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(1705–1790)

Physics 2102

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Electric Charge I



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Charles-Augustin
de Coulomb
(1736–1806)



Who am I & Why am I Here?

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Course Details

- Main Class Website for All Sections:

<http://www.phys.lsu.edu/classes/spring2009/phys2102/>
Syllabus, Schedule, Grading Policy, Exam Solutions, ...

- Lectures will be posted in this section's website:

<http://phys.lsu.edu/~jdowling/PHYS21022SP09/>

- Text: Fundamentals of Physics, Halliday, Resnick, and Walker, 8th edition. We will cover chapters 21-36.

- Exams: Midterms 6-7PM: THU 05 FEB, THU 05 MAR, THU 02 APR; Final Exam 5:30-7:30PM: FRI 08 MAY

- Lab: Meets This Week! Show up or be dropped!

- Tutoring: Free Tutors in 102 Nicholson Hall.

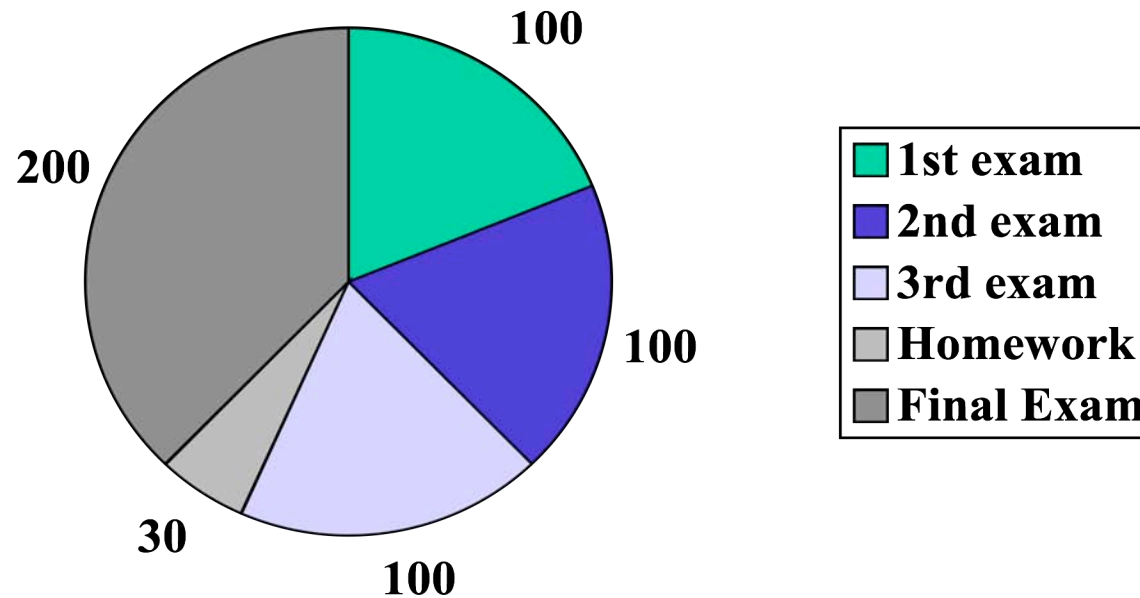
Course Details: Homework

Web-based system: Web Assign

To register:

- Go to <http://www.webassign.net/student.html>
- On the left frame, "student login"
 - *Username:* pawsusername@lsu
 - *Institution:* lsu
 - *Password:* lsuidnumber
- Choose "credit card registration" (\$\$\$) or FREE with Purchase of PHYS2102 Book from Bookstore
- One Assignment Per Week Due 2AM Wednesdays.
- First HW Is Posted This Week Due Next WED 2AM.

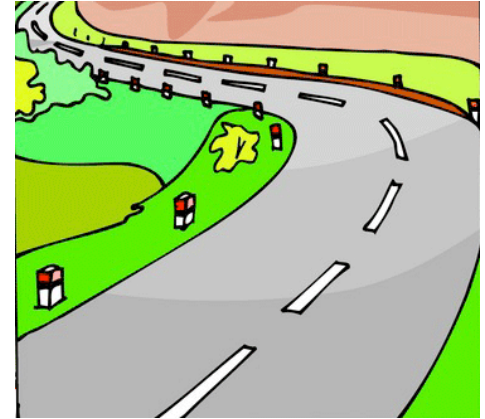
Course Details: Grading



A: ≥ 90 B: 80–89 C: 60–79 D: 50–59 F: < 50

Borderline Cases Decided by Class Attendance!

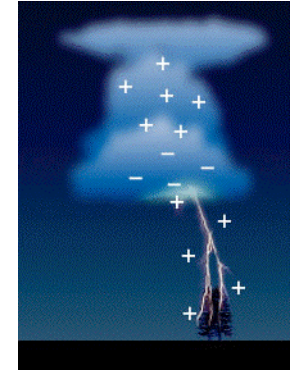
What Are We Going to Learn? A Roadmap!



- Electric *Charge*
& Electric *Force* on Other Electric Charges
& Electric *Field*, and Electric *Potential*
- Moving Electric Charges: *Current*
- Electronic *Circuit* Components: Batteries, Resistors, Capacitors
- Electric Currents & *Magnetic Field*
& Magnetic *Force* on Moving Charges
- *Time-Varying* Magnetic Field & Electric Field
- More Circuit Components: Inductors, AC Circuits.
- Maxwell's Equations & Electromagnetic *Waves* & Light Waves
- Geometrical Optics (Light Rays).
- Physical Optics (Light Waves): Interference, Diffraction.



Let's Get Started! Electric Charges...



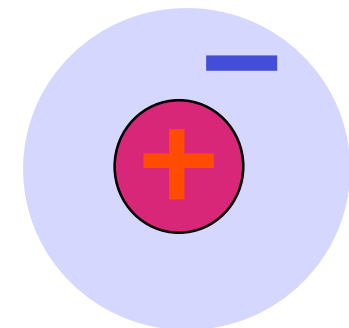
- Two Types of Charges: Positive/Negative
- Like Charges Repel
- Opposite Charges Attract

Atomic Structure:

- Negative Electron Cloud
- Nucleus of Positive Protons, Uncharged Neutrons

The Unit of Electric Charge is
the "Coulomb" which is "C".

Proton Charge: $e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$





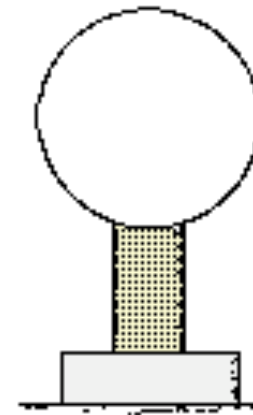
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Rules of Attraction and Repulsion Discovered by Benjamin Franklin

Opposite charges attract



Like charges repel

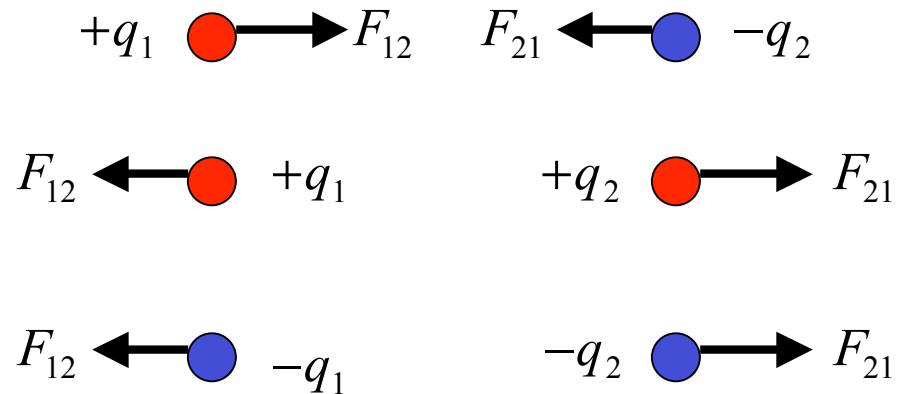


A negatively charged object is brought near to a neutral, conducting sphere. Electrons in the sphere are forced from the left side of the sphere to the right side.

Force Between Pairs of Point Charges: Coulomb's Law

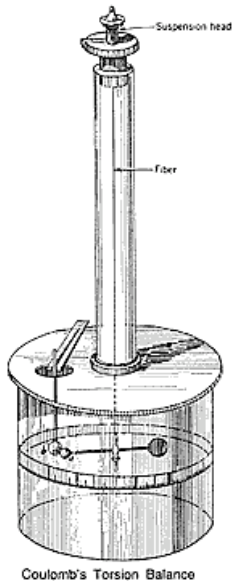


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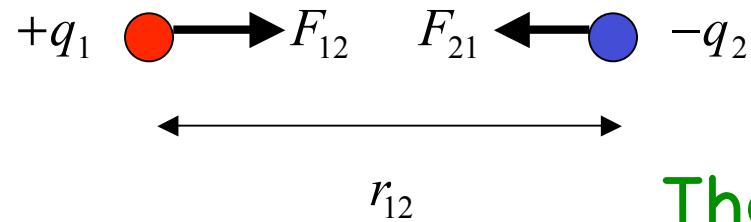


Coulomb's Law – the Force Between Point Charges:

- Lies Along the Line Connecting the Charges.
- Is Proportional to the Magnitude of Each Charge.
- Is Inversely Proportional to the Distance Squared.
- Note That Newton's Third Law Says $|F_{12}| = |F_{21}|!!$



Coulomb's Law



The "k" is the electric constant of proportionality.

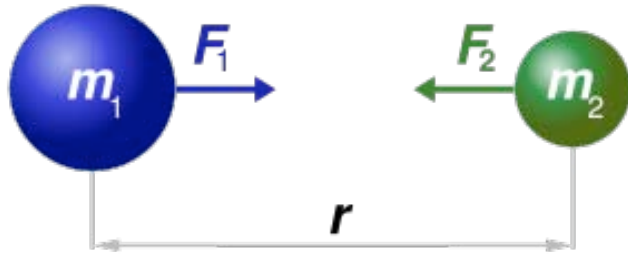
$$|F_{12}| = \frac{k |q_1| |q_2|}{r_{12}^2}$$

$$k = 8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2}$$

Usually, we write: $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ with $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{C}^2}{\text{Nm}^2}$

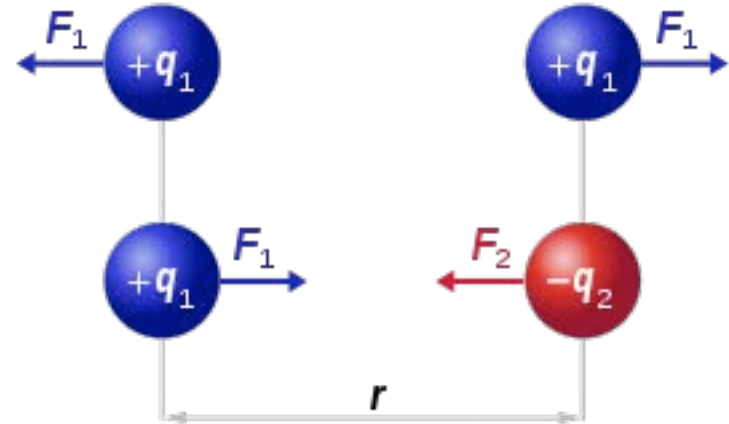
Units: $F = [\text{N}] = [\text{Newton}]$; $r = [\text{m}] = [\text{meter}]$; $q = [\text{C}] = [\text{Coulomb}]$

Two Inverse Square Laws



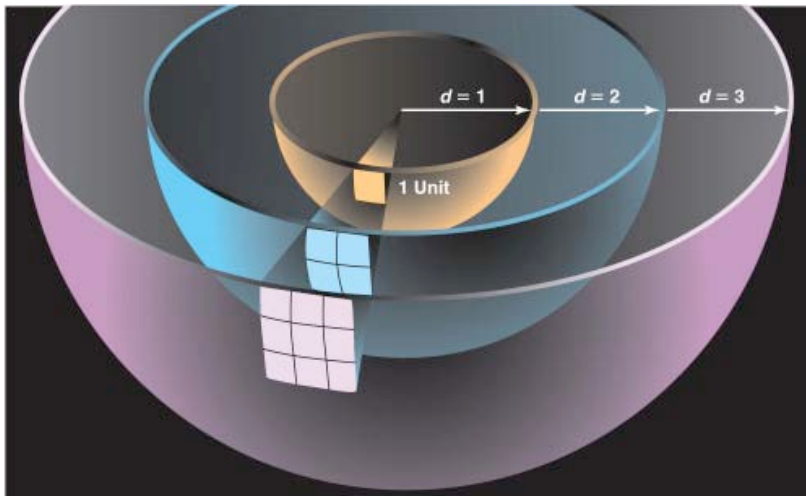
$$F_1 = F_2 = G \frac{m_1 \times m_2}{r^2}$$

Newton's Law of Gravitational Force



$$F_1 = F_2 = k_c \frac{q_1 \times q_2}{r^2}$$

Coulomb's Law of Electrical Force



Area of Sphere = $4\pi r^2$

Number of Lines of Force is Constant.

Hence Force Per-Unit-Area is Proportional to $1/r^2$

Superposition

- **Question:** How Do We Figure Out the Force on a Point Charge Due to Many Other Point Charges?
- **Answer:** Consider One Pair at a Time, Calculate the Force (a Vector!) In Each Case Using Coulomb's Law and Finally Add All the Vectors! ("Superposition")
- Useful To Look Out for SYMMETRY to Simplify Calculations!

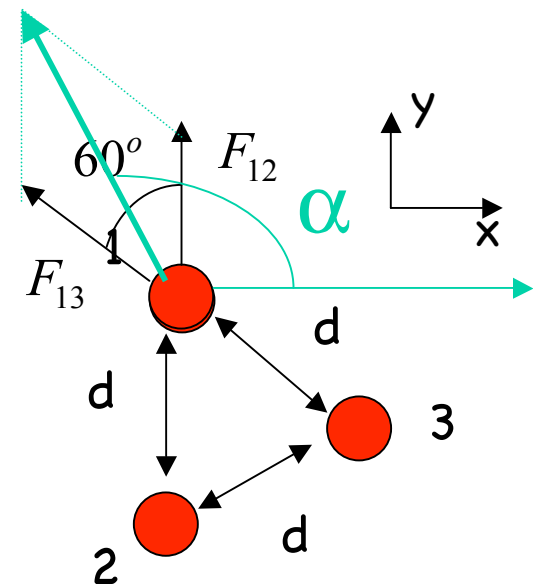
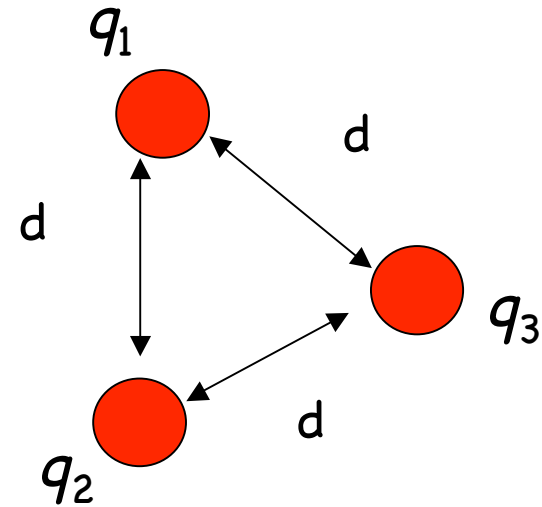


Feel the Force: Example

- Three Equal Charges Form an Equilateral Triangle of Side 1.5 m as Shown
- Compute the Force on q_1
- What are the Forces on the Other Charges?

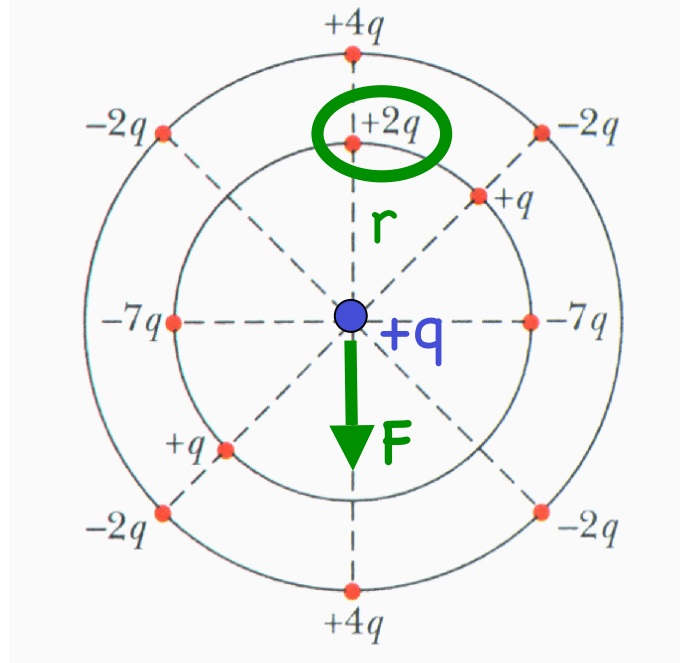
Solution: Set up a Coordinate System, Compute Vector Sum of F_{12} and F_{13}

$$q_1 = q_2 = q_3 = 20 \text{ mC}$$



Another Example With Symmetry

$$|\vec{F}| = \frac{k |+2q| |+q|}{r^2}$$



Charge +q
Placed at Center

What is the Force on Central Particle?

All Forces Cancel Except From +2q!

