

Answer on Question 58307, Physics, Electromagnetism

Question:

2. Matt forgot to put the fabric softener in the wash. As his socks tumbled in the dryer, they became charged. If a small piece of lint with a charge of $1.25 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ is attracted to the socks by a force of $3.0 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ N}$, what is the magnitude of the electric field at this location?

Solution:

By the definition of the electric field we have:

$$E = \frac{F_e}{q} = \frac{3.0 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ N}}{1.25 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}} = 2.4 \cdot 10^{10} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}.$$

Answer:

$$E = 2.4 \cdot 10^{10} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}.$$