

65. (a) The direction of the electric field at P_1 is away from q_1 and its magnitude is

$$\left| \vec{E} \right| = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_1^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C})}{(0.015 \text{ m})^2} = 4.0 \times 10^6 \text{ N/C} .$$

- (b) $\vec{E} = 0$, since P_2 is inside the metal.