

5. Since the magnitude of the electric field produced by a point charge q is given by $E = |q|/4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2$, where r is the distance from the charge to the point where the field has magnitude E , the magnitude of the charge is

$$|q| = 4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2 E = \frac{(0.50\text{ m})^2 (2.0\text{ N/C})}{8.99 \times 10^9\text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2} = 5.6 \times 10^{-11}\text{ C} .$$