

# Conductors, dielectrics, and capacitance

## \*Current and current density

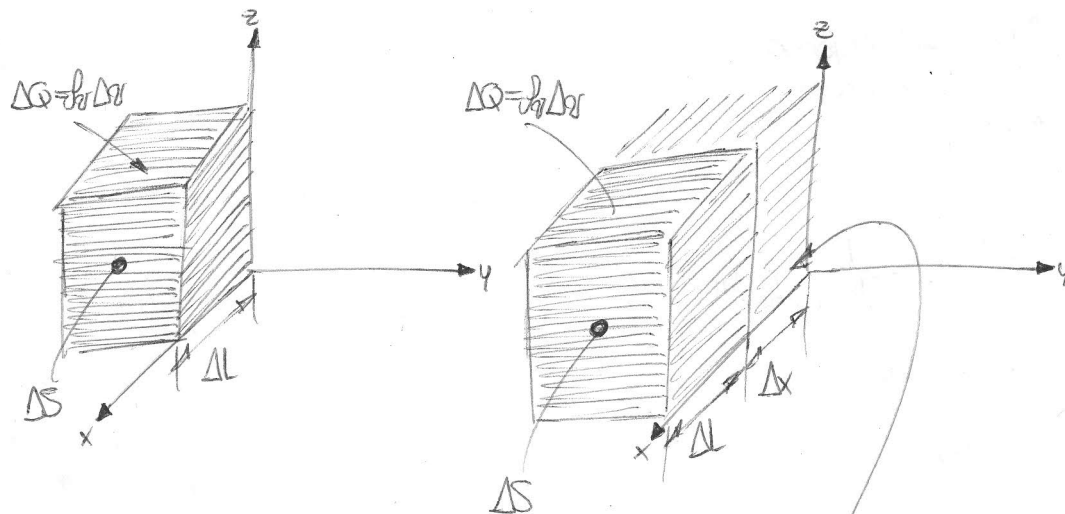
$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad [A]$$

$$\vec{J} \quad [A/m^2] \text{ current density}$$

$$\Delta I = J_n \Delta S = \vec{J} \cdot \vec{\Delta S}$$

↳ Normal current density

$$I = \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S}$$



total element of charge  
 $\Delta Q = J_n \Delta S = J_n \Delta S \Delta L$

in time  $\Delta t$   
 $\Delta Q = J_n \Delta S \Delta x$

$$\Delta I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = J_n \Delta S \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = J_n \Delta S v_x$$

$$J_x = \frac{\Delta I}{\Delta S} = J_n v_x$$

$$\vec{J} = J_n \vec{V}$$

↳ convection current density

## \* Continuity of current

Previously

$$I = \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

However, in a region bounded by a closed surface

$$I = \oint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S} = - \frac{dQ_i}{dt} \quad \text{outward flowing current}$$

Integral form of the continuity equation

$$\oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_{Vol} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) dV \quad \text{divergence theorem}$$

$$\therefore \oint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_{Vol} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}) dV$$

$$I = \int_{Vol} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}) dV = - \frac{dQ_i}{dt} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_{Vol} \rho dV$$

if we keep the surface constant

$$- \frac{d}{dt} \int_{Vol} \rho dV = \int_{Vol} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV$$

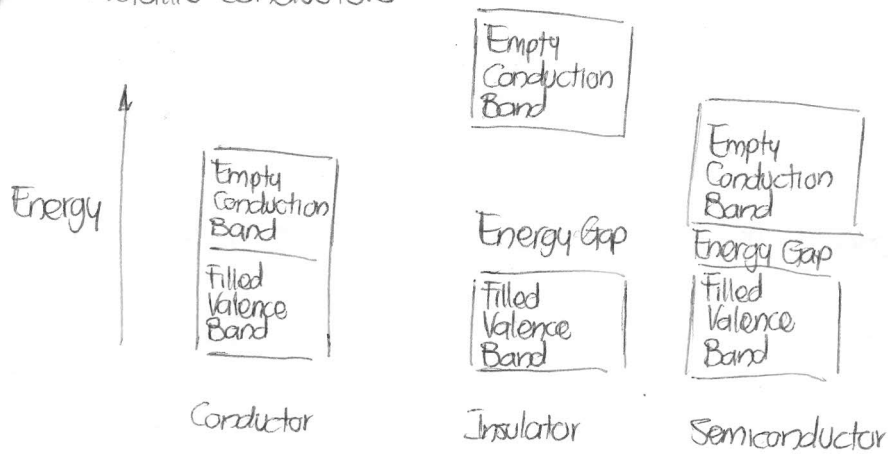
$$\therefore (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}) dV = - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV$$

$$(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}) = - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

Point form of the continuity equation

this equation indicates that the current, or charge per second, diverging from a small volume per unit volume is equal to the time rate of decrease of charge per unit volume at every point.

## \* Metallic Conductors



For an electron

$$Q = -e$$

$$\vec{F}_e = -e\vec{E}$$

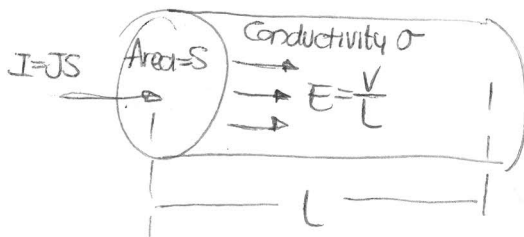
$$\vec{v} = -\mu_e \vec{E}$$

$\mu_e$  → mobility of an electron (positive by definition)  
 $\vec{v}$  → drift velocity

$$\vec{J} = \rho \vec{v} = -\rho \mu_e \vec{E} = \sigma \vec{E}$$

$$\therefore \sigma = -\rho \mu_e$$

$$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$$



Assuming that  $\vec{J}$  and  $\vec{E}$  are uniform

$$I = \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S} = JS \Rightarrow J = \frac{I}{S}$$

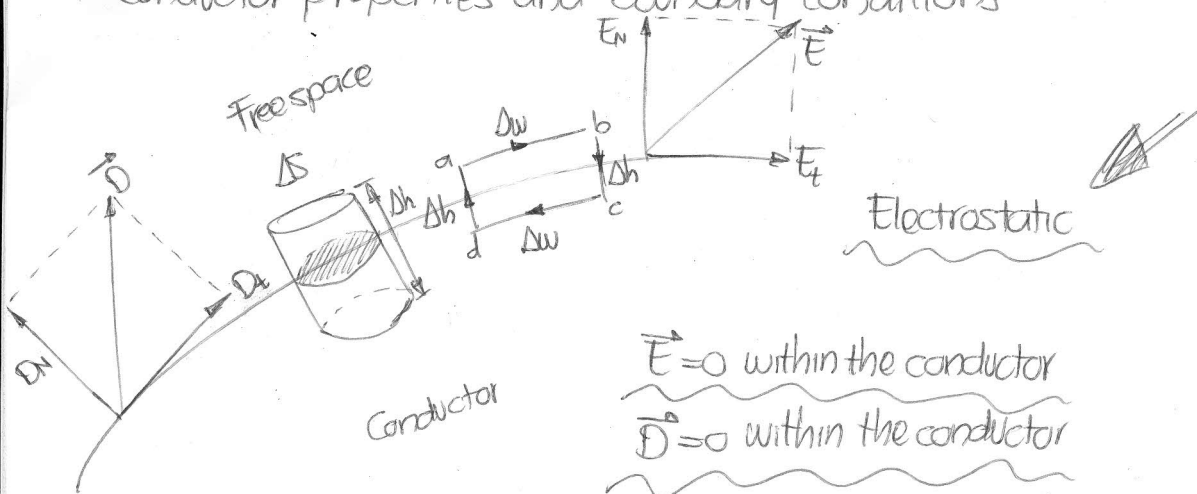
$$V_{ab} = -\int_b^a \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\vec{E} \cdot \int_b^a d\vec{l} = -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{L}_{ba} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{L}_{ab}$$

$$V = EL \Rightarrow E = \frac{V}{L}$$

$$J = \frac{I}{S} = \sigma E = \sigma \frac{V}{L} \Rightarrow V = \frac{L}{\sigma S} I, \quad \frac{L}{\sigma S} = R$$

$$\therefore V = IR \quad \text{Ohm's law}$$

## \* Conductor properties and boundary conditions



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$\int_a^b + \int_b^c + \int_c^d + \int_d^a = 0$$

$$E_t \Delta w - \frac{1}{2} E_n \Delta h + 0 \left( \frac{1}{2} \Delta h \right) + 0 (\Delta w) + 0 \left( \frac{1}{2} \Delta h \right) + \frac{1}{2} E_n \Delta h = 0$$

$$\lim_{\Delta h \rightarrow 0} (E_t \Delta w - \frac{1}{2} E_n \Delta h + \frac{1}{2} E_n \Delta h) = E_t \Delta w = 0$$

$$\therefore E_t = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad D_t = 0$$

to calculate the tangential component of the field

$$\oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{S} = Q$$

$$\int_{\text{top}} + \int_{\text{bottom}} + \int_{\text{side}} = Q$$

$$\int_{\text{top}} D_n dS + 0 \int_{\text{bottom}} dS + 0 \int_{\text{side}} dS = Q$$

$$D_n \Delta S = Q = \rho_s \Delta S$$

$$D_n = \rho_s \quad \text{and} \quad E_n = \frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon_0}$$

to calculate the normal component of the field

because  $E_t = 0$   $\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$  between any two points on the surface

- 1) The static electric field inside a conductor is zero
- 2) The static electric field intensity at the surface of a conductor is everywhere directed normal to that surface
- 3) The conductor surface is an equipotential surface

## \* Semiconductors

in metallic conductors

$$\sigma = -e\mu_e$$

in semiconductors

$$\sigma = -e\mu_e + e\mu_h$$

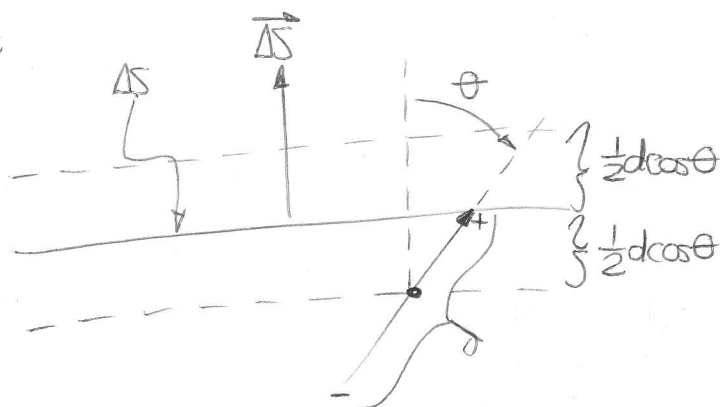
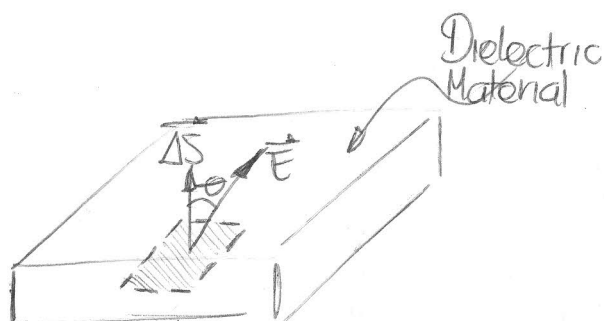
## \* The nature of dielectric materials

$$\vec{p} = Q\vec{d} \quad [C \cdot m]$$

if there are  $n$  dipoles per unit volume and we deal with a volume  $\Delta V$

$$\vec{P}_{total} = \sum_{i=1}^{n\Delta V} \vec{P}_i \quad [C \cdot m]$$

$$\vec{P} = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta V} \sum_{i=1}^{n\Delta V} \vec{P}_i \quad [C/m^2]$$



$$\Delta Q_b = nQ\vec{d} \cdot \vec{\Delta S} = \vec{P} \cdot \vec{\Delta S}$$

$$Q_b = -\oint_S \vec{P} \cdot \vec{dS} \quad (\text{the dot product is gonna be negative})$$

$$Q_T = \oint_S \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dS} = \oint_S \vec{D} \cdot \vec{dS} \text{ as previously defined}$$

$$\text{However... } Q_T = Q_b + Q \Rightarrow Q = Q_T - Q_b = \oint_S \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dS} + \oint_S \vec{P} \cdot \vec{dS} = \oint_S (\epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}) \cdot \vec{dS}$$

$$\therefore \vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

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$$Q = \oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_V \rho_r dV, \rho_r = \nabla \cdot \vec{D}$$

$$Q_b = \int_V \rho_b dV, \rho_b = -\nabla \cdot \vec{P}$$

$$Q_f = \int_V \rho_f dV, \rho_f = \nabla \cdot \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

The linear relationship between  $\vec{P}$  and  $\vec{E}$  is

$$\vec{P} = \chi_e \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \quad \text{electric susceptibility}$$

$$\therefore \vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \chi_e \epsilon_0 \vec{E} = (1 + \chi_e) \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

$$\epsilon_r = \chi_e + 1$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \vec{E} = \epsilon \vec{E}, \epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r //$$

In anisotropic materials

$$D_x = \epsilon_{xx} E_x + \epsilon_{xy} E_y + \epsilon_{xz} E_z$$

$$D_y = \epsilon_{yx} E_x + \epsilon_{yy} E_y + \epsilon_{yz} E_z$$

$$D_z = \epsilon_{zx} E_x + \epsilon_{zy} E_y + \epsilon_{zz} E_z$$

In summary, for isotropic materials

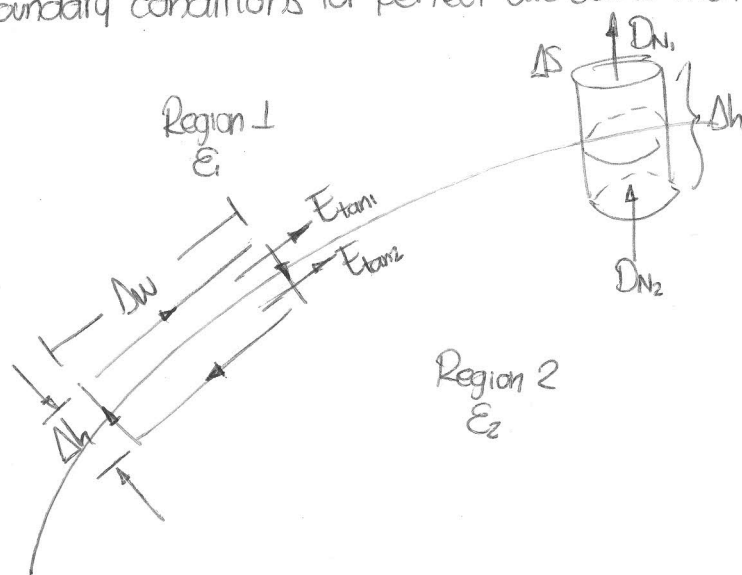
$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} //$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r //$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_r //$$

$$\oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{S} = Q //$$

\* Boundary conditions for perfect dielectric materials



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$E_{tan1} \Delta w - E_n \Delta h - E_{tan2} \Delta w + E_n \Delta h = 0$$

$$\lim_{\Delta h \rightarrow 0} (E_{tan1} \Delta w - E_n \Delta h - E_{tan2} \Delta w + E_n \Delta h) = E_{tan1} \Delta w - E_{tan2} \Delta w = 0$$

$$(E_{tan1} - E_{tan2}) \Delta w = 0$$

$$E_{tan1} = E_{tan2}$$

$$E_{tan1} = \frac{D_{tan1}}{\epsilon_1}$$

$$E_{tan2} = \frac{D_{tan2}}{\epsilon_2}$$

$$\frac{D_{tan1}}{\epsilon_1} = \frac{D_{tan2}}{\epsilon_2}$$

$$\frac{D_{tan1}}{D_{tan2}} = \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}$$

to calculate the tangential component of the field

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot \vec{S} = Q$$

$$\int_{\text{top}} + \int_{\text{bottom}} + \int_{\text{side}} = Q \quad (\Delta h \rightarrow 0)$$

$$D_{N1} \Delta S - D_{N2} \Delta S = \Delta Q = \epsilon_0 \Delta S$$

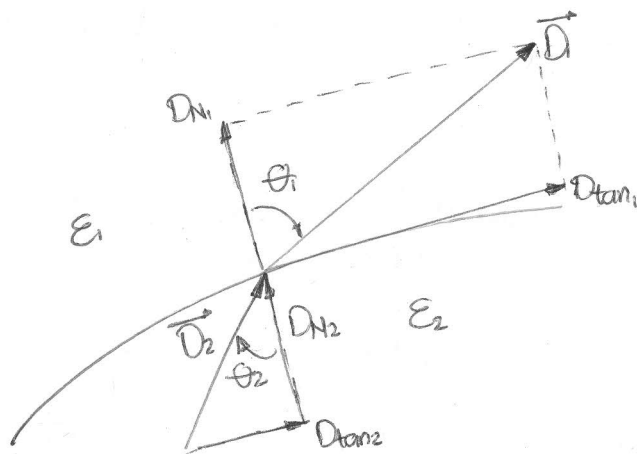
$$(D_{N1} - D_{N2}) \Delta S = \epsilon_0 \Delta S$$

$$D_{N1} - D_{N2} = \epsilon_0 \quad \text{this is a special case}$$

Generally

$$\underline{D_{N1} = D_{N2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{\epsilon_1 E_{N1} = \epsilon_2 E_{N2}}$$

to calculate the  
normal component  
of the field



$$D_{N1} = D_1 \cos \theta_1$$

$$D_{N2} = D_2 \cos \theta_2$$

$$D_{t1} = D_1 \sin \theta_1$$

$$D_{t2} = D_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$\frac{D_{t1}}{D_{t2}} = \frac{D_1 \sin \theta_1}{D_2 \sin \theta_2} = \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \Rightarrow \underline{\epsilon_2 D_1 \sin \theta_1 = \epsilon_1 D_2 \sin \theta_2}$$

$$D_{N1} = D_{N2}$$

$$\underline{D_1 \cos \theta_1 = D_2 \cos \theta_2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\epsilon_2 D_1 \sin \theta_1}{D_1 \cos \theta_1} = \frac{\epsilon_1 D_2 \sin \theta_2}{D_2 \cos \theta_2}$$

$$\epsilon_2 \tan \theta_1 = \epsilon_1 \tan \theta_2 \Rightarrow \frac{\tan \theta_1}{\tan \theta_2} = \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}$$

$$\underline{\text{and } \theta_1 > \theta_2 \text{ if } \epsilon_1 > \epsilon_2}$$



$$D_2 = \sqrt{D_{N_2}^2 + D_{\tan_2}^2}$$

$$D_{N_2}^2 = D_2^2 \cos^2 \theta_2 = D_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_1 = D_{N_1}^2$$

$$D_{\tan_2} = D_{\tan_1} \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right) = D \sin \theta_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)$$

$$D_{\tan_2}^2 = D^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2$$

$$D_2 = \sqrt{D^2 \cos^2 \theta_1 + D^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2}$$

$$D_2 = D_1 \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta_1 + \sin^2 \theta_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2} //$$

$$E_2 E_2 = \epsilon_1 E_1 \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta_1 + \sin^2 \theta_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2}$$

$$E_2 = E_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \right) \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta_1 + \sin^2 \theta_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2}$$

$$E_2 = E_1 \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \right)^2 + \sin^2 \theta_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \right)^2}$$

$$E_2 = E_1 \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \right)^2 + \sin^2 \theta_1} //$$

\* Boundary conditions between conductor and dielectric

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{D} = 0 \\ \vec{E} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{inside the conductor}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E_t = 0 \\ D_t = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{to satisfy } \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q \text{ leads to } D_N = \rho_s \text{ and } E_N = \rho_s / \epsilon$$

- Any charge that is introduced internally within a conducting material arrives at the surface as a surface charge

$$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E} \quad \text{Ohm's law}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \quad \text{Continuity equation}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \sigma \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}, \quad \vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} \vec{D} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = -\frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

$$\rho = -\frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

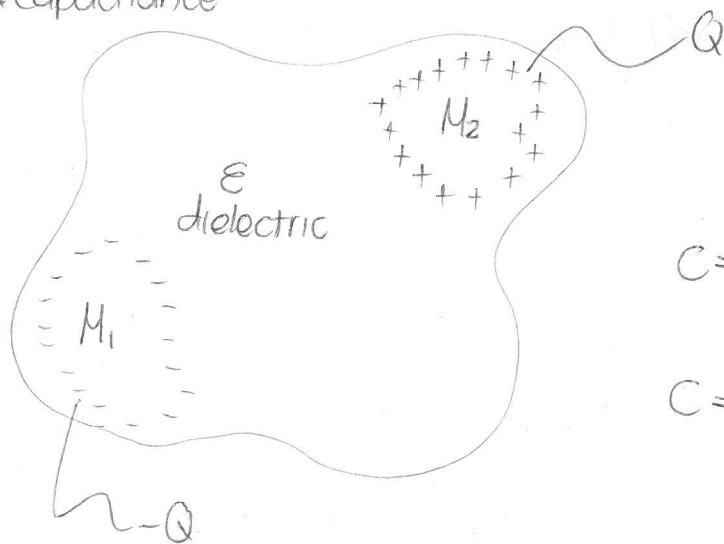
$$-\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} dt = \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

$$-\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} \int dt = \int \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

$$-\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} t = \ln\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-(\sigma/\epsilon)t} &= \rho/\rho_0 \\ \rho &= \rho_0 e^{-(\sigma/\epsilon)t} \end{aligned}$$

# \*Capacitance



$$C = \frac{Q}{V_0}$$

$$C = \frac{\oint \epsilon \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}}{-\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}} \quad [F]$$