

More Electricity

A2 Q1

Situation 1:



- (i) Since B is repelled by A, either both charges are + or both are -; let's assume both +
- (ii) So, there is another force (pairs!) to the left on A.



$$|\vec{F}_{E1}| = k_e \frac{|q_A| |q_B|}{r_1^2} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad k_E |q_A| |q_B| = |\vec{F}_{E1}| r_1^2$$

Situation 2:



17.9 mm

$$|\vec{F}_{E2}| = \frac{k_e |q_A| |q_B|}{r_2^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_e |q_A| |q_B| = |\vec{F}_{E2}| r_2^2$$

$$\circ \quad |\vec{F}_{E1}| r_1^2 = |\vec{F}_{E2}| r_2^2$$

$$|\vec{F}_{E2}| = |\vec{F}_{E1}| \cdot \frac{r_1^2}{r_2^2}$$

$$= (2.45 \mu\text{N}) \left(\frac{13.7 \text{ mm}}{17.9 \text{ mm}} \right)^2$$

$$\vec{F}_{E2} = 1.39 \mu\text{N} \text{ to the left.}$$

A2Q2 :

Part c



$$|\vec{F}_E| = \frac{k_e |q_p| |q_p|}{r^2}$$

∴ can calculate $|\vec{F}_e|$ numerically



$$|\vec{F}_G| = \frac{G m_p m_p}{r^2}$$

∴ can calculate $|\vec{F}_G|$ numerically.

New universe: $|\vec{F}_e| = |\vec{F}_G|$

$$\frac{k_e |q_p|^2}{r^2} = \frac{G m_p^2}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{q_p^2}{m_p^2} = \frac{G}{k_e}$$

$$\frac{q_p}{m_p} = \sqrt{\frac{G}{k_e}} = 8.61 \times 10^{-11} \frac{C}{kg}$$

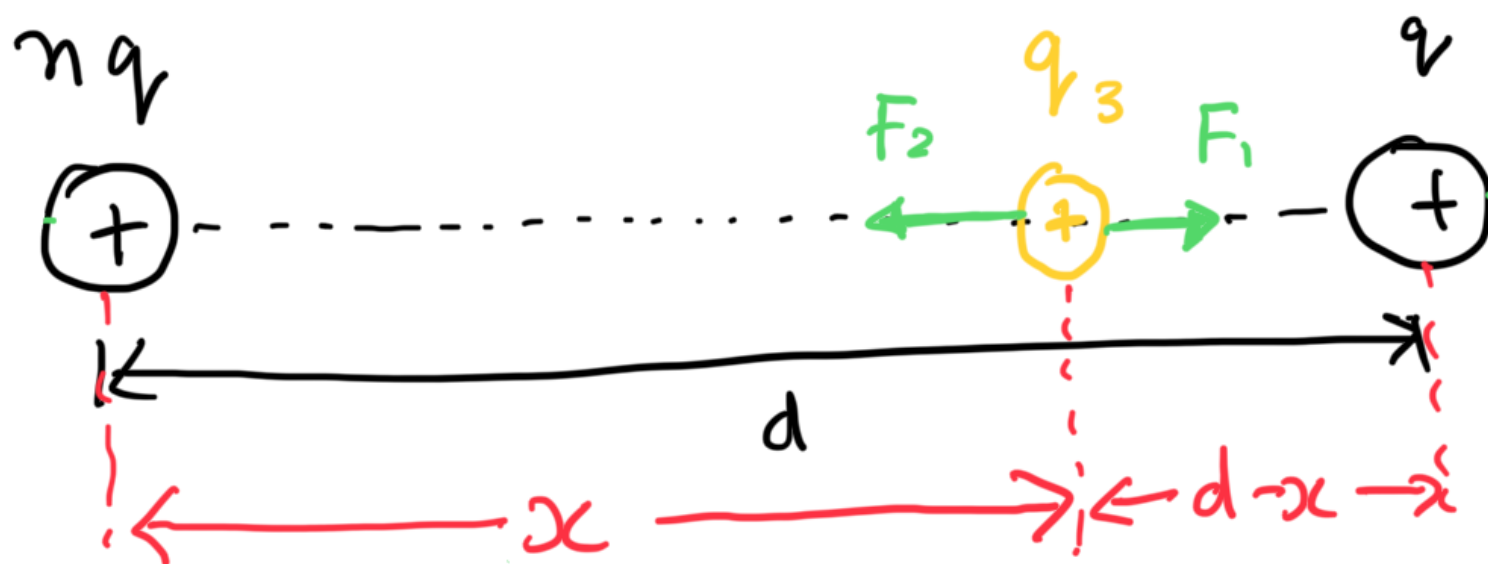
Note: this part of the question is stupid 😞

Why change q_p/m_p , but not G

or k_e ???

I don't like "what if" the universe were different questions.

A2 Q4



$$|\vec{F}_1| = \frac{k_e |nq| |q_3|}{x^2}$$

$$|\vec{F}_2| = \frac{k_e |q| |q_3|}{(d-x)^2}$$

Suppose $|\vec{F}_1| = |\vec{F}_2| :$

$$\frac{\cancel{k_e} (\cancel{nq}) (\cancel{q_3})}{x^2} = \frac{\cancel{k_e} (\cancel{q}) (\cancel{q_3})}{(d-x)^2}$$

n

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$$\frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{(d-x)^2}$$

Solve for x :

$$\frac{x^2}{n} = (d-x)^2$$

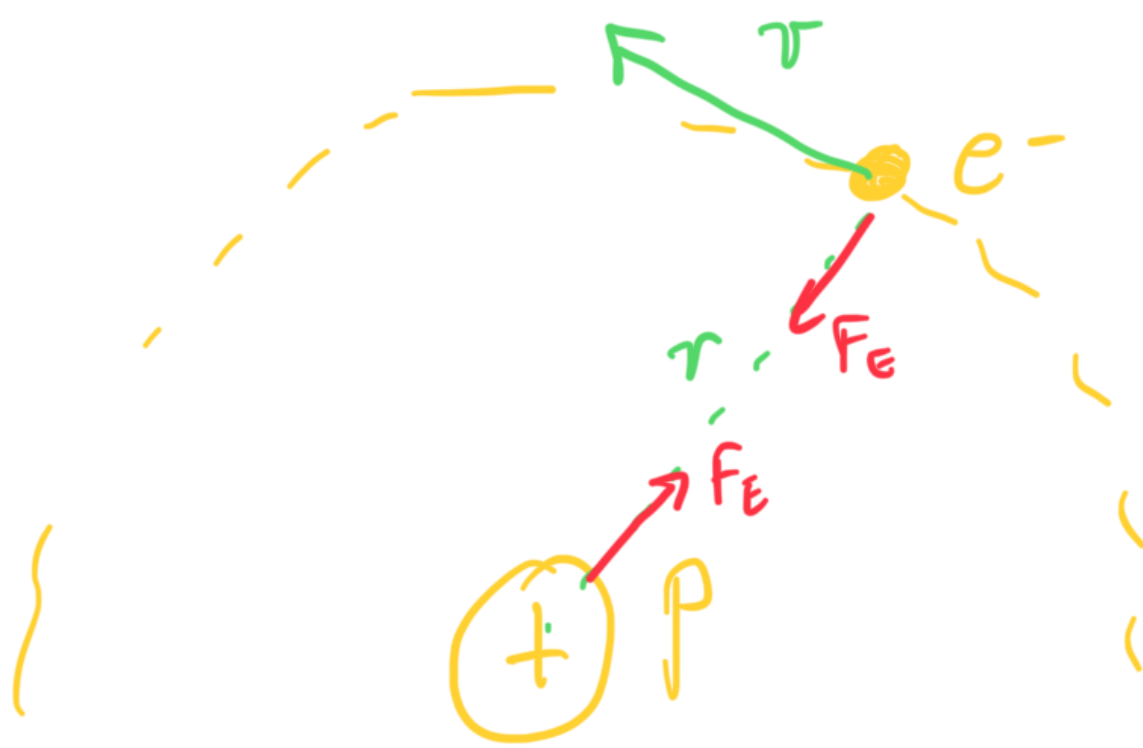
$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{n}} = d-x$$

$$x \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + 1 \right) = d$$

$$x = \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + 1} \right) d$$

$$n=12: \quad x = \left[\frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} + 1} \right] d = 0.776 d$$

A2Q5:



$$|\vec{F}_E| = \frac{k_e |q_p| |q_e|}{r^2} = m_e a_c = \frac{m_e v^2}{r}$$

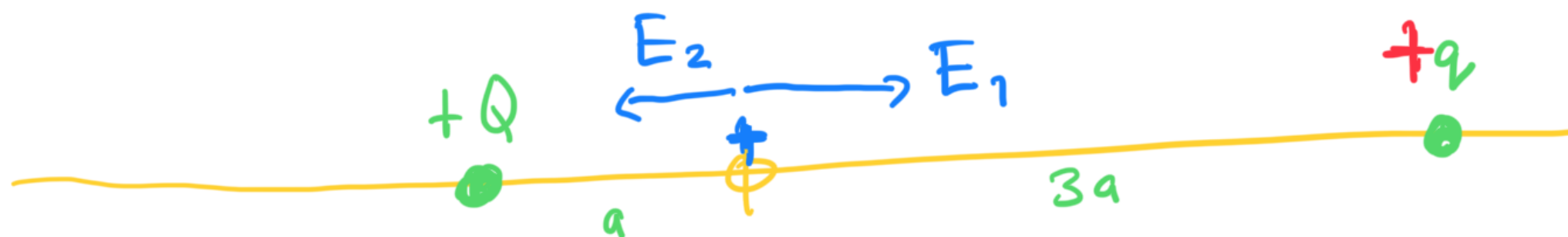
$$\frac{k_e |q_p| |q_e|}{r^2} = \frac{m_e v^2}{r}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{k_e |q_p| |q_e|}{r}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{k_e |q_p| |q_e|}{r}} = 2.18 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s} \\ (0.007 c !!)$$

A2Q6

Possibility 1:



- (i) place small test charge at the pt. of interest.
- (ii) consider forces on this charge to get directions

of associated electric fields.

→ one for each charge!!

(iii) calculate size of each electric field part.

$$|\vec{E}_1| = \frac{k_e Q}{a^2}$$

$$|\vec{E}_2| = \frac{k_e q}{(3a)^2}$$

(iv) Add up these fields like vectors.

$$\vec{E}_{\text{TOTAL}} = \vec{E}_1 - \vec{E}_2$$

$$\frac{2kQ}{a^2} = \frac{kQ}{a^2} - \frac{k_e q}{9a^2}$$

$$2Q = Q - \frac{q}{9}$$

$$Q = -\frac{q}{9}$$

$$q = -9Q \quad \dots \text{contradiction!!} \quad \text{☹}$$

Solution:

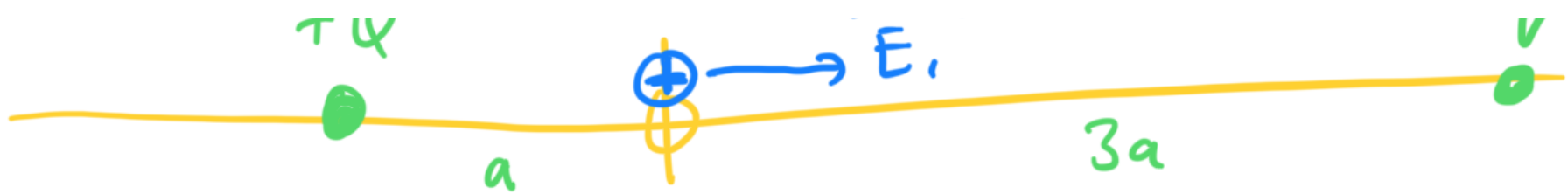
$$- \frac{2kQ}{a^2} = \frac{kQ}{a^2} - \frac{kq}{9a^2} \quad \begin{aligned} -2Q &= Q - \frac{q}{9} \\ -3Q &= -\frac{q}{9} \end{aligned} \quad \boxed{q = 27Q}$$

Possibility 2: what if q is negative.

← \vec{E}_1

→ \vec{E}_2

← q



$$|\vec{E}_1| = \frac{kQ}{a^2}$$

$$|\vec{E}_2| = \frac{kq}{(3a)^2}$$

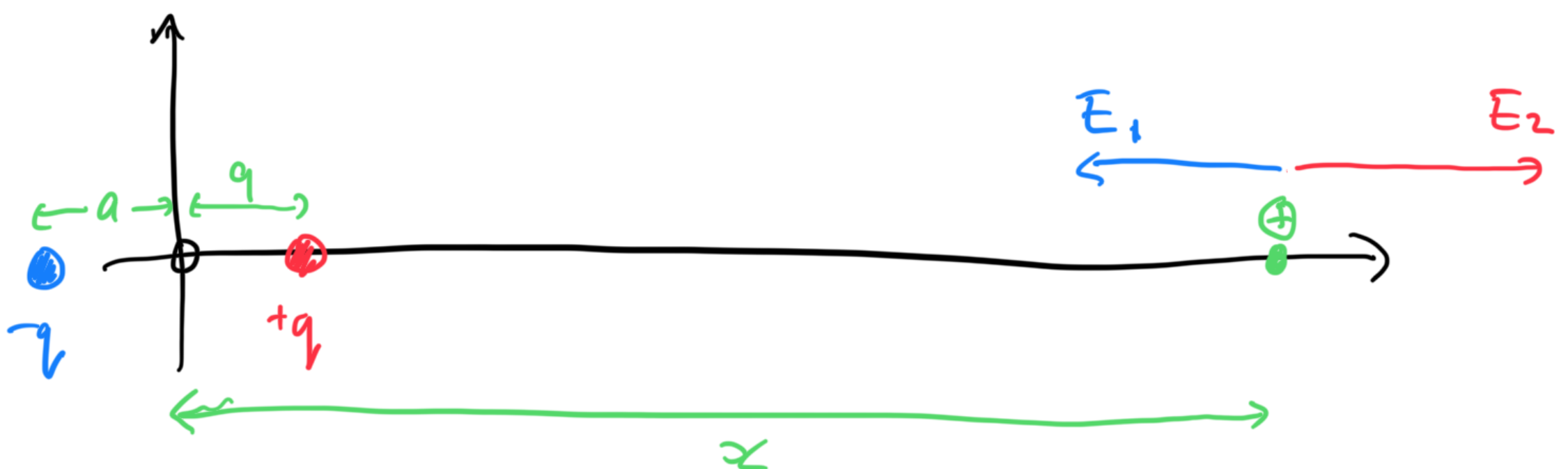
$$|\vec{E}_{\text{total}}| = |\vec{E}_1| + |\vec{E}_2|$$

$$\frac{2k_e Q}{a^2} = \frac{k_e Q}{a^2} + \frac{k_e q}{(3a)^2}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{k_e} Q}{\cancel{a^2}} = \frac{\cancel{k_e} q}{\cancel{9a^2}}$$

$$q = 9Q$$

A2Q8 :



$$\vec{E}_{\text{TOTAL}} = \vec{E}_2 - \vec{E}_1$$

$$E_{\text{TOTAL}} = \frac{kq}{(x-a)^2} - \frac{kq}{(x+a)^2}$$

$$E_{\text{TOTAL}} = kq \left(\frac{1}{(x-a)^2} - \frac{1}{(x+a)^2} \right)$$

How does this behave at large x ?

binomial approximation:

$$\frac{1}{(x-a)^2} = \frac{1}{x^2 \left(1 - \frac{a}{x}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2} \left(1 - \frac{a}{x}\right)^{-2}$$

$$\text{For } \frac{a}{x} \ll 1 : \left(1 - \frac{a}{x}\right)^{-2} \approx 1 + \frac{2a}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{(x-a)^2} \approx \frac{1}{x^2} \left(1 + \frac{2a}{x}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{(x+a)^2} \approx \frac{1}{x^2} \left(1 - \frac{2a}{x}\right)$$

$$1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 2a \quad 1$$

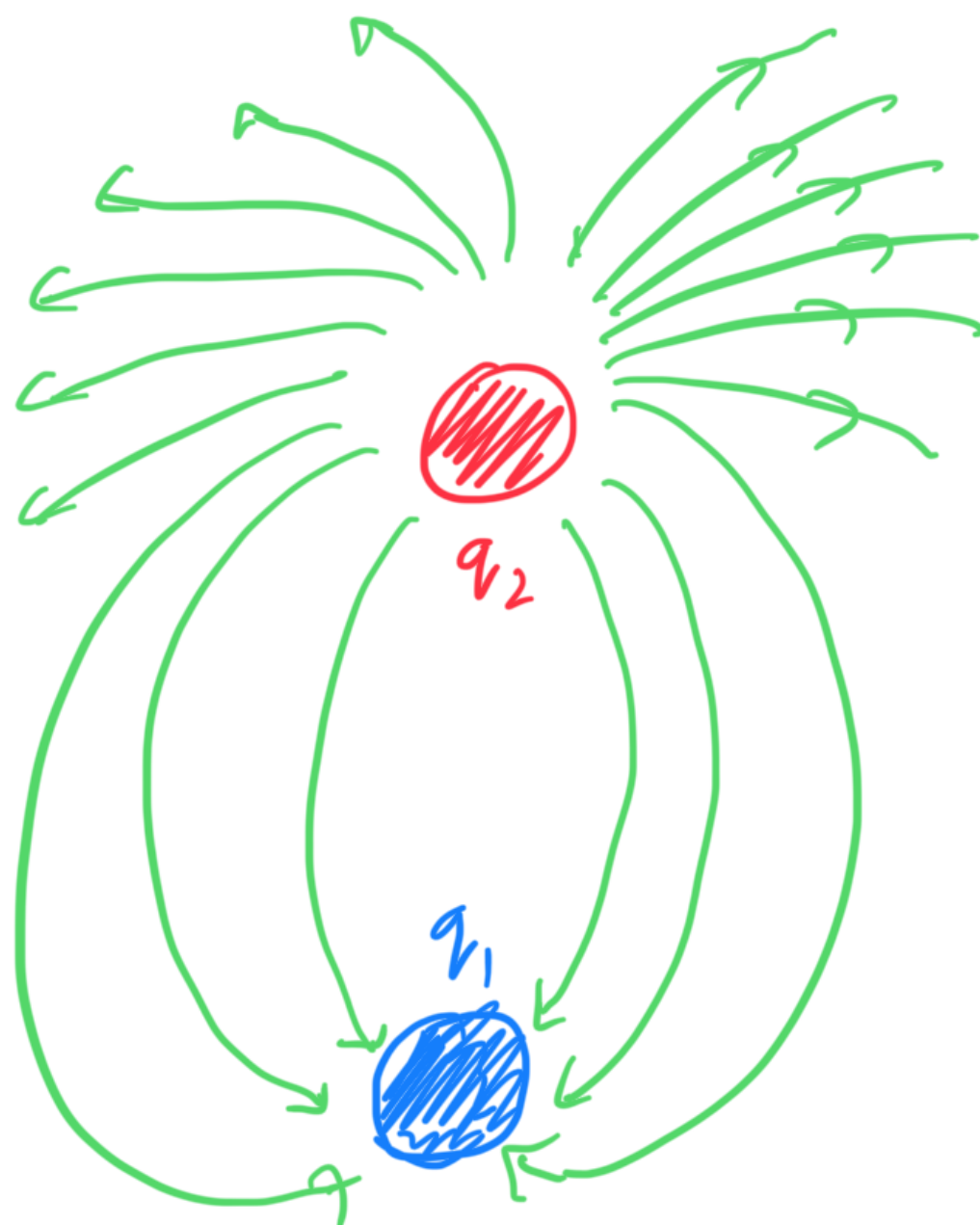
$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \frac{1}{(x-a)^2} - \frac{1}{(x+a)^2} &= \frac{1}{x^2} \left(1 + \frac{a}{x} \right)^{-2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \left(1 - \frac{a}{x} \right)^{-2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{x^2} \left(1 + \frac{2a}{x} - 1 + \frac{2a}{x} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{4a}{x} \right) \\
 &= \frac{4a}{x^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E_{\text{TOTAL}} = kq \left(\frac{4a}{x^3} \right) = \frac{4kqa}{x^3} \quad \checkmark$$

Note: This tends to zero as $x \rightarrow \infty$
 This makes sense ... The "dipole" looks
 like zero charge at very large distances.
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Example: a hydrogen atom at
 large distances appears neutral.
 So do all other non-ionized
 atoms. 😊

A2Q9 :



(1) lines go into q_1 $\therefore q_1 < 0$
(negative)

(2) lines come out of q_2 $\therefore q_2 > 0$
(positive)

(3) Six lines into q_1
eighteen lines out of q_2

$$\therefore |q_2| = 3|q_1|$$

$$\therefore \frac{|q_1|}{|q_2|} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$|q_2|$$

$$\frac{q_1}{q_2} = -\frac{1}{3}$$