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## Quiz 2: Charges, charges everywhere

$$k_e = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$$

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi k_e} = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

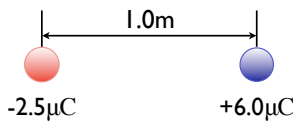
$$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$0 = ax^2 + bx + c \implies x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \text{quadratic}$$

$$\vec{F}_{12} = q_1 \vec{E}_2 \quad \text{on 1 due to 2}$$

$$\vec{E} = k_e \frac{|q|}{r^2} \quad \text{point charge}$$

$$\Phi_E = |\vec{E}| A \cos \theta_{EA} = \frac{Q_{\text{inside}}}{\epsilon_0}$$



1. Determine the point (other than infinity) at which the total electric field is zero. This point is not between the two charges.

- 3.5 m to the left of the negative charge
- 2.1 m to the right of the positive charge
- 1.3 m to the right of the positive charge
- 1.8 m to the left of the negative charge

2. A flat surface having an area of  $3.2 \text{ m}^2$  is rotated in a uniform electric field of magnitude  $E = 5.7 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$ . What is the electric flux when the electric field is parallel to the surface?

- $1.82 \times 10^6 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}$
- 0
- $3.64 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}$
- $0.91 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}$

3. 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?

- $E = 0$
- $E = q/4\pi a^2$
- $E = k_e q/r^2$
- $E = k_e q/a^2$

4. 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.*

- 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.
- The magnitude of the acceleration of the electron is greater than that of the proton.
- Both particles have the same acceleration.

5. 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?

- $q, -3q$
- $-q, -q$
- $0, -2q$
- $2q, -2q$