

Q: Find the net field at q_4 's location.

$$\vec{E}_4 = \vec{E}_{14} + \vec{E}_{34} + \vec{E}_{24}$$

$$= \frac{Cq_1}{r_{14}^2} \hat{j} + \frac{Cq_3}{r_{34}^2} (-\hat{i}) + \frac{Cq_2}{r_{24}^2} \cos(-45^\circ) \hat{i}$$

$$+ \frac{Cq_2}{r_{24}^2} \sin(-45^\circ) \hat{j}$$

$$= \left\{ 4.494 \times 10^{11} \hat{j} - 4.494 \times 10^{11} \hat{i} + 1.589 \times 10^{11} \hat{i} - 1.589 \times 10^{11} \hat{j} \right\} \text{NC}^{-1}$$

$$= \left\{ (-4.494 \times 10^{11} + 1.589 \times 10^{11}) \hat{i} + (4.494 \times 10^{11} - 1.589 \times 10^{11}) \hat{j} \right\} \text{NC}^{-1}$$

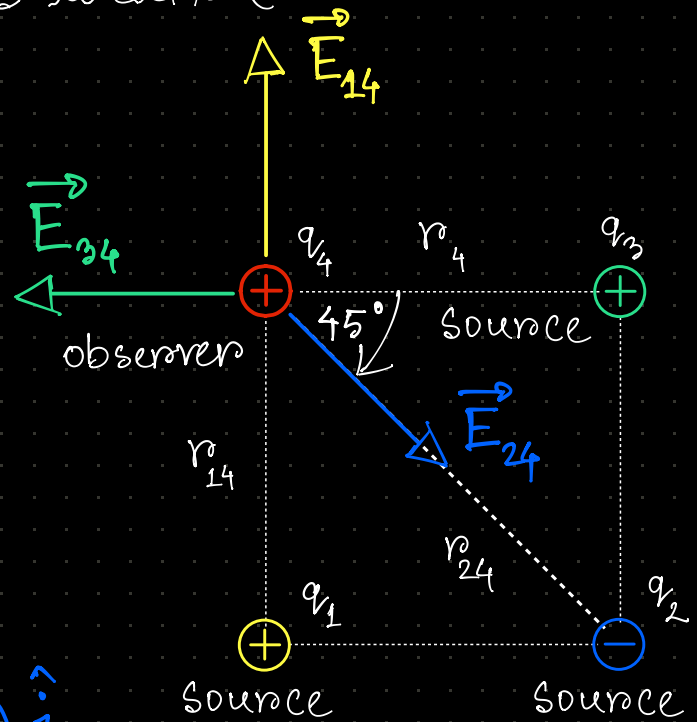
$$= (-2.905 \times 10^{11} \hat{i} + 2.905 \times 10^{11} \hat{j}) \text{NC}^{-1}$$

This is the net field at q_4 's location in vectors form.

The magnitude can be found as,

$$|\vec{E}_4| = \sqrt{(-2.905 \times 10^{11})^2 + (2.905 \times 10^{11})^2}$$

$$= 4.1082 \times 10^{11} \text{NC}^{-1}$$



You could also find the direction in the following way.

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= 180^\circ - \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{E_{4,y}}{E_{4,x}} \right| \\ &= 180^\circ - 45^\circ \\ &= 135^\circ; \text{ counterclockwise with the } +x\text{-axis.}\end{aligned}$$

Annotations: An arrow points from the fraction $\frac{E_{4,y}}{E_{4,x}}$ to the value 2.905×10^{11} in purple. Another arrow points from the same fraction to the value -2.905×10^{11} in yellow.

Note: The values for F_E and E remain the same because we held the observers to carry $+1C$, an archtypical test charge. Otherwise, it would have been different. It usually is.