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Example # 1.

In figure (a) two positively charged particles are fixed in place on x-axis. The charges are $q_1 = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ and $q_2 = 3.20 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ and the particle separation is $R = 0.0200 \text{ m}$. What are the magnitude and direction of electrostatic force \vec{F}_{12} on particle 1 from particle 2?

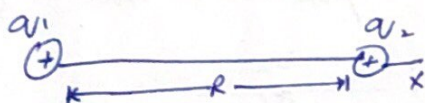


fig (a)

Solution.

Because both particles are positively charged so they are repelled by each other.

The magnitude of this force is

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{12} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(q_1)(q_2)}{R^2} \\
 &= (8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2) \times \frac{(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(3.20 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})}{(0.0200 \text{ m})^2} \\
 &= 1.15 \times 10^{-24} \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

This force has the following magnitude and direction

$$\vec{F}_{12} = 1.15 \times 10^{-24} \text{ N} \text{ and } 180^\circ$$

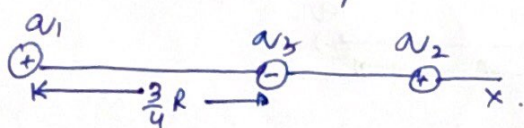
In unit vector notation.

$$\vec{F}_{12} = -(1.15 \times 10^{-24} \text{ N}) \hat{i}$$

\therefore -ve due to opposite direction.

Example #2.

figure (b) is identical to figure (a) except that particle 3 lies b/w particle 1 and 2. particle 3 has charge $q_3 = -3.20 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ and is at a distance $\frac{3}{4}R$ from particle 1. what is net electrostatic force \vec{F}_{net} on particle 1. due to particle 2 and 3.



Solution.

So find the magnitude F_{13}

$$\begin{aligned} F_{13} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|q_1||q_3|}{\left(\frac{3}{4}R\right)^2} \\ &= (8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2) \times \frac{(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})}{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 (0.0200 \text{ m})^2} \\ &= 2.05 \times 10^{-24} \text{ N.} \end{aligned}$$

in unit vector notation.

$$\vec{F}_{13} = (2.05 \times 10^{-24} \text{ N}) \hat{i}.$$

The net force \vec{F}_{net} on particle 1

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{\text{net}} &= \vec{F}_{12} + \vec{F}_{13} \\ &= -(1.15 \times 10^{-24} \text{ N}) \hat{i} + (2.05 \times 10^{-24} \text{ N}) \hat{i} \\ &= (9.00 \times 10^{-25} \text{ N}) \hat{i}. \end{aligned}$$

The electric field due to an electric dipole.

Two particles that have the same charge magnitude q but opposite signs, a very common and important arrangement known as ^{electric} dipole. The particles are separated by distance $2l$ and lie along the dipole axis. Suppose that z as a dipole axis.

Figure (1) shows electric fields set up at P by each particle. The nearer particle with charge $+q$ sets up field $E_{(+)}$ in the positive direction of the z axis. The other particle with the charge $(-q)$ sets up a smaller field ($E_{(-)}$) in the negative direction.

Electric field at P due to $+q$, $E_{(+)} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{(z-l)^2}$

" " " $-q$, $E_{(-)} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{q}{(z+l)^2} \right)$

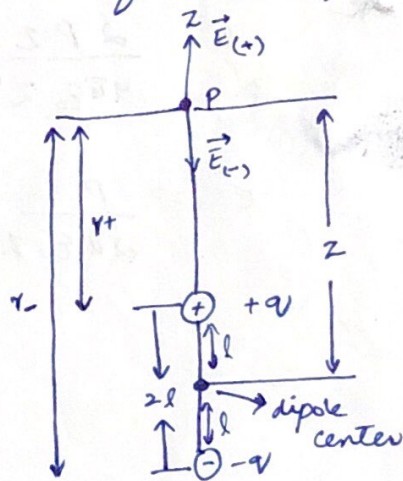
The magnitude of net field at P is

$$E = E_{(+)} - E_{(-)}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r_{(+)}^2} - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r_{(-)}^2}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{(z-l)^2} - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{(z+l)^2}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{(z-l)^2} - \frac{1}{(z+l)^2} \right)$$



$$E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{(z+l)^2 - (z-l)^2}{(z^2 - l^2)^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4zl}{(z^2 - l^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2Plz}{4\pi\epsilon_0(z^2 - l^2)^2}$$

$$P = 2l \cdot q = \text{dipole moment}$$

As compare to any distance of z l is very small quantity. Thus in our approximation we can neglect the term l because $l \ll z$.

$$E = \frac{2Plz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z^4}$$

$$E = \frac{P}{2\pi\epsilon_0 z^3} \quad (\text{electric dipole})$$

→ Electric field due to ring of charge.

Let's find the field along the z-axis only.

Ring has radius R , charge per unit length λ . By symmetry, only E_z is non-zero (the x-y component cancels).

A differential element of charge occupies a length ds . This element sets up an electric field $d\vec{E}$ at point P.

The linear charge density is

$$\lambda = \frac{dq}{ds}$$

where

$$dq = \lambda ds.$$

Electric field due to z component is

$$d\vec{E} = dE_z \cos \theta \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

As we know

Electric field due to a point charge is

$$dE_z = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now, we can replace the $\cos \theta$ with legal symbol by using right triangle

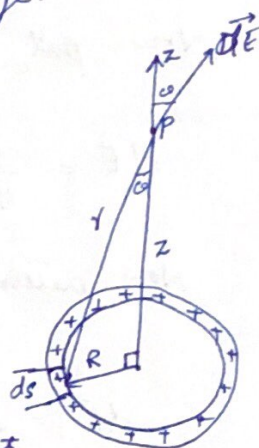
$$\cos \theta = \frac{z}{r} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where

$$r^2 = z^2 + R^2$$

and

$$r = \sqrt{z^2 + R^2}$$



Now put equations (2) and (3) in equation (1),

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r^2} \frac{z}{r} \quad \text{---(4)}$$

Now putting values of r , r^2 and dq in equation (4)

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda ds}{z^2 + R^2} \frac{z}{(z^2 + R^2)}$$

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda ds z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

Because we must sum a huge number of these components, each small, we set up an integral that moves along the ring, through the full circumference ($S = 2\pi R$)

$$\int dE = \int \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda ds z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} \int ds \quad \because \int ds = 2\pi R$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} 2\pi R \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Now we can switch to the total charge by using

$$\lambda = q/2\pi R$$

where

$$q = \lambda 2\pi R$$

Putting ~~the~~ q in equation (5).

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{z q}{(R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Let us suppose the point on the central axis is so far that $z \gg R$ then the expression

$z^2 + R^2$ can be approximated as z^2 and

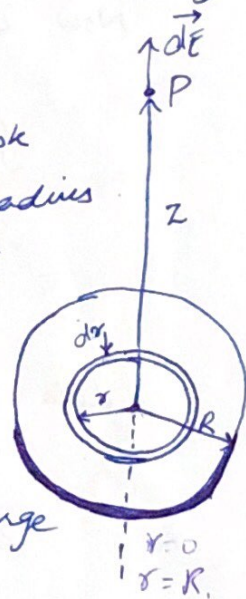
the equation 6 becomes.

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2Q}{z^3} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{a}{z^2}$$

→ Electric field due to disk of charge

For a two dimensional object like a uniformly charged disk, we define a surface charge density σ (charge per unit area) and consider the field at point P on the central axis at the distance z from the center of axis.

We superimpose a ring on the disk as shown in figure, at an arbitrary radius $r \leq R$. The ring is so thin that we can treat the charge on it as a charge element dq . To find its smallest contribution $d\vec{E}$ to the field at point P, we write the equation in terms of the ring's charge dq and radius r .



$$d\vec{E} = \frac{d\sigma r z}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (z^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

To find the total field at point P, we integrate equation (1) from the center of disk at $r=0$ out to the $r=R$, so that we sum all the $d\vec{E}$ contributions.

Because the ring is so thin having a thickness dr . Then the surface area dA is the product of circumference $2\pi r$ and its thickness dr . So in terms of surface charge density σ we have

$$dq = \sigma dA = \sigma (2\pi r dr)$$

$$G = \frac{Q}{A}$$

Putting the value of dq in equation (1)

$$dE = \frac{\sigma 2\pi r dr z}{4\pi \epsilon_0 (z^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

Now taking the integral

$$\int dE = \int_0^R \frac{\sigma 2r dr z}{4\epsilon_0 (z^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E = \frac{\sigma z}{4\epsilon_0} \int_0^R (z^2 + r^2)^{-3/2} 2r dr$$

Lets suppose that

$$x = z^2 + r^2$$

$$\frac{dx}{dr} = 2r$$

$$dx = 2r dr$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{\sigma z}{4\epsilon_0} \int x^{-3/2} dx \\ &= \frac{\sigma z}{4\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{x^{-1/2}}{-1/2} \right) = -\frac{2\sigma z}{4\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

putting the values of x and taking limits

$$= -\frac{2\sigma z}{4\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right) \Big|_0^R$$

$$E = - \frac{\cancel{2}\sigma z}{4\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{z}{z} - \frac{z}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left(1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} \right) \text{ charged disk.}$$