

## The Forces

- force is a vector quantity and if more than one forces act on a particle we can find the resultant force using the laws of vector addition.

\* Newton's Third Law of Motion

If a body A exerts a force  $\vec{F}$  on another body B, then B exerts a force  $-\vec{F}$  on A.

$\vec{F}$  &  $-\vec{F}$  are called action-reaction pair.

\* Type of force:

- Gravitational
- Electromagnetic
- Nuclear
- Weak

① Gravitational force:

$$F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$m_1, m_2$  are masses of two bodies and  $r$  is the distance between them.

$G$  = Gravitational constant between them.

$$= 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2$$

\* Gravitational force on small bodies by the earth

- The force of attraction exerted by the earth on other objects is called gravity.

Now, if the earth is a homogeneous sphere of radius  $R$  and mass  $M$ .

$$R = 6400 \text{ km}$$

$$M = 6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

Now,  $F = \frac{GMm}{R^2}$   $m$  is the mass of the particle kept near earth's surface.

The direction of this force is towards the centre of the earth which is called the vertically downward direction.

If the body  $m$  is very small compared to the earth, the quantity  $\frac{GM}{R^2}$  is a constant and direction of  ~~$\frac{GM}{R^2}$~~  acceleration. It is called the acceleration

due to gravity ( $g$ ).

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Thus, the force exerted by the earth on a small body of mass  $m$ , kept near the earth's surface is  $mg$  in the vertically downwards direction.

⊙ **Electrostatic (EM) force**

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

$$\epsilon = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9.0 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2}$$

$q_1, q_2$  same nature - Repulsive

$q_1, q_2$  opp. nature - Attractive.

charge of electron

$$1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Coulomb}$$



## Nuclear Forces

- Nuclear Volume =  $10^{-44} \text{ m}^3$
- An Atom's volume =  $10^{-23} \text{ m}^3$
- i.e. the nucleus occupies a volume of about  $1/10^{21}$  of the volume of the atom.
- If both the electrons are removed from a helium atom, we get the bare nucleus of helium which is called an alpha particle ( $\text{He}_4^{2+}$ )
- Short ranged
- exerted only if the interacting particles are protons or neutrons or both.
- Radioactivity, nuclear energy (fission, fusion) etc. result from nuclear force.



## Weak Forces

- when reaction involving protons, electrons, and neutrons take place.

- A neutron can change itself into a proton and simultaneously emit an electron and a particle called antineutrino. This is called  $\beta^-$  decay.

- A proton can also change into a neutron and simultaneously emit a positron (and a neutrino). This is called  $\beta^+$  decay.

- If effect is experienced in both particles only.

~~III~~ classical physics

Radius  $> 10^{-6}$  m

Speed  $< 10^8$  m/s (i.e.  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s)

- Newton's law of motion, law of gravitation, Maxwell's electromagnetism, laws of thermodynamics, Lorentz force etc

Radius  $< 10^{-6}$  m

→ Quantum physics.