# Physics 189 Lecture One Jan 6, 2014

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All of these forces are alike but one, which is?

# The two types of forces:

#### Contact forces

Forces that occur when one object is in direct physical contact with another object.

#### Field forces

Forces that do not require direct contact between two physical objects. "Action at a distance".

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See example of N-Body simulation using 24 million particles representing chunks of matter:

 $http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0\_HBsuZUIk$ 



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- First proposed the concept of the conservation of charge: charges can neither be destroyed nor created.

#### Coulomb's Law

Building upon Franklin's work, and the work of many other scientist, Coulomb proposed that the the forces exerted by charged objects on one another has almost the exact same form as the gravitational force:

$$F_e = k_e \frac{k_e q_1 q_2}{R^2}$$

where  $k_e = 8.9876 \times 10^9 \text{ N(m/C)}^2$ . Here, *C* is the SI unit for the quantity of charge.

#### Electric fluid?

Early scientist thought of electricity as a fluid like water. Millikan proved this to be false. Electric charge is "quantized", that is, it comes in discreet quantities.

