

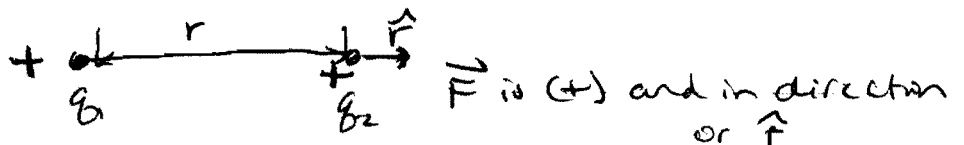
Ch. 22 Electric Charge and Force

- 1) Electric Charge
- 2) Charging by Friction / Induction
- 3) Coulomb's Law.

Last time:

Coulomb's Law

$$\vec{F} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$



② Estimate force to rip off electron in Hydrogen atom = 10 nN

What is covalent bond strength?

$$\begin{aligned} \sim 500 \text{ kJ/mole} &= 8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/molecule} \\ &= 800 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J} = 800 \text{ pN} \cdot \text{nm} \\ &\cong 1 \text{ nN} \cdot \text{nm} \end{aligned}$$

② What is permittivity of free space,  $\epsilon_0$ ?

- constant that sets force.
- constant that is derived from speed of light
- Quantum Mechanics...

The vacuum in Quantum Mechanics is not empty space.

- it contains particles and photons that pop in and out of existence
- electrons and positrons might exist then annihilate due to the energy-time uncertainty principle
- generally called vacuum fluctuations.

↓ depend on  $\epsilon_0$

② Unit analysis and quantum mechanics.  
the permittivity has a basis in quantum mechanics as well.

- Now you may not know quantum mechanics but this is a perfect opportunity to introduce unit analysis.

\* Unit analysis - a technique for the estimator or BSer

- if you don't know a formula you can most likely obtain or guess it by thinking about the units of the values involved.

→ Say you forgot the formula for <sup>gravitational</sup> potential energy ~~energy is  $J = Nm = kgm^2/s^2$~~  you can do a unit analysis to obtain it.

You know it must involve

$$m \rightarrow M$$

$$g \rightarrow L/T^2$$

$$h \rightarrow L$$

$$U \rightarrow ML^2/T^2$$

$$ML^2/T^2 = (M)(L/T^2)(L)$$

$$U \propto mgh$$

→ perhaps w/  
a constant

⑦ Assuming  $\epsilon_0$  is setting vacuum fluctuations, can we estimate its size using unit analysis.

$$\epsilon_0 \rightarrow \frac{C^2}{Nm^2} = \frac{C^2 s^2}{kg m^3} = \frac{C^2}{Jm}$$

$$e \rightarrow 1.6 E^{-19} C$$

~~$\alpha \rightarrow$  fine structure constant  $\rightarrow$~~

$$h \rightarrow 6.63 E^{-34} J \cdot s$$

$$c \rightarrow 3 E 8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\epsilon_0 \propto \frac{e^2}{hc} \propto 1.28 E^{-13} \frac{C^2}{Nm^2}$$

⑧ How big is an atom?

$$r_{\text{atom}} = \frac{4\pi \epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{m_e e^2} = \frac{4\pi \epsilon_0 h^2}{4\pi^2 m_e e^2}$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_0 h^2}{\pi m_e e^2}$$

$$\epsilon_0 \rightarrow C^2 / Nm^2 = C^2 s^2 / kg m^3$$

$$e \rightarrow C$$

$$h \rightarrow J \cdot s = Nm s \quad kg m^2 / s$$

$$m_e \rightarrow kg = 9.1 E^{-31} kg.$$

$$(C^2 s^2 / kg m^3) (kg^2 m^4 / s^2) (kg) \Rightarrow \text{[scribbled out]} \rightarrow 2A$$

$$\propto \frac{\epsilon_0 h^2}{m_e e^2} = 1.6 E^{-10} m$$

## Ch. 23 Electric Field

- 1) Electric field of point charges
  - 2) Electric field of charge distribution.
  - 3) Electric Dipole.
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\* Electric field - the "disturbance" a charge distribution generates to exert forces on other charges.

→ Contact vs. Non contact forces

Normal

Friction

Applied Force

Electric force

Gravity

Weak/Strong Force



"action-at-a-distance"



How does this occur?

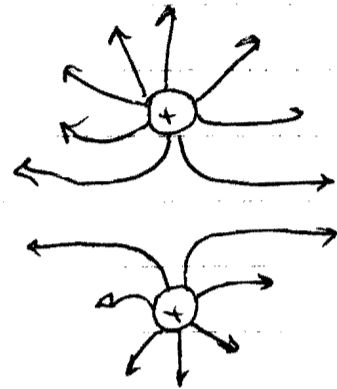
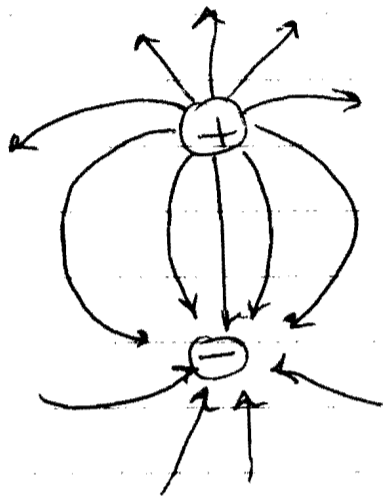
→ Fields allow "action-at-a-distance" to "act" locally. They convey the force across space.

→ any charge distribution will set an electric field that will permeate space and exert a force on all other charges it interacts with.

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$q$  or  $q'$

convention field points away from (+)  
charges and towards (-)

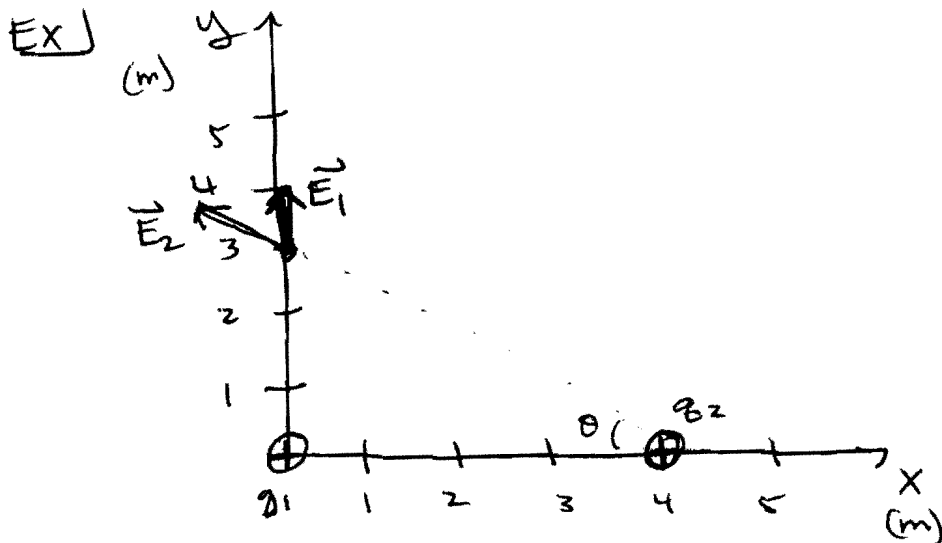


- Pedagogical choice - we could have spent a lot of time calculating the force for different charge distributions in the last chapter. I will forgo doing that and calculate the electric field for different charge distributions instead → This is what is generally done anyway.

1)  $\vec{E}$  due to point charges

$$\vec{E} = k \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{r}_i$$

↓ sum over all charges in distribution that you want to calculate  $\vec{E}$  for.



$$q_1 = 8 \text{ nC}$$

$$\Delta y = 3$$

$$q_2 = 12 \text{ nC}$$

$$\Delta x = 4$$

$$\vec{E}(y=3) = ?$$

$$\vec{E} = k \frac{q}{\Delta y^2}$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2$$

$$= k (8 \text{ nC})$$

$$= k \frac{q_1}{r_1^2} \hat{r}_1 + k \frac{q_2}{r_2^2} \hat{r}_2$$

$$= k \frac{(8 \text{ nC})}{(3)^2} \hat{y} + k \frac{(12 \text{ nC})}{5^2}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{TOT}} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2$$

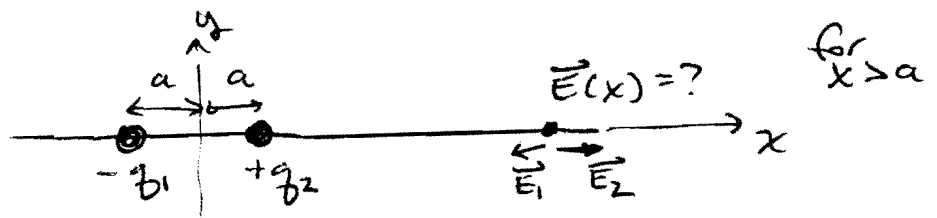
$$\vec{E}_1 = E_1 \hat{y} = k \frac{q_1}{r_1^2} \hat{y} = (8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2}) \frac{(8 \text{ nC})}{(3 \text{ m})^2} \hat{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}_2 &= -E_2 \cos \theta \hat{x} + E_2 \sin \theta \hat{y} \\ &= k \frac{q_2}{r_2^2} \cos \theta \hat{x} + k \frac{q_2}{r_2^2} \sin \theta \hat{y} \end{aligned}$$

$$= (8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2}) \left[ \frac{(12 \text{ nC})}{(5 \text{ m})^2} \right] \left[ -\frac{4}{5} \hat{x} + \frac{3}{5} \hat{y} \right]$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{TOT}} = (8 \hat{y}) + (3.5 \hat{x} + 2.5 \hat{y}) = (3.5 \hat{x} + 10.5 \hat{y}) \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}$$

Ex 1



$$q_1 = q_2 = q.$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2$$

$$= -k \frac{q_1}{r_1^2} \hat{x} + k \frac{q_2}{r_2^2} \hat{x}$$

$$= \left[ -k \frac{q}{(x+a)^2} + k \frac{q}{(x-a)^2} \right] \hat{x}$$

$$= kq \left[ \frac{1}{(x-a)^2} - \frac{1}{(x+a)^2} \right] = kq \frac{4ax}{(x^2 - a^2)^2} \hat{x}$$

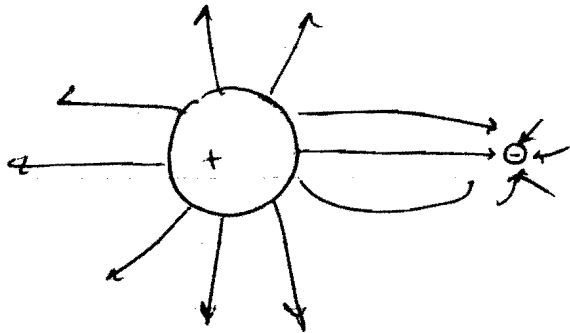
for  $x > a$ .



What about conducting spheres?

- conductor has all charge at the outside and free to move.

→ assume conducting spheres act like pt. charges far from sphere...



charge on sphere (+) if more lines emanate than terminate on sphere...

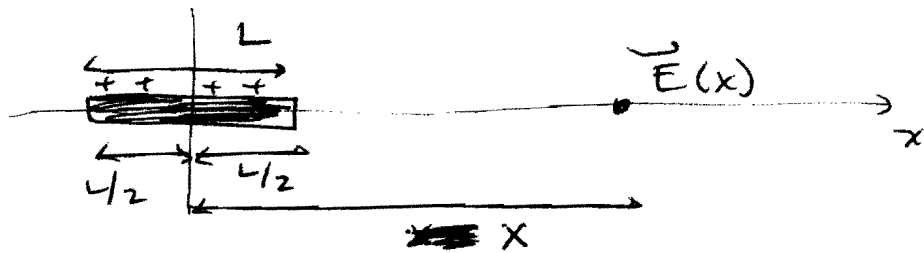
2)  $\vec{E}$  from continuous charge distribution.

$$d\vec{E} = k \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

→ Here is where multivariable will help...

→ If you don't know multivariable you will need to memorize each case and how it works.

Ex)  $\vec{E}$  of a finite line charge far from charge. length  $= L$  and total charge  $= Q$



→ set origin at center of line charge...

$$\int d\vec{E} = \int k \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$= \int k \frac{dq}{x^2} \hat{x}$$

$$= \int_{x-L/2}^{x+L/2} k \frac{\Lambda dx}{x^2}$$

→  $\Lambda =$  line charge density  $= \frac{Q}{L}$

$$= -\frac{k\Lambda}{x} \Big|_{x-L/2}^{x+L/2}$$

$$= -k\Lambda \left( \frac{1}{x+L/2} - \frac{1}{x-L/2} \right)$$

$$= k\Lambda \left( \frac{1}{x-L/2} - \frac{1}{x+L/2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{kQ}{L} \left( \frac{L}{x^2 - (L/2)^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{kQ}{x^2 - (L/2)^2} \quad x > L/2$$

$$= \frac{kQ}{x^2} \quad \text{if } x \gg L/2$$