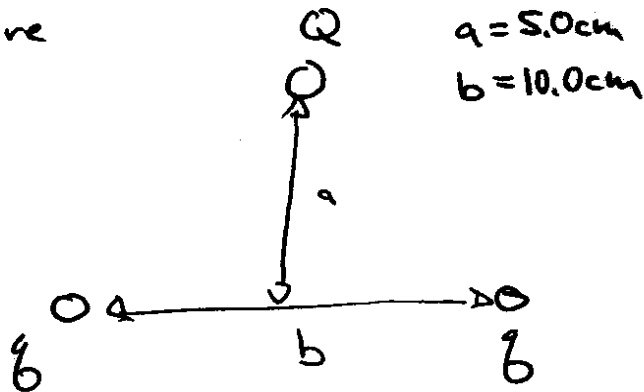


Here's an example of force & charge conservation

before



Net force on Q from
2 q 's is attractive
& 0.2N

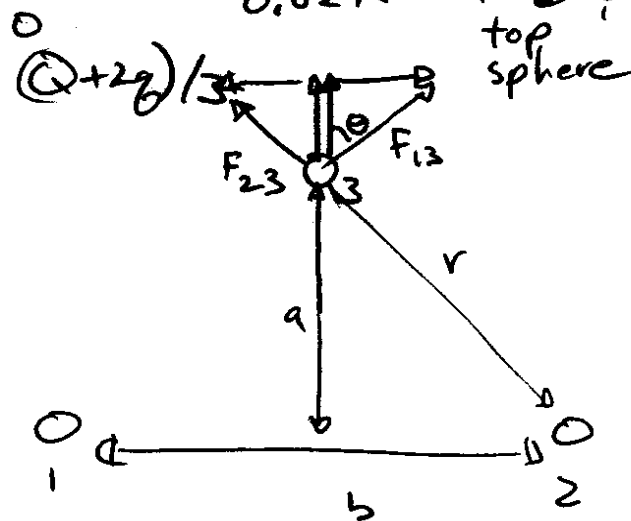
Then, the charged
spheres are brought
into contact & the
net force after all
the spheres have the
same charge is
 0.02N on ~~the~~ $\hat{Q}$ repulsive

after

$$(Q + 2q)/3$$

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Figure out net force



$$\vec{F}_{13} = \frac{kqQ}{a^2 + (b/2)^2} \sin\theta \hat{i} + \frac{kqQ}{a^2 + (b/2)^2} \cos\theta \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_{23} = -\frac{kqQ}{a^2 + (b/2)^2} \sin\theta \hat{i} + \frac{kqQ}{a^2 + (b/2)^2} \cos\theta \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \vec{F}_{13} + \vec{F}_{23} = \frac{2kqQ}{a^2 + (b/2)^2} \cos\theta \hat{j}$$

know this < 0

cause
attractive

So, we know

$$qQ = -|F_{\text{net}}| \frac{(a^2 + (b/2)^2)}{2k \cos \theta} = \frac{-0.2N (1.05\text{m}^2 + .05\text{m}^2)}{2(9 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2}) \cos 45^\circ}$$
$$= -7.8567 \times 10^{-14} \text{C}^2 = -A$$

$$\{ \frac{(Q + 2q)^2}{3} = |F_{\text{net}}^{\text{after}}| \frac{(a^2 + (b/2)^2)}{2k \cos \theta}$$

or

$$Q + 2q = 3 \sqrt{|F_{\text{net}}^{\text{after}}| \frac{(a^2 + (b/2)^2)}{2k \cos \theta}}$$
$$= 2.659 \times 10^{-7} \text{C} = B$$

substitute (2 eqn's & 2 unknowns) $Q = B - 2q$

$$\text{so } qB - 2q^2 = -A \quad \text{or} \quad \underset{a}{2}q^2 - \underset{b}{q}B - \underset{c}{A} = 0$$

solve quadratic

$$q = \frac{B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4(2)(-A)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{2.659 \times 10^{-7} \text{C} \pm \sqrt{(2.659 \times 10^{-7} \text{C})^2 + 8(7.8567 \times 10^{-14} \text{C}^2)}}{4}$$

$$= 2.755 \times 10^{-7} \text{C} \quad \& \quad -1.42575 \times 10^{-7} \text{C}$$

& now we should solve for Q and
check by calculating $|F_{\text{net}}|$