

# Chapter 18

## Electric Forces and Electric Fields

### 18.1 The Origin of Electricity

The electrical nature of matter is inherent in atomic structure.

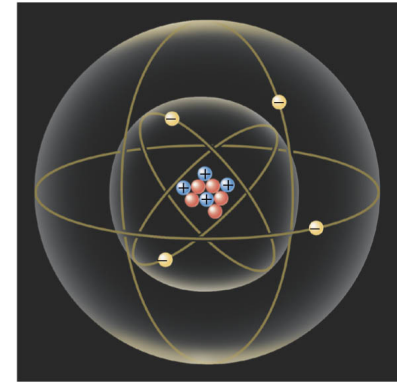
$$m_p = 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_n = 1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

- ⊖ electron
- ⊕ proton
- neutron



coulombs

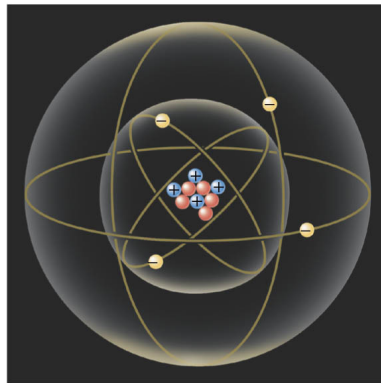
### 18.1 The Origin of Electricity

In nature, atoms are normally found with equal numbers of protons and electrons, so they are electrically neutral.

By adding or removing electrons from matter it will acquire a net electric charge with magnitude equal to  $e$  times the number of electrons added or removed,  $N$ .

$$q = Ne$$

- ⊖ electron
- ⊕ proton
- neutron



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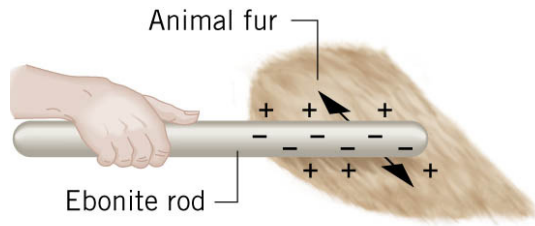
#### Example 1 A Lot of Electrons

How many electrons are there in one coulomb of negative charge?

$$q = Ne$$

$$N = \frac{q}{e} = \frac{1.00 \text{ C}}{1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}} = 6.25 \times 10^{18}$$

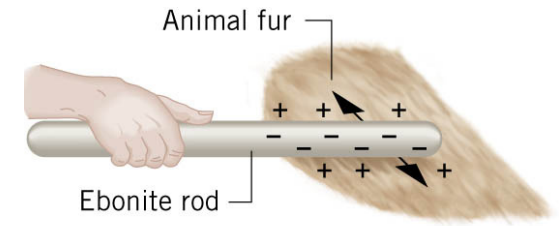
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It is possible to transfer electric charge from one object to another.

The body that loses electrons has an excess of positive charge, while the body that gains electrons has an excess of negative charge.

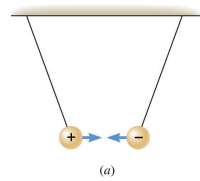
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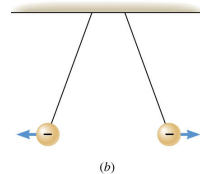
LAW OF CONSERVATION OF ELECTRIC CHARGE

During any process, the net electric charge of an isolated system remains constant (is conserved).

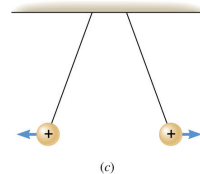
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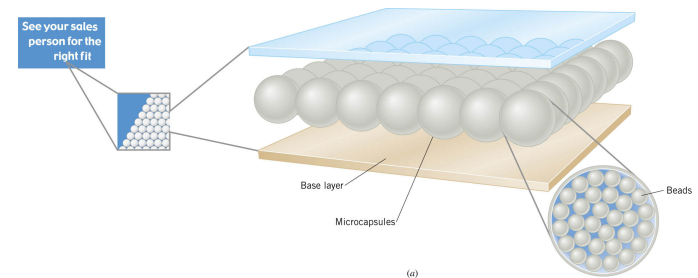
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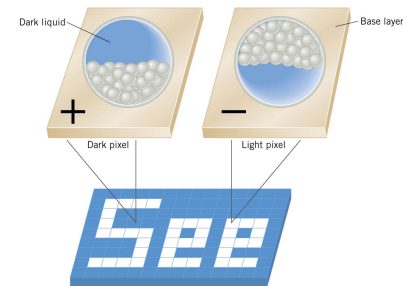
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**Like charges repel and unlike charges attract each other.**

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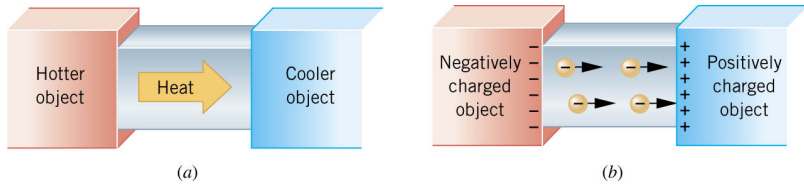


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### 18.3 Conductors and Insulators



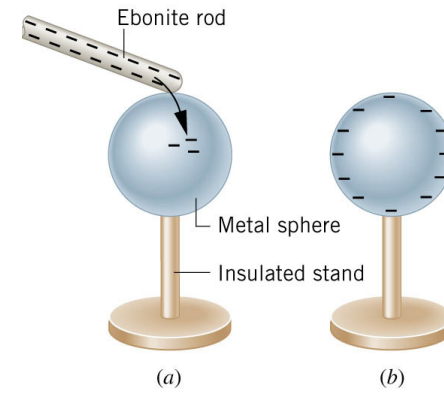
Not only can electric charge exist *on an object*, but it can also move *through and object*.

Substances that readily conduct electric charge are called **electrical conductors**.

Materials that conduct electric charge poorly are called **electrical insulators**.

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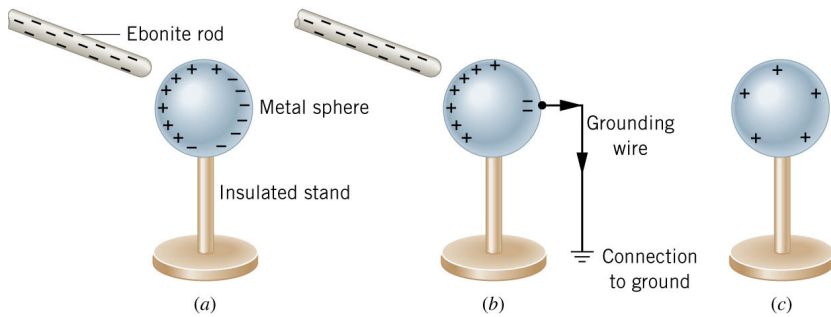
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Charging by contact.

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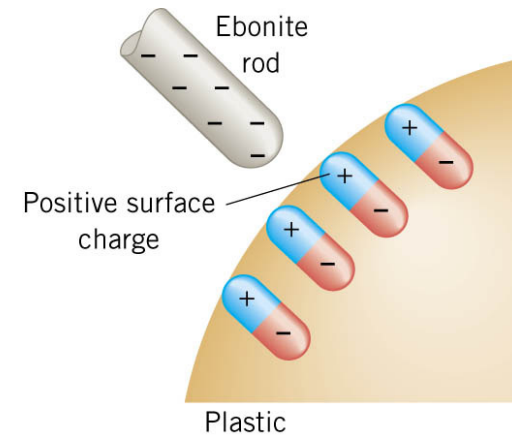
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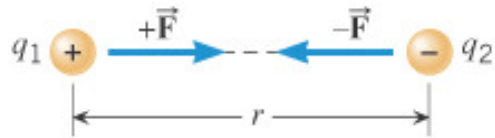
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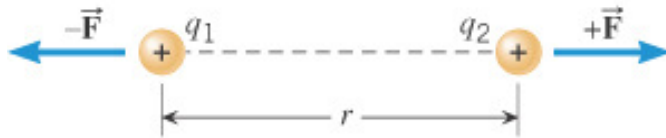


The negatively charged rod induces a slight positive surface charge on the plastic.

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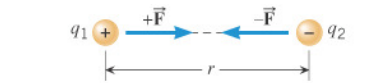


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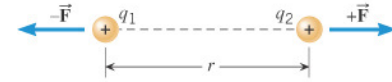


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## COULOMB'S LAW

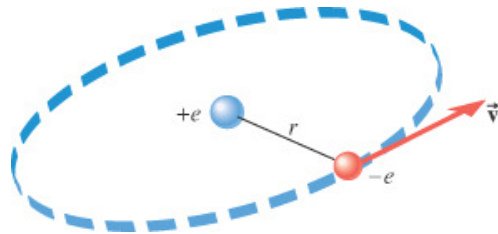
The magnitude of the electrostatic force exerted by one point charge on another point charge is directly proportional to the magnitude of the charges and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them.

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

$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/(\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2)$

$k = 1/(4\pi\epsilon_0) = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$

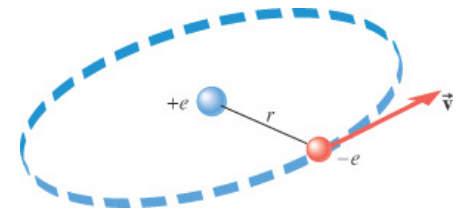
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**Example 3 A Model of the Hydrogen Atom**

In the Bohr model of the hydrogen atom, the electron is in orbit about the nuclear proton at a radius of  $5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$ . Determine the speed of the electron, assuming the orbit to be circular.

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

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$$F = k \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2}{(5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m})^2} = 8.22 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$$

$$F = ma_c = mv^2/r$$

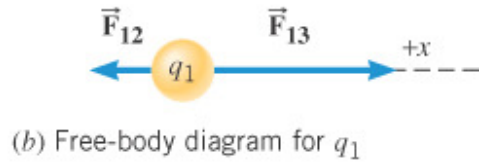
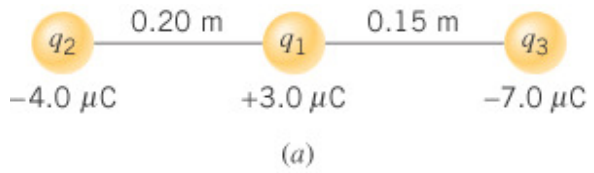
$$\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{Fr/m} = \sqrt{\frac{(8.22 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N})(5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m})}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}}} = 2.18 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$$

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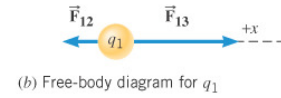
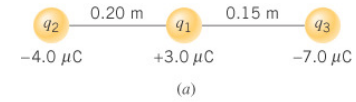
18.5 Coulomb's Law

Example 4 Three Charges on a Line

Determine the magnitude and direction of the net force on  $q_1$ .



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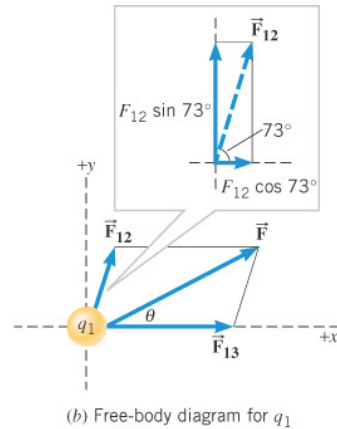
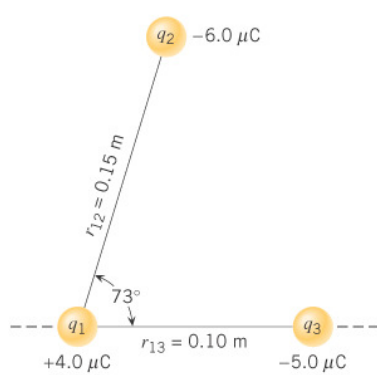


$$F_{12} = k \frac{|q_1||q_2|}{r^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})(4.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(0.20 \text{ m})^2} = 2.7 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{13} = k \frac{|q_1||q_3|}{r^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})(7.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(0.15 \text{ m})^2} = 8.4 \text{ N}$$

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_{12} + \vec{F}_{13} = -2.7 \text{ N} + 8.4 \text{ N} = +5.7 \text{ N}$$

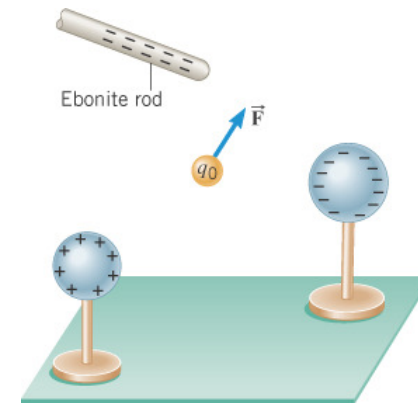
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The positive charge experiences a force which is the vector sum of the forces exerted by the charges on the rod and the two spheres.

This **test charge** should have a small magnitude so it doesn't affect the other charge.

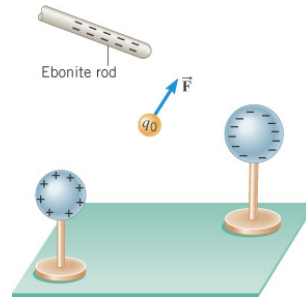


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#### Example 6 A Test Charge

The positive test charge has a magnitude of  $3.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$  and experiences a force of  $6.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$ .

- (a) Find the *force per coulomb* that the test charge experiences.
- (b) Predict the force that a charge of  $+12 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$  would experience if it replaced the test charge.



(a) 
$$\frac{F}{q_0} = \frac{6.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}}{3.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}} = 2.0 \text{ N/C}$$

(b) 
$$F = (2.0 \text{ N/C})(12.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}) = 24 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$$

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#### DEFINITION OF ELECTRIC FIELD

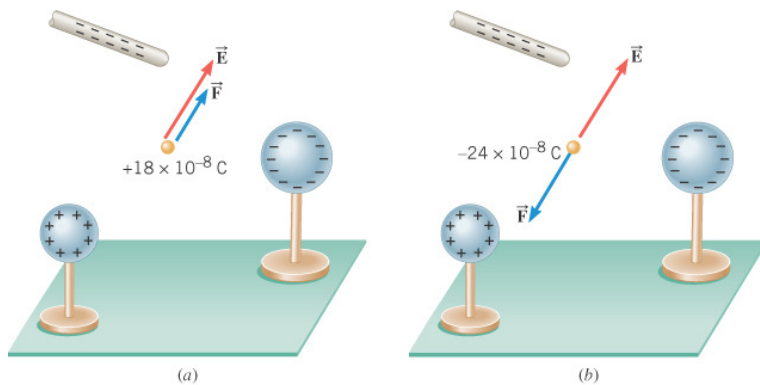
The electric field that exists at a point is the electrostatic force experienced by a small test charge placed at that point divided by the charge itself:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q_0}$$

**SI Units of Electric Field:** newton per coulomb (N/C)

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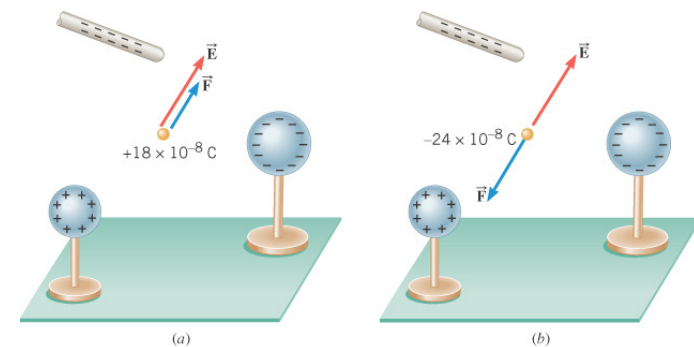
It is the surrounding charges that create the electric field at a given point.

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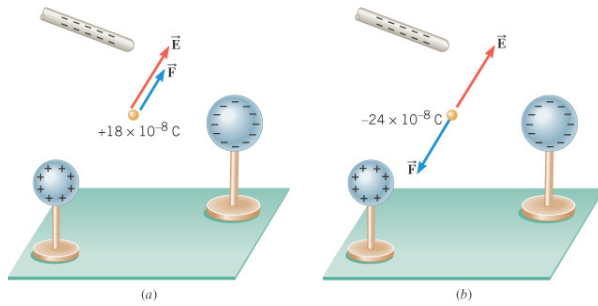
#### Example 7 An Electric Field Leads to a Force

The charges on the two metal spheres and the ebonite rod create an electric field at the spot indicated. The field has a magnitude of  $2.0 \text{ N/C}$ . Determine the force on the charges in (a) and (b)



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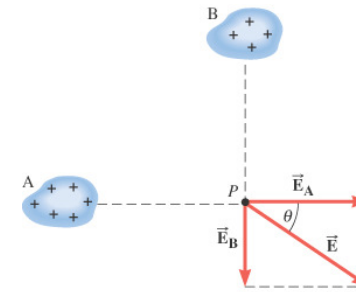


(a)  $F = |q_o|E = (2.0 \text{ N/C})(18.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}) = 36 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$

(b)  $F = |q_o|E = (2.0 \text{ N/C})(24.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}) = 48 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$

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Electric fields from different sources add as vectors.

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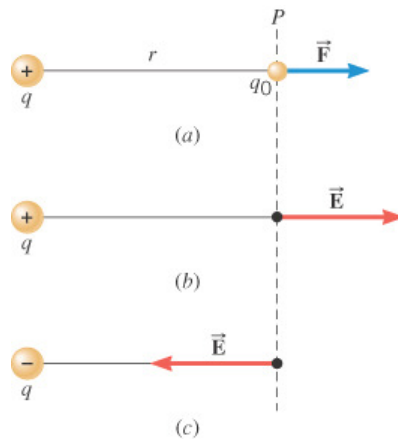
#### Example 10 The Electric Field of a Point Charge

The isolated point charge of  $q = +15 \mu\text{C}$  is in a vacuum. The test charge is 0.20 m to the right and has a charge  $q_o = +15 \mu\text{C}$ .

Determine the electric field at point P.

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q_o}$$

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

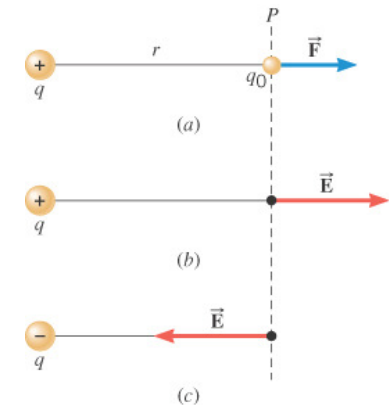


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$$F = k \frac{|q||q_o|}{r^2} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(0.80 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})(15 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(0.20 \text{ m})^2} = 2.7 \text{ N}$$

$$E = \frac{F}{|q_o|} = \frac{2.7 \text{ N}}{0.80 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}} = 3.4 \times 10^6 \text{ N/C}$$



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$$E = \frac{F}{|q_o|} = k \frac{|q||q_o|}{r^2} \frac{1}{|q_o|}$$

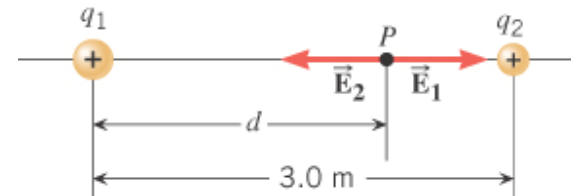
The electric field does not depend on the test charge.

Point charge  $q$ : 
$$E = k \frac{|q|}{r^2}$$

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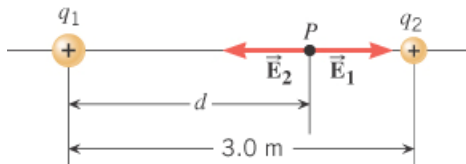
### Example 11 The Electric Fields from Separate Charges May Cancel

Two positive point charges,  $q_1 = +16\mu\text{C}$  and  $q_2 = +4.0\mu\text{C}$  are separated in a vacuum by a distance of 3.0m. Find the spot on the line between the charges where the net electric field is zero.



$$E = k \frac{|q|}{r^2}$$

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$$E = k \frac{|q|}{r^2}$$

$$E_1 = E_2$$

$$k \frac{(16 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{d^2} = k \frac{(4.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(3.0 \text{ m} - d)^2}$$

$$2.0(3.0 \text{ m} - d)^2 = d^2$$

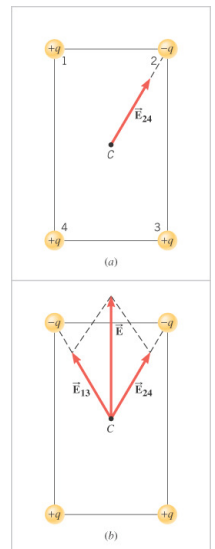
$$d = +2.0 \text{ m}$$

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### Conceptual Example 12 Symmetry and the Electric Field

Point charges are fixed to the corners of a rectangle in two different ways. The charges have the same magnitudes but different signs.

Consider the net electric field at the center of the rectangle in each case. Which field is stronger?

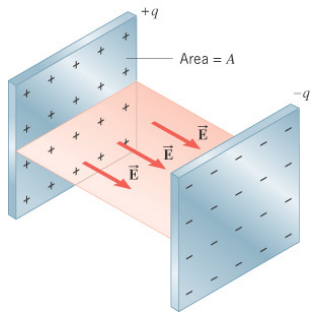


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## 18.6 The Electric Field

### THE PARALLEL PLATE CAPACITOR



Parallel plate capacitor

$$E = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

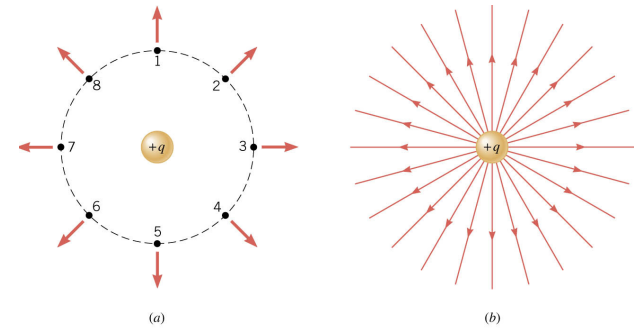
charge density

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 / (\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2)$$

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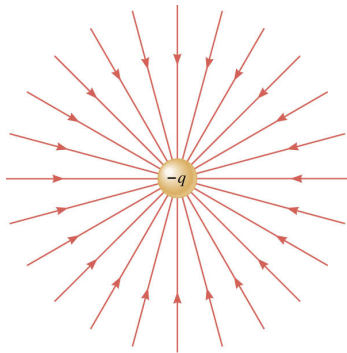
## 18.7 Electric Field Lines

**Electric field lines** or **lines of force** provide a map of the electric field in the space surrounding electric charges.



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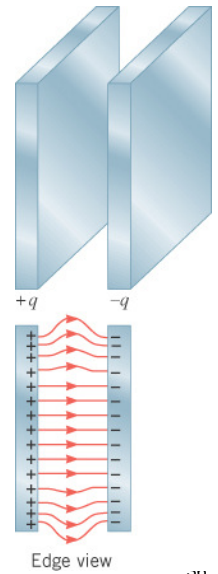


Electric field lines are always directed away from positive charges and toward negative charges.

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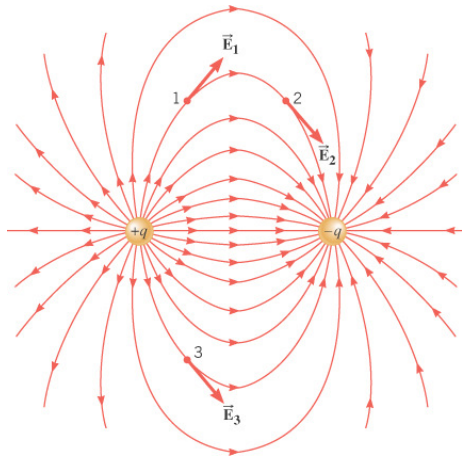
Electric field lines always begin on a positive charge and end on a negative charge and do not stop in midspace.



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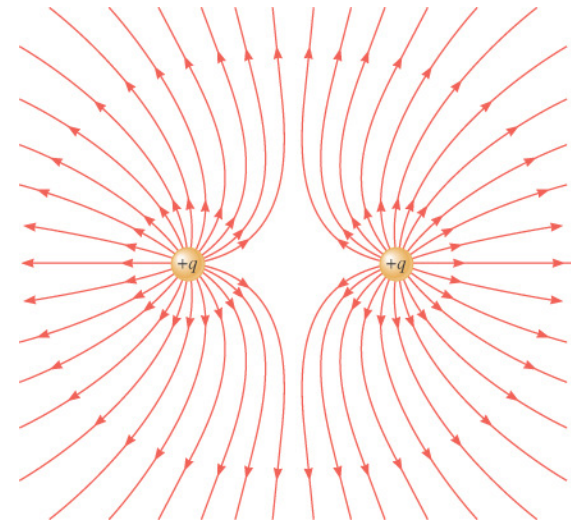
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The number of lines leaving a positive charge or entering a negative charge is proportional to the magnitude of the charge.



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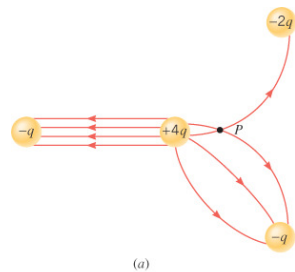


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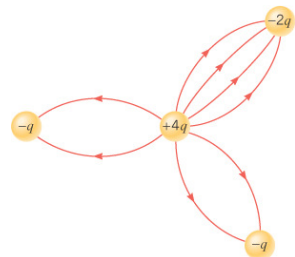
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**Conceptual Example 13 Drawing Electric Field Lines**

There are three things wrong with part (a) of the drawing. What are they?



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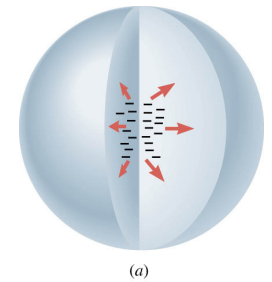


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18.8 The Electric Field Inside a Conductor: Shielding

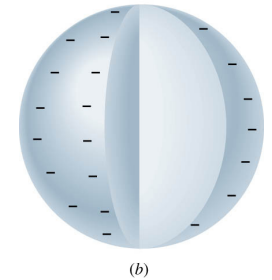
At equilibrium under electrostatic conditions, any excess charge resides on the surface of a conductor.



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At equilibrium under electrostatic conditions, the electric field is zero at any point within a conducting material.

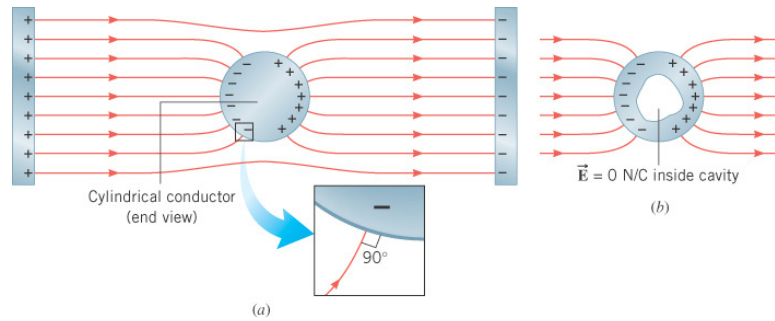
The conductor shields any charge within it from electric fields created outside the conductor.



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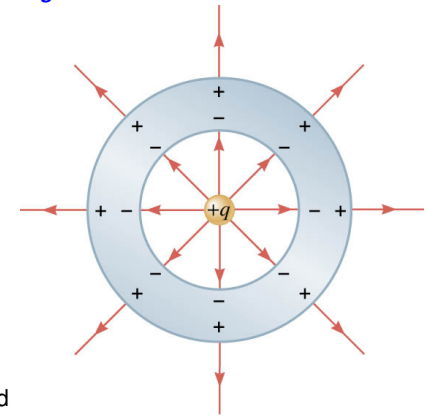
The electric field just outside the surface of a conductor is perpendicular to the surface at equilibrium under electrostatic conditions.

18.8 The Electric Field Inside a Conductor: Shielding

Conceptual Example 14 A Conductor in an Electric Field

A charge is suspended at the center of a hollow, electrically neutral, spherical conductor. Show that this charge induces

- (a) a charge of  $-q$  on the interior surface and
- (b) a charge of  $+q$  on the exterior surface of the conductor.



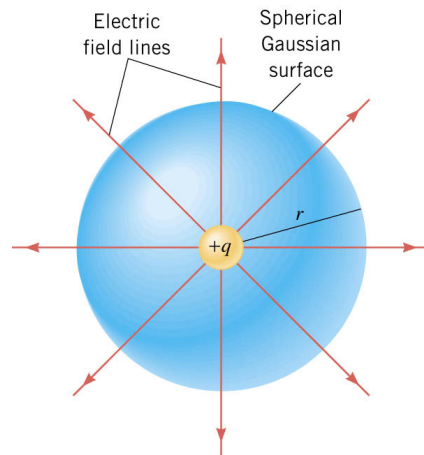
18.9 Gauss' Law

$$E = kq/r^2 = q/(4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2)$$

$$E = q/(A\epsilon_0)$$

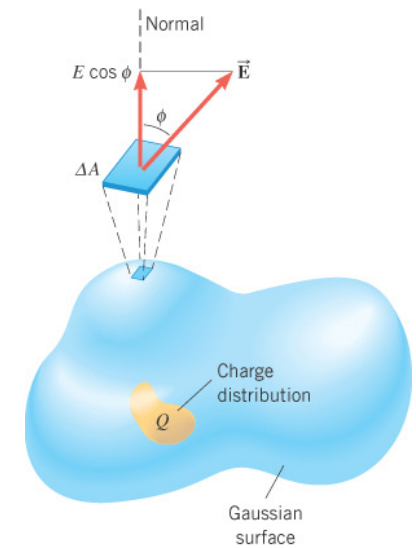
$$\underbrace{EA}_{\text{Electric flux, } \Phi_E = EA} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Electric flux,  $\Phi_E = EA$



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$$\Phi_E = \sum (E \cos \phi) \Delta A$$



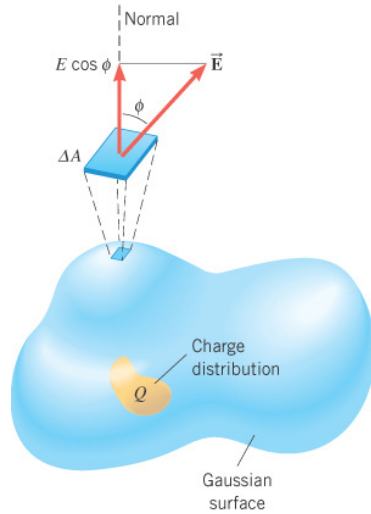
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GAUSS' LAW

The electric flux through a Gaussian surface is equal to the net charge enclosed in that surface divided by the permittivity of free space:

$$\sum (E \cos \phi) \Delta A = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

SI Units of Electric Flux:  $\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}$



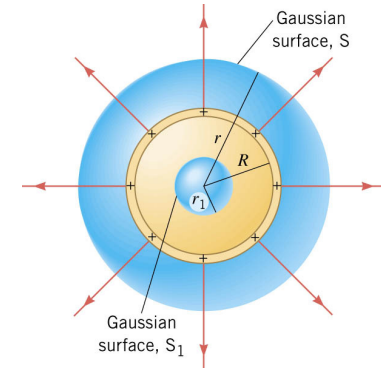
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18.9 Gauss' Law

Example 15 The Electric Field of a Charged Thin Spherical Shell

A positive charge is spread uniformly over the shell. Find the magnitude of the electric field at any point (a) outside the shell and (b) inside the shell.

$$\sum (E \cos \phi) \Delta A = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$



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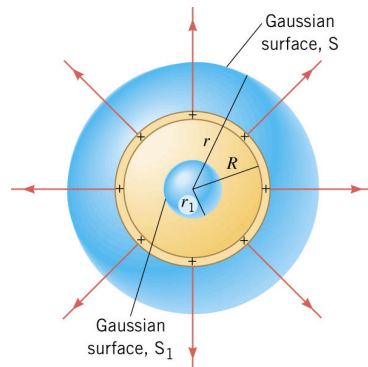
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$$\Phi_E = \sum (E \cos \phi) \Delta A = \sum (E \cos 0) \Delta A$$

$$= E \sum \Delta A = E(4\pi r^2)$$



$$E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$



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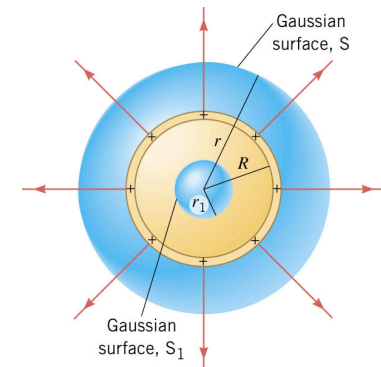
$$E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

(a) Outside the shell, the Gaussian surface encloses all of the charge.

$$E = \frac{q}{4\pi r^2 \epsilon_0}$$

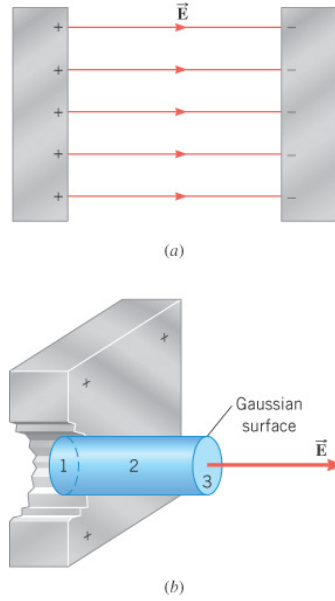
(b) Inside the shell, the Gaussian surface encloses no charge.

$$E = 0$$

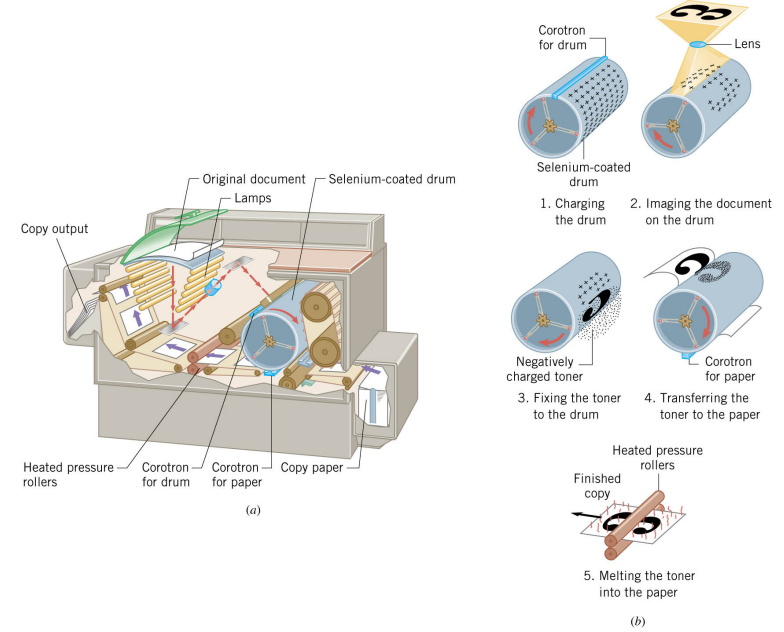


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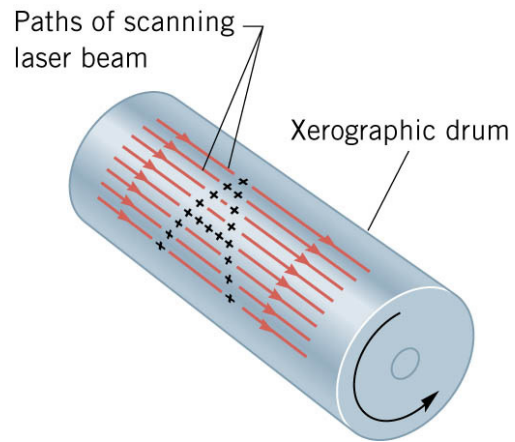
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