## Goals for the Lecture:

- 1) Understand electric fields and how charged objects behave in them
- 2) Be able to calculate electric fields from point charges
- 3) Be able to calculate electric fields from continuous charge distributions (1 D) only
- 4) Understand electric field properties and how they are represented by electric field lines

Tom places a negative charge at the top corner of an isosceles triangle to test the electric field produced by the +Q and -Q charges at the bottom of the triangle. What is the direction of the **net force** on the **top** negative charge?



- Left.
- Down.
- 3. Right.
- 4. Up.
- The net force is zero

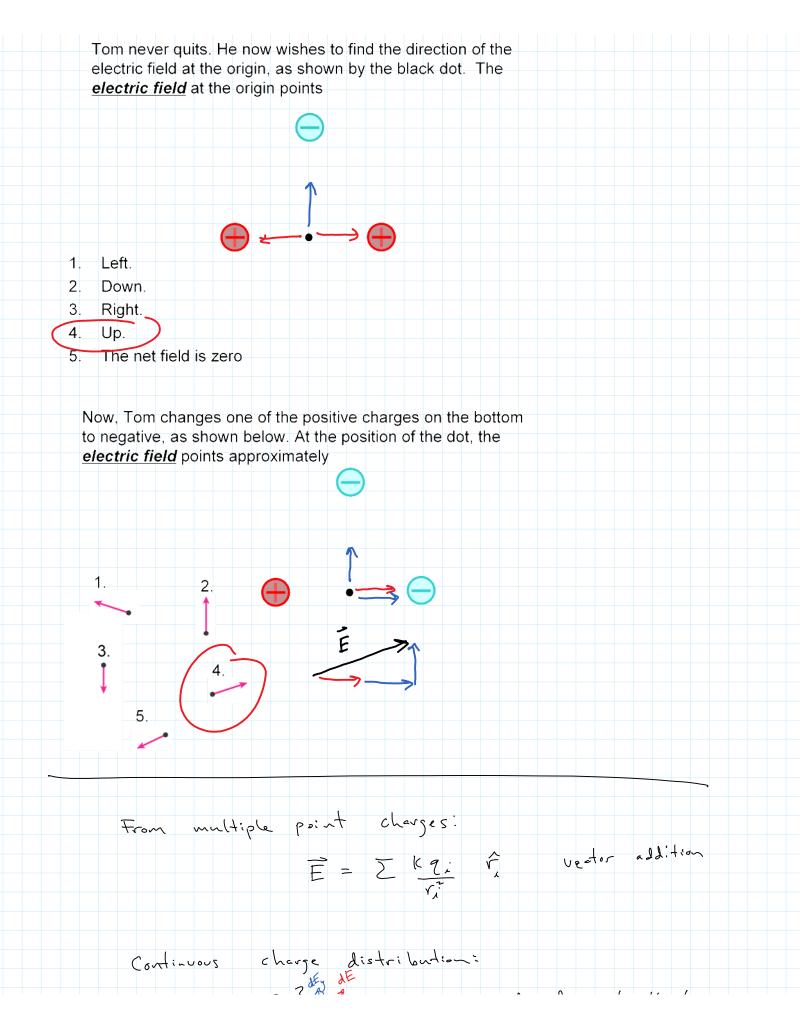
Now, Tom removes the test charge. What is the direction of the **electric field** at the previou point (top of triangle)?

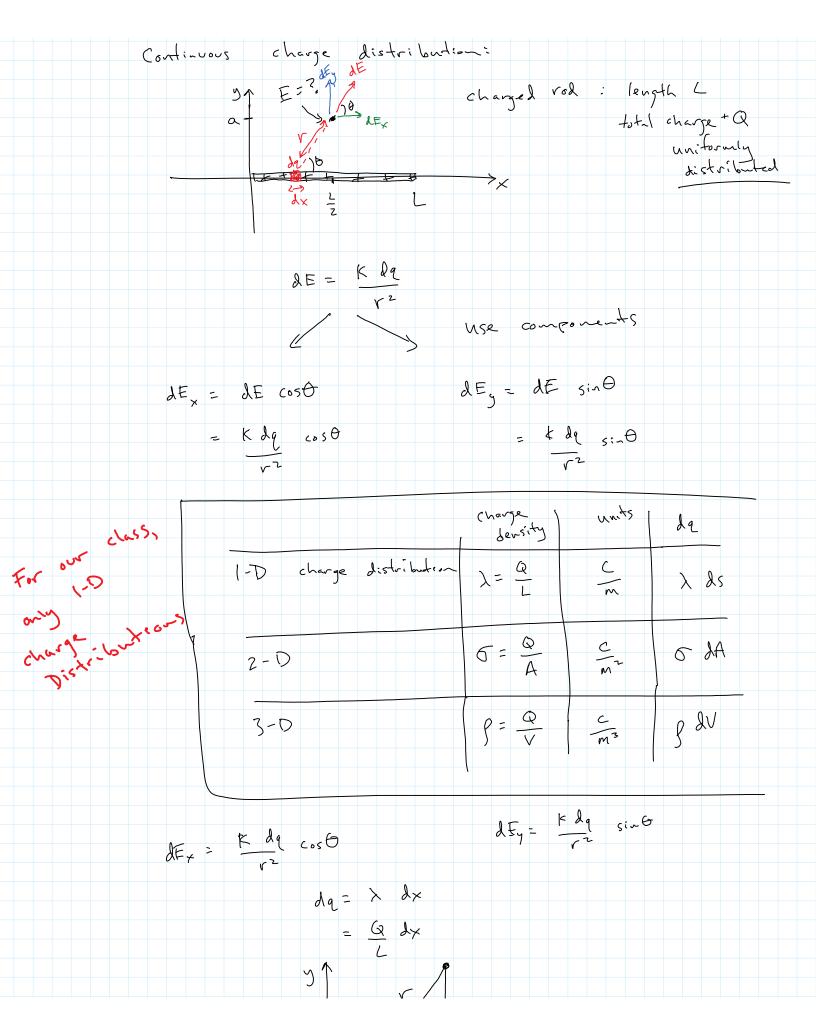


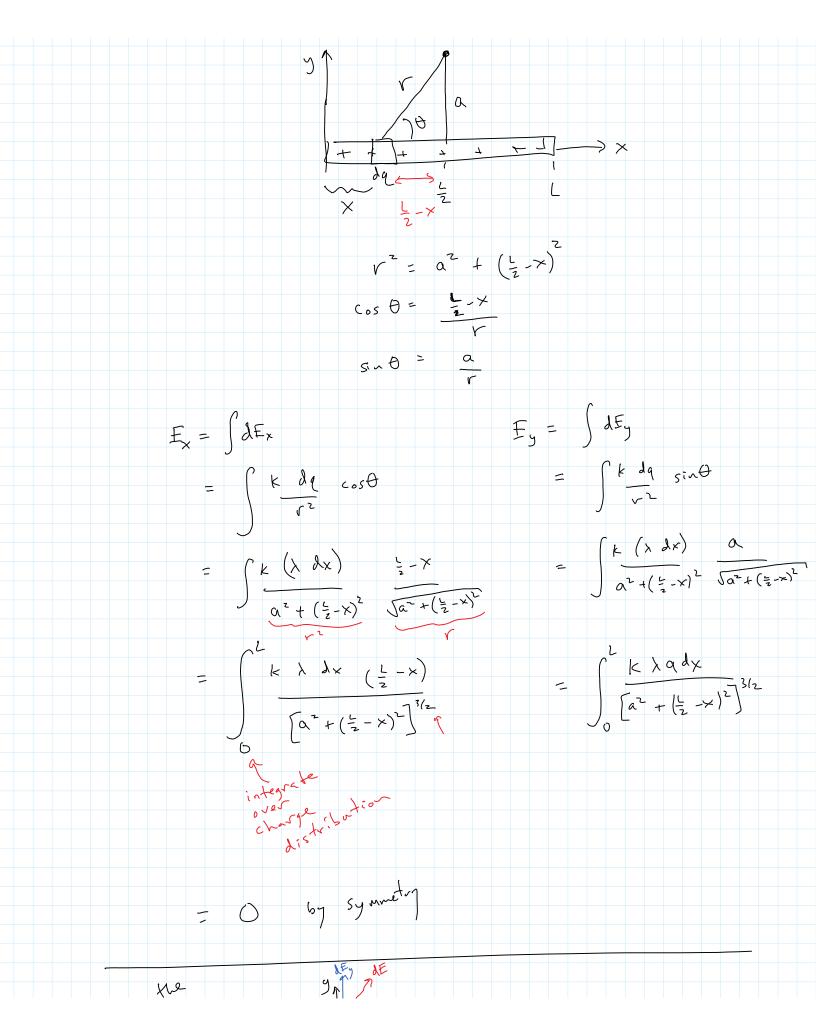


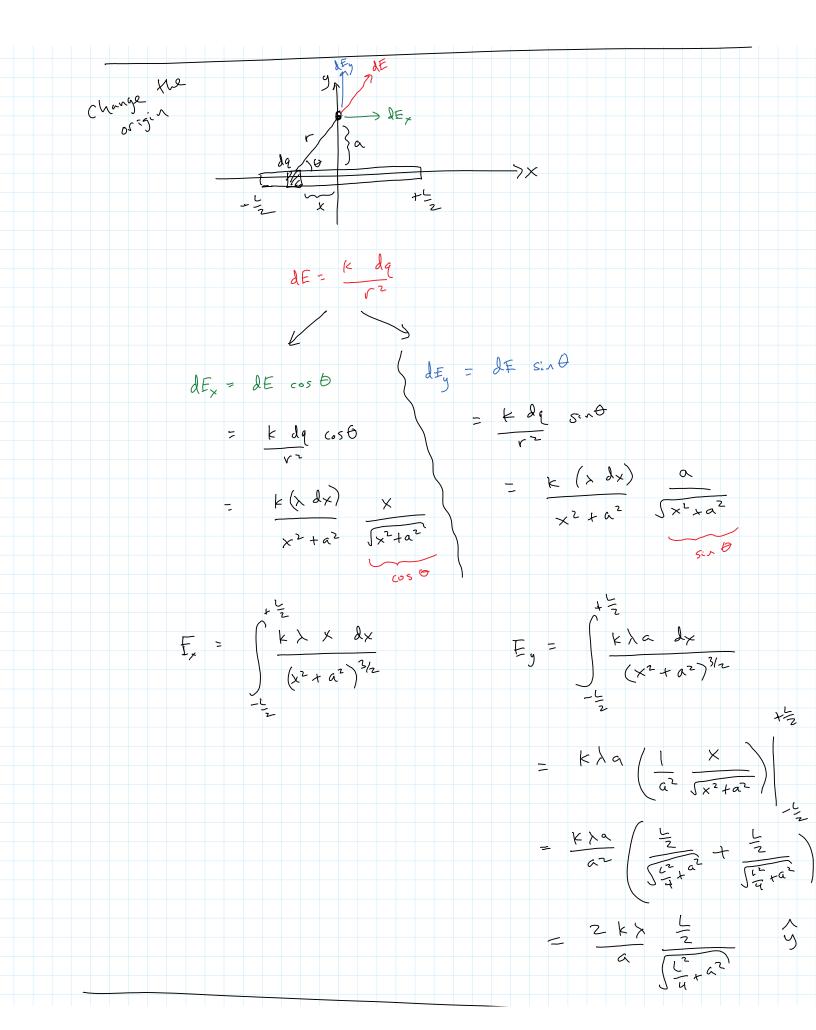


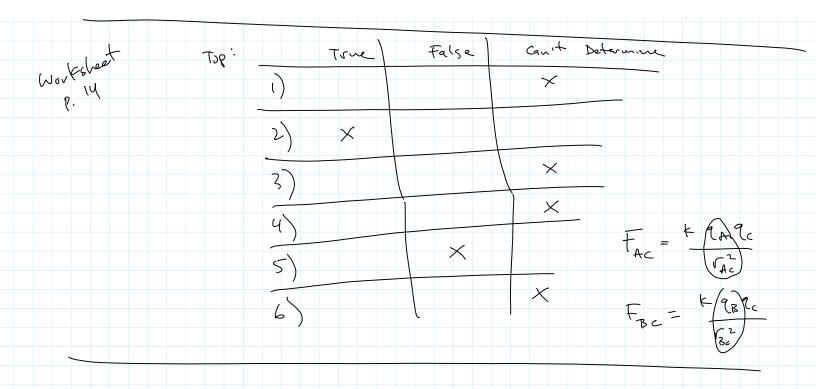
- 1. Left.
- Down.
- Right.
- Up.
- The electric field is zero







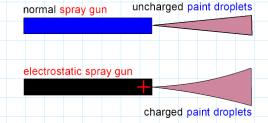




## **Electrostatics and everyday life**



- 1. When you take clothes out of the drier and they cling together
- 2. Plastic Wrap (cling film) sticking to everything
- 3. Getting a small electric shock from a cat/dog that has rolled on a synthetic carpet
- 4. In a thunder storm there are huge flashes of lightning
- 5. An electrostatic dust collector in a chimney.
- 6. Paint sprays can be charged and the object they are spraying earthed to attract the paint towards it.



7. Photocopiers use a charged sheet to attract fine carbon powder

