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## Chapter 16

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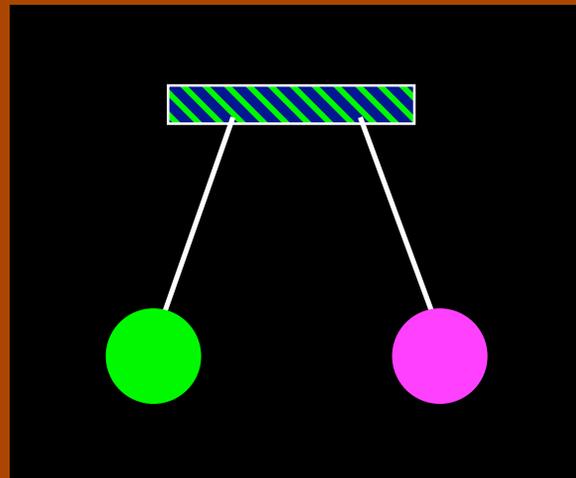
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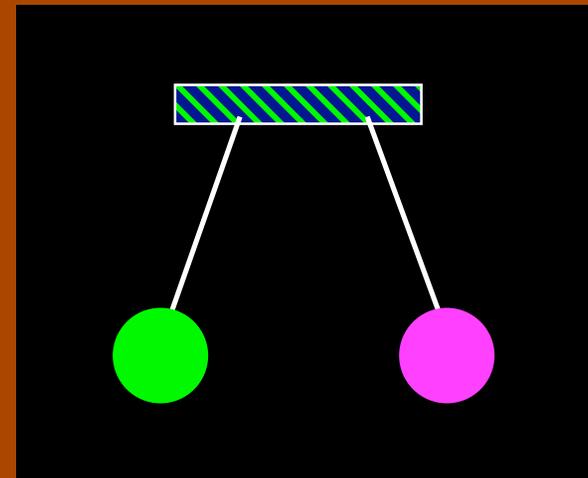


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The fact that the balls repel each other only can tell you that they have the **same charge**, but you do not know the sign. So they can be either both positive or both negative.

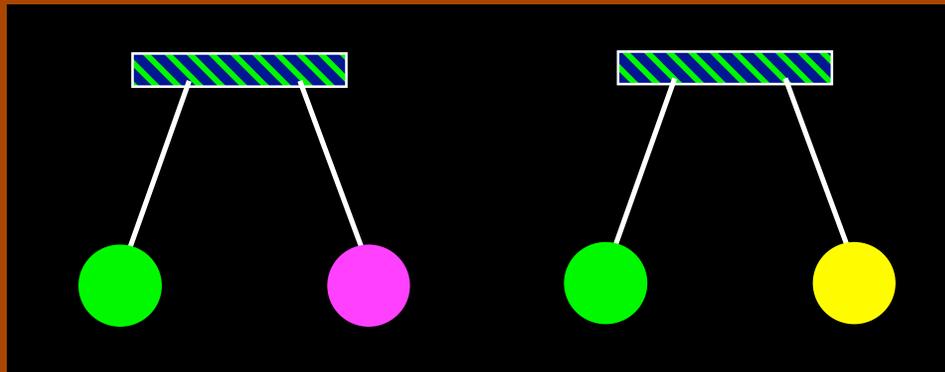


**Follow-up:** What does the picture look like if the two balls are oppositely charged? What about if both balls are neutral?

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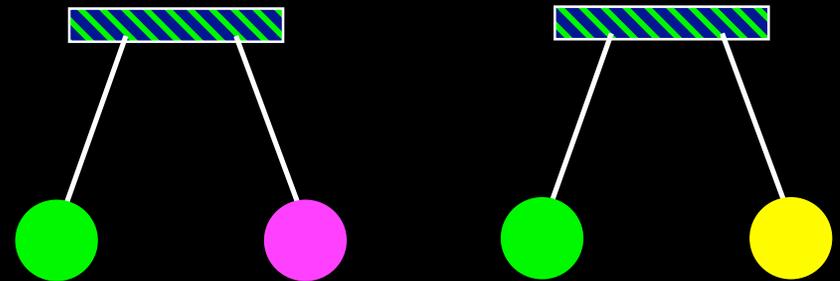


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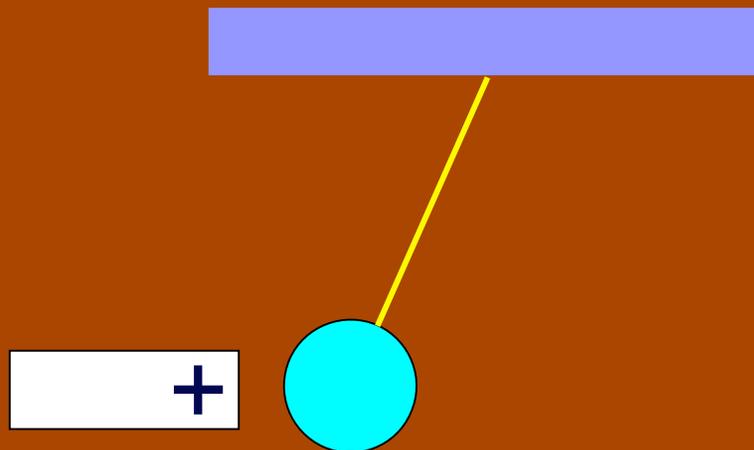
The **GREEN** and **PINK** balls must have the same charge, since they repel each other. The **YELLOW** ball also repels the **GREEN**, so it must also have the same charge as the **GREEN** (and the **PINK**).



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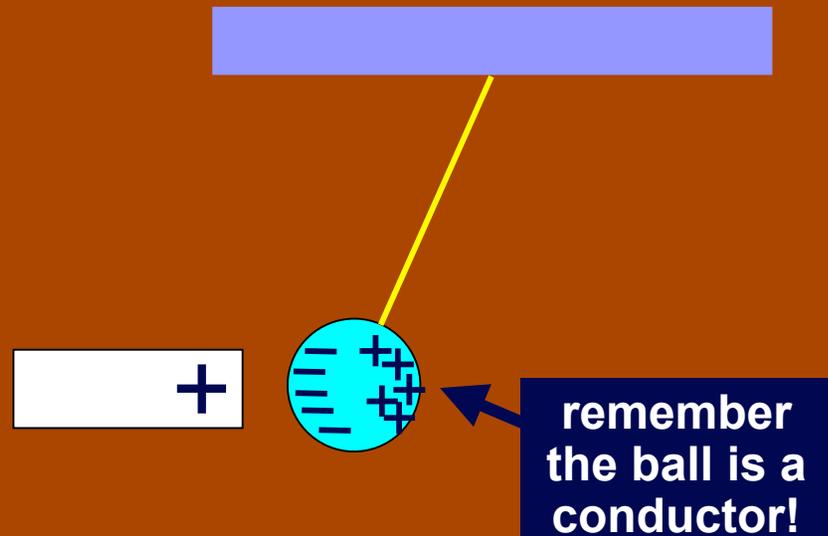


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Clearly, the ball will be attracted if its charge is **negative**. However, even if the ball is **neutral**, the charges in the ball can be separated by **induction** (polarization), leading to a net attraction.



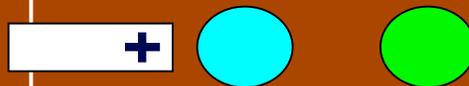
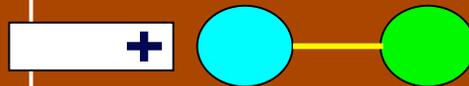
**Follow-up:** What happens if the **metal ball** is replaced by a **plastic ball**?

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Two neutral conductors are connected by a wire and a charged rod is brought near, **but does not touch**. The wire is taken away, and **then the charged rod is removed**. What are the charges on the conductors?

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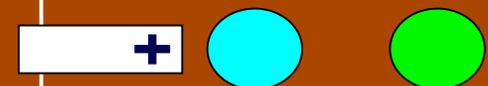
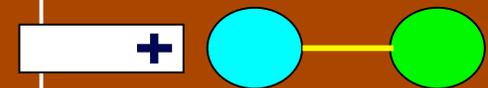
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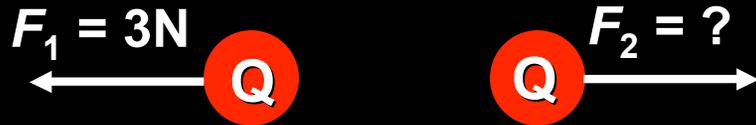
While the conductors are connected, positive charge will flow from the blue to the green ball due to polarization. Once disconnected, the charges will remain on the separate conductors even when the rod is removed.

**Follow-up:** What will happen when the conductors are reconnected with a wire?



## ConceptTest 16.3a Coulomb's Law I

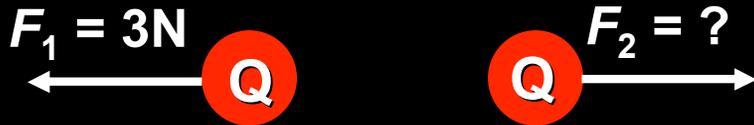
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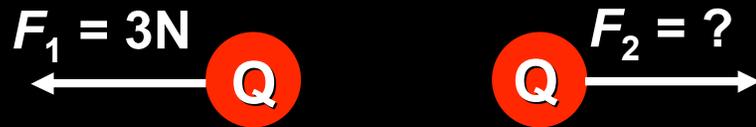
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The force  $F_2$  must have the *same magnitude* as  $F_1$ . This is due to the fact that the form of Coulomb's Law is totally symmetric with respect to the two charges involved. The **force of one on the other of a pair is the same as the reverse.** Note that this sounds suspiciously like Newton's 3rd Law!!

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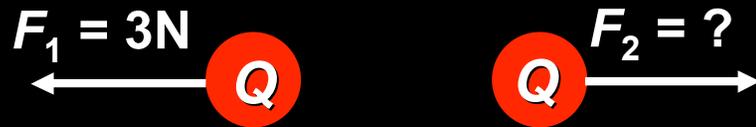
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Now we have:

$$F_1 = k(4Q)(Q)/r^2$$

which is **4 times bigger** than before.

**Follow-up:** Now what is the magnitude of  $F_2$ ?

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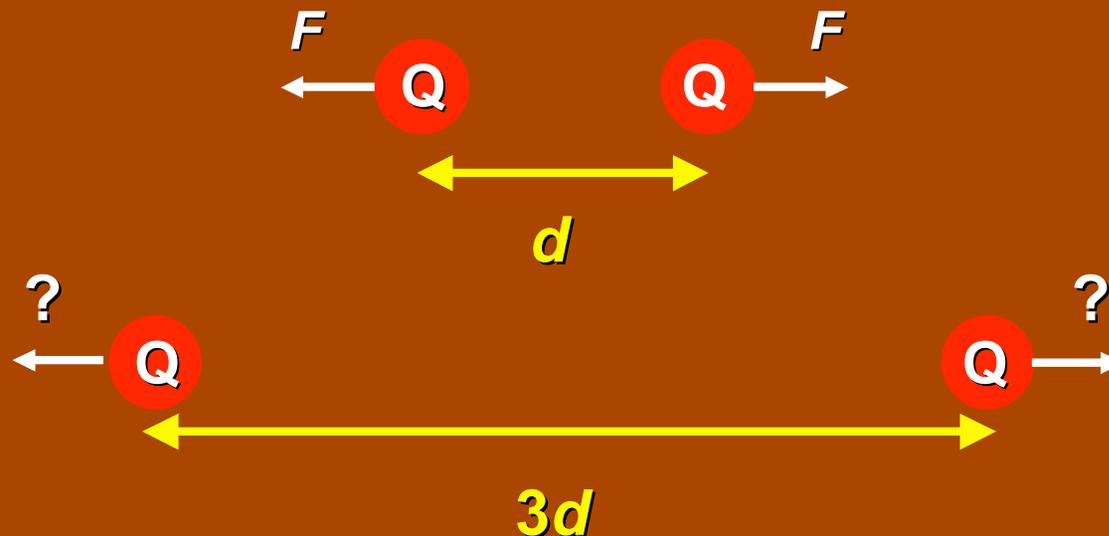
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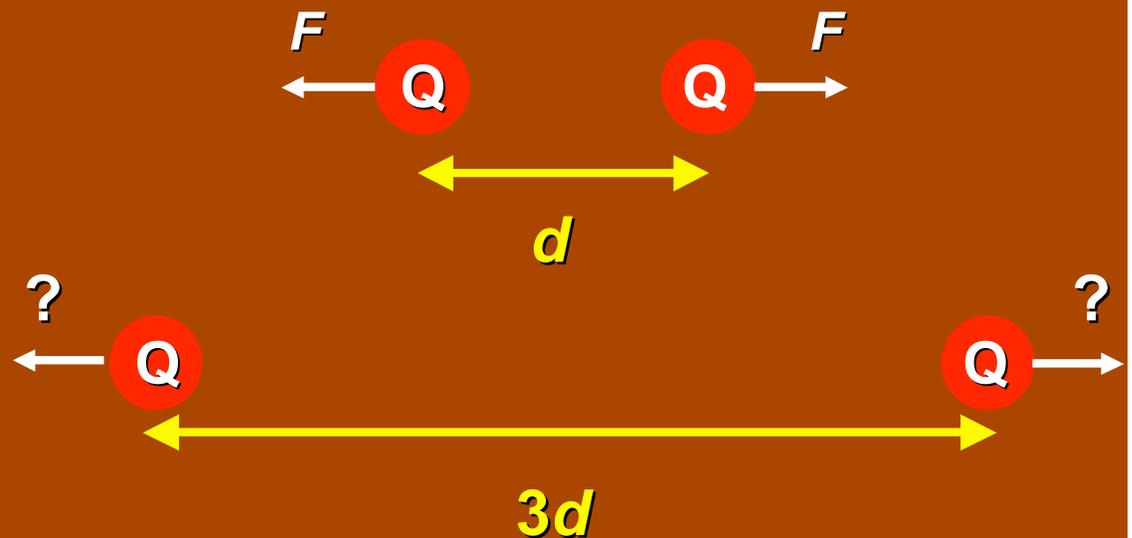
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Follow-up: What is the force if the original distance is halved?

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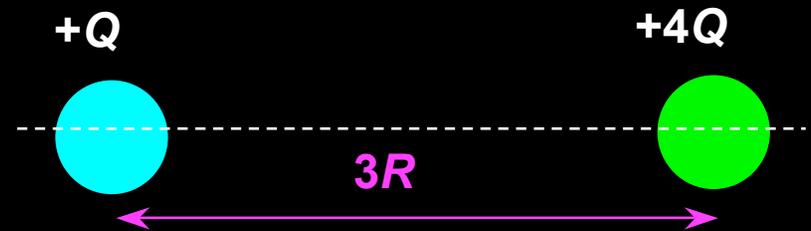


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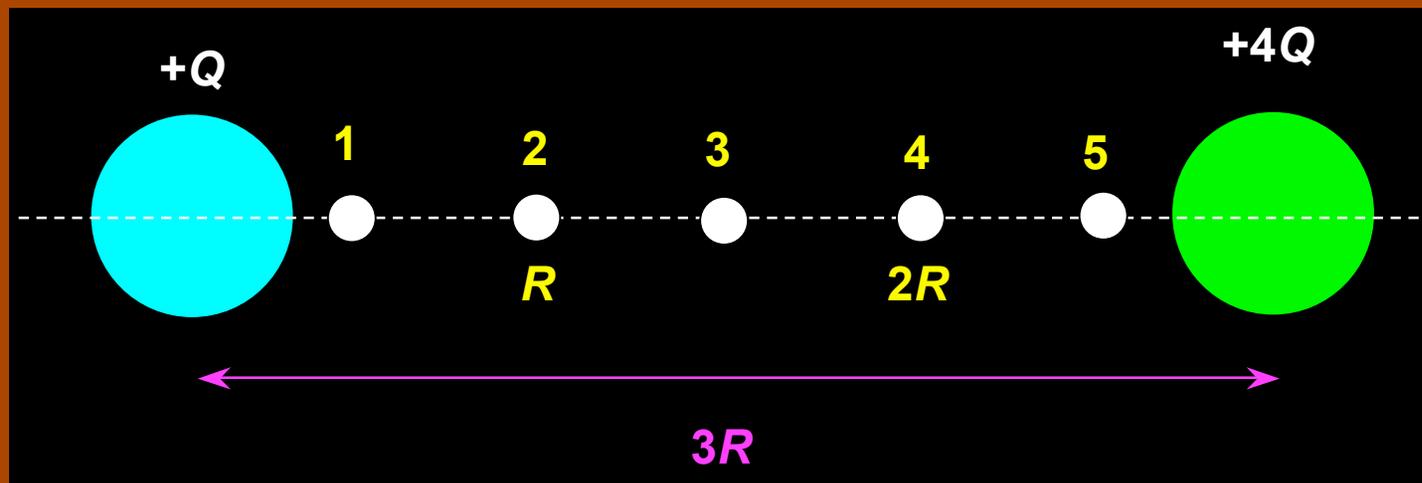
A positive charge would be repelled by both charges, so a point where these two repulsive forces cancel can be found. A negative charge would be attracted by both, and the same argument holds.



**Follow-up:** What happens if both charges are  $+Q$ ?  
Where would the  $F = 0$  point be in this case?

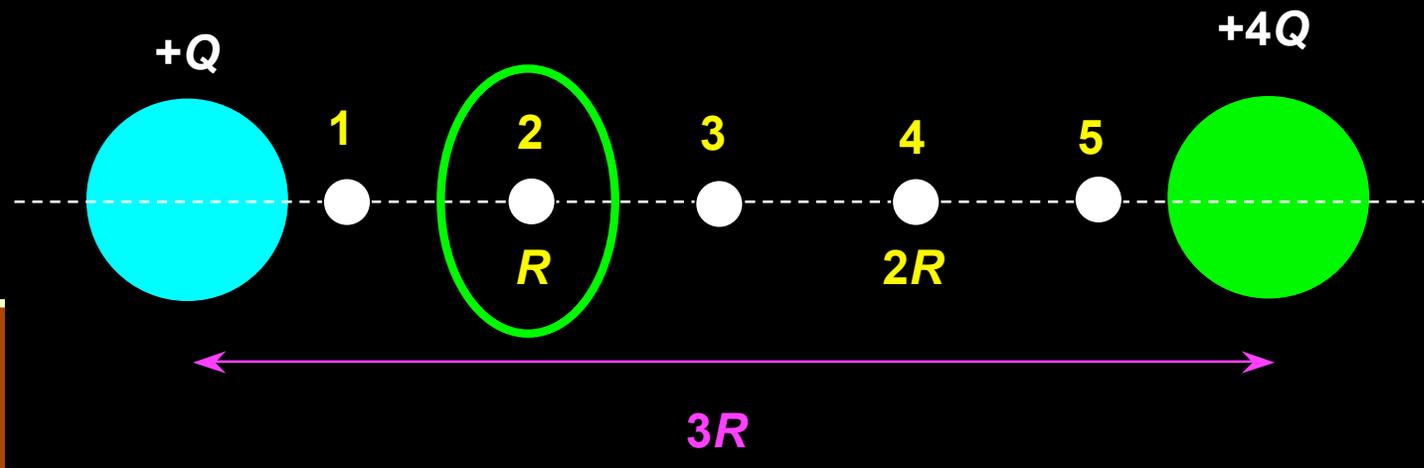
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The force on  $Q_0$  due to  $+Q$  is:  $F = k(Q_0)(Q)/R^2$

The force on  $Q_0$  due to  $+4Q$  is:  $F = k(Q_0)(4Q)/(2R)^2$

Since  $+4Q$  is 4 times bigger than  $+Q$ , then  $Q_0$  needs to be farther from  $+4Q$ . In fact,  $Q_0$  must be twice as far from  $+4Q$ , since the distance is squared in Coulomb's Law.

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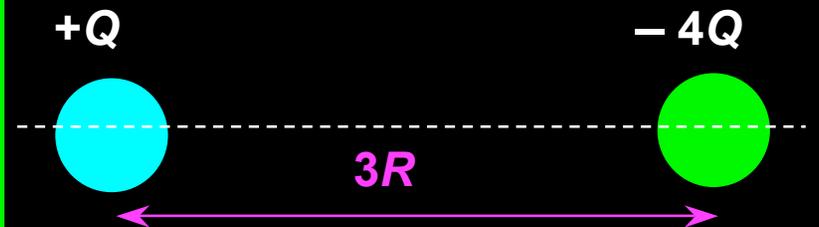


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A charge (positive or negative) can be placed *to the left* of the  $+Q$  charge, such that the repulsive force from the  $+Q$  charge cancels the attractive force from  $-4Q$ .



**Follow-up:** What happens if one charge is  $+Q$  and the other is  $-Q$ ?

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By Coulomb's Law, the force between the two charges is inversely proportional to the distance squared. So, the closer they get to each other, the bigger the electric force between them gets!



$$\mathbf{F} = k \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2}$$

**Follow-up:** Which particle feels the larger force at any one moment?

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The two particles feel the same force. Since  $F = ma$ , the particle with the smaller mass will have the larger acceleration. This would be the electron.

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## ConceptTest 16.5c Proton and Electron III

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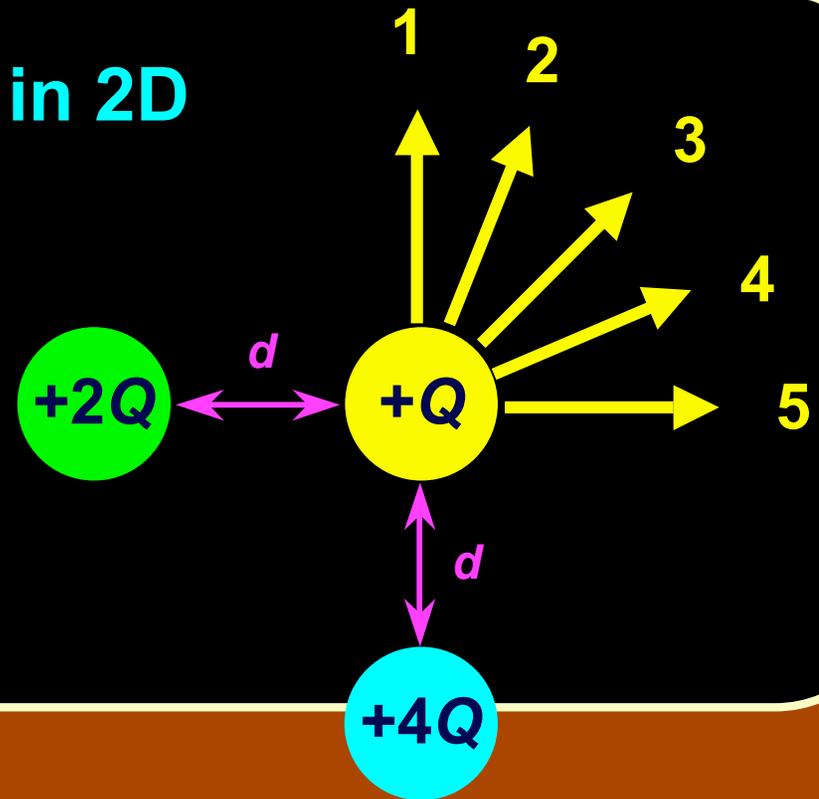
Thus, they will meet **closer to the proton's original position.**



**Follow-up:** Which particle will be moving faster when they meet?

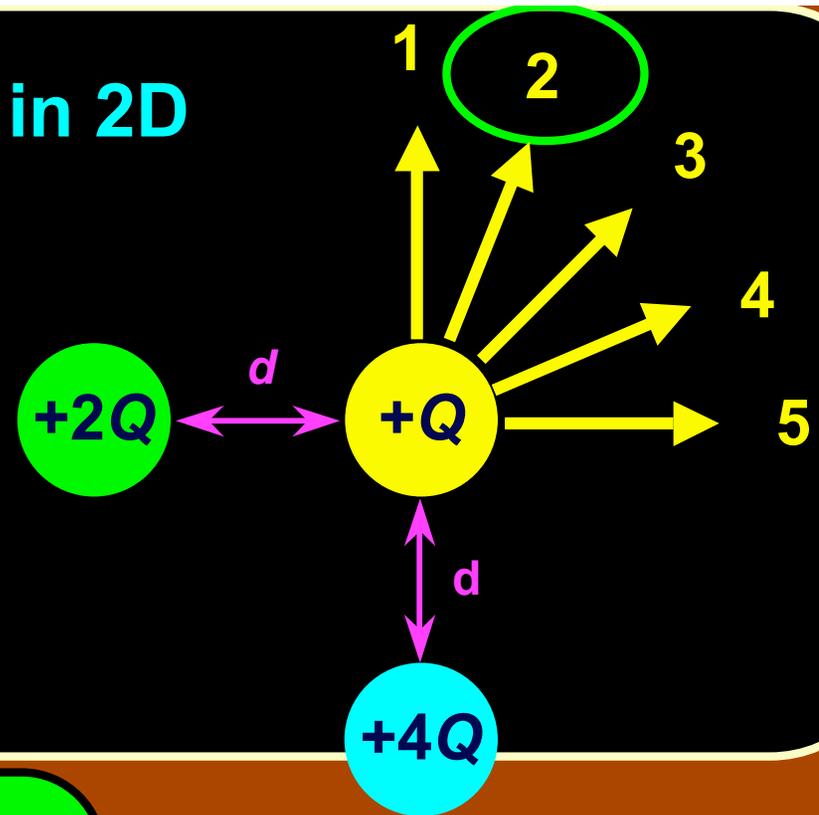
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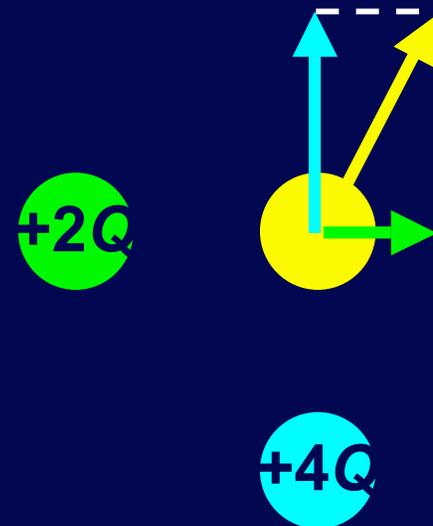
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The charge  $+2Q$  repels  $+Q$  towards the right. The charge  $+4Q$  repels  $+Q$  upwards, but with a stronger force. Therefore, the **net force is up and to the right, but mostly up.**

**Follow-up:** What happens if the yellow charge would be  $+3Q$ ?



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Remember that the electric field is:  $E = kQ/r^2$ .

Doubling the charge puts a **factor of 2** in the numerator, but doubling the distance puts a **factor of 4** in the denominator, because it is distance squared!! Overall, that gives us a **factor of 1/2**.

**Follow-up:** If your distance is doubled, what must you do to the charge to **maintain the same  $E$  field** at your new position?

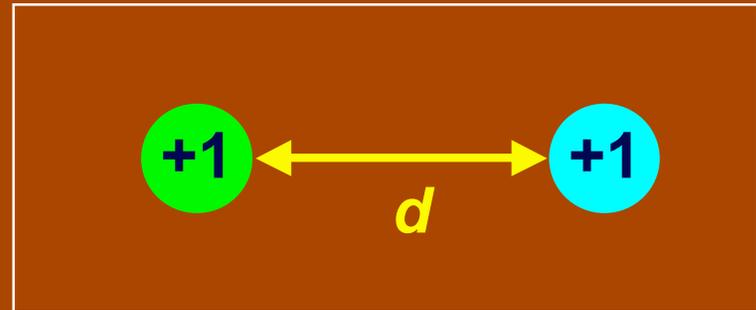
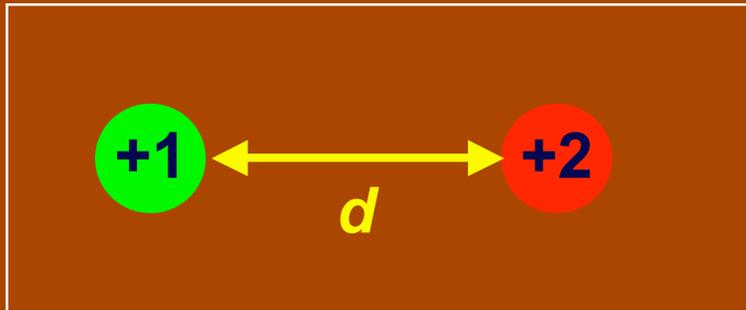
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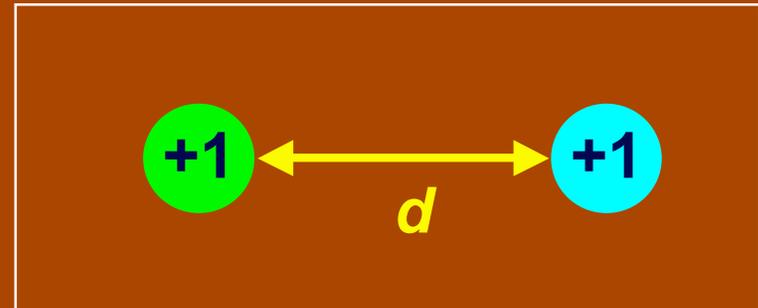
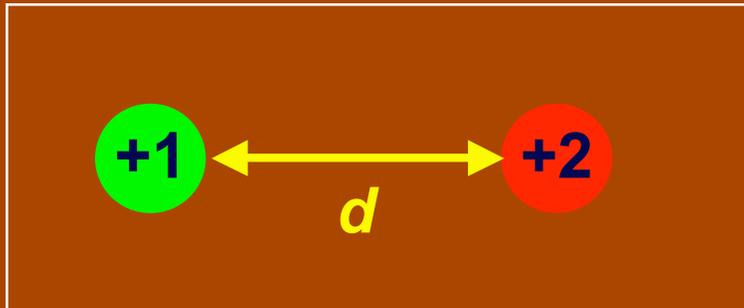
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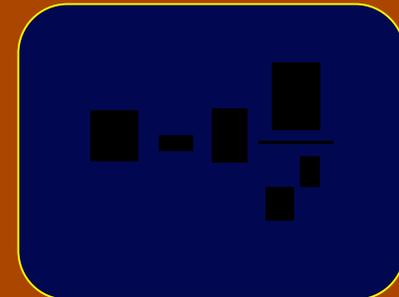
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Both charges feel the **same electric field** due to the green charge because they are at the **same point in space!**



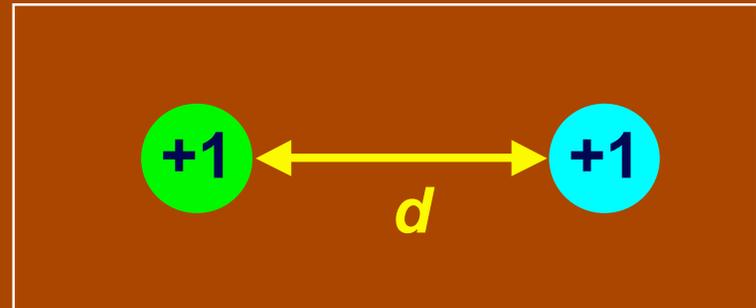
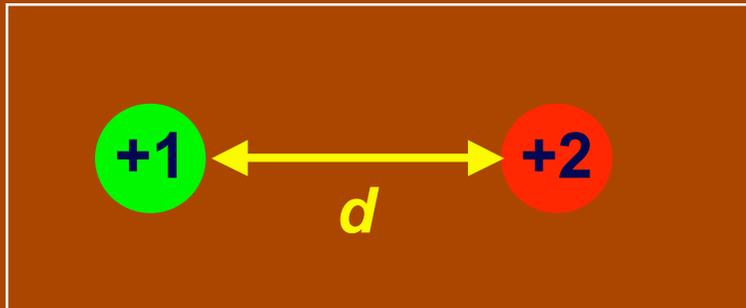
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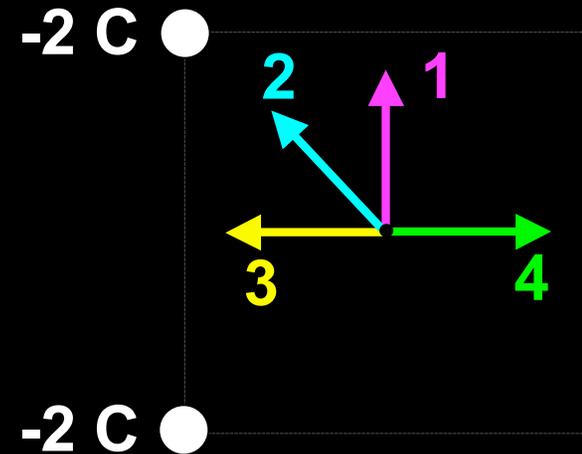


The **electric field** is the same for both charges, but the **force** on a given charge also depends on the **magnitude of that specific charge**.



## ConceptTest 16.9a Superposition I

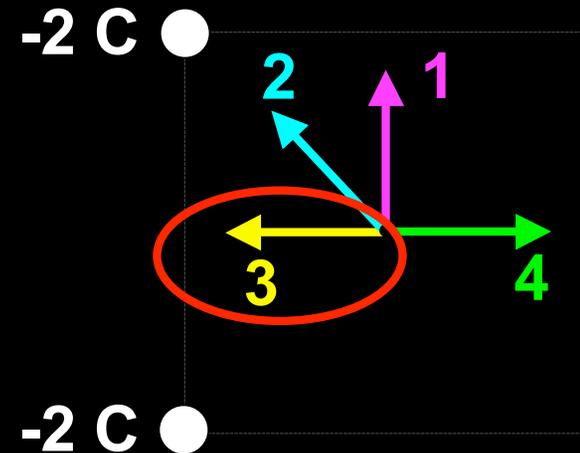
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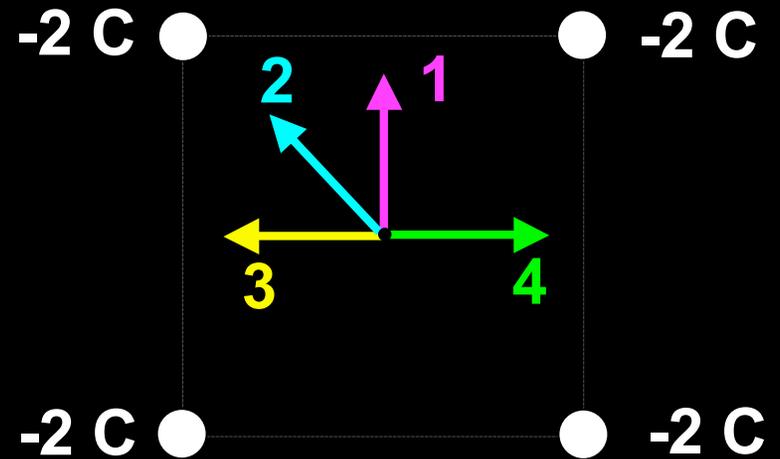
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For the upper charge, the  $E$  field vector at the center of the square points towards that charge. For the lower charge, the same thing is true. Then the vector sum of these two  $E$  field vectors **points to the left**.

**Follow-up:** What if the lower charge was  $+2\text{ C}$ ?  
What if both charges were  $+2\text{ C}$ ?

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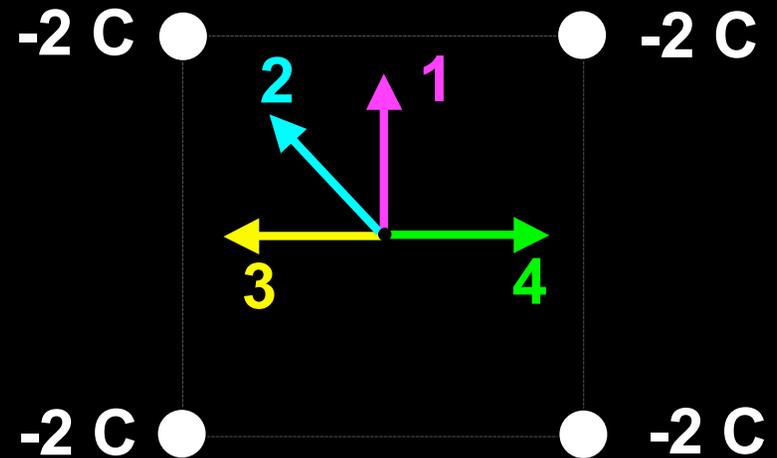
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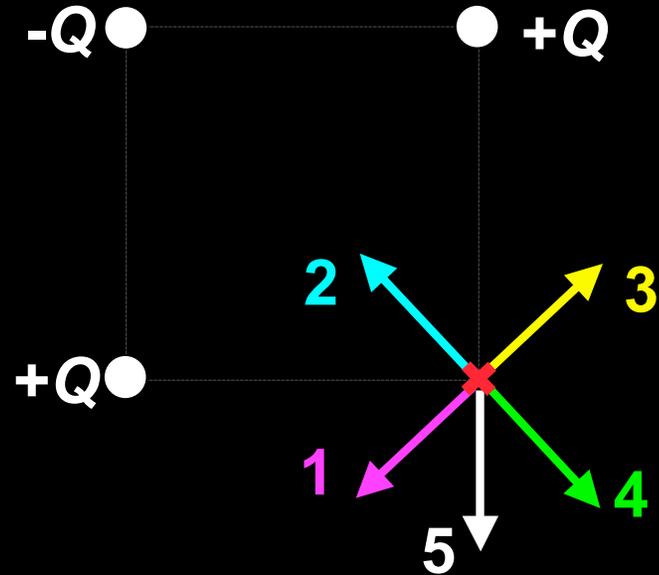
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The four  $E$  field vectors all point outwards from the center of the square toward their respective charges. Because they are all equal, the **net  $E$  field is zero at the center!!**

**Follow-up:** What if the upper two charges were  $+2\text{ C}$ ?  
What if the right-hand charges were  $+2\text{ C}$ ?

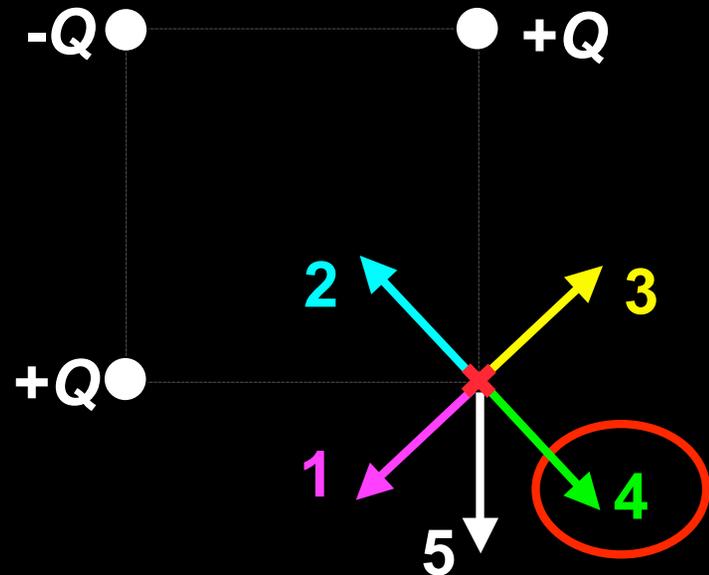
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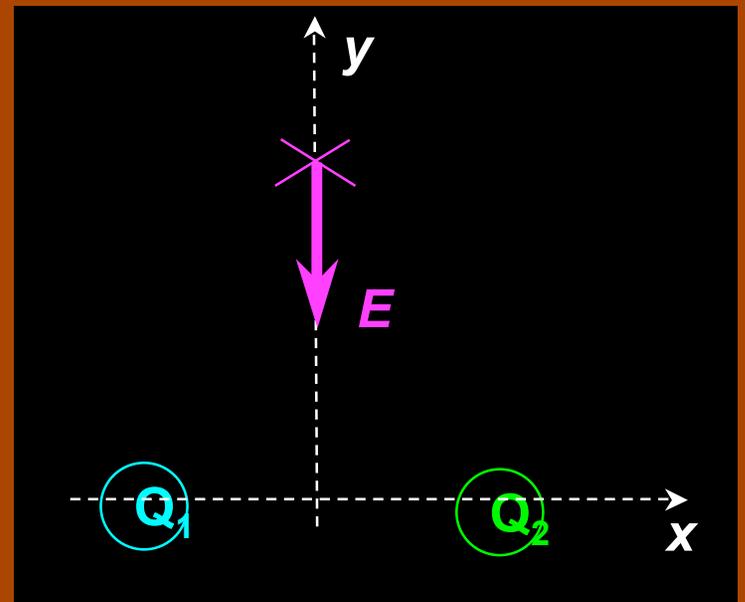
The two  $+Q$  charges give a resultant  $E$  field that is **down and to the right**. The  $-Q$  charge has an  $E$  field **up and to the left**, but **smaller** in magnitude. Therefore, the **total electric field is down and to the right**.

**Follow-up:** What if all three charges reversed their signs?

## ConceptTest 16.10 Find the Charges

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- 3) charges are equal and opposite
- 4) charges are equal, but sign is undetermined
- 5) charges cannot be equal

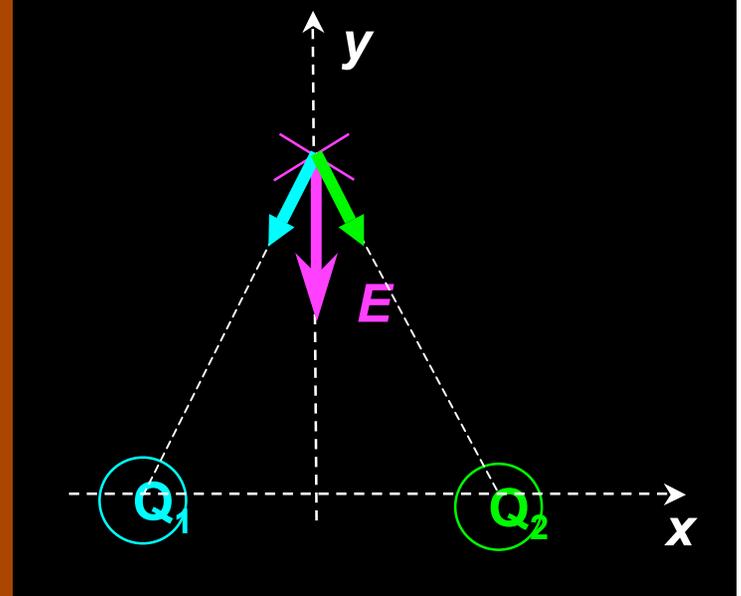


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The way to get the resultant PINK vector is to use the GREEN and BLUE vectors. These  $E$  vectors correspond to **equal charges** (because the lengths are equal) that are **both negative** (because their directions are toward the charges).

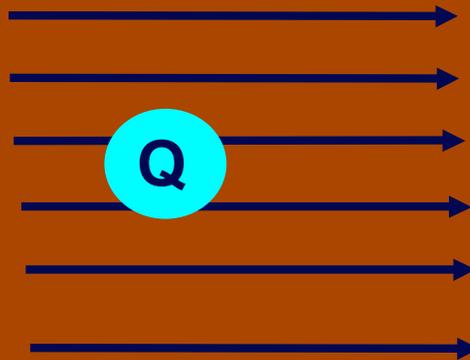


Follow-up: How would you get the  $E$  field to point toward the right?

## **ConceptTest 16.11 Uniform Electric Field**

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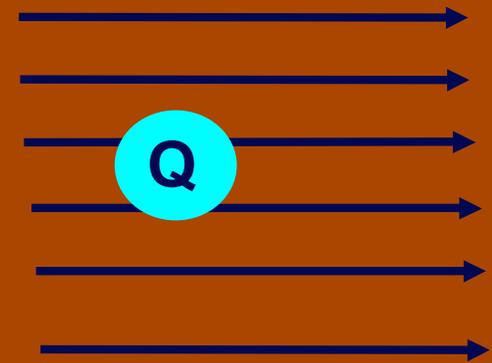
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Since the 4 C charge feels a force, there must be an electric field present, with magnitude:

$$E = F/q = 12 \text{ N} / 4 \text{ C} = 3 \text{ N/C}$$

Once the 4 C charge is replaced with a 6 C charge, this new charge will feel a force of:

$$F = qE = (6 \text{ C})(3 \text{ N/C}) = 18 \text{ N}$$

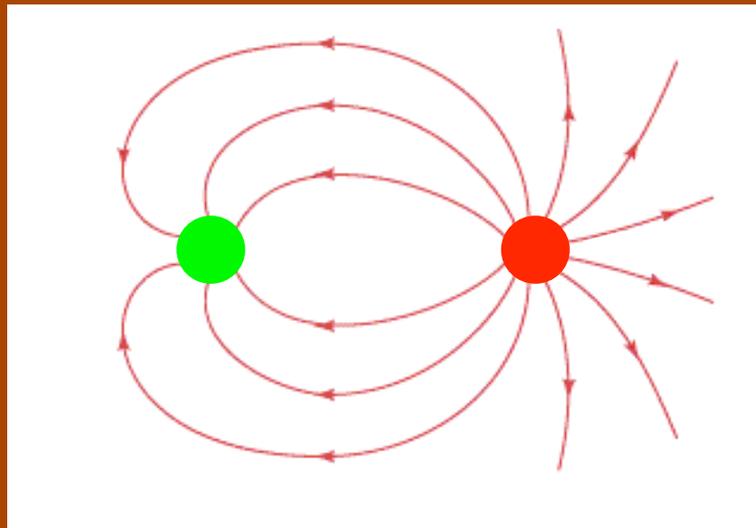


Follow-up: What if the charge is placed at a *different position* in the field?

## ConceptTest 16.12a Electric Field Lines I

What are the signs of the charges whose electric fields are shown at right?

- 1) + -
- 2) - +
- 3) - -
- 4) + +
- 5) no way to tell



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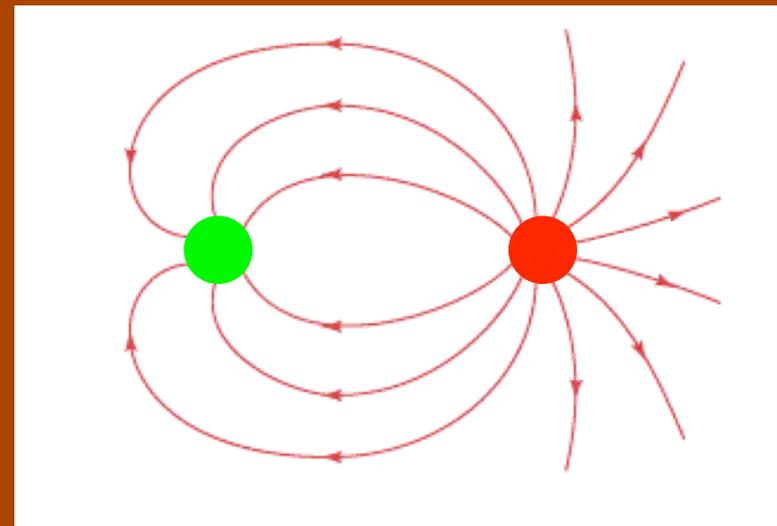
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3)  $\ominus$   $\ominus$

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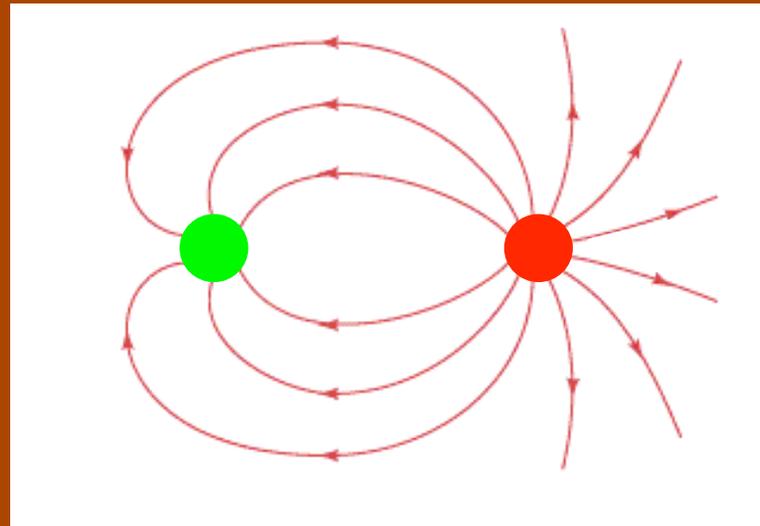
Electric field lines originate on positive charges and terminate on negative charges.



## ConceptTest 16.12b Electric Field Lines II

Which of the charges has the greater magnitude?

- 1) ●
- 2) ●
- 3) Both the same



## ConceptTest 16.12b Electric Field Lines II

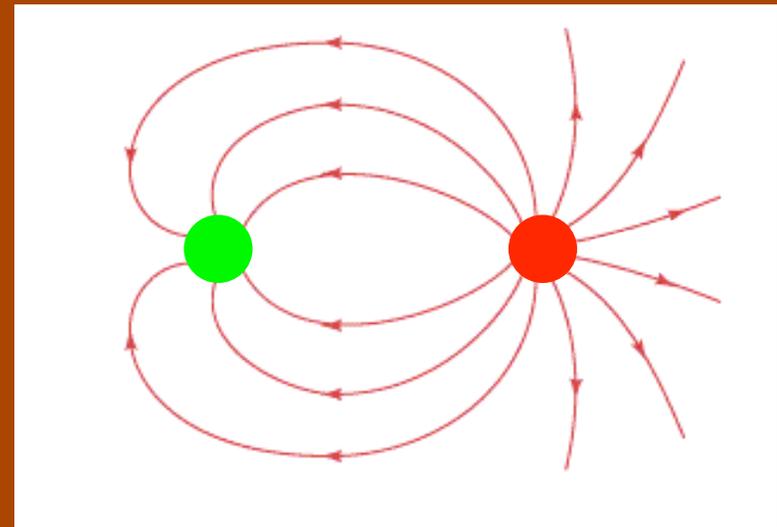
Which of the charges has the greater magnitude?

1) 

2) 

3) Both the same

The field lines are denser around the red charge, so the red one has the greater magnitude.



Follow-up: What is the red/green ratio of magnitudes for the two charges?