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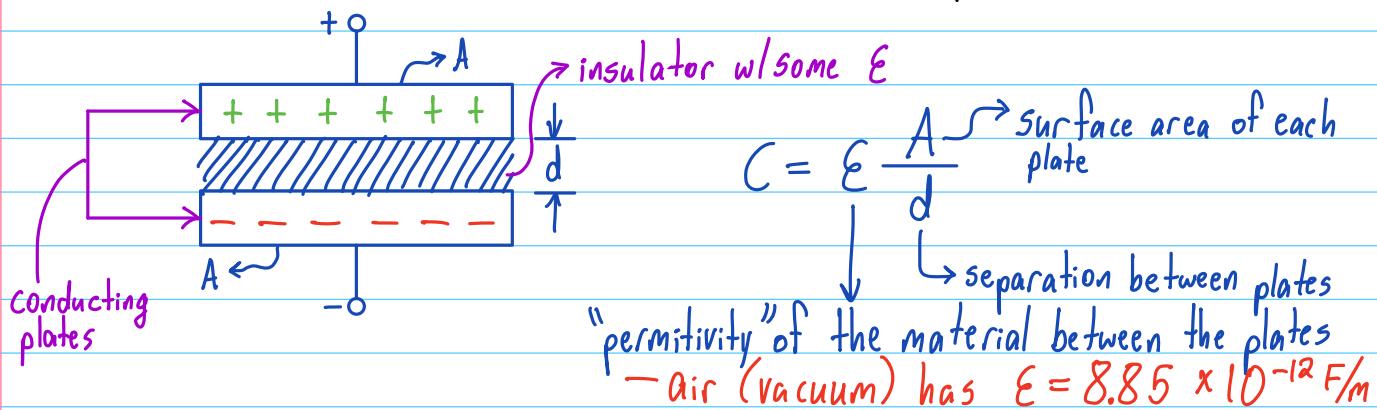
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Capacitance:

Capacitance is the ability to store charge {Unit = Farads}

$$C = \frac{Q}{V_c} \quad \begin{matrix} Q \rightarrow \text{charge stored} \\ V_c \rightarrow \text{voltage drop across capacitor} \end{matrix} \quad \left. \right\} Q = CV_c$$

* Note: In this class, we mainly look at parallel plate capacitors



I-V Relation of a Capacitor:

$$\xrightarrow{\text{I}_c} \parallel \quad + \quad V_c \quad - \quad I_c = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{d(CV_c)}{dt} = C \frac{dV_c}{dt}$$

$$I_c = C \cdot \frac{dV_c}{dt}$$

Capacitor Equivalence:

Series Capacitors:

$$\parallel \quad C_1 \quad C_2 \quad = \quad \parallel \quad C_{eq} \quad C_{eq} = C_1 \parallel C_2 = \frac{C_1 \cdot C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

Recall:
 "parallel operator"

Parallel Capacitors:

$$\boxed{\parallel \quad C_1 \quad C_2} \quad = \quad \parallel \quad C_{eq} \quad C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2$$

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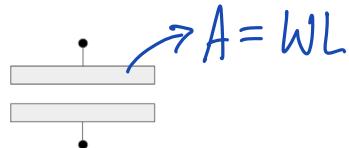
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1. Capacitance Equivalence

For the structures shown below, assume that the plates have a depth L into the page and a width W and are always a distance d apart. The dielectric between the plates has absolute permittivity ϵ . For the following calculations, assume the capacitance is purely parallel plate, i.e. ignore fringing field effects.

- (a) What is the capacitance of the structure shown below?

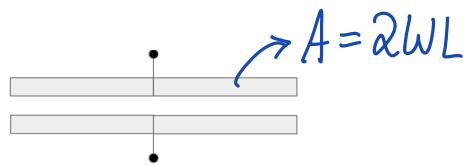


$$C = \epsilon \frac{A}{d} \quad (\text{general formula})$$

Cross-sectional area $A = W \cdot L$

$$\Rightarrow C = \epsilon \frac{WL}{d}$$

- (b) Suppose that we take two such structures and put them next to each other as shown below. What is the capacitance of this new structure?

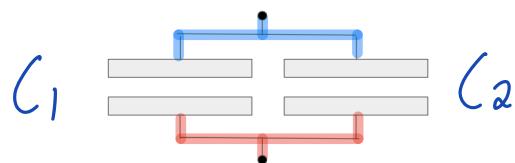


We have just doubled the width of the plates

$$C = \epsilon \frac{2W \cdot L}{d} = 2 \cdot \epsilon \frac{WL}{d}$$

Capacitance doubles!

- (c) Now suppose that rather than connecting them together as shown above, we connect them with an ideal wire as shown below. What is the capacitance of this structure?



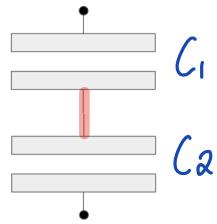
Parallel Capacitors!

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2$$

$$C_{eq} = \epsilon \frac{WL}{d} + \epsilon \frac{WL}{d}$$

$$C_{eq} = 2 \cdot \epsilon \frac{WL}{d}$$

- (d) Suppose that we now take two capacitors and connect them as shown below. What is the capacitance of the structure?



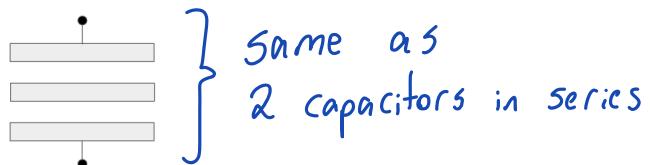
Uninterrupted
Connection!
=> Series capacitors

$$C_{eq} = C_1 \parallel C_2 = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{\epsilon \frac{WL}{d} \cdot \epsilon \frac{WL}{d}}{2 \cdot \cancel{\epsilon \frac{WL}{d}}}$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \frac{WL}{d}$$

- (e) What is the capacitance of the structure shown below?



Total distance now $2d$

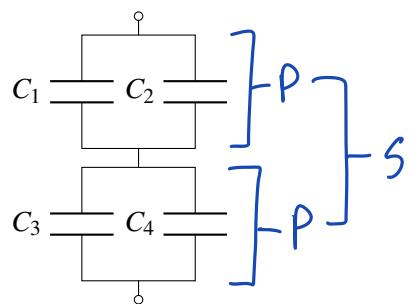
$$C_{eq} = \epsilon \frac{WL}{2d} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \frac{WL}{d}$$

(same as above)

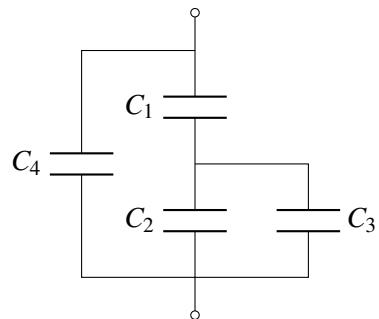
2. Series And Parallel Capacitors

Derive C_{eq} for the following circuits.

(a)



(b)



$$a) C_{eq} = ((C_1 + C_2) \parallel (C_3 + C_4))$$

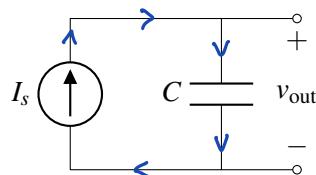
$$= \frac{(C_1 + C_2) \cdot (C_3 + C_4)}{(C_1 + C_2) + (C_3 + C_4)} = \frac{C_1 C_3 + C_2 C_3 + C_1 C_4 + C_2 C_4}{C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4}$$

$$b) C_{eq} = (C_4 + (C_1 \parallel (C_2 + C_3)))$$

$$= \frac{C_4(C_1 + C_2 + C_3) + C_1(C_2 + C_3)}{C_1 + C_2 + C_3}$$

3. Current Sources And Capacitors

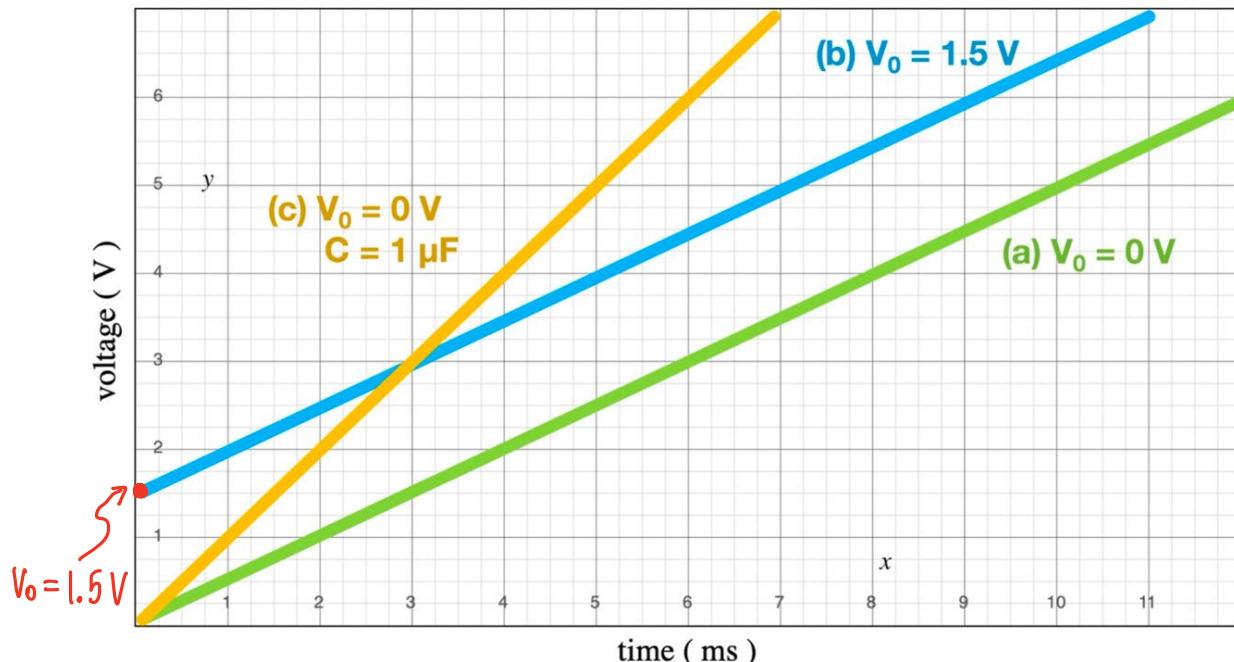
Given the circuit below, find an expression for $v_{out}(t)$ in terms of I_s , C , V_0 , and t , where V_0 is the initial voltage across the capacitor at $t = 0$.



Then plot the function $v_{out}(t)$ over time on the graph below for the following conditions detailed below. Use the values $I_s = 1\text{mA}$ and $C = 2\mu\text{F}$.

- (a) Capacitor is initially uncharged, with $V_0 = 0$ at $t = 0$.
 (b) Capacitor has been charged with $V_0 = +1.5V$ at $t = 0$.
 (c) **Practice:** Swap this capacitor for one with half the capacitance $C = 1 \mu\text{F}$, which is initially uncharged, with $V_0 = 0$ at $t = 0$.

HINT: Recall the calculus identity $\int_a^b f'(x)dx = f(b) - f(a)$, where $f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx}$.



Recall: $\int_a^b f'(x)dx = f(b) - f(a)$ {Second fundamental theorem of calculus}

$$I_s = C \frac{dV_c}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{I_s}{C} = \frac{dV_c}{dt} \quad \left\{ V_c = V_{out} \right\}$$

$$\int_0^t \frac{I_s}{C} dt = \int_{V_{out}(0)}^{V_{out}(t)} \frac{dV_{out}}{dt} dt \quad \Rightarrow \frac{I_s}{C} (t-0) = V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{I_s}{C} t = V_{out}(t) - V_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ V_{out}(t) = V_0 + \frac{I_s}{C} t \right\}$$

Linear function of form $y = mx + b$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$V_{out}(t) = I_s/C t + V_0$$

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