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Remembering last year.

In our experiments with colliding carts we noticed that

<u>if</u> you add up the change of velocity of one cart times some number m (which is specific for that cart 1) and the change of velocity of the second one times another number m' (which is specific for that cart 2)

the sum is zero:

$$m\Delta v + m'\Delta v' = 0$$

We named these m's "masses"... So there was a property of that system which was not changing

$$\Delta(mv + m'v') = 0$$

We called that quantity "momentum", the general definition for the system made of *n* constituents is:

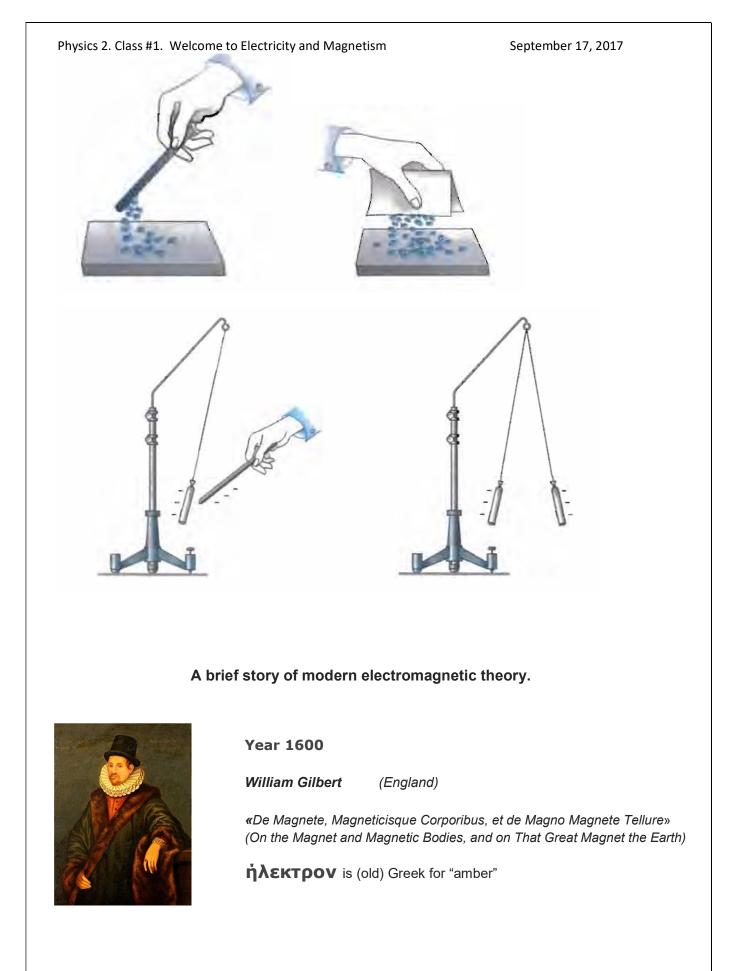
$$p = \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i v_i$$

Where the index *i* runs over all the pieces which are included in the system. If nothing acts on the system from outside, this *p* does not change over time : $\Delta p = 0$. But if *there is* something that influences this system from outside, then the longer it acts, the larger is the disturbance. We named this reason for changing of the momentum *"the force"* and, to reflect that the longer it acts, the bigger is the change, we wrote the *definition* of the force as

$$\Delta \vec{p} = \vec{F} \, \Delta t$$

Forces in Nature

Interaction	Relative strength	Radius of action, cm	Observed in
Gravitational	10 ⁻³⁹	ω	Cosmos
Strong	100	10 ⁻¹³	Nuclei, Elementary particles
Weak	10 ⁻¹⁴	10 ⁻¹⁶	Elementary particles transformations
Electromagnetic	1	œ	From Nucleus to Cosmos



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Year 1785 (France)

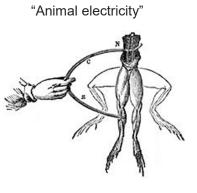
Charles-Augustin de Coulomb . 22 years old: «Premier Mémoire sur l'Électricité et le Magnétisme.» :

(Italy)

... Il résulte donc de ces trois essais, que l'action répulsive que les deux balles électrifées de la même nature d'électricité exercent l'une sur l'autre, suit la raison **inverse du carré des distances.**

It follows therefore from these three tests, that the repulsive force that the two balls — [which were] electrified with the same kind of electricity — exert on each other, follows the inverse proportion of the square of the distance





Luigi Aloisio Galvani

Year 1780



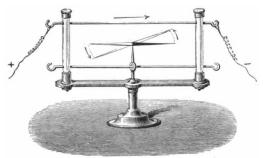
Alessandro Giuseppe Antonio Anastasio Volta (Italy, 1800)



Year 1820

(Denmark)

Hans Christian Ørsted



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