

Chapter 17 - Electric Potential ~ "Voltage"

After this you can

- define electric potential energy
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- discuss the difference between them

Work - transfer of energy

- outside the system

- increases the energy of system

→ $W = \underline{F \cdot \Delta x \cdot \cos \theta}$ ← limited to constant force

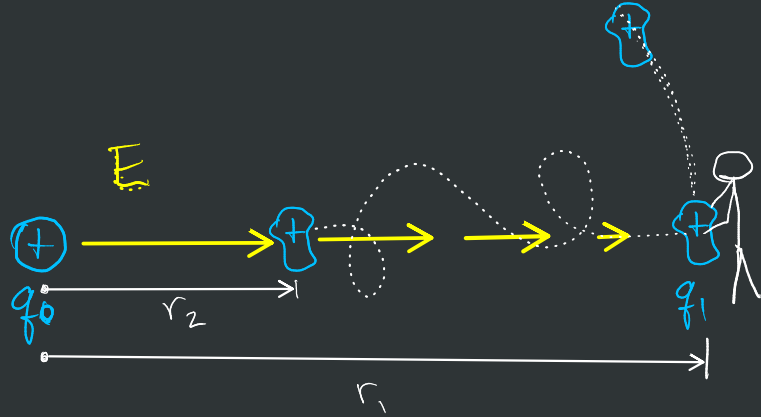
→ $F_e = q \cdot E$ → pt. source

→ sheet/capacitor → $E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$

→ work done by conservative forces → potential energy

→ path independent

→ converted to kinetic energy



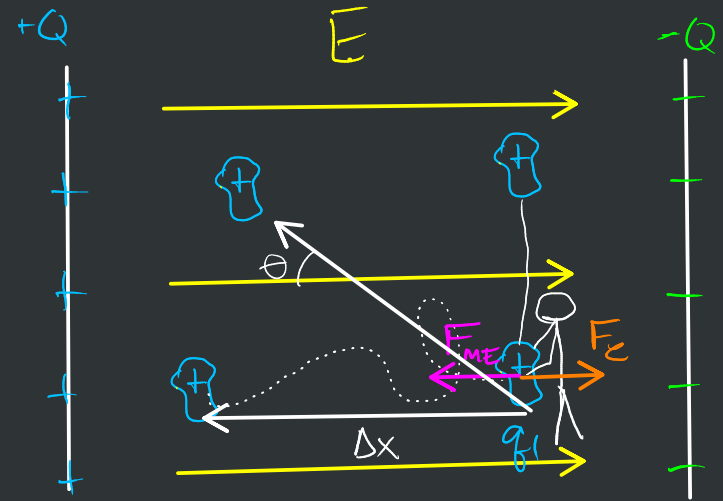
$$W_{ME} = \underline{\underline{\Delta U_e}}$$

$$W_{ME} = \Delta U_e = \underbrace{\frac{kq_0q_1}{r_2}}_{U(r_2)} - \underbrace{\frac{kq_0q_1}{r_1}}_{U(r_1)}$$

So for $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$\rightarrow U(r \rightarrow \infty) = 0$$

$$U(r) = \frac{kq_0q_1}{r} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{kq_0q_1}{r}} \right\} \text{implies a reference point of infinity}$$



$$W_{ME} = \Delta U$$

$$W_{ME} = \Delta U_e = F_{ME} \cdot \Delta x \cdot \underbrace{\cos \theta}_1$$

$$|F_{ME}| = |F_e| = \frac{1}{q_1} E$$

$$\Delta U_e = q_1 \cdot E \cdot \Delta x$$

$$\text{electric potential} \rightarrow \frac{\Delta U_e}{q_1} \quad \frac{[\text{Joule}]}{[\text{Coulomb}]} = [\text{Volt}]$$

↓
voltage → work / (Δ potential energy)
per unit of moving charge

↓
potential difference

$$\Delta V = \frac{\Delta U_e}{q_1}$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{kq_0}{r_2} - \frac{kq_0}{r_1}$$

$$V(r) = \frac{kq_0}{r} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{kq_0}{r}} \right\} \text{implies a reference point of } \underline{\text{infinity}}$$

↑ point charge electric field

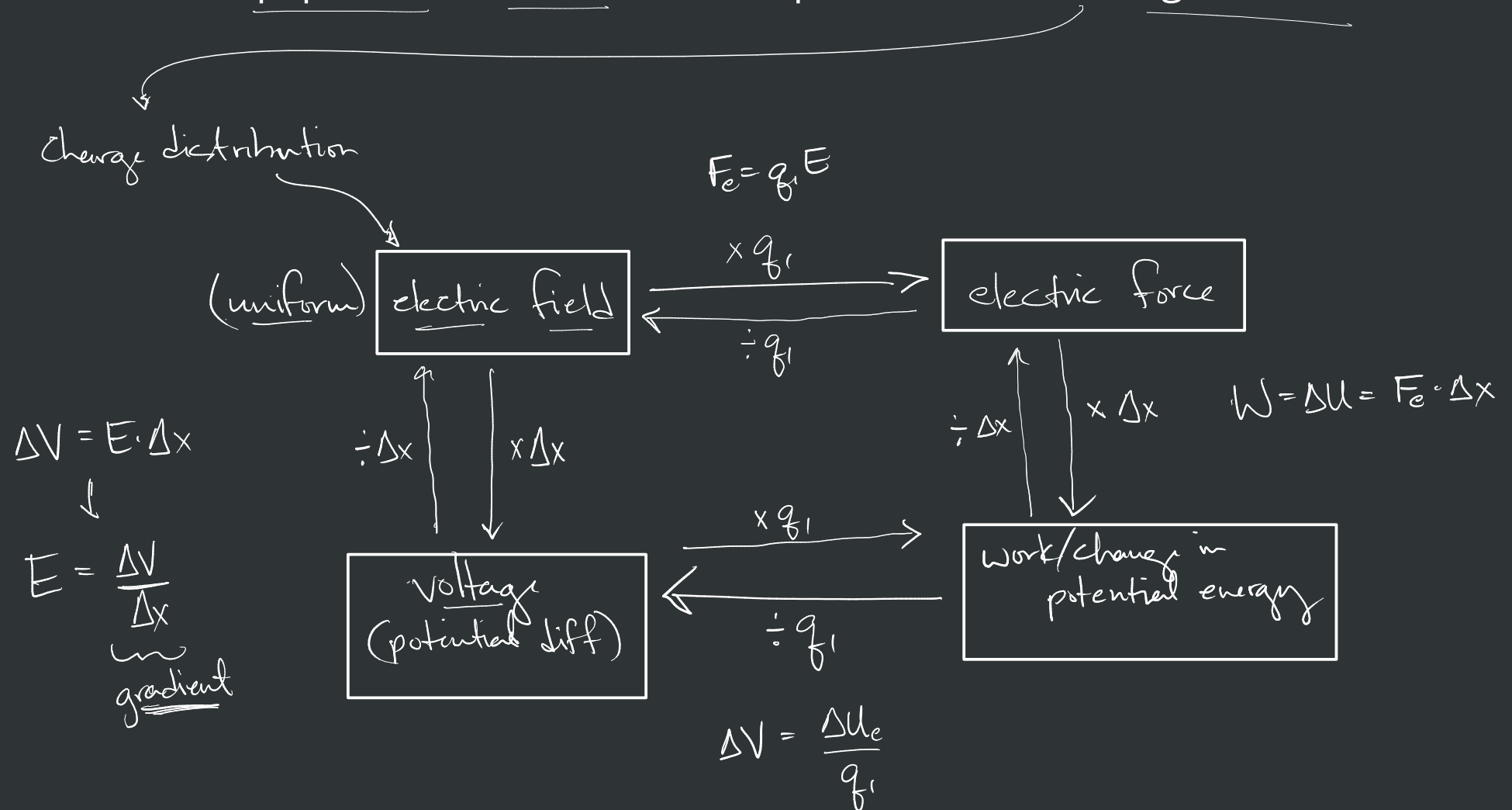
$$\Delta V = \frac{\Delta U_e}{q_1}$$

$$\Delta V = E \cdot \Delta x$$

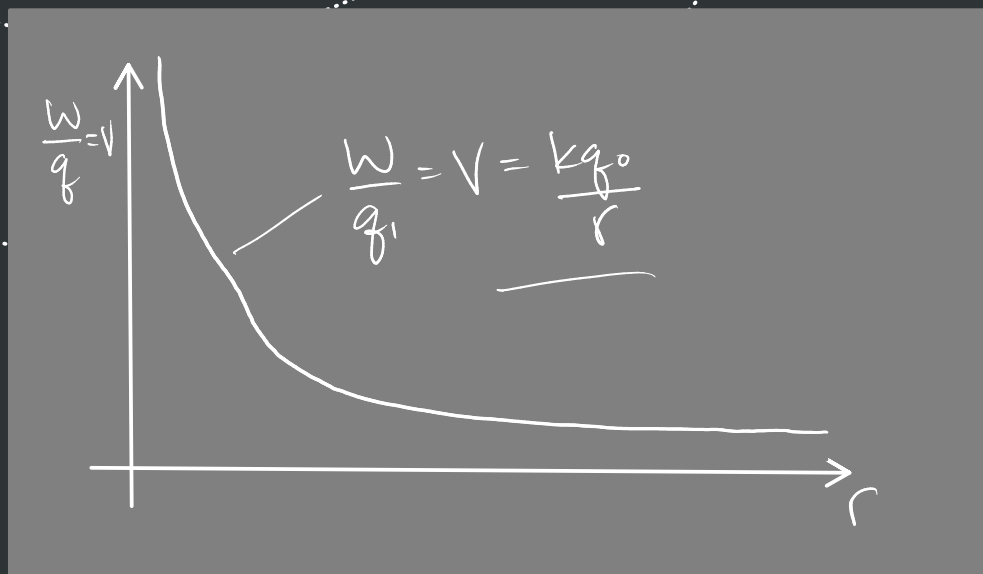
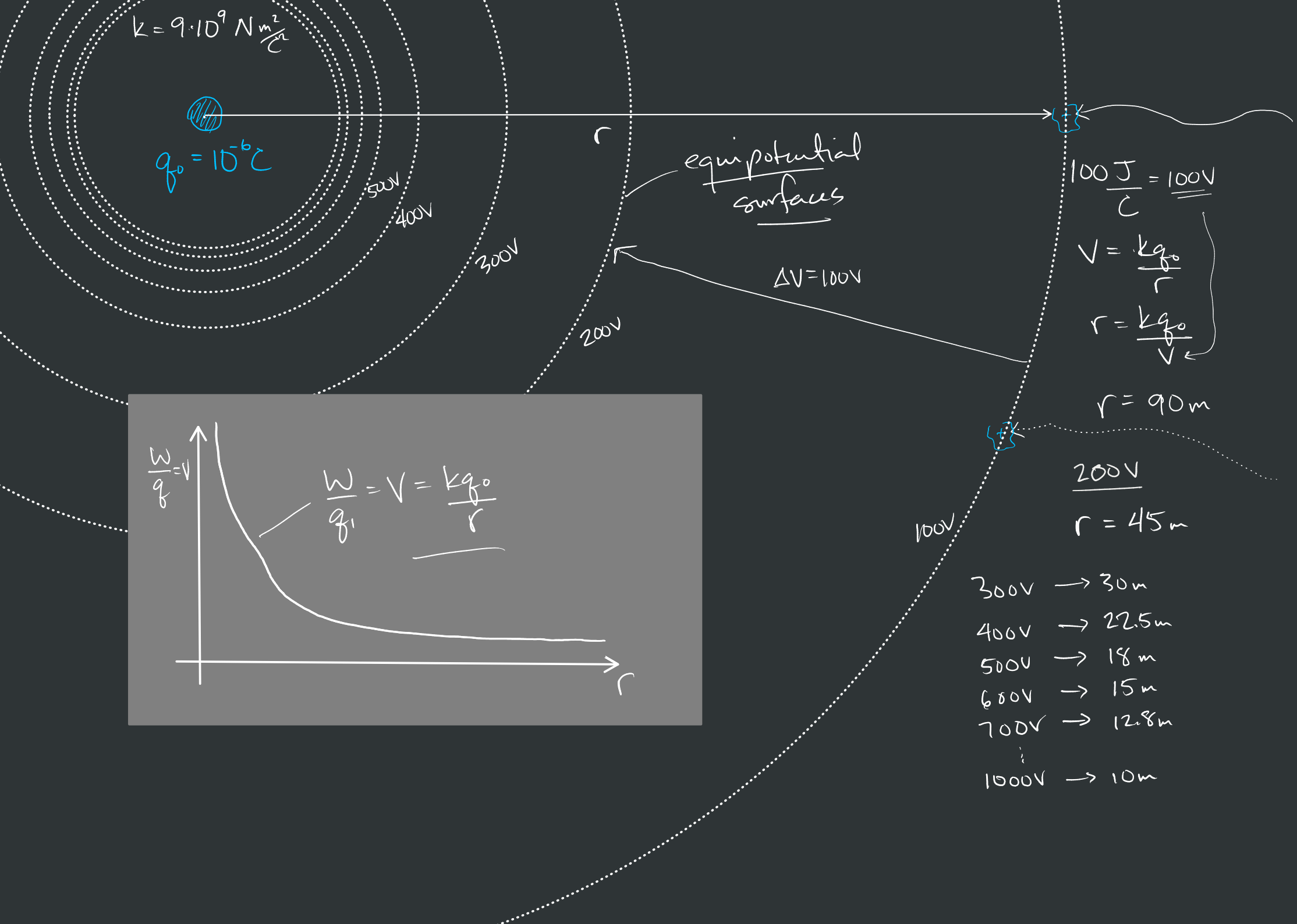
uniform electric field

After this you can

- discuss the relationships between electric field, voltage, force, and potential energy
- determine the equipotential surfaces in the space around a charge distribution

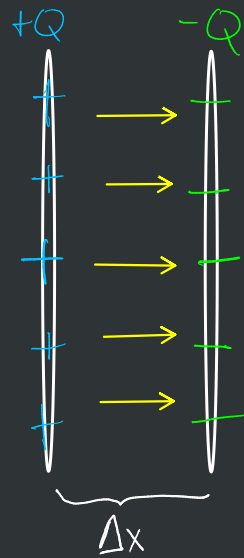
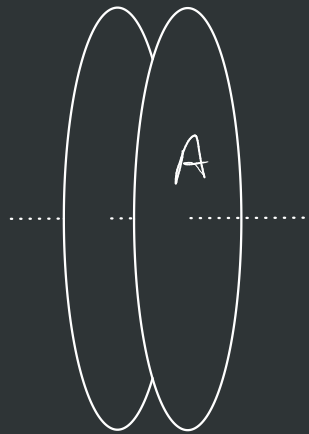


$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{velocity} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \\ \text{acc} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \end{array} \right\} \text{rates of change}$$



After this you can

- use the new quantity of capacitance to relate the charge stored on a capacitor to the voltage between the plates
- use the physical properties of a capacitor to predict how much charge can be stored
- discuss energy storage in a capacitor



$$\Delta V = E \cdot \Delta x$$

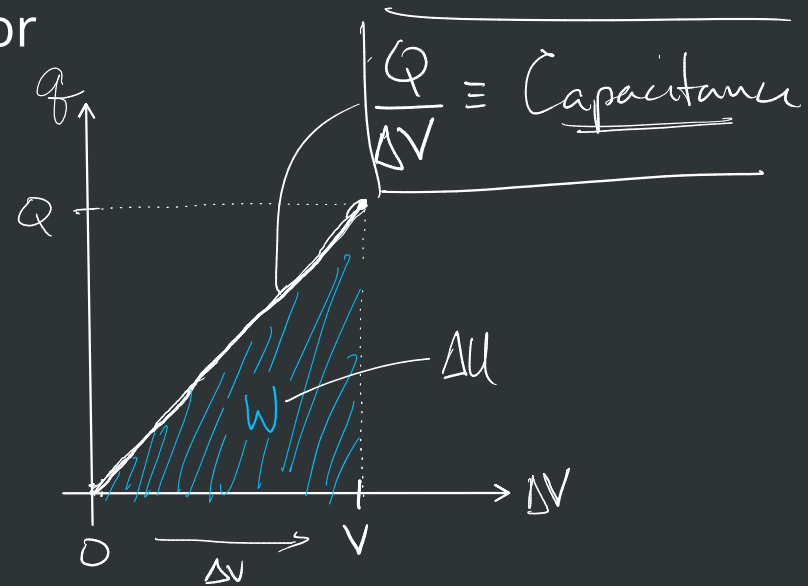
$$\Delta x \cdot E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} \cdot \Delta x$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} \cdot \Delta x$$

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

parallel plate capacitor

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{\Delta x}$$



$$\Delta U = \frac{1}{2} \Delta V Q$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V}$$

energy stored in a capacitor

Units

$$= \frac{[\text{Coulomb}]}{[\text{Volt}]}$$

$$= \frac{[\text{C} \cdot \text{s}]}{[\text{J}]}$$

$$= [\text{Farad}]$$

$$\mu\text{F} \rightarrow 10^{-6} \text{ F}$$

$$\text{nF} \rightarrow 10^{-9} \text{ F}$$

$$\text{pF} \rightarrow 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

