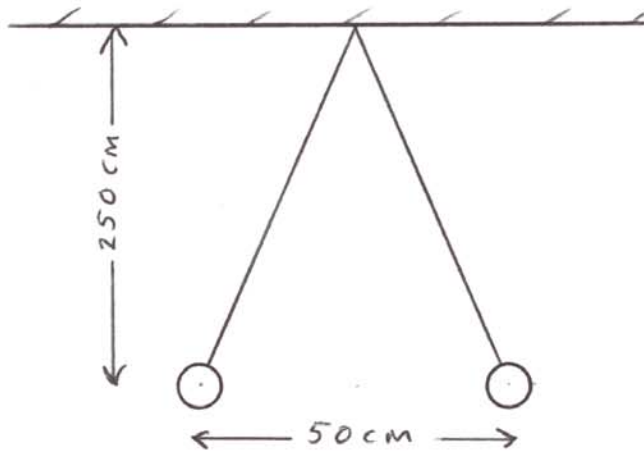


Assignment 2

1. Estimate the number of electrons in 1 cm^3 of water? Express the electric charge of these electrons in esu and coulombs.
2. Compute the ratio of the gravitational force to the coulomb force for
 - a) 2 protons
 - b) 2 electrons.
3. Two charged balls with masses of 300 gm each hang as shown below. Assuming both balls have the same charge,
 - a) What is the charge on each in esu?
 - b) What is the electrical force between the balls in dynes?



4. At each corner of a square is a particle with charge q . Fixed at the center of the square is a point charge of opposite sign, of magnitude Q . What value must Q have to make the total force on each of the four particles zero? With Q set at that value, the system, in the absence of other forces, is in equilibrium. Is the equilibrium stable?