

Lecture PowerPoints

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Chapter 16

Electric Charge and Electric Field



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16-1 Static Electricity; Electric Charge and Its Conservation



16-1 Static Electricity; Electric Charge and Its Conservation



Charge comes in two types, positive and negative; like charges repel and opposite charges attract

16-1 Static Electricity; Electric Charge and Its Conservation

Electric charge is conserved—the arithmetic sum of the total charge cannot change in any interaction.

16-2 Electric Charge in the Atom

Atom:

Nucleus (small, massive, positive charge)

Electron cloud (large, very low density, negative charge)



16-2 Electric Charge in the Atom

Atom is electrically neutral.

Rubbing charges objects by moving electrons from one to the other.



16-2 Electric Charge in the Atom

Polar molecule: neutral overall, but charge not evenly distributed



16-3 Insulators and Conductors

Conductor:

Charge flows freely

Insulator:

Almost no charge flows

Metals

Most other materials

Some materials are semiconductors.



Metal objects can be charged by conduction:



They can also be charged by induction:



Nonconductors won't become charged by conduction or induction, but will experience charge separation:



The electroscope can be used for detecting charge:



The electroscope can be charged either by conduction or by induction.



The charged electroscope can then be used to determine the sign of an unknown charge.



Experiment shows that the electric force between two charges is proportional to the product of the charges and inversely proportional to the distance between Fiber them.



Coulomb's law:

$$F = k \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2},$$

[magnitudes] (16-1)

This equation gives the magnitude of the force.

The force is along the line connecting the charges, and is attractive if the charges are opposite, and repulsive if they are the same.



Unit of charge: coulomb, C

The proportionality constant in Coulomb's law is then:

 $k = 8.988 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$

Charges produced by rubbing are typically around a microcoulomb:

 $1 \ \mu C = 10^{-6} C$

Charge on the electron:

 $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

Electric charge is quantized in units of the electron charge.

The proportionality constant *k* can also be written in terms of ε_0 , the permittivity of free space:

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2},$$
 (16-2)

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi k} = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \,\mathrm{C}^2/\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}^2.$$

Coulomb's law strictly applies only to point charges.

Superposition: for multiple point charges, the forces on each charge from every other charge can be calculated and then added as vectors.



16-6 Solving Problems Involving Coulomb's Law and Vectors

The net force on a charge is the vector sum of all the forces acting on it.

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}_{net} = \vec{\mathbf{F}}_1 + \vec{\mathbf{F}}_2 + \cdots$$

16-6 Solving Problems Involving Coulomb's Law and Vectors

Vector addition review:

(a) Two forces acting on an object.

F2

F



(b) The total, or net, force is $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = \vec{\mathbf{F}}_1 + \vec{\mathbf{F}}_2$ by the tail-to-tip method of adding vectors.





The electric field is the force on a small charge, divided by the charge:

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\vec{\mathbf{F}}}{q} \cdot (16-3)$$



For a point charge:

$$E = \frac{F}{q} = \frac{kqQ/r^2}{q}$$
$$E = k\frac{Q}{r^2};$$

[single point charge] (16-4a)

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2}.$$

[single point charge] (16-4b)

Force on a point charge in an electric field:

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}} = q\vec{\mathbf{E}}.$$
 (16-5)

Superposition principle for electric fields: $\vec{\mathbf{E}} = \vec{\mathbf{E}}_1 + \vec{\mathbf{E}}_2 + \cdots$

Problem solving in electrostatics: electric forces and electric fields

- 1. Draw a diagram; show all charges, with signs, and electric fields and forces with directions
- 2. Calculate forces using Coulomb's law
- 3. Add forces vectorially to get result

The electric field can be represented by field lines. These lines start on a positive charge and end on a negative charge.



The number of field lines starting (ending) on a positive (negative) charge is proportional to the magnitude of the charge.

The electric field is stronger where the field lines are closer together.

Electric dipole: two equal charges, opposite in sign:





The electric field between two closely spaced, oppositely charged parallel plates is constant.

Summary of field lines:

- 1. Field lines indicate the direction of the field; the field is tangent to the line.
- 2. The magnitude of the field is proportional to the density of the lines.
- 3. Field lines start on positive charges and end on negative charges; the number is proportional to the magnitude of the charge.

16-9 Electric Fields and Conductors

The static electric field inside a conductor is zero—if it were not, the charges would move.



The net charge on a conductor is on its surface.

16-9 Electric Fields and Conductors

The electric field is perpendicular to the surface of a conductor—again, if it were not, charges would move.



16-10 Electric Forces in Molecular Biology: DNA Structure and Replication

Molecular biology is the study of the structure and functioning of the living cell at the molecular level.

The DNA molecule is a double helix:



16-10 Electric Forces in Molecular Biology: DNA Structure and Replication

The A-T and G-C nucleotide bases attract each other through electrostatic forces.



(b)

16-10 Electric Forces in Molecular Biology: DNA Structure and Replication

Replication: DNA is in a "soup" of A, C, G, and T in the cell. During random collisions, A and T will be attracted to each other, as will G and C; other combinations will not.



16-11 Photocopy Machines and Computer Printers Use Electrostatics

Photocopy machine:

- drum is charged positively
- image is focused on drum
- only black areas stay charged and therefore attract toner particles
- image is transferred to paper and sealed by heat

16-11 Photocopy Machines and Computer Printers Use Electrostatics



16-11 Photocopy Machines and Computer Printers Use Electrostatics

Laser printer is similar, except a computer controls the laser intensity to form the image on the drum



16-12 Gauss's Law





Electric flux:

$$\Phi_E = E_{\perp}A = EA_{\perp} = EA\cos\theta, \quad (16-7)$$

Electric flux through an area is proportional to the total number of field lines crossing the area.

16-12 Gauss's Law

Flux through a closed surface:

$$\Phi_E = E_1 \Delta A_1 \cos \theta_1 + E_2 \Delta A_2 \cos \theta_2 + \cdots$$
$$= \sum E \Delta A \cos \theta = \sum E_{\perp} \Delta A,$$



16-12 Gauss's Law

The net number of field lines through the surface is proportional to the charge enclosed, and also to the flux, giving Gauss's law:

$$\sum_{\substack{\text{closed}\\\text{surface}}} E_{\perp} \Delta A = \frac{Q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0}, \quad (16-9)$$

This can be used to find the electric field in situations with a high degree of symmetry.

Summary of Chapter 16

- Two kinds of electric charge—positive and negative
- Charge is conserved
- Charge on electron: $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
- Conductors: electrons free to move
- Insulators: nonconductors

Summary of Chapter 16

- Charge is quantized in units of *e*
- Objects can be charged by conduction or induction
- Coulomb's law:

$$F = k \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2},$$

[magnitudes] (16-1)

• Electric field is force per unit charge:

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\vec{\mathbf{F}}}{q} \cdot (16-3)$$

Summary of Chapter 16

• Electric field of a point charge:

$$E = \frac{F}{q} = \frac{kqQ/r^2}{q}$$

$$E = k\frac{Q}{r^2};$$
 [single point charge] (16-4a)

- Electric field can be represented by electric field lines
- Static electric field inside conductor is zero; surface field is perpendicular to surface
- Electric flux: $\Phi_E = E_{\perp}A = EA_{\perp} = EA\cos\theta$, (16-7)
- Gauss's law:

$$\sum_{\substack{\text{closed}\\\text{surface}}} E_{\perp} \Delta A = \frac{Q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0}, \quad (16-9)$$