

CAN102 Electromagnetism and Electromechanics

Lecture-8 Resistors and Capacitors

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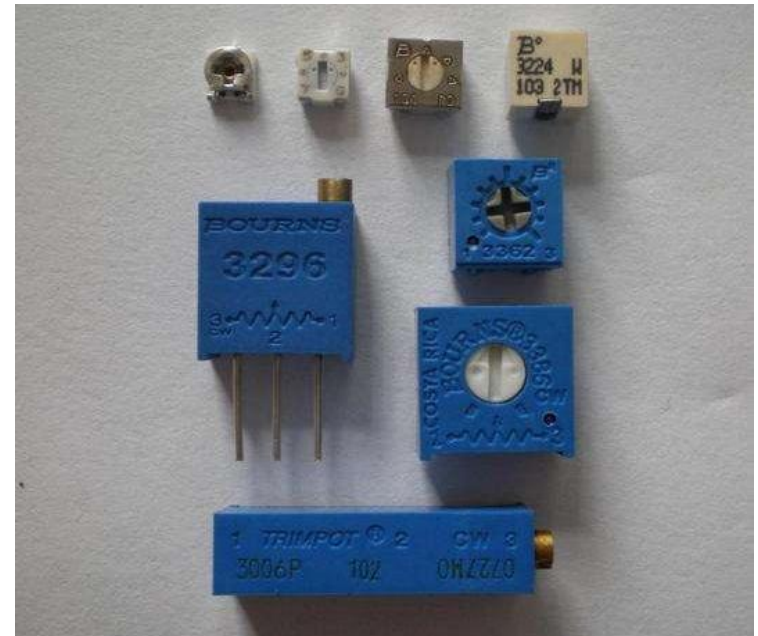
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1.1 Resistor

- A resistor is a passive two-terminal electrical component that implements electrical resistance as a circuit element.



Fixed resistors



Variable resistors

1.2 Resistance

Ohm's Law

- The resistance of a conductor of length dl can be obtained by

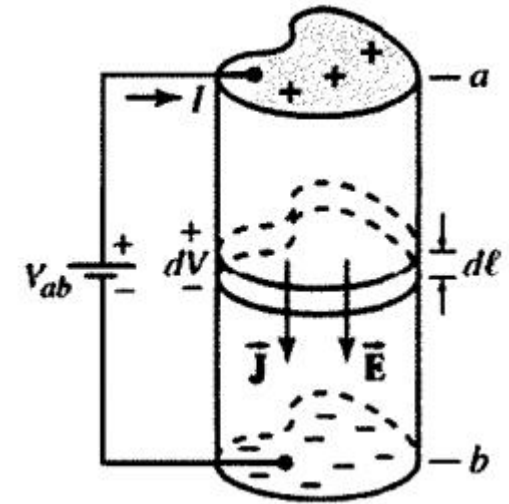
$$dR = \frac{dV}{I} = \frac{-\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}}$$

- If we assume that the potential at end a of the conductor is higher than that at end b .
- The total resistance of the conductor is:

$$R = \int_b^a \frac{-\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}}$$

- This is a general equation to determine the resistance of a conducting medium whose conductivity changes in the direction of the current. For homogeneous medium having constant σ , it reduces to:

$$R = \int_b^a \frac{-\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}} = \frac{-\int_b^a \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}} = \frac{V_{ab}}{I}$$



1.2 Resistance

How to calculate?

- Simplified model: A potential difference of V_0 is maintained across the two ends of a conducting wire of length l . If A is the cross-sectional area of the wire, obtain an expression for the resistance of the wire.

- Assume the potential difference between the two ends of the conductor is V_0 , the electric field holds:

$$V_0 = - \int_b^a \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = El \Rightarrow E = \frac{V_0}{l}$$

- If σ is the conductivity of the conducting material, the current density at any cross section of the wire is:

$$J = \sigma E = \frac{\sigma V_0}{l}$$

- The current through the wire is:

$$I = \iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s} = JA = \frac{\sigma V_0 A}{l} = \frac{V_0}{R}$$

- So the resistance of the piece of the conducting material is

$$R = \frac{V_0}{I} = \frac{l}{\sigma A}$$

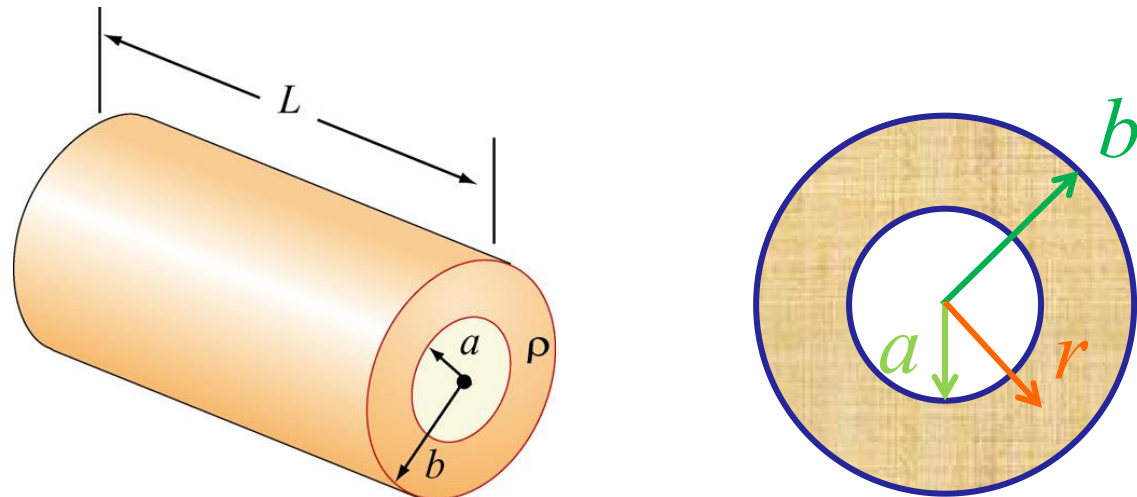
1.3 Comparison

	Unit	Expression	Physical meaning
Resistance	Ω	$R = \frac{l}{\sigma A} = \frac{\rho l}{A}$	Resistance is property of an object, depends on geometry (shape and size) as well as resistivity.
Resistivity	$\Omega \cdot \text{m}$	$\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{\vec{E}}{\vec{J}}$	Resistivity is property of a substance. Every ohmic material has a characteristic resistivity that depends on the properties of the material and on temperature, not on its shape or size.



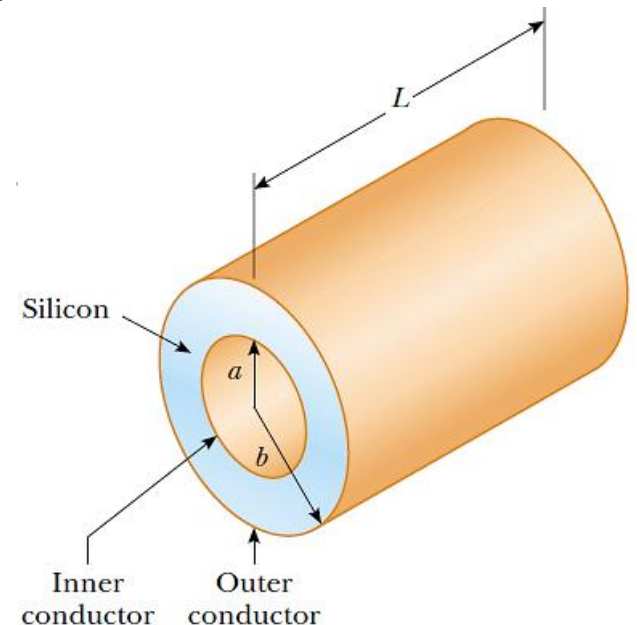
Example 1

- Consider a hollow cylinder of length L and inner radius a and outer radius b . The material has resistivity ρ .
 - Suppose a potential difference is applied between the **ends of the cylinder** and produces a current flowing **parallel** to the axis. What is the measured resistance?
 - If the potential difference is applied **between the inner and outer conducting surfaces** so that current flows radially outward, what is the measured resistance?



Quiz 1

- A coaxial cable consists of two concentric cylindrical conductors. The region between the conductors is filled with silicon. $a = 0.5$ cm, $b = 1.75$ cm, $L = 15.0$ cm. The resistivity of silicon is $640 \Omega \cdot \text{m}$.
 - Calculate the resistance of the silicon between the two conductors.
 - Assuming the inner conductor is made of copper with $\rho = 17 \text{ n}\Omega \cdot \text{m}$, determine the resistance of the inner conductor.



1.4 Admittance (导纳)

- Admittance is defined as a measure of how easily a circuit or device will allow current to flow through it.
 - Symbol: Y
 - Unit: S (siemens)

$$Y = \frac{1}{Z}$$

- If the impedance Z of a component or device is complex:

$$Z = R + jX$$

- Then the admittance Y is:

$$Y = \frac{1}{Z} = \frac{1}{R + jX} = \underbrace{\frac{R}{R^2 + X^2}}_{\text{conductance}} - j \underbrace{\frac{X}{R^2 + X^2}}_{\text{Susceptance}}$$

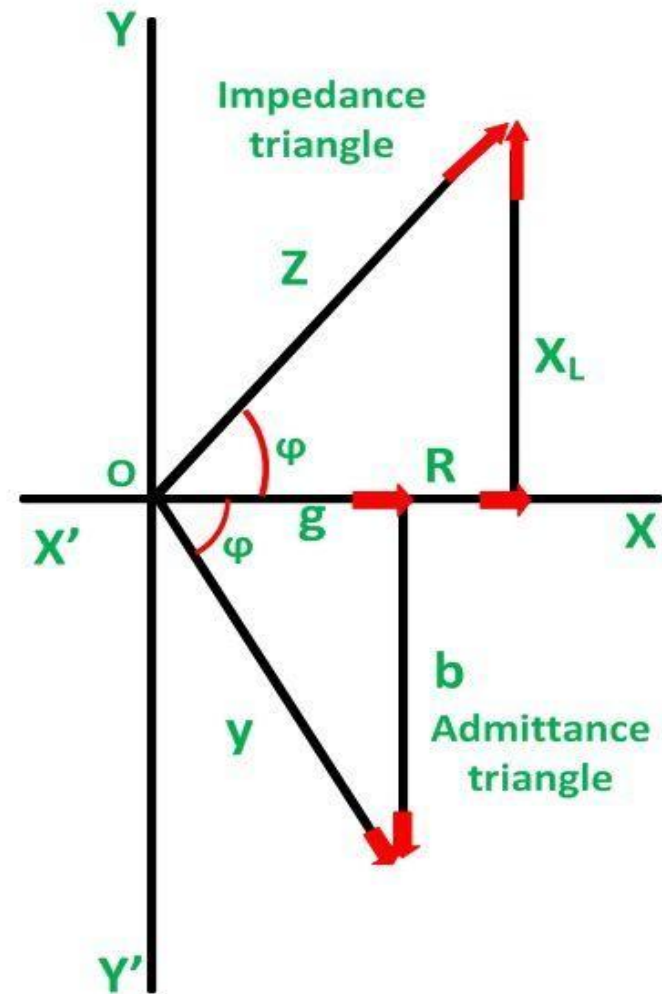


1.4 Admittance (电导)

- Impedance Triangle and Admittance Triangle

- Real part only:

$$Y = G = \frac{1}{R} = \sigma \frac{A}{l} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{A}{l}$$



2.1 Capacitors

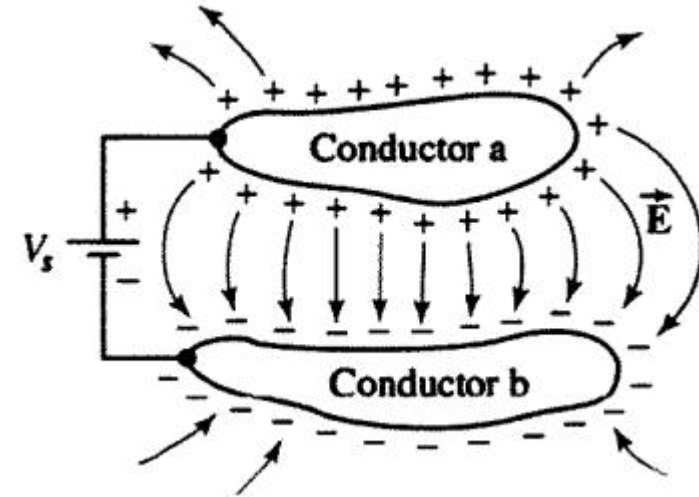
- A capacitor is also a two-terminal passive device which stores electric charge.



2.2 Capacitance

- Capacitor

- A capacitor is a device which stores electric charge.
- Its basic configuration is two conductors carrying equal but opposite charges

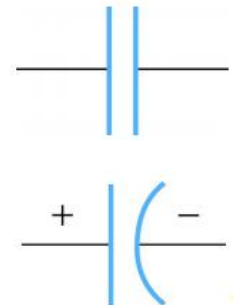


- Capacitance

- measures the capability of energy storage in electrical devices.
- the amount of charge Q stored in a capacitor is linearly proportional to the electric potential difference V between the two conductors:

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

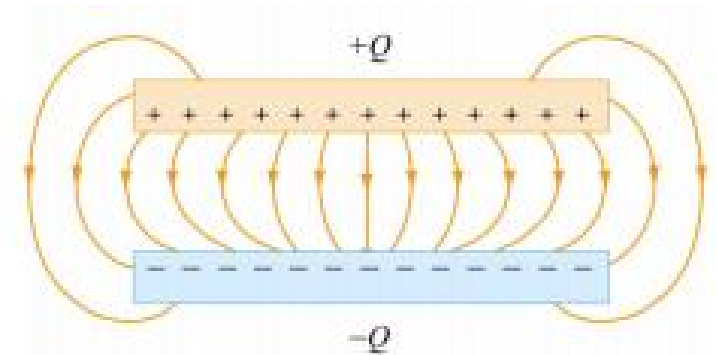
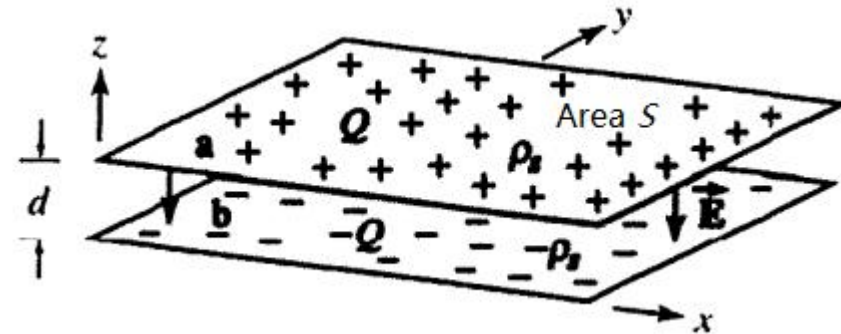
- Unit: 1 F (farad) = 1 C / V (coulomb/volt)



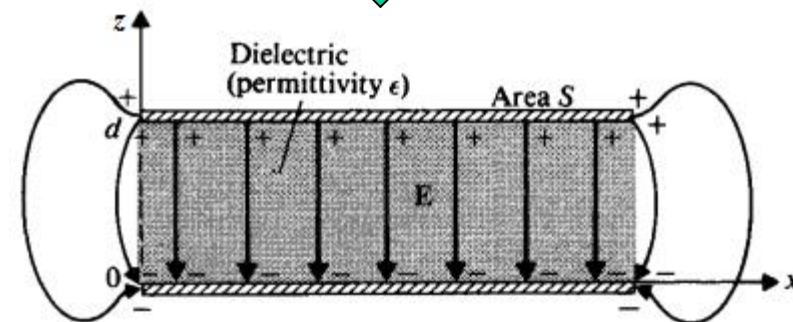
2.3 Capacitor Examples

Parallel Plates

- Two parallel conducting plates, each of area S , and separated by a distance d , form a parallel-plate capacitor. The total charge on the top plate is $+Q$ and that on the other plate is $-Q$.
 - What is its capacitance?
- Solution:
 - Edge effects:** The electric field lines at the edge of the plates are not straight lines, and the field is not contained entirely between the plates.
 - Fringing fields:** The non-uniform fields near the edge.



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2.3 Capacitor Examples

Parallel Plates

- Solution:
 - The surface charge density is:

$$\rho_s = Q/S$$

- Based on Gauss's Law:

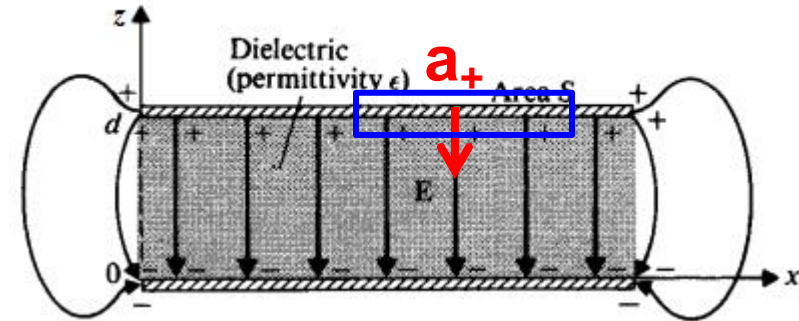
$$\oiint_{S'} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \xrightarrow{S' \text{ is a unit area}} \quad \vec{E} = -\hat{a}_z \frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon_0} = -\hat{a}_z \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 S}$$

- The potential V is:

$$V = - \int_{z=0}^{z=d} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_0^d \left(-\hat{a}_z \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 S} \right) \cdot (\hat{a}_z dz) = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 S} d$$

- Therefore, the capacitance of a parallel – plate is:

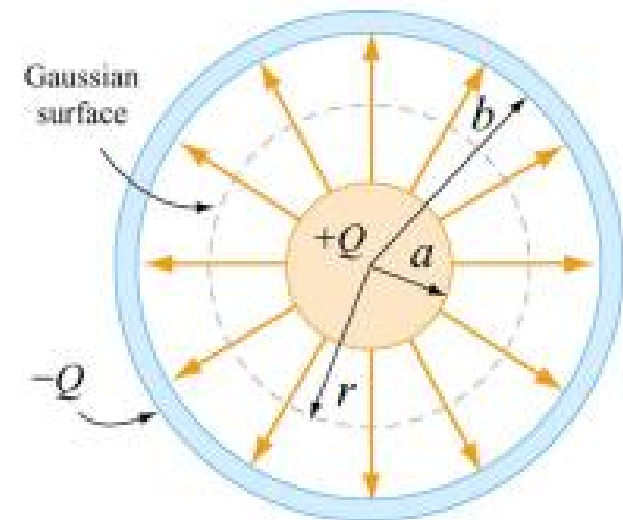
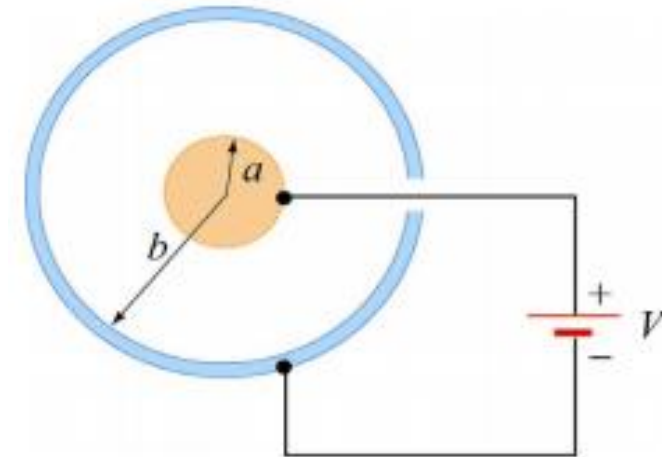
$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\epsilon_0 S}{d}$$



Example 2

Spherical capacitor

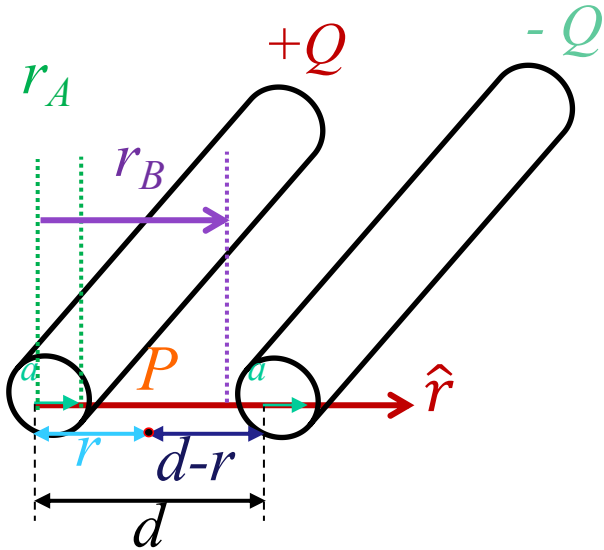
- A spherical capacitor is formed by two concentric spherical shells of radii a and b , between which is air-filled.
- The inner shell has a charge $+Q$ uniformly distributed over its surface, and the outer shell an equal but opposite charge $-Q$.
- Find the capacitor of the structure.



Quiz 2

Two-wire Line

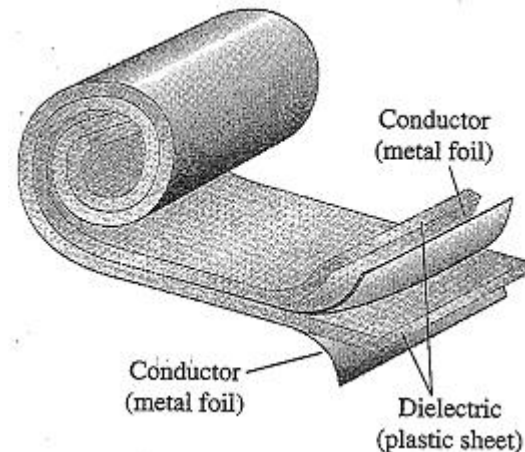
- The conductors are infinite in length and have a uniform charge distribution ρ_l C/m² along their length and around their peripheries. Assuming the ratio of d/a is large enough, determine the capacitance per unit length for the two-wire line.



2.4 Capacitor with dielectrics

- Most capacitors have an insulating material, such as paper, plastic or ceramic, between their conducting plates.
- Reasons:
 - To maintain a physical separation of the plates;
 - Increase the maximum possible potential difference between the conducting plates;
 - Capacitance increases when the space between the conductors is filled with dielectrics.

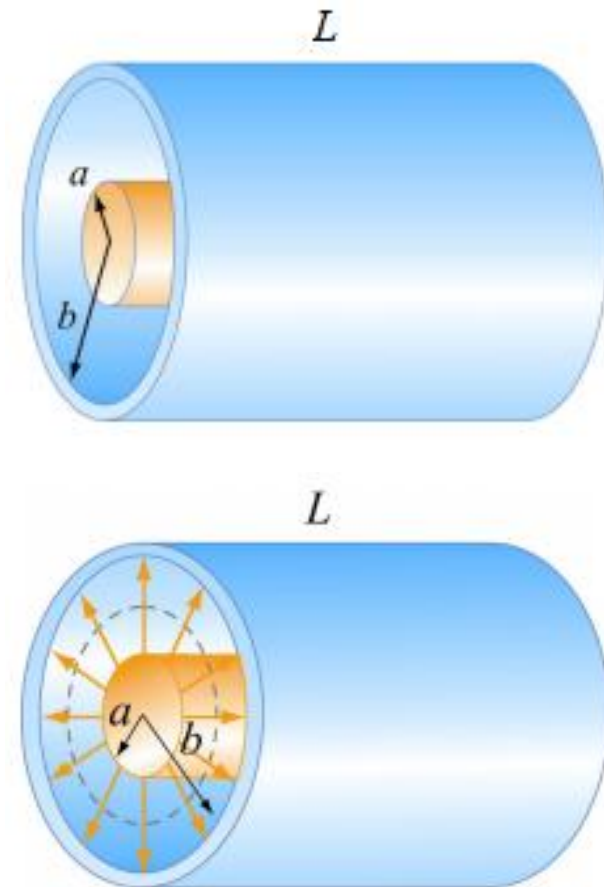
$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\epsilon S}{d}$$



Quiz 3

Cylindrical capacitor

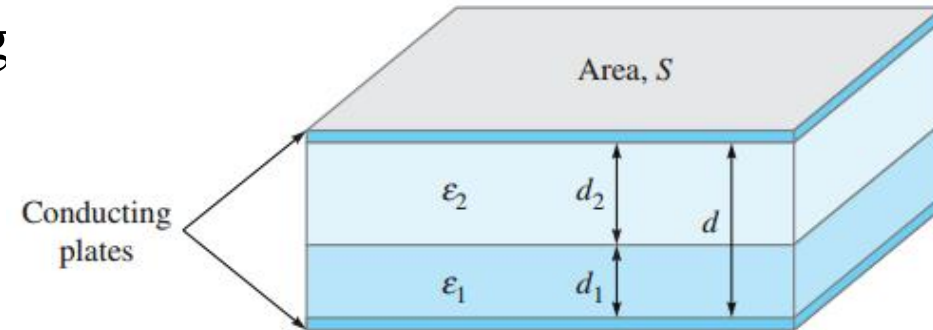
- A cylindrical conductor with inner radius a surrounded by a coaxial cylindrical shell of inner radius b . Filled with dielectrics with ϵ . The length of both cylinders is L .
- The capacitor is charged so that the inner cylinder has charge $+Q$ while the outer shell has a charge $-Q$.
- Find the capacitor of the structure.



Example 3

Different dielectrics
Series connected

- A parallel-plate capacitor containing two dielectrics with the dielectric interface parallel to the plates.
- What is its capacitance?



- Solution 1:
 - It can be considered as two serially connected parallel-plate capacitors.

- So the total capacitance is $C = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}}$

- where $C_1 = \epsilon_1 S / d_1$ $C_2 = \epsilon_2 S / d_2$

This is the correct result, but let's try to obtain it using less intuition and a more basic approach (from the definition).

Example 3

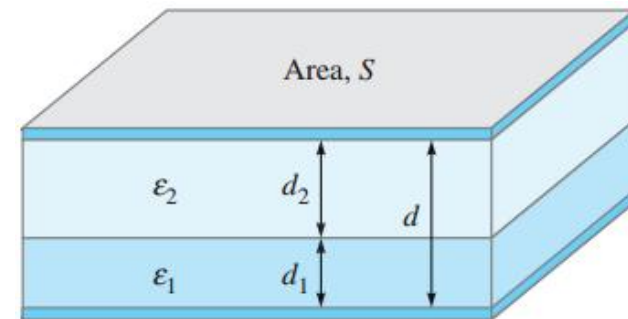
Series

- Solution 2:
 - Suppose we assume a potential difference V_0 between the plates. The electric field intensities in the two regions, E_2 and E_1 , are both uniform, and $V = E_1 d_1 + E_2 d_2$
 - At the dielectric interface, E is normal to the interface, and our boundary condition tells us that $D_1 = D_2$, or $\epsilon_1 E_1 = \epsilon_2 E_2$
 - The surface charge densities at the conducting plates:

$$\rho_{s1} = D_1 = \epsilon_1 E_1 = \epsilon_2 E_2 = \rho_{s2} = \rho_s$$

- So we have:

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\rho_s S}{V} = \frac{1}{\frac{d_1}{\epsilon_1 S} + \frac{d_2}{\epsilon_2 S}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}}$$



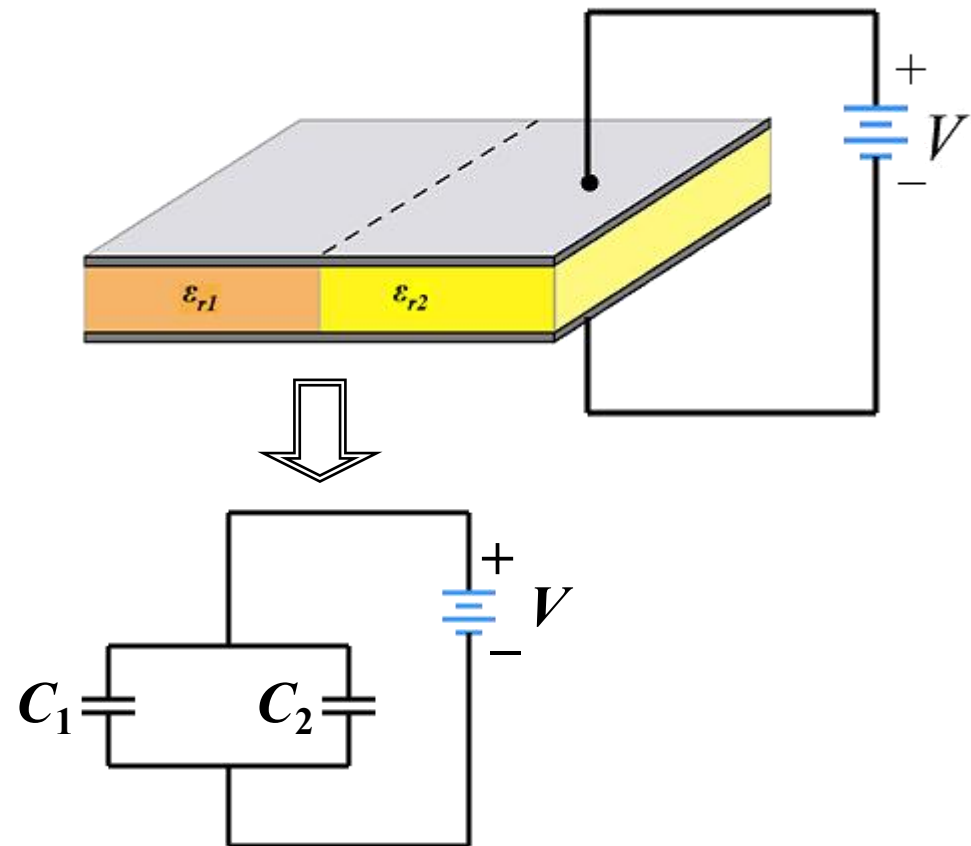
Example 4

Different dielectrics

Parallel connected

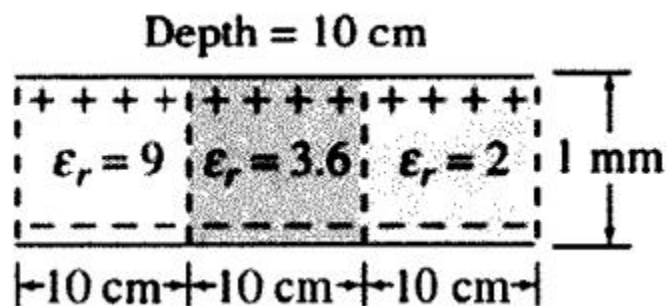
- Two dielectrics with relative permittivity ϵ_{r1} and ϵ_{r2} each fill half the space between the plates of a parallel-plate capacitor. Each plate has an area, and the plates are separated by a distance d . Find the capacitance of the system.
 - The potential difference on each half of the capacitor is the same, so the system can be treated as being composed of two capacitors connected in parallel.
 - Thus, the capacitance of the system is $C = C_1 + C_2$

$$\begin{aligned} C = C_1 + C_2 &= \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A_1}{d} + \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} A_2}{d} \\ &= \epsilon_0 \frac{\epsilon_{r1} A_1 + \epsilon_{r2} A_2}{d} \end{aligned}$$



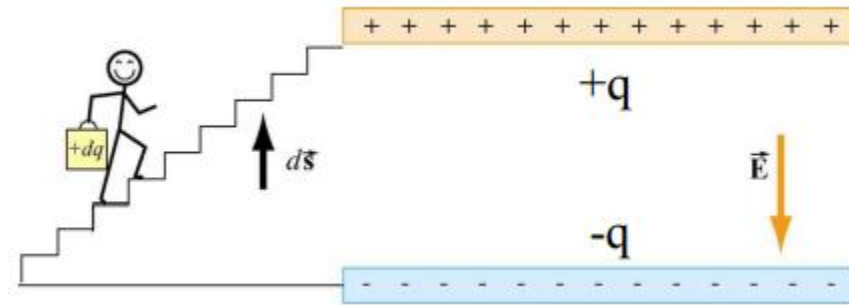
Quiz 4

- A parallel-plate capacitor with three dielectric media is shown below. What is the total capacitance of the system?



2.5 Energy stored in a capacitor

- ✓ 1. Capacitor starts uncharged.
- ✓ 2. Carry $+dq$ from bottom to top.
Now top has charge $q = +dq$, bottom $-dq$
- ✓ 3. Repeat
- ✓ 4. Finish when top has charge $q = +Q$, bottom $-Q$.



- At some point top plate has $+q$, potential difference is: $\Delta\varphi = q/C$
- Work done to lift dq from the bottom to top is: $dW = dq\Delta\varphi = qdq/C$
- So work done to move Q from bottom to top is:

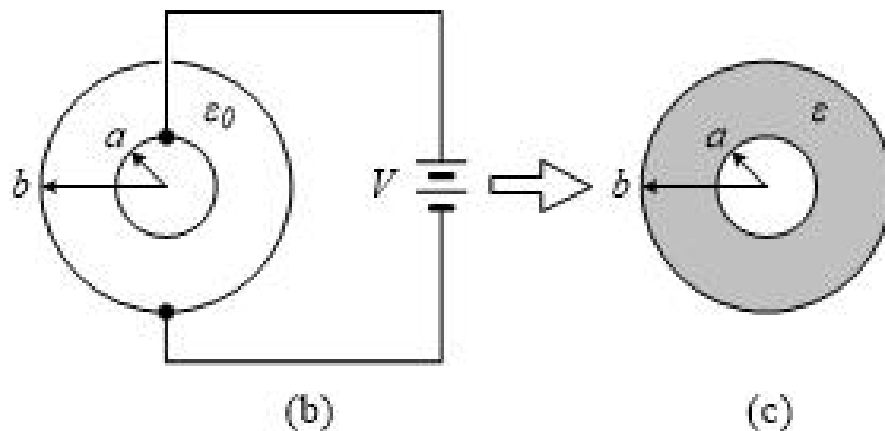
$$W = \int dW = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^Q q dq = \frac{1}{C} \frac{Q^2}{2}$$

- After charging, the total energy stored is:

$$\underline{W} = \underline{\frac{1}{C} \frac{Q^2}{2}} = \underline{\frac{1}{C} \frac{(CV)^2}{2}} = \underline{\frac{1}{2} CV^2}$$

Quiz 5

- An air-filled spherical capacitor with conductor radii $a = 3$ cm and $b = 15$ cm is connected to a source of voltage $V = 15$ kV as shown in Figure (b).
- After an electrostatic state is established, the source is disconnected. The capacitor is then filled with a liquid dielectric of dielectric constant $\epsilon_r = 2$ as shown in Figure (c).
- Determine the new voltage between the electrodes of the capacitor.
- Determine the energy stored between the electrodes of the capacitor.



2.6 Current – Voltage Relationship

- Start from the known relationship:

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

- In a time-dependent scenario:

$$V(t) = \frac{Q(t)}{C} = \frac{1}{C} \int_{t_0}^t I(\tau) d\tau + V(t_0)$$

- Taking the derivative of this and multiplying by C , get:

$$I(t) = \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = C \frac{dV(t)}{dt}$$

- which means “the voltage on the capacitor is always continuous”;
- Also points out that the current “flows” through the capacitor is proportional to the capacitance and the changing rate of the voltage on the capacitor.

Next ...

- Magnetic Fields