

Problem 24.9

The charges listed below are all found inside a submarine.

a.) What is the net *electric flux* through the submarine due to the charges?

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_E &= \frac{q_{\text{enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0} \\ &= \frac{(5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}) + (-9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}) + (27 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}) + (-84 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 / \text{N} \bullet \text{m}^2} \\ &= -6.9 \times 10^6 \text{ N} \bullet \text{m}^2 / \text{C}\end{aligned}$$

b.) Are more *electric field lines* passing *into* or *out of* the submarine.

Because the net flux is negative, there must be more field lines passing *into* the submarine than *out of* the submarine.