

Electrostatic Forces

Answer on a Separate Sheet of Paper

1. An object has a net charge of $-2.0\ \mu\text{C}$.
 - a. Is there an excess or deficiency of electrons?
 - b. How many missing or extra electrons are there?
2. Particles A and B are separated by 5.0 cm. A has a net charge of $+2.0\ \mu\text{C}$ while B has a net charge of $-3.0\ \mu\text{C}$.
 - a. What is the magnitude of the force on each of the particles?
 - b. Is each force attractive or repulsive?
3. A $+5.0\ \mu\text{C}$ charge experiences a 5.0 N repulsive force when it is held 3.0cm from an unknown charged particle. What is the charge on the unknown particle?
4. Two charges are moved to a separation of 100 cm, causing the force between them to decrease by a factor of 4. What was the initial separation distance?
5. Two $+2.0\ \mu\text{C}$ charges are placed 10 cm apart. A $-3.0\ \mu\text{C}$ charge is placed on the line directly between them, 5 cm from each.
 - a. Find all of the forces acting on each charge.
 - b. What is the net force on each of the $2\ \mu\text{C}$ particles?
 - b. What is the net force on the $-3.0\ \mu\text{C}$ particle?
6. Two $+2.0\ \mu\text{C}$ charges are placed 10 cm apart. A $+3.0\ \mu\text{C}$ charge is placed on the line directly between them, 5 cm from each.
 - a. Find all of the forces acting on each charge.
 - b. What is the net force on each of the $2\ \mu\text{C}$ particles?
 - b. What is the net force on the $3.0\ \mu\text{C}$ particle?
7. In a hydrogen atom, the electron and the proton are separated by an average of $5.3 \times 10^{-11}\ \text{m}$.
 - a. What is the electrostatic force between them?
 - b. The gravitational force is in the form $F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$, where $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}\ \text{Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$. What is the gravitational force between the electron and the proton?
 - c. What is the ratio of the electrostatic force to the gravitational force?
8. Three charges are placed on the corners of a square with side lengths 2.0 cm as shown. What is the net force on the $-2\ \mu\text{C}$ particle?

