

Chapter 15: Electric Forces and Electric Fields

15.1 Properties of Electric Charges

- positive and negative charges
- like charges repel
- electric charge is always conserved
- negative charge is transferred from one object to the other

15.2 Insulators and Conductors

- In Conductors, electric charges move freely in response to an electric force
 - Conductors: Copper, aluminum, and silver
 - Insulators: Glass and rubber
- Charging by Conduction
 - negatively charged rod (excess electrons) comes into contact with an insulated neutral conducting sphere. The excess electrons repel electrons on the sphere creating a local positive charge on the neutral sphere.
- Charging by Induction
 - negatively charged rod (excess electrons) comes close to a neutral sphere causing likes to repel to the other side of the sphere, creating a local positive charge on the neutral sphere

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Charge of particle 1

Charge of particle 2

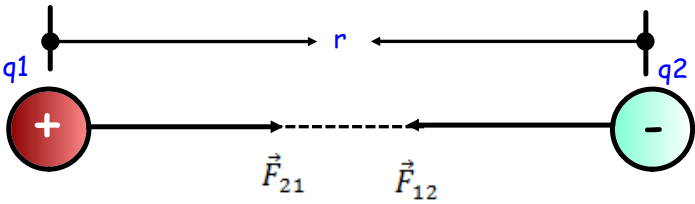
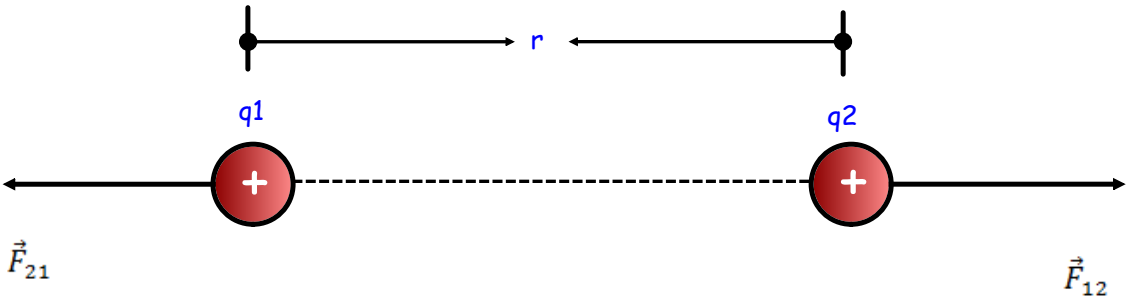
Distance apart

Coulomb Constant

$$k_e = 8.9875 \times 10^9 \frac{N \cdot m^2}{C^2}$$

Charge and Mass of the Electron, Proton, and Neutron

Particle	Charge (C)	Mass (kg)
Electron	-1.60×10^{-19}	9.11×10^{-31}
Proton	$+1.60 \times 10^{-19}$	1.67×10^{-27}
Neutron	0	1.67×10^{-27}



Higher level thinking Coulombs Law Example

Find the magnitude and direction of the net force on the $-4\mu\text{C}$ charge

$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{h}$
 $= \frac{12\text{m}}{13\text{m}}$
 22.62°

$F = \frac{k|q_1||q_2|}{r^2}$
 $= \frac{(9.00 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2}) (10\mu\text{C})(4\mu\text{C})}{(13\text{m})^2}$
 $F = 2.50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$

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Chapter 15 homework

1, 3, 8, 17, 26, 33, 39, 40

