

$$q_{\text{electron}} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$F_e = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{d^2}$$

$$k = 8.989 \cdot 10^9 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2}$$

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Coulomb's Law Worksheet → Key

1. Two charged spheres 10 cm apart attract each other with a force of $3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}$. What force results from each of the following changes, considered separately?

- a) Both charges are doubled and the distance remains the same. $f_c = 3 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ N}$ $\times 4 = 1.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ N}$
b) An uncharged, identical sphere is touched to one of the spheres, and then taken far away. **No Force!**
c) The separation is increased to 30 cm. $\frac{3 \cdot 10^{-6}}{3^2} = 3.3 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ N}$

2. The force of electrostatic repulsion between two small positively charged objects, A and B, is $3.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N}$ when $AB = 0.12 \text{ m}$. What is the force of repulsion if AB is increased to

- a) 0.24 m $\frac{3.6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ N}}{4} = 9 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ N}$
b) 0.36 m $4 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ N}$

3. Calculate the force between charges of $5.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$ and $1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$ if they are 5.0 cm apart. $F = 0.018 \text{ N}$

4. What is the magnitude of the force a $1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$ charge exerts on a $3.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C}$ charge located 1.5 m away? $F = 1.92 \text{ N}$

5. Two spheres; 4.0 cm apart, attract each other with a force of $1.2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}$. Determine the magnitude of the charge on each, if one has twice the charge (of the opposite sign) as the other. $1.2 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ N} = k \cdot 2q \cdot q / (0.04)^2$

6. Two equal charges of magnitude $1.1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$ experience an electrostatic force of $4.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N}$. How far apart are the centers of the two charges? $4.2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ N} = \frac{8.98 \cdot 10^9 \cdot (1.1 \cdot 10^{-7})^2}{d^2}$

7. How many electrons must be removed from a neutral, isolated conducting sphere to give it a positive charge of $8.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$? $d = 1.92 \text{ m}$
 $\frac{8.0 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ C}}{1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C/electron}} = 5 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ electrons}$

8. What will be the force of electric repulsion between two small spheres placed 1.0 m apart, if each has a deficit of 10^8 electrons? $10^8 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ C each}$
 $F = 2.3 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ N}$

9. Two balloons are charged with an identical quantity and type of charge: $-6.25 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$. They are held apart at a separation distance of 61.7 cm. Determine the magnitude of the electrical force of repulsion between them. $F = 9.21 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ N}$

10. Two balloons with charges of $+3.37 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$ and $-8.21 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$ attract each other with a force of 0.0626 N . Determine the separation distance between the two balloons.

$$\frac{0.0626 \text{ N}}{8.98 \cdot 10^9 \cdot 3.37 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot -8.21 \cdot 10^{-6}} = d^2$$

$$d = 0.50 \text{ m}$$