



Electromagnetism:

One of the 4 fundamental forces in nature:

Gravity	Newton (1687) + Einstein (1915)
EM	Maxwell (1860)
Weak	Fermi (1930)
Strong	Feynman, Gross, Politzer, Wilczek(1970)

- Gravity always around but hard to think about.
- EM effects much more evident: lighting, magnets, sparks from clothing,...
- Known since at least 3000bc (Egyptians) via electric eels
- Electricity comes from the greek word Elecktron (Amber) “from the sun”



Electromagnetism, electron, electronics,...



Piece of Amber

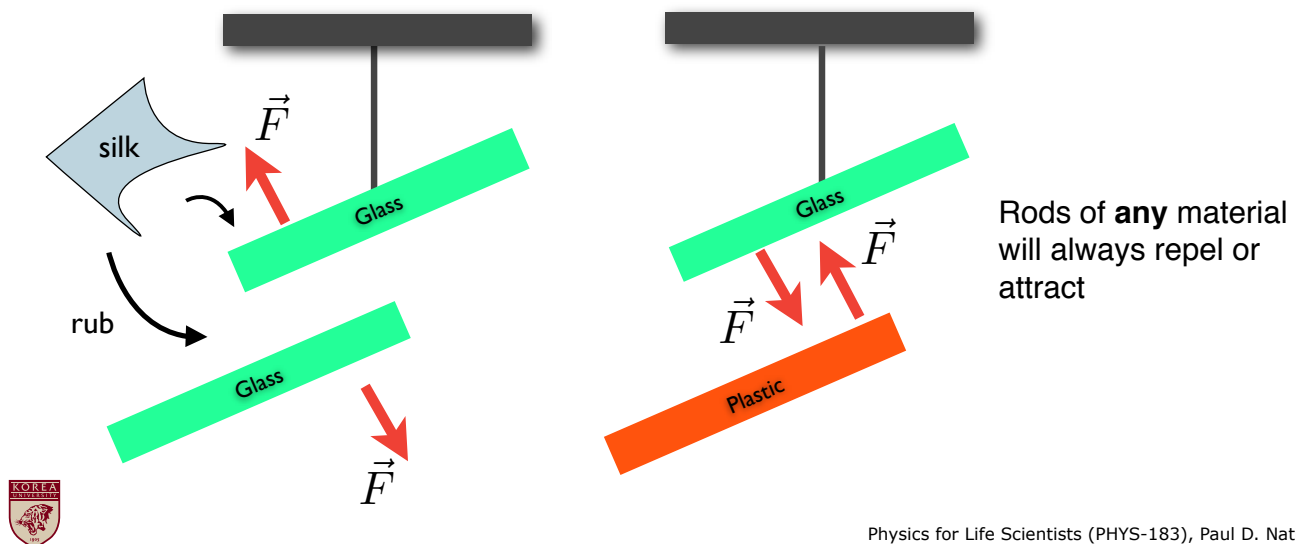
- Connection between electricity and magnetism not until 1820 from Oerstad.
- Now everything takes advantage of electromagnetism
- Entire output of the world connected to EM



Electric Charge

- Every object contains electric charge.
- Charge is a fundamental property of the material out of which everything is made, just like mass.
- Everyday objects have vast amounts of charge
- The properties of charges first determined experimentally

Simple experiment:



- Situation can be described by two different types of charge that are related by a minus sign:

Attractive forces $\rightarrow -$

Repulsive forces $\rightarrow +$

Charges with same sign repel; opposite charges attract

- Choice of +/- for charges is arbitrary. Determined by Benjamin Franklin (\$100 guy)

Positive (+) charges

Negative (-) charges

Charges usually come in equal amounts (no net charge)

- Objects with no net charge are called neutral
- Have seen that objects can have net charge; determined types of charge
- How are charges distributed over objects?



Conductors & Insulators

- Materials can be divided into 4 categories depending on how easily charges move:

Conductors: Charges move easily. i.e. metals, saltwater, people,...

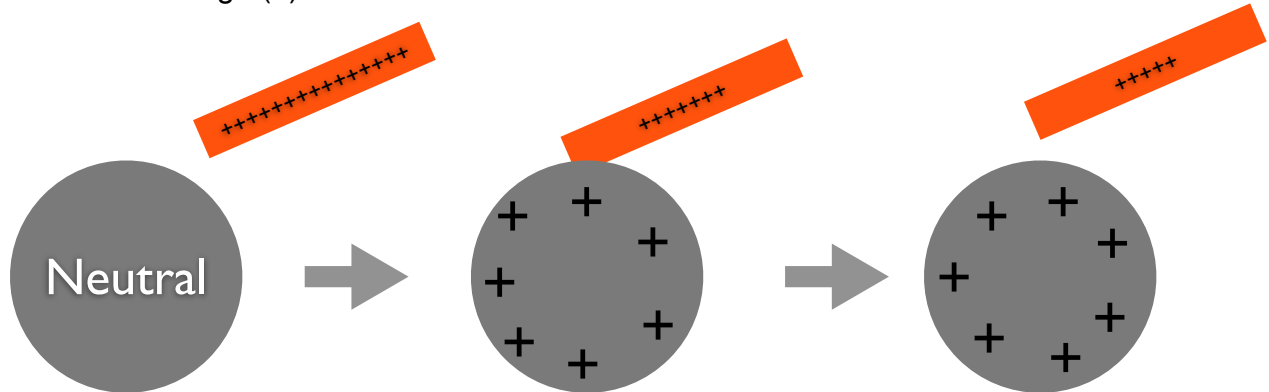
Insulators: Charges cannot move. i.e. rubber, glass, plastics, pure H₂O

Semiconductors: In between conductors and insulators. i.e. silicon, germanium

Superconductors: Charges move perfectly. i.e. mercury@2k, aluminum@1.2k

Conductors

- Charges move freely + like charges repel.
- Add some charge (+) onto a conductor

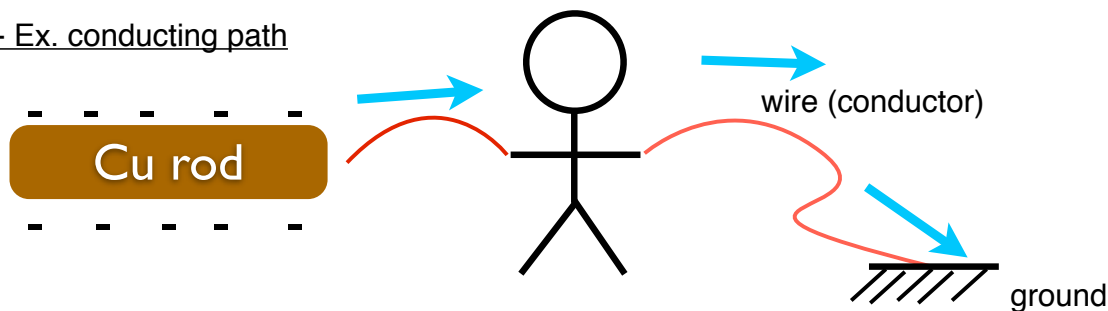


Charge spreads out over conductor to reach equilibrium

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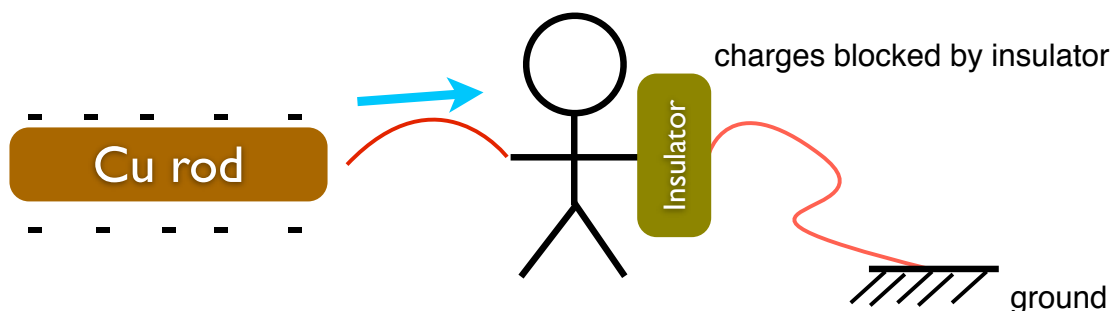


- Ex. conducting path



- Charge moves through conductors due to repelling force to ground
- Earth is a huge conductor... can always dump charge there.
- Any conducting path connected to the Earth is called **grounded**

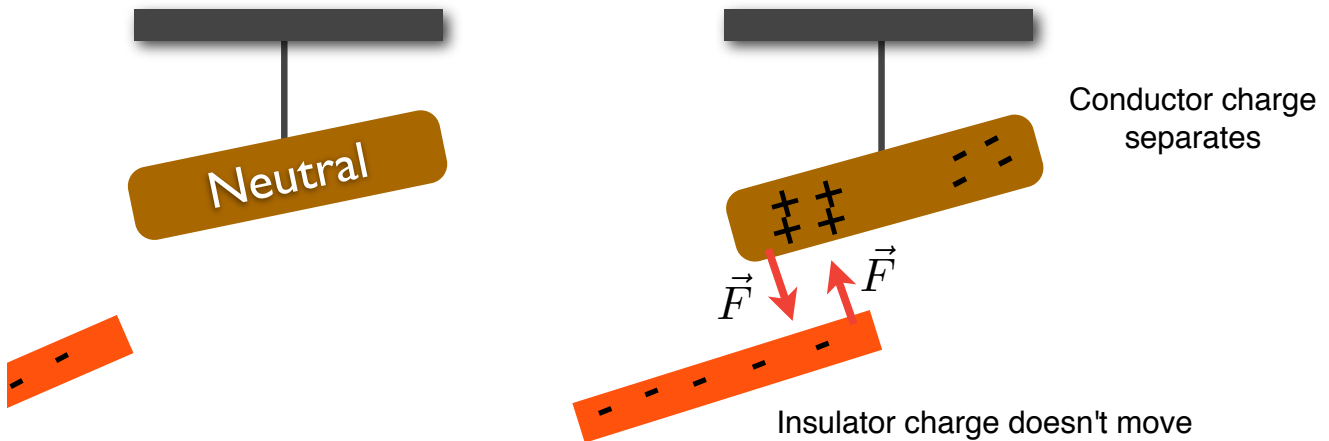
- Ex. conducting path + insulator



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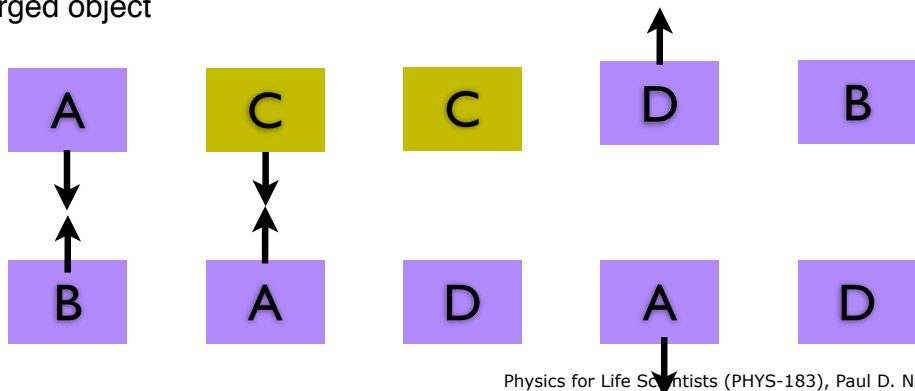
- Since charges move freely, can **induce** a charge on a conductor:



- Copper rod is neutral but had induced charge; positive and negative charges separated due to force from nearby charged object

Conceptual Question:

A,B,D charged plastic
C is neutral metal

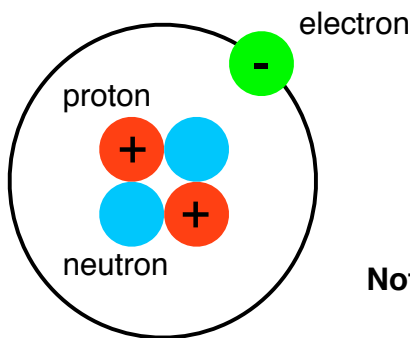


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Where do charges come from?

- Recall that charge is a fundamental property of matter.

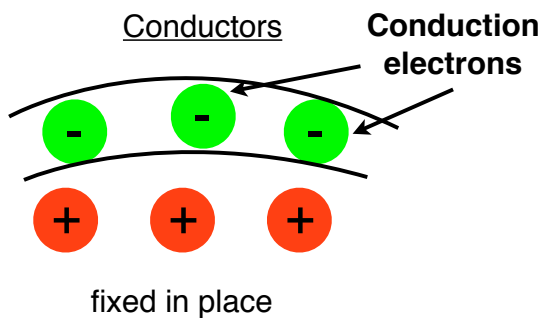


+ charges = protons
- charges = electrons

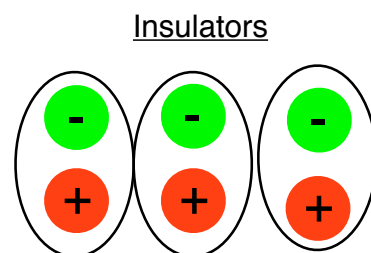
1st guess:

- Protons are the charges that move around

Not True! Only electrons are free to move in most materials



Electrons do not belong to single atom, spread out over surface



- Electrons tightly bound to nucleus, cannot move.

- None or few conduction electrons



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➡ Only way to get positive charge is to remove electrons such that:

$$\# \text{ of protons} > \# \text{ of electrons}$$

Positive charge implies deficit of electrons

- Electrons are fundamental particles; they can not be subdivided (Thompson 1897)

➡ Charge comes only in discrete units

charge $\rightarrow q = n \cdot e \quad n = \pm 1, 2, 3 \dots$

↑
“elementary charge” $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{C}$ Coulombs

- Elementary charge e is a fundamental constant

$$e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{C} \quad \rightarrow \quad 1\text{C} \approx 6.25 \times 10^{18} e$$

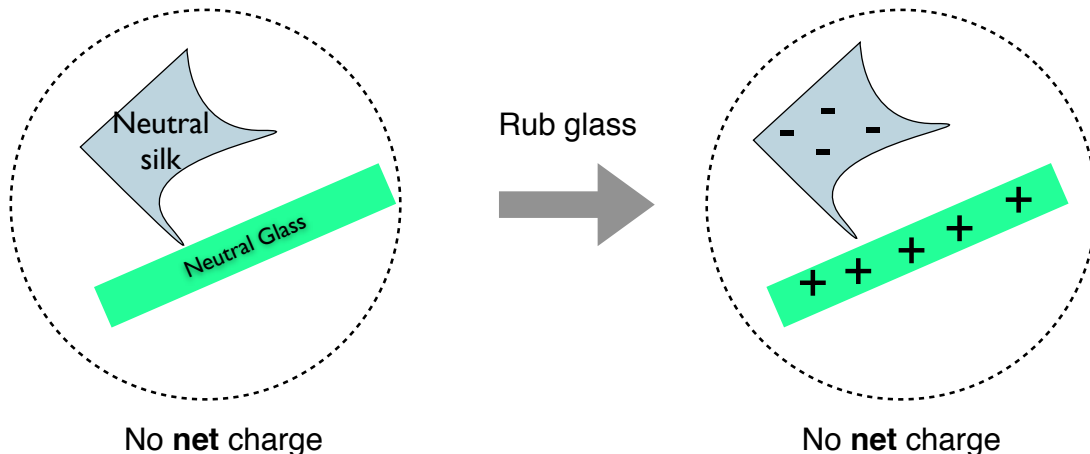
7.5×10^{18} Grains of sand on the entire Earth!



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Charge is a conserved quantity.

- Let's return to the silk + glass example.



- Charge is **not** created, just moved around
- True for any physical process.

Conservation of charge: The **net** charge of any isolated system cannot change.

- 4th conservation law encountered: Energy, Momentum, Angular Momentum, Charge
- Key word here is “net”: Can create +/- charges in pairs; net charge is still zero.



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Coulombs Law:

- We know everything there is to know about individual charges
- How do charges interact?
- Saw that charges exert forces on each other:

Opposite charges attract

Like charges repel

- Force between non-moving charges is called **Electrostatic Force**.
- Determined experimentally (like most of EM) by Coulomb (1785)

Coulomb's Law: Given two particles with charges q_1 and q_2 , the resulting force is:

$$\vec{F} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \leftarrow \text{in radial direction}$$

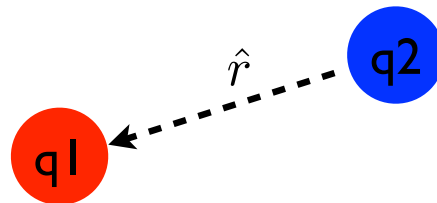
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"electrostatic constant"

$$k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ C}^2 / \text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$



How to determine "radial direction"

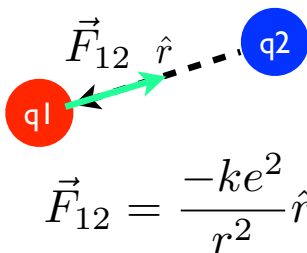
Force of q_2 on q_1 : \vec{F}_{12}



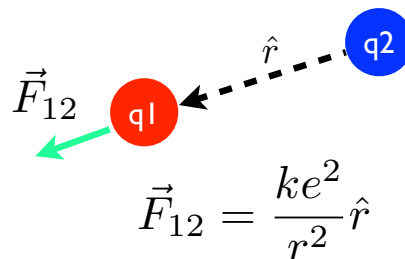
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- Check for consistency:

$$q_1 = e \quad ; \quad q_2 = -e$$



$$q_1 = e \quad ; \quad q_2 = e$$



Connection between EM and Gravity:

$$\vec{F}_{EM} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \text{Coulomb's Law}$$

$$\vec{F}_G = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \text{Newton's Law}$$

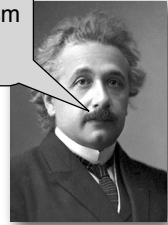
-Both equations have same form:

- $1/r^2$ spatial dependence
- interactions correspond to products of particle properties; charges for Coulomb, and masses for Newton's law.
- Both laws has a fundamental constant

- Amazing! Why should Gravity and EM follow same force law?

- Hints at a deeper connection
- This connection used by Einstein in formulating relativity

Gravity and electromagnetism are related!



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- Ex. force of gravity vs. EM force:

- Let us compare the force of gravity between an electron and a proton to the EM force.
- What is your guess? Which is stronger?

$$\frac{|F_{EM}|}{|F_G|} = \frac{k}{G} \frac{q_1 q_2}{m_1 m_2} = \frac{k}{G} \frac{e^2}{m_p m_e}$$

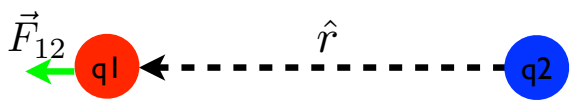
$$\frac{|F_{EM}|}{|F_G|} \approx \frac{9 \cdot 10^9 * 2 \cdot 10^{-38}}{7 \cdot 10^{-11} \times 2 \cdot 10^{-27} \times 9 \cdot 10^{-31}} = \frac{1}{7} \frac{10^{-29}}{10^{-68}} \approx 10^{39}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_p &= 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{Kg} \\ m_e &= 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{Kg} \\ G &= 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{m}^3/\text{Kg} \cdot \text{s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

- EM force is huge compared to gravity!
- As mentioned, objects nearly neutral, and mass of Earth is huge -> not noticed so much.

Ex. force of between two charges

What is force on q_1 from q_2 when $q_1=e$ and $q_2=2e$ and separated by a distance of 4m ?



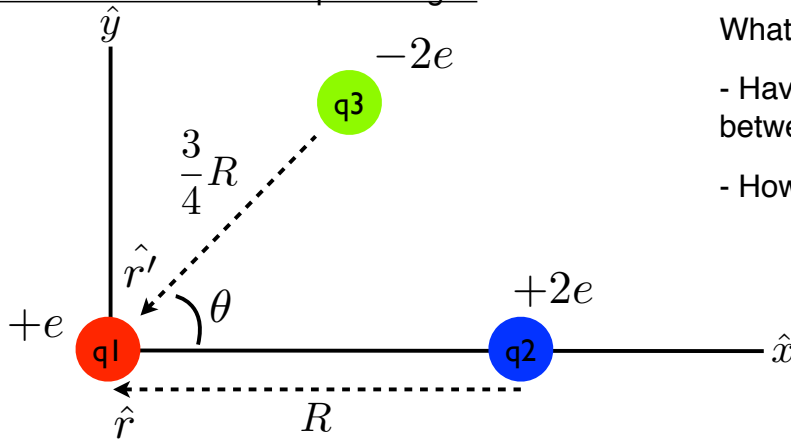
$$\vec{F}_{12} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r} = k \frac{2e^2}{4} \hat{r} = \frac{ke^2}{2} \hat{r}$$

in \hat{r} direction since both charges same sign



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Ex. force between multiple charges



What is the **net** force on q1?

- Have only considered force between two charges
- How do we handle multiple particles?

- Because we know that \vec{F}_{EM} has the same form as \vec{F}_G we can borrow the concept of **superposition**:

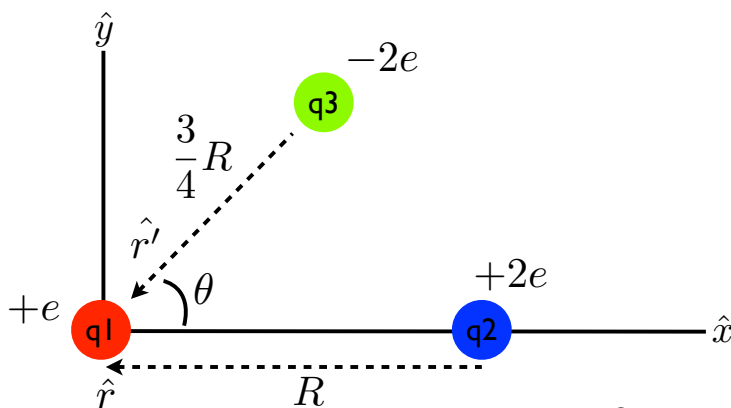
The **net** force from a collection of charges on charge q1 is given by:

$$\vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} = \sum_{i=2}^N \vec{F}_{1i}$$



Superposition principle is not obvious. But it is confirmed by experiments.

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$$\vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} = \vec{F}_{12} + \vec{F}_{13}$$

- Find F_{12} (easy part first): $\vec{F}_{12} = k \frac{2e^2}{R^2} \hat{r} = -k \frac{2e^2}{R^2} \hat{x}$

- F_{13} : $\vec{F}_{13} = -k \frac{2e^2}{(\frac{3}{4}R)^2} \hat{r}'$ \hat{r}' is not along x or y directions; must decompose into x and y pieces

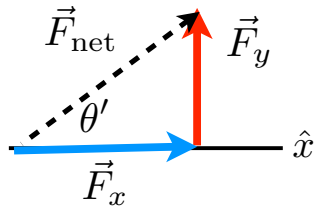
$$\vec{F}_{13} = k \frac{16(2e^2)}{9R^2} \cos \theta \hat{x} + k \frac{16(2e^2)}{9R^2} \sin \theta \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{F}_{1,\text{net}} = k \frac{(2e^2)}{R^2} \left[\frac{16}{9} \cos \theta - 1 \right] \hat{x} + k \frac{16(2e^2)}{9R^2} \sin \theta \hat{y}$$



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-What is the angle θ' of the resulting force?



$$\tan \theta' = \frac{F_y}{F_x} \Rightarrow \theta' = \arctan \frac{F_y}{F_x}$$

$$\frac{F_y}{F_x} = \frac{16 \sin \theta}{9 (16/9 \cos \theta - 1)}$$

$$\frac{F_y}{F_x} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta - \frac{9}{16}}$$

