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Solution:

(a)
$$E_x = k \frac{|-4nC|}{(4m)^2} = \frac{9}{4} N/C = 2.25 N/C, \quad E_y = k \frac{|2nC|}{(3m)^2} = 2 N/C.$$

(b) $V = k \frac{(-4nC)}{4m} + k \frac{2nC}{3m} = -9V + 6V = -3V.$
(c) $F = k \frac{|(-4nC)(2nC)|}{(5m)^2} = \frac{72}{25} nN = 2.88nN$



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(a) Find the electric flux $\Phi_E^{(1)}$ through surface 1.

(b) Find the electric flux $\Phi_E^{(2)}$ through surface 2.

(c) Find the area vector A_3 of surface 3.



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Consider three plane surfaces (two squares, one odd shape) with area vectors \mathbf{A}_1 (in positive *x*-direction), \mathbf{A}_2 (in negative *z*-direction), and \mathbf{A}_3 (in positive *y*-direction). The region is filled with a uniform electric field $\mathbf{E} = (2\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 4\hat{\mathbf{k}})$ N/C. The electric flux through surface 3 is $\Phi_E^{(3)} = 21$ Nm²/C.

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Solution:

(a) $\mathbf{A}_1 = 9\mathrm{m}^2 \,\hat{\mathbf{i}}, \quad \Phi_E^{(1)} = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{A}_1 = (2\mathrm{N/C})(9\mathrm{m}^2) = 18\mathrm{Nm}^2/\mathrm{C}.$

(b)
$$\mathbf{A}_2 = -9\mathrm{m}^2 \hat{\mathbf{k}}, \quad \Phi_E^{(2)} = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{A}_2 = -(4\mathrm{N/C})(9\mathrm{m}^2) = -36\mathrm{Nm}^2/\mathrm{C}.$$

(c) $\mathbf{A}_3 = A_3 \,\hat{\mathbf{j}}, \quad \Phi_E^{(3)} = A_3(3\text{N/C}) = 21\text{Nm}^2/\text{C} \quad \Rightarrow A_3 = 7\text{m}^2.$







Consider a region of uniform electric field $\mathbf{E} = 3N/C \,\hat{\mathbf{i}}$. A charged particle (m = 2kg, q = 4C) is projected at time t = 0 with initial velocity $\mathbf{v}_0 = 5m/s \,\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ from the position shown. (a) Find the acceleration $\mathbf{a} = a_x \,\hat{\mathbf{i}} + a_y \,\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ of the particle at time t = 3s.

(b) Find its velocity
$$\mathbf{v} = v_x \mathbf{i} + v_y \mathbf{j}$$
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(c) Find its position $\mathbf{r} = x \,\hat{\mathbf{i}} + y \,\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ at time t = 3s.





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$${f v}=v_x\, {f \hat i}+v_y\, {f \hat j}$$
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Solution:

(a)
$$a_x = \frac{q}{m}E = \frac{4C}{2kg}(3N/C) = 6m/s^2, \quad a_y = 0.$$

(b) $v_x = a_x t = (6m/s^2)(3s) = 18m/s, \quad v_y = v_0 = 5m/s.$
(c) $x = x_0 + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2 = 2m + 0.5(6m/s^2)(3s)^2 = 29m, \quad y = v_0 t = (5m/s)(3s) = 15m.$