

## Electric potential

Potential energy:

$$\Delta U = - \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\vec{F} = q \vec{E}$$

$$\Delta U = q \left( - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \right)$$

define this as <sup>electric</sup> potential, or voltage.

Sometimes called emf

inverting equation:

$$-\nabla V = \vec{E}$$

in cartesian:

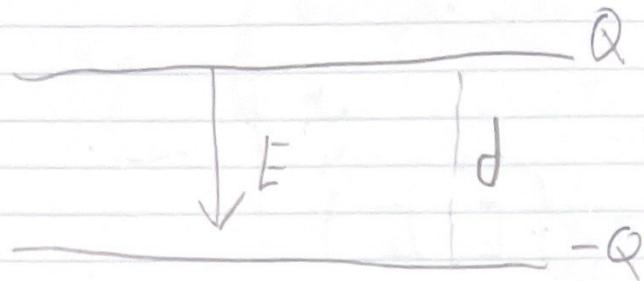
$$-\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} = \vec{E} \cdot \hat{x}_i, \quad x_i = x, y, z$$

For pairs of point charges

$$U = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r}$$

Capacitor

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$$E = \frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0} - \left( -\frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0} \right) = \frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0}$$

Voltage:

$$V_{top} - V_{bottom} = - \int_{bottom}^{top} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

ds is opposite to  $\vec{E}$ , so  $\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -Eds$

$$\int E ds = \frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0} d = \Delta V$$

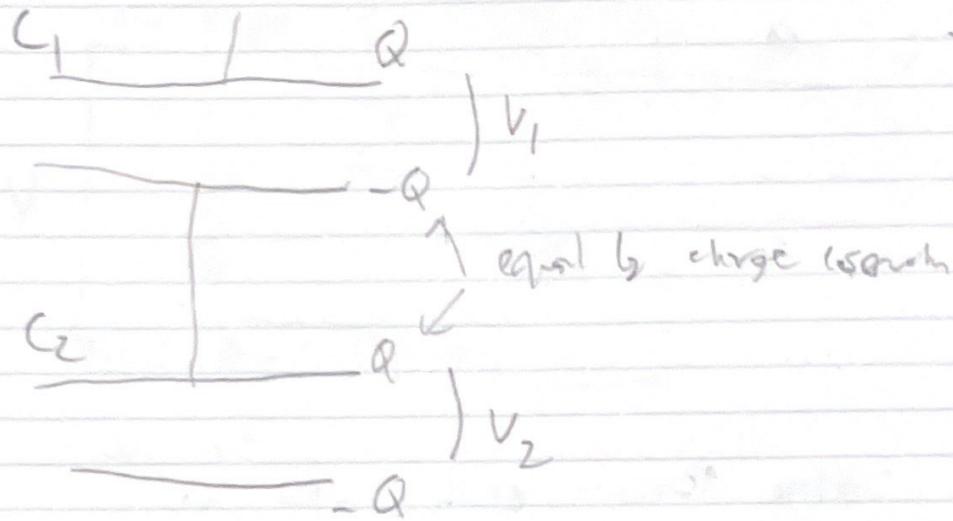
$$\frac{\Delta V}{Q} = \frac{1}{A\epsilon_0 d} = C$$

capacitance,

which depends on geometry ( $A, d$ )

or dielectric placed in between ( $\epsilon_0 \rightarrow \epsilon$ )

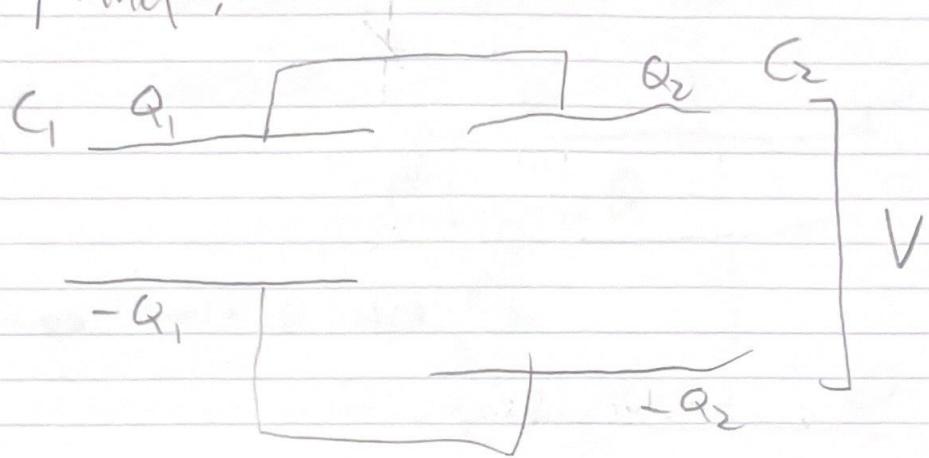
Series:



$$V_{\text{total}} = V_1 + V_2 \quad \frac{Q}{C_1} + \frac{Q}{C_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_{\text{total}}}{Q} \left\{ \frac{1}{C_{\text{total}}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} \right.$$

parallel:



Voltage across each is the same

$$Q_{\text{total}} = Q_1 + Q_2 = C_1 V + C_2 V$$

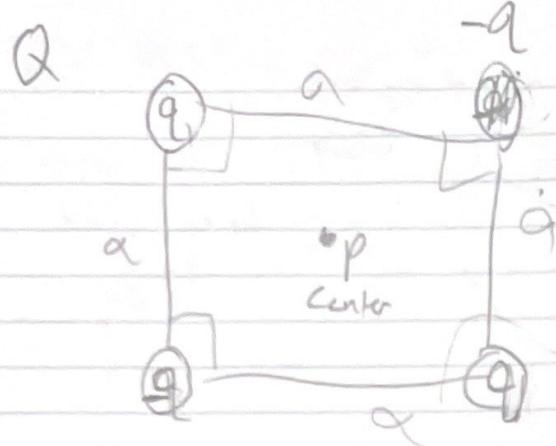
$$\Rightarrow \frac{Q_{\text{total}}}{V} = C_{\text{total}} = C_1 + C_2$$

Energy:

To bring to ~~equal~~ equal charge;

$$\int dw = \int V dq = \int \frac{q}{C} dq$$

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



Total potential energy?

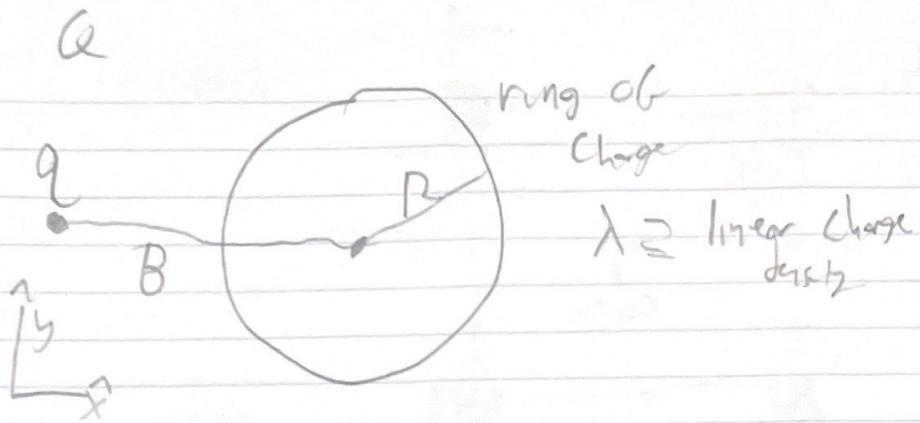
$V_{\text{eff}} + P?$

A: Sum over all pairs:

$$\frac{kq^2}{\sqrt{2}a} + \frac{kq^2}{\sqrt{2}a} - 4 \frac{kq^2}{a}$$

$$V(p) = \boxed{0}$$

$$\frac{2k}{\sqrt{2}a} (2q - 2q) = 0$$



what is  $E$  at  $P$ ? what is  $V$ ?

A.  $E = \frac{kq}{B^2} \hat{x}$  ring<sup>2</sup> cancels

$$V = \frac{kq}{B} + \int \frac{k\lambda dL}{R} =$$

$$\frac{kq}{B} + k\mu z$$

$$Q: V = ax^2 + cy + d$$

What is  $\vec{E}$ ?

$$A: \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 2ax$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = c$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = -2ax\hat{x} + c\hat{y}}$$

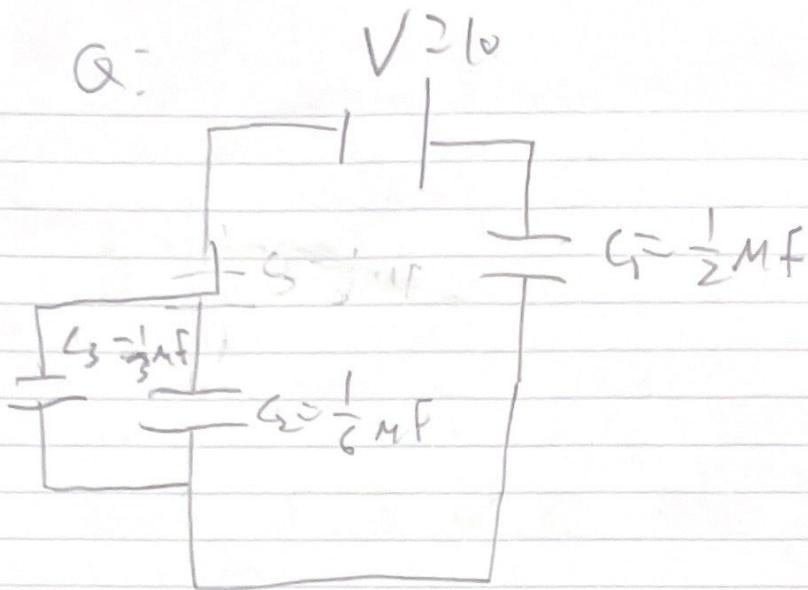
$$Q: E = x^2 \hat{x} \quad \text{in m/s.}$$

DV between  $x=1$ ,  $x=3$

$$V(3) - V(1) = - \int_1^3 x^2 dx = -9$$

Q:

$$V = 10$$



Total C? Total U?

Individual U?

A. Total C =  $\left( \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \right)^{-1}$

$$\approx (2+2)^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ F}$$

B.  $U = \frac{1}{2} C V^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot 10^2 = 12.5 \text{ MJ}$

$$Q_{\text{tot}} = C_{\text{tot}} V = 2.5 \text{ mC}$$

total energy of total capacitor is just sum  
of  $C_1$ ,

$$U_1(C_1) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q_1^2}{C_1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q_{\text{tot}}^2}{C_1} = 6.25 \text{ MJ}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{Q_1}{C_1} = 5 \text{ V}$$

so across other 2 capacitors is  $10 - 5 = 5 \text{ V}$

$$\therefore U_2(C_2) = \frac{1}{2} C_2 V^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{5}{6} = 1.25 \text{ MJ}$$

$$U_3(C_3) = \frac{1}{2} C_3 V^2 = \frac{25}{12} = 2.08 \text{ MJ}$$

~~then~~  $U_1 + U_2 + U_3 = 12.5 \text{ MJ}$

same total