

Electric Charge

- All ordinary matter contains both **positive** and **negative** charge.
- You do not usually notice the charge because most matter contains the exact same number of positive and negative charges.
- An object is **electrically neutral** when it has equal amounts of both types of charge.

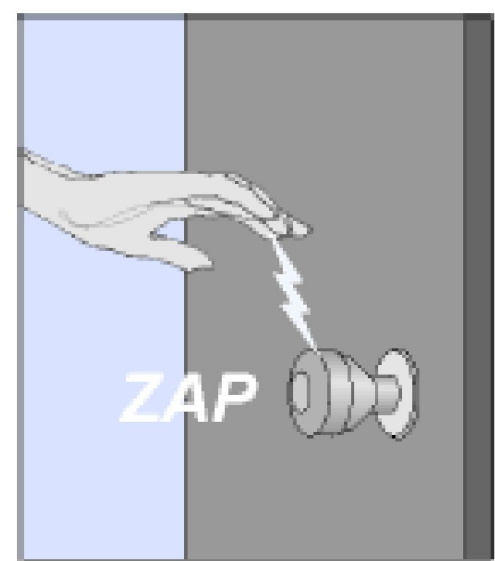
This object is neutral

−	+	−	+
−	+	−	+
−	+	−	+
−	+	−	+




positive charge	+8
negative charge	<u>−8</u>
total	0

Electric Charge

- Objects can lose or gain electric charges.
- The **net charge** is also sometimes called **excess charge** because a charged object has an excess of either positive or negative charges.
- A tiny imbalance in either positive or negative charge on an object is the cause of **static electricity**.
- Electric charge is a property of tiny particles in atoms.
- The unit of electric charge is the **coulomb** (C).
- A quantity of charge should always be identified with a positive or a negative sign.



Static electricity

Mass (kg)	Charge (coulombs)
 Electron	
9.109×10^{-31}	-1.602×10^{-19}
 Proton	
1.673×10^{-27}	$+1.602 \times 10^{-19}$
 Neutron	
1.675×10^{-27}	0

Conductors and insulators

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

Moving electron



- The electrons in insulators are not free to move—

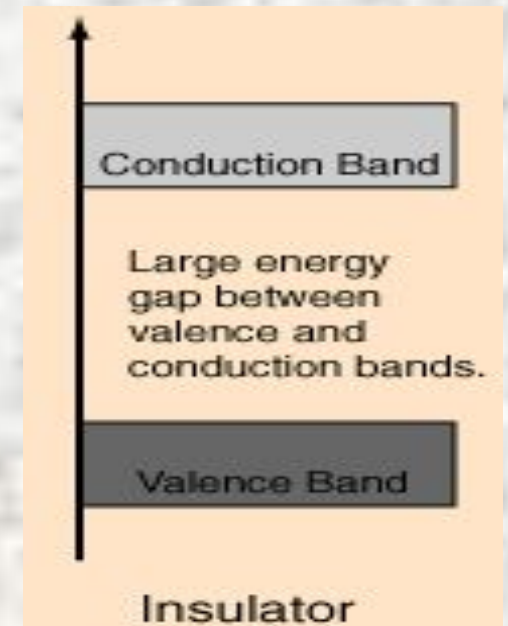
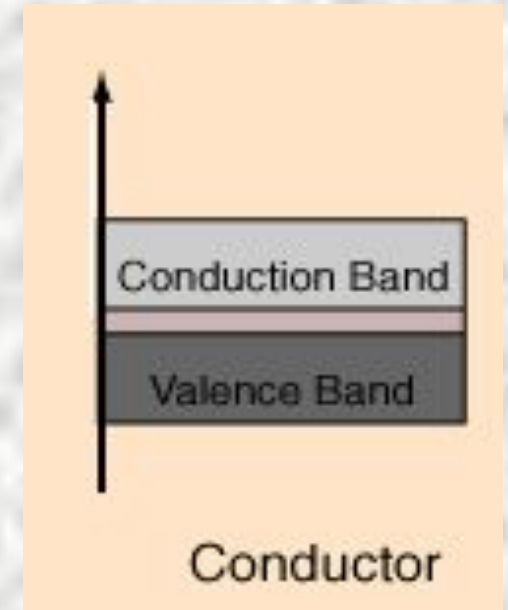


atom in a
conductor

atom in an insulator



Bound electron



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

Moving electron

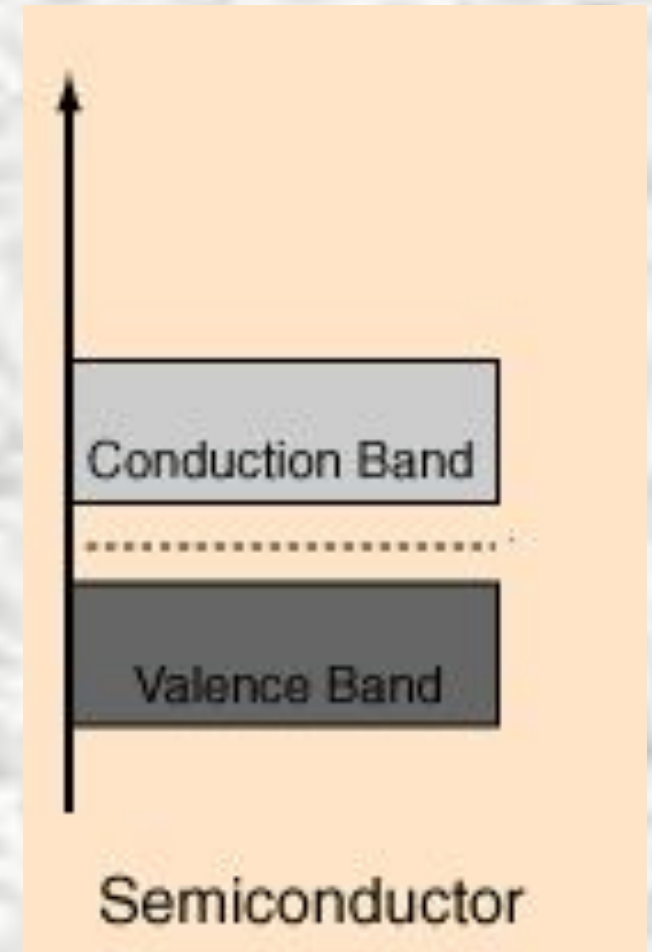
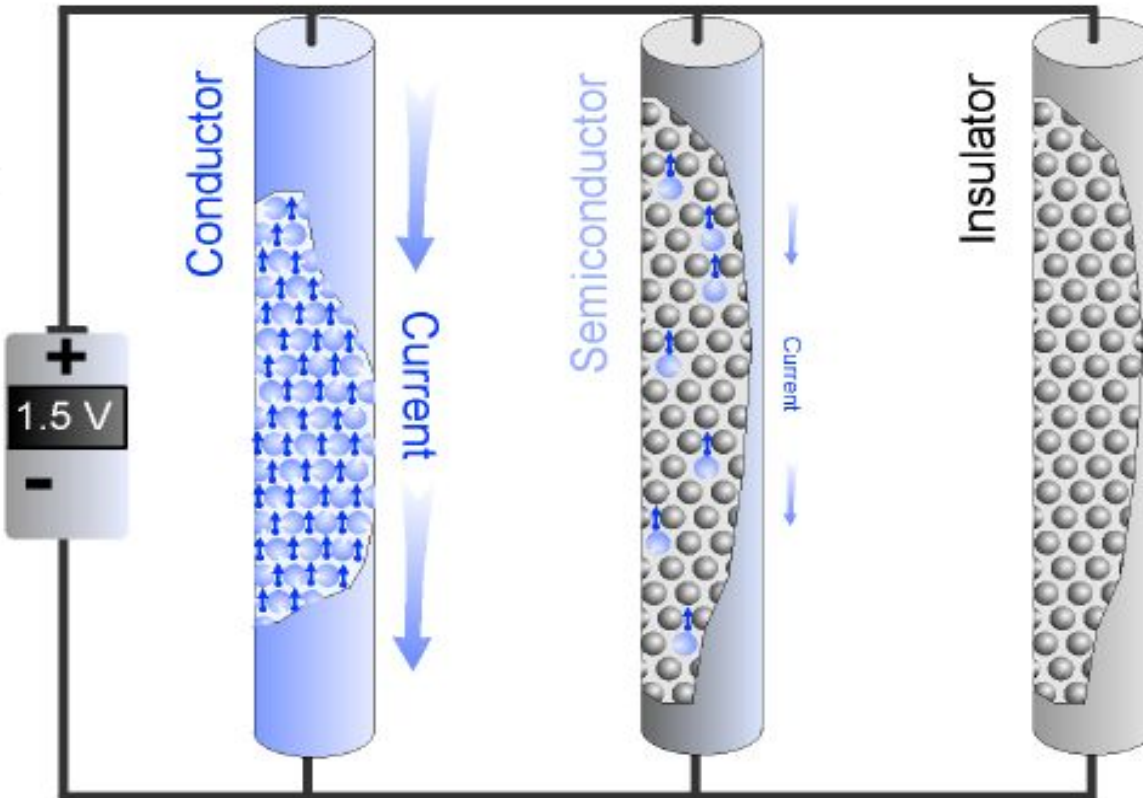


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Coulomb's Law

Coulomb's law relates the force between two single charges separated by a distance.

Force (F) depends on charge (q)

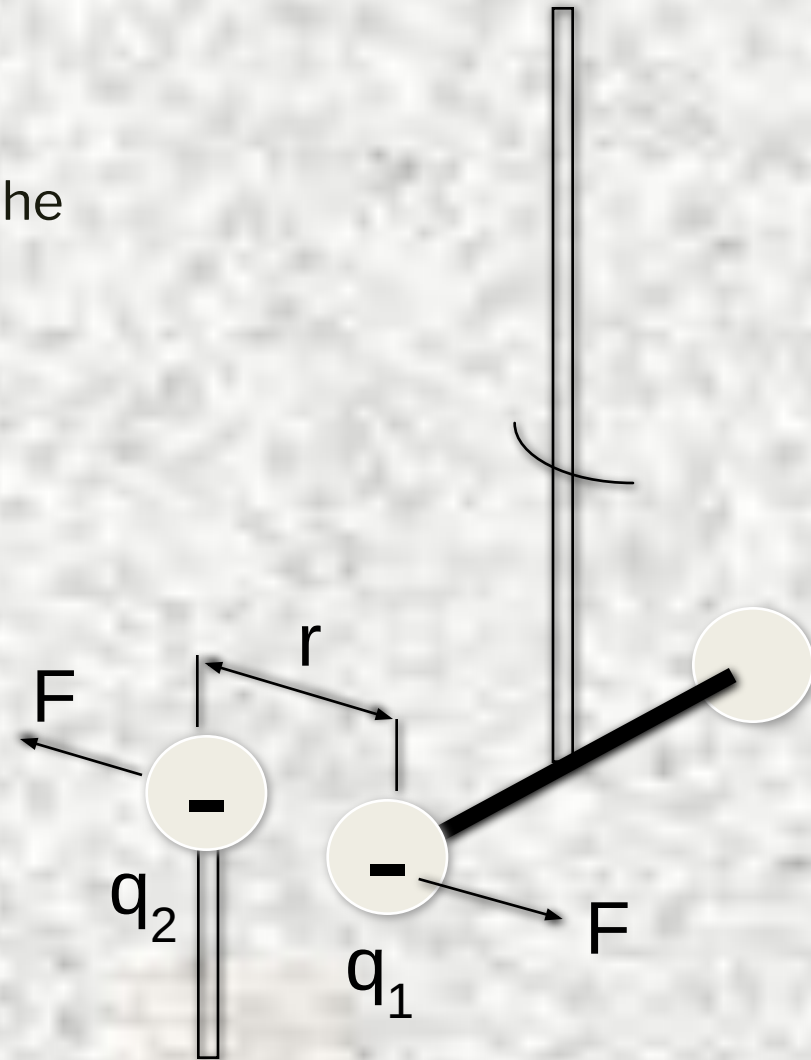
$$F \propto q_1; F \propto q_2$$

Force depends on the inverse square of the distance (r) between the charges

$$F \propto 1/r^2$$

$$F \propto (q_1 q_2)/r^2$$

$$F = K \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$



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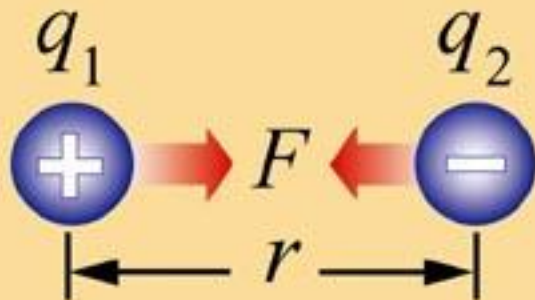
Constant
($9 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$)

Charges (C)

Force (N)

$$F = K \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

Distance (m)



Calculate the Force

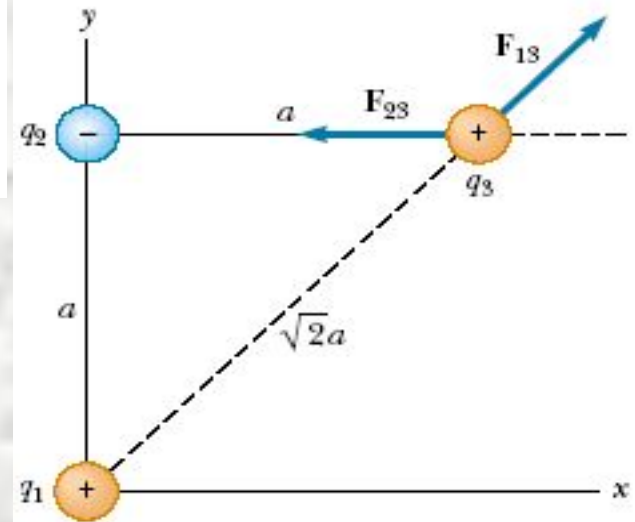
Consider three point charges located at the corners of a right triangle as shown in Figure. Find the resultant force exerted on

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

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

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

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



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

8.0 N at an angle of 98° with the x axis.