

[lex39] Electrostatic field of two point charges

Consider two point charges $q_1 = 5\text{nC}$ and $q_2 = 7\text{nC}$ positioned at $\mathbf{x}_1 = (2\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 4\hat{\mathbf{k}})\text{cm}$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 = (6\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 8\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 2\hat{\mathbf{k}})\text{cm}$, respectively.

(a) Find the electric field at position $\mathbf{x} = (-5\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 9\hat{\mathbf{k}})\text{cm}$ and express it in the form $\mathbf{E} = (E_x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + E_y\hat{\mathbf{j}} + E_z\hat{\mathbf{k}})\text{N/C}$ with explicit numerical values of the three components.

(b) Find two positions \mathbf{x}' at which the electrostatic field generated by the two charges is $\mathbf{E}' = (-5000\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3000\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 1000\hat{\mathbf{k}})\text{N/C}$

Solution: