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EXAMPLE

The example below shows how to use Coulomb's law to calculate the strength of the force between two charges.

A 0.001 coulomb charge and a 0.002 coulomb charge are 2 meters apart. Calculate the force between them.

Given	Solution
The charges have magnitudes of 0.003 C and 0.005 C. The charges are 2 meters apart.	$F = (9 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2) \frac{(0.001 \text{ C})(0.002 \text{ C})}{(2 \text{ m})^2}$ $F = 4500 \text{ N}$
Looking for	F = 4500 N
The force between the charges.	The force is 4500 newtons.
Relationships	
$F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$	

PRACTICE 2

- 1. Two particles, each with a charge of 1 C, are separated by a distance of 1 meter. What is the force between the particles?
- 2. What is the force between a 3 C charge and a 2 C charge separated by a distance of 5 meters?
- 3. Calculate the force between a 0.006 C charge and a 0.001 C charge 4 meters apart.
- 4. Calculate the force between a 0.05 C charge and a 0.03 C charge 2 meters apart.
- 5. Two particles are each given a charge of 5×10^{-5} C. What is the force between the charged particles if the distance between them is 2 meters?
- 6. The force between a pair of charges is 100 newtons. The distance between the charges is 0.01 meter. If one of the charges is 2×10^{-10} C, what is the strength of the other charge?
- 7. Two equal charges separated by a distance of 1 meter experience a repulsive force of 1,000 newtons. What is the strength in coulombs of each charge?
- 8. The force between a pair of 0.001 C charges is 200 N. What is the distance between them?
- 9. The force between two charges is 1000 N. One has a charge of 2×10^{-5} C, and the other has a charge of 5×10^{-6} C. What is the distance between them?
- 10. The force between two charges is 2 newtons. The distance between the charges is 2×10^{-4} m. If one of the charges is 3×10^{-6} C, what is the strength of the other charge?

Practice set 2: 1. $9 \times 10^9 \,\mathrm{N}$ 2. 2.16×10^9 N 3 3375 N 4. 3.38×10^6 N 5. 5.63 N 6. 0.00556 C 7. 3.33×10^{-4} C 8. 6.7 m 9. 0.03 m $10.2.96 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}$