

General Physics 2

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Lecture 1: Syllabus Day

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James Miller has no idea how to operate technology.
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Experiments this mf is doing/did:
Muon 2-g
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Chapter 1

Introduction to Electricity and Magnetism

— As Previously Seen —

Let $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ be vectors with

$$\mathbf{a} = \langle a_x, a_y \rangle, \quad \mathbf{b} = \langle b_x, b_y \rangle.$$

Then

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \langle a_x + b_x, a_y + b_y \rangle.$$

For some vector \mathbf{R} which forms angle ϕ with the horizontal,

$$\tan \phi = \frac{R_y}{R_x}.$$

Also, $F_g = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$.

Electric charge is a conserved quantity, and there are two types: “+” and “-”. There are also conductors, which are materials that allow for free flow of electric charge, and insulators which do not allow free movement of charges.

Conduction - charging method via touching

Induction - charges by:

1. Bring a charged object close to a neutral object, positive and negative charges rearrange within neutral object
2. Neutral object grounded, excess charges flow
3. Remove the ground, sphere is charged

Theorem 1.1 (Coulomb's Law)

The magnitude of the electric force between two point charges at $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2$ with magnitudes q_1, q_2 is given as

$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{12},$$

where

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \approx 9 \times 10^9 \frac{Nm^2}{C^2},$$

$$r_{12} = \|\mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_1\|,$$

and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ is a unit vector specifying the direction of the force.

To find $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$, we have

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{j}}.$$

Unit vectors:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} \equiv \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|}.$$

Electron charge is not continuous, it's quantized. Every electron has the charge

$$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C.$$

This is the lowest charge seen on a *free* particle (quarks only exist within hadrons). So the charge of an object with n electrons is $q = ne$.

Lecture 2: Electric Forces and Fields

Thu 05 Sep 2024 17:00

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