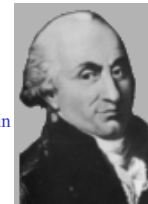


## Physics 2102

### Introduction to Electricity, Magnetism and Optics



Charles-Augustin  
de Coulomb  
(1736-1806)

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## Course Details

- **2102 Class website:**

[www.phys.lsu.edu/classes/spring2011/phys2102/](http://www.phys.lsu.edu/classes/spring2011/phys2102/)

- **Our Section website:** [www.phys.lsu.edu/faculty/gonzalez/Teaching/Phys2102/](http://www.phys.lsu.edu/faculty/gonzalez/Teaching/Phys2102/)

Schedule, grading policy, syllabus all posted here. Check both often!!

- **Lectures** will be posted in our section's website.

- **Textbook:**

Fundamentals of Physics, Halliday, Resnick, and Walker, 9th edition.

We will cover chapters 21-38 in this class. You have access to the online textbook in WileyPlus.com

- **Exams:**

Two midterms: 6-7pm, Thursdays Feb 24 and Mar 31.

Final Exam (cumulative): Wed May 11, 3-5pm

## Course details: Homework

Web-based system: WileyPlus.com

To register, go to

<http://edugen.wiley.com/edugen/class/cls211589/>

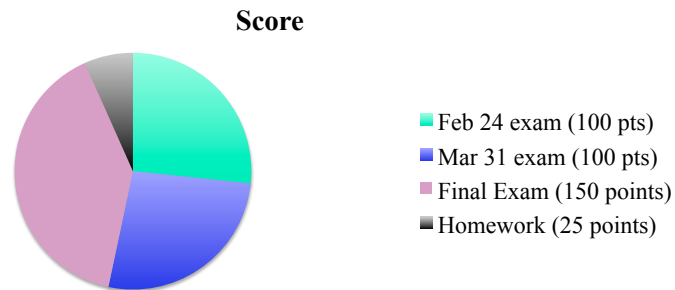
Notice that this is only for section 5!

Email me ([gonzalez@lsu.edu](mailto:gonzalez@lsu.edu)) ASAP if you have any trouble.

There will be one assignment per week, due Wed 2am (Tue late night)

The first assignment is due Wed Jan 26, on Ch 21.

## Course details: Grading



Course grade is guaranteed to be at least as follows:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>
>85%	84-75%	74-60%	59-50%	<49%

## What are we going to learn? A road map

- 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**
- All together: **Maxwell's equations**
- Electromagnetic **waves**
- **Optical images**
- **Matter waves**

# Let's get started!

## Electric charges

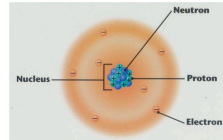
- Two types of charges: positive/negative
- Like charges repel
- Opposite charges attract

Atomic structure :

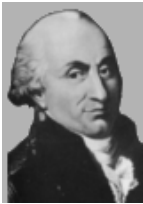
- negative electron cloud
- nucleus of positive protons, uncharged neutrons

Only electrons move, and only within conductors like metals. Negative electron clouds in insulators can get “deformed”.

*[[Why doesn't the nucleus fly apart??  
Why doesn't the atom collapse??]]*



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## Force between pairs of point charges: Coulomb's law

$$+q_1 \quad \bullet \quad \longrightarrow \quad F_{12} \quad \quad F_{21} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \bullet \quad -q_2$$

$$F_{12} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \bullet \quad +q_1 \quad \quad +q_2 \quad \bullet \quad \longrightarrow \quad F_{21}$$

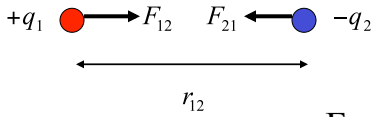
OR

$$F_{12} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \bullet \quad -q_1 \quad \quad -q_2 \quad \bullet \quad \longrightarrow \quad F_{21}$$

**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



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

For charges in a  
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$$k = 8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{Nm^2}{C^2}$$

Often, we write  $k$  as:

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

## Superposition

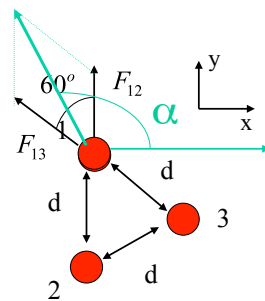
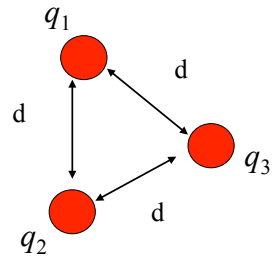
- **Question:** How do we figure out the force on a point charge due to many other point charges?
- **Answer:** consider one pair at a time, calculate the force (a vector!) in each case using Coulomb's Law and finally add all the vectors! ("superposition")
- Useful to look out for SYMMETRY to simplify calculations!

## Example

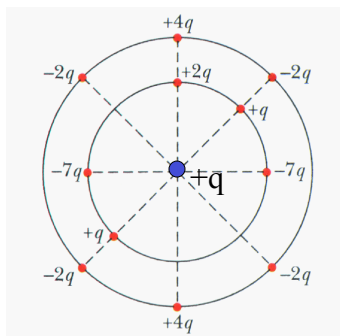
- Three equal charges form an equilateral triangle of side 1.5 m as shown
- Compute the force on  $q_1$
- What is the force on the other charges?

Solution: Set up a coordinate system, compute vector sum of  $F_{12}$  and  $F_{13}$

$$q_1 = q_2 = q_3 = 20 \mu\text{C}$$



## Superposition: symmetry



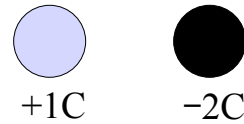
**Charge  $+q$   
placed at center**

What is the force on central particle?

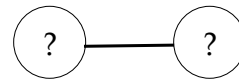
## Conservation of Charge

Total amount of charge in an isolated system is fixed (“conserved”)

Example: 2 identical metal spheres have charges +1C and -2C.

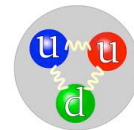


You connect these together with a metal wire; what is the final charge distribution?

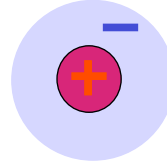


## Quantization of Charge

- Charge is always found in **INTEGER** multiples of the charge on an electron/proton ([[why?]])
- Electron charge =  $e = -1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  Coulombs
- Proton charge =  $p = +1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  Coulombs
- Unit of charge: Coulomb (C) in MKS units
- One cannot **ISOLATE FRACTIONAL CHARGE** (e.g.  $-0.8 \times 10^{-19}$  C,  $+1.9 \times 10^{-19}$  C, etc.)  
[[but what about quarks...?]]



## Atomic structure



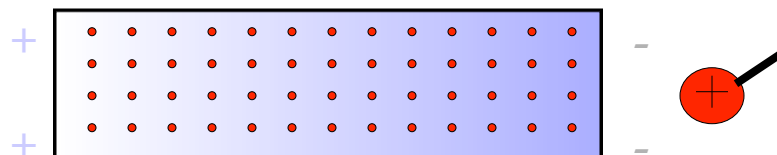
- negative electron *cloud*
- nucleus of positive protons, uncharged neutrons
- $Z$  = atomic number = # of protons = # of electrons in a neutral atom
- $A$  = mass number = # of protons ( $Z$ ) + # of neutrons ( $N$ )
- electron charge =  $e = -1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  Coulombs = - proton charge
- electron mass =  $9.10938188 \times 10^{-31}$  kilograms
- proton mass =  $1.67262158 \times 10^{-27}$  kilograms = neutron mass

## Charges in solids

- In a **conductor**, electrons move around freely, forming a “sea” of electrons. This is why **metals conduct electricity**.
- Charges can be “induced” (moved around) in conductors.

Blue background = mobile electrons

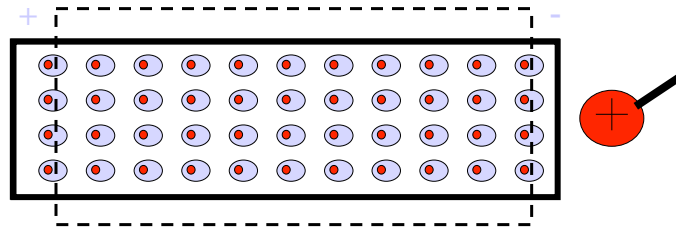
Red circles = static positive charge (nuclei)





## Insulating solids

- In an **insulator**, each electron cloud is tightly bound to the protons in a nucleus. **Wood, glass, rubber.**
- Note that the electrons are not free to move throughout the lattice, but the electron cloud can “distort” locally.



## How to charge an object

- An object can be given some “excess” charge: giving electrons to it (we give it negative charge) or taking electrons away (we “give” it positive charge).
- How do we do charge an object? Usually, moving charges from one surface to another by adhesion (helped by friction), or by contact with other charged objects.
- If a conductor, the whole electron sea redistributes itself.
- If an insulator, the electrons stay where they are put.



## Summary

- **Electric charges** come with two signs: **positive and negative**.
- Like charges repel, opposite charges attract, with a magnitude calculated from **Coulomb's law**:  $F=kq_1q_2/r^2$
- **Atoms** have a positive nucleus and a negative “cloud”.
- Electron clouds can combine and flow freely in **conductors**; are stuck to the nucleus in **insulators**.
- We can **charge objects** by transferring charge, or by induction.
- Electrical charge is **conserved**, and **quantized**.