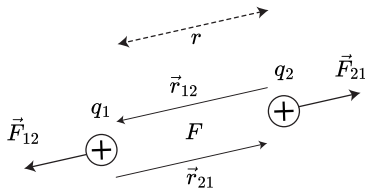
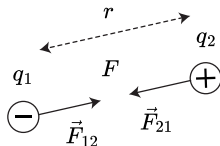


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# ELECTROSTATIC FORCE AND COULOMB'S LAW



Like charges repel

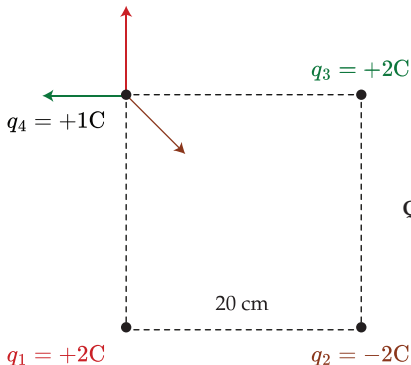
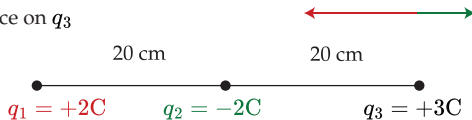


Opposite charges attract

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}_E &= \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^3} \right) \vec{r}. \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \right) \hat{r}\end{aligned}$$

# THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE FOR $\vec{F}_E$

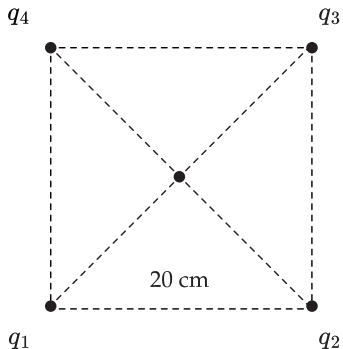
Q: Net Force on  $q_3$



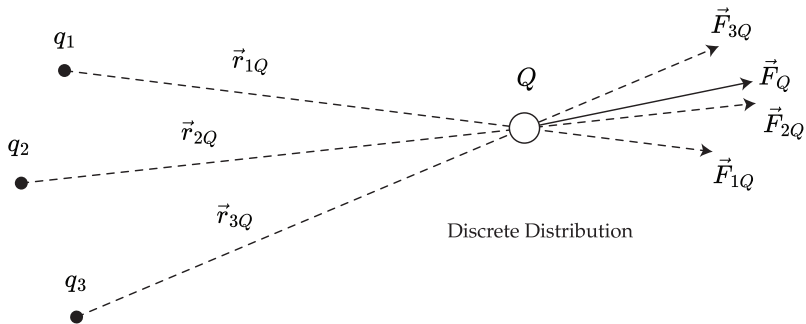
Q: Net Force on  $q_4$

# THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE FOR $\vec{F}_E$

Q: Net Force at the center.



# THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE FOR $\vec{F}_E$ : DISCRETE



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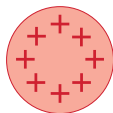
The total force on  $Q$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}_Q &= \vec{F}_{1Q} + \vec{F}_{2Q} + \vec{F}_{3Q} + \dots \dots \vec{F}_{nQ} \\ &= \frac{Qq_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{1Q}^2} \hat{r}_{1Q} + \frac{Qq_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{2Q}^2} \hat{r}_{2Q} + \dots \dots \frac{Qq_n}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{nQ}^2} \hat{r}_{nQ} \\ &= \sum_i^N \frac{Qq_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{iQ}^2} \hat{r}_{iQ},\end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{r}_{iQ} = \vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_i$ .  $\vec{r}_Q$  is the position vector of the observer charge.  $\vec{r}_i$  is the position vector of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  charge in the distribution, measured in the Cartesian coordinate system.

## TESTING CONCEPTS (1)

Q: Charged spheres A and B exert repulsive forces on each other.  
 $q_A = 4q_B$ . Which statement is true?



A



B

(a)  $F_{A \text{ on } B} > F_{B \text{ on } A}$ , (b)  $F_{A \text{ on } B} = F_{B \text{ on } A}$ , (c)  $F_{A \text{ on } B} < F_{B \text{ on } A}$

## TESTING CONCEPTS (2)

Q: Charged spheres A and B exert repulsive forces on each other.  $q_A = 5q_B$ . They are brought together to make contact for a minute.  $F_{AB}$  is measured. Sphere B is then brought close to Sphere C for a minute.  $F_{BC}$  is measured. What is the  $\vec{F}_E$  ratio in these 2 cases? Sphere C is initially uncharged. Take unit values for simplicity.



A



B

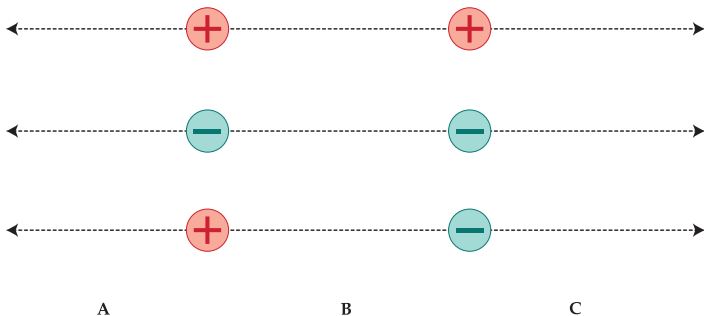


C



## TESTING CONCEPTS (3)

Q: Find the zero force location.

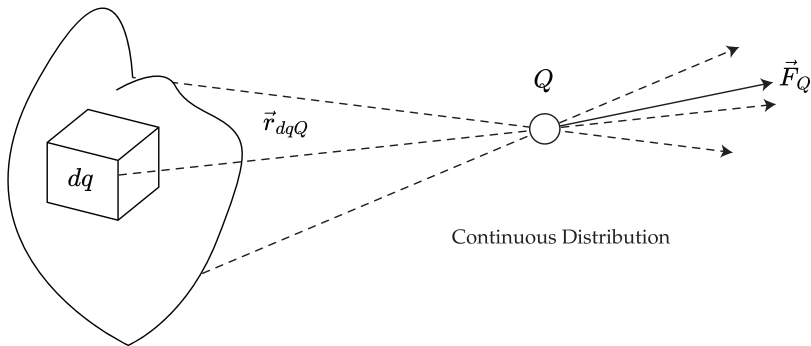


# DISCRETE VERSUS CONTINUOUS CHARGE DISTRIBUTION

$$Q = \sum_i^N q_i \quad (\text{Discrete})$$

$$Q = \int dq \quad (\text{Continuous})$$

# THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE FOR $\vec{F}_E$ : CONTINUOUS



## THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE FOR $\vec{F}_E$ : CONTINUOUS

The total force on  $Q$  is:

$$\vec{F}_Q = \int \frac{Q dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{dqQ}^2} \hat{r}_{dqQ},$$

where  $\vec{r}_{dqQ} = \vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_{dq}$ .  $\vec{r}_Q$  is the position vector of the observer charge.  $\vec{r}_{dq}$  is the position vector of the charge element  $dq$  in the distribution, measured in the Cartesian coordinate system.

# ELECTRIC CHARGE DENSITIES

A line charge  $\lambda$  [ $\text{C m}^{-1}$ ], is a charge per unit length:

$$\lambda = \frac{dq}{dl}$$

A surface charge  $\sigma$  [ $\text{C m}^{-2}$ ], is a charge per unit area:

$$\sigma = \frac{dq}{da}$$

A volume charge  $\rho$  [ $\text{C m}^{-3}$ ], is a charge per unit volume:

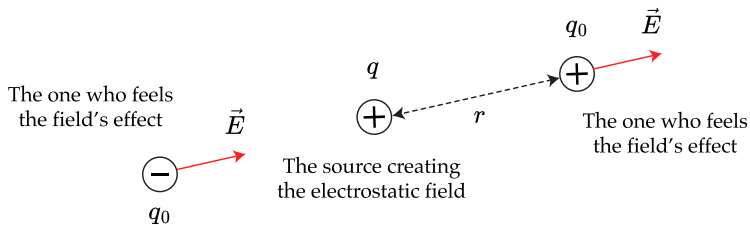
$$\rho = \frac{dq}{dV}$$

# ELECTRIC CHARGE DENSITIES

$$\text{distribution} \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{dq}{dl} & \text{in one dimension (1D)} \\ \frac{dq}{da} & \text{in two dimension (2D)} \\ \frac{dq}{dV} & \text{in three dimension (3D)} \end{cases}$$

$$Q = \int dq = \begin{cases} \lambda dl & \text{in one dimension (1D)} \\ \sigma da & \text{in two dimension (2D)} \\ \rho dV & \text{in three dimension (3D)} \end{cases}$$

# ELECTRIC FIELD DEFINITION



# ELECTRIC FIELD INTENSITY

Electric Field  $\vec{E}$  [ $\text{N C}^{-1}$  or  $\text{V m}^{-1}$ ] is defined as the force per unit positive charge exerted on the test charge.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E} &= \lim_{q_0 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}}{q_0} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^3} \right) \vec{r} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \right) \hat{r},\end{aligned}$$

The limit is there to ensure the existence of the field even in the absence of  $Q$ .



# ELECTRIC FIELD DIRECTION

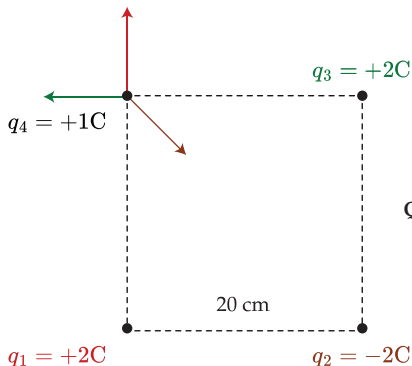
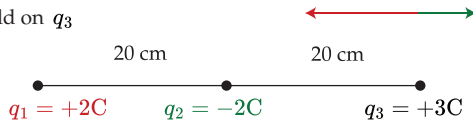
The direction of the electric field at a given point is **the direction in which a positive test charge would experience a force if placed at that point.**

$$\vec{F}_E = q\vec{E},$$

where  $\vec{F}_E \rightarrow$  Coulomb force felt by the charge  $q$  in presence of  $\vec{E}$ .

# TESTING CONCEPTS (4)

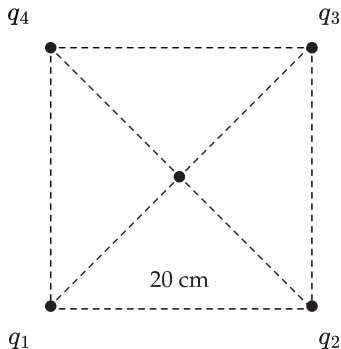
Q: Net Field on  $q_3$



Q: Net Field on  $q_4$

## TESTING CONCEPTS (5)

Q: Net Field at the center.



## THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE FOR $\vec{E}$ : DISCRETE

The electric field experienced by a point charge  $Q$  due to a charge distribution  $q_i$  or  $dq$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E} &= \frac{\vec{F}}{Q} = \frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{1r}^2} \hat{r}_{1r} + \frac{q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{2r}^2} \hat{r}_{2r} + \dots \dots \frac{q_n}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{nr}^2} \hat{r}_{nr} \\ &= \sum_i^N \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ir}^2} \hat{r}_{ir},\end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{r}_{ir} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}_i$  are the separation coordinates.  $\vec{r}$  is the position vector of the point where the observation is being made.  $\vec{r}_i$  is the position vector of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  source charge, measured in the Cartesian coordinate system.

## THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE FOR $\vec{E}$ : CONTINUOUS

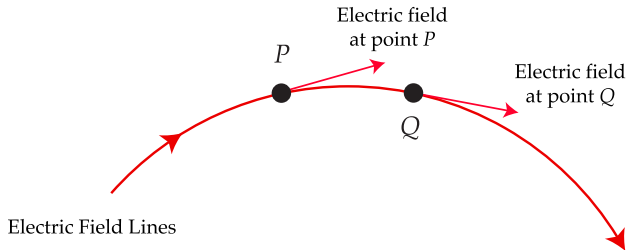
The total field measured by  $Q$  is:

$$\vec{E} = \int \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{dqr}^2} \hat{r}_{dqr},$$

where  $\vec{r}_{dqr} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}_{dq}$  are the separation coordinates.  $\vec{r}$  is the position vector of the point where the observation is being made.

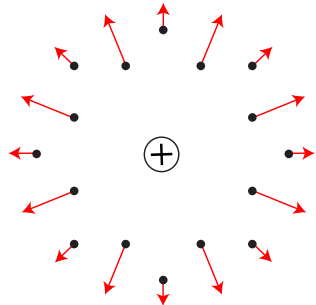
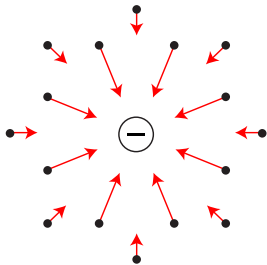
# ELECTRIC FIELD LINES

They are imaginary lines used to visualize and represent the direction and strength of an electric field.



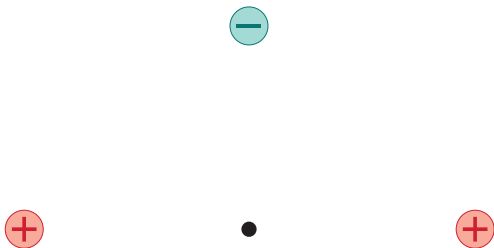
**NOTE: Electric field lines are not trajectories. No two electric field lines will intersect.**

# ELECTRIC FIELD DUE TO A CHARGED PARTICLE



## TESTING CONCEPTS (6)

Q: Find the net Field direction at the dot.





## TESTING CONCEPTS (7)

Q: What magnitude charge creates a  $1.0 \text{ N C}^{-1}$  electric field at a point  $1.0 \text{ m}$  away?

Q: At an arbitrary point in space  $\vec{E} = (400\hat{i} + 100\hat{j}) \text{ N C}^{-1}$  is found.

- (a) What is the electric force on  $p^+$  and  $e^-$  at this point?  
Give your answer in component form.
- (b) What is the magnitude of the  $p^+$  and  $e^-$ 's acceleration if placed from rest at this point?