

Ch 23 Electrostatic Energy & Capacitors

like water dam allows storage of gravitational potential energy, capacitors allows storage of electrostatic potential energy:

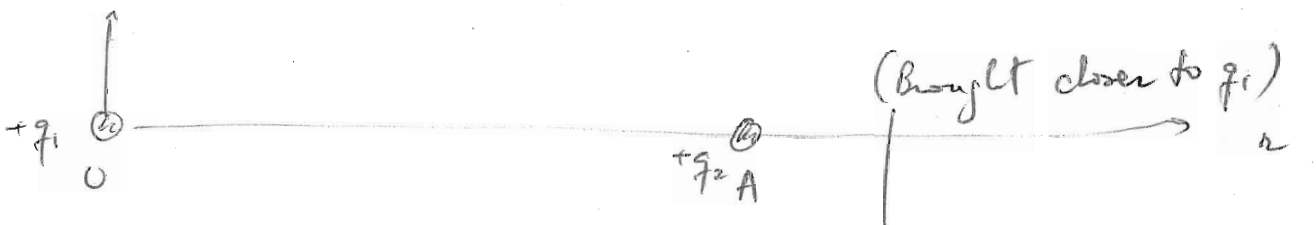
Bringing water up

↳ Bringing similar charges together
↳ separating opposite types of charges.

$$\Delta U_{AB} = -W_{AB} = - \int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

↑ scalar or dot product
↓ infinitesimal displacement
↑ force applied

Gravitational Electrostatic: $\frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}$




$$\Delta U_{\infty A} = q_2 \cdot \Delta V_{\infty A} = q_2 \cdot kq_1 \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right) = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r}$$

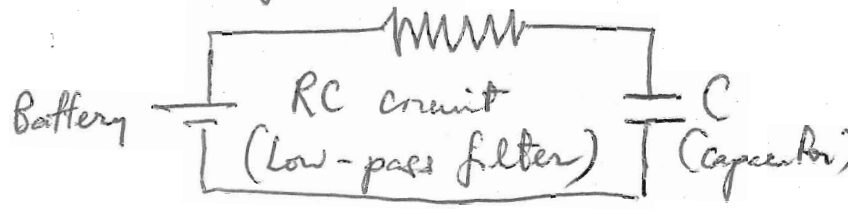
$(V = \frac{kq}{r})$

Bigger r → smaller energy stored.
Bigger q → bigger energy stored.

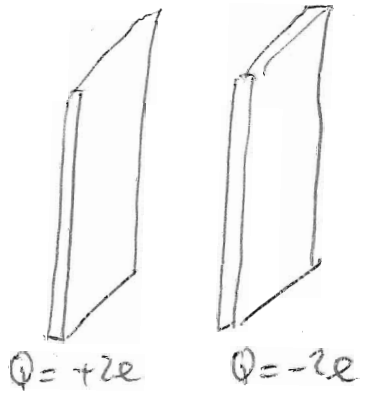
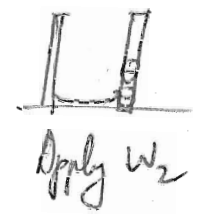
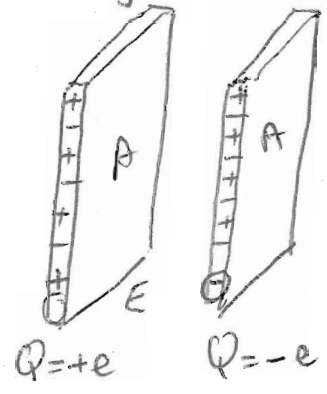
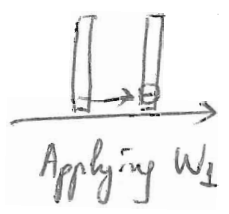
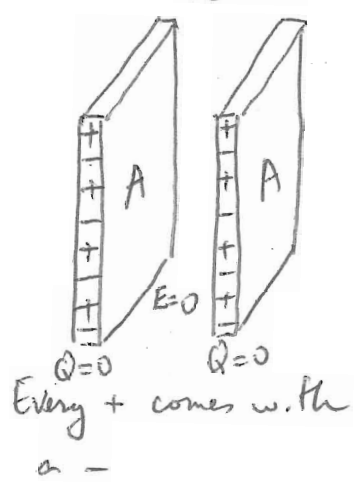
Capacitors: electrostatic energy storage device

Parallel Plates (simplest to analyze): R (resistor)

↳ Symbol: 



RC Circuit is used to charge the capacitor:

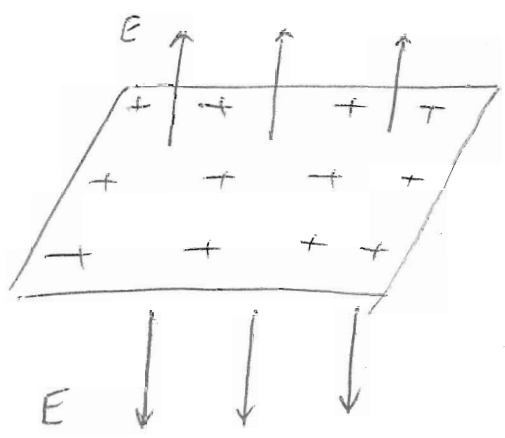


$W_2 > W_1$

to move the 2nd e⁻: we work against the field created by the 1st e⁻!

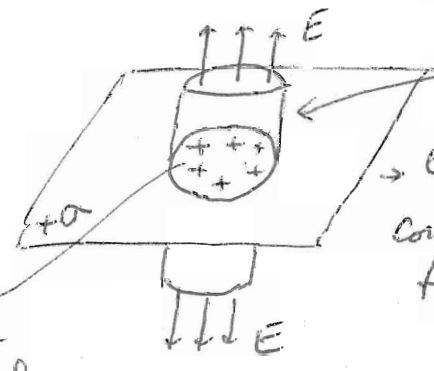
It is harder to move subsequent charges! But you store more energy!

Electric field by a plate of charge:



Electric field points perpendicular & away from plate (+ charged)

Gaussian surface { cylindrical & rectangular.



Electric flux: with contribution from both top & bottom face.

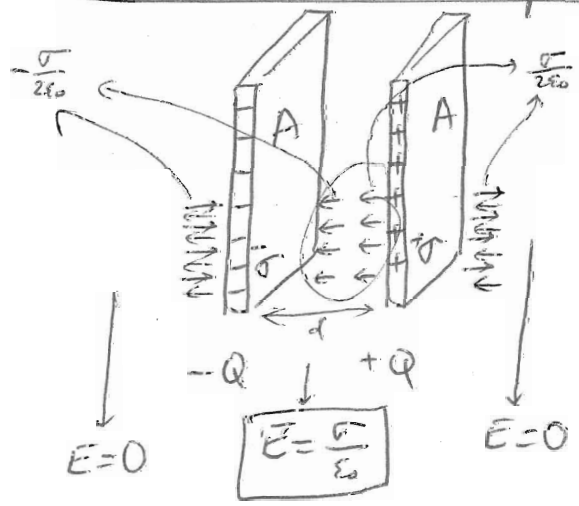
$2EA$

Charge enclosed: σA

Charge enclosed by cylindrical Gaussian surface: in a cross section A

Gauss Law: $\rightarrow 2EA = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \boxed{E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}}$

Electric field b/w 2 plates of a capacitor:



d: separation b/w plates.

$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$

Capacitance: $C = \frac{Q}{V}$ (charge each plate can hold over the electric potential b/w plates)

Capacitance of a Parallel Plate Capacitor:

$$C = \frac{Q}{E \cdot d} = \frac{Q}{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \cdot d} = \frac{Q}{\frac{Q}{A \epsilon_0} \cdot d} = \frac{A \epsilon_0}{d}$$

- ↳ Unit: F for Farad
- ↳ $C \uparrow$ } larger surface A
- } smaller separation b/w plates d
- ↳ Importance: total energy stored in a capacitor depends on C

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2}{Nm^{-2}}$$

Total energy stored in a fully charged parallel-plate capacitor

$$dU = -dW = -dqV = +dqEd = +dq \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} d$$

\downarrow parallel plate ($V = -Ed$) $\leftrightarrow V = -\int E \cdot dl$

$$= +dq \frac{q}{A \epsilon_0} d$$

$$dU = q dq \frac{d}{A \epsilon_0} \rightarrow U = \int dU = \frac{d}{A \epsilon_0} \int_0^Q q dq$$

$Q \rightarrow$ Fully charged

$$= \frac{d}{A \epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q^2}{2} \right]_0^Q = \frac{d}{A \epsilon_0} \frac{Q^2}{2}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d}{A \epsilon_0} \right) Q^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C} = \frac{1}{2} C \left(\frac{Q}{C} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

if we use $C \equiv \frac{Q}{V} \rightarrow V = \frac{Q}{C}$

Alternative expression for U

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{A \epsilon_0} Q^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(A \epsilon_0) d}{(A \epsilon_0)^2} Q^2 = \frac{1}{2} A \epsilon_0 d \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon_0^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 (A \cdot d)$$

\downarrow surface of plate
 \downarrow sep. b/w plates
 volume of w/ plates.

where energy is stored \rightarrow volume V

Electrostatic

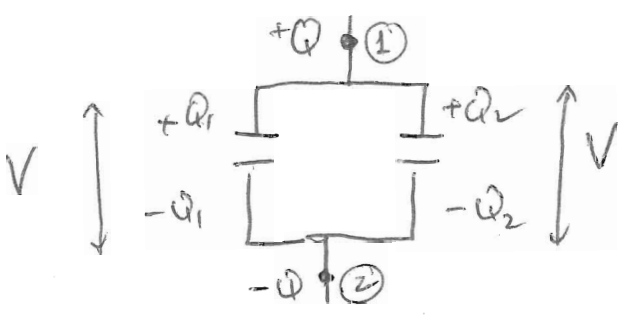
$$\rightarrow \frac{U}{V \cdot l} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$$

(Energy stored per unit volume is $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$)

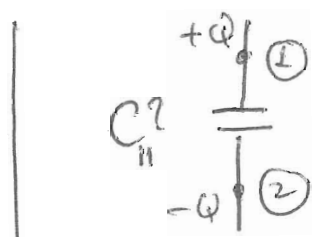
($\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m v^2$; $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$)
kinetic energy!

Two different ways to connect two capacitors together

Parallel Connection



$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} Q &= Q_1 + Q_2 \\ V &= \frac{Q_1}{C_1} = \frac{Q_2}{C_2} = V \end{aligned} \right.$$

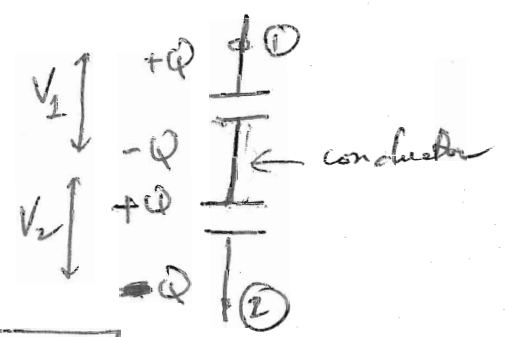


$$C_n = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{V} = \frac{Q_1}{V} + \frac{Q_2}{V}$$

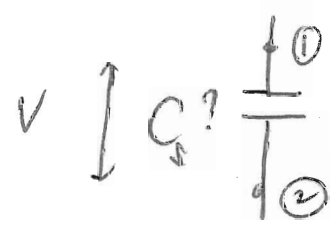
$$C_n = C_1 + C_2$$

one way to increase capacitance!

Series Connection



$$V = V_1 + V_2$$



$$C_n = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{Q}{V_1 + V_2}$$

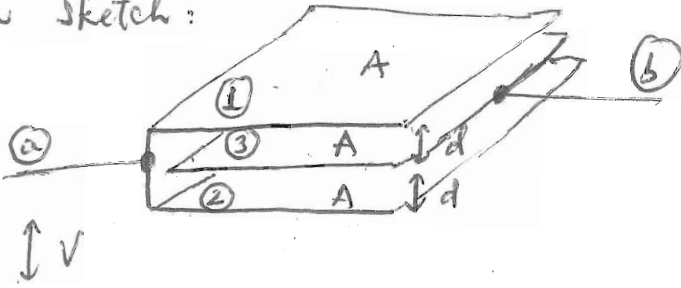
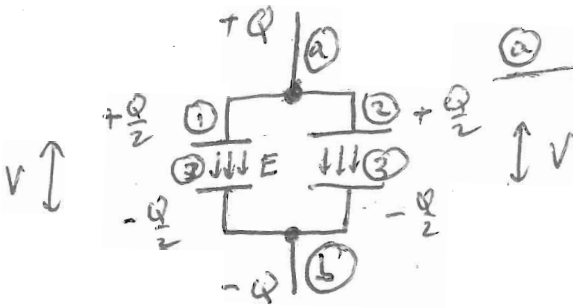
$$C_n = \frac{Q}{\frac{Q}{C_1} + \frac{Q}{C_2}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_n} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} \quad \text{or} \quad C_n = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

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Front view sketch:

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- Top ^① & bottom ^② plates are connected.
- Middle plate ^③ at equal separation from top & bottom.
- ③ is not touching ① & ②

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Top \& bottom: } +Q \\ \text{Middle: } -Q \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Top: } \frac{Q}{2} \\ \text{Bottom: } \frac{Q}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

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

$$V = E \cdot d = \frac{Q}{2A\epsilon_0} \cdot d$$

$$C_{\text{Total}} = \frac{Q}{\frac{Q \cdot d}{2A\epsilon_0}} = \frac{2A\epsilon_0}{d} \quad \checkmark$$

σ : surface charge density $\therefore \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{Area}}$
 d : surface-surface separation (not middle of plate to middle of plate)

Observation:



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Example 23.4: $E = 10^5 \frac{V}{m}$ (thunder storms) $\rightarrow u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times (10^5)^2 = 4.4 \times 10^{-2} \frac{J}{m^3} \quad (\text{energy density})$$

In a cylindrical cloud:  $V = \pi \times (10^4)^2 \times 10^4 = \pi \times 10^{12} m^3$

$$\rightarrow \text{Total electric energy in cloud} = U = u \cdot V = 4.4 \times 10^{-2} \times \pi \times 10^{12} J$$

$$U = 140 GJ$$

Lightning flashes $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Every } 5s \\ Q = 30C \ \& \ V = 30MV \text{ (Mega or } M = 10^6) \end{array} \right.$

\hookrightarrow With $U = 140 GJ$ how long will lightning last?
 (cloud is not replenishing its electric energy)

Answering steps:

1) How much energy is transferred per lightning flash?

U_{Flash} = energy to move a test charge q across a potential V
 $U_{\text{Flash}} = q \cdot V = 30 \cdot 30 \cdot 10^6 = 9 \times 10^8 \text{ J (per flash)}$
 $= 0.9 \times 10^9 \text{ J} = 0.9 \text{ GJ}$

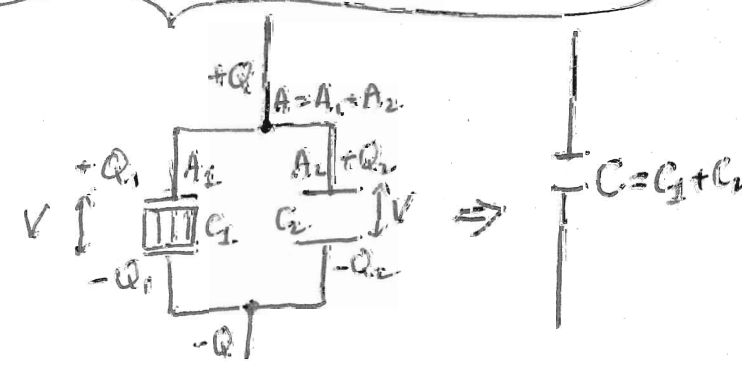
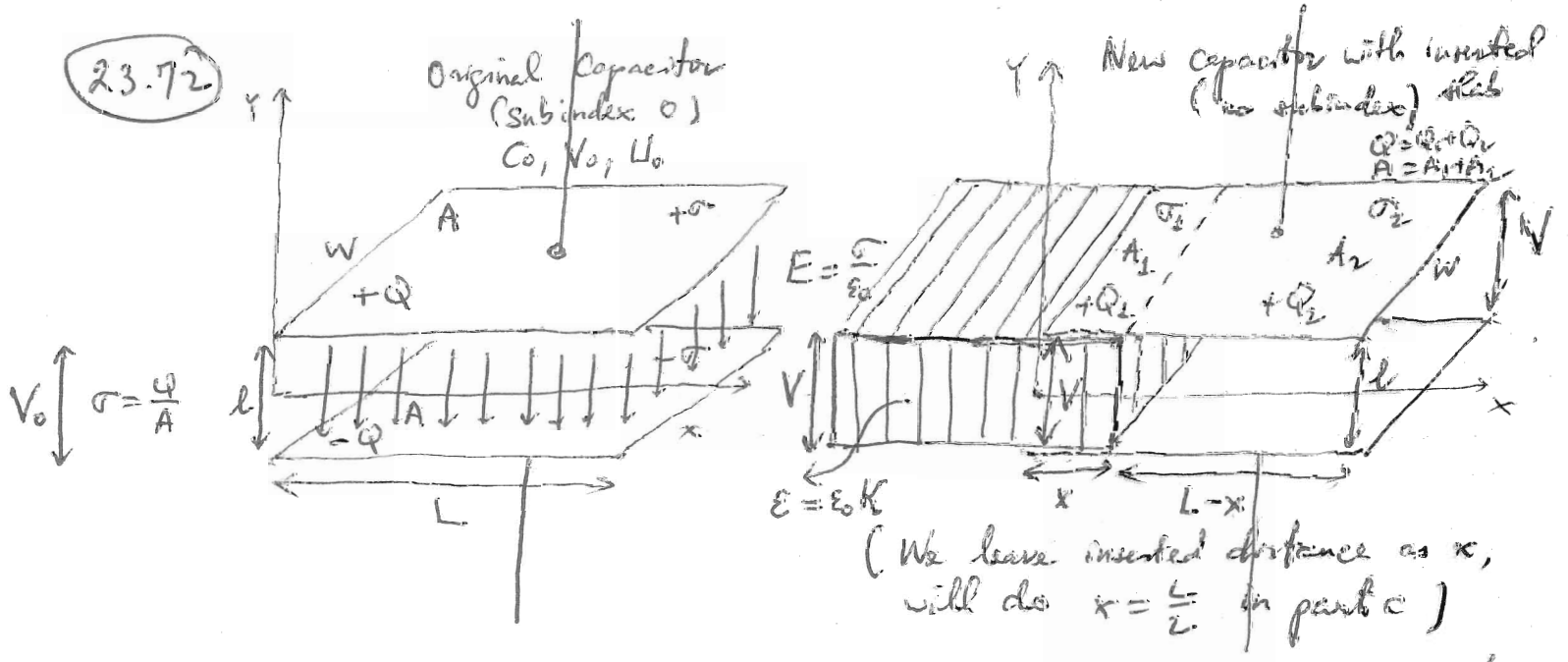
2) How many flashes can our cloud release? N

$N = \frac{\text{Total energy}}{\text{Energy per flash}} = \frac{U}{U_{\text{Flash}}} = \frac{140 \text{ GJ}}{0.9 \text{ GJ/Flash}} = 156 \text{ Flashes}$

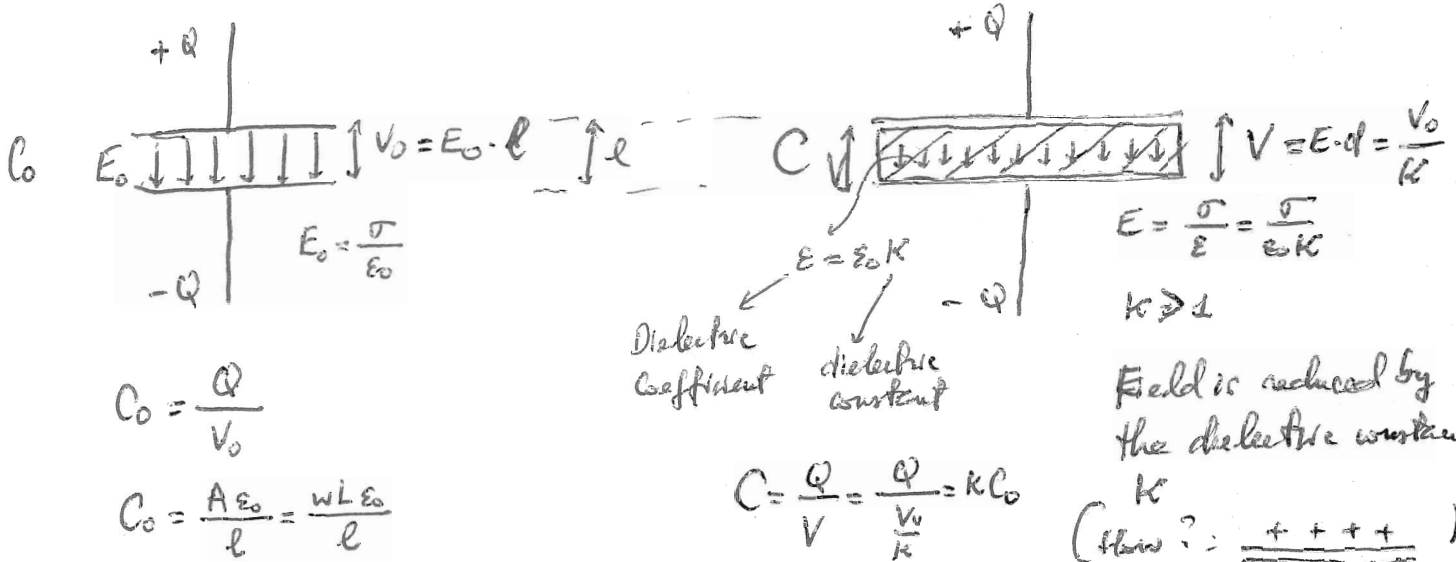
3) How long will lightning last?

$t = N \cdot \Delta t_{\text{Flash}} = 156 \cdot 5 \text{ s} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 13 \text{ min.}$

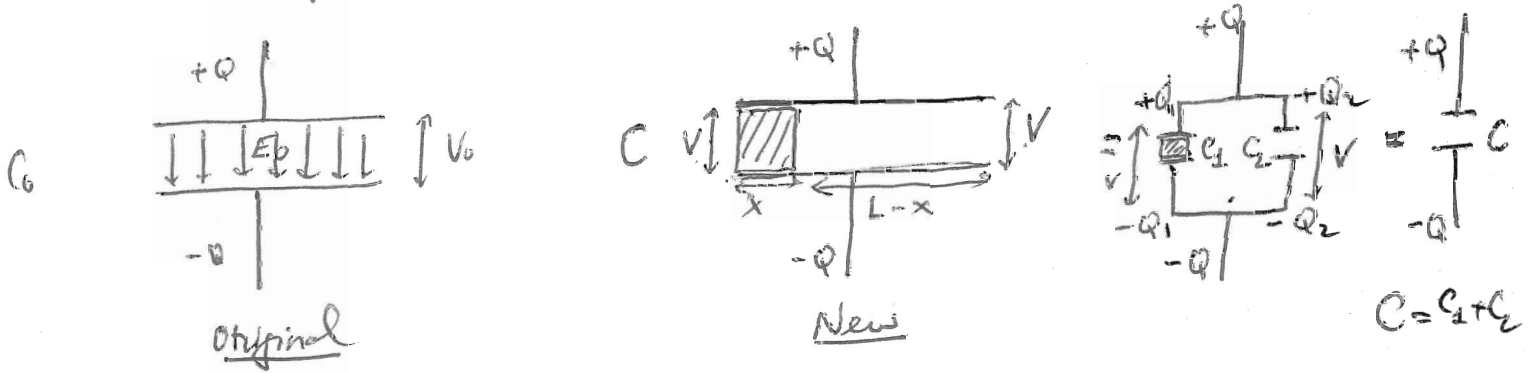
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Isolated capacitors : (charges are not changing over time)



In this problem: we need to calculate total new capacitance:



Total new capacitance with dielectric slab inserted a distance x :

$$C = C_1 + C_2 = \frac{Q_1}{V} + \frac{Q_2}{V} = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{V}$$

$$V = \frac{Q_1 \sigma_1}{w A_1} = \frac{Q_2 \sigma_2}{w A_2}$$

Find Q_1 in terms of Q_2 :

$$E_1 = \frac{\sigma_1}{K \epsilon_0} = \frac{Q_1}{K \epsilon_0} = \frac{Q_1}{x w K \epsilon_0}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{\sigma_2}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q_2}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q_2}{(L-x) w \epsilon_0}$$

Since potential difference is V left right $E_1 = E_2$, also there is no abrupt change in electric field in nature.

The electric fields in both regions are equal thanks to a proper distribution of charges Q_1 & Q_2

$$\frac{Q_1}{xwK\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q_2}{(L-x)w\epsilon_0} \rightarrow Q_1 = Q_2 \frac{xK\epsilon_0}{(L-x)\epsilon_0}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{Q_1 = Q_2 \frac{xK}{L-x}}$$

$$C = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{V} = \frac{Q_2 \left(\frac{xK}{L-x} + 1 \right)}{V}$$

Write $\frac{Q_2}{V}$ in terms of known information: L, x, w, l :

$$\frac{Q_2}{V} = \frac{Q_2}{\epsilon_2 \cdot l} = \frac{Q_2}{\frac{\sigma_2}{\epsilon_0} \cdot l} = \frac{\frac{Q_2}{A_2 \epsilon_0} \cdot l}{l} = \frac{A_2 \epsilon_0}{l} = \frac{(L-x)w \cdot \epsilon_0}{l}$$

(Region 2 has no dielectric insert)

$$\Rightarrow C(x) = \frac{(L-x)w \cdot \epsilon_0}{l} \left(\frac{xK}{L-x} + 1 \right) = \frac{w\epsilon_0}{l} [xK + L - x]$$

$$\boxed{C(x) = \frac{w\epsilon_0}{l} \left[\underbrace{x(K-1)}_{K > 1 \text{ positive}} + L \right]}$$

Total new capacitance with dielectric slab inserted a distance x in the original spacing.

$$a) \quad \boxed{C(x = \frac{L}{2}) = \frac{w\epsilon_0}{l} \left[\frac{L}{2}(K-1) + L \right] = \frac{w\epsilon_0 L}{l} \left[\frac{K-1}{2} + 1 \right] = \frac{w\epsilon_0 L}{2l} (K+1)}$$

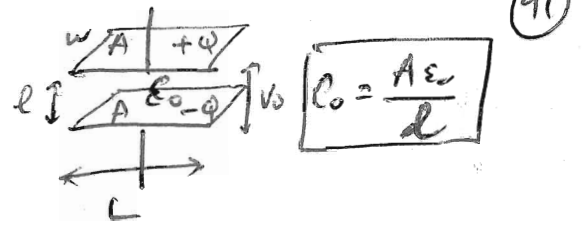
(Note: $C(x=L) = \frac{w\epsilon_0}{l} LK = \frac{wL\epsilon_0}{l} K = KC_0$)

$$\frac{K}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$b) \quad U(x) = \frac{1}{2} C(x) V^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C(x)} \rightarrow U(x) = \frac{Q^2}{2} \frac{L}{\frac{w\epsilon_0 l}{l} [x(K-1) + L]}$$

U_0 (see next page)

Original capacitor's energy storage:



$$U_0 = \frac{1}{2} C_0 V_0^2 = \frac{Q^2}{2\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q^2}{2 \cdot \frac{wL\epsilon_0}{d}}$$

$$C_0 = \frac{A\epsilon_0}{d} = \frac{wL\epsilon_0}{d}$$

$$\rightarrow U(x) = U_0 \frac{L}{[x(k-1) + L]}$$

$$\rightarrow U(x = \frac{L}{2}) = U_0 \frac{k}{[\frac{k}{2}(k-1) + k]} = U_0 \frac{2}{k+1} \approx \frac{C_0 V_0^2}{k+1}$$

c) Capacitor will not stick in the dielectric slab: it opposes the insert: we need to apply a force on the slab to push it in:

$$\vec{F} = -\frac{dU}{dx} \hat{i} \quad \left(E = -\frac{dV}{dx} \text{ when both sides are multiplied by } \int \text{ that we get the first equation} \right)$$

$$\vec{F} = -\hat{i} U_0 L \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{[x(k-1) + L]} = +\hat{i} U_0 L \frac{k-1}{[x(k-1) + L]^2}$$

$$\vec{F}(x = \frac{L}{2}) = \hat{i} \frac{U_0 L (k-1)}{[\frac{L}{2}(k-1) + L]^2} = \hat{i} \frac{U_0 (k-1)}{L [\frac{k+1}{2}]^2} = \hat{i} \frac{4U_0 (k-1)}{L (k+1)^2}$$

$$= \hat{i} \frac{2C_0 V_0^2 (k-1)}{L (k+1)^2}$$

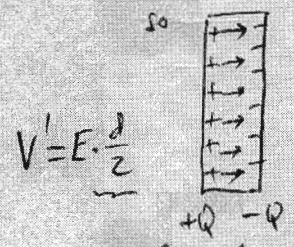
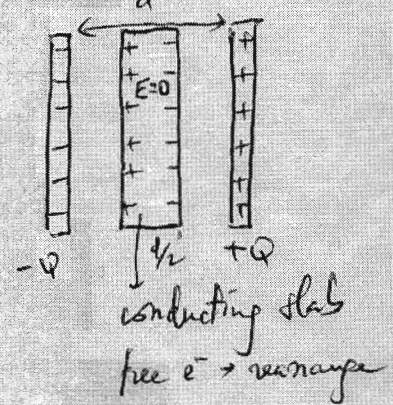
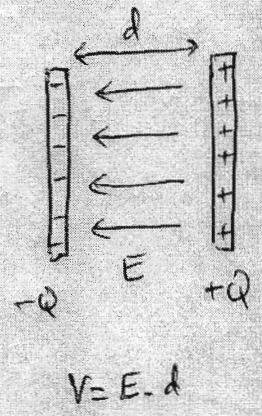
\uparrow
 $U_0 = \frac{1}{2} C_0 V_0^2$

How to increase the capacitance?

1) Connecting 2 or more capacitors in parallel

2) $C_1 = \frac{A\epsilon_0}{d}$ (parallel plate capacitors)

3) Decrease d : inserting a conducting slab b/w plates:

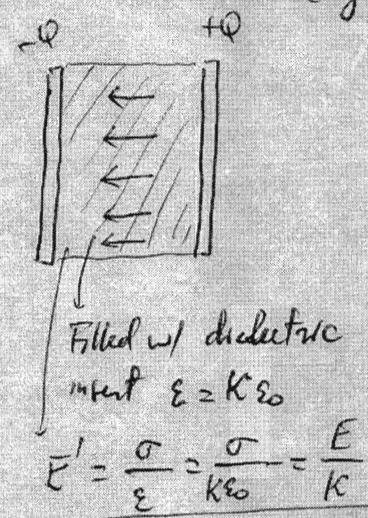
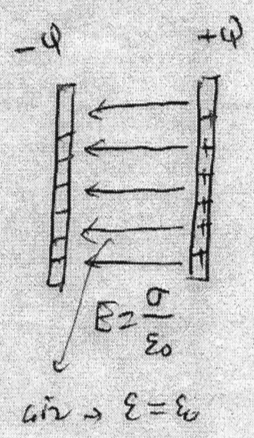


The field now inside the conducting slab (width $\frac{d}{2}$) is 0
 → we have effectively reduced the separation in half
 by inserting a conducting slab of width $\frac{d}{2}$ → the capacitance is doubled $C' = \frac{A\epsilon_0}{\frac{d}{2}} = 2C$

25) Notice ϵ_0 : dielectric constant in vacuum (air)

In a medium $\epsilon = K\epsilon_0$; $K > 1$ → K can help increase capacitance: if we insert a dielectric of $\epsilon = K\epsilon_0$ b/w the plates

Dielectric: not many free e^- as in a conductor \rightarrow
 we don't get a perfect rearrangement of charges as in a conductor
 So the field within the dielectric insert is only reduced, not 0
 (by a factor of K)



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

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

$$V = E d$$

$$V' = \frac{E}{K} d = \frac{V}{K}$$

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

$$C' = \frac{Q}{V'} = \frac{Q}{\frac{V}{K}} = K \frac{Q}{V} = K C$$

$$I = \frac{dq}{dt} \quad (\text{Motion of charges})$$

↳ Macroscopic quantity:
SI unit: $\frac{C}{s} = A$ for Amp

Ohm's Law: $I = \frac{V}{R}$

→ Potential difference

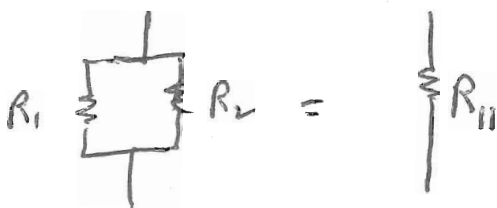
→ Resistance (e⁻ will find some difficulty pushing through atoms in the wire)

↳ Power dissipation in resistor:

$$P = I \cdot V \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\frac{V}{R}) \cdot V = \frac{V^2}{R} \\ \text{or } I \cdot (IR) = I^2 R \end{array} \right.$$

($\frac{J}{s} = W$)

Parallel

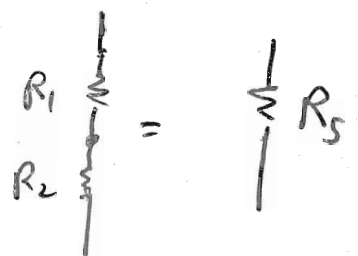


$$R_{11} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

(Total resistance is lower than the original)

Series



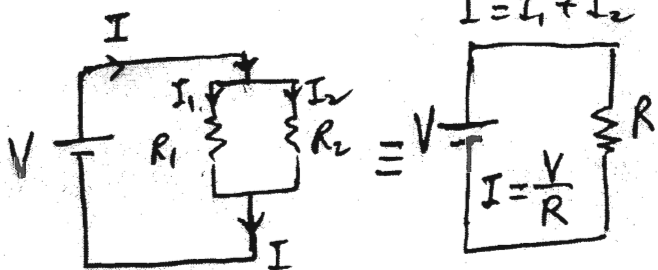
$$R_5 = R_1 + R_2$$

(Total resistance is larger than the original)

Resistors

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Parallel \leftrightarrow Current division



R : is the equivalent resistor for R_1 & R_2 :

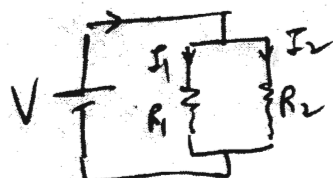
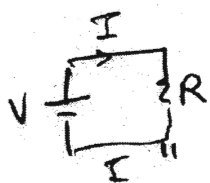
Ohm's Law:

$$I = I_1 + I_2 = \frac{V}{R_1} + \frac{V}{R_2} = V \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$R = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



Power Consumption

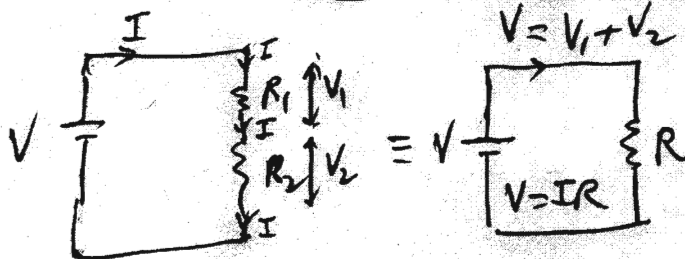
P_1 : power consumed @ R_1 :

$$P_1 = I_1 V = \frac{I}{2} V = \frac{V^2}{2R}$$

$$R = \frac{R_1}{2} \rightarrow \boxed{P_1 = \frac{V^2}{R_1}}$$

$$\frac{R_1 = R_2}{R = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{R^2}{2R_1}}$$

Series \leftrightarrow Voltage division



R : is the equivalent resistor for R_1, R_2 :

$$\begin{cases} V = V_1 + V_2 = IR_1 + IR_2 = I(R_1 + R_2) \\ V = IR \end{cases}$$

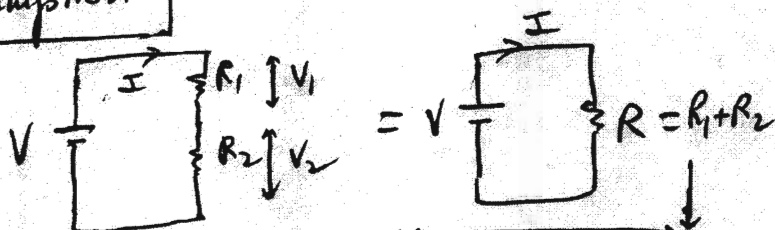
$$\boxed{R = R_1 + R_2}$$

Voltage division:

$$V_1 = IR_1 = \frac{V}{R_1 + R_2} R_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V < V$$

$$V_2 = IR_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V$$

$$V_1 + V_2 = \left(\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) V = V$$



$$\boxed{R_1 = R_2} \rightarrow V_1 = \frac{V}{2} = V_2 \quad R = 2R_1$$

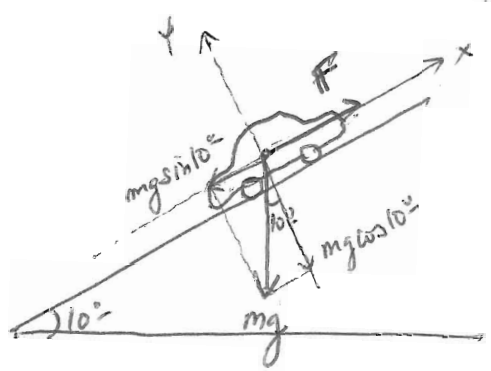
P_1 : power consumed @ R_1 :

$$P_1 = I V_1 = \frac{V}{R} V_1 = \frac{V}{R} \frac{V}{2} = \frac{V^2}{2R}$$

$$R = 2R_1 \rightarrow \boxed{P_1 = \frac{V^2}{4R_1}}$$

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EV on a slope: given data

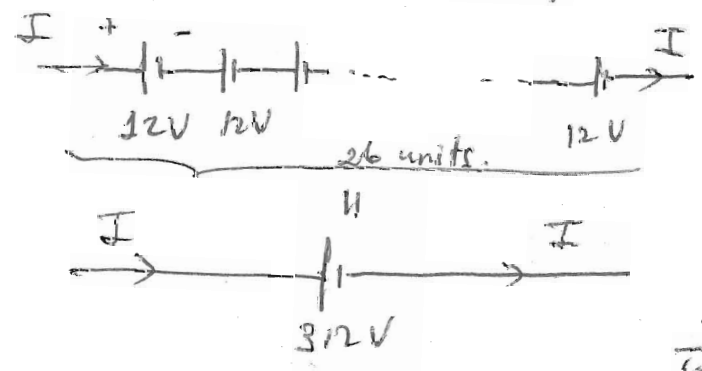


$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 85\% \text{ efficiency electrical} \\ \text{slope of } 10^\circ \rightarrow \text{mechanical} \end{array} \right. \quad (93)$
 $m = 1500 \text{ kg}$
 uphill constant speed $v = 45 \text{ km/h}$
 $= \frac{45}{3.6} \text{ m/s}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 26 \times 12V = 312V \text{ Batteries} \\ 100 \text{ A.h} = Q \text{ (Charge)} \\ \text{Amp} \times \text{hour} = 3.6 \times 10^5 \text{ C} \end{array} \right.$
 $I = \frac{dq}{dt} \quad (\text{Unit: } \frac{C}{s})$

Unit: A or Amp

Batteries in series:



same current through each
 Potential V gets added

total charge delivered is same as that of 1 battery!

Notes: Since there is a downhill force of $mg \sin 10^\circ$, for the car to go uphill @ constant speed v ($a=0$), the batteries need to provide enough potential to apply a mechanical force $F = mg \sin 10^\circ$ (if $F < mg \sin 10^\circ$, car goes downhill; if $F > mg \sin 10^\circ$, car accelerates uphill)

Question: how long will batteries last if car goes uphill @ constant speed of $\frac{45}{3.6} \text{ m/s}$?
 $t = \frac{\text{M.E.}}{\text{Power Consumption}} = \frac{\text{total available M.E.}}{\text{how fast energy is consumed}}$

→ Total Mechanical Energy available $ME = \text{total electrical energy} \times \text{efficiency}$
electrical → mechanical

Total electrical energy : $E = P \cdot \Delta t$
 $= I \cdot V \cdot \Delta t$
 $= \underbrace{I \Delta t}_{=Q} \cdot V = Q \cdot V = 3.6 \times 10^5 \times 312 \text{ J}$
Total charge Total potential

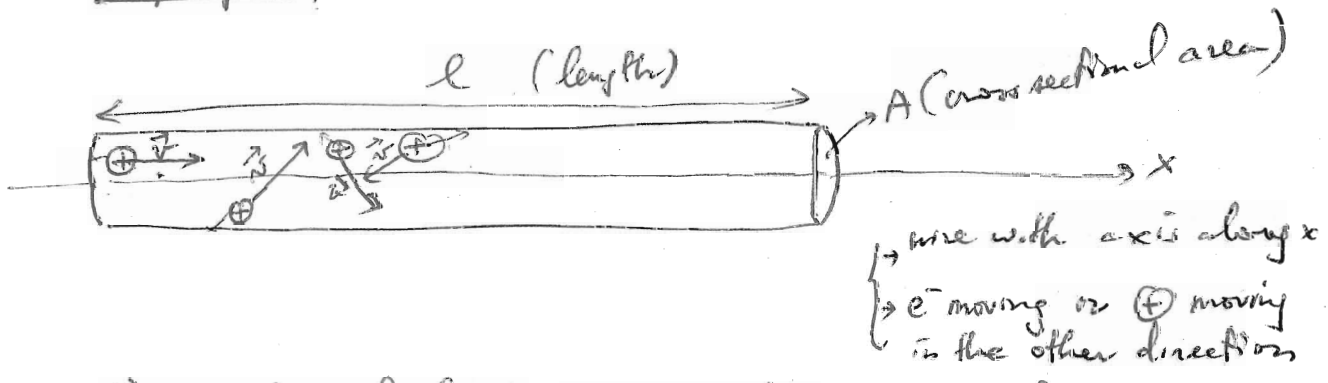
→ Power consumption by car or engine: to sustain a constant speed

of $\frac{45 \text{ m}}{3.6 \text{ s}}$: $P = F \cdot v = \frac{F \cdot \Delta x}{\Delta t}$ Energy

→ $t = \frac{0.85 \times Q \times V}{F \cdot v} = \frac{0.85 \times 3.6 \times 10^5 \times 312}{1500 \times 9.81 \times \sin 10^\circ \times \frac{45}{3.6}} = 29895 = 49.8 \text{ mins}$

Note: $mg(v \sin 10^\circ)$ is the power consumed for vertical ascent (rate of change of grav. potential energy on vertical ascent)

24.61 Drift speed in Al. wire



\vec{v} for individual charges are very high but random → the average speed along x is small: → drift speed or velocity. (\vec{v}_d) is what produces the macroscopic current I .

This problem:
 $I = 20 \text{ A}$
 diameter = 2.1 mm
 $A = \pi (1.05 \times 10^{-3})^2$
 $Al = \text{each atom} \rightarrow 3.5 \text{ electrons}$
 Need to find n for Al

$I = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta t} = \frac{n \cdot \underbrace{A \cdot l}_{\text{vol.}} \cdot q}{\Delta t} = n q A v_d$
 n : # charge per unit volume charge of the electron

We need to find n number of electrons per unit volume for Aluminum.

↳ number of atoms per unit volume $\times 3.5$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\rho_{AL}}{m_{AL}} = \frac{2702}{26.96 \times 1.661 \times 10^{-27}} =$$

mass of one atom of Aluminum.

At density:

↓
Table: $2702 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$

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Periodic Table: $26.98 \text{ a.u.} \times \frac{1.661 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}}{\text{a.u.}}$

$$\rightarrow n = \frac{\rho_{AL}}{m_{AL}} \cdot 3.5 = \frac{2702 \times 3.5}{26.96 \times 1.661 \times 10^{-27}} = 2.1 \times 10^{29} \frac{\text{electrons}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$v_d = \frac{I}{neA} = \frac{20}{2.1 \times 10^{29} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times \pi \times (1.05 \times 10^{-3})^2} = 0.171 \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{s}}$$

(very low!)

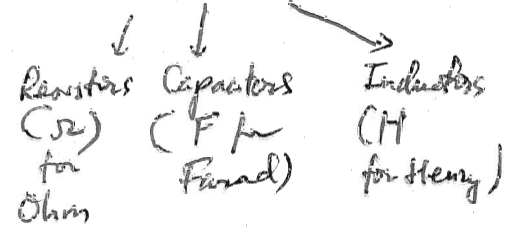
Estimation of ^{or random} instantaneous speed of electrons: rough estimate using a gas model =

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_r^2 = \frac{3}{2} kT \quad (\text{monoatomic molecule})$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{3 \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 298.16}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}}} = 12 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad (\text{Very large!})$$

Ch25 Electrical Circuits

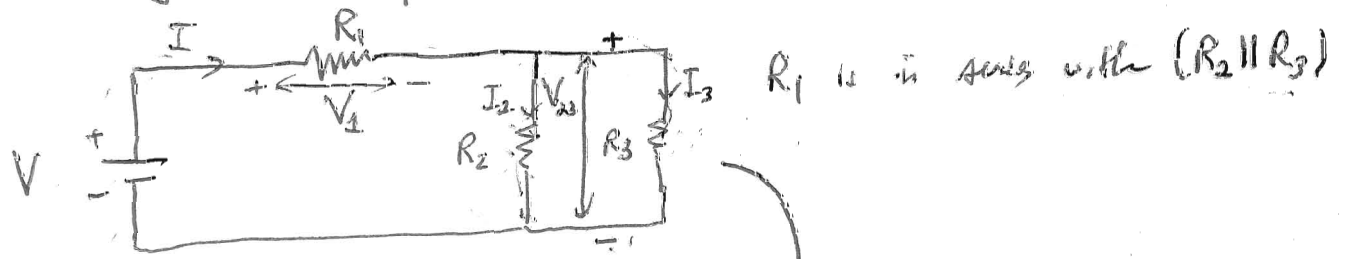
Linear: involves elements with a linear relationship b/w voltage V and current I : R, C, L



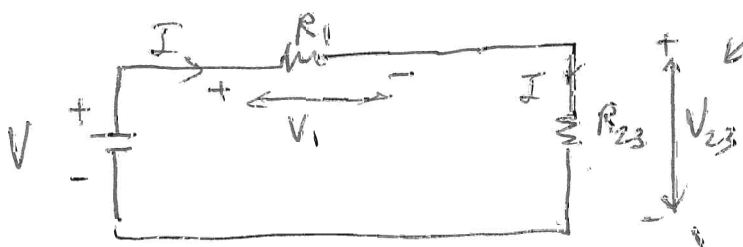
2 types in terms of the analysis method

- 1) Resistors only
 - (a) All resistors can be replaced by a single equivalent via series & parallel combinations
- 2) Resistors & Capacitors
 - (b) Need to use Loop or Node Analysis.

1a) Can reduce the circuit to a single battery & a single resistor using series & parallel combinations.

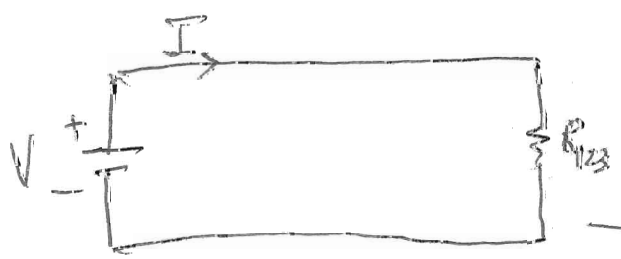


$$V = V_1 + V_{23}$$



$$R_{23} = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$$

$$I = \frac{V_{23}}{R_{23}} \Rightarrow V_{23} = I \cdot R_{23}$$



$$R_{123} = R_1 + R_{23} = R_1 + \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$$

Single current (Ohm's law) $I = \frac{V}{R_{123}}$

Now: $I = I_2 + I_3$

$$I_2 = \frac{V_{23}}{R_2} = I \left(\frac{R_{23}}{R_2} \right) = I \frac{R_2 R_3}{(R_2 + R_3) R_2} = I \frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$$

$$I_3 = \frac{V_{23}}{R_3} = I \frac{R_{23}}{R_3} = I \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_3}$$

Current division: current in branch (2) is proportional to resistance in branch (3), and vice versa!