

Physics 12 U7 – Electrostatics Worksheet #2

Solutions

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Coulombs Law  $F = KQq/R^2$       use polarity to determine direction.      vector

Electric field =  $E = F/q = Kq/R^2$       vector

$E_p =$  electric potential energy =  $KQq/r$       scalar

$V =$  electric potential ~~energy~~ =  $Work/q = E \times d = KQ/r$       use polarity inside calculation.      scalar

1. Calculate the electric potential energy stored by placing an electron 6 cm away from a 0.007 C charge.

$$E_p = \frac{kQq}{R} = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(-1.6 \times 10^{-19})(0.007)}{0.06}$$

$$= -1.68 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Joules.}$$

⊖ indicates no energy stored, would need to put energy in to separate!

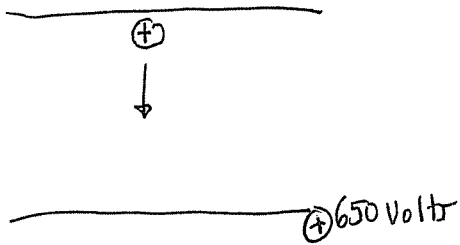
2. How much work (change in  $E_p$ ) to move an electron from  $\underbrace{0.9 \text{ m}}_{R_i}$  to  $\underbrace{0.3 \text{ m}}_{R_f}$  away from a 0.016 C charge.

$$Work = \Delta E_p = E_{p_f} - E_{p_i} = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(-1.6 \times 10^{-19})(0.016)}{.3} - \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(-1.6 \times 10^{-19})(0.016)}{.9}$$

$$= (-7.68 \times 10^{-11}) - (-2.56 \times 10^{-11}) = -5.12 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Joules.}$$

↳ you actually get energy out. they want to get closer.

3. Calculate the work required to move a proton from the top plate (0 volts) to the bottom plate (+ 650 volts).



$$V = \frac{E}{q} = \frac{\text{work}}{q}$$

$$\text{work} = V \cdot q$$

$$= (650)(1.6 \times 10^{-19})$$

$$\text{work} = 1.04 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$$

Energy and work can be used interchangeably.

4. Calculate the voltage 0.07 m from a  $6\mu\text{C}$  charge.

$$V = \frac{kQ}{R} = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(6\mu\text{C})}{0.07} = 7.71 \times 10^5 \text{ Volts}$$

for a point charge.

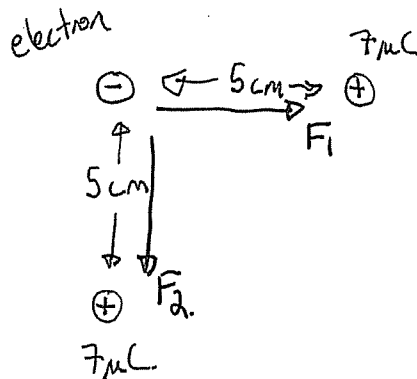
5. Calculate the electric field strength 0.07 m from a  $6\mu\text{C}$  charge.

$$E = \frac{F}{q} = \frac{kQq}{R^2} = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(6\mu\text{C})}{(0.07)^2} = 1.10 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C}$$

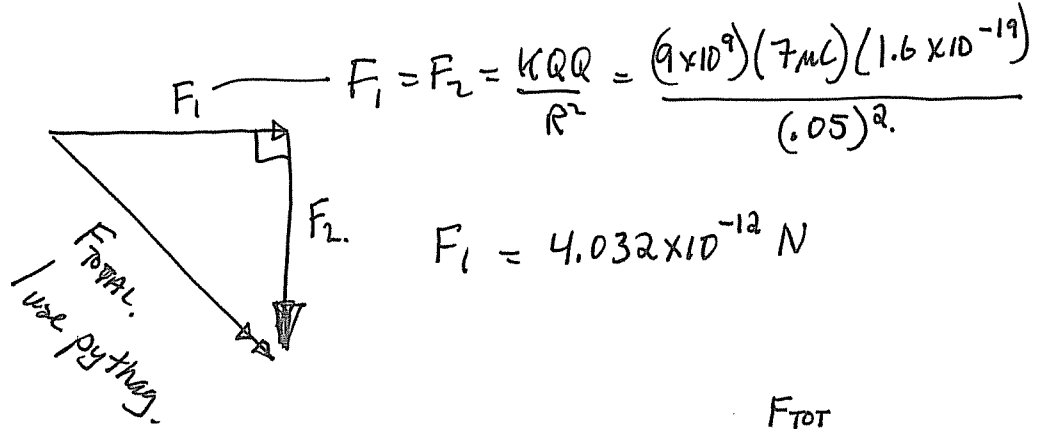
Similar to  $g$

$$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = c^2$$

6. Calculate the force on an electron for the following charge arrangement, 5 cm from two  $7\mu\text{C}$  charges at right angles.



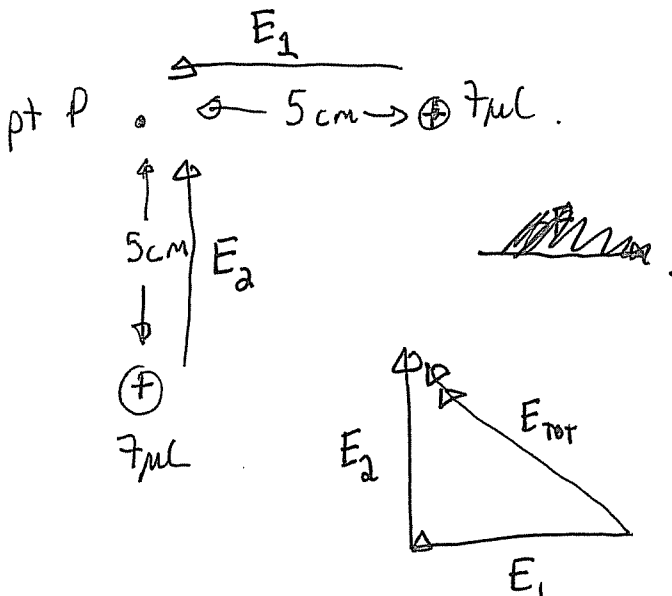
Force is a vector, add  $F_1 + F_2$ .  
tip to tail



$$F_{\text{TOT}} = \sqrt{(4.03 \times 10^{-12})^2 + (4.03 \times 10^{-12})^2} = \boxed{5.70 \times 10^{-12} \text{ N}}$$

6. Calculate the electric field strength at point P on for the following charge arrangement, 5 cm from two  $7\mu\text{C}$  charges at right angles.

as above,  $E$  is a vector.



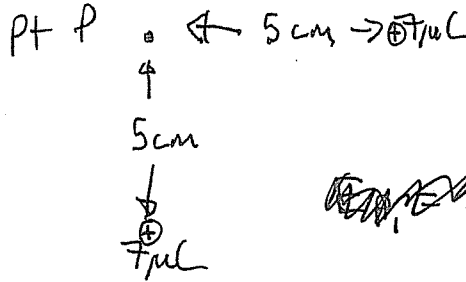
$$E_1 = E_2 = \frac{kQ}{R^2} = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(7\mu\text{C})}{(0.05)^2} = 2.52 \times 10^7$$

$$E_{\text{TOT}} = \sqrt{(2.52 \times 10^7)^2 \times 2}$$

$$= \boxed{3.56 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C}}$$

voltage.

7. Calculate the electric potential at point P for the following charge arrangement, 5 cm from two  $7\mu\text{C}$  charges at right angles.

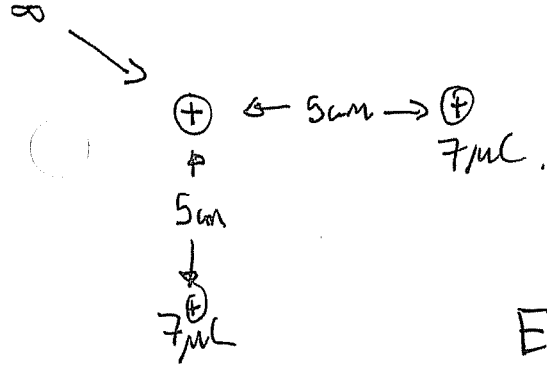


$V$  is a scalar, so add like any other scalars.  
ie,  $4\mu\text{g} + 5\mu\text{g} = 9\mu\text{g}$

$$V_1 = \frac{kQ}{R} = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(7\mu\text{C})}{.05} = 1.26 \times 10^6 \text{ Volts}$$

$$V_1 = V_2 \quad V_{\text{TOT}} = V_1 + V_2 = 2.52 \times 10^6 \text{ Volts}$$

8. Calculate the work to move a proton from infinity (where  $E_p=0$ ) to point P for the following charge arrangement, 5 cm from two  $7\mu\text{C}$  charges at right angles.



@  $\infty$   $E_p = 0$

$$\text{WORK} = E_{p_f} - E_{p_i} = E_{p_f}$$

$$E_{p_1} = E_{p_2}$$

$$E_{p_1} = \frac{kQq}{R} = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(7\mu\text{C})(1.6 \times 10^{-19})}{(0.05)} = 2.016 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$$

$$E_{p_{\text{TOT}}} = E_{p_1} + E_{p_2} = 4.032 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$$