

Quiz 1

• setup (3cm ≠ 6cm) ! Read carefully

• $|\vec{E}_{net}| \neq |\vec{E}_1| + |\vec{E}_2| + |\vec{E}_3|$ correct: $|\vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 + \vec{E}_3| = |\vec{E}_{net}|$

[Ex: $\vec{E}_1 = -\vec{E}_2, \vec{E}_3 = 0$] Fix: ① consider direction

② Write vector w/ magnitude & direction

• $\vec{F} = \vec{E}q$ (for point charge in constant \vec{E} field)

• $\vec{E}_q(p) = k \frac{|q|}{r^2} \hat{r}$
 ↑ Magnitude ↑ Direction

① draw line from charge q to point p

② $q > 0 \Rightarrow$ arrow points away from q

$q < 0 \Rightarrow$ arrow points towards q
 [How to determine direction]

③ \hat{r} should simplify to \hat{x} or \hat{y} in this case

Ex: (out) (in) (out) In: $\hat{r}_1 = -\hat{r}_2$
 $\hat{r}_1 = \hat{r}_2$ (out)



• ! Mind your sign

Sign tells you direction

• Remember UNITS!

• Remember vectors have a vector sign! \underline{v} is not a vector
 \vec{v} is!

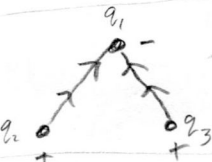
• $\vec{F}_{q_2} = \left(k \frac{|q_2 q_1|}{r^2} \right) (\hat{r})$
 ↑ magnitude ↓ direction

① consider one interaction at a time

② draw the force acting on the principal charge

③ repeat for all charges acting on the principal charge

Note



INCORRECT

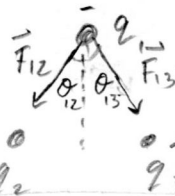
① & ②



and



③ add together \Rightarrow



CORRECT

④ determine \hat{r}

a) $\hat{r} = \sin \theta \hat{i} + \cos \theta \hat{j}$

b) $\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{\|\vec{r}\|}$

⑤ Write force vector w/ magnitude & direction for each interaction

⑥ Add like components ($\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$) to get \vec{F}_{net}