

Electrostatics - Class 12 Physics Notes

1. Coulomb's Law:

Force between two point charges q_1 and q_2 separated by distance r is:

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

- Force is attractive for unlike charges, repulsive for like charges.

2. Electric Field (E):

$E = F/q$ (Force per unit positive charge)

For a point charge: $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{r^2}$

3. Electric Dipole:

Dipole: Two equal and opposite charges separated by distance d .

Dipole moment (p) = $q \times 2d$ (direction from $-q$ to $+q$).

4. Electric Potential (V):

Work done to bring unit positive charge from infinity to a point.

For point charge: $V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{q}{r}$

5. Gauss Theorem:

Net electric flux through a closed surface = $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \times$ (Charge enclosed)

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = Q / \epsilon_0$$

6. Applications of Gauss Law:

- Field due to infinite line charge
- Field due to uniformly charged sphere
- Field due to plane sheet of charge

7. Capacitance:

$$C = Q / V$$

Parallel plate capacitor: $C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$

With dielectric: $C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$, where $\epsilon = K\epsilon_0$

8. Energy stored in Capacitor:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$$