

Answer on Question # 73668, Physics - Electric Circuits :

Question: Calculate the ratio of the electrostatic force and the gravitational force exerted by two protons on each other.

Solution: We know mass of proton (m) = 1.6727×10^{-27} kg.

Gravitational constant (G) = $6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2/\text{kg}^2$.

Charge of proton (q) = 1.602×10^{-19} C.

Now let distance between two protons is r .

So, electrostatic force between two protons, $F_E = k \frac{q^2}{r^2}$ (1)

Where k is constant with value $8.9 \times 10^9 \text{ N-m}^2/\text{C}^2$

And gravitational force between two protons $F_G = G \frac{m^2}{r^2}$ (2)

$$\text{So, } \frac{F_E}{F_G} = \frac{k \cdot q^2}{G \cdot m^2} = \frac{(8.9 \times 10^9)(1.602 \times 10^{-19})^2}{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(1.6727 \times 10^{-27})^2} = 1.22 \times 10^{36} \text{ (approx).}$$

Answer: Ratio of the electrostatic force to the gravitational force exerted by two protons on each other is 1.22×10^{36} .

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