

## The Charge Force

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1. Charge is conserved
2. Charge is quantized

### 2 Types of Charge - positive and negative

The force between like charges is always repulsive

The force between opposite charges is always attractive

$q, Q$  represent amount of charge

SI unit for charge is Coulomb (C) -  $\mu C, nC, pC, fC$

$Q = Ne$  Integer (no decimal)

$\uparrow$  fundamental unit of charge  $1.602 \times 10^{-19} C$

### 3 Types of materials related to charge force

Conductor - the charges can move freely throughout the material

Insulator (dielectric) - the charges are not free to move freely throughout the material

Semiconductor - the ability of charges to move is switchable

Charge Reservoir

Ground

### 3 Methods to electrify an object

Friction - rubbing two surfaces together transfers charge from one object to another

Conduction - the transfer of charge by direct physical contact

Induction - the appearance of charge due to the proximity of charge

### Coulomb's Law

$$\vec{F}_Q = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}^2} \hat{r}_{12} \quad k = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ nm}^2/\text{C}^2 \approx 9 \times 10^9$$

