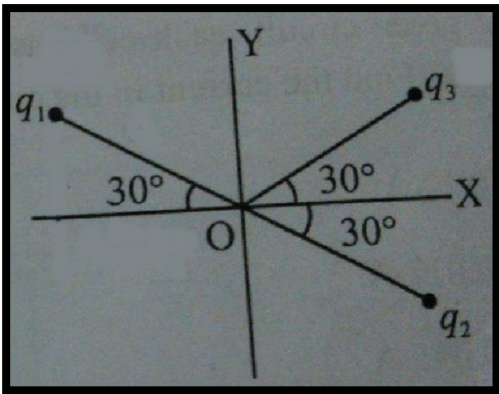


Answer on Question #42906, Physics, Other

Task: Figure shows three particles with charges $q_1=+2Q$, $q_2=-2Q$, $q_3=-4Q$, each a distance d from the origin. Find the net electric field \vec{E} at the origin:

- (a) $\frac{2.56 \cdot Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2}$ towards +ve x-axis
- (b) $\frac{6.93 \cdot Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2}$ towards +ve x-axis
- (c) $\frac{6.93 \cdot Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2}$ towards -ve x-axis
- (d) Zero



Solution:

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 + \vec{E}_3 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left| \left(\frac{2Q}{(d \sin 30^\circ)^2} - \frac{2Q}{(d \sin 30^\circ)^2} - \frac{4Q}{(d \sin 30^\circ)^2} \right) \right| \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{8Q}{d^2} \approx \frac{6.93 \cdot Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \text{ toward +ve...x - axis}$$

Answer: (b)