Action and Reaction due to Coulomb Interaction



Two particles with masses m_1, m_2 and charges q_1, q_2 are released from rest a distance r apart.

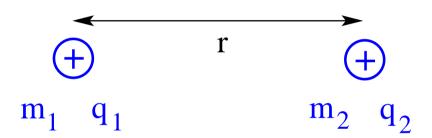
We consider the following four distinct configurations:

(a)
$$m_1 = 1$$
kg, $m_2 = 1$ kg, $q_1 = 1$ C, $q_2 = 1$ C

(b)
$$m_1 = 1$$
kg, $m_2 = 1$ kg, $q_1 = 1$ C, $q_2 = 2$ C

(c)
$$m_1 = 1$$
kg, $m_2 = 2$ kg, $q_1 = 1$ C, $q_2 = 1$ C

(d)
$$m_1 = 1$$
kg, $m_2 = 2$ kg, $q_1 = 1$ C, $q_2 = 2$ C



Anwer the following questions for each configuration:

- (1) Is the force experienced by particle 1 smaller than or equal to or larger than the force experienced by particle 2?
- (2) Is the acceleration of particle 1 smaller than or equal to or larger than the acceleration of particle 2?