

Coulombs law in C.G.S. system

In C.G.S. system $k = 1$ where k is dielectric constant of a medium.

Hence, Coulombs law in a medium C.G.S. system

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

$$F_m = \frac{1}{K} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

For air (i.e free space) $K = 1$

$$F_a = \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

Dividing eqⁿ (8) by eqⁿ (7) we get,

$$\boxed{\frac{F_a}{F_m} = K} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

Thus dielectric constant of a medium is defined as the ratio of electrostatics force between two point charge separated by a certain distance in air to the electrostatics force between the same two charge separated by the same distance in the medium.

* Relative permittivity of a medium is equal to the dielectric constant of the medium i.e.

$$\epsilon_r = K \quad \epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$$

$$= \epsilon_0 K$$

Q) Two point charge each of 1C separated by 1m distance experience a force $9 \times 10^9 \text{ N}$. How much force is experienced by them if they are immersed in water keeping the distance of separation between them, dielectric constant of water is 80.

Sol-

$$K = \frac{F_a}{F_m}$$

$$F_m = \frac{F}{K}$$

$$= \frac{9 \times 10^9}{80}$$

$$= 1.125 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans}}}$$

Q) What is the force between two small charged spheres having charge of $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$ and $3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$ placed 30 cm in air.

Sol-

$$q_1 = 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$$

$$q_2 = 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$$

$$r = 30 \text{ cm} = 0.3 \text{ m}$$