

Tutorial 2: Electric Field : Electric Field Strength, Electric Potential

1. A point charge $q_1 = 2 \mu\text{C}$ is placed at the origin. Find the electric fields at point A (3,0) cm from origin .

(Ans : $+2.0 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C } i$)

2. Find the total electric field along the line of the two point charges shown in figure 2.10 below at the midpoint between them.

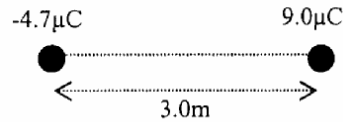


Figure 2.10

(Ans : $-54800 \text{ N/C } i$)

3. Three point charges are arranged as in a figure 2.11. Determine the electric fields at point R due to other charges.

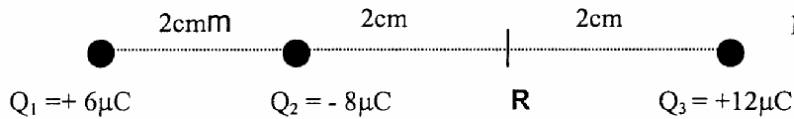


Figure 2.11

(Ans : $-4.16 \times 10^8 \text{ NC}^{-1} i$)

4. A point charge $Q_1 = 2 \mu\text{C}$ is placed at the origin and charge $Q_2 = -3 \mu\text{C}$ at (3,0) cm as Figure 2.12 ,

- (a) Sketch electric field vector E_1 and E_2 at point P due to charge Q_1 and Q_2 .
- (b) write the vector component for field at point P due to Q_1 charge.
- (c) write the vector component for field at point P due to Q_2 charge.
- (d) write the vector component for resultant electric field at point P
- (e) find the magnitude and direction for resultant electric field at point P
- (f) if a point charge $-5 \mu\text{C}$ is placed at point P, determine the force experience by this charge due to electric field at point P.

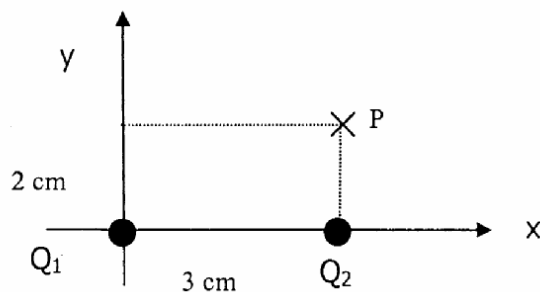
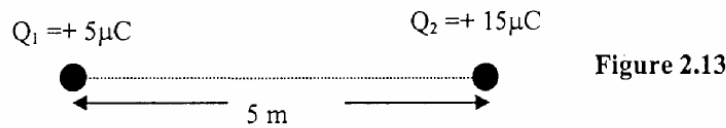


Figure 2.12

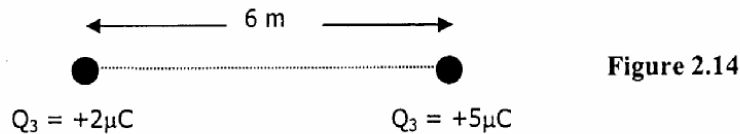
{Ans : b) $1.148 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C } i + 0.766 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C } j$ c) $-6.75 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C } j$
 d) $1.148 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C } i - 5.98 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C } j$ e) $6.1 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C}$, 281° @
 (79.1⁰ 4th quarter) f) 305 N , 11° (2nd quarter) }

5. Two point charges $Q_1 = +5\mu\text{C}$ and $Q_2 = +15\mu\text{C}$ lie 5m apart on a straight line in a vacuum as shown in Figure 2.13. Find the point between of two charges where the resultant electric fields intensity is zero.



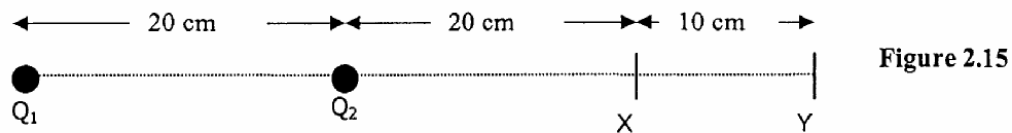
(Ans : 1.83m from Q_1)

6. Two point charges Q_1 and Q_2 lay 6m apart on a straight line as shown in Figure 2.14. Find the potential at the point midway between two charges.



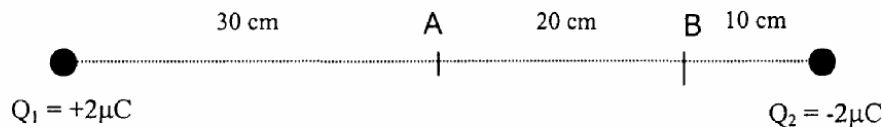
(Ans : 21kV)

7. Two point charges $Q_1 = +20\mu\text{C}$ and $Q_2 = -10\mu\text{C}$ are 20 cm as shown in Figure 2.15. Find
- the potential at point x
 - the potential at point y
 - potential difference between points x and y.
 - work done to move a charge $5\mu\text{C}$ from x to y.



(Ans : 0V, 60kV, - 0.3J)

8. Two point charges Q_1 and Q_2 are arranged as shown in Figure 2.16. Find
- the potential at point A and B
 - work necessary to move a $+20\mu\text{C}$ test charge from point A to B
 - work done to move a $5\mu\text{C}$ test charge from point B to infinity



(Ans : 0V, $-1.44 \times 10^5 \text{V}$, +2.88J, -0.72J)

9. Question 9 is referring to the Figure 2.17,
- Calculate the electric force on Q_1 due to other charges.
 - Find the electric field at origin (0,0)
 - Calculate the electric potential at origin (0,0)

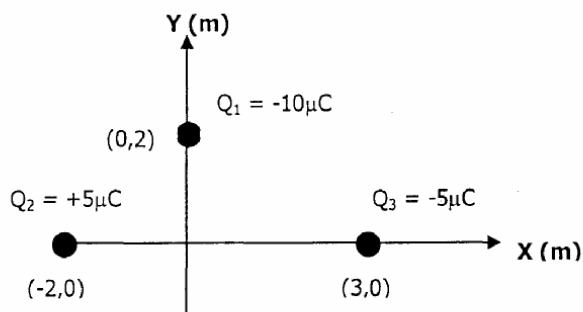


Figure 2.17

(Ans : (a) 0.072N , $16.93(4^{\text{th}} \text{ quarter})$; (b) $27.75 \times 10^3 \text{NC}^{-1}$, $\theta = 54.2^{\circ} 1^{\text{st}} \text{ quarter}$;
(c) $-37.53 \times 10^3 \text{V}$)

10. Question 10 is referring to the Figure 2.18
- draw the electric force vector on Q_3 due to charge Q_2 and Q_1
 - find the resultant force on Q_3 .
 - find the electric potential at point A and P
 - find work done to move a charge $2.0\mu\text{C}$ from point P to A.

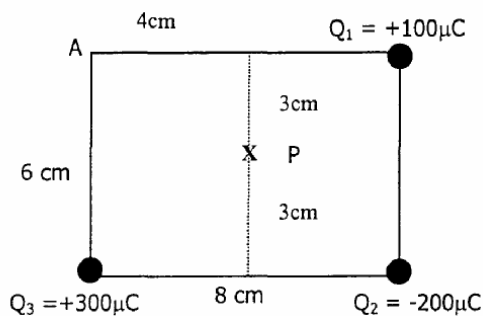


Figure 2.18

Ans : (b) 64831N , $14.5^{\circ} (4^{\text{th}} \text{ quarter})$; (c) $3.825 \times 10^7 \text{V}$ (c) $3.6 \times 10^7 \text{V}$; (d) -4.5J

11. A small 2g plastic ball is suspended by a 20cm long string in a uniform electric field (Figure 2.19). If the ball is in equilibrium when the string makes a 15° angle with the vertical as indicated, what is the net charge on the ball? ($g = 9.80\text{ms}^{-2}$).
(Ans : $5.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}$)

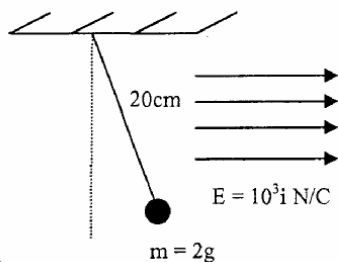


Figure 2.19