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Physics 122

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Electric Storm

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Outline

- Recap: Newton's Laws
- More than two charges: Superposition
- Examples
- ILD 4: Representation as Communication

Causes of Motion: Newton's Laws

- **N0:** Objects only respond to forces on themselves, at the time those forces are exerted.
- **N1:** Objects change their velocity (perhaps $= 0$) only if they are acted on by unbalanced forces.
- **N2:** Each object responds to the forces it feels by changing its velocity according to
$$\vec{a} = \vec{F}^{net} / m$$
- **N3:** When two objects touch, they exert equal and opposite forces on each other.
$$\vec{F}_{A \rightarrow B} = -\vec{F}_{B \rightarrow A}$$

Foothold ideas: Coulomb's Law



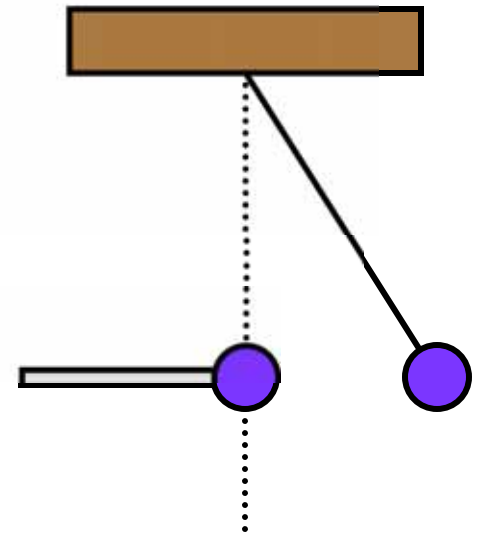
- Depends on the “test” charge
- Depends on the “source” charge
- Depends on the distance between the charges
- The sign gives direction

$$F_{Q \rightarrow q} = F_{q \rightarrow Q} = \frac{k_c q Q}{R^2}$$

Diagrammatic annotations: A red line connects the first bullet point to the 'q' in the numerator. A purple line connects the second bullet point to the 'Q' in the numerator. A green line connects the third bullet point to the 'R' in the denominator. A green arrow points from the fourth bullet point to the entire equation.

Sample problem

- A rod is rubbed so that it has a charge of $4\text{ }\mu\text{C}$ on the tip. It is brought up near to a charged pith ball hanging from a string. As the rod approaches, the ball is repelled. When the end of the rod is just below the point where the string is attached, the pith ball hangs at $\theta = 30^\circ$. The pith ball has a mass of 10 grams. How much charge is on the pith ball?

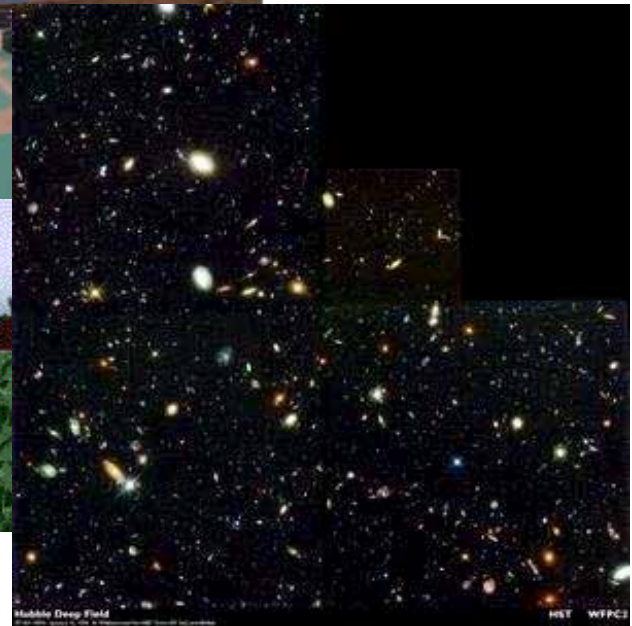


Multiple Charges: Superposition

- One charge is too simple.
Most of the time there are lots of charges.
- What do we do if we have more than one source charge creating forces on our test charge?

Superposition: We calculate the force each charge produces and add them like vectors – just like we would any forces.

ILD #4: Fields



Wind Speed/Direction 8:11AM EST WeatherBug



