

# Problems

12. Three point charges lie along a straight line as shown in Figure P23.12, where  $q_1 = 6.00 \mu\text{C}$ ,  $q_2 = 1.50 \mu\text{C}$ , and  $q_3 = -2.00 \mu\text{C}$ . The separation distances are  $d_1 = 3.00 \text{ cm}$  and  $d_2 = 2.00 \text{ cm}$ . Calculate the magnitude and direction of the net electric force on (a)  $q_1$ , (b)  $q_2$ , and (c)  $q_3$ .

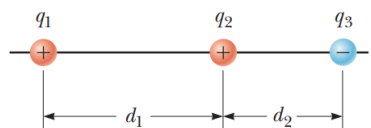
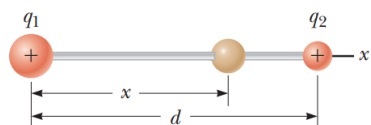


Figure P23.12

13. Two small beads having positive charges  $q_1 = 3q$  and  $q_2 = q$  are fixed at the opposite ends of a horizontal insulating rod of length  $d = 1.50 \text{ m}$ . The bead with charge  $q_1$  is at the origin. As shown in Figure P23.13, a third small, charged bead is free to slide on the rod. (a) At what position  $x$  is the third bead in equilibrium? (b) Can the equilibrium be stable?



16. Two small metallic spheres, each of mass  $m = 0.200 \text{ g}$ , are suspended as pendulums by light strings of length  $L$  as shown in Figure P23.16. The spheres are given the same electric charge of  $7.2 \text{ nC}$ , and they come to equilibrium when each string is at an angle of  $\theta = 5.00^\circ$  with the vertical. How long are the strings?

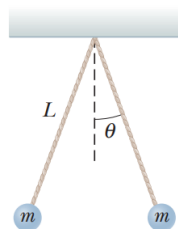


Figure P23.16

19. A point charge  $+2Q$  is at the origin and a point charge  $-Q$  is located along the  $x$  axis at  $x = d$  as in Figure P23.19. Find a symbolic expression for the net force on a third point charge  $+Q$  located along the  $y$  axis at  $y = d$ .

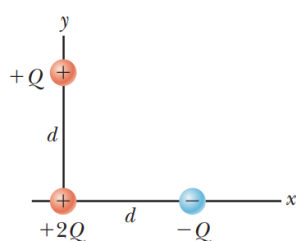


Figure P23.19

62. A small sphere of charge  $q_1 = 0.800 \mu\text{C}$  hangs from the end of a spring as in Figure P23.62a. When another small sphere of charge  $q_2 = -0.600 \mu\text{C}$  is held beneath

the first sphere as in Figure P23.62b, the spring stretches by  $d = 3.50 \text{ cm}$  from its original length and reaches a new equilibrium position with a separation between the charges of  $r = 5.00 \text{ cm}$ . What is the force constant of the spring?

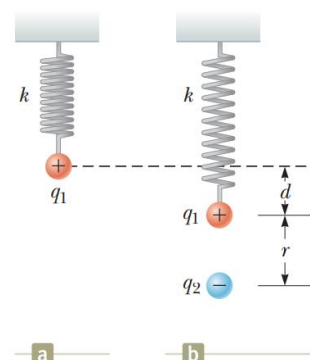
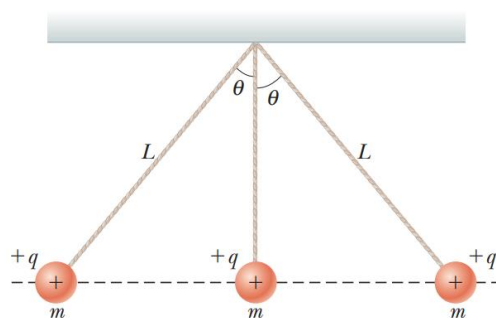


Figure P23.62

77. Three identical point charges, each of mass  $m = 0.100 \text{ kg}$ , hang from three strings as shown in Figure P23.77. If the lengths of the left and right strings are each  $L = 30.0 \text{ cm}$  and the angle  $\theta$  is  $45.0^\circ$ , determine the value of  $q$ .



12)  $-46.7\text{N}, 157\text{N}, -111\text{N}$

13)  $0.951\text{m}$

16)  $0.299\text{m}$

19)  $F = \frac{kQ^2}{d^2} \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}i, \left(2 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)j \right)$

62)  $49.3 \text{ N/m}$

77)  $1.98\text{E}-6 \text{ C}$