

Introduction to Electric Potential Energy and Electric Potential Difference

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F_e is a conservative force

$$F_x = -\frac{dU}{dx} \quad E = \frac{F_e}{q}$$

$$F_e = -\frac{dU}{dr} \quad F_e = qE$$

$$\int dU = -\int F_e dr$$

$$\Delta U_{ele} = -\int_A^B F_e \cdot ds$$

$$\Delta U_{ele} = -\int_A^B qE \cdot ds$$

$$\Delta U_{ele} = -q \int_A^B E \cdot ds \quad \text{Change in electrical potential energy}$$

Electric potential difference

$$\Delta V = \frac{\Delta U_{ele}}{q} = \frac{J}{C}$$

$$\Delta V = -\int_A^B E \cdot ds \quad \text{Independent of test charge}$$

same

scalar

often set $V_A = 0$

$$E = -\frac{dV}{dr}$$

$$\left(\frac{N}{C} \right) \cdot \frac{m}{m} = \frac{N \cdot m}{C \cdot m} = \frac{J}{C} \cdot \frac{1}{m} = \frac{V}{m} \quad \frac{N}{C} = \frac{V}{m}$$

used for small energies

$$1eV = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} J \quad \text{Electron volt is unit of energy}$$

Derivation of Electric Potential Difference in a Constant Electric Field

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$\Delta V = V_B - V_A = - \int_A^B \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$
 $= - \int_A^B E \cos \theta ds$
 $= - \int_A^B E \cos 0 ds$
 $= - E \int_A^B ds$
 $\Delta V = -Ed$ constant E field
 MEMORIZE + DERIVE

$\Delta V = 12 \text{ V}$
 $d = 1.0 \text{ cm}$

$\Delta V = -Ed$ What does the negative mean?

E-field line is always in direction w/ a decreasing V

Ex: b) Release a proton at plate A... $V_B = ?$

PE for atomic particles is negligible

$mE_i = mE_f$
 $U_{ele_i} = KE_f + U_{ele_f}$
 $-KE_f = \Delta U_{ele}$
 $-\frac{1}{2}mV_f^2 = q\Delta V$
 $V_f = \sqrt{\frac{-2q\Delta V}{m}}$
 $V_f = \sqrt{\frac{-2(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(12)}{1.67 \times 10^{-27}}}$
 $V_f = 47952 \frac{m}{s} \left(\frac{3600s}{hr}\right) \left(\frac{1m}{1609m}\right)$
 $V_f = 107288$
 $V_f = 107000 \text{ mi/hr}$

$\Delta V = \frac{\Delta U_{ele}}{q}$
 $\Delta U_{ele} = q\Delta V$
 $\Delta V = -12 \text{ V}$

Derivation of Equipotential Surface and Electric Potential due to a Point Charge

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$$\Delta V_{AB} = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = - E \int_A^B \cos \theta ds$$

$$= - E \int_A^B \frac{d}{s} ds = - \frac{Ed}{s} \int_A^B ds$$

$$= - \frac{Ed}{s} s$$

$$\Delta V_{AB} = - Ed$$

$$\Delta V_{AC} = - \int_A^C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= - E \int_A^C ds \cos \theta$$

$$\Delta V_{AC} = 0$$

$$\Delta V_{AB} = \Delta V_{CB}$$

- A + C are on an equipotential surface (line) $\Delta V = 0$
 - it takes zero work to move a charged particle along an equipotential surface
 - Always \perp to E field

Derivation of Electric Potential Difference due to a Point Charge

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ΔV due to a point charge

$$\Delta V = V_B - V_A = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= - \int_A^B \frac{kq}{r^2} \hat{r} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{r} \cdot d\vec{s} &= \hat{r} ds \cos \theta \\ &= (1) ds \frac{dr}{ds} \\ &= dr \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta V = - \int_A^B \frac{kq}{r^2} dr$$

$$= -kq \int_A^B r^{-2} dr$$

$$= -kq \left[-\frac{1}{r} \right]_A^B$$

$$= kq \left[\frac{1}{r} \right]_A^B$$

$$\Delta V = kq \left[\frac{1}{r_B} - \frac{1}{r_A} \right] \quad \text{take } r_A \approx \infty \quad \frac{1}{r_A} \approx 0$$

$$\boxed{\Delta V = \frac{kq}{r}} \text{ due to a point charge}$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{\Delta U_{ele}}{q}$$

$$\Delta V q = \Delta U_{ele}$$

$$\frac{kq}{r} q = \Delta U_{ele}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta U_{ele} = \frac{kq_1 q_2}{r}}$$

Example - Electric Potential due to 2 Positive Point Charges

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Ex) $C_r = -\frac{dV}{dr}$ $V_p = V_1 + V_2$

$V = ? + E = ? @ P$ $= \frac{kq_1}{r_1} + \frac{kq_2}{r_2}$

$= \frac{2kq}{r} = \frac{2kq}{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}} = V_p$

$C = -\frac{dV}{dr} = -\frac{d}{dy} \frac{2kq}{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}}$

$E = -2kq \frac{d}{dy} (a^2 + y^2)^{-1/2}$ $E = \frac{2kqy}{(a^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$

$E = -2kq \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) (a^2 + y^2)^{-3/2} (2y)$

Example - Electric Potential along a Ring Axis (with Derivation)

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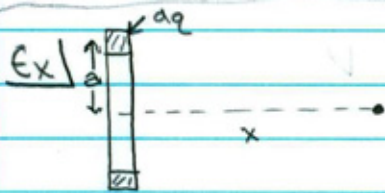
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$\epsilon \neq \text{constant}$ due to a charge distribution

$$V = k \int \frac{dq}{r}$$

$$\left(V = \frac{kq}{r} \rightarrow dV = \frac{k dq}{r} \right)$$



V due to a uniformly, positively-charged ring +Q

$\epsilon = ? @ P$

$$V = k \int \frac{dq}{r}$$

$$V = \frac{k}{r} \int dq$$

$$V = \frac{kq}{r} = \frac{kq}{\sqrt{a^2+x^2}}$$

$$\epsilon = -\frac{dV}{dr} = -\frac{d}{dx} \frac{kq}{\sqrt{a^2+x^2}}$$

$$\epsilon = -kq \frac{d}{dx} (a^2+x^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$\epsilon = -kq \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) (a^2+x^2)^{-3/2} (2x)$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{kqx}{(a^2+x^2)^{3/2}}$$

Charged Conductor in Electrostatic Equilibrium (with Example)

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Charged conductor in ES equilibrium

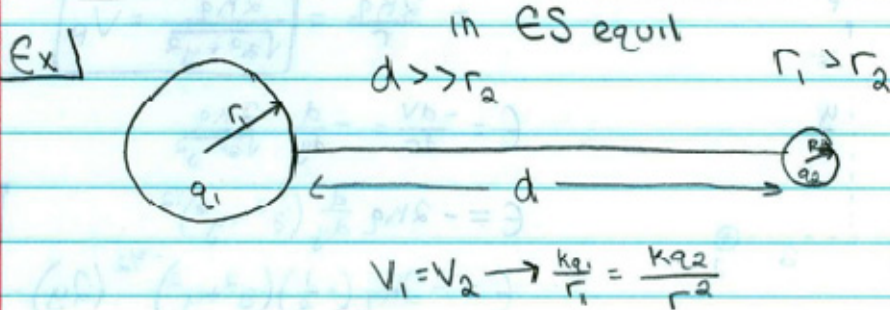
$$\Delta V = V_B - V_A = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} &= E ds \cos \theta \\ &= E ds \cos 90 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

$$\Delta V = 0$$

Surface of a conductor in ES equil is an equipotential surface



$$\frac{kq_1}{r_1} = \frac{kq_2}{r_2}$$

$$\frac{q_1}{r_1} = \frac{q_2}{r_2}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{r_1}{r_2} q_2 \rightarrow r_1/r_2 > 1 \rightarrow q_1 > q_2$$

$$E_1 = \frac{kq_1}{r_1^2} \quad E_2 = \frac{kq_2}{r_2^2}$$

$$\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{\frac{kq_1}{r_1^2}}{\frac{kq_2}{r_2^2}} = \frac{kq_1}{r_1^2} \cdot \frac{r_2^2}{kq_2}$$

$$= \frac{q_1(r_2)^2}{q_2(r_1)^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)q_2(r_2)^2}{q_2(r_1)^2}$$

$$\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{r_2}{r_1} \quad \frac{r_2}{r_1} < 1$$

$$E_1 = \frac{r_2}{r_1} E_2$$

$$E_1 < E_2$$

A smaller radius means
a larger E field

OR

σ is \uparrow where radius of
curvature is \downarrow

Problem 25-59 - Work done to charge a sphere to Q

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25-59 | $W = ? = \Delta U_{ele} = q \Delta V$

spherical shell $\rightarrow R, Q$ $W = q V$

$q_i = 0$ \uparrow
is changing

$q_f = Q$

$$W = \int_0^Q V dq$$
$$W = \int_0^Q \frac{kq}{R} dq$$
$$W = \frac{k}{R} \int_0^Q q dq$$
$$W = \frac{k}{R} \left[\frac{q^2}{2} \right]_0^Q$$
$$W = \frac{kQ^2}{2R}$$

Problem 25-60 Electric Field between 2 Parallel Plates

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25-60


$d = 0.12 \text{ cm}$

$\sigma = \pm 36.0 \frac{\text{NC}}{\text{m}^2}$

Proton

$\Delta V = k\frac{q}{r} \leftarrow \text{point charge}$

$\Delta V = -Ed \leftarrow \text{constant E field}$



a) ΔV

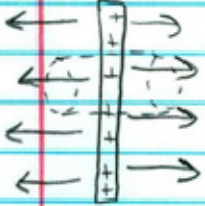
b) $KE = ?$

c) $V_p = ?$

d) $a = ?$

e) $F_e = ?$

f) $E = ?$



$\Phi_e = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} \cos \theta = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$ Ends, $\theta = 0^\circ$

Side, $\theta = 90^\circ$

$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{A_{end}}$

$q_{in} = \sigma A_{end}$

$E \oint dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E A = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E (2A_{end}) = \frac{\sigma A_{end}}{\epsilon_0}$

$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$

$E = \frac{2\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{36 \times 10^{-9}}{8.85 \times 10^{-12}} = 4070 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} \text{ or } \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$

$$\Delta V = -Ed$$

$$\Delta V = -(4067.8)(0.12)$$

$$\Delta V = -488.14 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta V = 488 \text{ V}$$

$$b) mE_i = mE_f$$

$$PE_{\text{dec}} = KE_f + PE_{\text{elec}}$$

$$KE = -\Delta PE$$

$$KE = -q\Delta V$$

$$KE = -(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(-488.14)$$

$$KE = 7.81 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J}$$

$$c) KE = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2$$

$$7.81 \times 10^{-17} = \frac{1}{2}(1.67 \times 10^{-27})v_f^2$$

$$v_f = 3.058 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$d) v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$$

$$(3.058 \times 10^5)^2 = 2a(0.12)$$

$$a = 3.90 \times 10^{11} \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$e) \Sigma \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

$$F_e = ma$$

$$F_e = (1.67 \times 10^{-27})(3.90 \times 10^{11})$$

$$F_e = 6.51 \times 10^{-16} \text{ N}$$

$$f) E = \frac{F_e}{q}$$

$$E = 4070 \text{ N/C or } \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$$

Definition of Capacitance and a Parallel Plate Capacitor

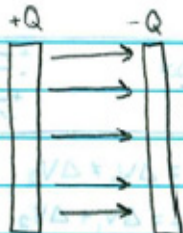
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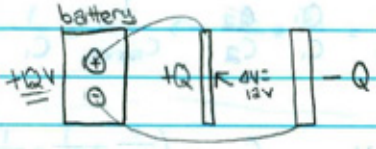
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- Capacitor




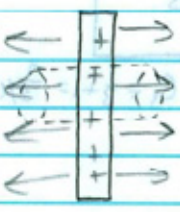
$Q \rightarrow$ charge on + plate
 $q_{net} = +Q - Q = 0$
 $C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V}$ ($\frac{C}{V} = \text{farad}$) *always positive

battery



charge \rightarrow Coulombs, C
 capacitance, c \rightarrow Farad, F

Ex)  $C_{\text{parallel plate capacitor}} = ?$ $C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V}$ $\Delta V = -Ed \leftarrow$ constant E fields
 $E = ?$
 $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$
 $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} \cos \theta = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$ $\theta = 0^\circ$ for ends
 $\theta = 90^\circ$ for sides $\cos 90^\circ = 0$



$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{A_{end}}$
 $q_{in} = \sigma A_{end}$
 $\oint_{ends} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$
 $E \int dA = \frac{\sigma A_{end}}{\epsilon_0}$
 $E 2A_{end} = \frac{\sigma A_{end}}{\epsilon_0}$
 $E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$
 $E_t = \frac{2\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$

$\Delta V = -Ed$
 $|\Delta V| = Ed$
 $\Delta V = \frac{\sigma d}{\epsilon_0}$ $C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} = Q \left(\frac{\epsilon_0}{\sigma d} \right)$
 $C = Q \left(\frac{\epsilon_0}{\sigma d} \right)$ $C = \frac{A\epsilon_0}{d}$ parallel plate capacitors

Derivation of Capacitors in Parallel and Series

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Capacitor battery switch

ΔV is constant in parallel

2 capacitors in parallel

ΔV_t (terminal voltage)

$\Delta V_t = 12V$

$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \rightarrow Q = C \Delta V$

$C_1 \Delta V_t = C_1 \Delta V_1 + C_2 \Delta V_2$

$\Delta V_t = \Delta V_1 = \Delta V_2$

$Q_t = Q_1 + Q_2$

$C_{parallel} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$

Q + current are constant in series

2 capacitors in series

$\Delta V = \frac{Q}{C}$

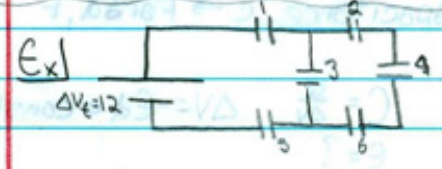
$\Delta V_t \neq \Delta V_1 \neq \Delta V_2$

$\Delta V_t = \Delta V_1 + \Delta V_2$

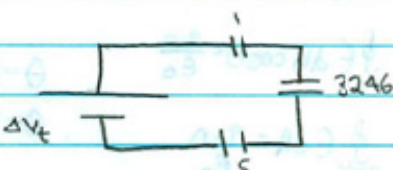
$\frac{Q_t}{C_t} = \frac{Q_1}{C_1} + \frac{Q_2}{C_2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{C_{series}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}$

$C_{series} = \left(\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots \right)^{-1}$

Example - Capacitors in a Simple Circuit
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Ex)  $\Delta V_t = 12\text{V}$ $C = 1.0\ \mu\text{F}$ $C_{246} = \left(\frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_4} + \frac{1}{C_6}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}\ \mu\text{F}$

$C_{eq} = ?$
 $\Delta V_3 = ?$

 $C_{3246} = C_{246} + C_3 = \frac{1}{3} + 1 = \frac{4}{3}\ \mu\text{F}$

$C_{eq} = \left(\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_{3246}} + \frac{1}{C_5}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{(4/3)} + \frac{1}{1}\right)^{-1} = 0.36 = \boxed{0.36\ \mu\text{F}}$

$C_{eq} = \frac{Q_t}{\Delta V_t} \rightarrow Q_t = C_{eq} \Delta V_t = (0.36 \times 10^{-6})(12) = 4.36 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{C} = Q = Q_{3246} = Q_5$

 $C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \rightarrow \Delta V_{3246} = \frac{Q_{3246}}{C_{3246}} = \frac{4.36 \times 10^{-6}}{(3/4) \times 10^{-6}} = 3.27\ \text{V} = \Delta V_3 = \Delta V_{246}$ $\Delta V_3 = \boxed{3.3\text{V}}$

Derivation of Energy Stored in a Charged Capacitor

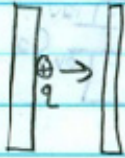
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Energy stored in a charged capacitor



$Q_c = 0$
No work for 1st charge

$$W = \Delta U_{elec} = q \Delta V$$

$$dW = \Delta V dq$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{q}{C}$$

$$dW = \frac{q}{C} dq$$

$$W = \int_0^Q \frac{q}{C} dq = \left[\frac{q^2}{2C} \right]_0^Q \quad W = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

$$U_c = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{Q^2}{2 \frac{Q}{\Delta V}} = \frac{1}{2} Q \Delta V$$

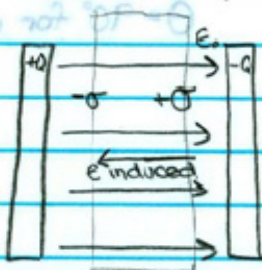
$$U_c = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{1}{2} Q \Delta V = \frac{1}{2} C (\Delta V)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (C \Delta V) \Delta V = \frac{1}{2} C (\Delta V)^2$$

Energy is stored in Efield

$$u = \frac{U}{V} \text{ energy density}$$

Dielectrics p. 817 are insulators



$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V}$
 Q stays the same
 C is increased
 - Insulator

Adding a dielectric reduces the E field
 $\Delta V = -Ed$
 it also reduces ΔV

$E_{total} < E_0$ (in dielectric)
 - Conductor
 $E_{total} = 0$

$\Delta V = \frac{\Delta V_0}{K}$
 ↑
 dielectric constant

$C = \frac{Q_0}{\Delta V}$
 $C = \frac{Q_0}{\left(\frac{\Delta V_0}{K}\right)}$
 $C = \frac{KQ_0}{\Delta V_0} = KC_0 =$

$C_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$
 parallel plate

$C = \frac{K\epsilon_0 A}{d}$

Example - Capacitance of a Spherical Conductor

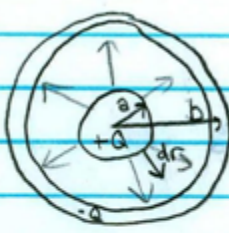
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Ex1 Spherical conductor



$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} = ?$

$\Delta V = - \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$

$\Delta V = - \int_a^b \frac{kq}{r^2} dr \cos \theta$
 $\theta = 0^\circ$

$\Delta V = - \int_a^b \frac{kq}{r^2} dr$

$\Delta V = -kq \int_a^b r^{-2} dr$

$\Delta V = -kq \left[\frac{r^{-1}}{-1} \right]_a^b$

$\Delta V = \left[\frac{kq}{r} \right]_a^b$

$\Delta V = \frac{kq}{b} - \frac{kq}{a}$

$\Delta V = kq \left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right)$

$\Delta V = kq \left(\frac{a-b}{ba} \right)$

$\Delta V = \frac{kq(a-b)}{ba}$

$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} = Q \left(\frac{ba}{kq(a-b)} \right) = \frac{ba}{k(a-b)}$

$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} = -Q \left(\frac{ba}{kq(a-b)} \right)$

$C = \frac{-ba}{k(a-b)} = \frac{ba}{k(b-a)}$

negative #1
 C is always positive

$a < b$

Example - Capacitance of a Cylindrical Conductor

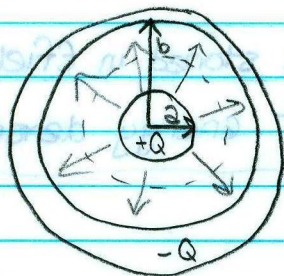
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Ex) Cylindrical conductor



coaxial
Cable

$l \gg a$ or b

$$\Phi_E = \oint E \cdot dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\oint E dA \cos \theta = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \begin{array}{l} \theta = 0^\circ \text{ for side} \\ \theta = 90^\circ \text{ for ends} \end{array}$$

$$C = ? = \frac{Q}{\Delta V}$$

$$\Delta V = ? = - \int_a^b E \cdot dr$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Q}{l} = \frac{q_{in}}{l}$$

$$q_{in} = \lambda l$$

$$\oint_{side} E dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E \oint dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E A_{side} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E(2\pi r l) = \frac{\lambda l}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r} = 2 \left(\frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \right) \frac{\lambda}{r}$$

$$E = \frac{2k\lambda}{r}$$

$$\Delta V = - \int_a^b E \cdot dr = - \int_a^b \frac{2k\lambda}{r} dr \cos \theta \quad \theta = 0^\circ$$

$$\Delta V = -2k\lambda \int_a^b \frac{1}{r} dr$$

$$= -2k\lambda [\ln r]_a^b$$

$$= -2k\lambda (\ln b - \ln a)$$

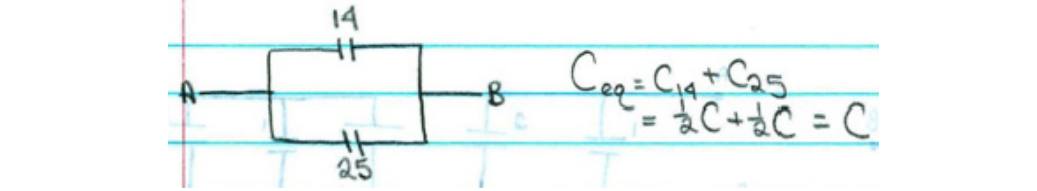
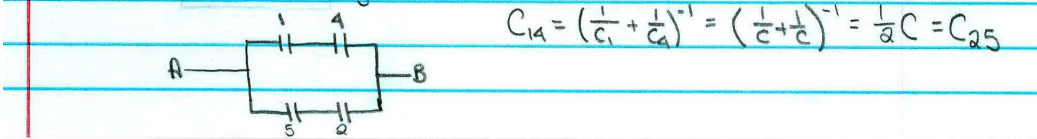
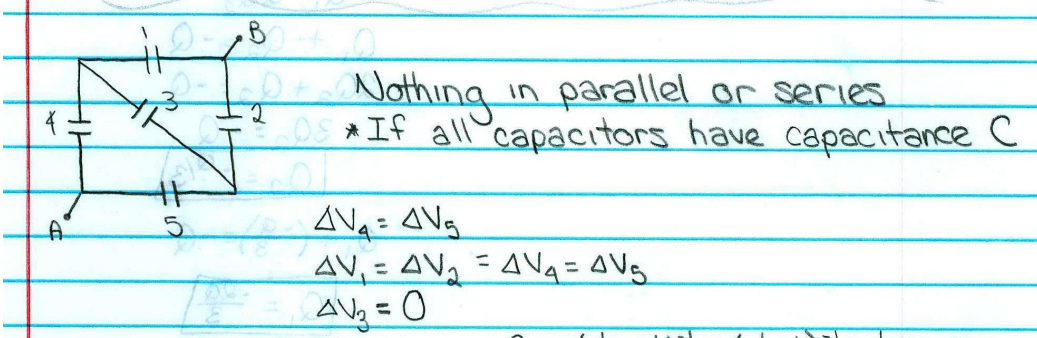
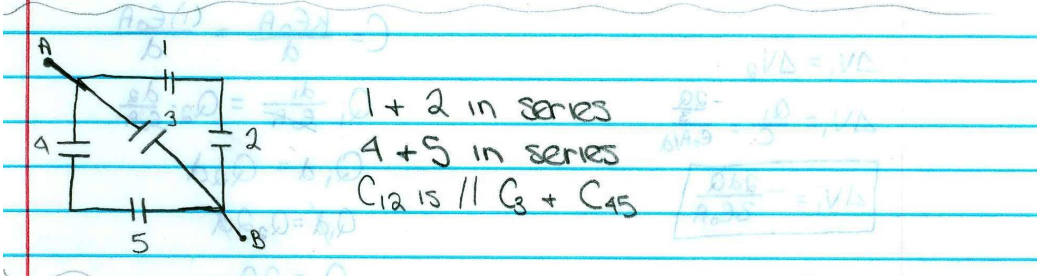
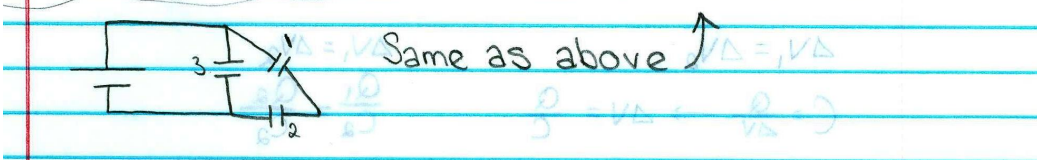
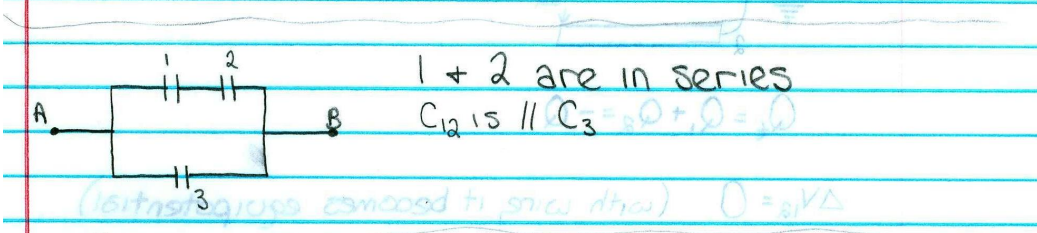
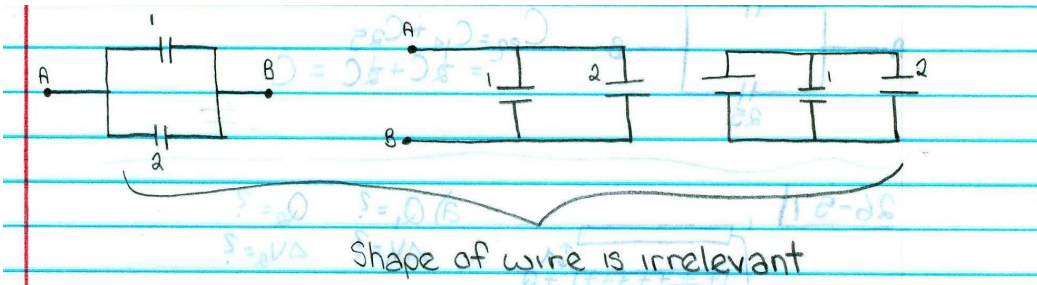
$$= -2k\lambda \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} = \frac{Q}{2k\lambda \ln \frac{b}{a}} = \frac{\lambda l}{2k\lambda \ln \frac{b}{a}}$$

$$C = \frac{l}{2k \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)}$$

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Problem 26-57 3 Plates, Electric Potential Difference and Charge

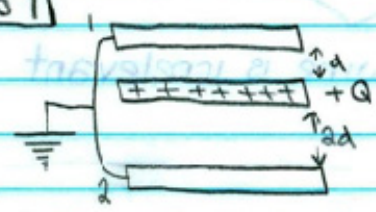
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a) $Q_1 = ?$ $Q_2 = ?$
 $\Delta V_1 = ?$ $\Delta V_2 = ?$

$$Q_t = Q_1 + Q_2 = -Q$$

$\Delta V_{1a} = 0$ (with wire, it becomes equipotential)

$$\Delta V_1 = \Delta V_2$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \rightarrow \Delta V = \frac{Q}{C}$$

$$\frac{Q_1}{C_1} = \frac{Q_2}{C_2}$$

$$C = \frac{k\epsilon_0 A}{d} = \frac{(1)\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

$$\Delta V_1 = \Delta V_2$$

$$\Delta V_1 = \frac{Q_1}{C} = \frac{-2Q}{3\epsilon_0 A/d}$$

$$\Delta V_1 = -\frac{2dQ}{3\epsilon_0 A}$$

$$Q_1 \frac{d}{\epsilon_0 A} = Q_2 \frac{d}{\epsilon_0 A}$$

$$Q_1 d = Q_2 d$$

$$Q_1 = 2Q_2$$

$$Q_1 + Q_2 = -Q$$

$$2Q_2 + Q_2 = -Q$$

$$3Q_2 = -Q$$

$$Q_2 = -\frac{Q}{3}$$

$$Q_1 + \left(-\frac{Q}{3}\right) = -Q$$

$$Q_1 = -\frac{2Q}{3}$$

Problem 26-40 Pulling on one plate of a Parallel Plate Capacitor

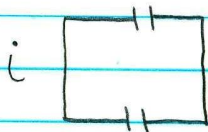
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26-40 | $C_{1i} = C_{2i} = C_i$ ΔV known

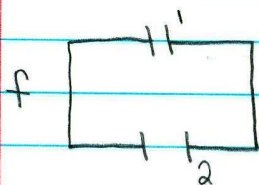


a) $U_{ti} = ?$

b) $\Delta V_{1f} = ?$ $\Delta V_{2f} = ?$

c) $U_{tf} = ?$

d) $(a) = (c) ?$



$d_f = 2d_i$

$\Delta V_{1i} = \Delta V_{2i}$

a) $U_{ti} = U_{1i} + U_{2f}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} C_{1i} \Delta V_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_{2i} \Delta V_i^2$

$U_{ti} = C_i \Delta V_i^2$

b) $\Delta V_{1f} = \Delta V_{2f} = \Delta V_f = ?$

$C_{2f} = \frac{k\epsilon_0 A}{d_f} = \frac{k\epsilon_0 A}{2d_i}$

$Q_{1i} = Q_{2f}$

$Q_{1i} + Q_{2i} = Q_{1f} + Q_{2f}$

$C_{2f} = \frac{1}{2} k\epsilon_0 A / d_i$

$C_{1i} \Delta V_{1i} + C_{2i} \Delta V_{2i} = C_{1f} \Delta V_{1f} + C_{2f} \Delta V_{2f}$

$C_{2f} = \frac{1}{2} C_i$

$C_i \Delta V_i + C_i \Delta V_i = C_i \Delta V_f + (\frac{C_i}{2}) \Delta V_f$

$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \rightarrow Q = C \Delta V$

$2 \Delta V_i = \frac{3}{2} \Delta V_f$

$\Delta V_f = \frac{4}{3} \Delta V_i$

c) $U_{tf} = U_{2f} + U_{1f}$

$= \frac{1}{2} C_{1f} \Delta V_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_{2f} \Delta V_{2f}^2$

$= \frac{1}{2} C_i \left(\frac{4\Delta V_i}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{C_i}{2}\right) \left(\frac{4\Delta V_i}{3}\right)^2$

$= C_i \Delta V_i^2 \left(\frac{16}{18} + \frac{16}{36}\right)$

$= C_i \Delta V_i^2 \left(\frac{32}{36} + \frac{16}{36}\right)$

$= C_i \Delta V_i^2 \left(\frac{48}{36}\right)$

$U_{tf} = \frac{4}{3} C_i \Delta V_i^2$

d) Energy was put in to move plates apart

$$E = -\frac{dV}{dr}$$

$$\Delta V = -Ed \rightarrow \text{memorized + prove}$$

Equipotential surface ($\Delta V = 0$)

No work to move a charge @ CV
 \perp to E field lines

$$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \text{ always positive}$$

$\Delta V = ?$, $E = ?$, Gauss' Law

$$C_{||} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots$$

$$C_s = \left(\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} + \dots \right)^{-1}$$

$$\Delta V_1 = \Delta V_2$$

$$Q_t = Q_1 + Q_2$$

$$\Delta V_t = \Delta V_1 + \Delta V_2 + \Delta V_3$$

$$Q_t = Q_1 = Q_2$$

$$U_c = \frac{1}{2} Q \Delta V = \frac{1}{2} C (\Delta V)^2 = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

$$C = kC_0$$

$$E \downarrow \rightarrow \Delta V \downarrow \rightarrow C \uparrow$$