

Answer on Question #43713 – Physics – Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics

1. Two 1.0 g beads are charged equally and placed 5.0 cm apart. When released, they begin to accelerate at 150m/s^2. What is the magnitude of the charge on each bead?

$$\begin{array}{l} m = 0.001 \text{ kg} \\ d = 0.05 \text{ m} \\ a = 150 \text{ m/s}^2 \\ q - ? \end{array}$$

Solution.

When released, a bead of the mass m begins to move with the acceleration a according the second Newton law: $ma = F$, where F is the resultant force due to the gravity and the Columb repulsion.

This force is $F = -G \frac{m^2}{d^2} + k \frac{q^2}{d^2}$.

So, we can write down: $ma = -G \frac{m^2}{d^2} + k \frac{q^2}{d^2}$.

The charge on each bead is
$$q = d \sqrt{\left(a + G \frac{m}{d^2} \right) \frac{m}{k}}$$
.

Let check the dimension:
$$[q] = m \sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{s^2} + \frac{N \cdot m^2}{kg^2} \cdot \frac{kg}{m^2} \right) \frac{kg}{N \cdot m^2}} = C$$
.

Let evaluate the quantity:
$$q = 0.05 \cdot \sqrt{\left(150 + 6.67 \cdot 10^{-11} \cdot \frac{0.001}{0.05^2} \right) \cdot \frac{0.001}{9 \cdot 10^9}} = 2.04 \cdot 10^{-4} (C)$$
.

Answer: $204 mC$.