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## **Quiz 2: Electrostatics**

1. Two isolated identical conducting spheres have a charge of q and -3q, respectively. They are connected by a conducting wire, and after equilibrium is reached, the wire is removed (such that both spheres are again isolated). What is the charge on each sphere?

□ q, -3q□ -q, -q□ 0, -2q□ 2q, -2q

**2.** Which set of electric field lines at right could represent the electric field near two charges of the *same sign*, but *different magnitudes*?



**3.** A "free" electron and a "free" proton are placed in an identical electric field. Which of the following statements are true? *Check all that apply.* Note the electron mass and proton mass above.

- $\square$  Each particle is acted on by the same electric force and has the same acceleration.
- □ The electric force on the proton is greater in magnitude than the force on the electron, but in the opposite direction.
- □ The electric force on the proton is equal in magnitude to the force on the electron, but in the opposite direction.
- $_{\Box}\,$  The magnitude of the acceleration of the electron is greater than that of the proton.
- $\square$  Both particles have the same acceleration.

4. A point charge q is located at the center of a (non-conducting) spherical shell of radius a that has a charge -q uniformly distributed on its surface. What is the electric field for all points outside the spherical shell?

- $\square E = 0$
- $\Box E = q/4\pi a^2$

$$E = k_e q / r$$

 $\Box E = k_e q/a^2$