

電磁學 (一) Electromagnetics (I)

8. 靜電能與靜電力

Electrostatic Energy and Force

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In this lecture, we will study the energy and force of an electrostatic system.

- 8.1 Energy stored in discrete charges 點電荷系統能量
- 8.2 Energy stored in continuous charges 連續電荷系統能量
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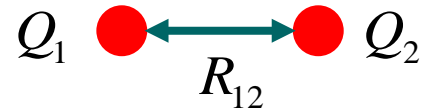
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8.1 點電荷系統能量

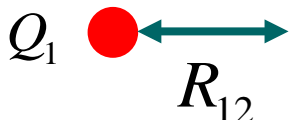
Energy Stored in Discrete Charges

stored electrostatic energy in a charge system
 = work done to assemble the charges in the system

Two-charge System




(1) moving Q_2 to a fixed Q_1

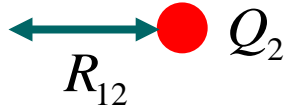


$$W_2 = Q_2 \times \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{12}} = Q_2 \times V_2, \text{ where } V_2 = \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{12}}$$

(V_2 is the electric potential in the absence of Q_2)

(2) moving Q_1 to a fixed Q_2



$$W_2 = Q_1 \times \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{12}}, \text{ where } V_1 = \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{12}}$$


(V_1 is the electric potential at the absence of Q_1)

Thus, $W_2 = Q_2 V_2 = Q_1 V_1 = \frac{1}{2}(Q_1 V_1 + Q_2 V_2)$

Three-charge System

Keep Q_1 stationary and bring in Q_2 , Q_3 one by one.

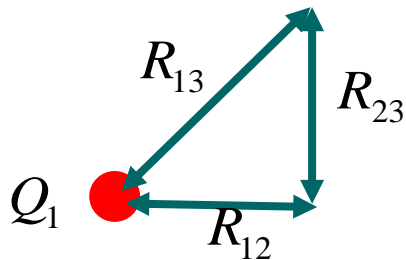
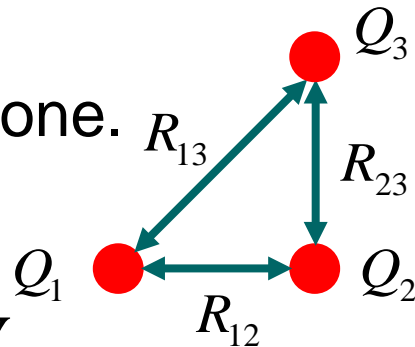
First assemble two charges Q_1 and Q_2 ...

$$W_3 = W_2 + Q_3 \left(\frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{13}} + \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{23}} \right) = W_2 + Q_3 V_3$$

Define $V_3 = \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{13}} + \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{23}}$ (electric potential without Q_3)

$$V_1 \equiv \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{12}} + \frac{Q_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{13}}, \quad V_2 \equiv \frac{Q_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{23}} + \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{12}}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_3 = \frac{1}{2} (Q_1 V_1 + Q_2 V_2 + Q_3 V_3)$$



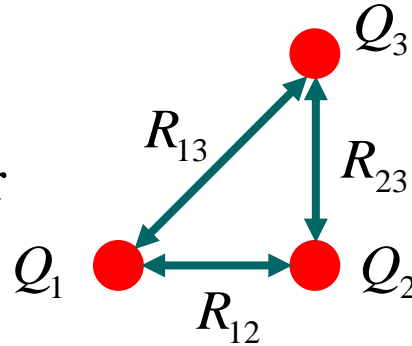
Many-charge System (1)

Two charges

$$W_2 = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{12}}, \text{ for } Q_1 \quad \text{---} R_{12} \quad \text{---} Q_2$$

Three charges

$$W_3 = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{12}} + \frac{Q_1 Q_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{13}} + \frac{Q_2 Q_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{23}}, \text{ for }$$



Extend it to a system with **N charges**

$$W_N = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j>i}^N \frac{Q_i Q_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{ij}}$$

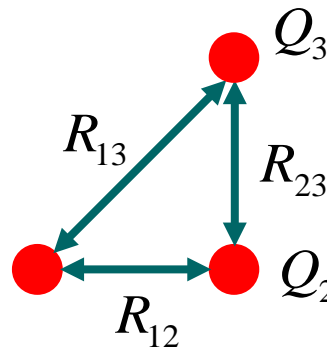
Many-charge System (2)

Two Charges

$$W_2 = \frac{1}{2} (Q_1 V_1 + Q_2 V_2), \text{ for } Q_1 \quad \text{---} R_{12} \quad Q_2$$

Three Charges

$$W_3 = \frac{1}{2} (Q_1 V_1 + Q_2 V_2 + Q_3 V_3), \text{ for }$$



For a system with **N charges**, first define Q_1

$$V_k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ (j \neq k)}}^N \frac{Q_j}{R_{jk}} \quad (\text{the total electric potential without charge } Q_k)$$

and write the energy stored
in an **N -charge** system as

$$W_N = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N Q_k V_k$$

8.1 電荷系統能量

Energy Stored in Discrete Charges

- The energy stored in a charge system is equal to the work done to assemble the charges.
- For a system with N charges, the stored electrostatic energy is

$$W_N = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N Q_k V_k,$$

where V_k is the total electric potential without charge Q_k .

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8.2 連續電荷系統能量

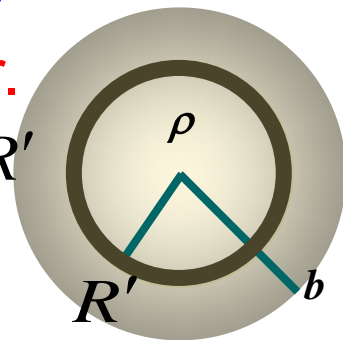
Energy Stored in Continuous Charges

Energy stored in a charge ball of radius b and volume charge density of ρ

Solution 1: assemble the charge ball layer by layer.

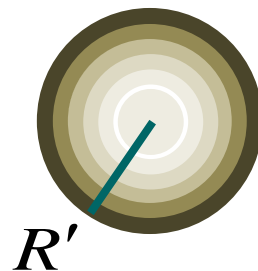
The differential charge at R' is $dq = \rho dV' = \rho 4\pi R'^2 dR'$

The electric potential at R' $V = \frac{(4/3)\pi R'^3 \rho}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R'}$ $\rightarrow q(R')$
for a ball radius of R' is



The differential work to move a sphere of charge from $R = \infty$ to a charge ball of R' is

$$dW = Vdq = \frac{(4/3)\pi R'^3 \rho}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R'} \times \underbrace{\rho 4\pi R'^2 dR'}_{dq} = \frac{4\pi R'^4 \rho^2}{3\epsilon_0} dR'$$



The total work to assemble it is
$$W = \int_0^b \frac{4\pi\rho^2 R'^4}{3\epsilon_0} dR' = \frac{4\pi\rho^2 b^5}{15\epsilon_0}$$

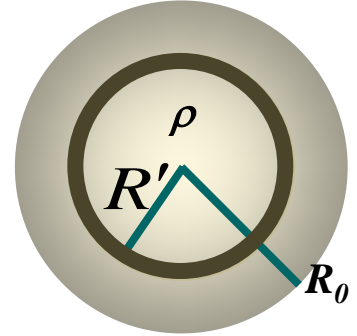
Solution 2: decompose the charge ball **layer by layer**.

For continuous charges, the stored energy is written as

$$W_N = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N q_k V_k \Rightarrow W_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_{V'} \rho V dv'$$

where V = electric potential **without** the charge

$$dq = \rho dv' \sim 0 \Rightarrow V|_{Q-dq} \sim V|_Q$$



To move a sphere of charge $dq(R') = \rho 4\pi R'^2 dR'$ from $R = \infty$ to R' inside a charge ball of R_0 , the work to be done is $V(R')dq(R')$

$$\text{where } V(R') = [V_{b\infty} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b}] - \int_b^{R'} [E(R) = \frac{\rho \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}] dR$$

$$\text{The stored energy is then } W_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_{V'} \rho V dv = \frac{1}{2} \rho \int_0^{R_0} V(R') 4\pi R'^2 dR'$$

8.2 連續電荷系統能量

Energy Stored in Continuous Charges

There are two ways to calculate the electrostatic energy stored in continuous charges:

- Assembling charges bit by bit, where

$V = V(q)$ and q = charge as is

$$W = \int V dq$$

- Decomposing all charges bit by bit, where

$V = V(Q)$ and Q = total charge

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} \int V dq$$

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8.3 靜電場的能量

Energy Stored in Electric Field

When **all the charges are in place**, an equivalence between the field energy and mechanic energy must exist, because a charge generates a field through $\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$

Use $W_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_{V'} \rho V dv$, which assumes **all charges are already in place**.

$$\text{Recall } \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \Rightarrow W_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_{V'} \rho V dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \underline{(\nabla \cdot \vec{D})} V dv$$

V' is the volume of the charges and V is that of **ALL** space.

Use $\nabla \cdot (V\vec{D}) = \underline{V\nabla \cdot \vec{D}} + \vec{D} \cdot \nabla V$ to re-write

$$\Rightarrow W_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_V [\nabla \cdot (V\vec{D}) - \vec{D} \cdot \nabla V] dv = \frac{1}{2} \oint_S \underbrace{V\vec{D}} \cdot \underbrace{d\vec{s}} + \frac{1}{2} \int_V \vec{D} \cdot \vec{E} dv$$

Apply the divergence theorem

$$V \propto \frac{1}{R}, D \propto \frac{1}{R^2} \Rightarrow V \times D \propto \frac{1}{R^3} \quad \text{X} \quad ds \propto R^2 \quad \propto \frac{1}{R} \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

V is the **all space** volume and S is the **surface at $R \rightarrow \infty$** , as the field extends to **infinity**.

$$\Rightarrow W_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \vec{D} \cdot \vec{E} dv = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \int_V E^2 dv = \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \int_V D^2 dv \quad \text{(recall } \underline{\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}})$$

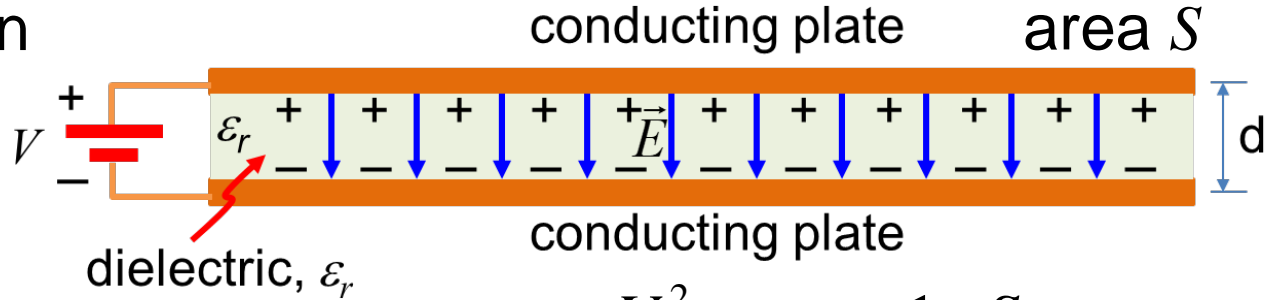
The **electrostatic energy density** (energy per unit volume) is therefore

$$w_e \equiv \frac{1}{2} \vec{D} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} E^2 = \frac{D^2}{2\epsilon}$$

Energy Stored in Capacitor

The electric field in the capacitor is

$$E \sim \frac{V}{d}$$



The stored energy is
$$W_e = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \int_V E^2 dv = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{V^2}{d^2} (Sd) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon S}{d} V^2$$

Recall the expressions, $C = \frac{\epsilon S}{d}$ and $C = \frac{Q}{V}$

The stored energy in a capacitor is
$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} QV = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}$$

This formula is valid for any kind of capacitors **and offers another path to derive the capacitance of a capacitor.**

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Energy Stored in Field

- The energy stored in charges is manifested by a field distribution in space.
- The energy density of an electric field (energy per unit volume) is described by

$$w_e \equiv \frac{1}{2} \vec{D} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} E^2 = \frac{D^2}{2\epsilon}$$

- The energy stored in a capacitor is given by

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} QV = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}$$

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8.4 靜電力

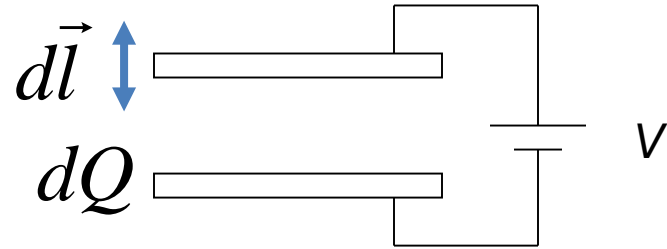
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Force (F) and Work (W)

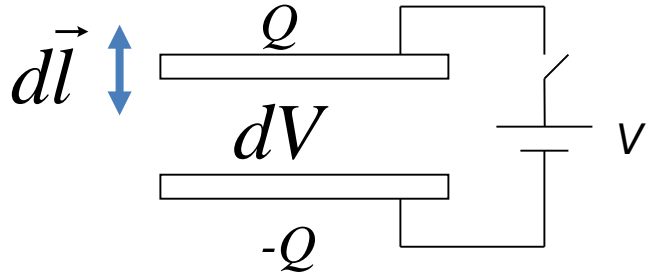
Differential work $dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} \Rightarrow dW = \nabla W \cdot d\vec{l} \Rightarrow \vec{F} = \nabla W$

Recall $dV = (\nabla V) \cdot d\vec{l}$ from **Lec. 4**

1. **Fixed-voltage system**: a system connected to batteries (forcing a **displacement** causes a flow of **charges**)



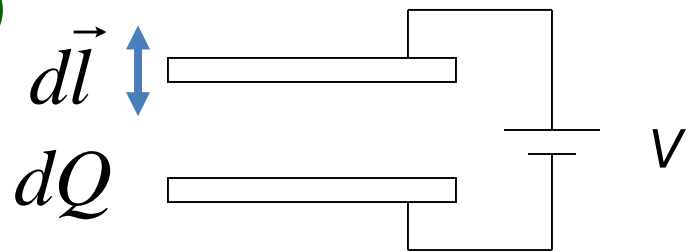
2. **Fixed-charge system**: an isolated system (forcing a **displacement** causes a change in **voltages**)



Thought Experiment I: System with fixed voltage (maintained by battery sources)

Energy conservation requires

$$dW_s = dW + dW_e \Big|_{V=\text{const.}}$$



energy supplied
by the sources

mechanical work
done to the system

change in
internal energy

$$dW_s = \sum_k V_k dQ_k$$

$$dW = \vec{F}_{V=\text{const}} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$dW_e \Big|_{V=\text{const}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k V_k dQ_k$$

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$$\vec{F}_{V=\text{const}} \cdot d\vec{l} = dW_e \Big|_{V=\text{const}}$$

But $dW_e \Big|_{V=\text{const}}$

$$= (\nabla W_e \Big|_{V=\text{const}}) \cdot d\vec{l}$$

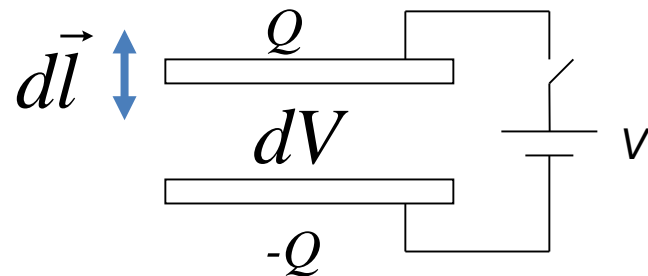
\Rightarrow

$$\vec{F}_{V=\text{const}} = \nabla W_e \Big|_{V=\text{const}}$$

Thought Experiment II: System with fixed charges (isolated system)

Energy conservation requires

$$dW_s^0 = dW + dW_e|_{Q=const.}$$



No sources done to the system

$$dW = \vec{F}_{Q=const} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

change in internal energy

$$dW_e|_{Q=const} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k Q_k dV_k$$

$$-dW_e|_{Q=const} = \vec{F}_{Q=const} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

But $dW_e = (\nabla W_e) \cdot d\vec{l}$ } $\Rightarrow \vec{F}_{Q=const} = -\nabla W_e|_{Q=const}$

8.4 靜電力

Electrostatic Force

- The relationship between force and work is given by

$$dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{F} = \nabla W$$

- In a fixed voltage system, the electrostatic force is

$$\vec{F}_{V=const} = \nabla W_e \Big|_{V=const}$$

- In an isolated system, the electrostatic force is

$$\vec{F}_{Q=const} = -\nabla W_e \Big|_{Q=const}$$

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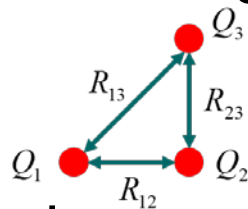
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8.5 單元回顧 Review

單元回顧

1. The energy stored in a system with N discrete charges is given by

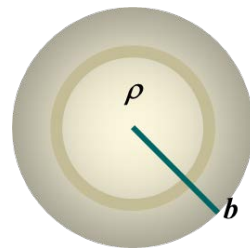
$$W_N = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N Q_k V_k,$$



where V_k is the total electric potential without charge Q_k .

2. The energy stored in a continuous-charge system is given by

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} \int V dq$$

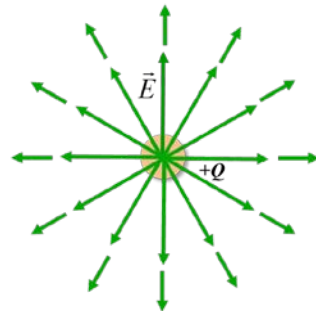


$V = V(Q)$, where Q is the total charges.

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3. The electrostatic energy density (energy per unit volume) is given by

$$w_e \equiv \frac{1}{2} \vec{D} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} E^2 = \frac{D^2}{2\epsilon}$$



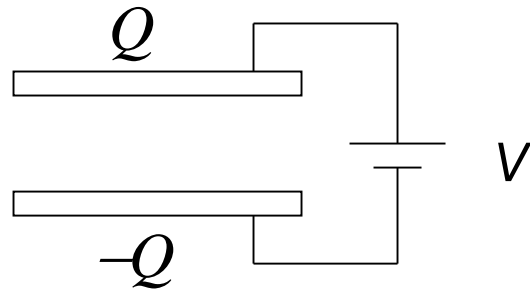
4. The electrostatic energy stored in a volume V is the integration of the energy density over volume:

$$W_e = \int_V w_e dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \vec{D} \cdot \vec{E} dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \epsilon E^2 dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \frac{D^2}{\epsilon} dv$$

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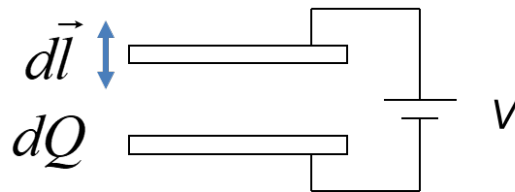
5. A capacitor with capacitance C , voltage V , and charge Q , stores the energy

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} QV = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}$$



6. The electrostatic force holding a system is given by

$$\vec{F}_{V=const} = \nabla W_e \Big|_{V=const}$$



for a thought experiment with fixed voltage sources

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7. The electrostatic force holding a system is given by

$$\vec{F}_{Q=const} = -\nabla W_e|_{Q=const}$$


The diagram shows a parallel plate capacitor with two horizontal plates. The top plate is labeled Q and the bottom plate is labeled $-Q$. A blue double-headed arrow between the plates is labeled $d\vec{l}$. To the right of the capacitor is a battery symbol with a voltage V indicated next to it.

for a thought experiment with an isolated system.

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