

Chapter 21 – Electric Charge

- Historically people knew of electrostatic effects
- Hair attracted to amber rubbed on clothes
- People could generate “sparks”
- Recorded in ancient Greek history
- [600 BC Thales of Miletus](#) notes effects
- [1600 AD - William Gilbert](#) coins Latin term *electricus* from Greek *ηλεκτρον* (*elektron*) – Greek term for Amber
- 1660 [Otto von Guericke](#) – builds electrostatic generator
- 1675 [Robert Boyle](#) – show charge effects work in vacuum
- 1729 [Stephen Gray](#) – discusses insulators and conductors
- 1730 [C. F. du Fay](#) – proposes two types of charges – can cancel
- Glass rubbed with silk – glass charged with “*vitreous electricity*”
- Amber rubbed with fur – Amber charged with “*resinous electricity*”

A little more history

- 1750 Ben Franklin proposes “vitreous” and “resinous” electricity are the same ‘electricity fluid” under different “pressures”
- He labels them “positive” and “negative” electricity
- Proposes “conservation of charge”
- June 15 1752(?) Franklin flies kite and “collects” electricity
- 1839 [Michael Faraday](#) proposes “electricity” is all from two opposite types of “charges”
- We call “positive” the charge left on glass rubbed with silk
- Today we would say ‘electrons” are rubbed off the glass

Torsion Balance

- [Charles-Augustin de Coulomb](#) - 1777

Used to measure force from electric charges and to measure force from gravity

$\tau = -\kappa\theta$ - "Hooks law" for fibers

(recall $F = -kx$ for springs)

General Equation with damping

θ – angle

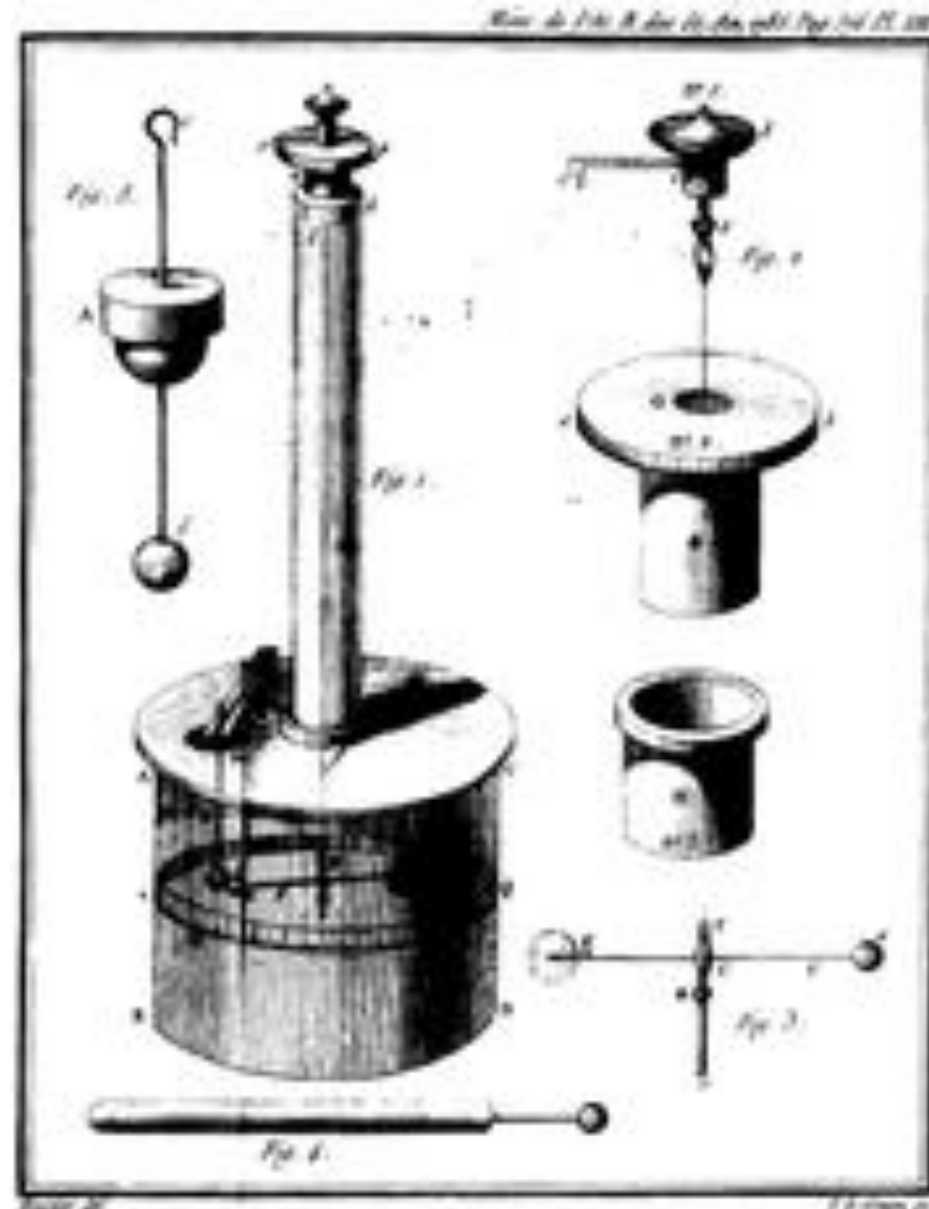
I – moment of inertia

C – damping coefficient

κ – torsion constant

τ – driving torque

$$I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + C \frac{d\theta}{dt} + \kappa\theta = \tau(t)$$



Solutions to the damped torsion balance

$$\theta = A e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

General solutions are damped oscillating terms – ie damped SHO

A = amplitude

t = time

α = damping frequency = 1/damping time (e folding time)

ϕ = phase shift

ω = resonant angular frequency

$$\alpha = C/2I$$

If we assume a lightly damped system where:

$$C \ll \sqrt{\kappa I}$$

Then the resonant frequency is just the undamped resonant frequency

$$f_n = \frac{\omega_n}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\kappa/I}$$

$\omega_n = \sqrt{\kappa/I}$ (ω_n = “natural undamped resonant freq”)
recall for a spring with mass m that
 $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$ where k=spring constant

General solution with damping

- If we do NOT assume small damping then the resonant freq is shifted DOWN
- From the “natural undamped resonant freq:
- $\omega_n = \sqrt{\kappa/I}$
- Note the frequency is always shifted DOWN

$$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_n^2 - \alpha^2} = \sqrt{\kappa/I - (C/2I)^2}$$

Constant force and critical damping

- When the applied torque (force) is constant
- The drive term $\tau(t) = F \cdot L$ where F is the force
- $L =$ moment arm length

$$\theta = FL / \kappa$$

We want to measure the force F

To do this we need κ

We get κ from measuring the resonant freq ω

Then $\kappa = \omega^2 I$

In real torsion balances the system will oscillate at resonance and we want to damp this

Critical damping (fastest damping) for $C_c = 2\sqrt{\kappa I}$

Sinusoidal Driven Osc

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_0 \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = F_0 \sin(\omega t) ,$$

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0}{Z_m \omega} \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\phi = \arctan \left(\frac{2\omega\omega_0\zeta}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2} \right)$$

- Max amplitude is achieved at resonance
- $\omega_r = \omega_0 \sqrt{1-2\zeta^2}$
- For a mass and spring $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$
- Normal damping term $\Gamma = 2\zeta\omega_0$

Universal Normalized (Master) Oscillator Eq

No driving (forcing) function equation

System is normalized so undamped resonant freq

$\omega_0 = 1$. $\tau = t/t_c$ $t_c =$ undamped period $\omega = \omega/\omega_0$

$$\frac{d^2q}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dq}{d\tau} + q = 0$$

With sinusoidal driving function

$$\frac{d^2q}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dq}{d\tau} + q = \cos(\omega\tau).$$

We will consider two general cases

Transient $q_t(t)$ and steady state $q_s(t)$

Transient Solution

$$q_t(\tau) = \begin{cases} e^{-\zeta\tau} \left(c_1 e^{\tau\sqrt{\zeta^2-1}} + c_2 e^{-\tau\sqrt{\zeta^2-1}} \right) & \zeta > 1 \text{ (overdamping)} \\ e^{-\zeta\tau} (c_1 + c_2\tau) = e^{-\tau}(c_1 + c_2\tau) & \zeta = 1 \text{ (critical damping)} \\ e^{-\zeta\tau} \left[c_1 \cos \left(\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}\tau \right) + c_2 \sin \left(\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}\tau \right) \right] & \zeta < 1 \text{ (underdamping)} \end{cases}$$

Steady State Solution

$$\frac{d^2q}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dq}{d\tau} + q = \cos(\omega\tau) + i \sin(\omega\tau) = e^{i\omega\tau}.$$

$$q_s(\tau) = Ae^{i(\omega\tau + \phi)}.$$

$$q_s = Ae^{i(\omega\tau + \phi)}, \quad \frac{dq_s}{d\tau} = i\omega Ae^{i(\omega\tau + \phi)}, \quad \frac{d^2q_s}{d\tau^2} = -\omega^2 Ae^{i(\omega\tau + \phi)}.$$

$$-\omega^2 Ae^{i(\omega\tau + \phi)} + 2\zeta i\omega Ae^{i(\omega\tau + \phi)} + Ae^{i(\omega\tau + \phi)} = (-\omega^2 A + 2\zeta i\omega A + A)e^{i(\omega\tau + \phi)} = e^{i\omega\tau}.$$

$$-\omega^2 A + 2\zeta i\omega A + A = e^{-i\phi} = \cos \phi - i \sin \phi.$$

Steady State Continued

$$A(1 - \omega^2) = \cos \phi \quad 2\zeta\omega A = -\sin \phi.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A^2(1 - \omega^2)^2 = \cos^2 \phi \\ (2\zeta\omega A)^2 = \sin^2 \phi \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow A^2[(1 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\omega)^2] = 1.$$

$$A = A(\zeta, \omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\omega)^2}}.$$

Solve for Phase

$$\tan \phi = -\frac{2\zeta\omega}{1 - \omega^2} = \frac{2\zeta\omega}{\omega^2 - 1} \Rightarrow \phi \equiv \phi(\zeta, \omega) = \arctan \left(\frac{2\zeta\omega}{\omega^2 - 1} \right).$$

Note the phase shift is frequency dependent

At low freq $\phi \rightarrow 0$

At high freq $\phi \rightarrow 180$ degrees

Remember $\omega = \omega/\omega_0$

Full solution

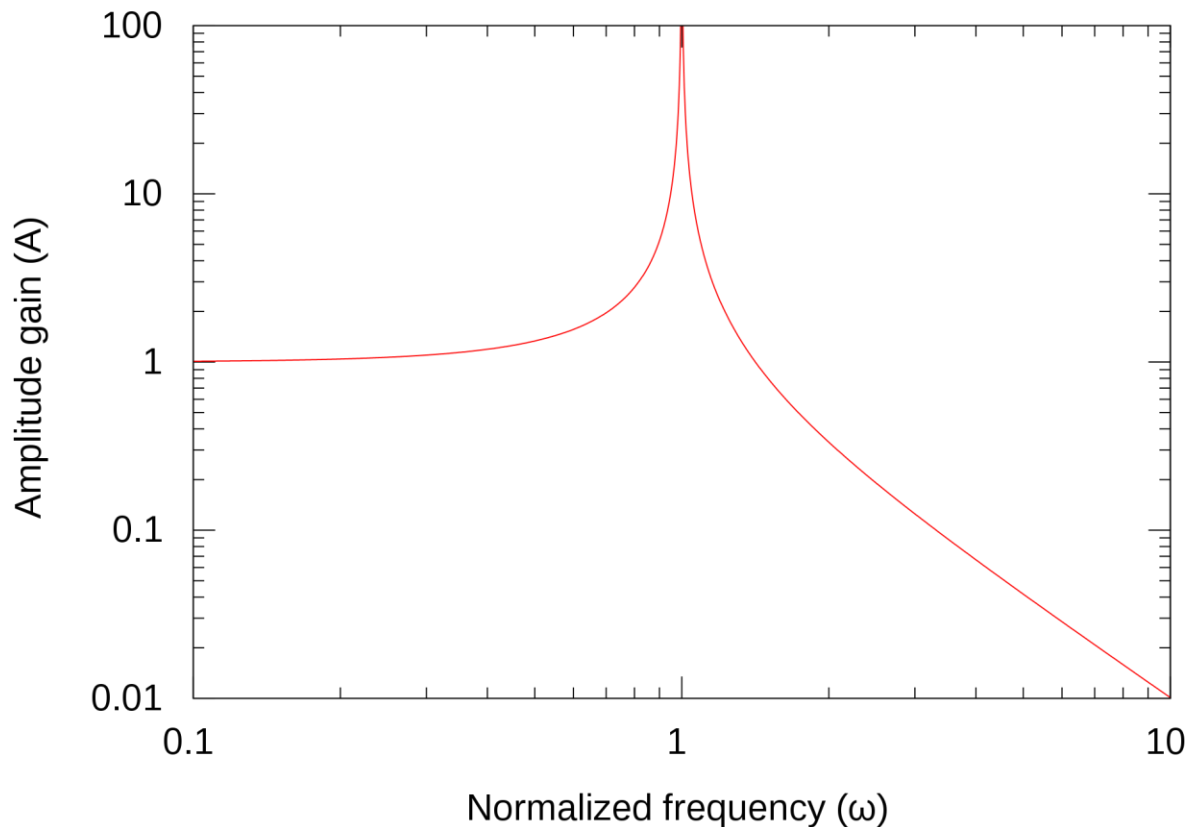
$$q_s(\tau) = A(\zeta, \omega) \cos(\omega\tau + \phi(\zeta, \omega)) = A \cos(\omega\tau + \phi).$$

$$q(\tau) = q_t(\tau) + q_s(\tau).$$

Amplitude vs freq – Bode Plot

$$A = A(\zeta, \omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\omega)^2}}$$

Frequency response of ideal harmonic oscillator



Various Damped Osc Systems

Translational Mechanical	Torsional Mechanical	Series RLC Circuit	Parallel RLC Circuit
Position x	Angle θ	<u>Charge</u> q	<u>Voltage</u> e
<u>Velocity</u> dx/dt	<u>Angular velocity</u> $d\theta/dt$	<u>Current</u> dq/dt	de/dt
<u>Mass</u> m	<u>Moment of inertia</u> I	<u>Inductance</u> L	<u>Capacitance</u> C
<u>Spring constant</u> K	<u>Torsion constant</u> μ	<u>Elastance</u> $1/C$	<u>Susceptance</u> $1/L$
<u>Friction</u> γ	<u>Rotational friction</u> Γ	<u>Resistance</u> R	<u>Conductance</u> $1/R$
Drive <u>force</u> $F(t)$	Drive <u>torque</u> $\tau(t)$	$e(t)$	di/dt

Undamped resonant frequency : f_n

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{I}}$$

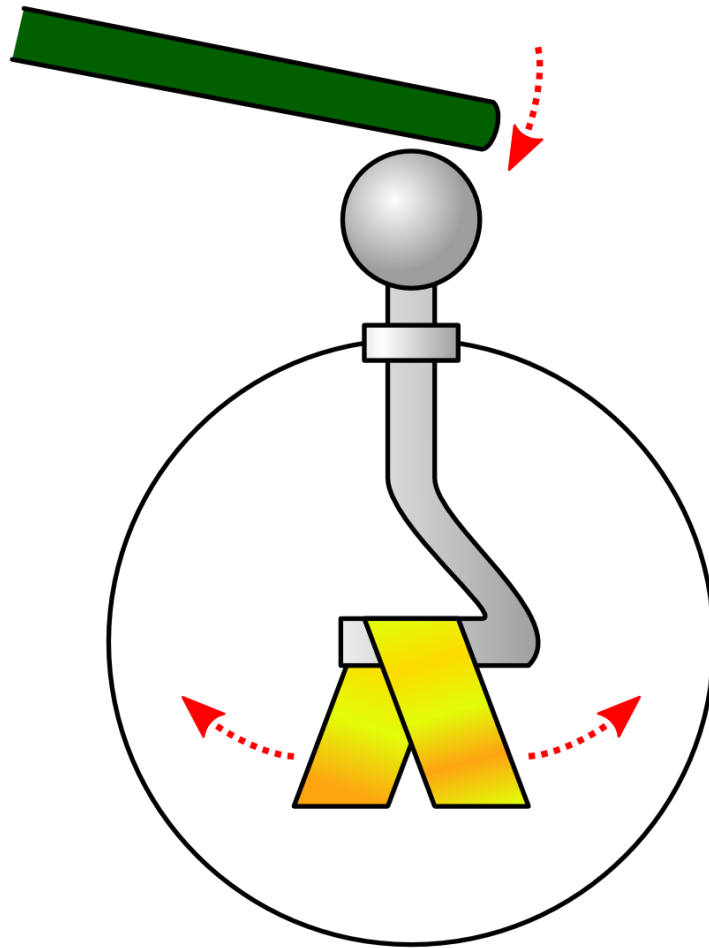
$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

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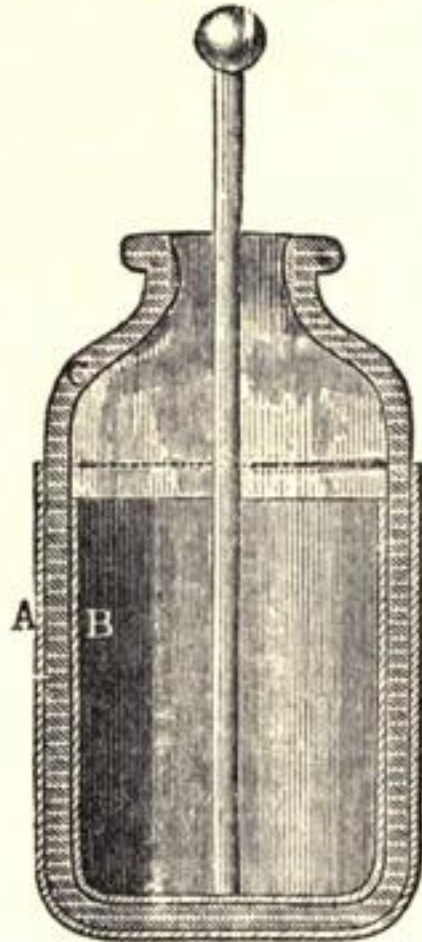
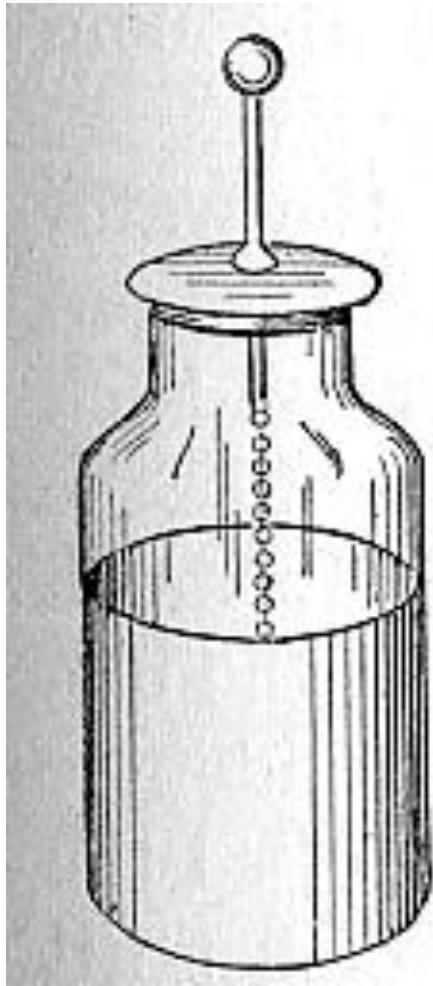
Differential equation:

$$M\ddot{x} + \gamma\dot{x} + Kx = F \quad I\ddot{\theta} + \Gamma\dot{\theta} + \mu\theta = \tau \quad L\ddot{q} + R\dot{q} + q/C = e \quad C\ddot{e} + \dot{e}/R + e/L = \dot{i}$$

Gold leaf electroscope – used to show presence of charge
Gold leaf for gilding is about 100 nm thick!!



Leyden Jar – historical capacitor



Force between charges as measured on the lab with a torsion balance

$$F_C = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$\epsilon_0 \sim 8.854\ 187\ 817 \dots \times 10^{-12}$ Vacuum permittivity

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c_0^2}$$

$\mu_0 =$ Vacuum permeability (magnetic)
 $= 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ H m⁻¹ – defined exactly
 $c_0 =$ speed of light in vacuum

Coulombs “Law”

Define the electric field $E = F/q$ where F is the force on a charge q
In the lab we measure an inverse square force law like gravity

For a point charge Q the E field at a distance r is given by
Coulomb’s Law. It is a radial field and points away from a positive
charge and inward towards a negative charge

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \quad (1)$$

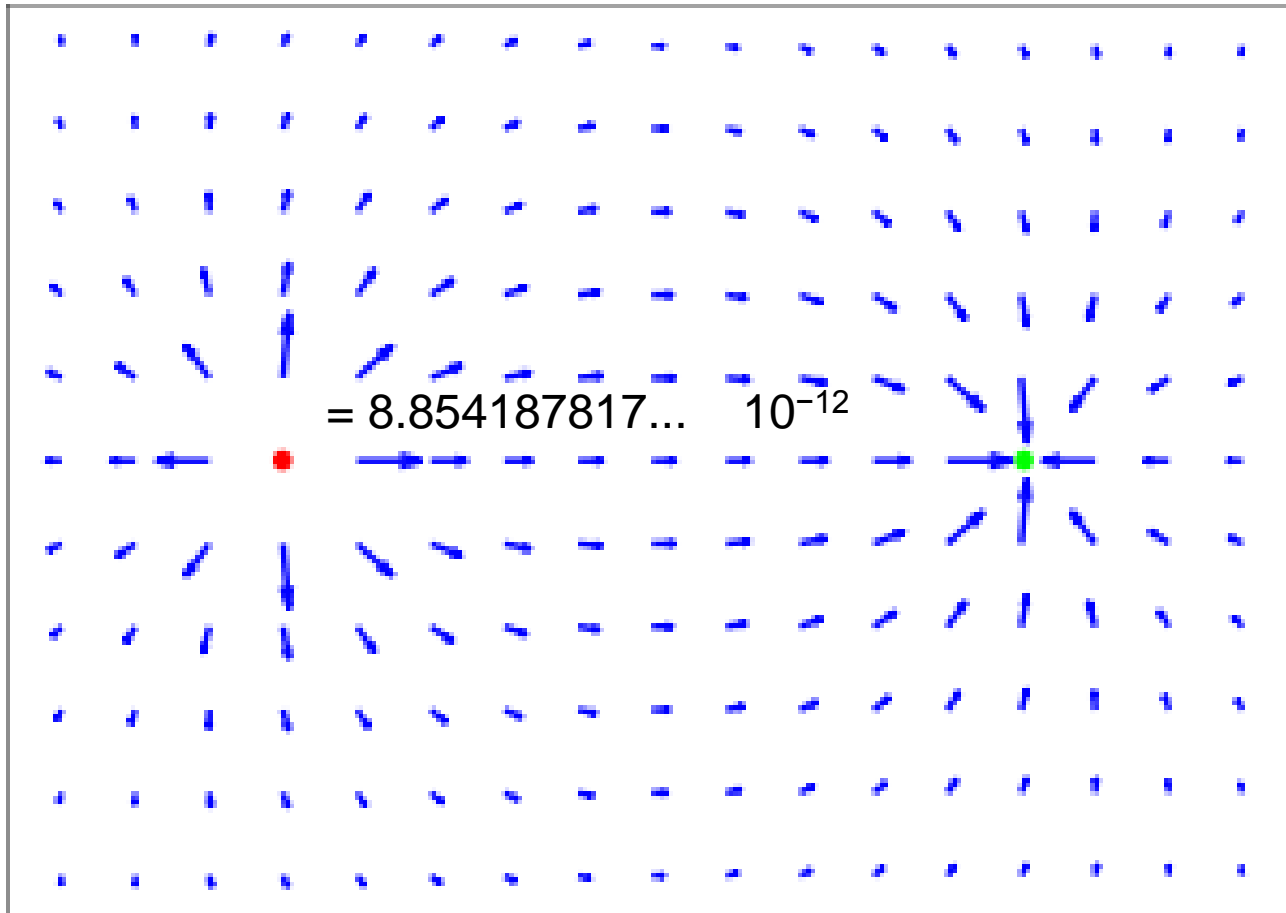
Similarity to Newtons “Law” of Gravity

Both Coulomb and Newton are inverse square laws

$$\mathbf{F} = G \frac{Mm}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} = mg$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} = q\mathbf{E}$$

Two charges – a dipole



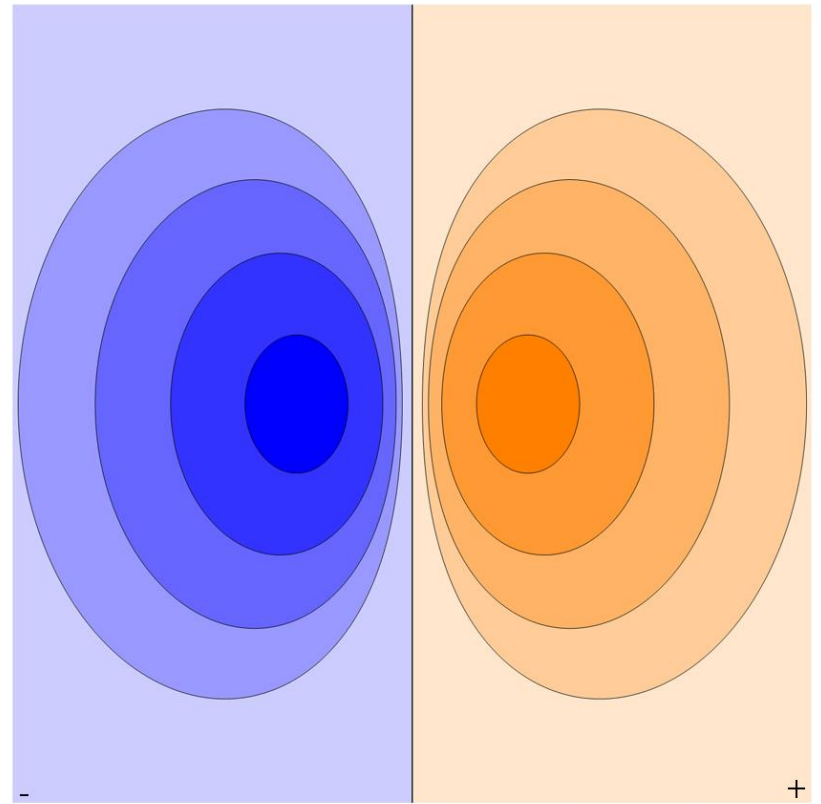
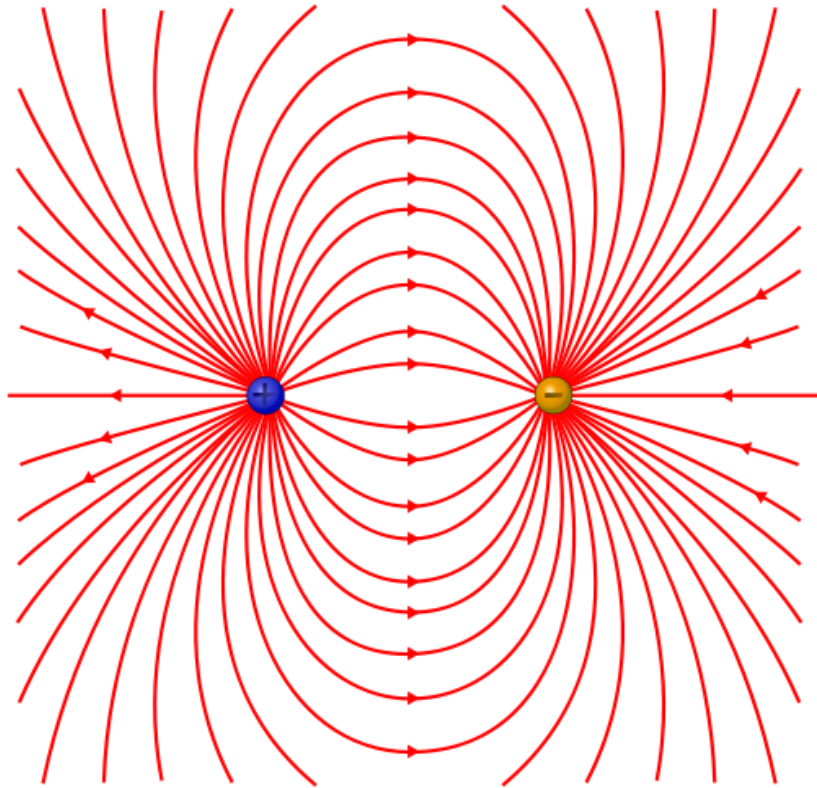
Energy density in the electric field

$$u = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon |\mathbf{E}|^2, \quad \text{Energy per unit volume J/m}^3$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\epsilon \int_V |\mathbf{E}|^2 dV, \quad \text{Total energy in a volume - Joules}$$

Dipoles

Electric Field Lines - Equipotentials



Dipole moment definition

We define the dipole moment \mathbf{p} (vector) for a set of charges q_i at vector positions \mathbf{r}_i as:

$$\mathbf{p} = \sum_{i=1}^N q_i \mathbf{r}_i .$$

For two equal and opposite charges (q) we have $\mathbf{p}=q^*r$ where r is the distance between them

Multipole Expansions

$$f(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l C_l^m Y_l^m(\theta, \phi).$$

General spherical harmonic expansion of a function on the unit sphere Y_{lm} functions are called spherical harmonics – like a Fourier transform but done on a sphere not a flat surface. C_{lm} are coefficients

$l=0$ is a monopole

$l=1$ is a dipole

$l=2$ is a quadrupole

$l=3$ is an octopole (also spelled octupole)