

- How does  $Q_1$  know  $Q_2$  is there?

$Q_2$  produces an electric field  $E(r)$  such that  $F = Q_1 E(r)$

for a single point charge  $Q_2$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_2}{r^2} \text{ so } F = qE(r) \text{ recovers coulomb's law.}$$

- $E$  is a vector field, which basically means there is a point defined at every position in the field

Notes

i. units:  $\frac{\text{Newtons}}{\text{coulomb}} \Rightarrow \frac{N}{C}$

ii. vector field at every point in space, there is a vector  $E$  defined

iii. Superposition!  $E = E_1 + E_2 + \dots E_n$

Vector Sum for discrete sources

Integral for continuous discrete of charges.

- Field lines start on positive charges and end on negative charges
- Field strength indicated by the spatial density of lines