

- Announcements
  - Written HW#2 due midnight tonight
  - Written HW#2 due Friday
  - Special zoom review session at 7 pm tonight
- Last Time
  - Coulomb's Law
  - Solving problems by adding vectors geometrically
  - Introduction to  $\hat{r}$
- Today
  - Coulomb's Law
    - Coulomb vector form and  $\hat{r}$
    - Electric field
    - Electric field lines

## SCHEDULE

#	Dates	Reading	Topic	Lab.
1	Jan 16	B1Ch16	Intro, Waves ( $v = f\lambda$ , $v = \sqrt{T/\mu}$ )	no lab
2	Jan 18		Superposition, Standing Waves	
3	Jan 23	B2Ch5	$F = q_1q_2/r^2\hat{r}$ , conductors/insulators	Wave Superposition
4	Jan 25		$\vec{E}$ -field concept and multi-Q	
5	Jan 30	Ch 5	Field lines and dipoles	Oscilloscope
6	Feb 1	Ch 5	Flux concept and Gauss Law	
7	Feb 6	Ch 6	Field of line, point, plane	Coulomb's Law
8	Feb 8	Ch 6	Gaussian tricks!	
9	Feb 13	Ch 7	PE and Electric Potential	E-field and Superposition
10	Feb 15	Ch 7	$V = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$	
11	Feb 20		V for multi charges	Electric Field Mapping
12	Feb 22		Test 1	
13	Feb 27	Ch 8	Capacitance	Capacitors and Delectrics
14	Feb 29	Ch 8	Capacitance	
15	Mar 5	Ch 9	Current and Resistance	Ohm's Law
16	Mar 7	Ch 9	Current and Resistance	
17	Mar 12	Ch 10	DC Circuits	Kirchoff's Laws
18	Mar 14	Ch 10	Magnetic Forces & Fields	
	Mar 19/21		Spring Break	

# Coulomb's Law

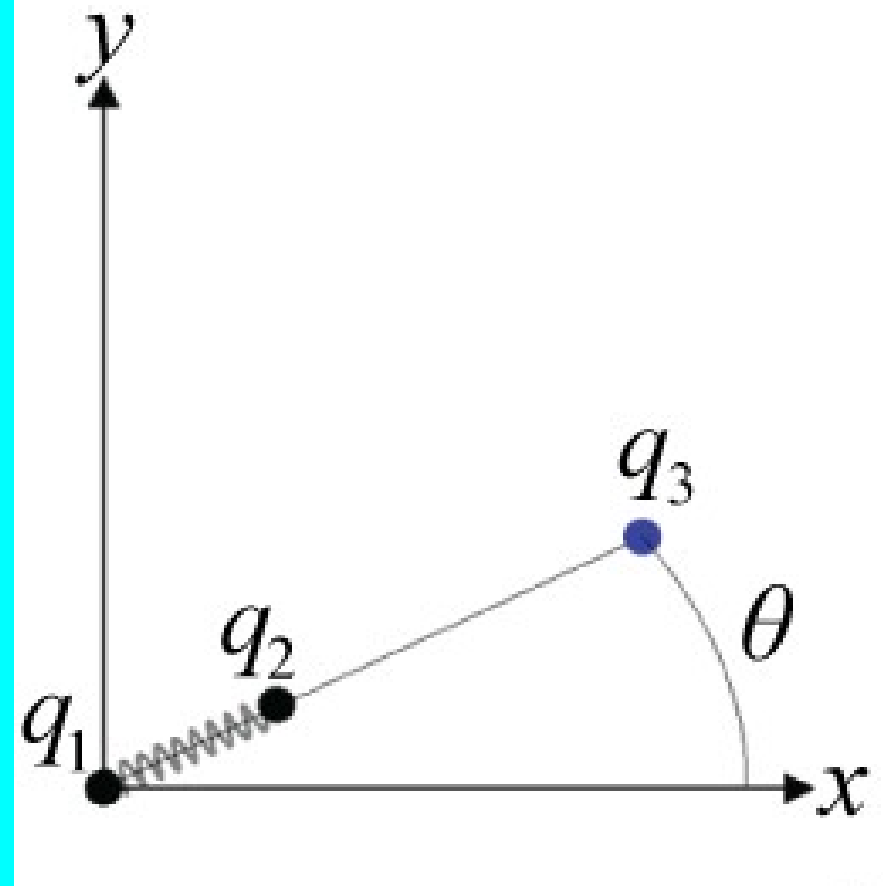
$$F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$k = 8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N m}^2}{\text{C}^2}$$

## Online Problem 2-9

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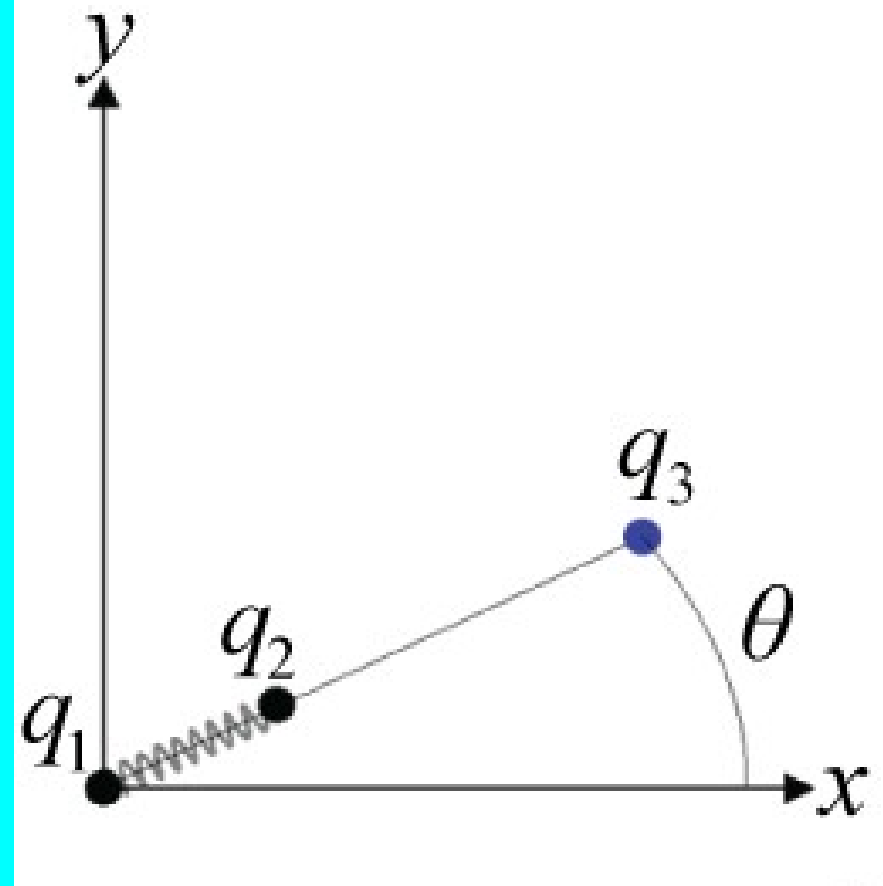
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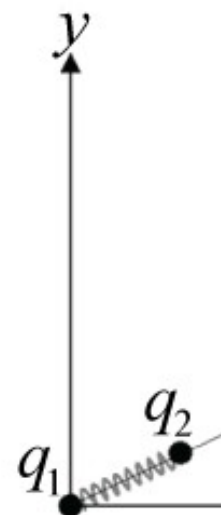
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**Problem 9:** Three charged particles lie in the  $xy$  plane at an angle of  $\theta$  relative to the  $x$ -axis. Charge  $q_1$  is located at the origin,  $q_2$  is a distance  $r$  from  $q_1$ , and  $q_3$  is a distance  $3r$  from  $q_1$ . The charges each have magnitude of  $q$ , but  $q_1 = q_2 = +q$ , and  $q_3 = -q$ . Charges  $q_1$  and  $q_3$  are fixed, and  $q_2$  can move. However,  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are connected by an ideal, neutral spring of spring constant  $k_s$ . The spring is initially not stretched. Let Coulomb's constant be  $k_e$ .  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are positive and  $q_3$  is negative.

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**Part (a)** Choose the best expression for the net electrostatic force on  $q_2$ , in terms of the given variables.

**Expression :**

**F** = \_\_\_\_\_

Select from the variables below to write your expression. Note that all variables may not be required.

$\cos(\alpha)$ ,  $\cos(\varphi)$ ,  $\cos(\theta)$ ,  $\sin(\alpha)$ ,  $\sin(\varphi)$ ,  $\sin(\theta)$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $(, )$ ,  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$ ,  $\mathbf{k}_e$ ,  $\mathbf{n}$ ,  $\mathbf{q}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}$

**Part (b)** Because the force on  $q_2$  is nonzero, it will begin to move from rest. In which direction will it move?

**MultipleChoice :**

- 1) It will move toward  $q_3$ .
- 2) It will not move.
- 3) There is not enough information.
- 4) It will move out of the  $xy$  plane.
- 5) It will move toward  $q_1$ .
- 6) It will move along the  $+x$  direction.
- 7) It will move along the  $+y$  direction.

**Part (c)** When  $q_2$  begins to move, it will stretch the spring. Choose the equation for the force vector from the spring,  $\mathbf{F}_s$ , due to stretching the spring a distance  $x$ .

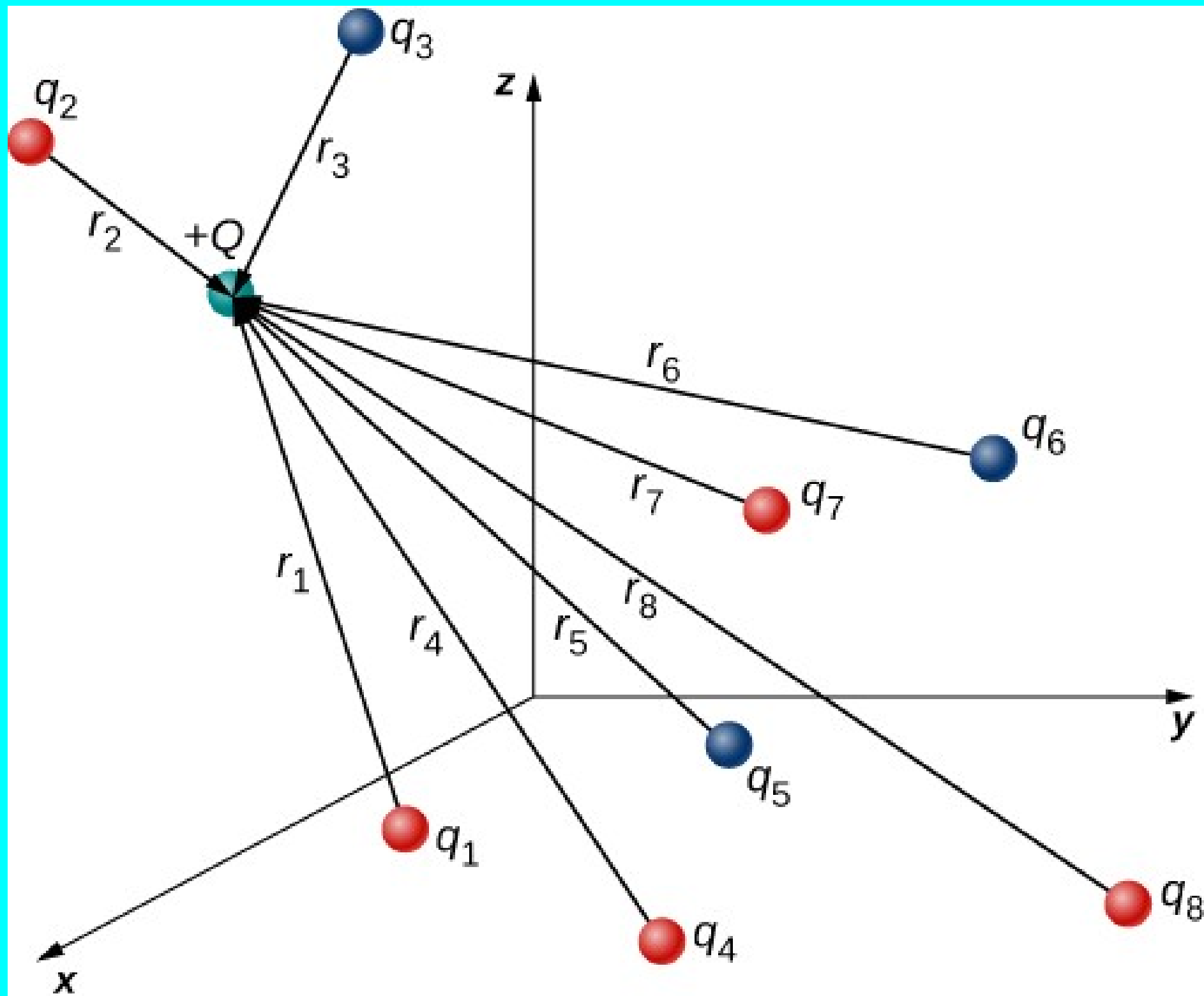
# Coulomb's Law, Vector Form

$$\vec{F}_{12} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}^2} \hat{r}_{12}$$

~~$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \sum_{n=1}^N k \frac{q_1 q_n}{r_{1n}^2} \hat{r}_{1n}$$~~

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = Q \sum_{n=1}^N k \frac{q_n}{r_n^2} \hat{r}_n$$

$\hat{r}$





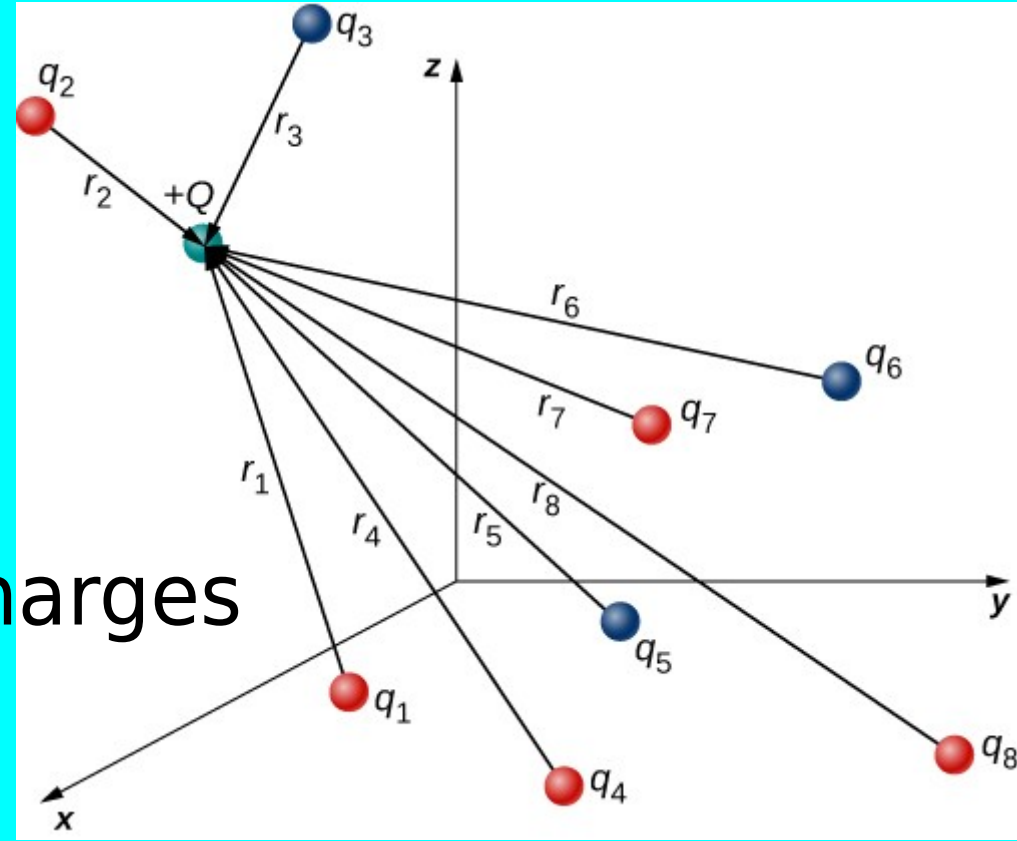
# Making friends with “r-hat”

$\hat{r}$

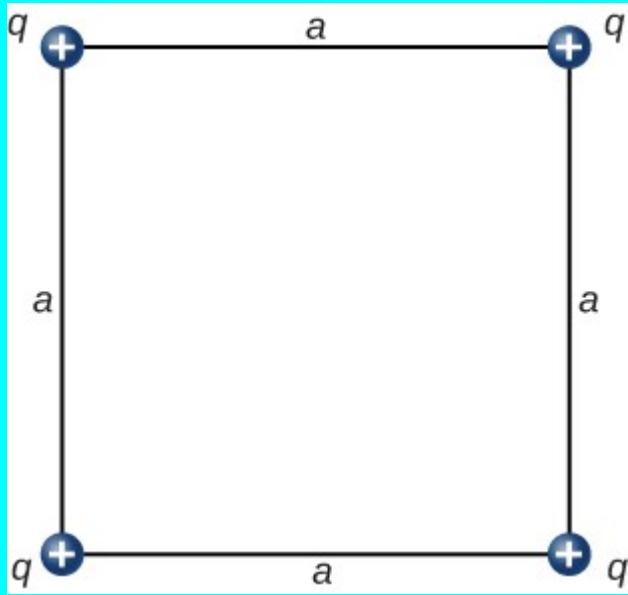
r-hat points from other charges to 'your' charge.

$\hat{r}$  is a unit vector like  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\hat{j}$ , and  $\hat{k}$

$\hat{r}$  points in different directions for different charges

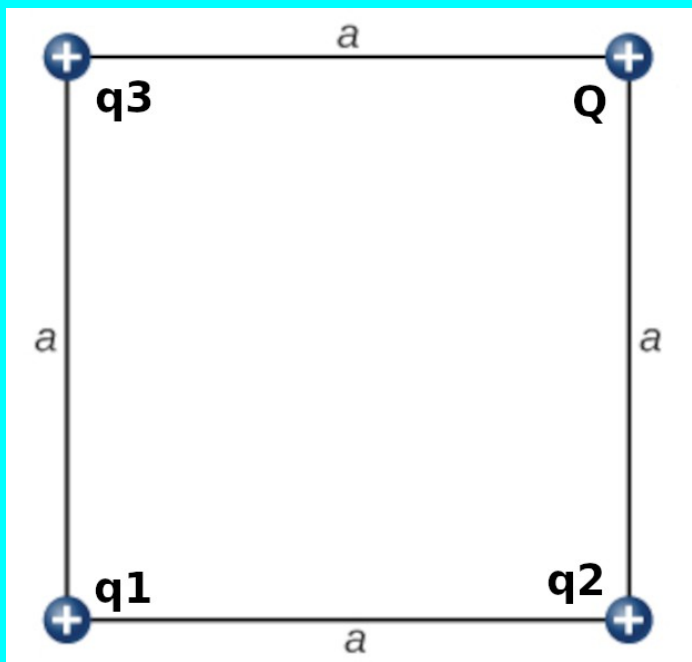


# Homework 5-63-ish

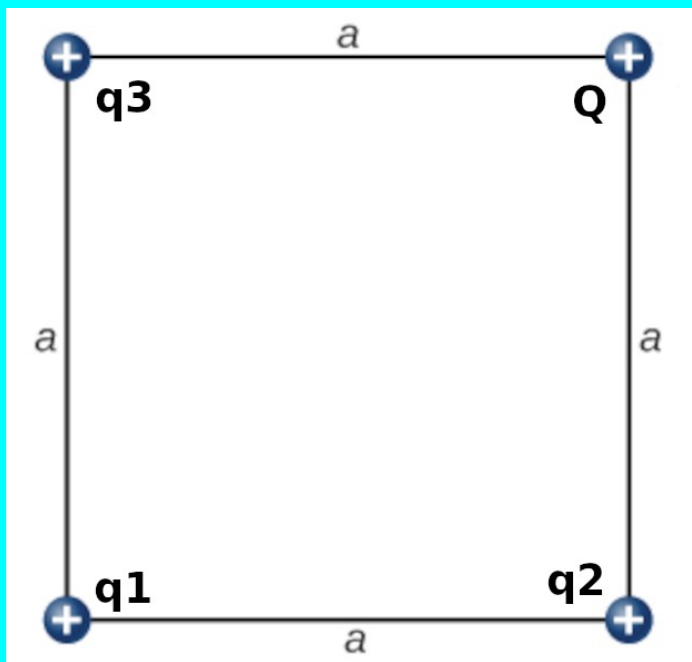


Find force on the  $q$  on top right corner

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = Q \sum_{n=1}^N k \frac{q_n}{r_n^2} \hat{r}_n$$



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What is  $r_1^2$ ?

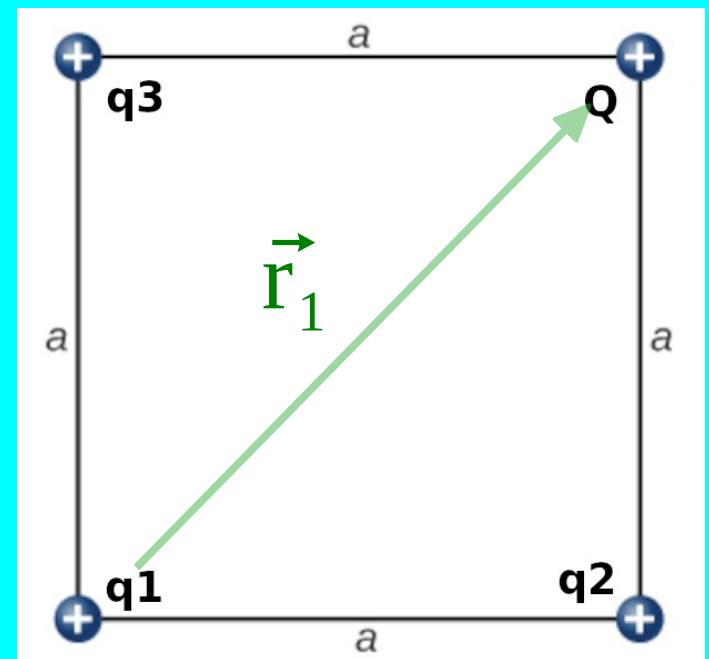
(A)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}a$

(B)  $\sqrt{2}a$

(C)  $\sqrt{2}a^2$

(D)  $2a$

(E)  $2a^2$



What is  $\vec{r}_1$ ?

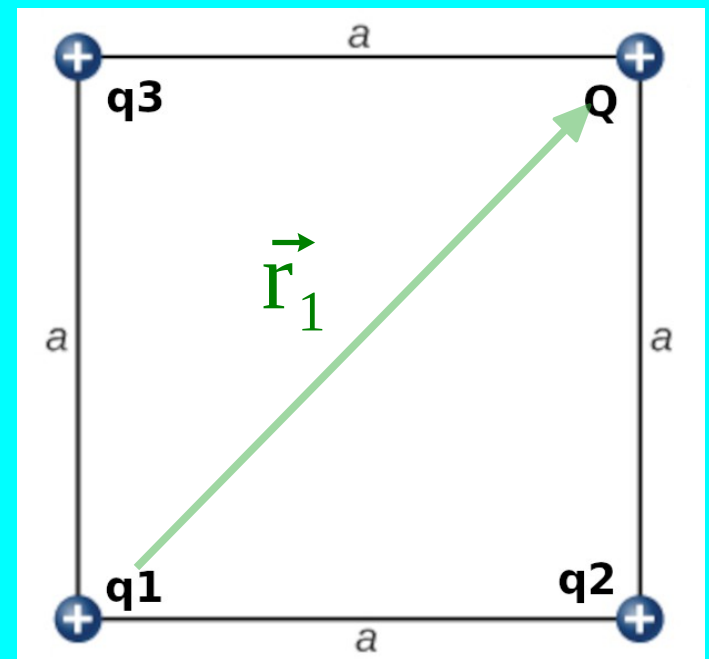
(A)  $a$

(B)  $a \hat{i}$

(C)  $a \hat{i} + a \hat{j}$

(D)  $\sqrt{2}a \hat{i} + \sqrt{2}a \hat{j}$

(E)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}a \hat{i} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}a \hat{j}$



What is  $\hat{r}_1$ ?

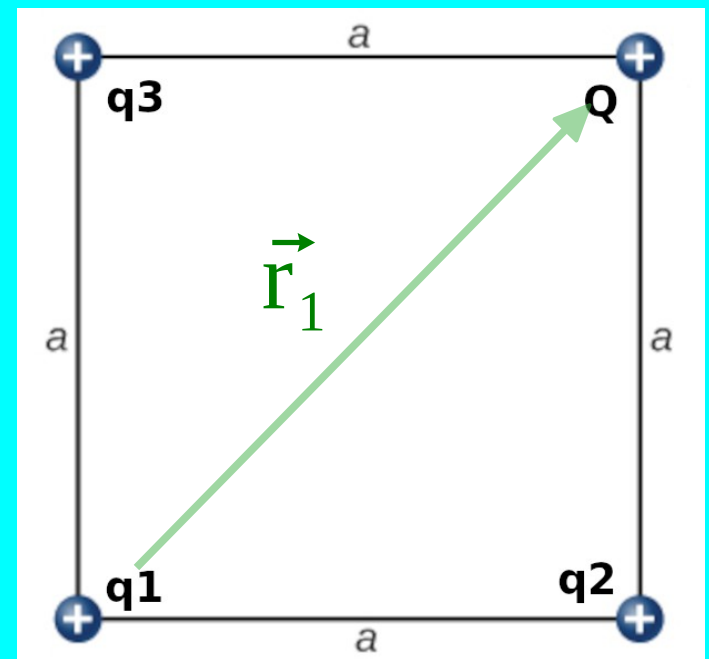
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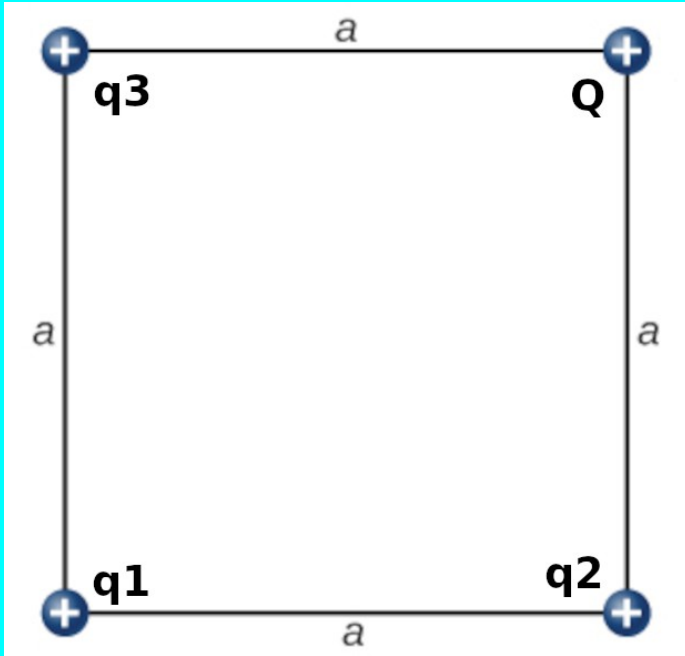
# From Coulomb's Law to Electric field

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = Q \sum_{n=1}^N k \frac{q_n}{r_n^2} \hat{r}_n$$

$$\vec{E} = \sum_{n=1}^N k \frac{q_n}{r_n^2} \hat{r}_n$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = Q \vec{E}$$

# Homework 5-63-ish with field

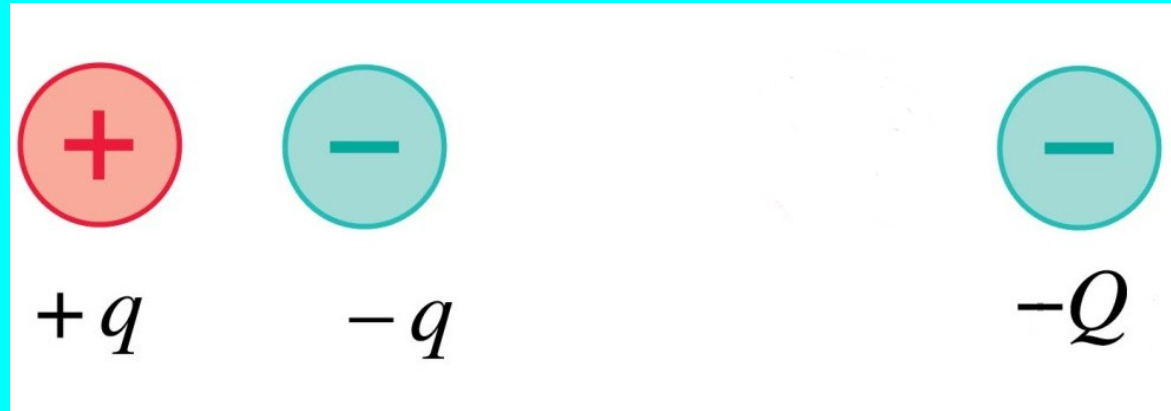


Find  $\vec{E}$ -field at top right corner  
in absence of  $Q$



# Superposition (Force)

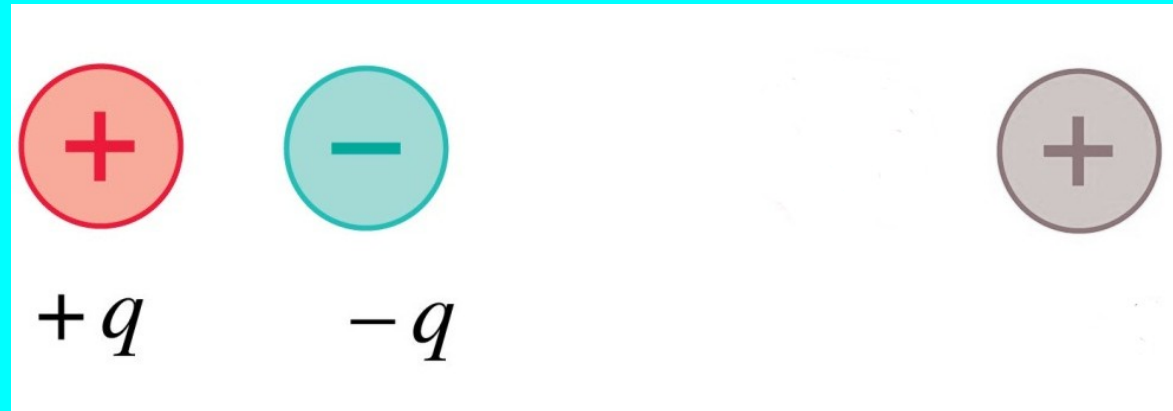
The net force on  $-Q$  is



- A. Up.
- B. Down.
- C. Left.
- D. Right.
- E. The force on  $-q$  is zero.

# Superposition (Field)

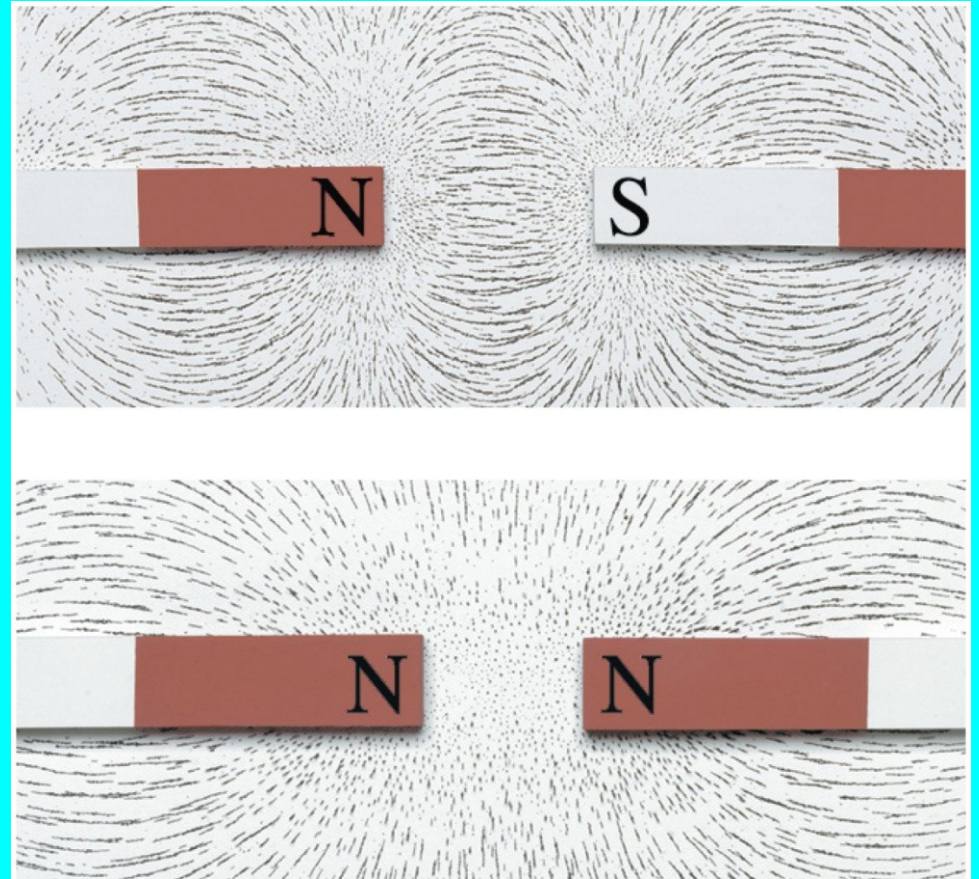
The net field at the position "P" is



- A. Up.
- B. Down.
- C. Left.
- D. Right.
- E. The force on  $-q$  is zero.

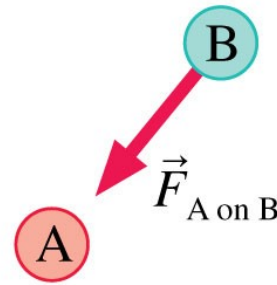
# The Field Model

- The photos show the patterns that iron filings make when sprinkled around a magnet.
- These patterns suggest that *space itself* around the magnet is filled with magnetic influence.
- This is called the **magnetic field**.
- The concept of such a “field” was first introduced by Michael Faraday in 1821.

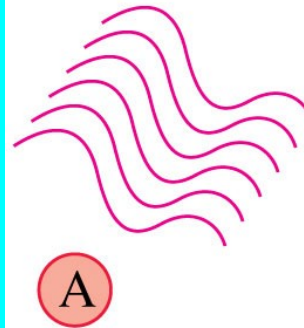


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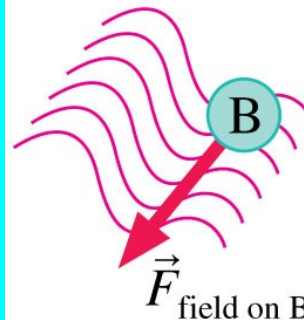
- A *field* is a function that assigns a vector to every point in space.
- The alteration of space around a mass is called the *gravitational field*.
- Similarly, the space around a charge is altered to create the **electric field**.



In the Newtonian view, A exerts a force directly on B.



In Faraday's view, A alters the space around it. (The wavy lines are poetic license. We don't know what the alteration looks like.)

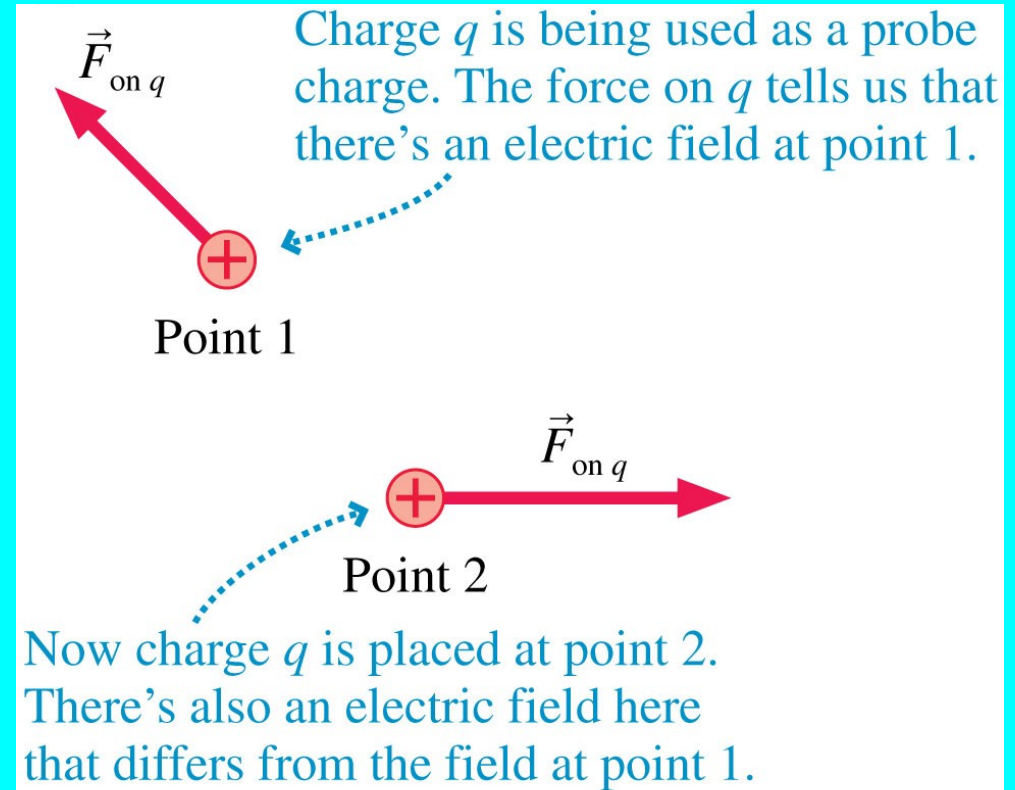


Particle B then responds to the altered space. The altered space is the agent that exerts the force on B.

# The Electric Field

- If a probe charge (or test charge) “ $q$ ” experiences an electric force at a point in space, we say that there is an electric field  $\vec{E}$  at that point causing the force.

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z) \equiv \frac{\vec{F}_{\text{on } q} \text{ at } (x, y, z)}{q}$$



The units of the electric field are N/C. The magnitude  $E$  of the electric field is called the **electric field strength**.

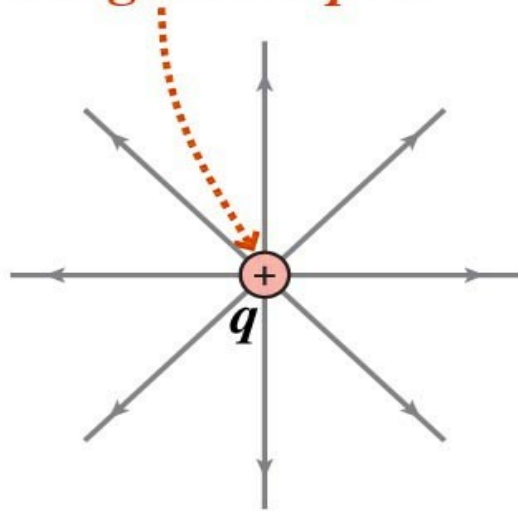




# Electric Field Lines

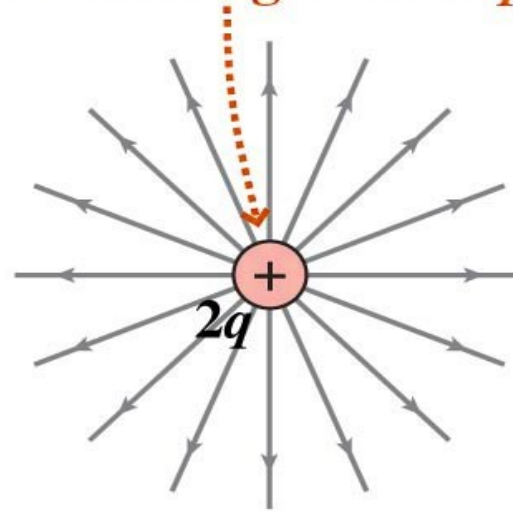
- A way of getting intuition for the fields caused by a few charges (without calculating)
- Positive charges “emit” field lines.
- Negative charges “absorb” field lines.
- Field lines begin at + charge and end at infinity or negative charge.
- The tangent to an electric field line gives direction of force
- Electric field lines do not cross

Eight lines begin on  $+q \dots$



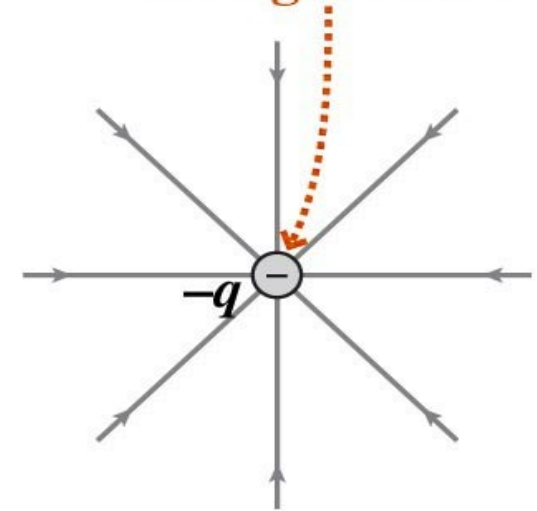
(a)

so 16 lines begin on  $+2q \dots$



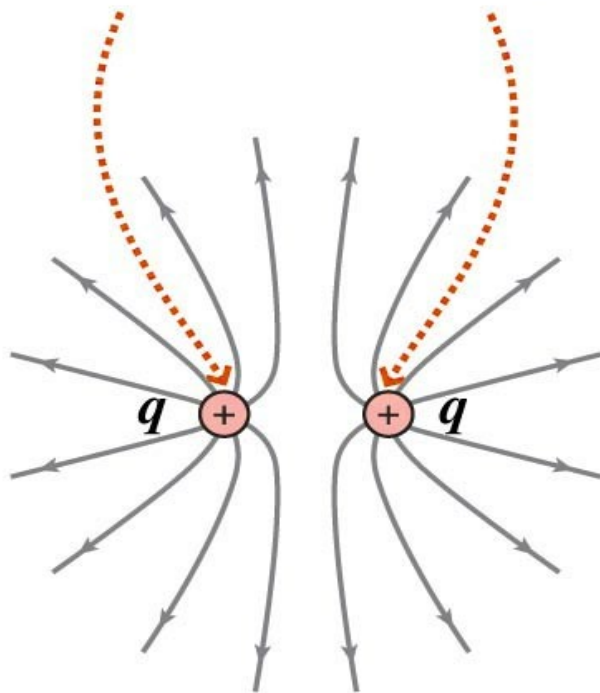
(b)

and eight end on  $-q$ .



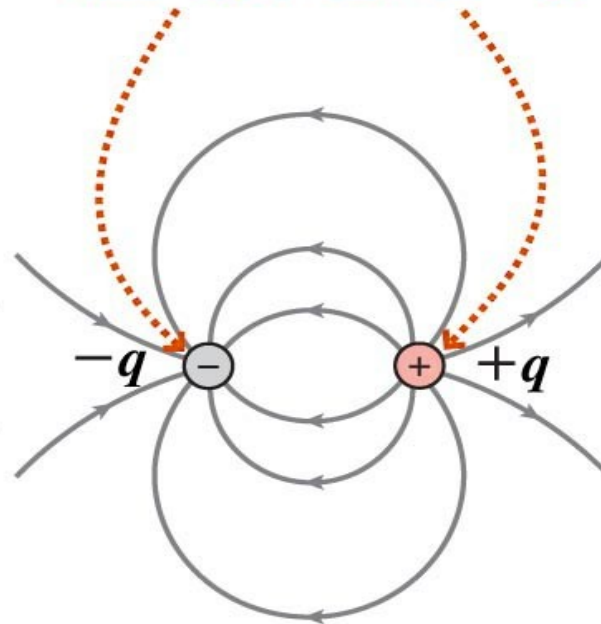
(c)

Eight lines begin on each  $+q$ .



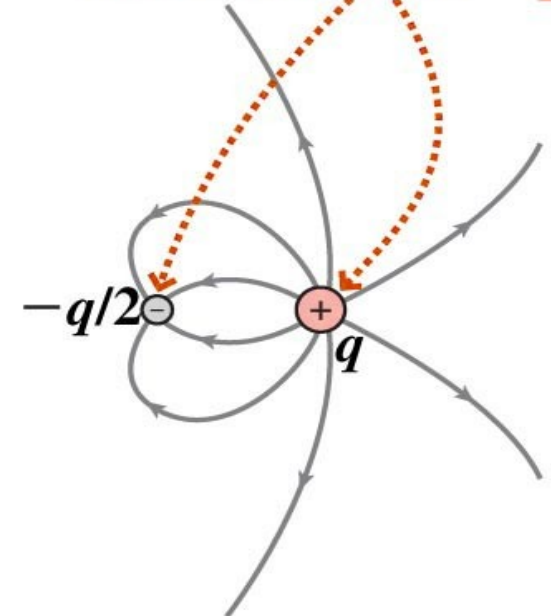
(d)

Eight lines begin on  $+q$  and eight end on  $-q$ .



(e)

Eight lines begin on  $+q$ . Four go to infinity and four end on  $-q/2$ .



(f)

## Key Equations

Coulomb's law

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}_{12}(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{12}$$

Superposition of electric forces

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} Q \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_i$$

Electric force due to an electric field

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}} = Q\vec{\mathbf{E}}$$

Electric field at point  $P$

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}}(P) \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_i$$

Field of an infinite wire

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}}(z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2\lambda}{z} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Field of an infinite plane

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Dipole moment

$$\vec{\mathbf{p}} = q\vec{\mathbf{d}}$$

**Next Class:**

Electric field and flux