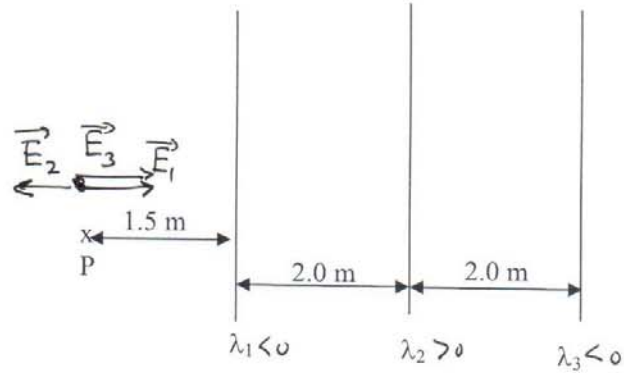


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Consider the three long line charges with linear charge densities $\lambda_1 = -2.0 \mu\text{C/m}$, $\lambda_2 = +4.0 \mu\text{C/m}$, and $\lambda_3 = -10 \mu\text{C/m}$. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the net electric field at point P.



$$E_{\text{net}} = E_1 - E_2 + E_3$$

$$= \frac{2k|\lambda_1|}{r_1} - \frac{2k|\lambda_2|}{r_2} + \frac{2k|\lambda_3|}{r_3}$$

$$= 2 \times 9 \times 10^9 \left(\frac{2 \times 10^{-6}}{1.5} - \frac{4 \times 10^{-6}}{3.5} + \frac{10 \times 10^{-6}}{5.5} \right)$$

$$\boxed{E_{\text{net}} = 4.02 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}} \quad \text{to the right}$$

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Consider a thin spherical shell of charge $q_1 = +10 \text{ nC}$ and radius $R = 10 \text{ cm}$. At the center of the shell is a point charge $q_2 = -20 \text{ nC}$. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the electric field at

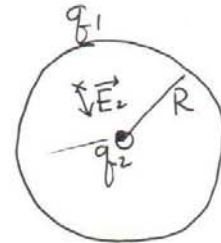
(a) $r = 5 \text{ cm}$

only q_2 will contribute to E

$$E_2 = - \frac{k|q_2|}{r^2}$$

$$= - \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 20 \times 10^{-9}}{(0.05)^2} = \left[-7.2 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} \right] \leftarrow \vec{E}_2$$

inward



(b) $r = 20 \text{ cm}$

both q_1 and q_2 will contribute

$$E_{\text{net}} = E_1 - E_2$$

$$= \frac{k|q_1|}{r^2} - \frac{k|q_2|}{r^2} =$$

$$= \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 10 \times 10^{-9}}{(0.2)^2} - \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 20 \times 10^{-9}}{(0.2)^2}$$

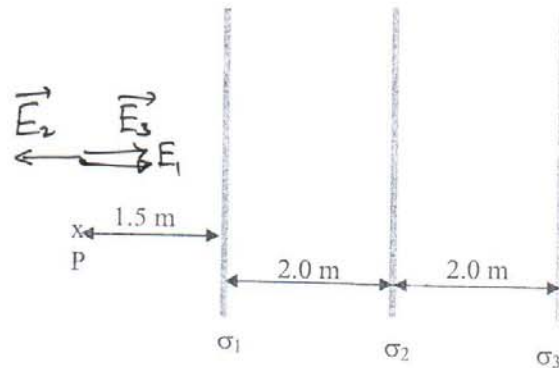
$$= 2250 - 4500 = \left[-2250 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} \right]$$

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Consider the three non-conducting large sheets with surface charge densities $\sigma_1 = -2.0 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$, $\sigma_2 = +4.0 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$, and $\sigma_3 = -10 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the net electric field at point P.



$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{net}} &= E_1 + E_3 - E_2 \\
 &= \frac{|\sigma_1|}{2\epsilon_0} - \frac{|\sigma_2|}{2\epsilon_0} + \frac{|\sigma_3|}{2\epsilon_0} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} (|\sigma_1| - |\sigma_2| + |\sigma_3|) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2(8.85 \times 10^{-12})} (2 \times 10^{-6} - 4 \times 10^{-6} + 10 \times 10^{-6}) \\
 &= \boxed{4.52 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}} \quad \text{to the right} \\
 &\quad \text{because } E_{\text{net}} \text{ is positive.}
 \end{aligned}$$