

# Electricity and Magnetism

- Physics 259 – L02
  - Lecture 5



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# Section 21.1



# Last time

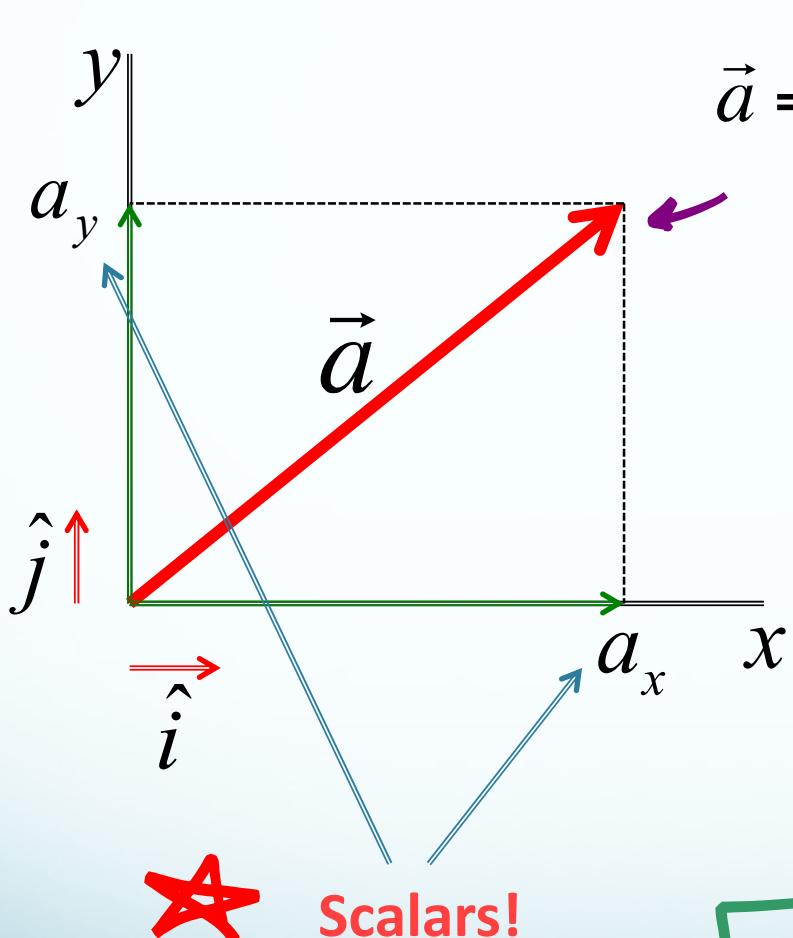
- Charges and Force Between Charges
- Conductors and Insulators
- Basics of Coulomb's Law
- Van De Graaff Generator Experiment
- Class Activity



# This time

- Solve Class Activity Question
- Coulomb's Law
- Examples

# Vector Components



$$\vec{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2}$$

$$a_y = a \sin \theta$$

$$a_x = a \cos \theta$$

$$\vec{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j}$$

$$= \underbrace{a \cos \theta}_{\text{Scalar}} \hat{i} + \underbrace{a \sin \theta}_{\text{Scalar}} \hat{j}$$

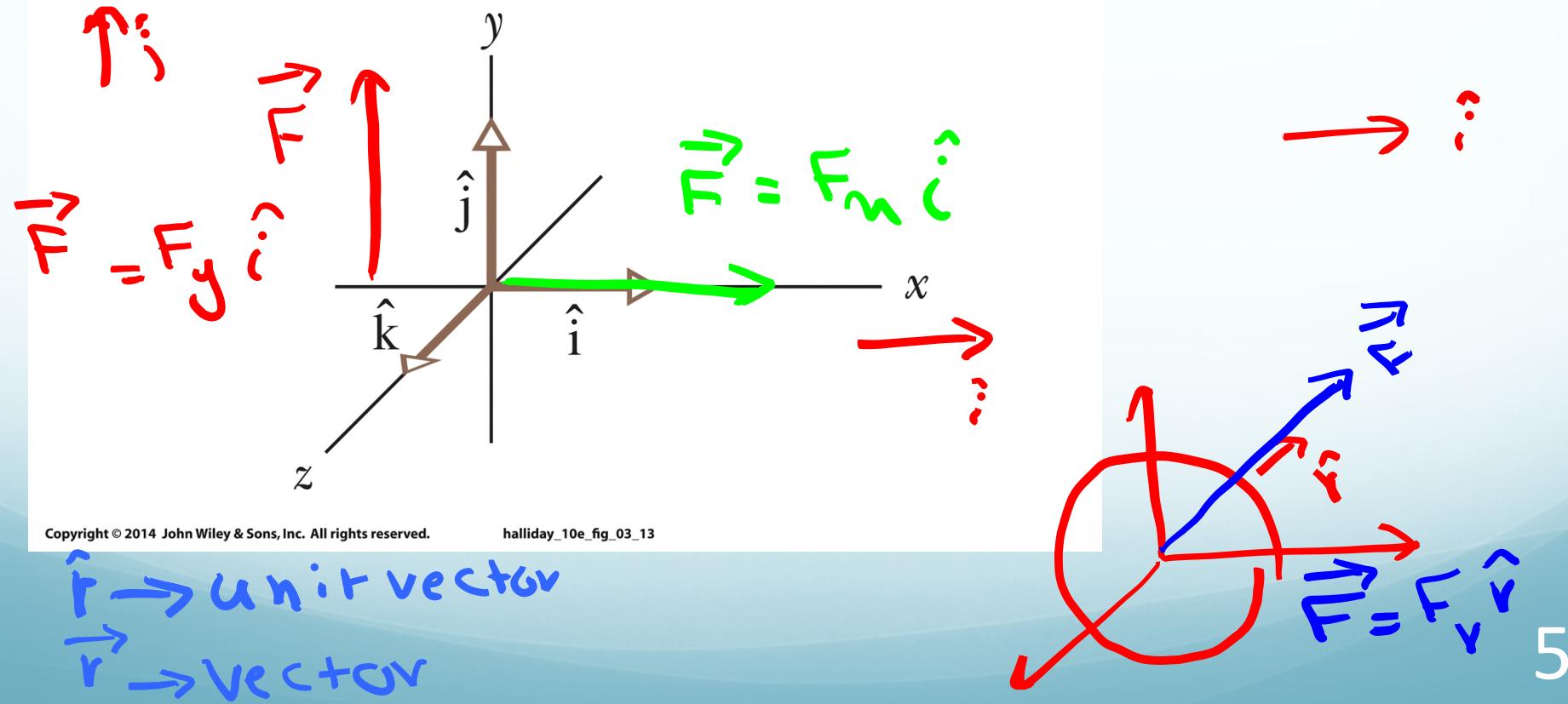
$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{\underbrace{|a_x|^2}_{(a \cos \theta)^2} + \underbrace{|a_y|^2}_{(a \sin \theta)^2}}$$

~~$$\sqrt{a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j}}$$~~

# Unit vectors

The unit vectors point along axes.

Unit →  
Size →  
Direction →



## Class Activity

(10 marks) In a two dimensional Cartesian system  $\hat{r}$  is located  $30^\circ$  north of east. What is the mathematical expression for  $\hat{r}$  in terms of Cartesian unit vectors?

1. (3 mark) Draw a two dimensional Cartesian coordinate system (1 mark). Draw  $\hat{r}$  and unit vectors which represent the direction in the positive x-axis and y-axis (1 mark each).



$$\hat{r} = r_x \hat{i} + r_y \hat{j} \rightarrow \hat{r} = |\hat{r}| \cos\theta \hat{i} + |\hat{r}| \sin\theta \hat{j}$$

↳  $r_x$  is  $\hat{n}$  comp. of  $\hat{r}$  ( $\hat{r}_n$ )

$$|r_n| = |\hat{r}_n| = 1$$

2. (1 mark) Do unit vectors have physical units (such as metres)? Explain.

No ...

3. (3 marks) Write a mathematical expression for  $\hat{r}$  in terms of Cartesian unit vectors.

$$\hat{r} = |\hat{r}_n| \hat{i} + |\hat{r}_y| \hat{j} = r_n \hat{i} + r_y \hat{j}$$

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

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

4. (2 marks) Show that  $\hat{r}$  is indeed a unit vector.

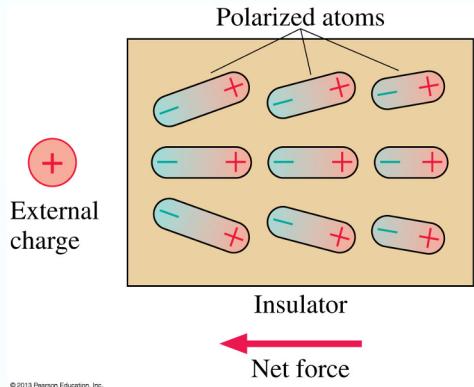
$$|\hat{r}| = \sqrt{|\hat{r}_n|^2 + |\hat{r}_y|^2} = \sqrt{\cos^2 + \sin^2}$$

$$\rightarrow |\hat{r}| = \boxed{1}$$

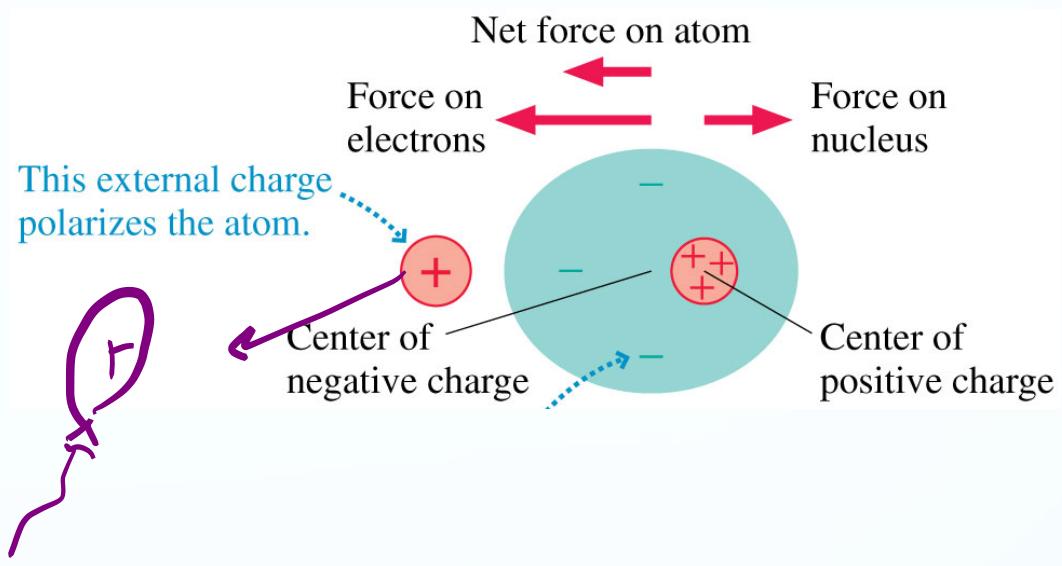
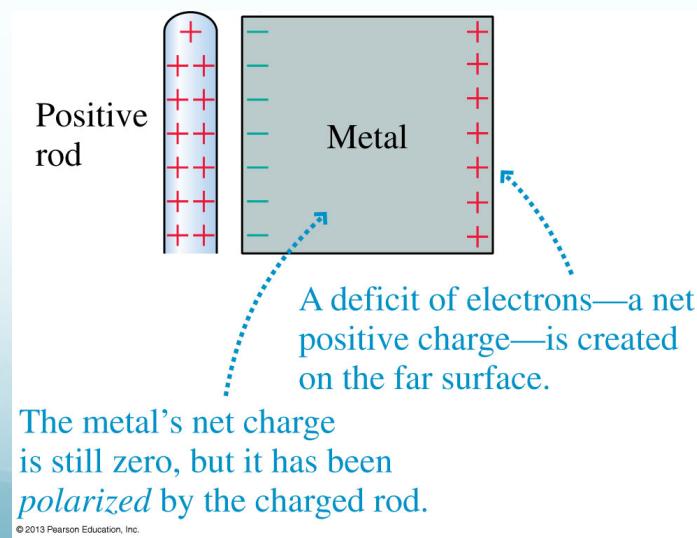


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## Charge Polarization



Metal



# Coulomb's Law

$$F_{1 \text{ on } 2} = F_{2 \text{ on } 1} = K \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r^2}$$

$K$  = electrostatic constant

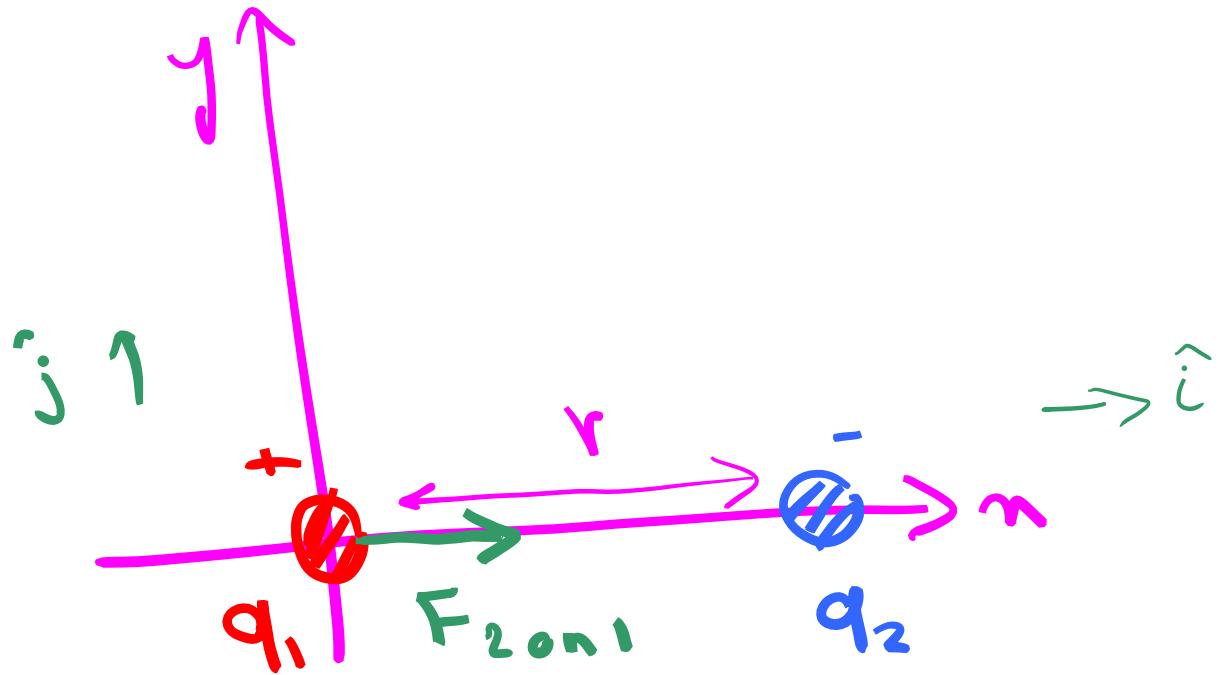
$$K = 8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{N \cdot m^2}{C^2}$$

$$F_{1 \text{ on } 2} = F_{2 \text{ on } 1} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r^2}$$

$\epsilon_0$  = permittivity of free space

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi K} = 8.85 \times 10^{12} \frac{C^2}{N \cdot m^2}$$





$$|F_{2\text{on}1}| = k \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{F}_{2\text{on}1} = k \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r^2} \hat{i}$$

First find the magnitude of force, then find the direction from diagram

# Superposition Principle

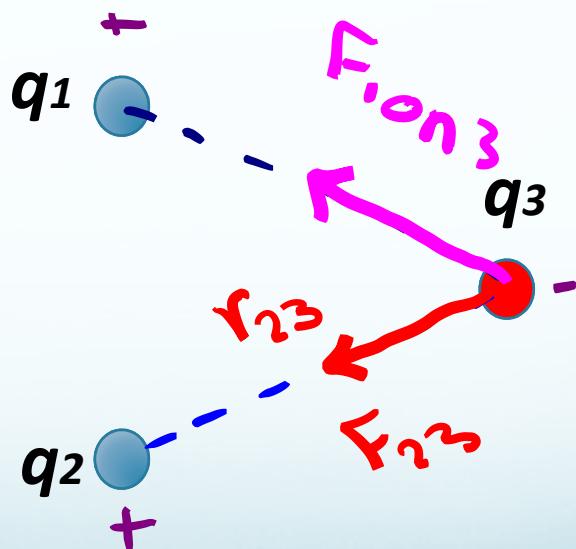
The total force on  $q_3$  is the vector sum of the individual forces:

$$\vec{F}_{on\ 3} = \vec{F}_{1on\ 3} + \vec{F}_{2on\ 3}$$



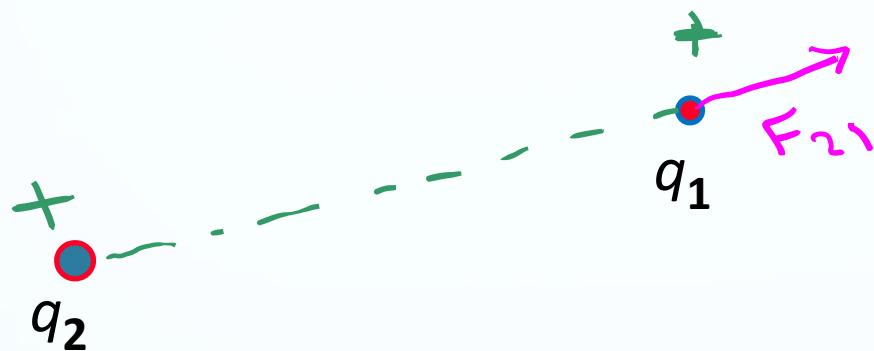
$$F_{1on3} = k \frac{|q_1||q_3|}{r_{13}^2}$$

$$F_{2on3} = k \frac{|q_2||q_3|}{r_{23}^2}$$

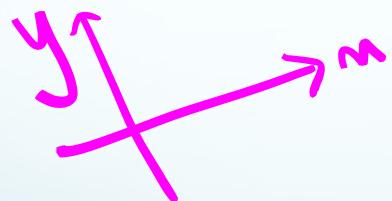


# Coulomb's Law

How to compute the magnitude and direction properly.

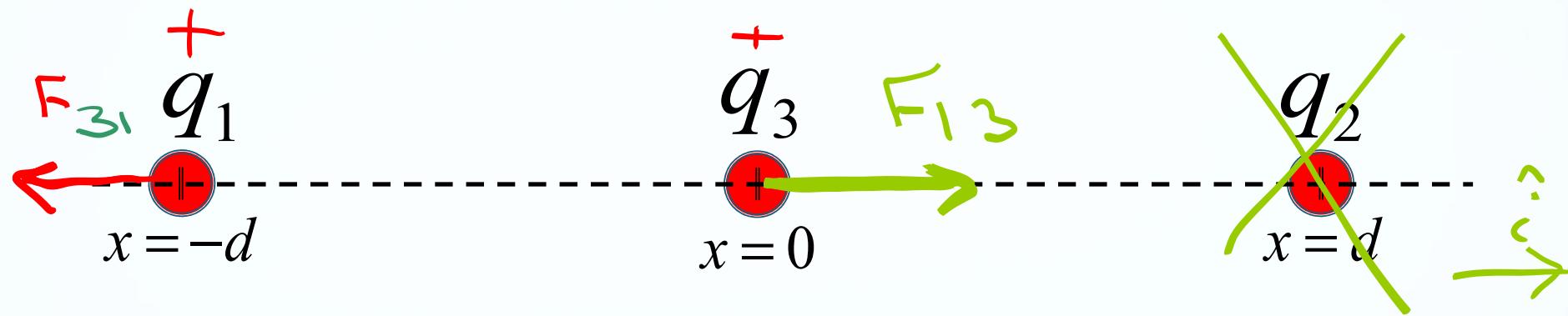


$$|\vec{F}_{21}| = K \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r_{21}^2}$$



$$\vec{F}_{21} = K \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r_{21}^2} \hat{i}$$

## Example #1:



If the force of  $q_1$  on  $q_3$  is  $\vec{F}_{13} = (+3\text{N})\hat{i}$  (i.e., in the  $+x$  direction), and the force of  $q_3$  on  $q_1$  is  $\vec{F}_{31} = F_{31}\hat{i}$ , what is the component  $F_{31}$ ?

$$F_{1\text{on}3} = +3\text{N } \hat{i} \rightarrow F_{3\text{on}1} = ?$$

Newton's Third Law  $\rightarrow \vec{F}_{13} = -\vec{F}_{31}$   
Forces are equal and opposite

$$\begin{aligned} |F_{31}| &= |\vec{F}_{13}| \\ \vec{F}_{31} &= -\vec{F}_{13} \end{aligned}$$

Coulomb's Law  $\rightarrow |\vec{F}_{13}| = |\vec{F}_{31}|$   
Pick direction using charge rules.

$$\vec{F}_{31} = -3\text{N } \hat{i}$$

$$F_{31} = -3\text{N}$$

## Example #2:

$$K = 8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{N \cdot m^2}{C^2}$$

$$q_1 = 1 \text{ nC}$$

$x = -d$

$d = 1 \text{ m}$

$$q_3 = 1 \text{ nC}$$

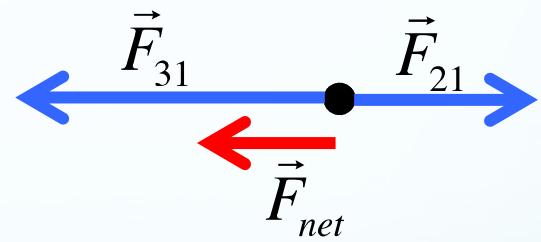
$x = 0$

$$q_2 = -1 \text{ nC}$$

$x = d$

What is the total electric force on  $q_1$ ? Note:  $\text{nC} = 10^{-9} \text{ C}$ .

Free Body Diagram:



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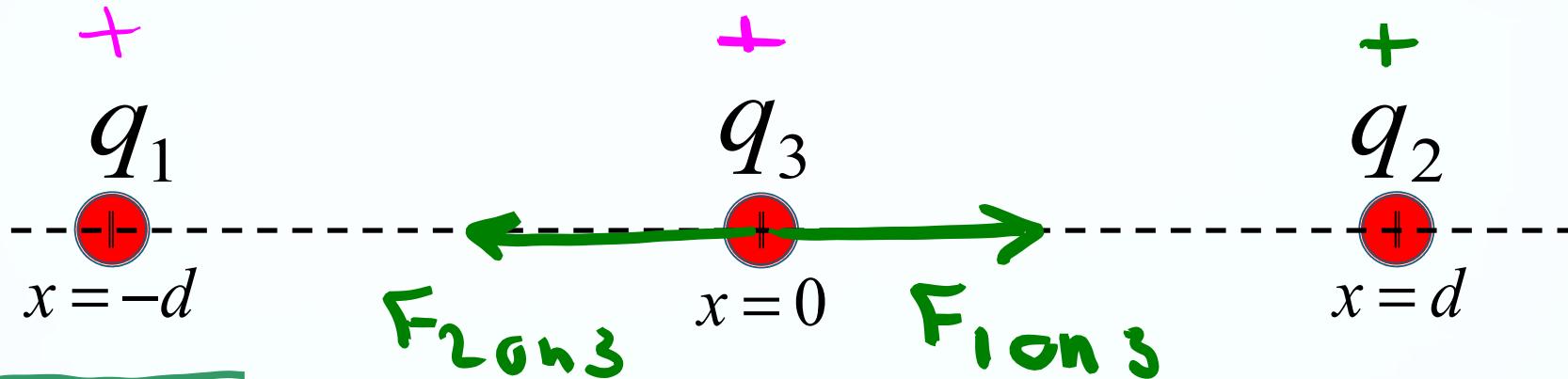


$$|\vec{F}_{31}| = 8.99 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}$$

$$|\vec{F}_{21}| = 2.25 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}$$

$$\vec{F}_{net} = (-6.74 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}) \hat{i}$$

# TOPHAT QUESTION



If  $q_1 = +1.0 \text{ nC}$  and the total electric force on  $q_3$  is exactly zero, what is the value of  $q_2$  in nC?

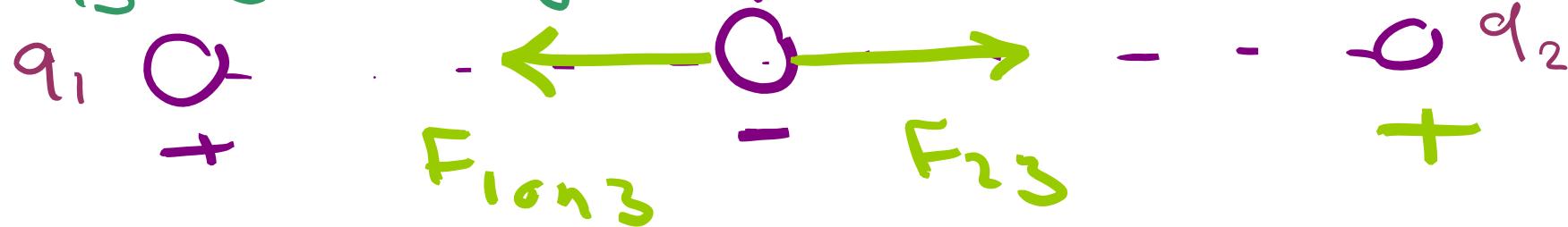
if  $q_3$  is + charge  $\Rightarrow$

$$|F_{1 \text{ on } 3}| = |F_{2 \text{ on } 3}| \rightarrow$$

$$k \frac{|q_1||q_3|}{d^2} = k \frac{|q_2||q_3|}{d^2} \rightarrow |q_1| = |q_2|$$

$q_2 = +1 \text{ nC}$

if  $q_3$  is - charge  $\rightarrow q_3$



$$|F_{1\text{on}3}| = |F_{2\text{on}3}|$$

$$k \frac{|q_1||q_3|}{d_1^2} = k \frac{|q_2||q_3|}{d_2^2} \Rightarrow |q_1| = |q_2|$$

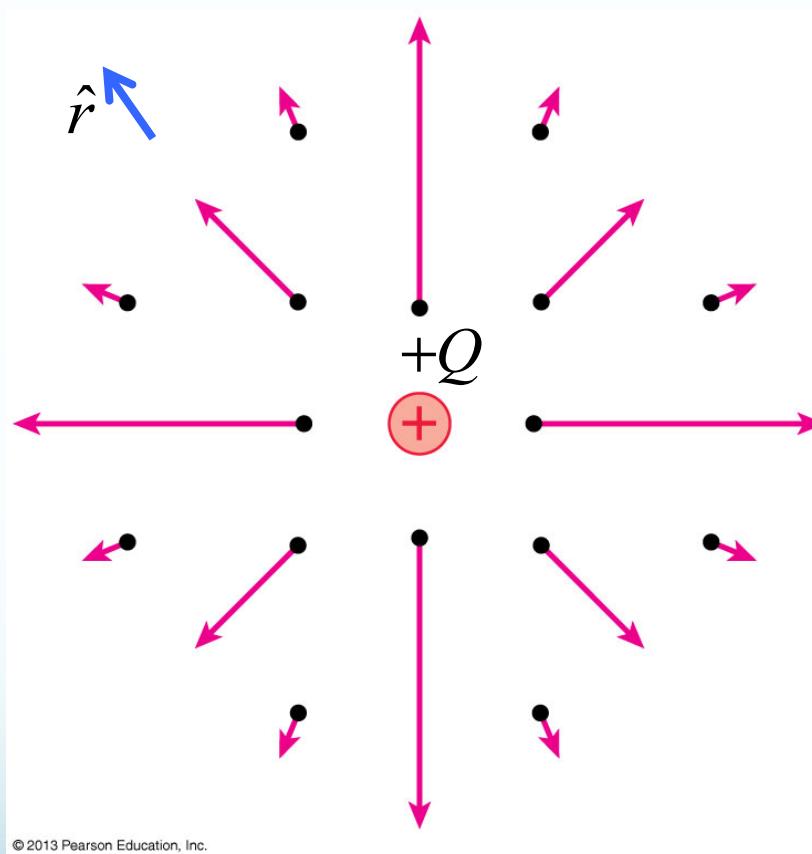
$\rightarrow q_2 = +1 \text{ n.c.} \rightarrow \text{Same result}$



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## Building blocks of electric force

$$\vec{F} = \frac{KQq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$



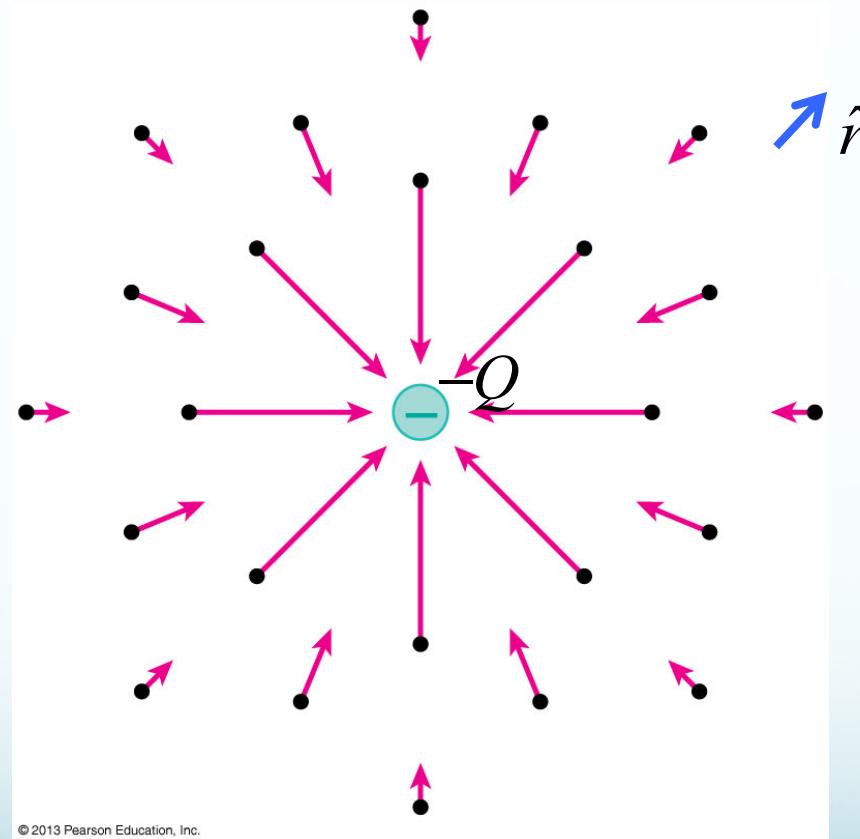
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● = positive charge  $q$  at the position indicated

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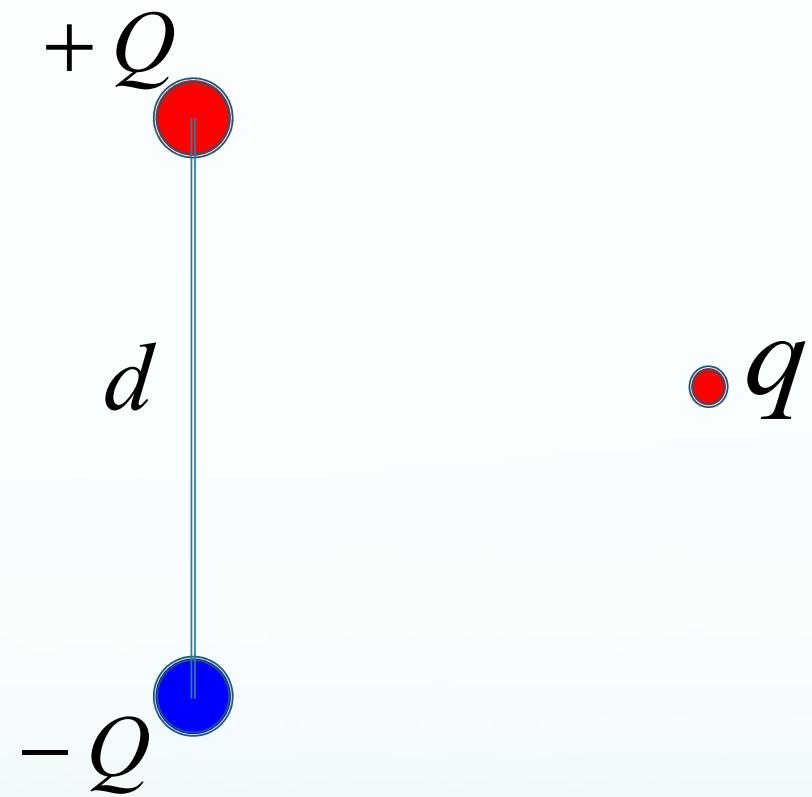
$$\vec{F} = \frac{-KQq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$



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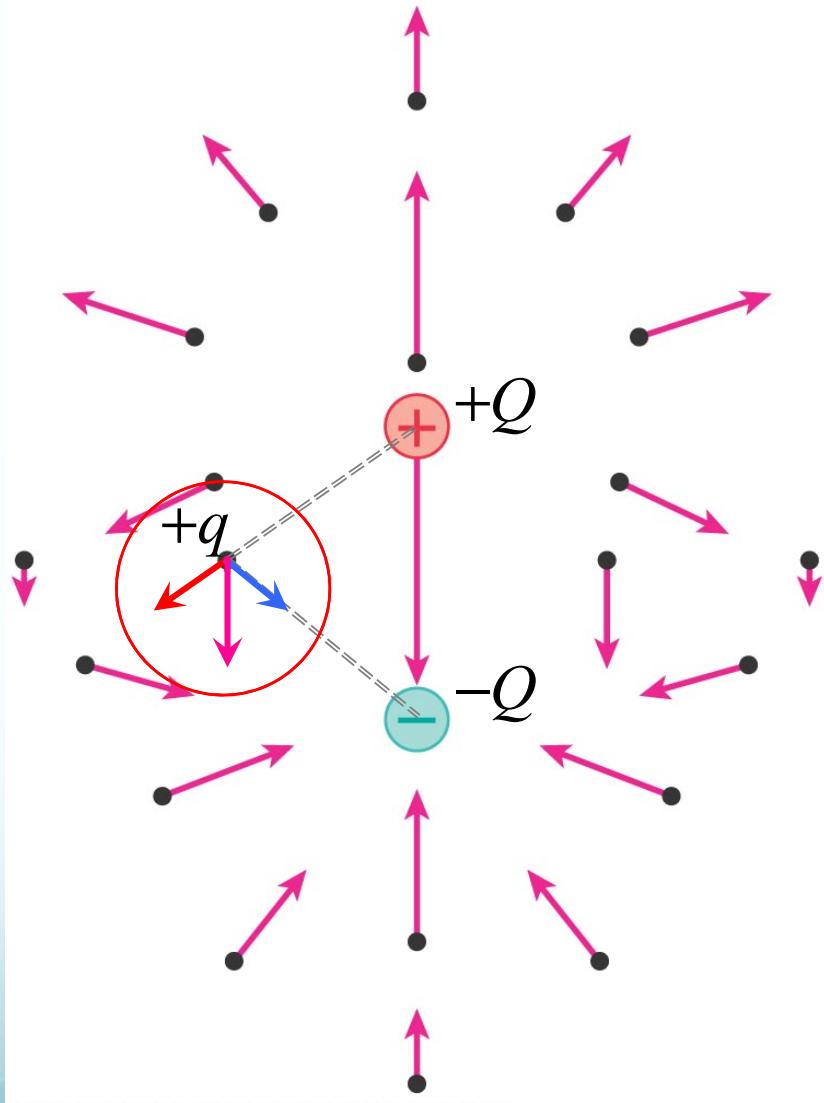
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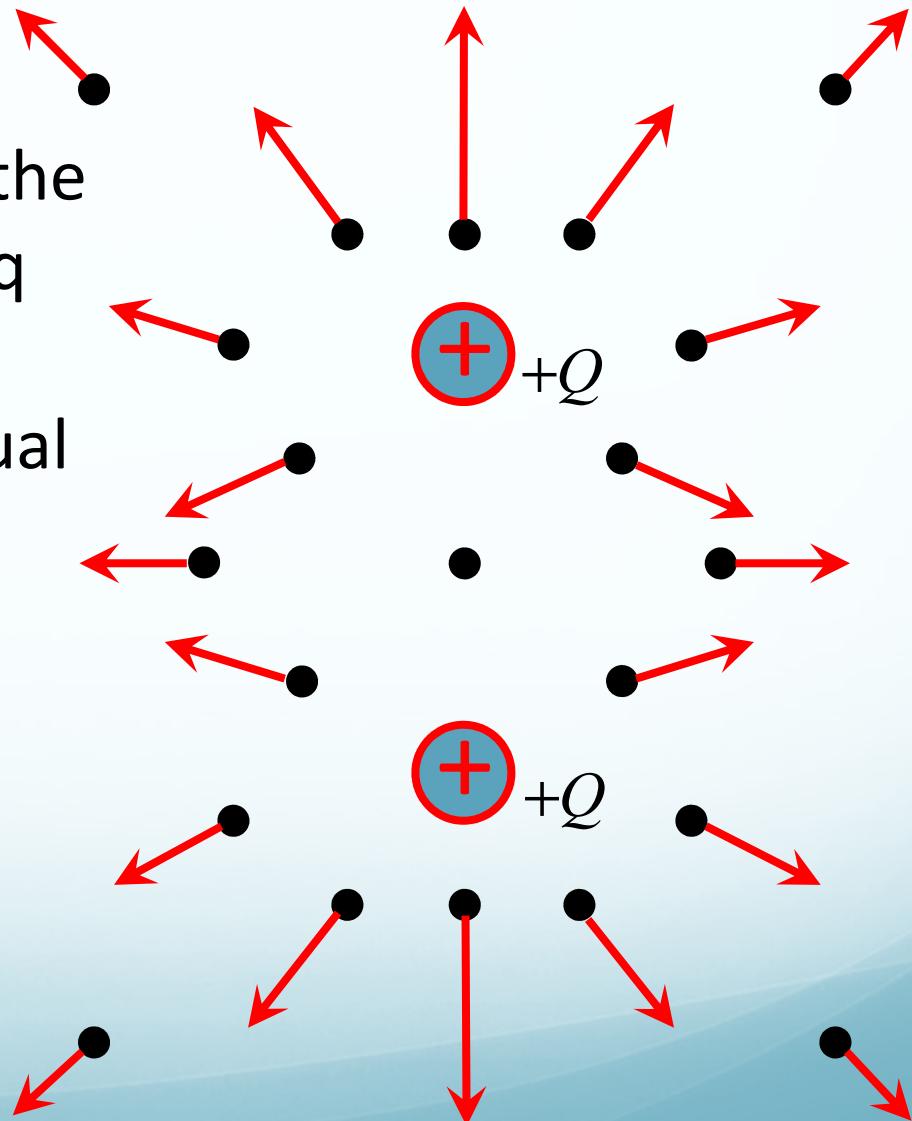
# Superposition with Building Blocks

The vector represents the magnitude and direction of the electric force on the charge  $q$  **at that point**. It comes from superposition of the individual forces from  $+Q$  and  $-Q$ .



# Superposition with Building Blocks

The vector represents the magnitude and direction of the electric force on the charge  $q$  **at that point**. It comes from superposition of the individual forces from  $+Q$  and  $+Q$ .



Direction again comes from superposition! Same steps as previous apply here too.

This section we talked about:

Chapter 21.1

*See you on Wednesday*

