

Electric Field

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Gravitational forces are far weaker than electric.

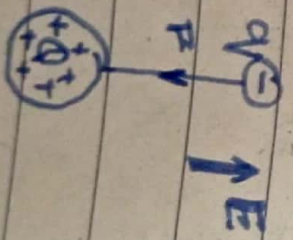
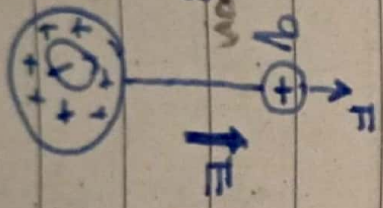
A field is defined as the property of space in which a material object experience a force.

The magnitude of electric field is,

$$E = \frac{F}{q}$$

unit \rightarrow N/C

The field E at a point exist whether there is a charge at that point or not. ~~the direction of~~



Force direction
opp to E

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From Coulombs law,

$$\vec{E}_e = \frac{k q q_0}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Then

$$E = \frac{F_e}{q_0} = \left[\frac{k q}{r^2} \hat{r} \right]$$

• Superposition with Electric Fields

At any point P, the total electric field due to a group of source charges equals the vector sum of the electric fields of all the charges.

$$\vec{E} = k_e \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{r}_i$$

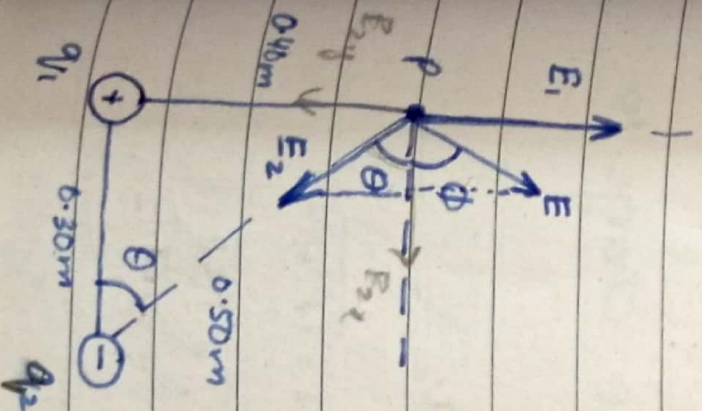
$$E_1 = k \frac{q_1}{r_1^2} = \frac{8.99 \times 10^9 \times 7.0 \times 10^{-6}}{(0.40)^2}$$

$$|E_1| = 3.9 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$$

$$E_2 = E_2 \cos \theta + (-E_2 \sin \theta)$$

$$E_2 = (1.1 \times 10^5 \hat{i} - 1.4 \times 10^5 \hat{j}) \text{ N/C}$$

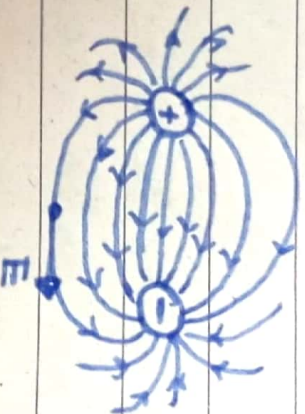
$$E = E_1 + E_2 = (1.1 \times 10^5 \hat{i} + 2.5 \times 10^5 \hat{j}) \text{ N/C}$$



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ELECTRIC DIPOLE:

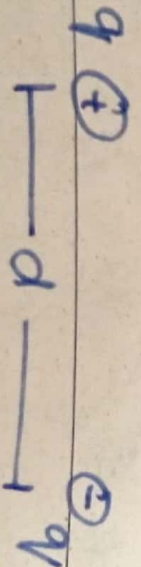
An electric dipole consists of two particles with charges of equal magnitude but opposite direction signs, separated by small distances 'd'.



$$\text{Dipole moment} = P = q \cdot d$$

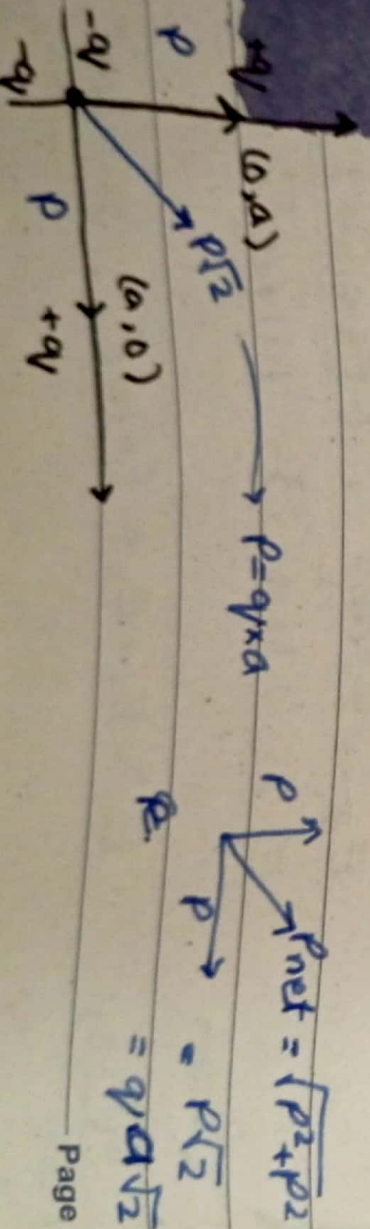
S.I unit \rightarrow Cm

Coulomb m



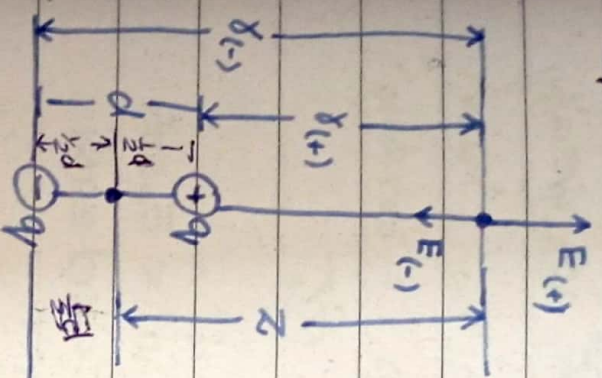
Its direction is taken from -ve charge to +ve charge.

Find net dipole Movement from system.



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• Electric field due to a dipole on the axis of dipole. (at distance 'z' from center of dipole)



$$E = E_{(+)} - E_{(-)}$$

$$= \frac{kq}{r_{(+)}^2} - \frac{kq}{r_{(-)}^2}$$

$$= \frac{kq}{(z - \frac{d}{2})^2} - \frac{kq}{(z + \frac{d}{2})^2}$$

$$= kq \left[\frac{1}{(z - \frac{d}{2})^2} - \frac{1}{(z + \frac{d}{2})^2} \right]$$

$$= kq \left(\frac{1}{(z - \frac{d}{2})^2} - \frac{1}{(z + \frac{d}{2})^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{kq \cdot 2dz}{z^4}$$

d is very small therefore neglecting it
d=0

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2qdz}{z^3}$$

$$E_{net} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2qdz}{z^3}$$

or $\frac{2kp}{z^3}$

or

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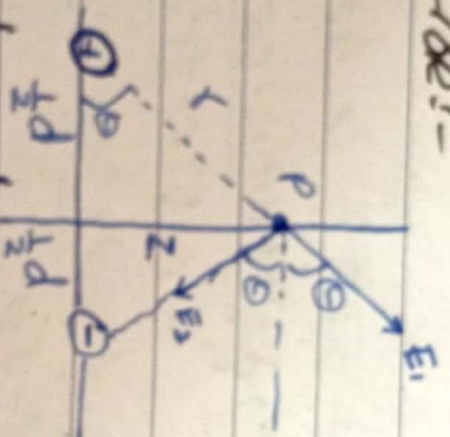
where $p = qd$

Electric dipole!

where z = distance from center of dipole to the point

Direction of \vec{P} is taken to be from -ve to +ve end of the dipole. We use the direction of \vec{P} to specify the orientation of a dipole.

ELECTRIC FIELD DUE TO DIPOLE AT DISTANCE:-



$E_1 \sin \theta < E_2 \sin \theta$
will cancel each other.
therefore

$$E_{net} = E_1 \cos \theta + E_2 \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore E_1 = E_2$$

$$\therefore E_{net} = 2E \cos \theta$$

$$E_{net} = 2 \frac{kq}{r^2} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{r} = \frac{a}{(y^2 + a^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$= 2kq \frac{a}{(y^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{2kqa}{(y^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$(z^2 + \frac{d^2}{4})^{3/2}$$

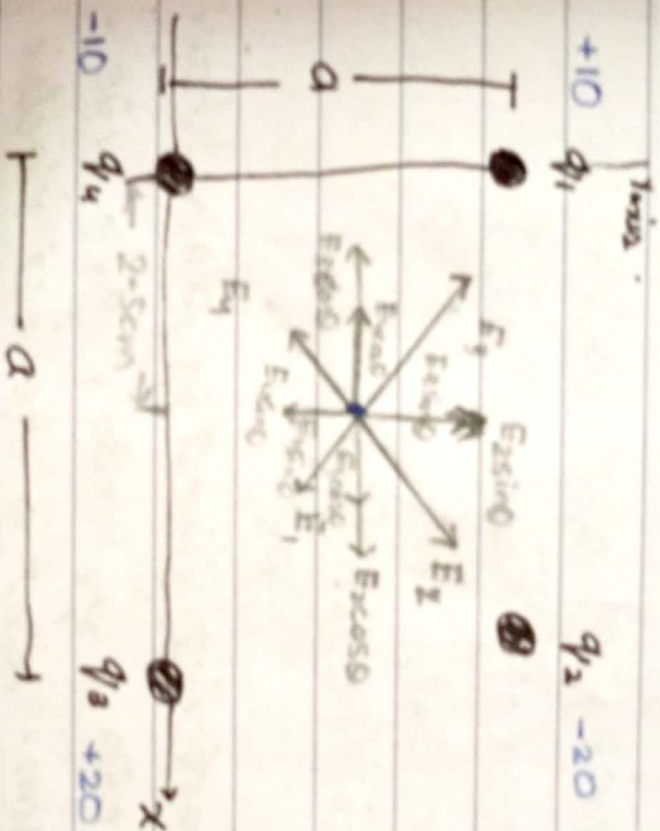
$$E_{net} = \frac{2kqa \frac{d}{2}}{z^3} \quad \text{as } d \rightarrow 0 \text{ (i.e. very small)}$$

$$= \frac{kqd}{z^3}$$

$$E_{net} = \frac{kP}{z^3}$$

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Q: $a = 5.00 \text{ cm}$, $q_1 = +10.0 \text{ nC}$, $q_2 = -20.0 \text{ nC}$, $q_3 = +20.0 \text{ nC}$ & $q_4 = -10.0 \text{ nC}$.
In unit vector notation, what net electric field do the particles produce at the square's center?



$$r = 0.035 \text{ m}$$

$$E_{\text{net } x} = E_1 \cos \theta + E_3 \cos \theta - E_2 \cos \theta - E_4 \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{k q_1 \cos \theta}{r^2} + \frac{k q_3 \cos \theta}{r^2} - \frac{k q_2 \cos \theta}{r^2} - \frac{k q_4 \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \left[10 \times 10^{-9} + 20 \times 10^{-9} - 20 \times 10^{-9} - 10 \times 10^{-9} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$E_{\text{net } x} = 0$$

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$$E_{net,y} = E_2 \sin \theta + E_3 \sin \theta - E_1 \sin \theta - E_4 \sin \theta$$

$$= \frac{k}{r^2} [q_2 + q_3 - q_1 - q_4] \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{9 \times 10^9}{0.35^2} [20 \times 10^{-9} + 20 \times 10^{-9} + 10 \times 10^{-9} + 10 \times 10^{-9}] \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

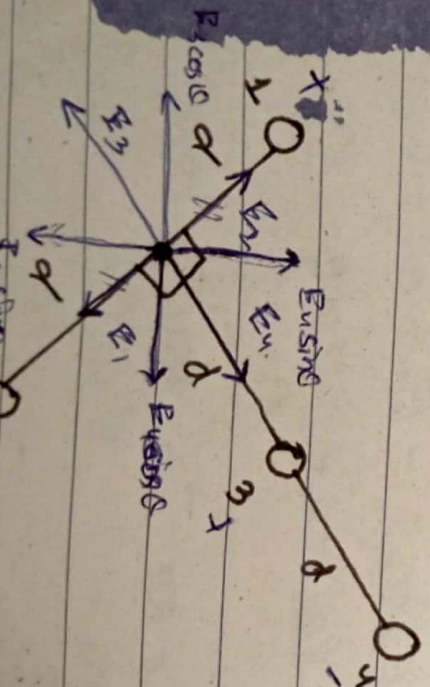
$$E_{net,y} = 2.03 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$$

$$E = \sqrt{E_x^2 + E_{net,y}^2}$$

$$E_{net} = E_{net,y} \quad r = 0$$

$$E_{net} = (1.03 \times 10^5) \text{ N/C}$$

Q: Four particles fixed in place having $q_1 = q_2 = +5e$, $q_3 = +3e$, $q_4 = -12e$. Distance $d = 5.0 \mu\text{m}$. What is the net electric field at point "P"?



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$$E_{netx} = E_4 \cos \theta - E_3 \cos \theta$$

$$E_{netx} = E_4 \sin \theta - E_3 \sin \theta$$

$$E_{netx} = \frac{k q_4}{(2d)^2} - \frac{k q_3}{d^2}$$

$$= \frac{k}{d^2} \left(\frac{q_4}{4} - q_3 \right)$$

$$= 0$$