

24. With  $F = m_e g$ , Eq. 22-1 leads to

$$r^2 = \frac{ke^2}{m_e g} = \frac{\left(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2\right) \left(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}\right)^2}{\left(9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}\right) \left(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2\right)}$$

which leads to  $r = 5.1 \text{ m}$ . The second electron should be below the first one, so that the repulsive force (acting on the first) is in the direction opposite to the pull of Earth's gravity.