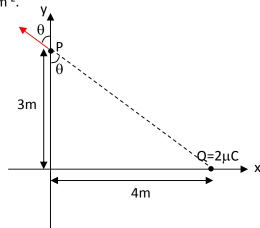
PHHY 232 Fall 2017 Supplementary Work (will not be collected)

Class 5. Electric field

Given $\varepsilon_0 = 8.8542 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{N}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$.



(a) Calculate the magnitude of the electric field at point P due to the $2\mu C$ charge.

$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi \cdot 8.854 \times 10^{-12}} \cdot \frac{2 \times 10^{-6}}{5^2} = \underline{719.0 \text{ NC}^{-1}}$$

- (b) In the figure above, sketch the vector of the electric field at point P. See red arrows in the figure.
- (c) Calculate the x- and y- components of the electric field at point P.

$$E_x = -|\vec{E}| \sin \theta = -719.0 \times \frac{4}{5} = \underline{-575.2NC^{-1}}$$

$$E_y = |\vec{E}| \cos \theta = 719.0 \times \frac{3}{5} = \underline{431.4NC^{-1}}$$

(d) If a charge of $q=5\mu C$ is placed at point P, calculate the x- and y- components of the electric force acting on q.

$$F_x = qE_x = 5 \times 10^{-6} \times (-575.2) = \underline{-2.876 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}}$$

$$F_y = qE_y = 5 \times 10^{-6} \times 431.4 = \underline{2.157 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}}$$

(e) If a charge of $q=10\mu C$ is placed at point P, calculate the x- and y- components of the electric force acting on q.

$$\begin{aligned} F_x &= qE_x = 10 \times 10^{-6} \times (-575.2) = \underline{-5.752 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}} \\ F_y &= qE_y = 10 \times 10^{-6} \times 431.4 = \underline{4.314 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}} \end{aligned}$$