction of the electric field at point P is

- A)  $\vec{1}$  B)  $\vec{2}$  C)  $\vec{3}$  D)  $\vec{4}$  E)  $\vec{5}$
- Ans: B

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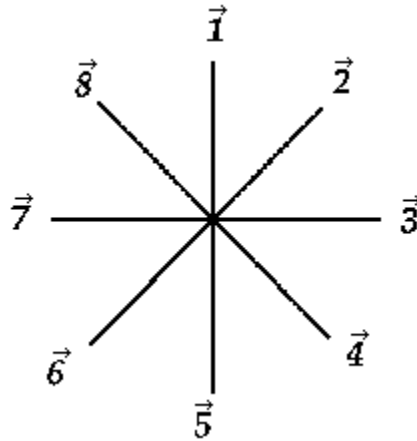
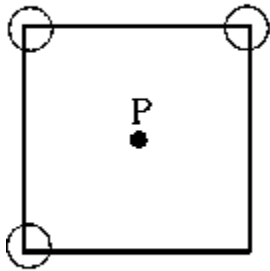


A square has equal positive charges at three of its corners and a negative charge at the third. The direction of the electric field at point P is

- A)  $\vec{1}$  B)  $\vec{2}$  C)  $\vec{3}$  D)  $\vec{4}$  E)  $\vec{5}$

Ans: B

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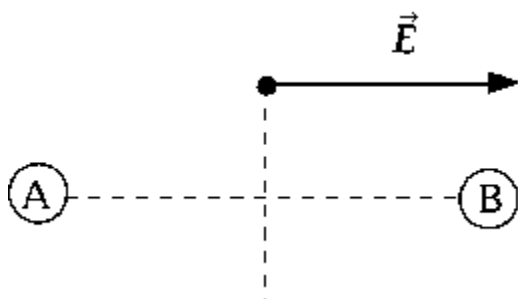
A square has equal positive charges at three of its corners, as shown. The direction of the electric field at point P is

- A)  $\vec{1}$  B)  $\vec{2}$  C)  $\vec{3}$  D)  $\vec{4}$  E)  $\vec{5}$

Ans: D

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69.



In the figure, the direction of the electric field at a point equidistant from two equally charged bodies A and B is indicated by a vector. The direction of the vector indicates that

- A) both A and B are positive.                      D) B is positive and A is negative.  
 B) both A and B are negative.                    E) B is negative and A is neutral.  
 C) A is positive and B is negative.

Ans: C

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70. In a uniform electric field a proton has

- A) a constant velocity in the direction of the field.  
 B) a constant velocity in a direction opposite to that of the field.  
 C) an approximately constant acceleration the direction of the field.  
 D) an approximately constant acceleration in a direction opposite to that of the field.  
 E) an approximately constant acceleration in a direction at right angles to the field.

Ans: C

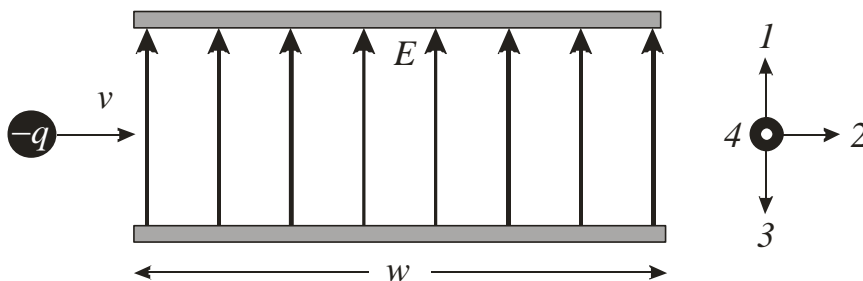
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71. If nonelectric forces are negligible, a positively charged particle released from rest in a nonuniform electric field

- A) moves perpendicular to the field with constant velocity.  
 B) moves with constant velocity parallel to the field.  
 C) accelerates in the direction of the field.  
 D) accelerates perpendicularly to the field.  
 E) moves only along equipotential lines.

Ans: C

Use the picture for the next two problems.

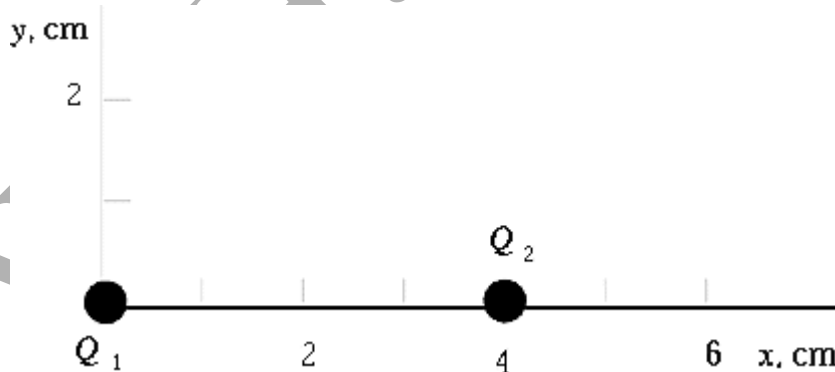


A negatively charged particle moving with speed  $v$  enters a region of uniform electric field  $E$ .

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72. Using the direction compass on the right, the direction of the force on the charge is  
 A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) There is no force on the charge.  
 Ans: C

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73. If the charge  $q = 1 \text{ nC}$ , mass  $m = 1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ kg}$ , speed  $v = 10^5 \text{ m/s}$ , the electric field strength  $E = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m}$ , and width,  $w$ , of the electric field is  $0.2 \text{ m}$ , what is the speed of the particle when it emerges from the other side?  
 A)  $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$  D)  $1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$   
 B)  $4.0 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$  E)  $1.8 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$   
 C)  $1.08 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$   
 Ans: C

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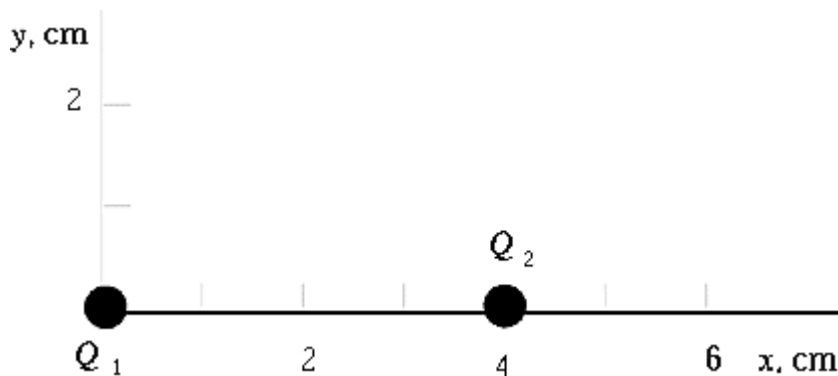


In the diagram,  $Q_1 = 6.0 \text{ } \mu\text{C}$  and  $Q_2 = -6.0 \text{ } \mu\text{C}$ . If  $Q_2$  has a mass of  $2.0 \text{ g}$ , a uniform electric field of  $1.5 \text{ kN/C}$  imposed in the positive  $y$  direction would give this particle an acceleration in the  $y$  direction of approximately

- A) zero B)  $9.0 \text{ mm/s}^2$  C)  $22 \text{ cm/s}^2$  D)  $4.5 \text{ m/s}^2$  E)  $7.5 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}^2$   
 Ans: D

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75.



In the diagram,  $Q_1 = 9.0 \mu\text{C}$  and  $Q_2 = -9.0 \mu\text{C}$ . If  $Q_2$  has a mass of 3.0 g, a uniform electric field of 1.8 kN/C imposed in the positive y direction would give this particle an acceleration in the y direction of approximately

A) zero B)  $5.4 \text{ m/s}^2$  C)  $6.8 \text{ cm/s}^2$  D)  $4.5 \text{ m/s}^2$  E)  $7.5 \text{ cm/s}^2$

Ans: B

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76. An electron is released from rest in a uniform electric field. If the electric field is 1.25 kN/C, at the end of 20 ns the electron's velocity will be approximately

A)  $2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}$  D)  $2.5 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$   
 B)  $3.9 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$  E)  $4.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$   
 C)  $3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

Ans: E

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77. An electron is released from rest in a uniform electric field. If the electric field is 3.65 kN/C, at the end of 15 ns the electron's velocity will be approximately

A)  $9.6 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$  D)  $5.5 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$   
 B)  $3.9 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$  E)  $7.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$   
 C)  $3.1 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

Ans: A

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78. An oil droplet of mass  $1.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ kg}$  loses an electron while it is in an electric field of  $1.00 \times 10^6 \text{ N/C}$ . The resulting change in the acceleration of the oil droplet is approximately

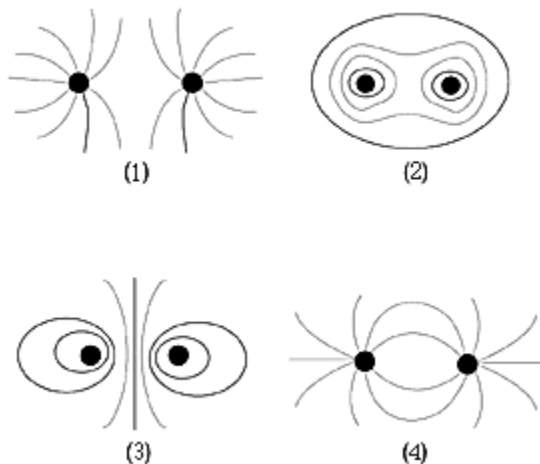
A)  $1.76 \times 10^{17} \text{ m/s}^2$  D)  $1.76 \times 10^{18} \text{ m/s}^2$   
 B)  $16.0 \text{ m/s}^2$  E)  $176 \text{ m/s}^2$   
 C)  $1.60 \text{ m/s}^2$

Ans: B



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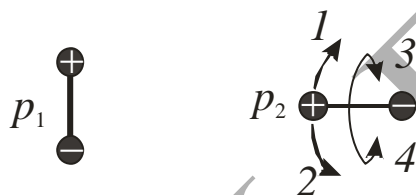
An electric dipole consists of a positive charge separated from a negative charge of the same magnitude by a small distance. Which, if any, of the diagrams best represents the electric field lines around an electric dipole?

A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) None of these is correct.

Ans: D

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80.



Two electric dipoles,  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ , are arranged as shown. The first dipole is not free to rotate but the second dipole can rotate in any direction. Which way will  $p_2$  rotate? The directions represent the following: 1 – clockwise, 2 – counter-clockwise, 3 – rotate about axis of the dipole rolling up, and 4 – rotate about axis of the dipole rolling down.

A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) None of these is correct.

Ans: 2

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81. A point charge of  $+35 \text{ nC}$  is above a point charge of  $-35 \text{ nC}$  on a vertical line. The distance between the charges is  $4.0 \text{ mm}$ . What are the magnitude and direction of the dipole moment  $\vec{p}$ ?

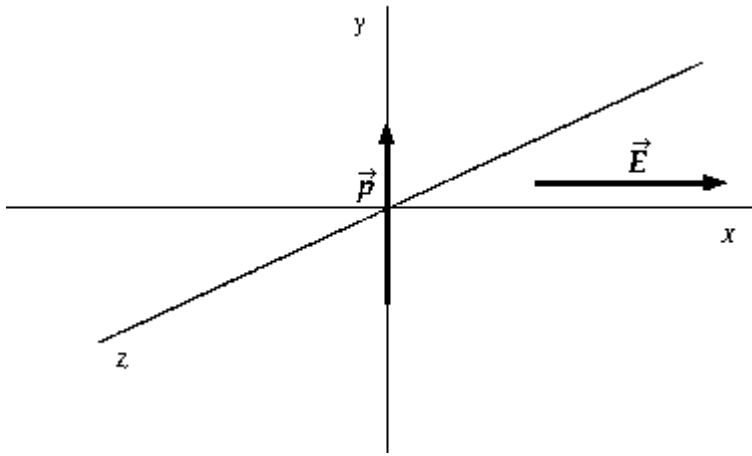
A) zero

B)  $1.4 \text{ pC} \cdot \text{m}$  upC)  $1.4 \text{ pC} \cdot \text{m}$  downD)  $2.8 \text{ pC} \cdot \text{m}$  upE)  $2.8 \text{ pC} \cdot \text{m}$  down

Ans: B



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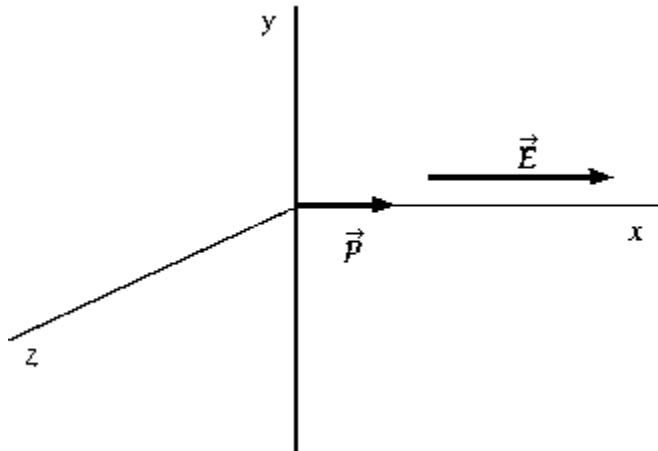
An electric dipole of moment  $\vec{p}$  is placed in a uniform external electric field as shown in the diagram. The dipole moment vector  $\vec{p}$  is in the positive  $y$  direction. The external electric field vector  $\vec{E}$  is in the positive  $x$  direction. If the dipole is to have minimum potential energy,  $\vec{p}$  should be in the

- A) positive  $x$  direction.
- B) negative  $x$  direction.
- C) positive  $y$  direction.
- D) negative  $y$  direction.
- E) positive  $z$  direction.

Ans: A

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85.



An electric dipole of moment  $\vec{p}$  is placed in a uniform external electric field. The dipole moment vector  $\vec{p}$  is in the positive  $x$  direction. The external electric field vector  $\vec{E}$  is also in the positive  $x$  direction. When the dipole is aligned as shown, the net torque experienced by the dipole is

- A) in the positive  $x$  direction.                      D) zero.  
B) in the positive  $y$  direction.                      E) described by none of these.  
C) in the negative  $z$  direction.

Ans: D

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86. An electric dipole  $p$  makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with a uniform electric field of magnitude  $300 \text{ N/C}$ . If the torque on the dipole is  $3.00 \times 10^{-12} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  then calculate the magnitude of the dipole moment  $p$ .

- A)  $2.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ C} \cdot \text{m}$                                       D)  $1.15 \times 10^{-14} \text{ C} \cdot \text{m}$   
B)  $1.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ C} \cdot \text{m}$                                       E)  $1.73 \times 10^{-14} \text{ C} \cdot \text{m}$   
C)  $4.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ C} \cdot \text{m}$

Ans: A

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87. A molecule of HCl has a dipole moment of  $3.39 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C} \cdot \text{m}$ . If we assume full donation of the hydrogen electron to the chlorine, then calculate the distance between the charge centers.

- A)  $4.72 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}$     D)  $2.12 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$   
B)  $1.06 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$     E)  $2.44 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$   
C)  $4.24 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$

Ans: D