

AP PHYSICS C LAB: ELECTRIC FIELDS

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eLab 1, part A

1. Click on the category named *Electricity, Magnets, & Circuits*, then find *Charges and Fields*, click on it, then select *Run Now!*.
2. Select Grid and Show Numbers in the green menu box. Place equal and opposite charges exactly 2 meters apart.
3. Now place 3 E-field sensors on the grid; A) one exactly between the 2 charges, B) another 1 m above the first, and C) a 3rd anywhere on the grid that produces a net field vector at 45 degrees.
4. Use the Print Screen key to take a picture of your set up.
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5. (Do this part at home.) For each position A, B, and C, show calculations of the net E-field vector (size and direction) that closely matches the computer results.
(Note: The units shown are V/m; don't worry because 1 V/m is the same as 1 N/C.) You can show your work directly on the diagram or attach a separate sheet.

eLab 1, part B

6. Clear the field. Then create a 1 meter long line of 11 charges.
7. Place 2 E-field sensors; A) one at point 1 m away from one end along the line of charge, and B) one at a point 1m away from the center along the bi-sector.
8. Use the Print Screen key to take a picture of your set up.
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9. (Do this part at home.) For each position A, and B, use calculus to derive a general equation for the E-field from a line of charge L units long. Then plug in the numbers to show that your equation closely matches the computer results.

eLab 2 (Field Hockey)

1. Click on the category named *Electricity, Magnets, & Circuits*, then find *Electric Field Hockey*, click on it, then select *Run Now!*.
2. Start with difficulty level 1. Place up to 10 + charges and 10 – charges in strategic locations to help push/pull the hockey puck into the goal. When you get it, make sure the trace is showing, then use Print Screen to take a picture of your solution.

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3. Repeat for difficulty level 2.

Level 3 is extra credit.

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