

## §14-2 Describing Fields (continued)

Electric Field Intensity:  $\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}_q}{q}$  (N/C)

(radially inward or outward) ↓  
(based on a + test charge)

Gravitational Field Intensity:  $\vec{g} = \frac{\vec{F}_g}{m}$  (N/kg or m/s<sup>2</sup>)

(radially inward)

Consider a point source charge (Q) • q

$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{|\vec{F}_q|}{q} \quad \vec{F}_q = \frac{kQq}{r^2}$$

$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{kQq}{r^2} \cdot \frac{1}{q}$$

$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$$

← Q is the charge of the point source

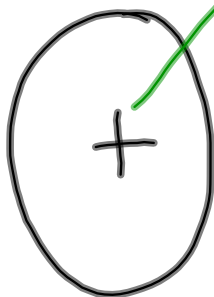
- \* This only gives you magnitude
- \* Do not use the sign on the charge
- \* Direction is based on the force acting on a positive test charge.

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$$r = 30.0 \text{ cm}$$

$$Q = +2.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$\vec{E} = ??$$



test charge  
radially outward

$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$$

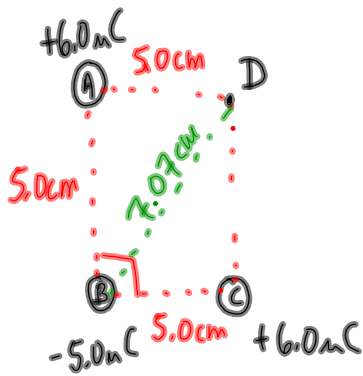
$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{(9.0 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2})(2.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(0.300 \text{ m})^2}$$

$$|\vec{E}| = 200\,000 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} \quad (2.0 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}})$$

$$\vec{E} = 2.0 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} \text{ [radially outward]}$$

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Find the field intensity for each charge (magnitude)



$$|\vec{E}_A| = \frac{kQ_A}{r_A^2}$$

$$|\vec{E}_A| = \frac{(9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(6.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(0.050 \text{ m})^2}$$

$$|\vec{E}_A| = 2.16 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}$$

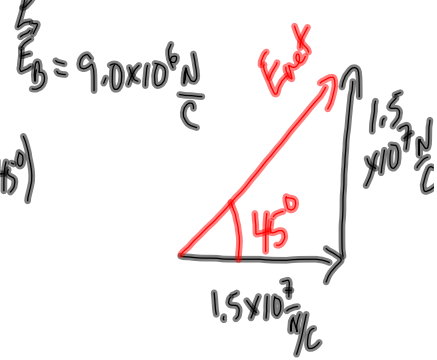
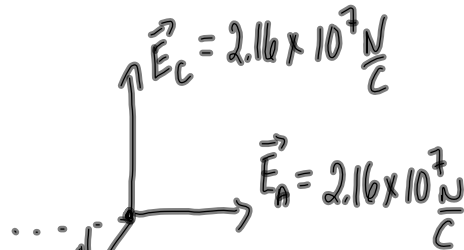
So:  $|\vec{E}_C| = 2.16 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}$

$$|\vec{E}_B| = \frac{kQ_B}{r_B^2}$$

$$|\vec{E}_B| = \frac{(9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(0.0707 \text{ m})^2}$$

$$|\vec{E}_B| = 9.0 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}$$

Draw a FBD for a positive test charge at D



|                  | x  | y  |
|------------------|--|--|
| $E_A$            | $+2.16 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}$                | 0  |
| $E_B$            | $-(9.0 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}) \cos 45^\circ$ | $-9.0 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} (\sin 45^\circ)$ |
| $E_C$            | 0  | $2.16 \times 10^7 \text{ N/C}$                               |
| $E_{\text{net}}$ | $1.5 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}$                  | $1.5 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}$                  |

$$E_{\text{net}} = 2.2 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} \left[ 45^\circ \text{ CCW from } +x\text{-axis} \right]$$

Now consider the gravitational situation ... the field from a point source mass:

$$|\vec{g}| = \frac{|\vec{F}_g|}{m} \quad \text{and} \quad F_g = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

(m)

$$|\vec{g}| = \frac{GMm}{r^2 m}$$

$$|\vec{g}| = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

gravitational field for a source mass



Think about:

Newton's Law of Gravitation:

$$F_g = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

Coulomb's Law:

$$F_Q = \frac{kQq}{r^2}$$

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