

II Examples of electric field calculations

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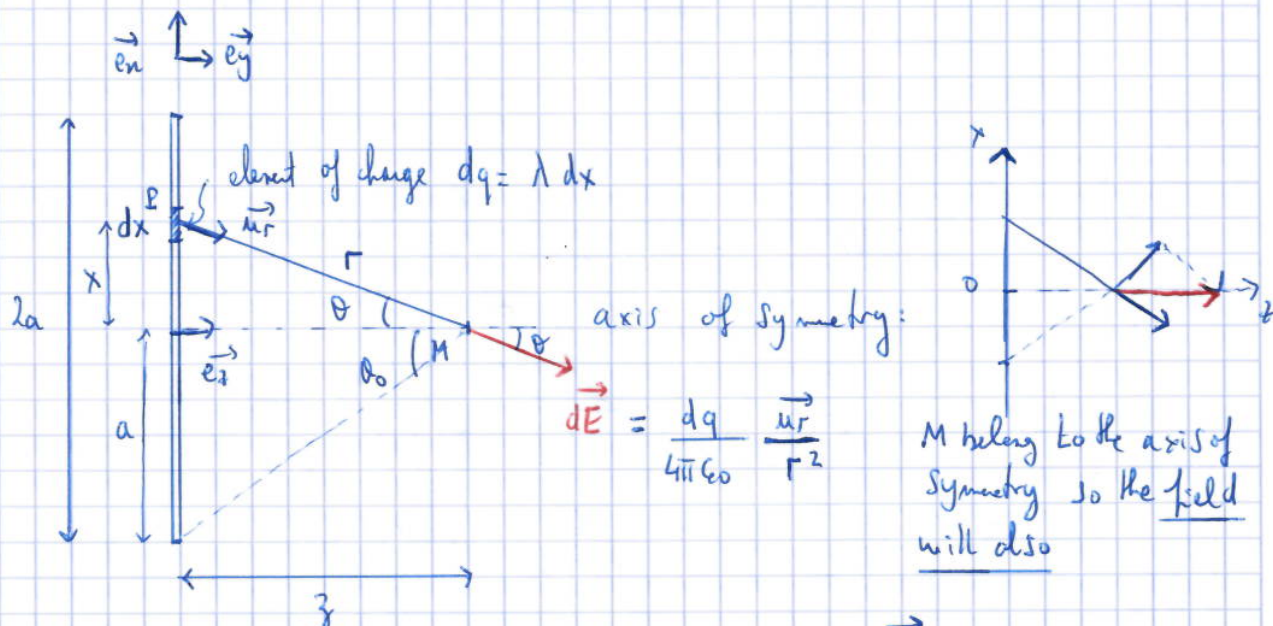
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Chapter II. Examples of electric field calculation

1) Electric field created by a charged electric wire

a- calculation of the electric field



Component along z will be $dE \cos \theta \vec{e}_z = dE_z$

TOTAL FIELD IS

$$\vec{E}(z) = \int_{\theta=-\theta_0}^{\theta=\theta_0} dE_z = 2 \int_0^{\theta_0} dE \cos \theta \vec{e}_z = 2 \int_0^{\theta_0} \frac{\lambda dx}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2} \vec{e}_z$$

By integrating:
for all point P .

Changing parameters
 r, θ, x

fixed parameters
 z

$$\begin{cases} \tan \theta = \frac{x}{z} \\ \frac{d\theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{dx}{z} \Rightarrow dx = \frac{z d\theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \end{cases} \text{ and } \cos \theta = \frac{z}{r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{r^2} = \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{z^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}(z) &= 2 \int_0^{\theta_0} \frac{\lambda \vec{e}_z z d\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \cos^2 \theta} \times \cos \theta \times \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{z^2} = \frac{2\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\vec{e}_z}{z} \int_0^{\theta_0} \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{2\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z} \vec{e}_z [\sin \theta]_0^{\theta_0} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 z} \sin \theta_0 \vec{e}_z \end{aligned}$$

and $\sin \theta_0 = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}}$

$$\boxed{\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 z} \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} \vec{e}_z} \quad (*)$$

2) $[E] = \frac{\text{Volt}}{\text{meter}} \text{ or } \left[\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \right] = \frac{\text{Coulomb}}{[\epsilon_0] \text{ m}^2}$

$$\left[\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 z} \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} \right] \approx \frac{[\lambda]}{[\epsilon_0]} \frac{[a]}{[z] \sqrt{a^2 + z^2}}$$

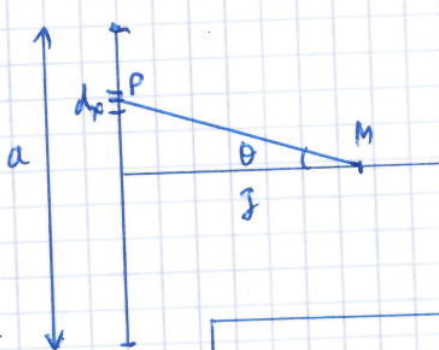
$$\approx \frac{\frac{\text{C} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}}{[\epsilon_0] \text{ m}^2} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{m}}}{\text{m}} = \frac{\text{C}}{[\epsilon_0] \text{ m}^2}, \text{ OK.}$$

3) $\vec{E} = -\text{grad } V$

$$[V] = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$[V] = - \int \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 z} \frac{a dz}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} \dots \text{not easy} \dots$$

if we calculate by integration



$$V(z) = \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\theta_0} \frac{\lambda dx}{4\pi\epsilon_0 PM}$$

not easy either.

$$\boxed{V(z) = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left[\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2} + 2a}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2} - 2a} \right]} \quad \text{F.Y.I}$$

4) Wire is infinite: it means $a \gg z$

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2}} = 1$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 z} \vec{e}_z}$$

infinite wire

Potential $[V] = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{z} \vec{e}_z = - \int \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{z} dz$

$$V(z) = - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln z + \text{cte.}$$



But ... problem ... $\ln z$... should be $\ln\left(\frac{z}{\text{distance}}\right)$

So we define a given z_0 for which

$$V(z_0) \equiv 0 = - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln z_0 + \text{cte}$$

$$\text{cte} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln z_0 = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{1}{z_0}\right)$$

$$\boxed{V(z) = - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{z}{z_0}}$$

$[V]$ is Volt or $\frac{C}{[\epsilon_0] \cdot m}$

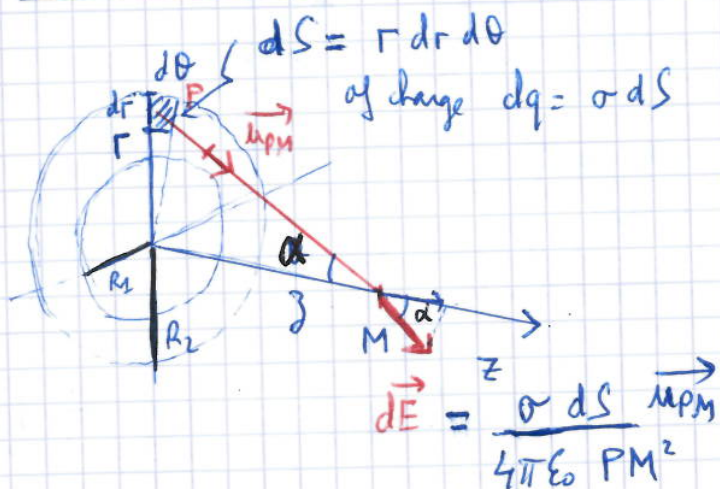
it is ok with $\left[\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \right] = \frac{[\lambda]}{[\epsilon_0]} = \frac{C}{[\epsilon_0] \cdot m}$

5) Orientation of field lines.

See slides II.

2 - Some examples of 2D electric charged structures

a - Electric field and electric potential created by a crown and a disc



For symmetry reasons... we look the contribution on Oz axis

$$d\vec{E}_z = dE \cos\alpha \vec{e}_z \quad \text{and total field}$$

$$\vec{E}(z) = \int_{r=R_1}^{r=R_2} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \frac{\sigma r dr d\theta \cos\alpha \vec{e}_z}{4\pi\epsilon_0 PM^2}$$

$$\begin{cases} PM^2 = z^2 + r^2 \\ \cos\alpha = \frac{z}{PM} = \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + r^2}} \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \vec{e}_z \int_{r=R_1}^{r=R_2} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \frac{r dr d\theta z}{(z^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma z \vec{e}_z}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \underbrace{\int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} d\theta}_{[\theta]_0^{2\pi}} \int_{r=R_1}^{r=R_2} \frac{r dr}{(z^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

Find primitive...

$$f(r) = u(r)^n$$

$$f'(r) = n u'(r) u(r)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{r}{(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} = r \cdot (r^2 + z^2)^{-3/2}$$

$$= \frac{2r}{2} \underbrace{(r^2 + z^2)^{-3/2}}_{u(r)} \quad \text{with } u'(r) = 2r$$

$$\begin{cases} u(r) = r^2 + z^2 \\ u'(r) = 2r \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)}{(-1)} \frac{1}{2} u'(r) u(r)^{n-1}$$

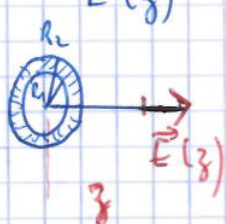
$$n-1 = -3/2$$

$$n = -1/2$$

$$= - n u'(r) u(r)^{n-1} = f'(r)$$

$$\text{So } f(r) = - (r^2 + z^2)^{-1/2} = - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}}$$

$$\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\sigma z}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \times 2\pi \times \left[\frac{-1}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}} \right]_{R_1}^{R_2} \vec{e}_z$$

$$\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} \vec{e}_z \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1^2 + z^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_2^2 + z^2}} \right)$$


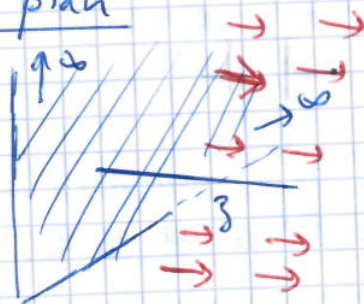
Case of a disc:  crown with $R_1 \rightarrow 0$

$$\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_2^2 + z^2}} \right) \vec{e}_z$$

b- Limit case of an infinite plan



$$R_2 \rightarrow \infty$$



$$\lim_{R_2 \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_2^2 + z^2}} \right] = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$\vec{E}(z) = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} z \vec{e}_3 + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \vec{e}_3$$

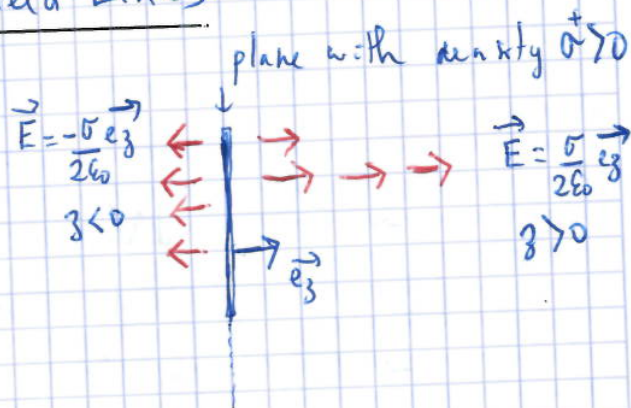
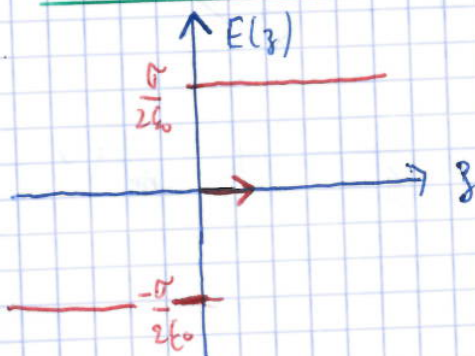
$$\|\vec{E}\| = \text{constante} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$\text{Potential: } V(z) = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{z} = - \int \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} dz$$

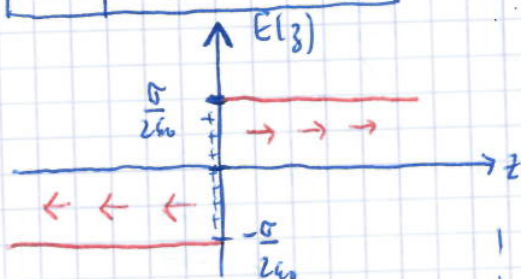
$$V(z) = - \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} + \text{cte}$$

c- Analysis in terms of Field Lines

See slides II.2a

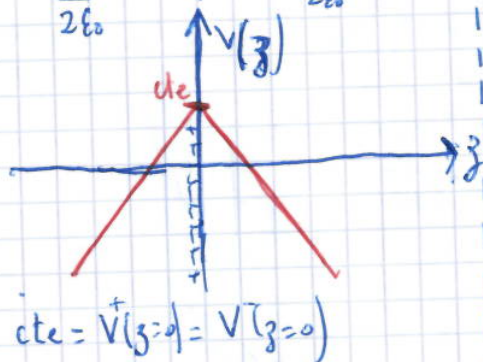


One plate with $\sigma > 0$ and $\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \vec{e}_z \rightarrow \begin{cases} E = \sigma/2\epsilon_0 > 0 & z > 0 \\ E = -\sigma/2\epsilon_0 < 0 & z < 0 \end{cases}$



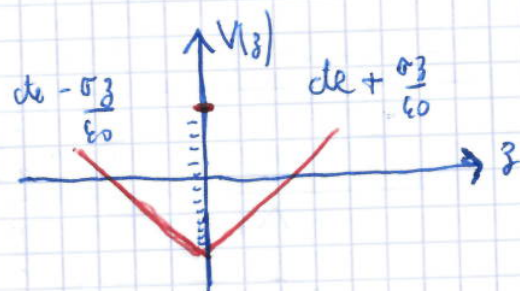
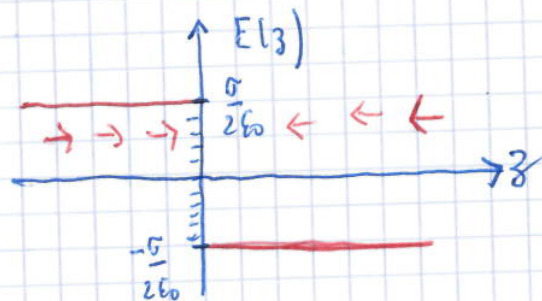
$$V = - \int \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} dz \quad V = - \int \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} dz$$

$$= \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} + c_1 \quad = -\frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} + c_2$$



One plate with $\sigma < 0$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \vec{e}_z \rightarrow \begin{cases} E = \sigma/2\epsilon_0 < 0 & z > 0 \\ E = -\sigma/2\epsilon_0 > 0 & z < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\rightarrow \vec{E} = -\text{grad } V$$

↳ electric field is going through the decreasing V

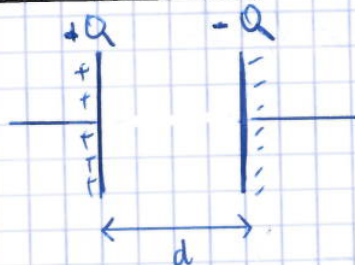
$$\rightarrow \|\vec{E}\| = \text{constante}$$

$$\rightarrow V = \text{as linear}$$

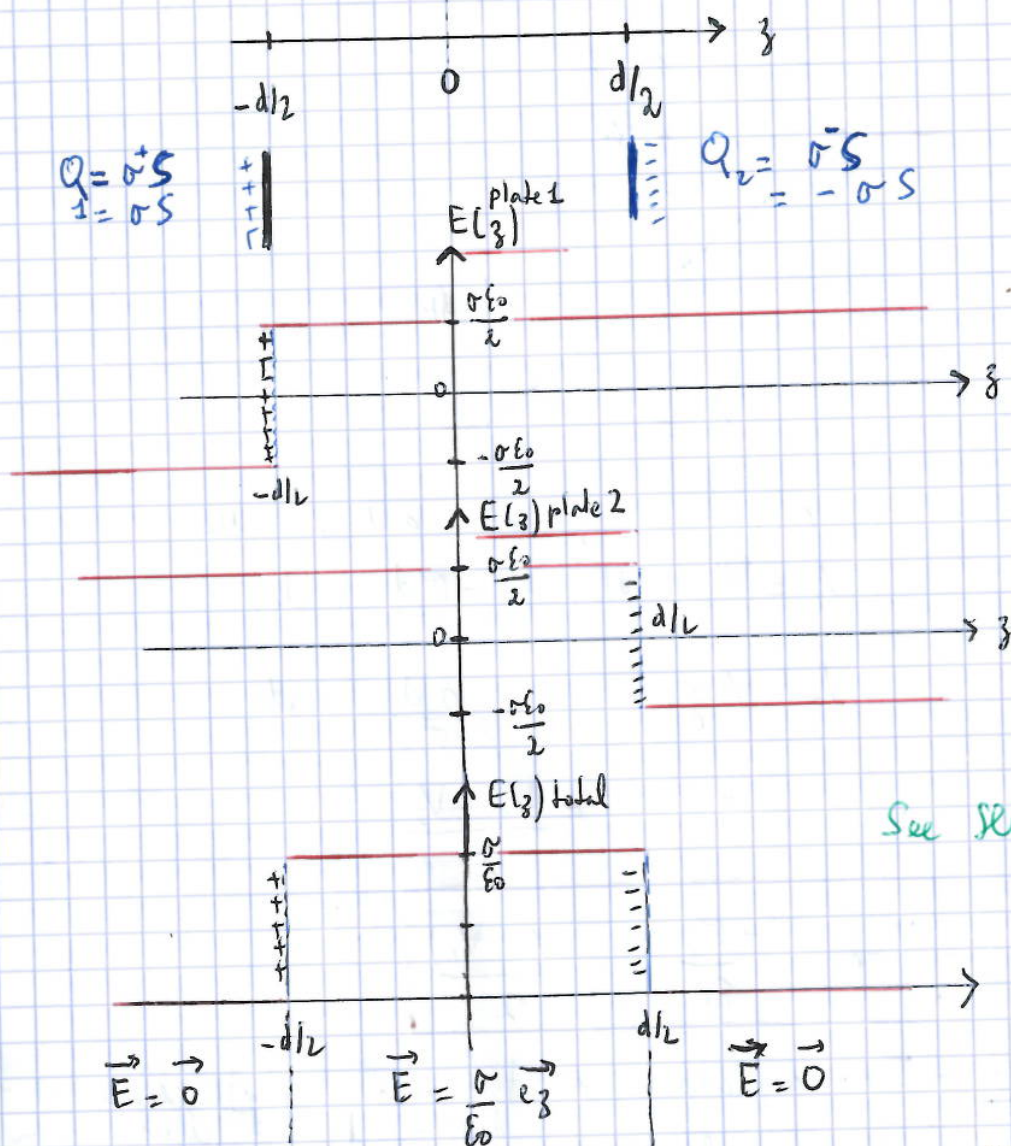
3) Application to the plane capacitor

Plane capacitor

a. Electric field and Electric potential



- Two metallic plates separated by insulator
- Plates of surface S are assumed to be infinite plane



- The electric field exists only inside the plates and it is constant

• see slides II.3.a

$$Q_1 = +Q \text{ at } V_1 = V^+$$



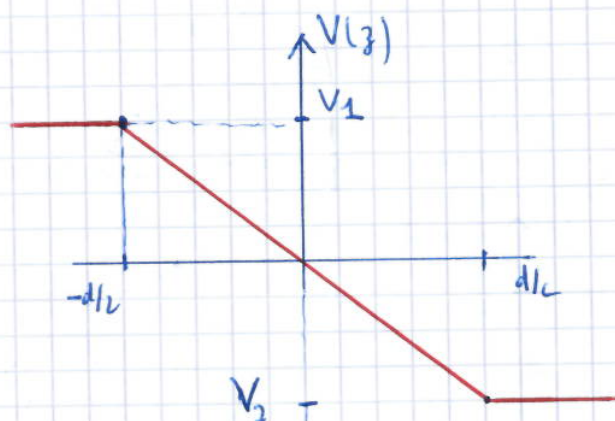
$$Q_2 = -Q \text{ at } V_2 = V^-$$

Electric potential

$$V = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\vec{E}: \begin{cases} 0 & z < -d/2 \\ \frac{\sigma z}{\epsilon_0} & -d/2 < z < d/2 \\ 0 & z > d/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\longrightarrow V(z) \begin{cases} V(z) = \text{const } 1 = V_1 \\ V(z) = -\frac{\sigma z}{\epsilon_0} + \text{cte} \\ V(z) = \text{const } 2 = V_2 \end{cases}$$



Continuity of potential at $z = -d/2$ and $z = +d/2$

$$V_1 = V(z = -d/2) = -\frac{\sigma d}{\epsilon_0 2} + \text{cte.}$$

$$V_2 = V(z = +d/2) = \frac{\sigma d}{\epsilon_0 2} + \text{cte}$$

We find that $\text{cte} = \frac{V_1 + V_2}{2}$

$$V(z) = -\frac{\sigma z}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{(V_1 + V_2)}{2}$$

CCL - In a capacitor (or two metallic plate separated from distance d and charged oppositely)
 - The electric field is constant
 and going from the positive plate to the negative plate (or from the highest potential to the lowest potential)

b - Capacitance and energy.

How to get $Q = C \Delta V$ and $E = \frac{1}{2} C U^2$
 $= C U$

(i) The voltage of the capacitor is $U = V_1 - V_2 = \Delta V$ with

$$V_1 = V(z = -\frac{d}{2}) = +\frac{\sigma d}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{(V_1 + V_2)}{2}$$

$$V_2 = V(z = \frac{d}{2}) = -\frac{\sigma d}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{(V_1 + V_2)}{2}$$

• difference of potential is voltage.

$$\Delta V = V_1 - V_2 = \frac{\sigma d}{2\epsilon_0} - (-\frac{\sigma d}{2\epsilon_0}) = \frac{\sigma d}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{\sigma d}{\epsilon_0} = \sigma S \frac{d}{\epsilon_0 S} = \frac{Q d}{\epsilon_0 S}$$

$$Q = \sigma S$$

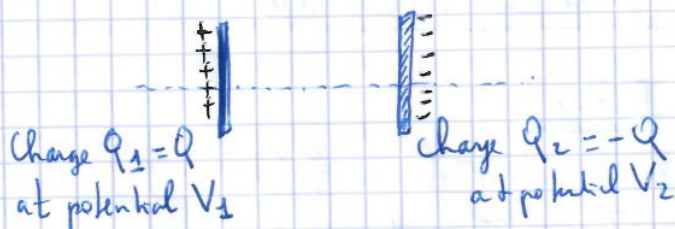
$$\text{and } Q = \frac{\epsilon_0 S}{d} \Delta V = \frac{\epsilon_0 S}{d} U = C U$$

$$\text{with } \boxed{C = \frac{\epsilon_0 S}{d}}$$

Capacitance \nearrow if $S \nearrow$ (more charges)
 \searrow if $d \nearrow$ (less influence with other plate)

$$[C] = [\epsilon_0] \frac{[S]}{[d]} = \frac{\frac{m^2}{m}}{m} = F \text{ (Farad)}.$$

(ii) Energy of the Capacitor.



$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} (Q_1 V_2 + Q_2 V_1)$$

$$V_1 = \frac{\sigma d}{2\epsilon_0} + \frac{(V_2 + V_1)}{2} ; V_2 = -\frac{\sigma d}{2\epsilon_0} + \frac{(V_2 + V_1)}{2} \rightarrow$$

with $Q_1 = -Q_2 = Q$

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} \left[Q \left(\frac{\sigma d}{2\epsilon_0} + \left(\frac{V_1 + V_2}{2} \right) \right) + (-Q) \left(-\frac{\sigma d}{2\epsilon_0} + \left(\frac{V_1 + V_2}{2} \right) \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[Q \frac{\sigma d}{2\epsilon_0} + Q \frac{\sigma d}{2\epsilon_0} \right] = \frac{1}{2} Q \frac{\sigma d}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underbrace{Q}_{C \cdot U} \cdot (\sigma S) \cdot \frac{d}{\epsilon_0 S}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot C \cdot U \cdot \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{1}{2} C \cdot U \cdot U$$

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

Numerical value.

$$Q = C \Delta V = 0,6 \text{ F} \times 4 \text{ V} = 6 \times 10^{-13} \times 4 = 2,4 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}$$

$$N_e = -\frac{Q}{-e} = \frac{-2,4 \times 10^{-12}}{-1,6 \times 10^{-19}} = 1,5 \times 10^7 \text{ electrons}$$

$$\text{We have } S = \dots = 10^4 d^2$$



$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 S}{d} = \epsilon_0 \frac{d^2}{d} = \epsilon_0 d$$

$$d = \frac{C}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{0,6 \times 10^{-13}}{8,85 \times 10^{-12}} = 6,77 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \approx 6,8 \text{ mm}$$

C - Motion in uniform electric field

- see slides II.3.c

- Newton law in a constant electric field
see exercise 7 in Tutorial of "Dynamics".