

Electric Field due to Multiple Point Charges

Two point charges are placed on the x axis. (Figure 1)
 The first charge, $q_1 = 8.00 \text{ nC}$, is placed a distance 16.0 m from the origin along the positive x axis; the second charge, $q_2 = 6.00 \text{ nC}$, is placed a distance 9.00 m from the origin along the negative x axis.

Part A

Calculate the electric field at point A, located at $x = 0 \text{ m}$, $y = 12 \text{ m}$.

Give the x and y components of the electric field at point A.

$$E_{Ax}, E_{Ay} = 0, 0.300 \text{ N/C}$$

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Part B

An unknown additional charge q_3 is now placed at point B, located at $x = 0 \text{ m}$, $y = 15 \text{ m}$. Find the magnitude and sign of q_3 needed to make the net electric field at point A zero.

Express your answer in nanocoulombs to three significant figures.

$$q_3 = 0.300 \text{ nC}$$

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