

Capacitor:

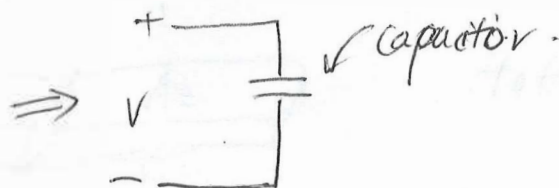
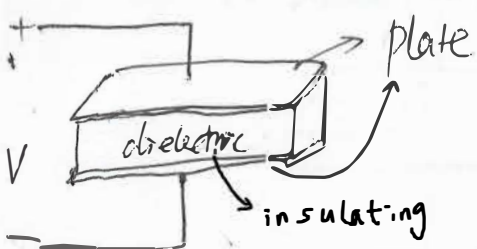


Sack of charge \rightarrow 'thought experiment'.

In reality, we have a capacitor that can store charges

In modern electronics, capacitor is very important. It is the basic element in a transistor structure, or flash memory (gate/float gate)

Basic structure.



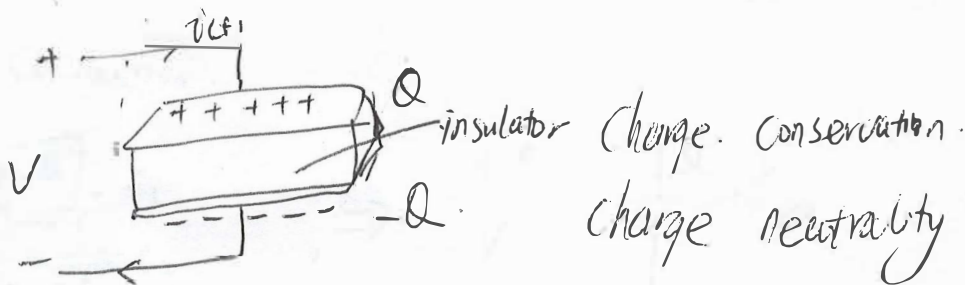
1. Charge (both positive & negative) can be stored on the plates
2. No charge/current can pass through the dielectric layer

Let's assume initially $V=0$; instantly $V \rightarrow V_0$;

If it is an open-circuit, we know that there will be no current flow

But

Capacitor will still have initial current:



Since the dielectric is an insulator, No current flow through the capacitor.

So $Q \rightarrow$ will reach to a saturation

$$Q = C \cdot V$$

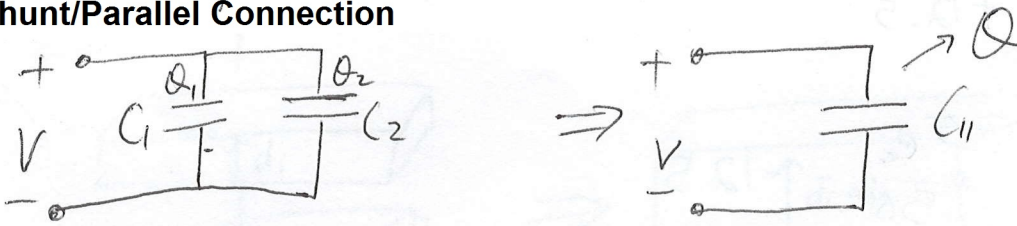
\hookrightarrow capacitance. (Farads)

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

ϵ \rightarrow permittivity
 A \rightarrow Area
 d \rightarrow separation

Basic properties:

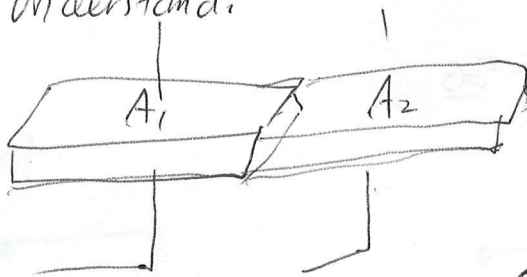
Shunt/Parallel Connection



$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2 \Rightarrow C_{11} \cdot V = C_1 \cdot V + C_2 \cdot V$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{11} = C_1 + C_2$$

How to understand.



total area is $A_1 + A_2$

$$C_{11} = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} = \frac{\epsilon (A_1 + A_2)}{d} = \frac{\epsilon A_1}{d} + \frac{\epsilon A_2}{d} = C_1 + C_2$$

In general

$$C_1 \parallel C_2 \parallel \dots \parallel C_n \Rightarrow C_{11}$$

$$C_{11} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n$$

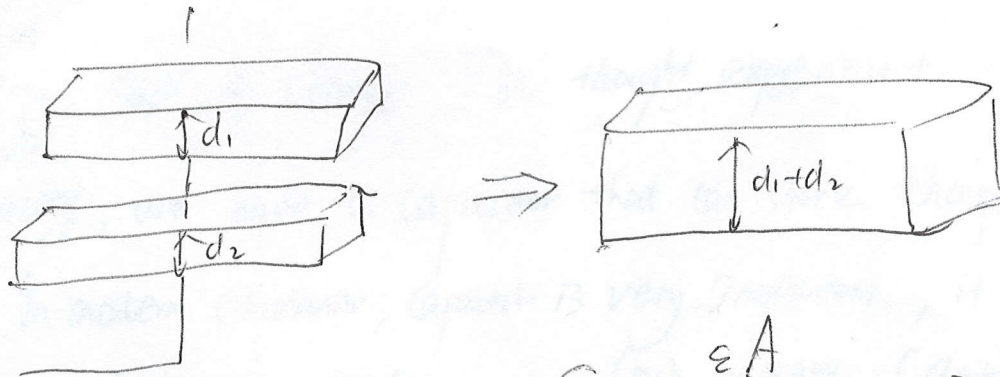
2. Series Connection.



$$V_1 + V_2 = V$$

$$\frac{Q}{C_1} + \frac{Q}{C_2} = \frac{Q}{C_{eq}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}$$

How to understand.

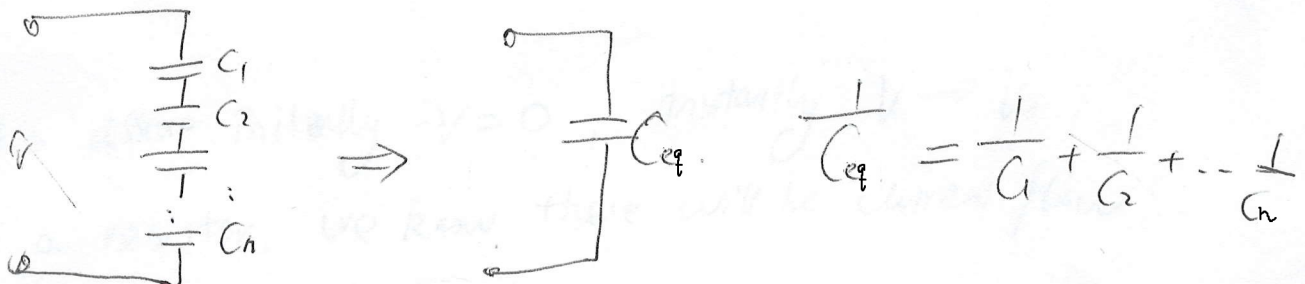


$$C_{eq} = \frac{\epsilon A}{d_1 + d_2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{\epsilon A}$$

$$= \frac{d_1}{\epsilon A} + \frac{d_2}{\epsilon A} = \frac{1}{\cancel{\epsilon A} / d_1} + \frac{1}{\cancel{\epsilon A} / d_2}$$

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

In general.



$$i_{(t)} = \frac{dq_{(t)}}{dt} = \frac{d(C \cdot V_{(t)})}{dt} = C \cdot \frac{dV}{dt}$$

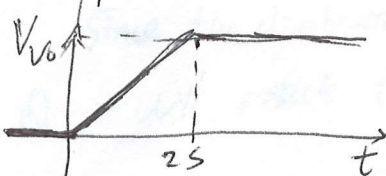
Linear dependent on voltage change

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Compare. } i = \frac{1}{R} \cdot V$$

Linear dependence on voltage

e.g.

Suppose.



from $(-\infty, 0) \quad V = 0$

from $(0, 2s) \quad V_{(t)} = \frac{V_0}{2} \cdot t$

from $(2, +\infty) \quad V = V_0$

