

# AP Physics C: Chapter 25

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## 1 Intro to Electrodynamics

Electrostatics	Electrodynamics
Charge	✓
insulator vs. conductor	✓
$F_E$	✓
$\vec{E}$	✓
$U_E$	✓
$V$	$\Delta V$ or $V$
capacitors	batteries
	$F_B$
	inductor

- Circuit elements

- battery or capacity  $\Delta V$
- wire (charge carrier)
- resistor
- inductor
- capacitor

- Equations

- **current** ( $I$ ): the rate of electron flow

- \*  $I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$

- \*  $I = N_E \cdot ev_d \cdot A$

- \*  $I = \frac{\Delta V}{R}$  (for **ohmic materials**)

- **resistance** ( $R$ ): the tendency to resist current

- \*  $R = \frac{\rho \ell}{A}$

- \*  $R_{\text{seq}} = \sum_i R_i$

- \*  $R_{\text{parallel}}^{-1} = \sum_i R_i$

- \*  $\rho = I\Delta V$
- **electric field** ( $\vec{E}$ )
  - \*  $\vec{E} = \rho\vec{J} = \rho\frac{I}{A}$
- **electrodynamics**: controlled movement of charge in a conductor due to an *internal* electric field
- the charge *carrier* is what moves
  - metal
    - \*  $e^-$  bound to the solid, not individual atoms
    - \* random thermal motion of  $e^-$
    - \* collisions with lattice
    - \* net motion = 0
    - \* the electric field is like a push that causes all  $e^-$  to have a direction
    - \* **drift velocity** ( $v_d$ ):  $v_d = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = 10^{-4}m/s$
    - \* **electron current** ( $i_e$ ):  $i_e = \frac{n_e}{\Delta t}$
    - \* **number of electrons** ( $N_e$ ):  $N_e = \frac{n_e}{\text{volume}}$

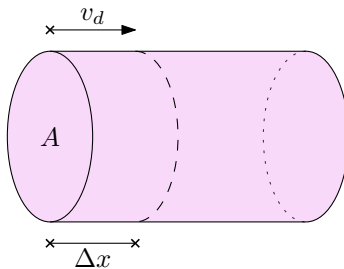


Figure 1: A labeled diagram of a charge capacitor

- **capacitive discharging**

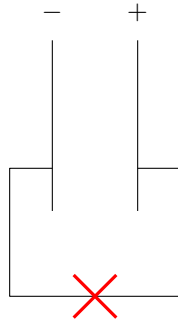


Figure 2: A diagram of a discharged capacitor

- discharge occurs immediately
- wire heats up

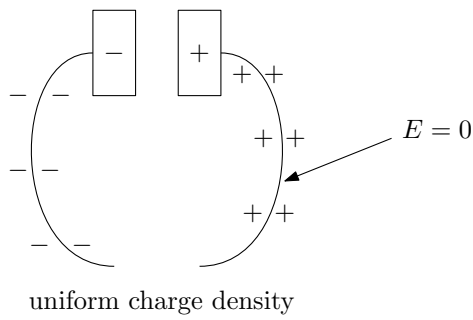


Figure 3: A discharged capacitor with uniform charge density

• **batteries**

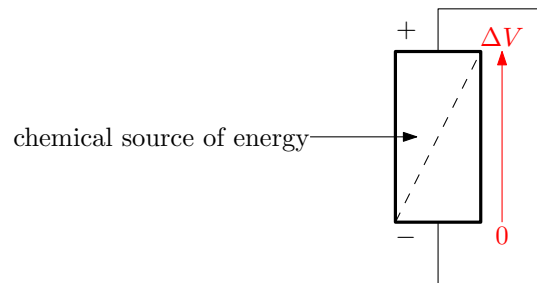


Figure 4: A diagram of how a battery changes voltage

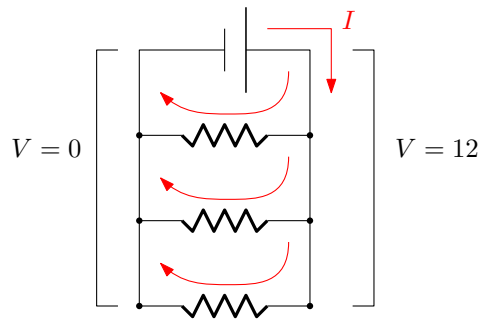


Figure 5: A circuit with a battery and resistors, demonstrating the change in  $V$

- batteries work the same as capacitors
  - \* provide a “pathway back” to 0
- **ideal batteries** have no internal resistance
- **non-ideal batteries** have internal resistance

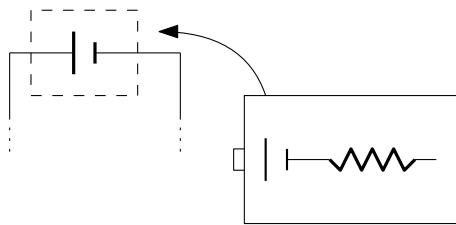
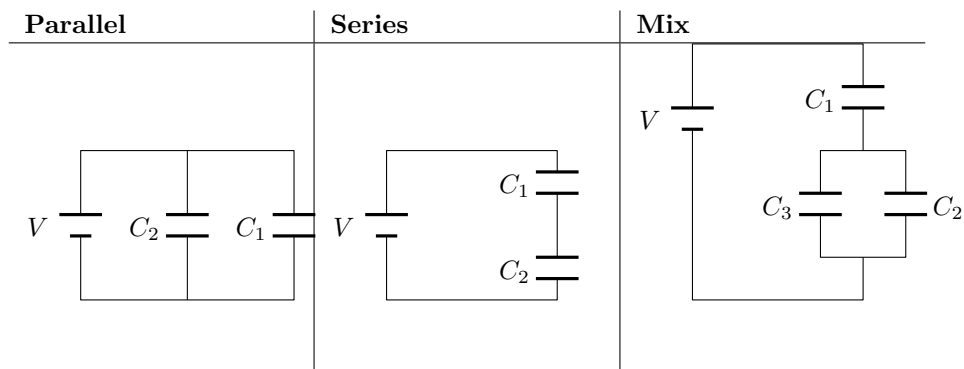
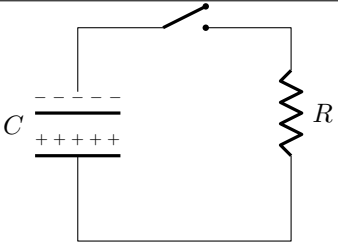
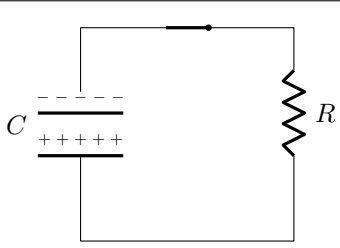


Figure 6: A battery with internal resistance (non-ideal)

## 2 Capacitors, cont.



## 2.1 Discharging a Capacitor

Switch open	Right after switch is closed
 <p>The circuit consists of a capacitor <math>C</math> on the left and a resistor <math>R</math> on the right. A switch is located at the top of the wire connecting the two components and is currently open. The capacitor is labeled with '+' signs on its bottom plate and '-' signs on its top plate.</p>	 <p>The circuit is identical to the one on the left, but the switch at the top is now closed, completing the loop.</p>
$Q_0 = Q_{\max}$ $I_0 = 0$ $V_0 = V_c = \max = \frac{Q_0}{C}$	$i$ $Q$ leaving $C$ get $i = -\frac{dQ}{dt}$ As $V_C \downarrow Q \downarrow I \downarrow$ $I_0 = \max$ $V_C = \frac{Q}{C}$

- loop rule

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_c - IR &= 0 \\
 V_c - \left(-\frac{dQ}{dt}\right)R &= 0 \\
 \frac{1}{R} \left(\frac{Q}{C} + \frac{dQ}{dt}R\right) &= 0 \\
 \frac{Q}{RC} + \frac{dQ}{dt} &= 0 \\
 \frac{dQ}{Q} &= -\frac{1}{RC} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

then integrate...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{Q_{\max}}^Q \frac{1}{Q} dQ &= -\frac{t}{RC} \\
 \ln(Q) \Big|_{Q_{\max}}^Q &= -\frac{t}{RC} \\
 \ln(Q) - \ln(Q_{\max}) &= \quad \wedge
 \end{aligned}$$

then simplify...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln\left(\frac{Q}{Q_{\max}}\right) &= -\frac{t}{RC} \\
 \ln\left(\frac{Q}{Q_{\max}}\right) &= e^{-t/RC} \\
 Q &= Q_{\max} \cdot e^{-t/RC} \\
 \boxed{RC = \tau}
 \end{aligned}$$

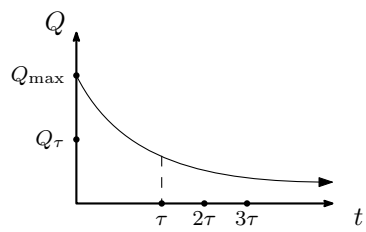


Figure 7: Charge over time in an RC circuit