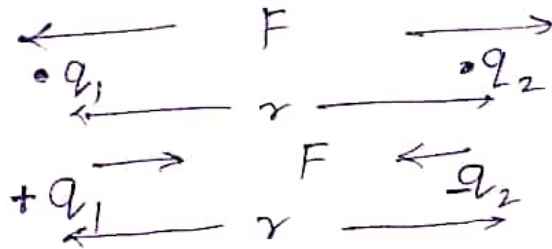


Statement: Similar charges repel and dissimilar charges attract one another. The force of attraction or repulsion is given by



$$F \propto \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

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

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2$$

k = Constant of proportionality depending on medium

ϵ_0 = Permittivity of vacuum or freespace or air
 $= 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2$

Coulomb's Law in vector form

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

$$= \frac{k q_1 q_2 \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

$$\left(\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right)$$

\hat{r} = unit vector along \vec{r}

Ex. of Coulomb's Law 1. Calculate the force of electrostatic repulsion between two charges $10\mu\text{C}$ & $20\mu\text{C}$ separated by 20cm in a medium of dielectric constant 150 .

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{\text{vacuum}} &= \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \\
 &= \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 10 \times 10^{-6} \times 20 \times 10^{-6}}{(20 \times 10^{-2})^2} \\
 &= \frac{18 \times 10^{9+1-6+1-6}}{400 \times 10^4} \\
 &= 4.5 \times 10^{-1+2} = 45 \text{ N Ans.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_m = \frac{F_{\text{vacuum}}}{K} = \frac{45}{150} = 0.3 \text{ N Ans}$$

Ex 2. Compare the electrostatic force & gravitational force between an electron & proton in an atom

$$F_e = \frac{k (-e)(+e)}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}{r^2} \quad (\text{avoiding -ve sign})$$

$$F_g = \frac{G m_e m_p}{r^2} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 1.67 \times 10^{-24}}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{F_e}{F_g} = 2.28 \times 10^{39} = \frac{ke^2}{Gm_em_p} = \text{A dimensionless quantity}$$

Relative Permittivity (Dielectric Constant) :- →

It is the ratio of permittivity of medium to the permittivity of vacuum. It is denoted by ϵ_r or k

$$\boxed{\epsilon_r = k = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{F_0}{F_m} = \frac{\text{Force in vacuum}}{\text{Force in medium}}}$$

Other definition → It is also the ratio of electrostatic force between two charges in vacuum to that in medium.

Dielectric Constant or relative permittivity is a number which represents how many times the force between two charges in vacuum is stronger than in medium.

Dielectric Constant or relative Permittivity of air = $1.0005 \approx 1$

Vacuum = 1

Metal = ∞ .

Water = 81



22. Can a body have a charge of 0.8×10^{-19} C ? Justify your answer by comment ?
[Himachal 99C]
23. How many electrons are present in 1 coulomb of charge ?
[Himachal 92 ; Punjab 99]
24. In Coulomb's law, $F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$, what are the factors on which the proportionality constant k depends ?
[Himachal 02 ; CPMT 93]
25. In the relation $F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$, what is the value of k in free space ?
[Haryana 02]
26. Define SI unit of charge.
[CBSE F 91, 95]

Or

- Define Coulomb as a unit of charge.
[Himachal 99 ; Punjab 06C, 11]
27. Give the SI unit of electrical permittivity of free space.
[Haryana 02]
28. Write down the value of absolute permittivity of free space.
[Punjab 96]
29. Deduce the dimensional formula for the proportionality constant k in Coulomb's law.
30. Write the dimensional formula for the permittivity constant ϵ_0 of free space.
31. Two electrically charged particles, having charges of different magnitude, when placed at a distance ' d ' from each other, experience a force of attraction ' F '. These two particles are put in contact and again placed at the same distance from each other.