

Two kinds of electric charge

Positive charge Proton
Negative charge Electron
No charge Neutron

Fundamental Electric Charge
 $e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$ Coulombs

Coulombs is SI base unit
for charge (C)

Electrostatic attraction & repulsion

++ repel
-- repel
+- attract

Conductors - materials where charges
can move freely

Insulators - materials where charges can
not move freely

Coulomb's Law

$$F_e = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$\text{(Electric force)} = \frac{\text{(Coulomb's Constant)} \times \text{(Charge 1)} \times \text{(Charge 2)}}{\text{(distance between charges)}^2}$$

$$\text{Coulomb's constant } k = 8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2}$$

ex) Electric force between a +0.2 C charge

and a -0.4 C charge that are 2.0 m apart

$$F = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2}) (+0.2 \text{ C})(-0.4 \text{ C})}{(2.0 \text{ m})^2} = \boxed{1.8 \times 10^8 \text{ N}}$$

Attraction

Classwork 5-11

1. What is the electric force between a proton & electron that are $1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ apart?
proton charge = $+1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
electron charge = $-1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

$$F_e = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$F_e = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2}) (+1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(-1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})}{(1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m})^2}$$