



Electric Multipole Plots

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Order	Name	Sample Point Form	Potential	Electric field	Spherical Moments	Cartesian Moments
$l = 0$	monopole	+•	$\Phi \propto \frac{1}{r}$	$E \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$	q_{00}	q
$l = 1$	dipole	+• -•	$\Phi \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$	$E \propto \frac{1}{r^3}$	q_{1-1}, q_{10}, q_{11}	p_x, p_y, p_z
$l = 2$	quadrupole	+• -• -• +•	$\Phi \propto \frac{1}{r^3}$	$E \propto \frac{1}{r^4}$	$q_{2-2}, q_{2-1}, q_{20}, q_{21}, q_{22}$	$Q_{xx}, Q_{xy}, Q_{xz}Q_{yx}, Q_{yy}, Q_{yz}Q_{zx}, Q_{zy}, Q_{zz}$
$l = 3$	octupole	+• -• +• -• +• +•	$\Phi \propto \frac{1}{r^4}$	$E \propto \frac{1}{r^5}$	$q_{3-3}, q_{3-2}, q_{3-1},q_{30}, q_{31}, q_{32}, q_{33}$	Q_{ijk} $i, j, \text{ and } k = x, y, \text{ or } z$
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l	l -pole	-	$\Phi \propto \frac{1}{r^{l+1}}$	$E \propto \frac{1}{r^{l+2}}$	$q_{l-l}, q_{l-l+1}, \dots, q_{l,l-1}, q_{l,l}$	$Q_{ijk...l}$ $i, j, k \dots l = x, y, \text{ or } z$

q :

px :

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$Q11$:

$Q22$:

$Q12$:



q :

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$Q11$:

$Q22$:

$Q12$:



q :

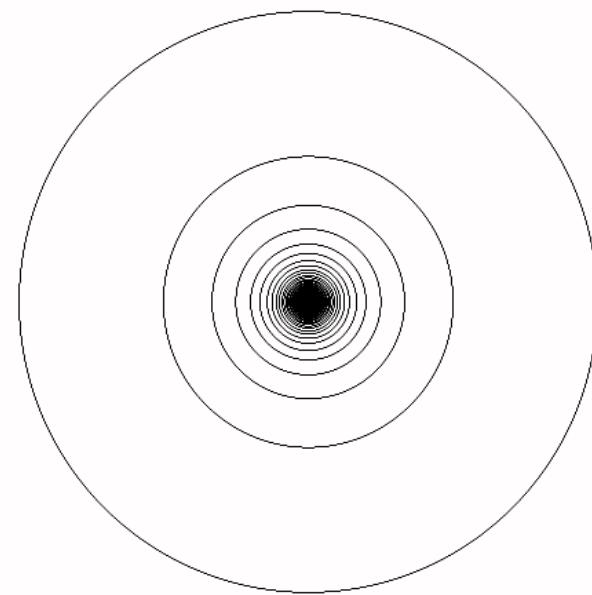
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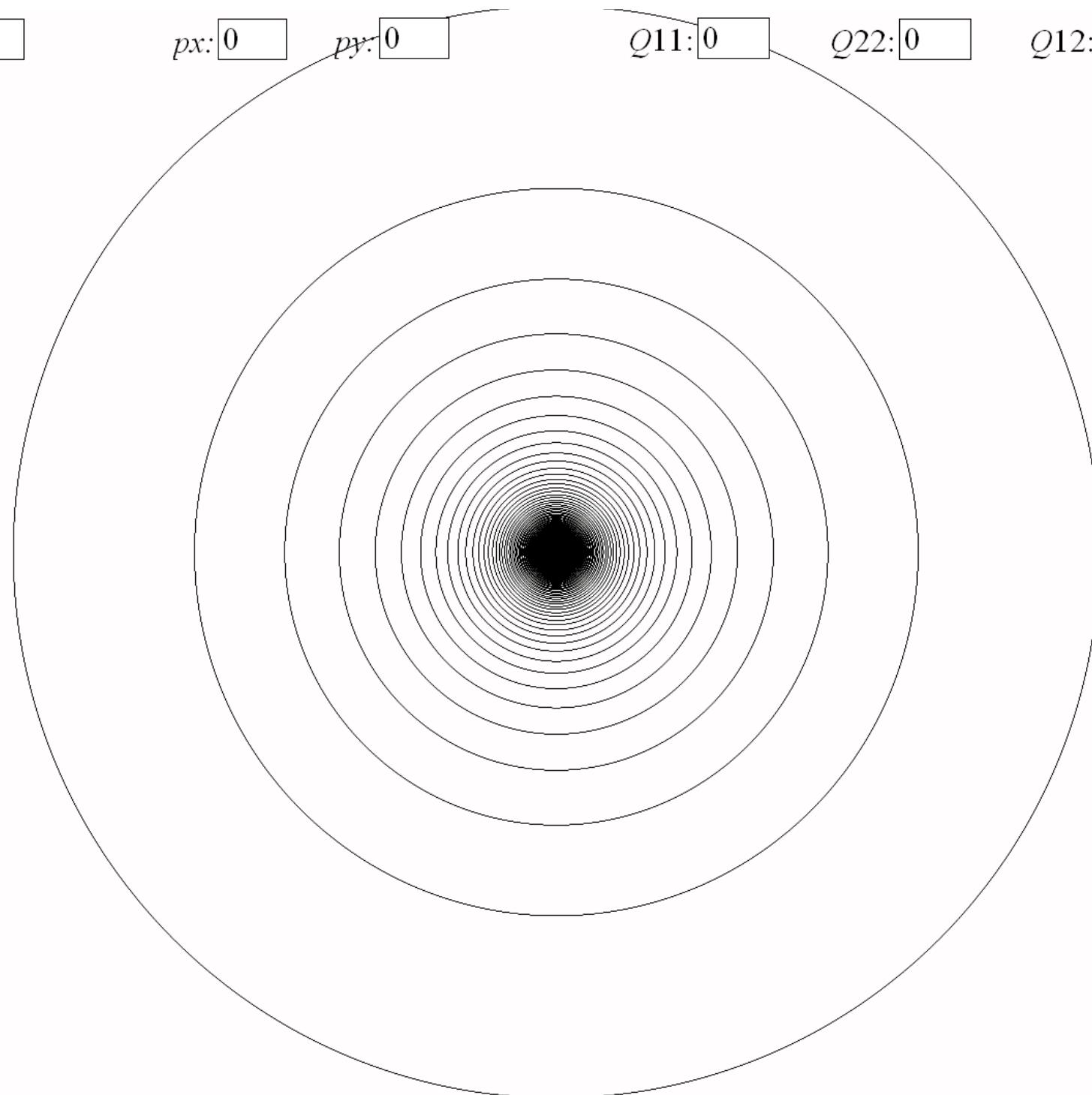
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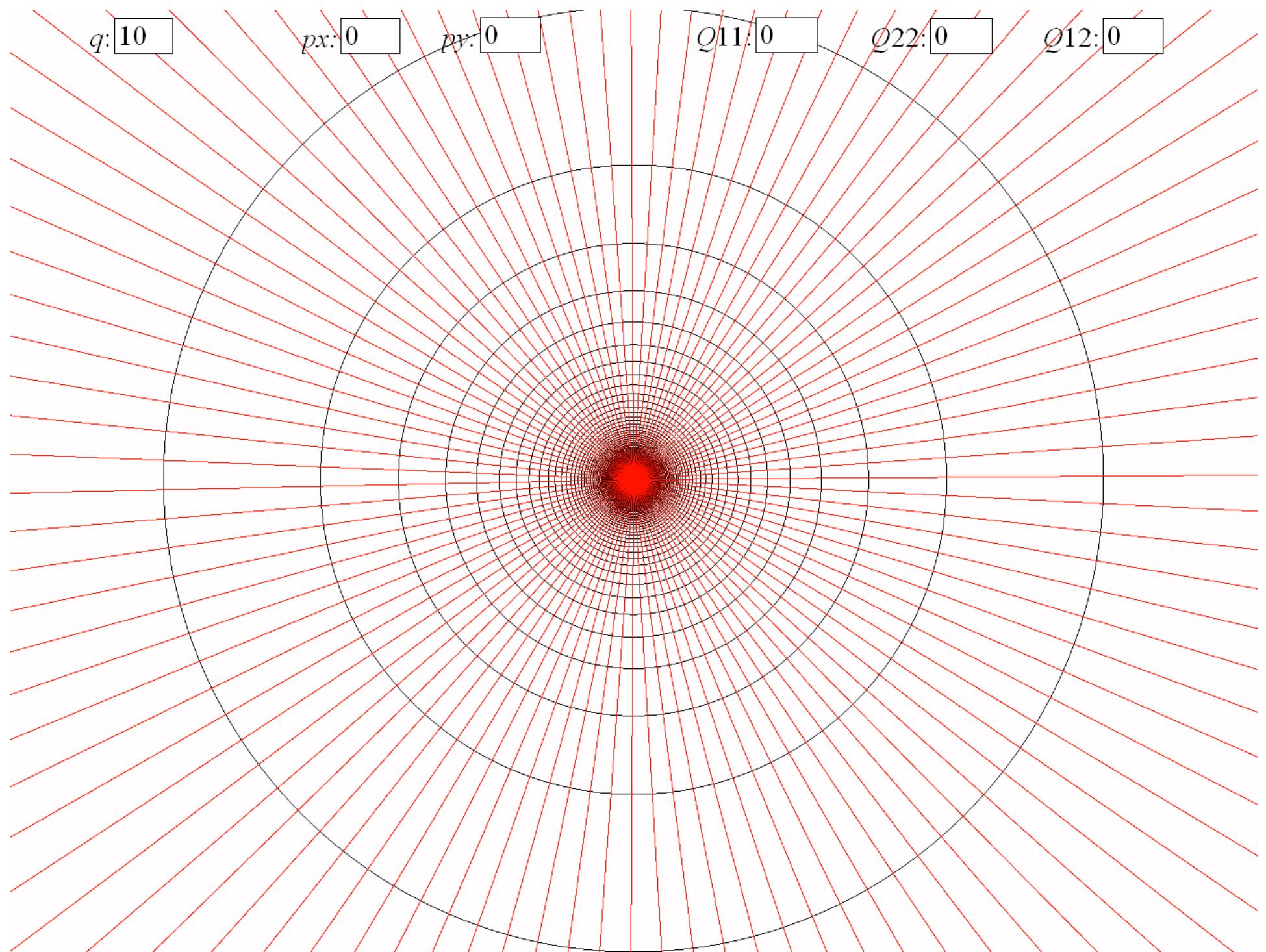
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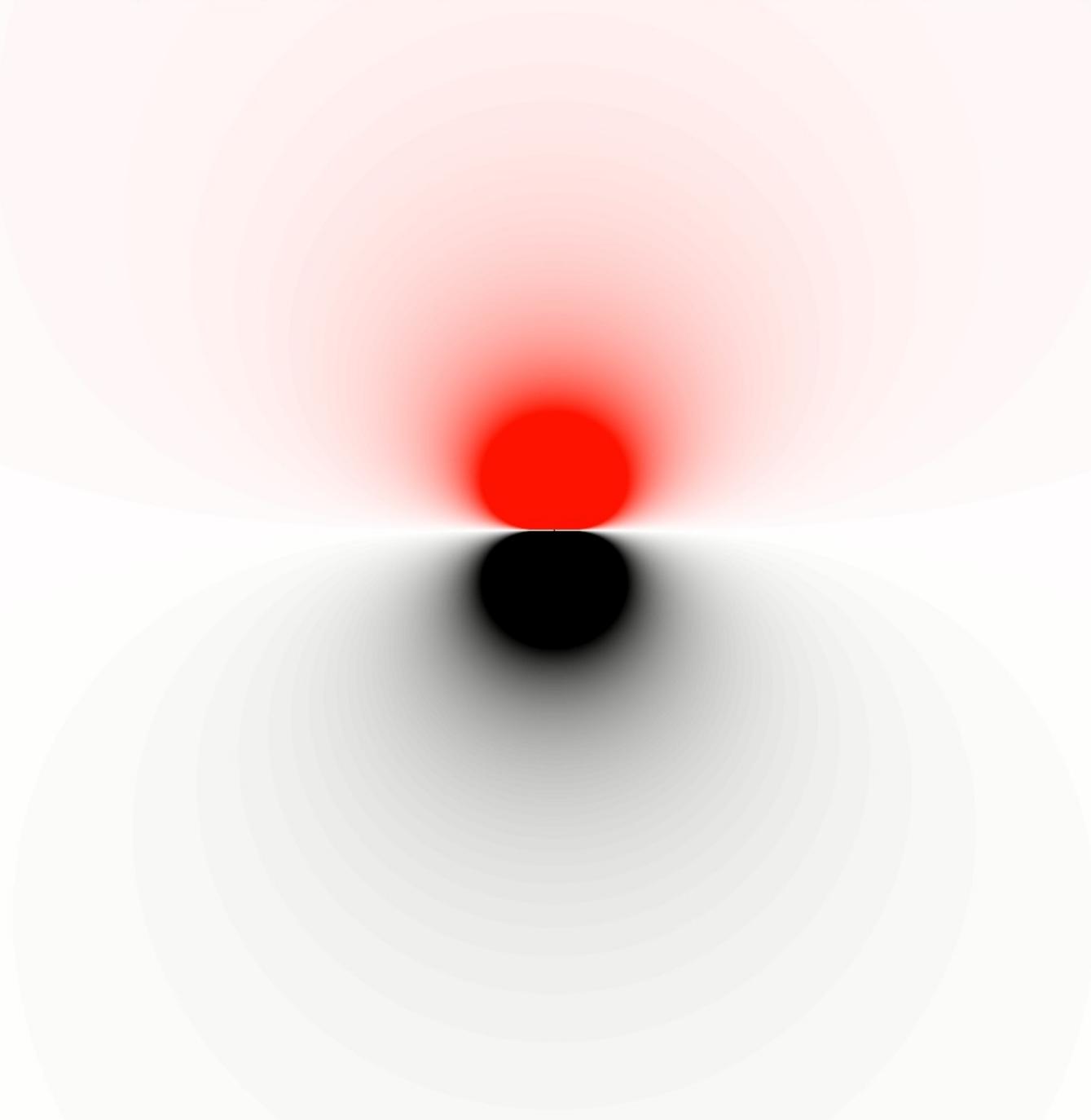
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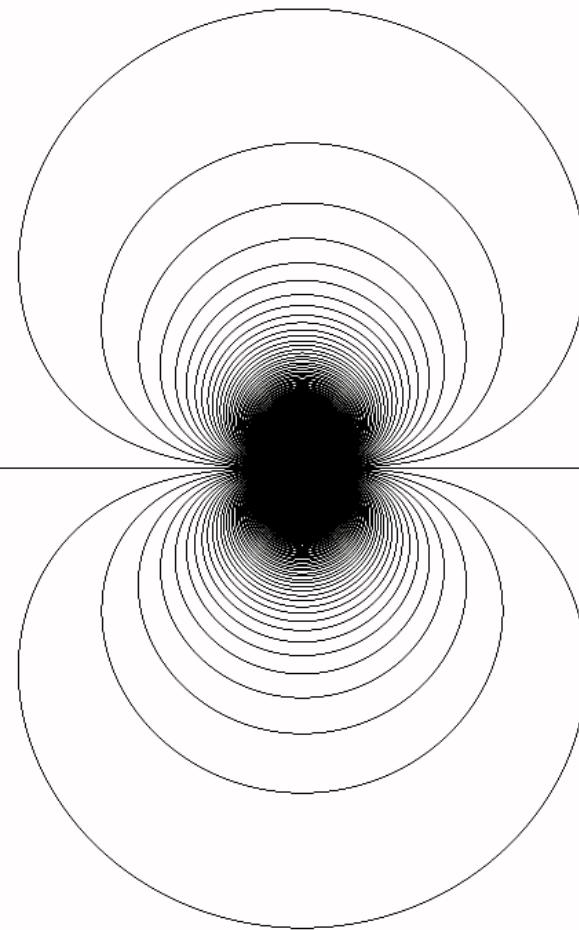
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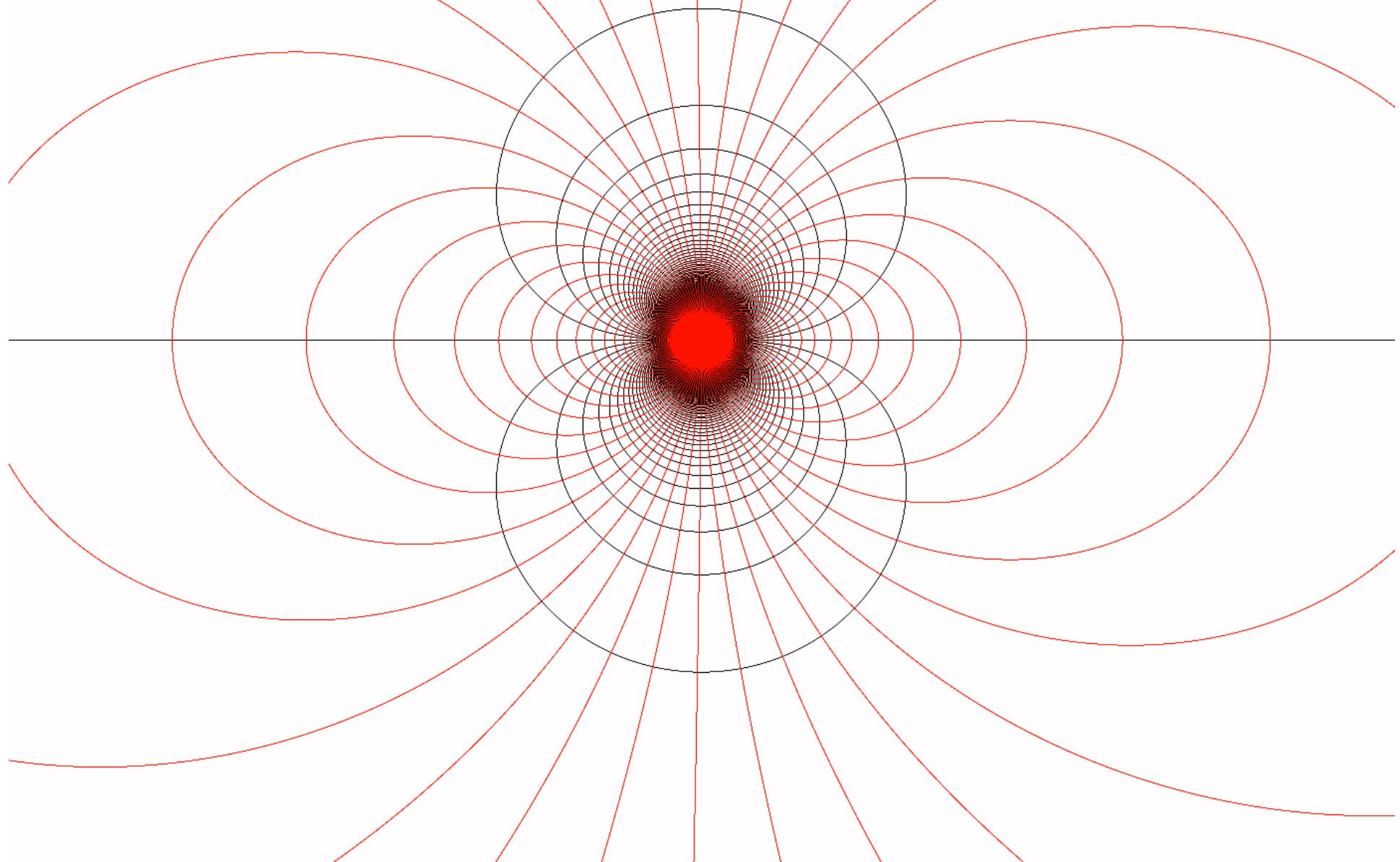
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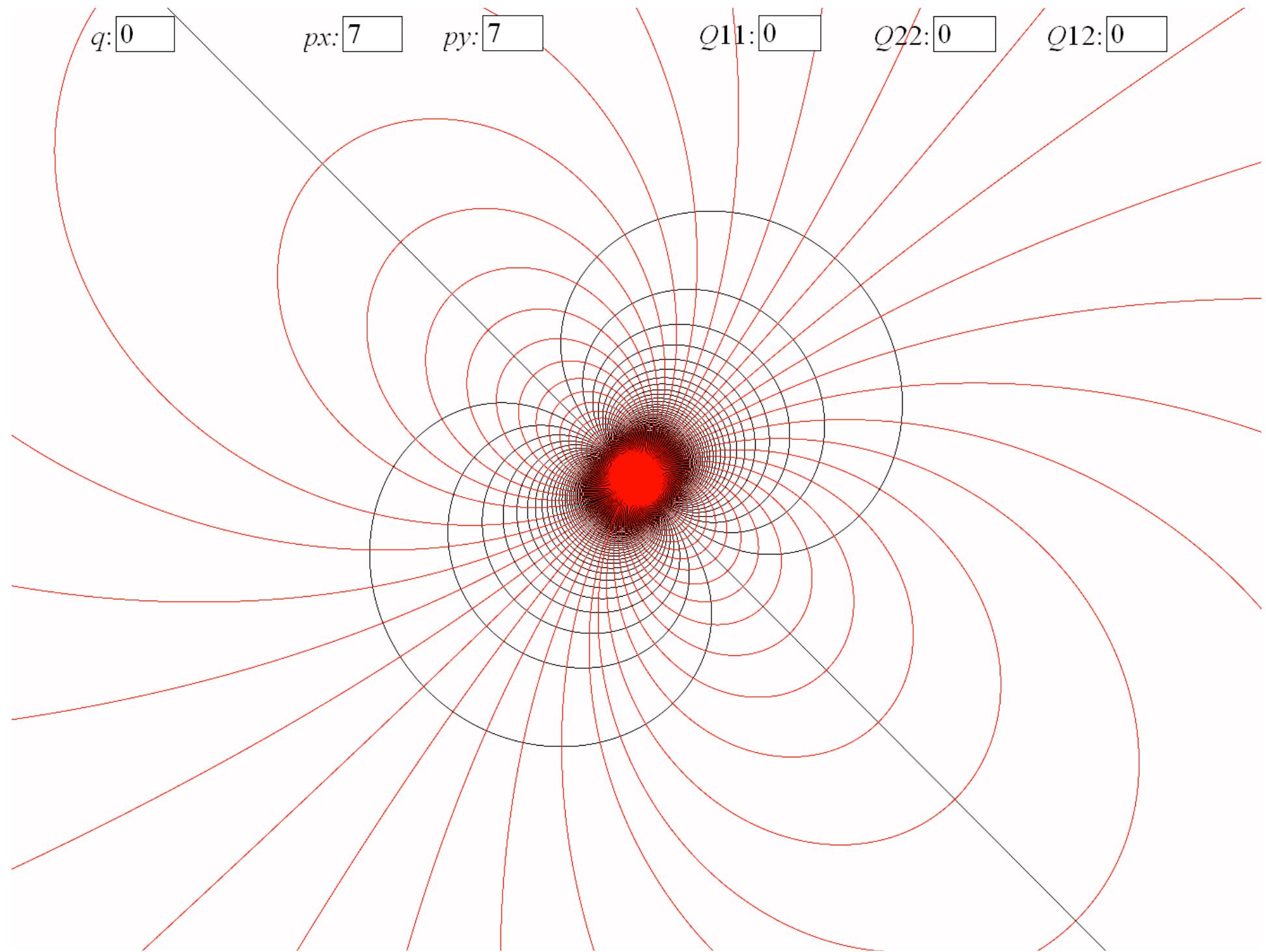
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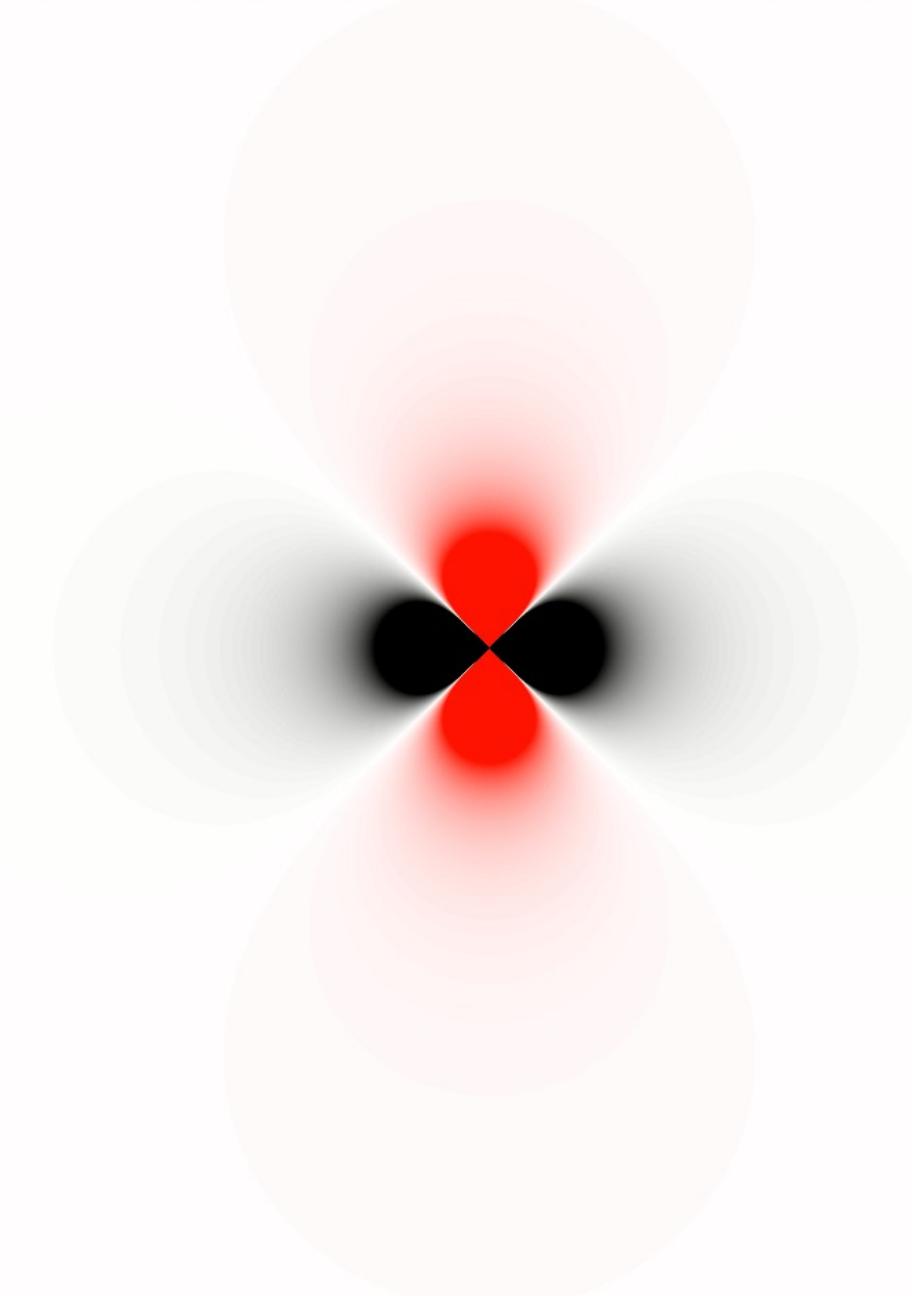
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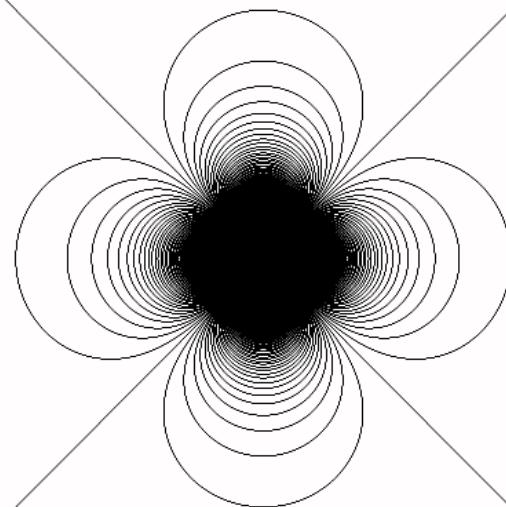
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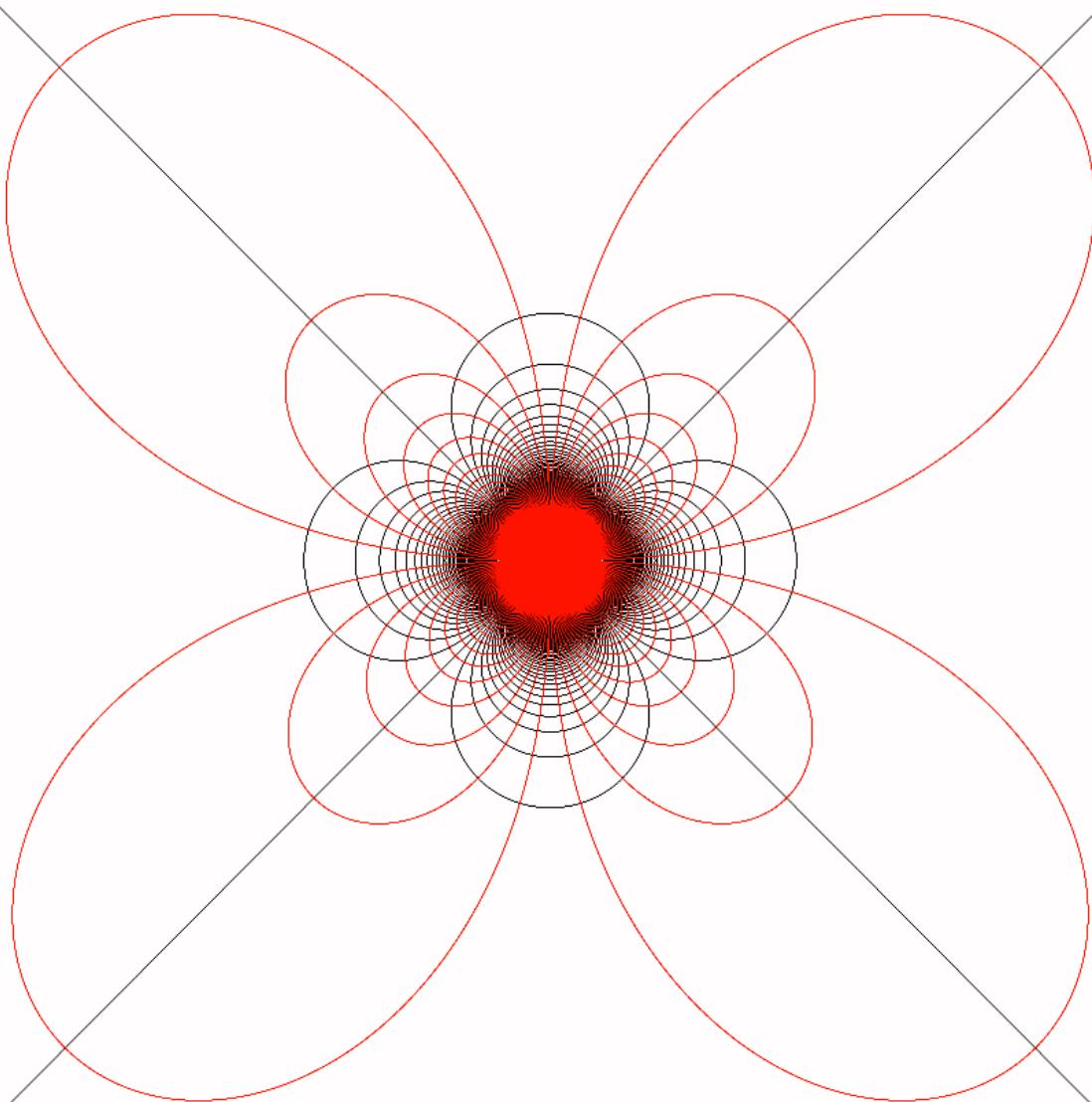
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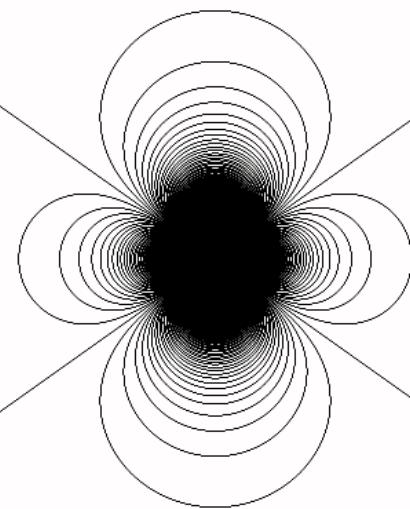
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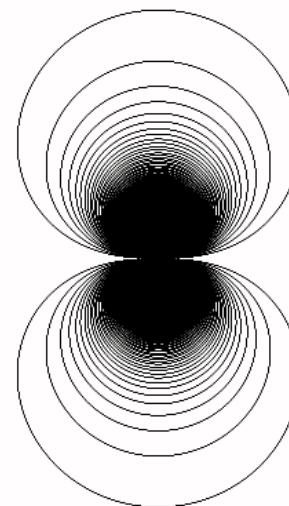
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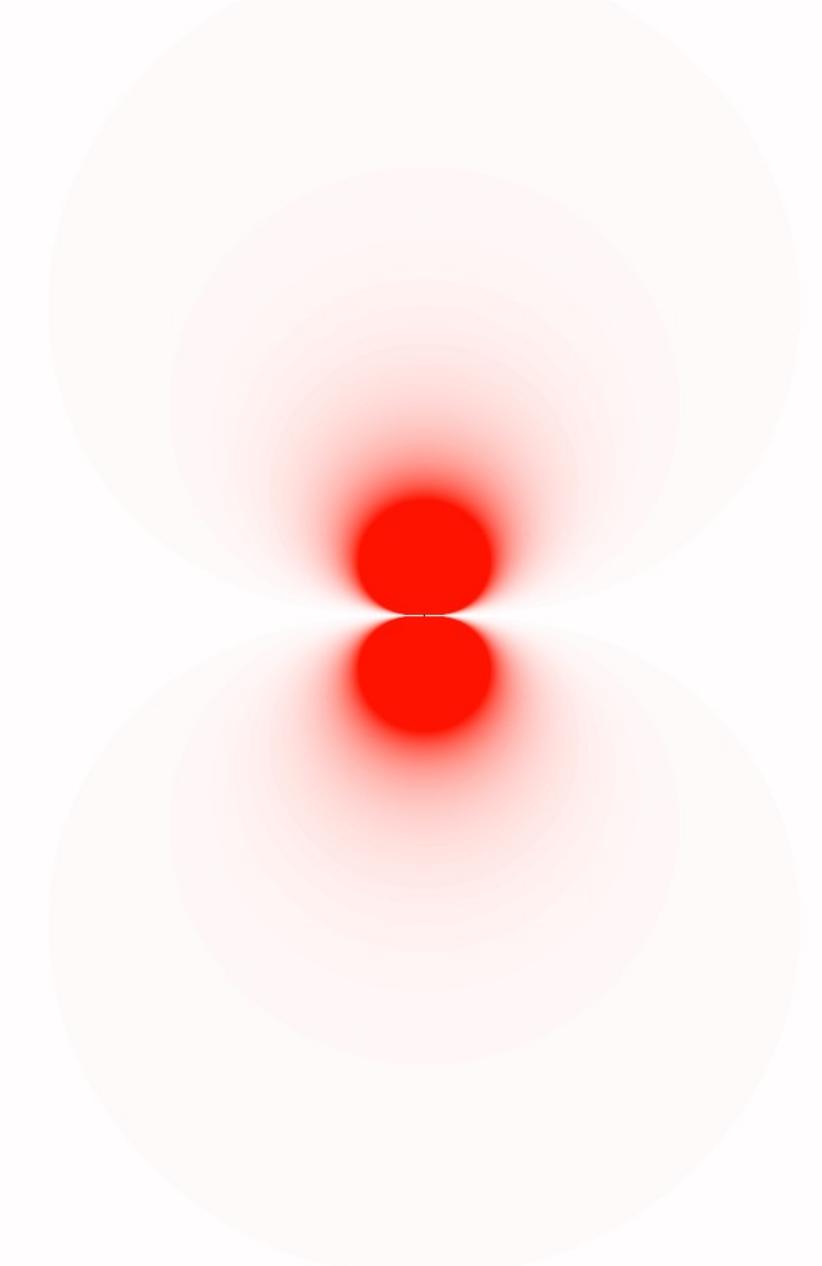
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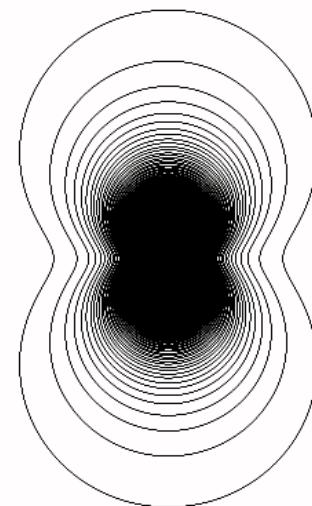
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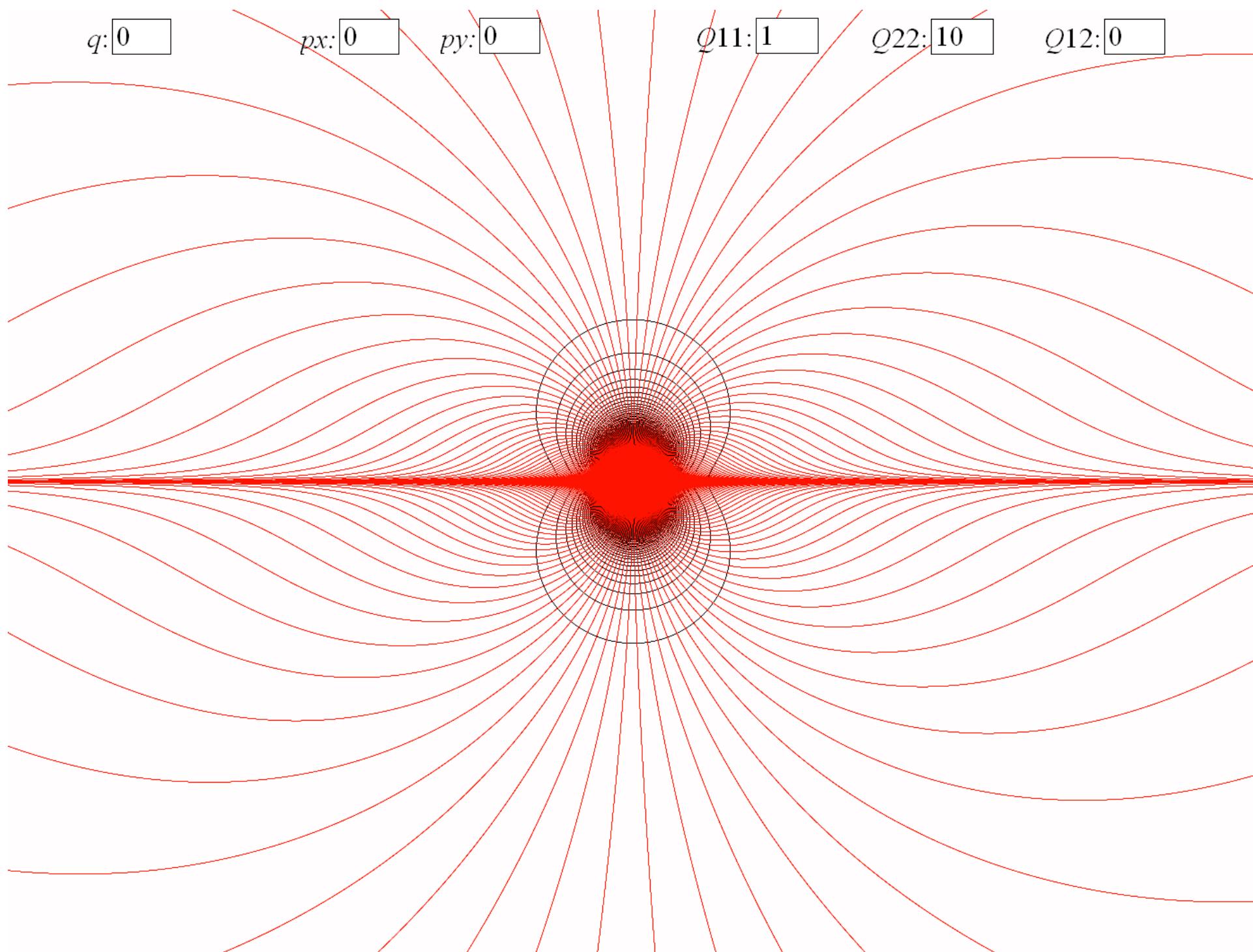
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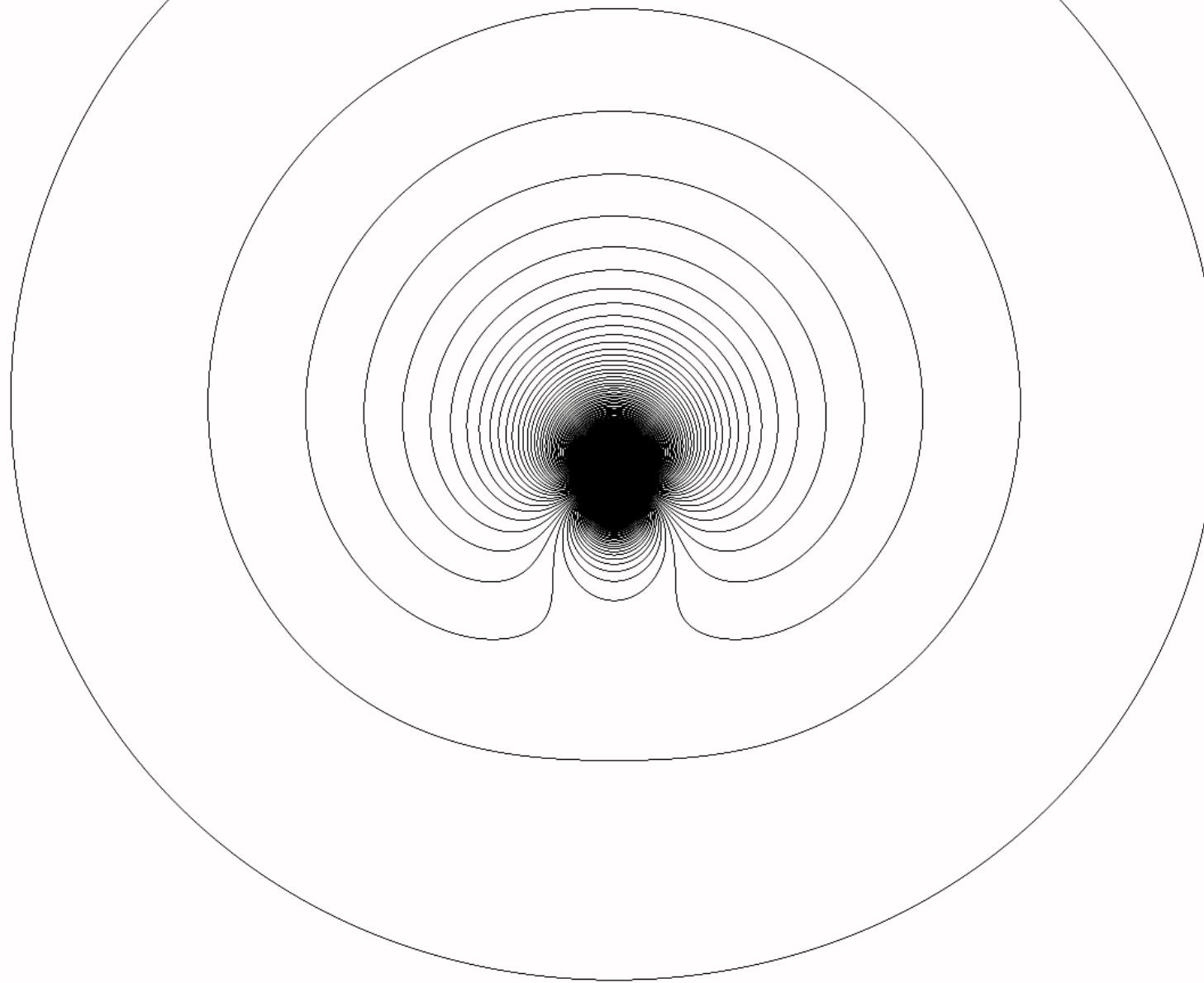
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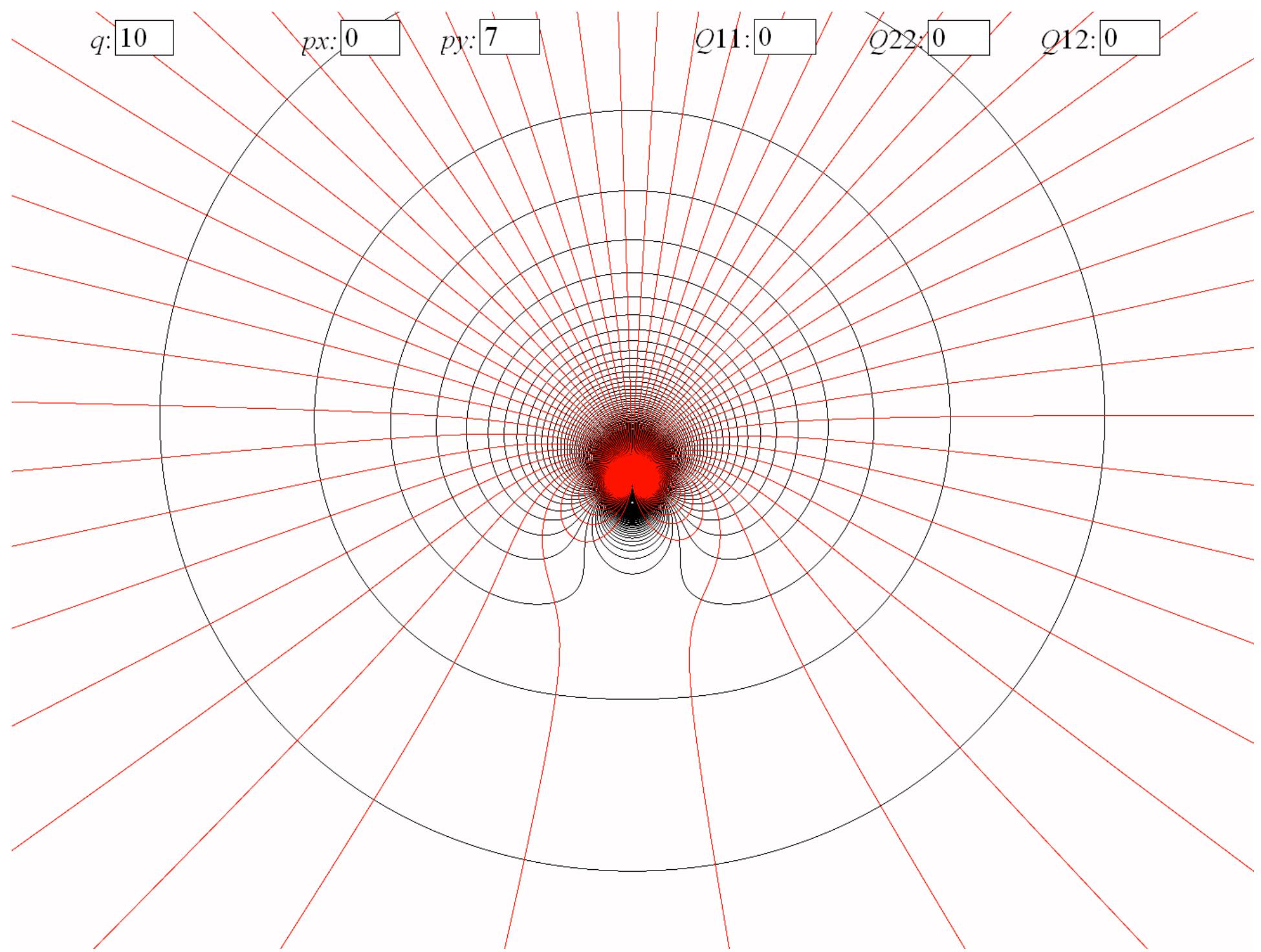
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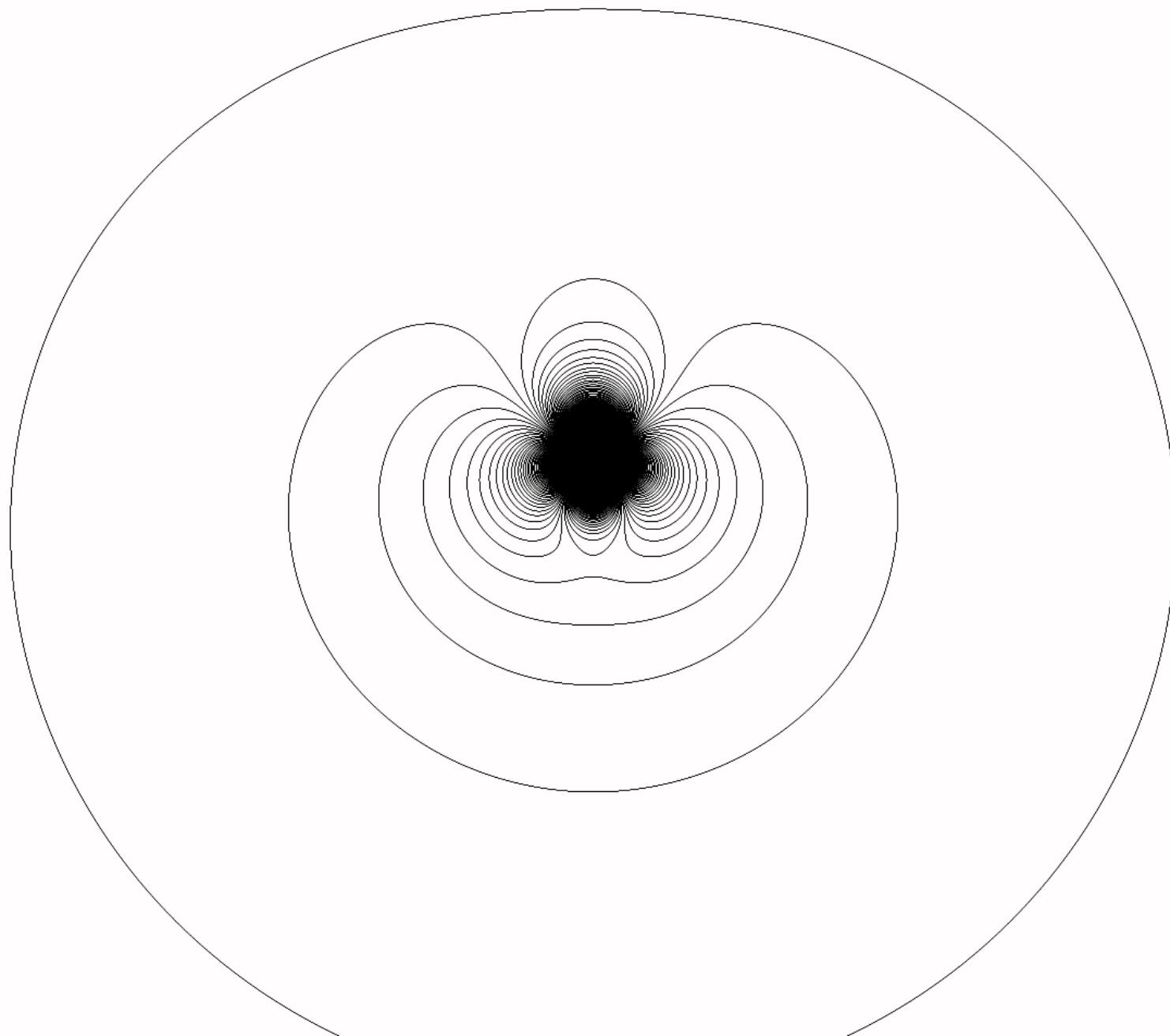
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