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Quiz 2: Electrostatics

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}_{12} = k_e \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}^2} \, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{12} \quad k_e \approx 9 \times 10^9 \, \left[\frac{\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{m}^2}{\mathbf{C}^2} \right] \quad e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \, \left[\mathbf{C} \right] \quad m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \, \left[\mathrm{kg} \right] \quad m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \, \left[\mathrm{kg} \right]$$

1. An electron (of charge -e and mass m_e) enters a region of uniform electric field $\vec{\mathbf{E}} = 200 \,\hat{\mathbf{x}} \, [\text{N/C}]$ with velocity $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_i = 3.0 \times 10^6 \,\hat{\mathbf{x}} \, [\text{m/s}]$. What is magnitude the acceleration $|\vec{\mathbf{a}}|$ of the electron due to the electric field? Recall $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = m\vec{\mathbf{a}}$.

2. Which set of electric field lines below 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.

- D Each particle is acted on by the same electric force and has the same acceleration.
- ^D 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.
- ^D The magnitude of the acceleration of the electron is greater than that of the proton.
- □ Both particles have the same acceleration.