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Unit 5C Coulomb's Law
Practice Problems

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Work each of the following problems. SHOW ALL WORK.

1. A lightning bolt transfers 22 C of charge to the earth. How many electrons are transferred from this one bolt? The earth is struck by an average of 100 lightning bolts each second. How many electrons pour into the earth each second from lightning?
2. How far apart are two protons if they exert a force of 0.5 N on each other?
3. Two electrons in bulk matter are an angstrom ( $1 \times 10^{-10} \mathrm{~m}$ ) apart. What electrostatic force do they exert on each other?

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4. One point charge has a magnitude of $5.4 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{C}$. A second charge that is 0.25 m away has a magnitude of $1.1 \times 10^{-17} \mathrm{C}$. What is the electric force magnitude of one charge on the other?
5. A piece of styrofoam has a charge of 0.002 mC and is placed 0.5 m from a grain of salt with a charge of 0.03 nC . How much electrostatic force is produced?
6. A charged object has 82 protons, 82 neutrons, and 109 electrons. What is its overall charge? (Be sure to include the sign.)

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7. In order to collect weather data on a remote island, you decide to send a weather balloon to the location. You attach a 1 C charged object to the balloon and plan to propel it to the island using electrostatic force. Given the balloon's size and the standard wind patterns en route, you will need to overcome an opposing air resistance of up to 100 N at any point on the balloon's journey. How much charge will you need to propel the $\mathbf{1 C}$ balloon from your location to the island 750 km away, considering the opposing wind? Ignore the curvature of the earth.
8. A metal sphere as a charge of $+2.3 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{C}$ and lies 2 meters away from another metal sphere of unknown charge. If the attractive force present between the spheres is 0.05 N , what is the charge on the second sphere?
9. Four electrons are each located on the corners of a square, with the sides of the square measuring 1 m long. What is the total force (magnitude and direction) exerted on one of the electrons by the other three?

