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8.02 Electricity and Magnetism Notes

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1 Electrostatics

1.1 Charge and Electric Forces (4/9/2025)

Charge unit: Coloumb (C)

- 2 Main Properties:
- Charge is quantized (some integer * e)
- Charge is conserved

Like charges repel, opposites attract

Electric Force The electric force is between 2 particles given by:

$$\vec{E} = k \frac{qQ}{r^2} \hat{r} \tag{1}$$

where q and Q are the charges of the 2 particles