

**Mini-project 2.** MoM numerical analysis of a parallel-plate capacitor.

Consider a capacitor composed of two parallel, rectangular, conductive plates, as presented in lecture. Assume that upper and lower plates are at potentials  $V_1 = 1$  V and  $V_2 = -1$  V, and have same characteristic dimensions  $a = 1$  m and  $b = 2$  m. Subdivide each of the plates into  $n * m$  number of patches, where  $n = 10$  and  $m = 20$ . If  $d$  is the distance between two plates, find and plot:

- (1) total charge  $Q_{\text{computational}}$  on the positively-charged plate and
- (2) the ratio of  $C_{\text{analytical}}/C_{\text{computational}}$

for  $d/a$  ratios of 0.1, 0.5, 1, 2, 10.  $Q_{\text{computational}}$  is MATLAB-calculated (numerical) total charge,  $C_{\text{computational}}$  is MATLAB-calculated (numerical) capacitance, while  $C_{\text{analytical}}$  is the value for same capacitor, but calculated as in example 2.11 in the textbook.