Properties of Charges

- Like charges repel
- Unlike charges attract
- Conservation of charge: charge can't be created or destroyed however it can be transferred from on object to another
- In conductors the charge carriers (electrons) are free to move about and will do so when exposed to an electric field. The charges will position themselves at the edges and will induce an opposing E field. This is why the E field inside a conductor is zero when equilibrium is reached.
- Even though the charge carriers inside an insulator are not free to move a charge can be I induced in an insulator via the polarization of the atoms or molecules. In insulators the E field inside doesn't have to be zero.

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}_{electric}}{q_{test}}$$
 Definition of Electric Field
 $\vec{E} = k \frac{|q_{source}|}{r^2} \hat{r}$ The electric field due to a point source or spherical charge distribution

$$\vec{F} = k \frac{|q_1 q_2|}{r^2} \hat{r}$$
$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} = 8.987 \times 10^9 \frac{N \cdot m^2}{C^2}$$

$$\varepsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2}{N_0 m^2}$$

$$10^9 \frac{N \cdot m^2}{N}$$
 squared

$$8854 \times 10^{-12}$$
 C²

$$\varepsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \, \overline{N \cdot m^2}$$









total electric field \vec{E} at p

Electric field

at P due to a

 $Q_{\max}\left(1-e^{-t/RC}\right)$ $\mathcal{E}, \ \tau = RC$



$$I = \frac{1}{At}, \text{ definition of current I. The current always flows from + to - Chapter 19}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I}, \text{ definition of resistance} R_T = R_0 [1 + \alpha (T - T_0)], \text{ the temperature dependence of the resistance}$$

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}, \text{ definition of resistivity } \rho \text{ where } L \text{ is the length of the conductor and } A \text{ is the cross-section alarea}$$

$$Kirchhoffs \text{ Rules}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{n=0\\ maximum \\ maximum \\$$

r hat is a unit vector pointing in the direction of the force. Its

direction is determined by the signs of the two charges but runs

parallel to a line btw the them, r^2 is the distance btw the charges

Electric field

at P due to a