

Chapter 21 :- Electric Charge

- **Electrically neutral** :- contains equal amounts of the two kinds of charges : Positive & negative
- **charged** :- It has an imbalance charge (net charge)
- **charges** with the **same** electrical signs **repel**
- **charges** with **opposite** electrical signs **attract** each other
- **Types of materials** :-
 - 1- conductors : charge can move freely : Ex metals
 - 2- insulators : charge can't move freely : Ex, Plastic, glass
 - 3- semiconductors : intermediate between 1 and 2 Ex: silicon & germanium
 - 4- superconductors : perfect conductors

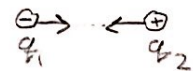
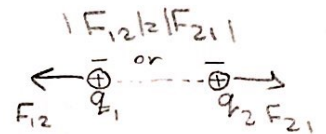
Coulomb's law :-

$$\vec{F} = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

- k is a constant = $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9 \times 10^9$ in air & vacuum
- r distance between q_1 and q_2
- $[k] = \frac{N \cdot m^2}{C^2}$

\vec{F} can be

- **Repulsion** :- same signs (+,+) or (-,-)
- **Attraction** :- opposite signs (+,-)



Note: 2 charged ^{spheres} connected with a wire. Then the wire is removed. Then the after charges are equal, 1μ .
The two spheres are identical

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Gravitational force : (always attraction)

$$\vec{F} = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

G is the gravitational constant

Equilibrium point :-

- is when the net electrostatic force on the charge = 0
- The point is always closer to the smallest charge

Properties of charges

↳ charge is conserved :- ($q_{\text{before}} = q_{\text{after}}$)

↳ Quantization of charge :-
 $q = ne$
 $n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$
 $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
 $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

Note :-

a charge on a conductor is grounded means that

$$q = 0$$

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