


# Electric Charge

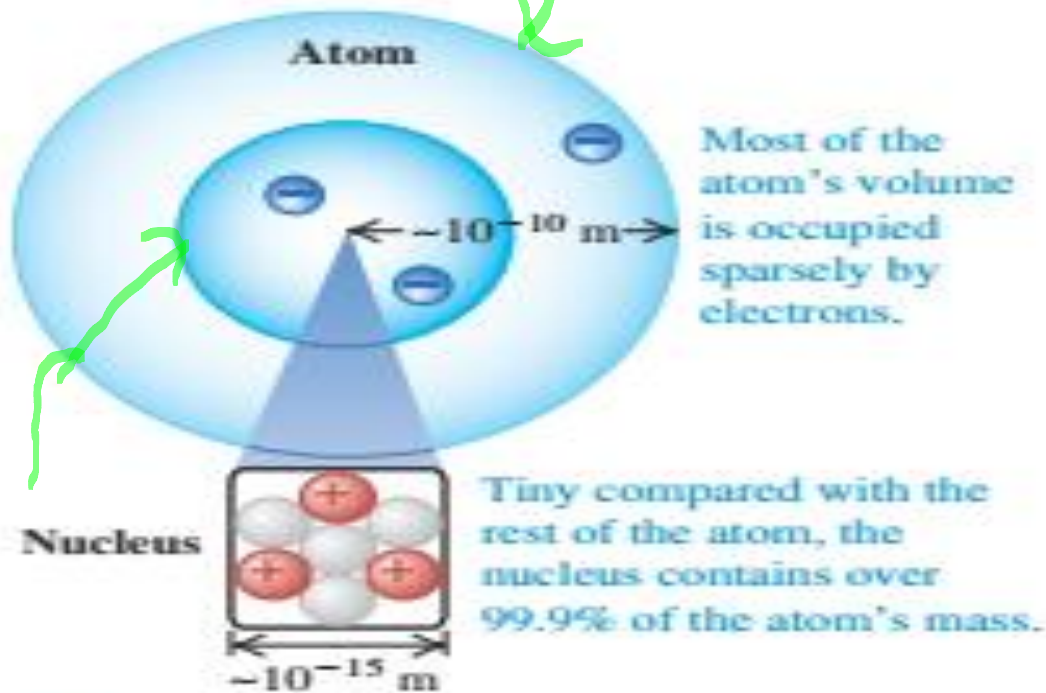
Chapter 21




# Major Topics of Chapter 21

- What holds our world together?
- Electric Charge 
- Conductors & Insulators
- Coulomb's Law

→ Several Examples

# Structure of Atom



- ✓  **Proton:** Positive charge  
Mass =  $1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
- ✓  **Neutron:** No charge  
Mass =  $1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
- ✓  **Electron:** Negative charge  
Mass =  $9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

# Moon-Earth Facts

Mass of Earth  $5.9736 \times 10^{24}$  kg

Mass of Moon  
 $7.349 \times 10^{22}$  kg

Inter-distance  $384,401$  Km  
on average

$G \approx 6.674 \times 10^{-11}$  N(m/kg)<sup>2</sup>



# Charge and Mass of the Electron, Proton, and Neutron

Particle	Charge (C)	Mass(Kg)
Electron (e)	$-1.6021917 \times 10^{-19}$	$9.1095 \times 10^{-31}$
Proton (p)	$+1.6021917 \times 10^{-19}$	$1.67261 \times 10^{-27}$
Neutron (n)	0	$1.67492 \times 10^{-27}$

# Electrostatics

- Electrostatics emphasizes that, relative to each other, the charges are either stationary or moving only very slowly



→ Electromagnetism — point charges

→ Electric Charges

→ Electric Field

→ Gauss's Law

# ELECTROSTATICS

## Forces

- By the early 19th century, physicists had classified the apparent myriad of forces in nature to just 3 kinds:

✓ — **Gravitational** force ✓

✓ — **Electric** force

✓ — **Magnetic** force

By the end of 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
} Electromagnetic Force

# Forces

- By the end of the 19th century, they had narrowed the list to just 2 forces:
    - *Gravitational* force ✓
    - *Electromagnetic* force ✓
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Century  
4 forces
- Weak force – Strong Force



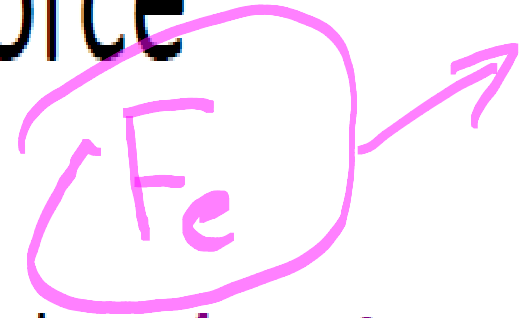
# Forces

- The 20th century first added two new forces to this list that are observed only inside the atomic nucleus:

- ✓ – *Gravitational* force
- ✓ – *Electromagnetic* force
- ✓ – *Weak* force
- ✓ – *Strong* force

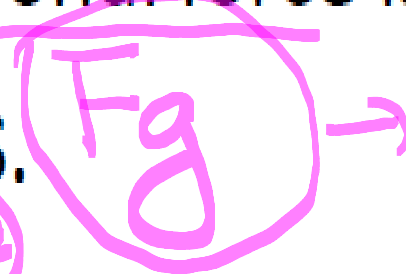
Electric Force!

# The Electric Force



Coulombs

- We will turn our attention to the electric force, which is a force between objects with charge, just as the gravitational force is a force between objects with mass.



# Electrostatics

- *Electrostatics* is the study of *electric charge at rest*.
  - (Or more or less at rest, in contrast with current electricity.)

# Electrical Charges

- *Electric charge* is a *fundamental property* of matter.
  - *Two types* of electric charges
    - *Positive* charge - every proton has a single positive charge.
    - *Negative* charge - every electron has a single negative charge.

# Electrical Charge

- An object with an *excess of electrons* is *negatively charged*.
- An object with *too few electrons* (too many protons) is *positively charged*. ✓
- An object with the *same number* of electrons and protons is *neutral*.

# Electrical Forces



- Like charges *repel*.
- *Opposite* charges *attract*.

# Elementary Charges

- Protons carry the smallest positive charge.
- Protons and uncharged neutrons generally reside in an atom's nucleus.
- Protons are held in the nucleus by the strong force.
  - Electrons → weak force

# Elementary Charges

- The smallest negative charge is the charge on the electron.
- In normal atoms, electrons orbit the nucleus.
- The electric force between electrons and protons supplies the centripetal force to keep electrons in the atom.



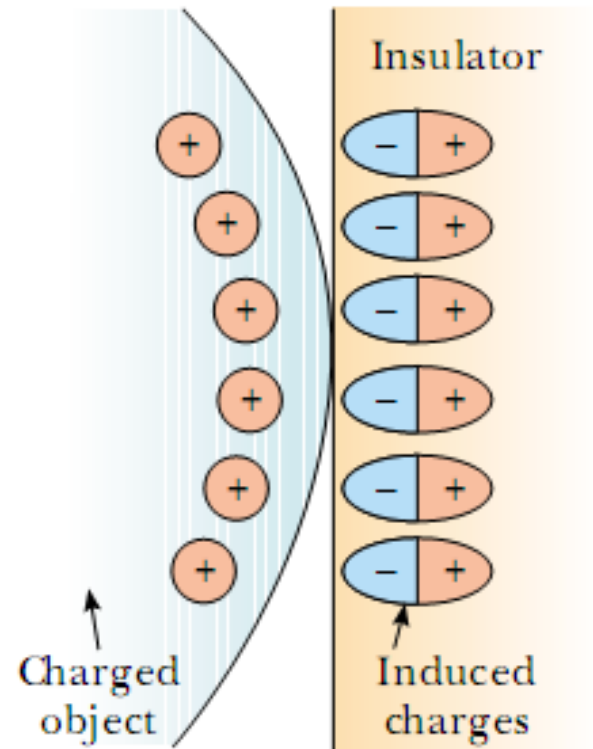
# Elementary Charges

- The *charges* carried by the proton and electron are *equal in size*.
- The *mass* of the proton is about *2000 times* the mass of the electron.

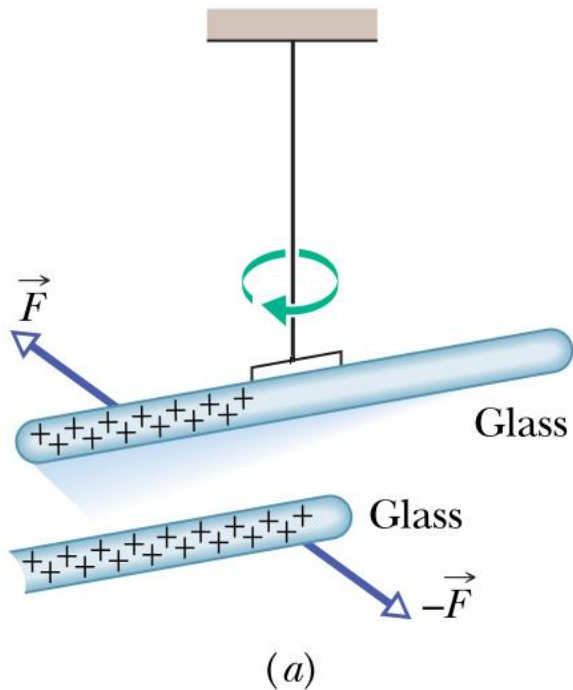
# Benjamin Franklin

- American *all-rounder* (1706 – 1790)
- A leading author, printer, political theorist, politician, postmaster, scientist, musician, inventor, satirist, civic activist, statesman, and diplomat
- Invented the lightning rod, bifocals, the Franklin stove, a carriage odometer, and the glass harmonica
- In the field of Electrostatics
  - Labeled the charges as positive & negative
  - Principle of conservation of charge

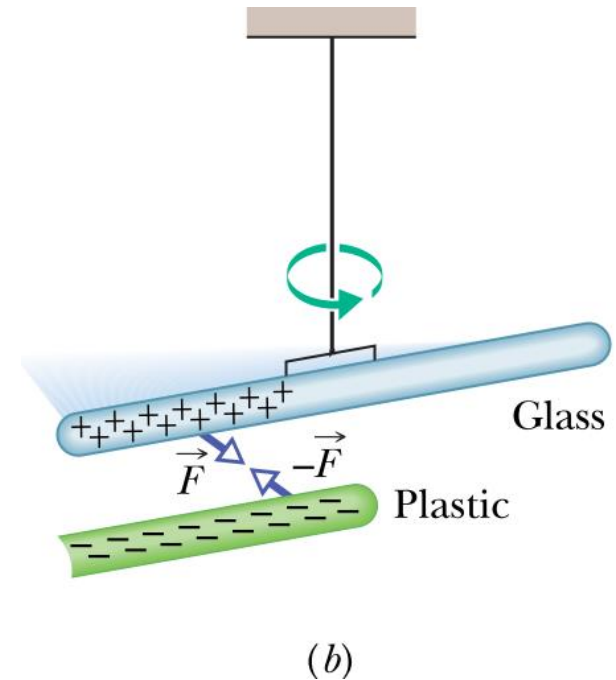
# Static Cling – Charged and Neutral Body



# Charged Bodies & Their Interaction



Two charged rods of the same sign  
repel each other



Two charged rods of opposite signs  
attract each other

*Plus signs indicate a positive net charge, and minus  
signs indicate a negative net charge*

# Conductors and Insulators

- **Conductors** are materials through which charge can move rather freely; *examples include metals (such as copper in common lamp wire), the human body, and tap water*
- **Nonconductors** — also called **insulators** — are materials through which charge cannot move freely; *examples include rubber (such as the insulation on common lamp wire), plastic, glass, and chemically pure water*
- **Semiconductors** are materials that are intermediate between conductors and insulators; *examples include silicon and germanium in computer chips*
- **Superconductors** are materials that are perfect conductors, allowing charge to move without any hindrance; *examples include Niobium-Tin, and Lanthanum-Barium-Copper Oxide*

# Conductors and insulators

- All materials contain electrons.
- The electrons are what carry the current in a **conductor**.

Moving electron



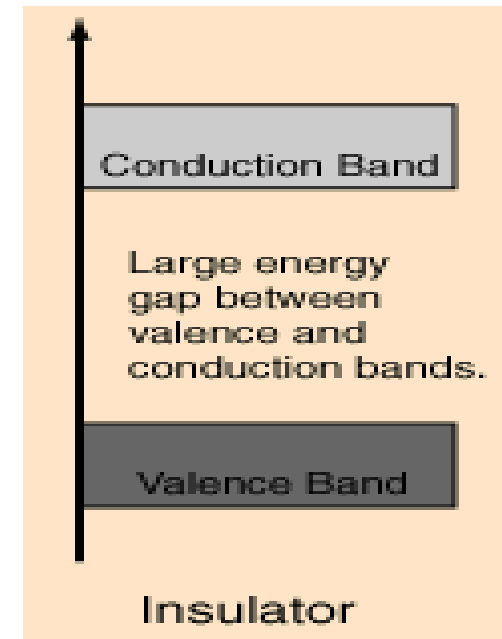
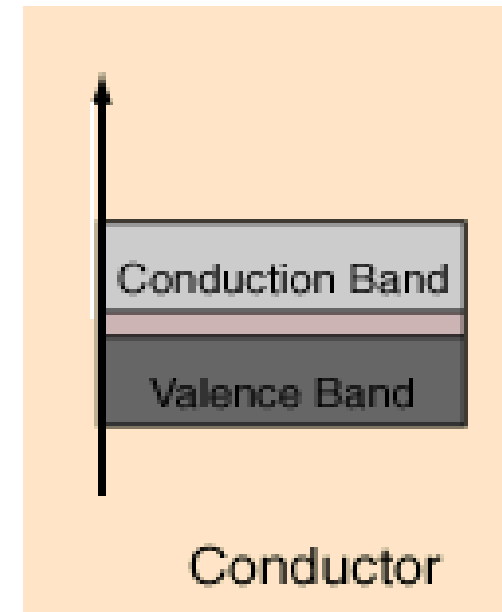
atom in a  
conductor

- The electrons in **insulators** are not free to move—they are tightly bound inside atoms.

atom in an insulator



Bound electron



■ A **semiconductor** has a few free electrons and atoms with bound electrons that act as insulators.

Moving electron

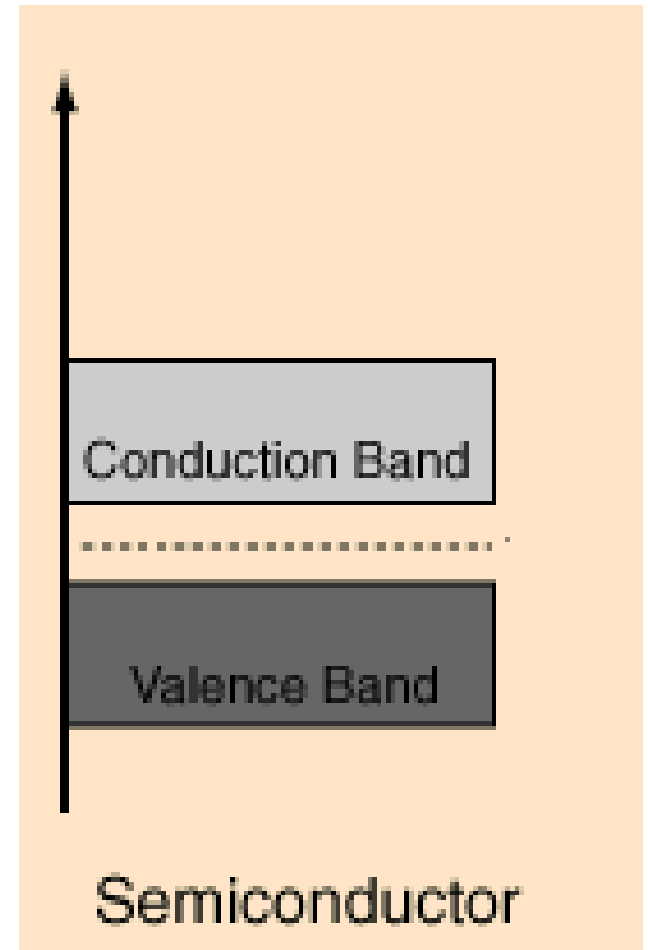
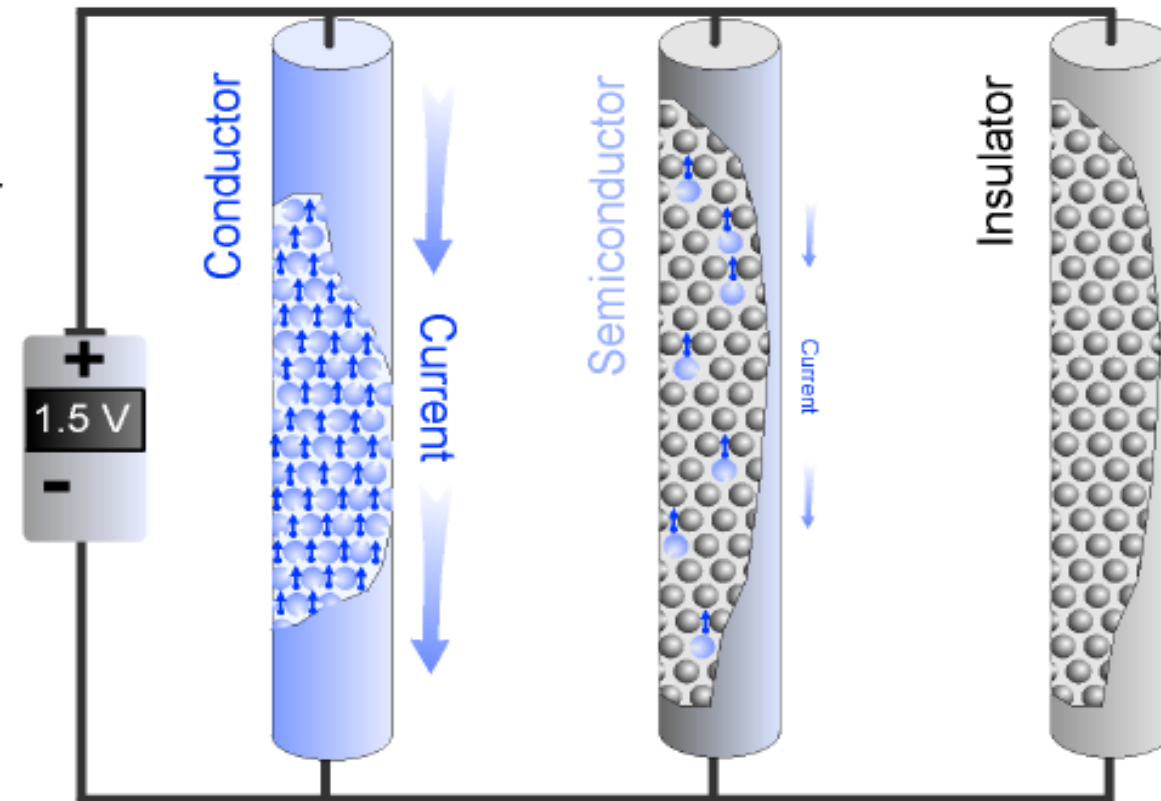


atom in a  
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atom in an insulator



Bound electron



# Charles Coulomb

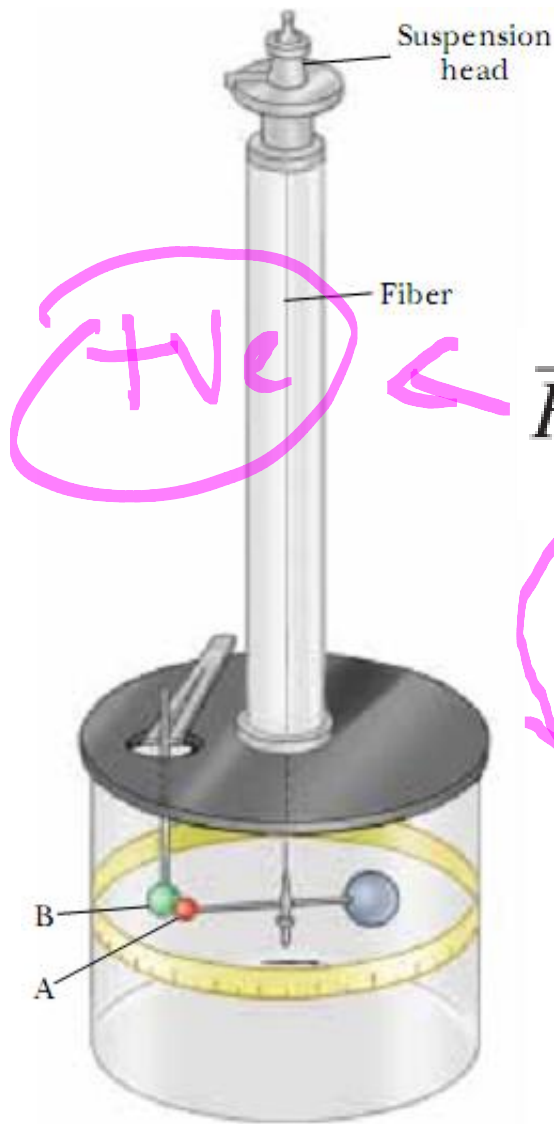
- French physicist (1736-1806)
- Coulomb's major contribution to science was in the field of electrostatics and magnetism.
- During his lifetime, he also investigated the strengths of materials and determined the forces that affect objects on beams, thereby contributing to the field of structural mechanics.
- In the field of ergonomics, his research provided a fundamental understanding of the ways in which people and animals can best do work.



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# Coulomb's Law



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$$F \propto q$$

$$F \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

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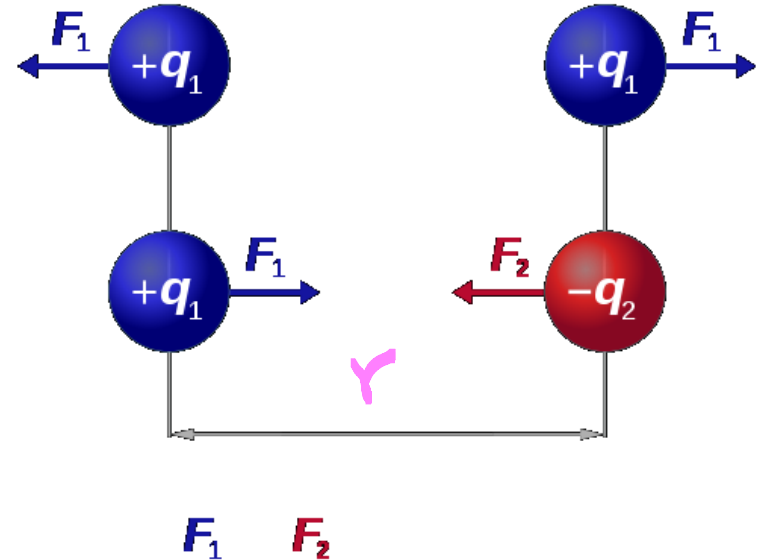
$$\vec{F} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

where

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$$

here

$$\epsilon_0 \approx 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$$



Handwritten pink notes:

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|q_1 q_2|}{r^2} \quad \text{(Coulomb's law: force between two point charges)} \quad (21.2)$$

# Do it !!

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A copper penny contains both positive and negative charges, each of a magnitude  $1.37 \times 10^5$  C. Suppose that these charges could be concentrated into two separate bundles, held 100m apart. What attractive force would act on each bundle?

$$F_e = \frac{k |q_1| |q_2|}{r^2}$$
$$F_e = ?$$

Answer ??

## Do it !!

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Answer :  $F = 1.69 \times 10^6$  N.

# Solution

$$(1.37 \times 10^5)^2$$

**Solution** From Eq. 25-4 we have ✓

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|q|^2}{r^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(1.37 \times 10^5 \text{ C})^2}{(100 \text{ m})^2}$$
$$= 1.69 \times 10^{16} \text{ N.}$$

$$K = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

## 2. Do it !!

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The average distance  $r$  between the electron and the proton in the hydrogen atom is  $5.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$ .

- a. What is the magnitude of the average electrostatic force that acts between these two particles?
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$$F_e = 8.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$$

- b. What is the magnitude of the average gravitational force that acts between these particles?

$$F_g = 3.6 \times 10^{-47} \text{ N}$$

# Solution

**Solution** (a) From Eq. 25-4 we have, for the electrostatic force,

$$F_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2}{(5.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m})^2}$$
$$= 8.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}.$$

Although this force may seem small (it is about equal to the weight of a speck of dust), it produces an enormous acceleration of the electron within the atom, about  $10^{23} \text{ m/s}^2$ .

(b) For the gravitational force, we have

$$F_g = G \frac{m_e m_p}{r^2}$$
$$= \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2)(9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})}{(5.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m})^2}$$
$$= 3.6 \times 10^{-47} \text{ N}.$$

The nucleus in an iron atom has a radius of about  $4.0 \times 10^{-15}$  m and contains 26 protons.

(a) What is the magnitude of the repulsive electrostatic force between two of the protons that are separated by  $4.0 \times 10^{-15}$  m?

(b) What is the magnitude of the gravitational force between those same two protons?



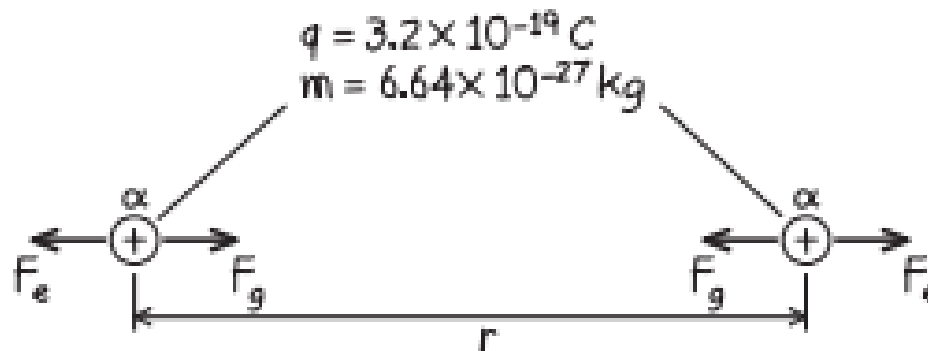
# Solution

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2}{(4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m})^2} \\ = 14 \text{ N}.$$

# Electric Force vs Gravitational Force

An  $\alpha$  particle (the nucleus of a helium atom) has mass  $m = 6.64 \times 10^{-27}$  kg and charge  $q = +2e = 3.2 \times 10^{-19}$  C. Compare the magnitude of the electric repulsion between two  $\alpha$  (“alpha”) particles with that of the gravitational attraction between them.

**21.11** Our sketch for this problem.



# Solution

**EXECUTE:** Figure 21.11 shows our sketch. From Eqs. (21.2) and (13.1),

$$F_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{r^2} \quad F_g = G \frac{m^2}{r^2}$$

These are both inverse-square forces, so the  $r^2$  factors cancel when we take the ratio:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F_e}{F_g} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 G} \frac{q^2}{m^2} \\ &= \frac{9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2} \frac{(3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2}{(6.64 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})^2} \\ &= 3.1 \times 10^{35} \end{aligned}$$

# PROBLEM

Two point charges,  $q_1 = +25 \text{ nC}$  and  $q_2 = -75 \text{ nC}$ , are separated by a distance  $r = 3.0 \text{ cm}$  (Fig. 21.12a). Find the magnitude and direction of the electric force (a) that  $q_1$  exerts on  $q_2$  and (b) that  $q_2$  exerts on  $q_1$ .

## SOLUTION

**IDENTIFY and SET UP:** This problem asks for the electric forces that two charges exert on each other. We use Coulomb's law, Eq. (21.2), to calculate the magnitudes of the forces. The signs of the charges will determine the directions of the forces.

**EXECUTE:** (a) After converting the units of  $r$  to meters and the units of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  to coulombs, Eq. (21.2) gives us

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1 \text{ on } 2} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|q_1 q_2|}{r^2} \\ &= (9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2) \frac{|(+25 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C})(-75 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C})|}{(0.030 \text{ m})^2} \\ &= 0.019 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

The charges have opposite signs, so the force is attractive (to the left in Fig. 21.12b); that is, the force that acts on  $q_2$  is directed toward  $q_1$  along the line joining the two charges.

**21.12** What force does  $q_1$  exert on  $q_2$ , and what force does  $q_2$  exert on  $q_1$ ? Gravitational forces are negligible.

(a) The two charges      (b) Free-body diagram for charge  $q_2$       (c) Free-body diagram for charge  $q_1$



(b) Proceeding as in part (a), we have

$$F_{1 \text{ on } 2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|q_2 q_1|}{r^2} = F_{2 \text{ on } 1} = 0.019 \text{ N}$$

The attractive force that acts on  $q_1$  is to the right, toward  $q_2$  (Fig. 21.12c).

**IDENTIFY** *the relevant concepts:* Coulomb's law describes the electric force between charged particles.

**SET UP** *the problem* using the following steps:

1. Sketch the locations of the charged particles and label each particle with its charge.
2. If the charges do not all lie on a single line, set up an  $xy$ -coordinate system.
3. The problem will ask you to find the electric force on one or more particles. Identify which these are.

**EXECUTE** *the solution* as follows:

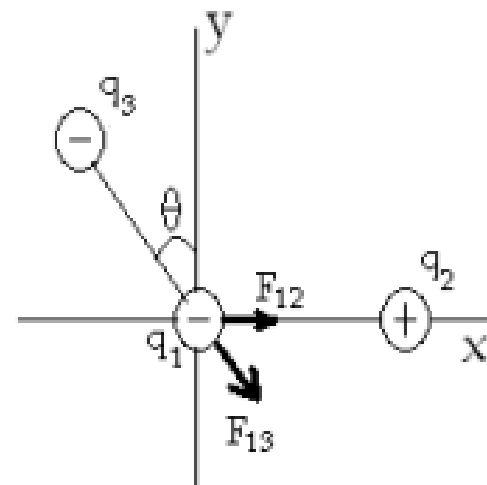
1. For each particle that exerts an electric force on a given particle of interest, use Eq. (21.2) to calculate the magnitude of that force.
2. Using those magnitudes, sketch a free-body diagram showing the electric force vectors acting on each particle of interest. The force exerted by particle 1 on particle 2 points from particle 2 toward particle 1 if the charges have opposite signs, but points from particle 2 directly away from particle 1 if the charges have the same sign.

### 3. Do it !!

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Fig shows three charged particles, held in place by forces not shown. What electrostatic force, due to the other two charges, acts on  $q_1$  ? Take  $q_1 = -1.2\mu\text{C}$ ,  $q_2 = +3.7\mu\text{C}$ ,  $q_3 = -2.3\mu\text{C}$ ,  $r_{12} = 15\text{cm}$ ,  $r_{13} = 10\text{cm}$  and  $\theta = 32^\circ$ .

Answer ??



# Solution

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For solutions –see *lectures*

Answer: Vector  $F_1 = 3.73\text{N}$   
with  $\Theta = -34^\circ$

Given

$$q_1 = -1.2\mu\text{C},$$

$$q_2 = +3.7\mu\text{C},$$

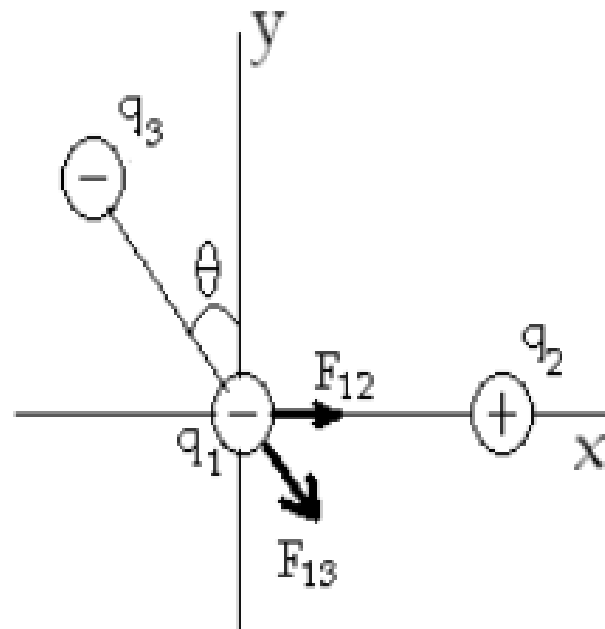
$$q_3 = -2.3\mu\text{C},$$

$$r_{12} = 15\text{cm},$$

$$r_{13} = 10\text{cm}$$

$$\Theta = 32^\circ.$$

$$F \text{ on } q_1 = ?$$



**Solution** This problem calls for the use of the superposition principle. We start by computing the magnitudes of the forces that  $q_2$  and  $q_3$  exert on  $q_1$ . We substitute the magnitudes of the charges into Eq. 25-5:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{12} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r_{12}^2} \\ &= \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})(3.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(0.15 \text{ m})^2} \\ &= 1.77 \text{ N}. \end{aligned}$$

The charges  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  have opposite signs so that the force exerted by  $q_2$  on  $q_1$  is attractive. Hence  $\vec{F}_{12}$  points to the right in Fig. 25-10.

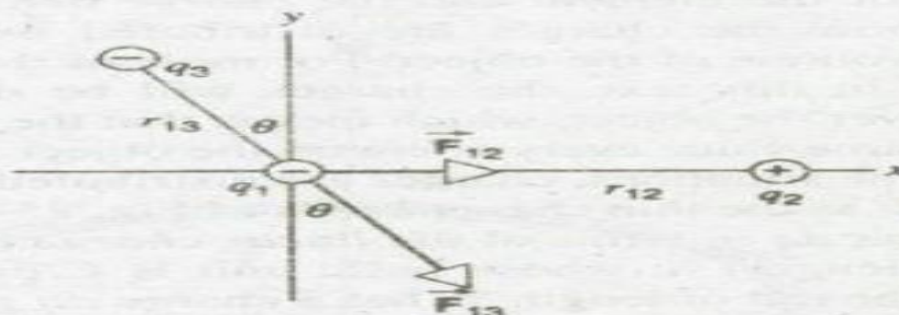
We also have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{13} &= \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})(2.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(0.10 \text{ m})^2} \\ &= 2.48 \text{ N}. \end{aligned}$$

These two charges have the same (negative) sign so that the force exerted by  $q_3$  on  $q_1$  is repulsive. Thus  $\vec{F}_{13}$  points as shown in Fig. 25-10.

The components of the resultant force  $\vec{F}_1$  acting on  $q_1$  are determined by the corresponding components of Eq. 25-8, or

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1x} &= F_{12x} + F_{13x} = F_{12} + F_{13} \sin \theta \\ &= 1.77 \text{ N} + (2.48 \text{ N})(\sin 32^\circ) = 3.08 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$



and

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1y} &= F_{12y} + F_{13y} = 0 - F_{13} \cos \theta \\ &= -(2.48 \text{ N})(\cos 32^\circ) = -2.10 \text{ N}. \end{aligned}$$

From these components, you can show that the magnitude of  $\vec{F}_1$  is 3.73 N and that this vector makes an angle of  $-34^\circ$  with the  $x$  axis.



# Coulomb's Law(Homework)

2. What must be the distance between point charge  $q_1 = 26.3 \mu\text{C}$  and point charge  $q_2 = -47.1 \mu\text{C}$  for the attractive electrical force between them to have a magnitude of 5.66 N?

# Vector Addition of Electric Forces on a line *(Homework)*

Two point charges are located on the  $x$ -axis of a coordinate system:  $q_1 = 1.0 \text{ nC}$  is at  $x = +2.0 \text{ cm}$ , and  $q_2 = -3.0 \text{ nC}$  is at  $x = +4.0 \text{ cm}$ . What is the total electric force exerted by  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  on a charge  $q_3 = 5.0 \text{ nC}$  at  $x = 0$ ?

Ans

$$\vec{F}_{1 \text{ on } 3} = (-112 \mu\text{N})\hat{i} \text{ and } \vec{F}_{2 \text{ on } 3} = (84 \mu\text{N})\hat{i}.$$

$$\vec{F}_3 = \vec{F}_{1 \text{ on } 3} + \vec{F}_{2 \text{ on } 3} = (-112 \mu\text{N})\hat{i} + (84 \mu\text{N})\hat{i} = (-28 \mu\text{N})\hat{i}$$

## 4. Do -it !! *Homework*

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Two positive charges, each of  $4.18\mu\text{C}$  and a negative charge,  $-6.36\mu\text{C}$ , are fixed at the vertices of an equilateral triangle of side  $13.0\text{ cm}$ . Find the electrical force on the negative charge?

## 4. Do -it !!

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Answer: Vector  $F_- = 24.5\text{N}$  with  $\Theta =$  along the bisector of angle

# Calculate the Force

Consider three point charges located at the corners of a right triangle as shown in Figure.

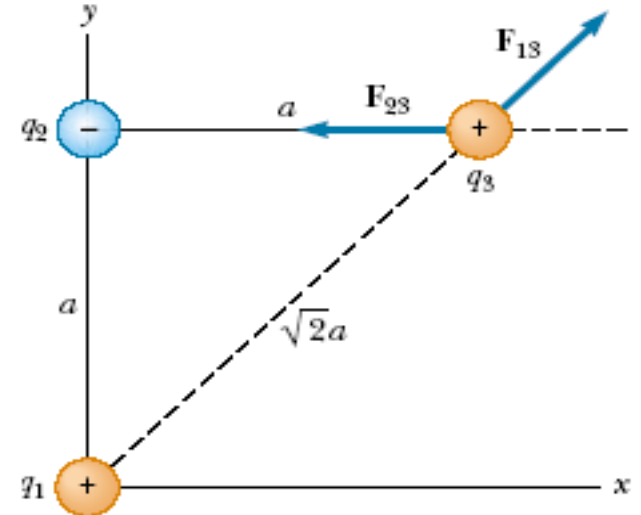
Find the resultant force exerted on  $q_3$ .

$$q_1 = q_3 = 5.0 \mu\text{C}, \quad q_2 = -2.0 \mu\text{C}, \text{ and } a = 0.10 \text{ m}.$$

$$F_{3x} = F_{13x} + F_{23} = 7.9 \text{ N} - 9.0 \text{ N} = -1.1 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{3y} = F_{13y} = 7.9 \text{ N}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_3 = (-1.1\mathbf{i} + 7.9\mathbf{j}) \text{ N}$$



Find the magnitude and direction of the resultant force  $\mathbf{F}_3$

8.0 N at an angle of  $98^\circ$  with the  $x$  axis.

# Announcement

- Sessional II is scheduled on 25/11/2020. Do not forget to submit the assignment 2 on the same day before 1.30 P.M
- Weightage(15 marks)
- Course Contents to be included are from Week 05 (After Slide 14) till Week 10
- Assignment 02/HomeWorks Included

# What next??

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- ▶ The electric field