

In the figure shown below, find the magnitude and direction of the electric field at the origin (P).

$$\vec{E}_P = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2$$

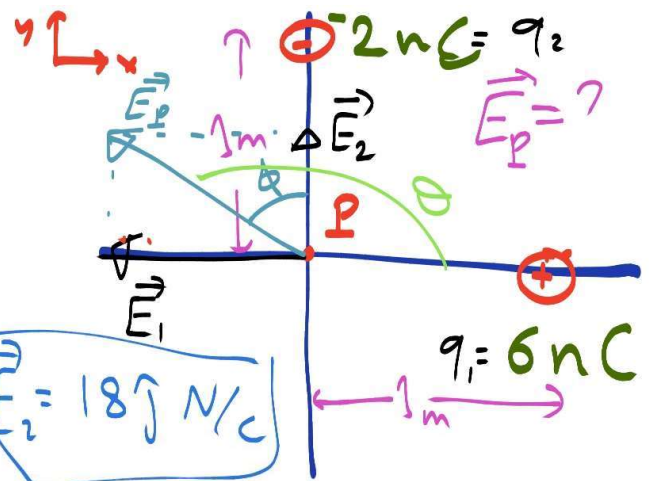
$$\vec{E}_1 = k_e \frac{|q_1|}{r_1^2} (-\hat{i}) = 9 \times 10^9 \times \frac{6 \times 10^{-9}}{2^2} (-\hat{i})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_1 = 54 (-\hat{i}) \text{ N/C}$$

$$\vec{E}_2 = k_e \frac{|q_2|}{r_2^2} (+\hat{j}) = 9 \times 10^9 \times \frac{2 \times 10^{-9}}{1^2} \Rightarrow \vec{E}_2 = 18 \hat{j} \text{ N/C}$$

$$\vec{E}_P = (-54\hat{i} + 18\hat{j}) \text{ N/C}$$

$$E_P = \sqrt{(-54)^2 + (18)^2} = 56.9 \text{ N/C}$$



Note $\tan \phi = \frac{54}{18} = 3 \Rightarrow \phi = 71.6^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 90 + 71.6^\circ$$

$$\theta = 161.6^\circ$$