

Answer on Question #71640-Physics-Electromagnetism

A $12 \mu\text{C}$ charge is placed at the origin. A second $-8.0 \mu\text{C}$ charge is placed 1.04cm to the right of the first. A third $6.0 \mu\text{C}$ charge is placed 1.0m above the first charge. What is the force on second charge due to the other two?

Solution

$$F_{21} = (9 \cdot 10^9) \frac{(8 \cdot 10^{-6})(12 \cdot 10^{-6})}{(0.0104)^2} = 7988 \text{ N.}$$

$$F_{23} = (9 \cdot 10^9) \frac{(8 \cdot 10^{-6})(6 \cdot 10^{-6})}{(0.0104)^2 + (0.01)^2} = 2075 \text{ N.}$$

$$F_x = 7988 + 2075 \cos\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1.04}\right)\right) = 9484 \text{ N.}$$

$$F_y = 2075 \sin\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1.04}\right)\right) = 1438 \text{ N.}$$

$$F = \sqrt{9484^2 + 1438^2} = 9.6 \text{ kN.}$$

Answer: 9.6 kN.

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