Quiz a

Problem 1

(a) Possible positions for charge 3 are on the left side of the two charges.

$$\Sigma \vec{F} = 0$$

$$\frac{Q_0 Q_2}{(x_2 - x_0)^2} + \frac{Q_0 Q_1}{(x_1 - x_0)^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{Q_2}}{x_2 - x_0} = \frac{\pm\sqrt{Q_1}}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$x_2 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{Q_2}}{\sqrt{Q_1}} (x_1 - x_0) + x_0$$

$x_0 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{Q_2}}{\sqrt{Q_1}} x_1.$$

Since $x_2 < 0$, $x_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{Q_2}}{\sqrt{Q_1}} x_1$

So $x_2 = -x_1$ when $Q_2 = Q_1$

$x_2 = -\sqrt{2}x_1$ when $Q_2 = 2Q_1$

(b)

Using the superposition principle

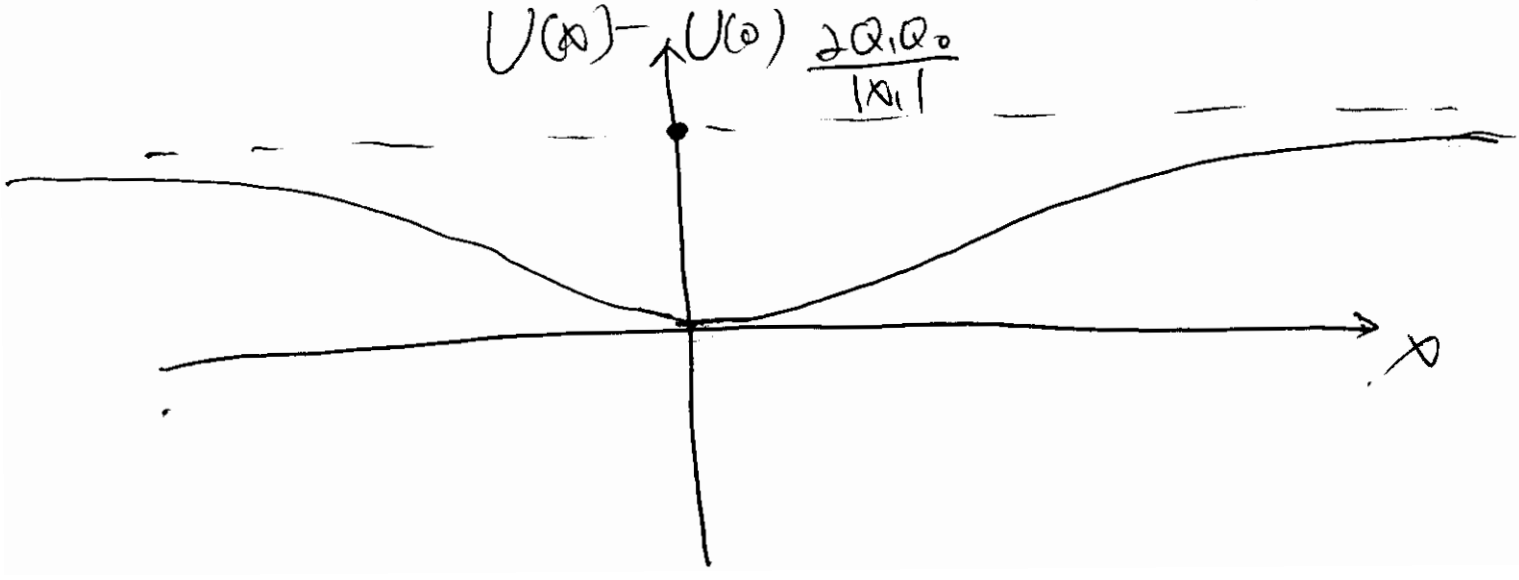
For $Q_2 = Q_1$

$$U(x) = \frac{Q_0 Q_2}{|x_2 - x_0|} + \frac{Q_0 Q_1}{|x_1 - x_0|}$$

$$= \frac{Q_0 Q_1}{|x_1 + x|} + \frac{Q_0 Q_1}{|x_1 - x|}$$

$$U(0) = \frac{2Q_1 Q_0}{|x_1|}$$

$$U(x) - U(0) = Q_0 Q_1 \left(\frac{1}{|x_1 + x|} + \frac{1}{|x_1 - x|} \right) - \frac{2Q_1 Q_0}{|x_1|}$$



(c)

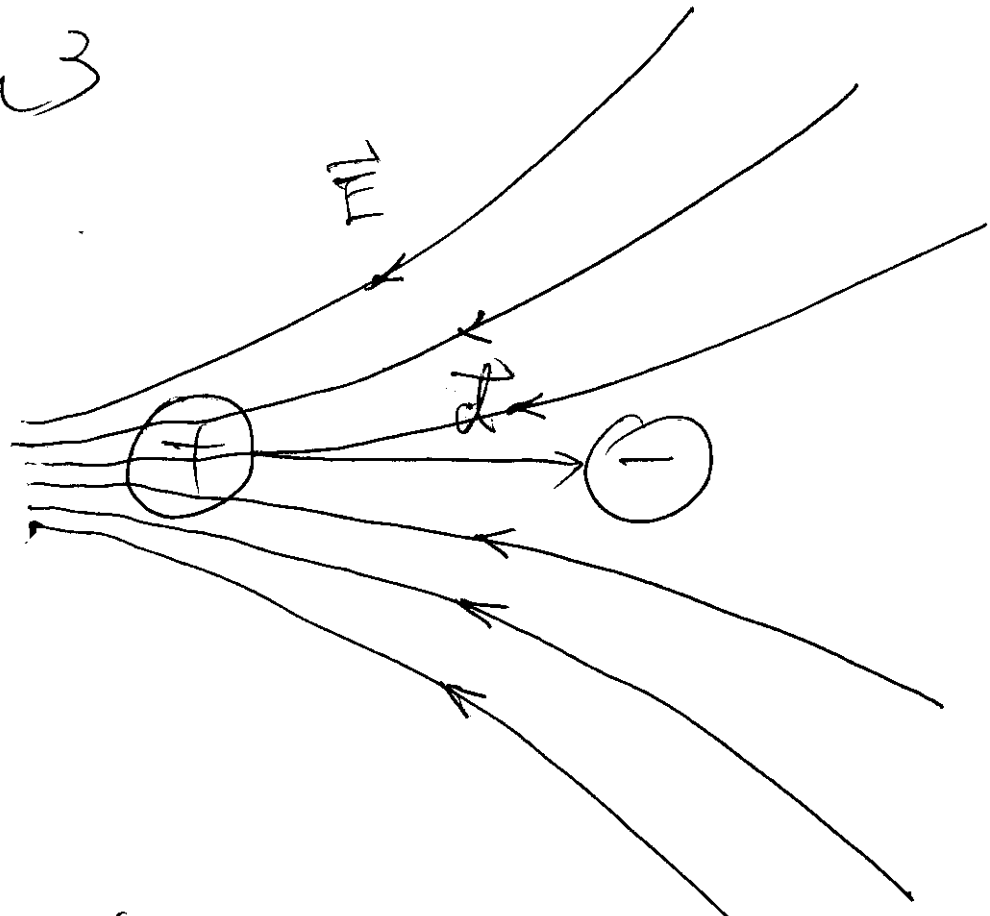
In this case, the total force will point to the right, so the Q_0 will move toward the positive x direction.

Problem 2.

If the object doesn't carry a third type of charge, only possitive or negative then if I mearsure the forces between it and a positive charge, and the force between it and a negative charge, the two forces will be in the different direction. Otherwise if the forces are both repulsive or attractive, then there must be some new charges

Problem 3

(a)



(b) If $-Q$ was made more negative, the net force may be inversed. Then, if you rotate it again, it will move away from the original orientation.

Problem 4

(a) According to Gaussian theorem,

$E(r)=0$ for $r<r_0$

When $r>r_0$

$$E \cdot 2\pi r L = 2\pi r_0 L\sigma/\varepsilon_0$$

$$E(r)=\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}\frac{r_0}{r}$$

(b) $V(r)=-\int_{\infty}^{r}\vec{E}\cdot d\vec{r}$ $V(r)-V(0)=-\int_{0}^{r}\vec{E}\cdot d\vec{r}$

$$-\int_{\infty}^{r_0}\vec{E}\cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$-\int_{r_0}^{r}\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}\frac{r_0}{r}dr$$

$$-\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}r_0\ln\frac{r}{r_0}$$

$$(r>r_0)$$

If $r<r_0$, $V(r)=V(0)$

$$V(r)-V(0)=-\int_0^r\vec{E}\,d\vec{r}$$

if $r>r_0$, $V(r)=V(0)-\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}r_0\ln\frac{r}{r_0}$

if $r < r_0$, $V(r) = V(0)$

(c)