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# ELECTROSTATICS

charges at rest

**Charge:** "Charge is an intrinsic property of matter. The amount of charge that an object has cannot be changed by changing size shape or form but can be changed by adding or removing electrons or by breaking down atoms."  $Q = ne$  charge is quantized i.e., it is always an integral multiple of elementary charge (unit charge)

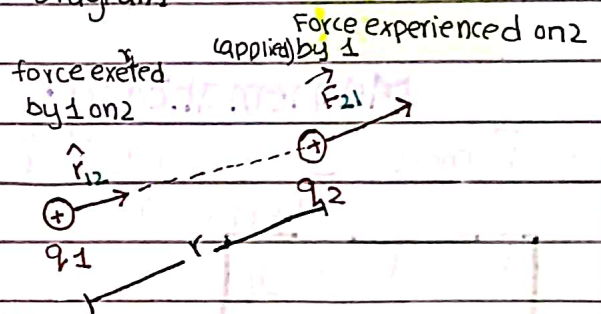
PKMZ:  $n=3$   
 $Q=3e$   $\boxed{e \ e \ e}$  ← body having charge n is always a whole no

**Coulomb's Law:** "The magnitude of the force between two point charges (point charges are such charges which have very small size as compared to the distance by which they are separated) is directly proportional to the product of the magnitudes of the charges and inversely proportional to the square of the distance b/w them."

Diagram

**Mathematically:**

$F \propto q_1 q_2$  and  $F \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$   
 thus  $F \propto \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$  or  $F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$



**Vectorially**

$F_{21} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}_{12}$  [w/ respect to diagram a)]

(a)

$\hat{r}_{12}$ : Tells us the direction in which force is applied 12 in this case indicates that force is applied in the direction from  $q_1$  to  $q_2$ .

$F_{12} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}_{21}$  [w/ respect to diagram b)]  
 unit vectors  $\hat{r}_{12}$  and  $\hat{r}_{21}$  are in opposite directions thus

$\hat{r}_{12} = -\hat{r}_{21}$

or (action reaction are equal but opposite: figure c)

$\vec{F}_{21} = -\vec{F}_{12}$

$\vec{F}_{21}$ : Tells us by which charge the force is experienced under the influence of the other 21 here indicates that the force is experienced by charge  $q_2$  under the influence of charge  $q_1$ .

$\frac{kq_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}_{12} = -\frac{kq_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}_{21}$

value of  $k$   $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2\text{C}^{-2}$

where  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$

### Coulomb's law in material media:

For material media,  $\epsilon_0$  is replaced by  $\epsilon$

$$F_{\text{med}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}^2}$$

→  $\epsilon$  is the permittivity of medium

→  $\epsilon_0$  is the permittivity of free space

→ The concept of **permittivity** is that the

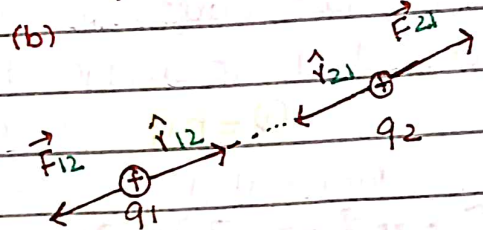
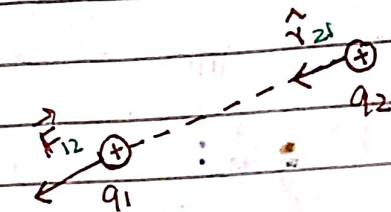
material between the charges decides whether or not the field lines of charges will pass.

→  $\epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$   $\epsilon_r$  is relative permittivity or dielectric constant

Mathematically:

$$\vec{F}_{\text{med}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_r\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_{12}^2} \hat{r}_{12}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{med}} = \frac{\vec{F}_{\text{vac}}}{\epsilon_r}$$



(c) [combined from (a) and (b)]  
repulsion b/w similar charges

Important point: 'Free space' applies to vacuum. The reason why  $\epsilon_0$  is used even for air although it is a material media is that the values of  $\epsilon_r$  for space and air have very close values i.e. 1 and 1.0006.

### Electric field and its intensity:

→ An electric field is defined as any region around a charge in which an electric test charge would experience an electric force.

→ The intensity of an electric field at any point is the force per unit positive test charge placed at that point

→ **Test charge**: A unit positive charge which is so small that it is not able to distort the original field.

→ Electric field intensity is a vector quantity denoted by  $\vec{E}$

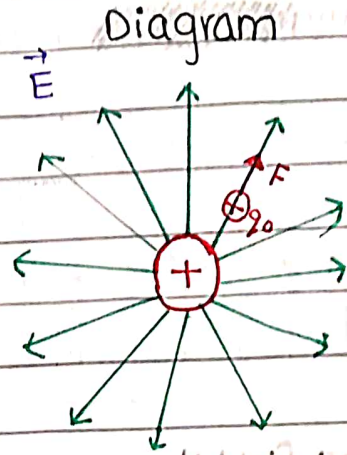
→ SI unit of electric field intensity is  $\text{NC}^{-1}$  or  $\text{Vm}^{-1}$  [multiply and divide  $\text{NC}^{-1}$  by  $\text{m}$ ;  $\text{NC}^{-1} \times \frac{\text{m}}{\text{m}}$  or  $\text{Nm} \times \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}}$ ,  $\text{J} \times \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}}$ , ( $\text{JC}^{-1} = \text{V}$ ),  $\text{Vm}^{-1} = \text{NC}^{-1}$ ]

→ Mathematical form is  $\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q_0}$  [force experienced by test charge in field]

substituting the value for  $\vec{F}$  from coulomb's law we get

$$\vec{F} = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{kq_1q_0}{r^2} \hat{r} \times \frac{1}{q_0}, \quad \boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{kq}{r^2} \hat{r}}$$



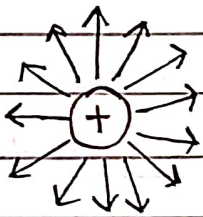
Electric field intensity due to a point charge

Important Point:  $\vec{E}$  being a vector has magnitude and direction both. The direction of  $\vec{E}$  depends upon the sign of source charge.

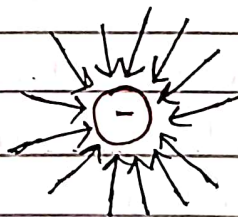
→ conclusion  $\vec{E} \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$  (strength of field decreases as test charge moves away from source charge)

$\vec{E} \propto q$  (strength of field is directly proportional to magnitude of the charge)

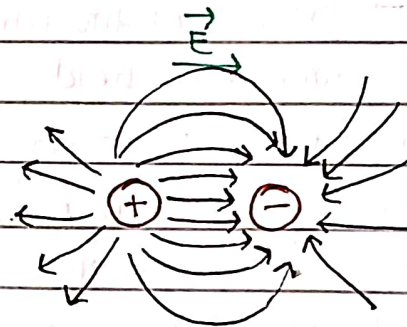
Electric field Lines: "Pictorial representation of electric field around a charge are called electric field lines."



The arrows pointing outwards show the direction in which the test charge will accelerate upon placing it in field.



Arrows pointing inward show the test charge will accelerate towards the -ve charge



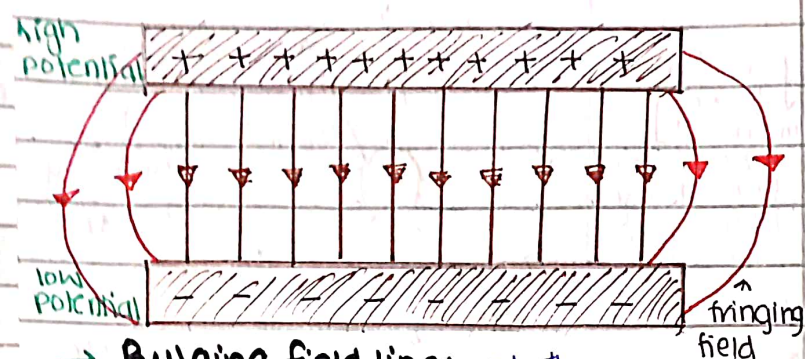
Arrows in this case show that test charge will move from +ve charge towards -ve charge

△ Positive charge

△ negative charge

△ Two equal and opposite charges

Uniform electric field between charged plates



→ Bulging field lines at the corners of the plates represents weak end electric field strength at this area.

→ To overcome bulging plates of infinite length can be used.

## Properties of field lines

→ The electric field lines initiate from +ve charge and terminate at -ve charge <sup>surface</sup>.

→ The number of lines drawn is directly proportional to the magnitude of charge.

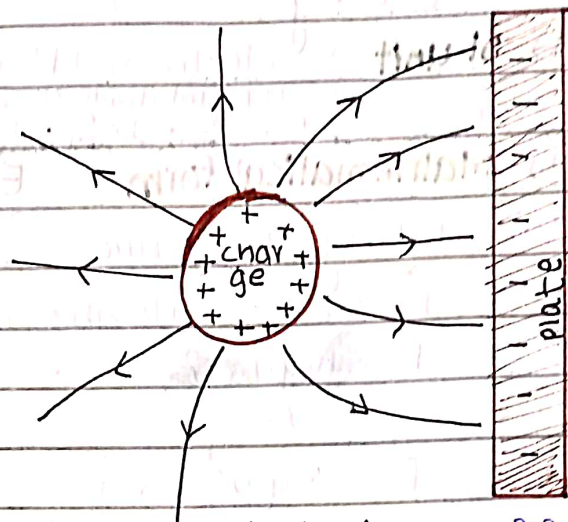
→ Curved lines show non uniform electric field and straight parallel lines show uniform electric field.

→ The tangent at any point on a curved line gives the direction of field intensity at that point. → Where field lines are close to each other the strength of field is greater and vice versa.

→ Field lines never cross each other, they propagate in straight lines and move away from each other as distance increases. If they cross each other it would mean electric field intensity has numerous directions but for a <sup>given</sup> point, it has only 1 direction.

→ Field lines do not exist inside charged body.

Electric lines of force on the surface of metal plate



→ Electrostatic induction positive charge will attract the free electrons present inside the metal plate. This way positive and negative charges in metal plate will be separated.

→ Zero electric field inside

conductor when the positive charge engages all the negative charges with it self, field lines will not be able to enter the conductor rather they'll be outside between the +ve charge and negative charge on outer surface of the metal plate.

**Electric Flux** : "The measure of number of lines of force that pass through a vector area placed in the electric field is called electric flux  $\Phi_E$ "

**Flux** to pass through vector area  
**Vector area  $\vec{A}$**  if area is considered with unit vector  $\hat{n}$ , it is vector area

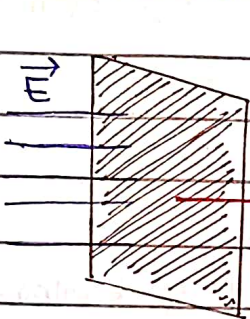
**Mathematically** :  $\Phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}$  (dot product)

**SI unit** : volt metres  $\Phi_E = EA \cos \theta$  (scalar quantity)

**Depends On** : (i) surface area (ii) electric field intensity (iii) The orientation of surface area  $A$  with respect to field lines  $E$ .

**case I**

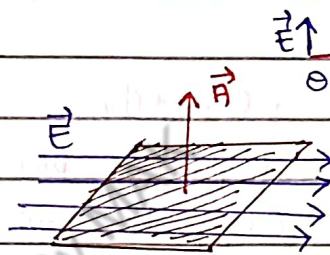
$\vec{E} \parallel \vec{A}$



$\theta = 0$   
 $\Phi_E = EA \cos 0$   
 $EA \cos 0 = EA$   
 $(\cos 0 = 1)$   
 $\Phi_E = EA$   
**maximum flux**

**case II**

$\vec{E} \perp \vec{A}$

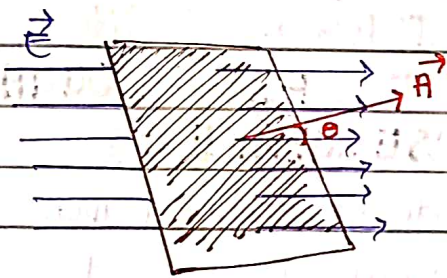


$\theta = 90^\circ$   
 $\Phi_E = EA \cos 90^\circ$   
 $\cos 90^\circ = 0$   
 $\Phi_E = EA(0)$   
 $\Phi_E = 0$

**minimum flux**

**case III**

arbitrary angle



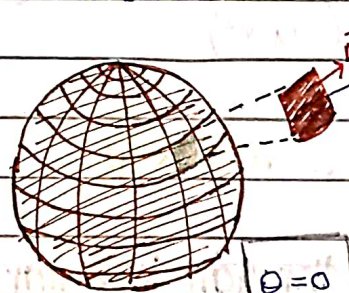
$\Phi_E = EA \cos(\theta)$   
 $\Phi = EA \cos \theta$   
**flux in between max and min**

$\theta$  is less than  $90^\circ$  and more than  $0^\circ$

**flux**

**case IV**

closed surface

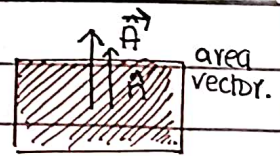


we divide the whole sphere in small patches having area  $\Delta A$  thus  
 $\Phi_E = E \cdot \Delta A$  (one patch)  
 $\Phi_E = \sum \vec{E} \cdot \Delta \vec{A}$  (total patches)  
 $\Phi_E = E \Delta A (\cos \theta = 1)$

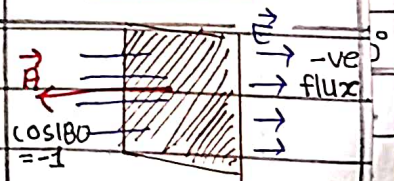
**maximum flux**

**Important Points**

- Area vector  $\hat{n}$  is always perpendicular to the surface
- If  $\vec{E}$  is perpendicular to 'surface' flux is NOT zero (see case I) it's maximum but if  $\vec{E}$  is perpendicular to 'area vector' (case II) flux is minimum.



- Flux can be negative if  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{A}$  are antiparallel ( $\theta = 180^\circ$ )



- Through a closed surface, electric flux is ; zero - if no. of field lines entering are equal to those leaving, positive - if no. of field lines entering are less than those leaving and negative - if no. of field lines entering are more than those leaving.

**→ Gauss's Law** : "Gauss's law states that the net electric flux through a closed surface is equal to the total charge  $q$  enclosed by the surface divided by the permittivity of free space."

**Mathematically**

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_1 &= \vec{E}_1 \cdot \Delta\vec{A}_1 = E_1 \Delta A_1 \cos 0 = E_1 \Delta A_1 \\ \Phi_2 &= \vec{E}_2 \cdot \Delta\vec{A}_2 = E_2 \Delta A_2 \cos 0 = E_2 \Delta A_2 \\ \Phi_3 &= \vec{E}_3 \cdot \Delta\vec{A}_3 = E_3 \Delta A_3 \cos 0 = E_3 \Delta A_3 \\ \Phi_n &= \vec{E}_n \cdot \Delta\vec{A}_n = E_n \Delta A_n \cos 0 = E_n \Delta A_n \end{aligned}$$

Total flux

$$\Phi_E = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3 + \dots + \Phi_n$$

since  $\vec{E}$  is same for all patches placed at equal radius but  $\Delta A$  is different we can state

$$\Phi_E = E \sum_{\text{surface}} \Delta A$$

where  $E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$  is placed inside the sphere with radius 'r' and all the area is divided in small patches.

$$\Phi_E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \sum_{\text{surface}} \Delta A$$

total area =  $4\pi r^2$

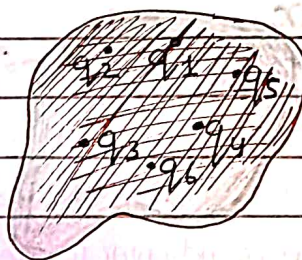
$$\Phi_E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} (4\pi r^2)$$

$$\Phi_E = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Phi_E \propto q$$

→ Electric flux through irregular closed surface

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_E &= \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{q_2}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{q_3}{\epsilon_0} + \dots + \frac{q_n}{\epsilon_0} \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (q_1 + q_2 + q_3 + \dots + q_n) \end{aligned}$$



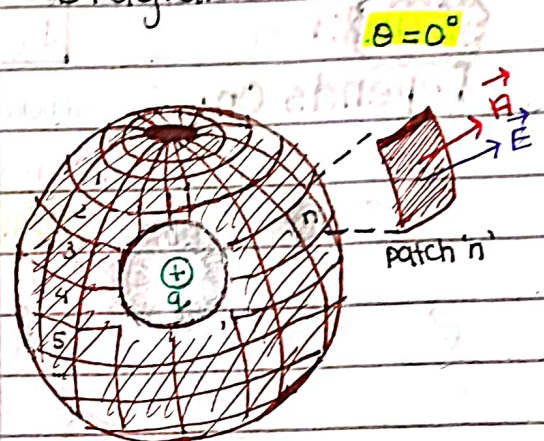
$$\Phi_E = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=1}^n q_i$$

$$\Phi_E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

(Q = total charge)

→ Thus Gauss's law shows that the electric flux through any closed surface is  $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0}$  times the total charge  $Q$ .

**Diagram**



suppose +ve charge

is placed inside the sphere with radius 'r' and all the area is divided in small patches.

**FACTORS AFFECTING ELECTRIC FLUX THROUGH CLOSE SURFACE**

→ It does not depend upon the geometry of a closed surface.

→ Reason for upper point is that all field lines pass through the surface

→ It depends upon the medium

→ It is directly proportional to charge enclosed by the closed surface.

$$\Phi_E \propto q$$

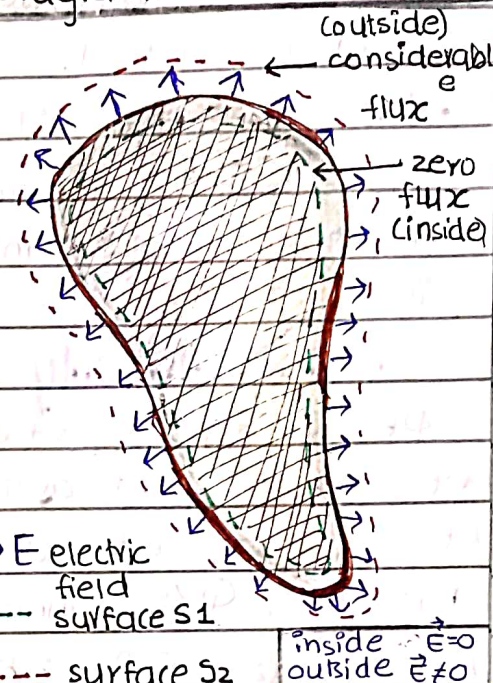
# Applications :

**Gaussian surface:** such a surface on which Gauss's law is applicable.

## → Electric Flux Inside A Conductor

Diagram

- A conductor contains free electrons and +ve ions
- Field lines are due to free charges i.e., electrons in this case and not the metal cations as they are fixed.

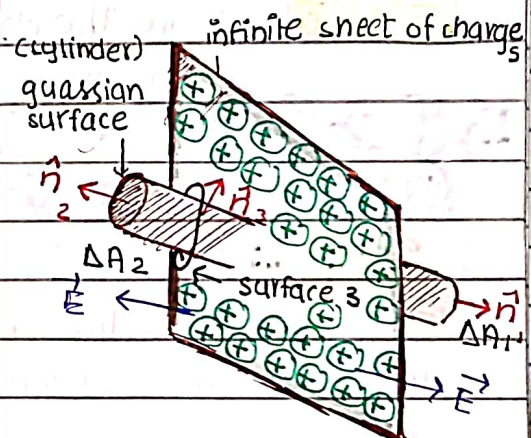


**skin effect** can be seen in the case of conductors which is that the charge resides on the outer surface of the conductor (even when current flows it's through the outer surface).

- Thus gaussian surface  $S_1$  will have zero flux due to zero value of  $E$  whereas  $S_2$  will have a considerable value of  $E$ .

## → Electric field Intensity due to An infinite sheet of charges

- Surface charge density** tells us that in a given area, how much charge is present  $\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$ .
- For an infinite sheet of charges, we will consider a cylindrical gaussian surface as this shape covers all dimensions of the infinite sheet.



### Mathematically

Gaussian surfaces: = 3

We know  $\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$  and  $Q = \sigma A$  so  $\Phi_E = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0}$  (1)

$\Phi_1 = \vec{E}_1 \cdot \Delta \vec{A}_1 \cos \theta_1 = EA_1 = EA$  (2)

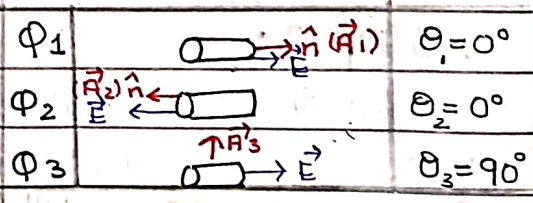
$\Phi_2 = \vec{E}_2 \cdot \Delta \vec{A}_2 \cos \theta_2 = EA_2 = EA$  (3)

$\Phi_3 = \vec{E}_3 \cdot \Delta \vec{A}_3 \cos \theta_3 = 0$  (4)

Total flux  $\Phi_E A = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3$  (putting 2,3,4)

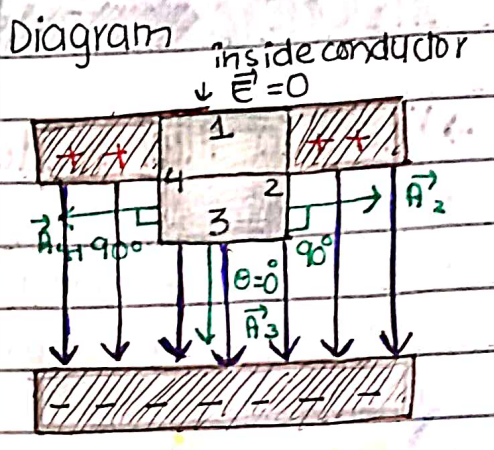
$\Phi_E A = EA + EA + 0 = 2EA$  (comparing w/ (1))

$2EA = \sigma A / \epsilon_0$ ,  $E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$  or  $\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{n}$



# → Electric Field Intensity B/W Two Oppositely Charged Parallel Plates

- Plates are considered to be of infinite length so as to avoid fringing fields.
- The cube's upper side is assumed to be inside the +ve plate as that is the origin of field lines.
- In order to cover all sides in between the plates, a cube shape is chosen.



apical view of the plates and the box making the box appear 2d

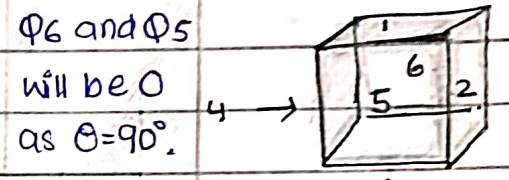
## Mathematically

$$\Phi_E = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3 + \Phi_4 = E_1 A_1 \cos \theta_1 + E_2 A_2 \cos \theta_2 + E_3 A_3 \cos \theta_3 + E_4 A_4 \cos \theta_4$$

$$\Phi_E = 0 \times A_1 \cos \theta + E_2 A_2 \cos 90^\circ + E_3 A_3 \cos 0 + E_4 A_4 \cos 90^\circ$$

$$\Phi_E = 0 + 0 + EA + 0 \quad \Phi_E = EA$$

But  $\Phi_E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$  where  $Q = \delta A$  thus  $\Phi_E = \frac{\delta A}{\epsilon_0}$  (2)



By (1) and (2),  $EA = \frac{\delta A}{\epsilon_0}$  or  $E = \frac{\delta}{\epsilon_0}$  or  $\vec{E} = \frac{\delta}{\epsilon_0} \hat{y}$

This is why we don't consider them. (1) will be 0 as  $\theta = 90^\circ$ .

## Conclusion

$E \propto \delta$  more the charge, more the electric field intensity

# Calculation of Flux Through Arbitrary Gaussian surface :

## → Step 1:

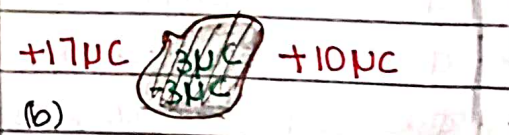
Only consider the charges present inside the gaussian surface and **not** those on the outside

## Diagram



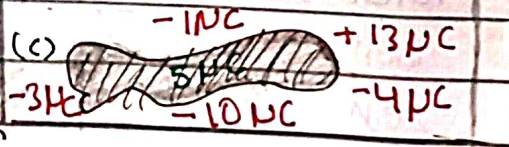
## → Step 2:

Find the net charge present inside and use the equation :  $\Phi_E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$



$\Phi_E$  (a) →  $\Phi_E = \frac{+4\mu C - 1\mu C}{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}} = 0.3 \times 10^6 \text{ Vm}$

$\Phi_E$  (b) →  $\Phi_E = \frac{0}{8.85 \times 10^{-12}} = 0 \text{ Vm}$



$\Phi_E$  (c) →  $\Phi_E = \frac{5\mu C}{8.85 \times 10^{-12}} = 0.5649 \times 10^6 \text{ Vm}$



# Electric Potential: "Electric Potential is the

ability possessed by a charge to perform work"

→ **Electric Potential Energy** is the potential energy stored by a unit positive charge  $q_0$  when work is done on it to displace it against the electric field.

→ **Work Energy theorem and Electric Potential**

consider figure (1) and (2). When charge  $+q_0$  is displaced against the field from point (b) to (a) it faces opposition due to positive charge at plate (1). Thus energy will be required to displace it. This energy, in the form of work done <sup>against the field</sup>, will be stored in charge as electric potential energy. This electric potential energy per unit charge is basically electric potential." **Mathematically:**

Electric Potential at point A =  $V_A = \frac{W}{q_0}$  (1)

" at point B =  $V_B = \frac{W}{q_0}$  (2)

(↑ shows more work is done to displace charge from (b) to (a) and ↓ shows less work required for charge to move from (a) to (b))

but according to work energy theorem,

Work = energy thus  $W = U$  (where U is electric P.E)

thus  $V_A = U_A / q_0$  (3) and  $V_B = U_B / q_0$  (4)

## Potential Difference b/w (a) and (b)

$\Delta V = V_A - V_B$ ,  $\Delta V = U_A / q_0 - U_B / q_0$

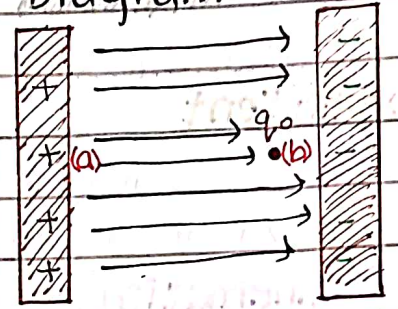
$\Delta V = \frac{1}{q_0} (U_A - U_B)$  or  $\Delta V = \frac{\Delta U}{q_0}$  (5)

where  $\Delta U = W_{B \rightarrow A}$  (work from b to a)

thus eq (5) becomes  $\Delta V = \frac{W_{B \rightarrow A}}{q_0}$

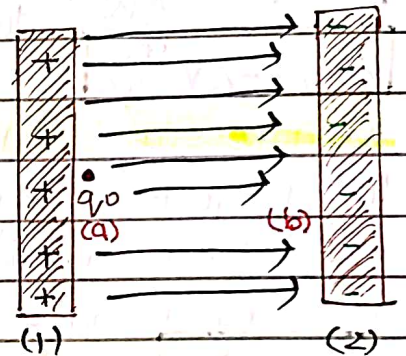
if 'B' is at infinity then  $V_A = \frac{W_{\infty \rightarrow A}}{q_0}$

## Diagram



(1) high potential (2) low potential  
 ▲ suppose charge is at point (b) near plate (2)

figure 1 ↑



(1) (2)  
 ▲ In order to displace the charge towards plate (1) work will be done because this movement is against the electric field. Thus energy will be required

figure 2 ↑

→ Units  $V = \frac{W}{q_0} \rightarrow \text{Joule} / \text{Coulomb}$

**Volt = J C<sup>-1</sup>** mV, kV, GV

$V = \frac{U}{q_0}$  ← energy to do work / ability  $q_0$  ← unit charge

# Field And Potential Gradient

Key point PKMZ

"The rate of change of electric potential  $\Delta V$  with respect to displacement  $\Delta r$  is known as potential gradient"

(with respect to figure 1 and 2 from electric field)

→ **Gradient** tells us how one physical quantity changes with respect to other quantity. ( $\Delta V$ 's variation with  $\Delta r$  in this case)

$$\uparrow V_A = \frac{W \uparrow}{q_0}$$

$$\downarrow V_B = \frac{W \downarrow}{q_0}$$

electric potential is higher at point 'a' as compared to point 'b'. This difference

## Mathematically

we know work done in displacing charge equals

$$W = F \cdot d \text{ or } W = F \Delta r \text{ but } F = q_0 E \text{ [by electric field intensity]}$$

is due to the displacement ' $\Delta r$ ' of charge  $q_0$  from

$$\text{Thus } W = q_0 E \times \Delta r \quad (1)$$

we also know that  $\Delta V = W_{B \rightarrow A} / q_0$  [electric potential's change from previous topic]

point b.  $\Delta r$

$$\text{or } \Delta V = \Delta W / q_0 \text{ thus } q_0 \Delta V \times q_0 = \Delta W$$

Less displacement from

$$\Delta W = -\Delta V \times q_0 \quad (2)$$

point b → less electric

## Negative sign's reason

we put negative sign because

the charge is moving from point 'b' to 'a' against the electric field's direction (from plate 1 → 2)

• More displacement from point b → more electric field intensity

combining (1) and (2) we get  $q_0 E \Delta r = -\Delta V q_0$

$$\text{or } E = \frac{-\Delta V}{\Delta r}$$

→ **Conclusion** strength of field equals rate of change of electric potential with displacement.

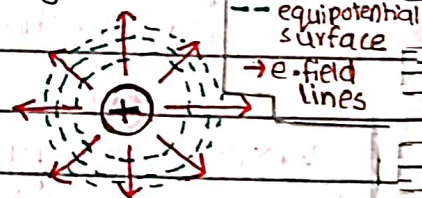
"This rate of change of  $\Delta V$  is potential gradient"

## Equipotential surfaces

"The surfaces which have equal electrostatic potential at each point are known as Equipotential surfaces"

Diagram

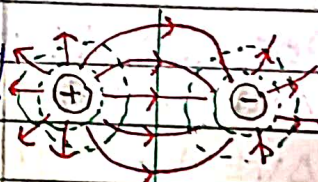
key



→ **Work done** on a charge moving along an equipotential surface is zero because there is no change in Potential Energy

→ **Perpendicular to field lines**; equipotential surfaces are always perpendicular to electric field lines.

→ **Interior of conductor** is equipotential region due to no field lines.



→ **Parallel plates**: between two parallel plates, equipotential

suppose +ve charge has potential +5 and -ve charge has potential -2 then the equipotential surface everywhere will have potential of  $+5 - 2 = 3$

surfaces are evenly spaced and are parallel to the plates. The potential difference between adjacent surfaces is constant.

→ Irregular shapes have complex electric field configuration. Equipotential surfaces can take various shapes and need not be symmetric.

## Electric Potential Energy and Potential Due to a point charge:

### → Introduction

Suppose a charge  $Q$  with electric field intensity  $\vec{E}$  which extends upto infinity. A unit positive test charge  $q$  is brought close to it but due to mutual positive charge it will face repulsion thus external work will be done to displace the charge  $q$  towards  $Q$ . This work done will be electric potential energy.

### Mathematical calculations

$$\text{work } \Delta W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\Delta y} = F \Delta y \cos \theta$$

$$\Delta W = F \Delta y \cos 180^\circ = F \Delta y (-1)$$

$$\Delta W = -F \Delta y \quad \text{where } F = qE$$

thus  $\Delta W = -qE \Delta y$  but since work is done against the field  $\Delta W = -(qE \Delta y) \Rightarrow \Delta W = qE \Delta y$

$$\Delta W = q \times \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2} \times \Delta y \quad \Delta W = q \frac{Q \Delta y}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

where  $\Delta y$  equals  $r_1 - r_2$  or  $r_2 - r_1$

$$\Delta W_{A \rightarrow r_1} = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r_A} - \frac{1}{r_1} \right) \quad \Delta W_{r_1 \rightarrow r_2} = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right) \quad \Delta W_{r_n \rightarrow r_B} = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r_n} - \frac{1}{r_B} \right)$$

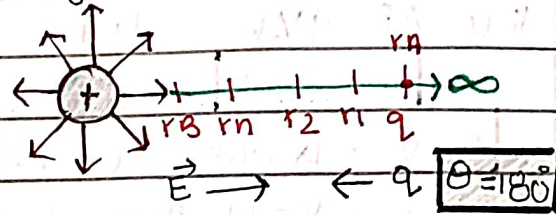
$$\Delta W_{A \rightarrow r_B} = \Delta W_{A \rightarrow r_1} + \Delta W_{r_1 \rightarrow r_2} + \dots + \Delta W_{r_n \rightarrow r_B}$$

$$\Delta W_{A \rightarrow r_B} = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r_B} - \frac{1}{r_A} \right) \quad \text{suppose } r_A \text{ lies at infinity then } \Delta W_{r_\infty \rightarrow r_B} = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_B}$$

$$\text{Electric Potential Energy } (U) = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \text{ at distance } r \text{ from } Q$$

$$\text{Electric Potential} = W = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \text{ at distance } r \text{ from } Q \text{ (V)}$$

Diagram



work done on a test charge moving towards a source charge

→ Division of displacement

Displacement is divided into small patches so that electric field intensity remains constant in each patch.

→ 1<sup>st</sup> negative sign for work

$\Delta W$  gets a negative sign due to the factor  $\cos 180^\circ$ .

→ 2<sup>nd</sup> negative sign for  $\Delta W$

$\Delta W$  gets another -ve sign as work is done against the electric field of source charge thus as an end result  $\Delta W$  will have a positive sign. ( $- \cdot - = +$ )

**III, The Electron Volt** : "the amount of energy acquired or lost by an electron when it is displaced across two points between which potential difference is one volt."

### Mathematically

since  $V = \frac{W}{q}$  [from electric potential]

$qV = W$  [But work = energy]

thus  $\Delta E = q\Delta V$  [where  $q = \text{electron}$ ]

$$\Delta E = 1e\Delta V$$

$$1e \cdot V = 1 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 1V$$

where  $1V = 1J$  thus  $1eV = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} J$

### III, Capacitor

are devices which store charge."

#### → Construction

A simple capacitor consists of two plates;

one negative (connected to the -ve terminal)

and the other positive (connected to the +ve terminal) and some dielectric between the two.

#### → Working

The plate connected to the positive terminal will acquire positive charge.

The plate in front of this +ve plate will become negatively charged due to electrostatic induction.

#### → Potential difference b/w two plates and capacity of capacitor

Higher the voltage of the battery, higher the +ve charge acquired on 1<sup>st</sup> plate and higher the -ve charge induced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> plate. Consequently higher will be the potential difference developed between the capacitor plates.

The capacity of the capacitor to store charges will be as much as the potential difference of the battery.

$$1Q \propto 1V$$

#### → When will the capacitor be fully charged?

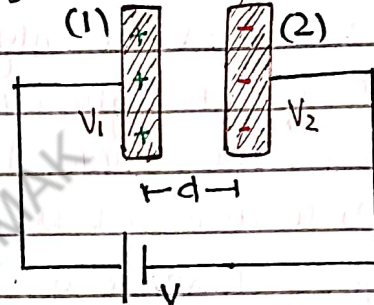
When +ve charges at +ve plate begin to get repelled by the +ve charges coming from the +ve terminal, capacitor is said to be fully charged.

### → Bigger Units

1 Mega electron volt =  $1 \text{ MeV} = 10^6 \text{ eV}$

1 Giga electron volt =  $1 \text{ GeV} = 10^9 \text{ eV}$

### Diagram (a)



higher the voltage of battery, higher the charge deposited at plates

▲ a simple capacitor

$V \propto Q$

## → Capacitance of a capacitor and its unit

Capacitance simply refers to capacity. Capacitance of capacitor is its ability to store charge (related with the 3<sup>rd</sup> point)

Mathematically

$$Q = CV$$

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

SI unit

Farad (F); capacity of the capacitor which stores a charge of 1C having 1V p-difference <sup>b/w the plates</sup>

( $\mu F$ , pF are other units)

## → Capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor

Consider the diagram (a). The plates are connected with a voltage source  $V$  and charges on plate (1) and (2) are  $+Q$  and  $-Q$ . Plate (1) is at potential  $V_1$  and plate (2) is at potential  $V_2$ . In this case electric field strength between the plates is explained below:

Mathematically

$$E = -\Delta V / \Delta x \quad \text{where } \Delta V = V_2 - V_1 \text{ thus}$$

$$E = -(V_2 - V_1) / \Delta x = \frac{V_1 - V_2}{\Delta x} \quad \text{but } \Delta x = d \text{ (separation b/w plates)}$$

here we can write  $V_1 - V_2$  as  $V$  thus,  $E = \frac{V}{d}$  ①

Electric field is also dependent on charges on the plates therefore

as  $\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$  (charge density) By Gauss's law we have  $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$

$$\text{or } E = \frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0} \quad \text{②}$$

[By ① and ② we get]  $\frac{V}{d} = \frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0}$

$$\epsilon_0$$

$$Q = \frac{\epsilon_0 AV}{d} \quad \text{③} \quad \text{we know that } C_{vac} = \frac{Q}{V} \quad \text{④}$$

[By ③ and ④ we get]

$$C_{vac} = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

if dielectric is present

$$C_{med} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A}{d} \quad \text{⑤}$$

## → Ways to increase capacitance

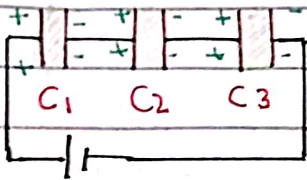
- Increasing area of plates increases capacitance  $\uparrow C \propto A \uparrow$  by eq 5
- Increasing number of plates  $C \propto \text{no. of plates}$
- Decreasing distance b/w plates  $\uparrow C \propto \frac{1}{d} \downarrow$  by eq 5
- By using a dielectric  $C_{med} \propto \epsilon$  by eq 5
- By connecting capacitor in parallel  $C_e = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

## → What's a dielectric?

Dielectric is an insulator which upon exposure to electric field becomes polarized (turns into a dipole)  
Every dielectric is an insulator but NOT every insulator is a dielectric.

## → Combination of Capacitors

### Series

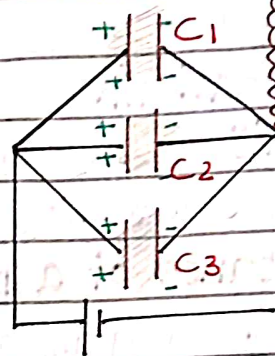


Q same  
V different  
through each  
capacitor

•  $C_e < C_{\text{individual}}$

•  $\frac{1}{C_e} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$

### Parallel



Q different  
V same  
through each  
capacitor

•  $C_e = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

•  $C_e > C_{\text{individual}}$

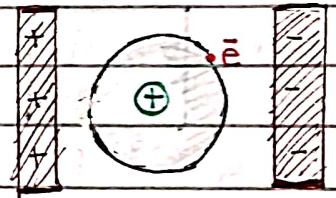
## ↳ Electric Polarization & dipole : "The procedure

in which upon exposure to electric field the dielectric turns into a dipole is called electric polarization. On the other hand dipole is a system in which two charges of equal magnitude but of opposite sign are separated by the distance  $d$ , are present is termed as a dipole." Diagram

### → Procedure

Electric polarization of dielectric into dipole

External constant electric field will cause the atom to stretch. The atom will become polar due to shifting of electron cloud. Greater the extent of stretch, greater will be the polarity.

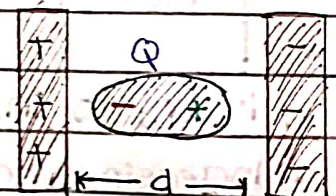


⚠ Important point : Every dielectric is an insulator but not every insulator is dielectric.

### Mathematically

Electric dipole moment is represented by 'p'  $P = |Qd|$  (charge x displacement)

- Dipole moment tells us how polar our dipole is
- Dipole moment is a vector quantity.



• constant external electric field will stretch the atom. This resultant will be called as a dipole

Extent of stretch is directly proportional to electric field.

## → Energy stored in a capacitor:

- Initially: Zero energy stored in capacitor as no charge is deposited on the plates and the voltage is zero
- Finally: Charges  $+Q$  and  $-Q$  get deposited on the plates. The potential difference between the plates becomes  $V$ .

→ Why do we take average voltage?

We have two values for voltage i.e., initial  $\rightarrow 0$ , final  $\rightarrow V$

Thus we take average  $V_{av} = \frac{0+V}{2} = \frac{V}{2}$

Mathematically

We know that  $V = U/Q$  or  $U(\text{energy}) = QV$  where  $V = V/2$   
 thus  $U = QV/2$  ① where  $Q = CV$  thus  $U = CV \times V \Rightarrow U = \frac{CV^2}{2}$  ②

We also know that  $E = V/d$  or  $V = Ed$ . putting in ②

$U = \frac{1}{2} \times C \times (Ed)^2$  where  $C = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A}{d}$  thus  $U = \frac{1}{2} \times \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A \times E^2 d^2$

$U = \frac{1}{2} \times \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A \times E^2 d$  or  $U = \frac{1}{2} \times \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \times E^2 \times Ad$  where  $Ad = \text{Volume}$

thus  $U = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E^2 V$  ③ ( $Ad$  is volume b/w the plates)

energy density  $u = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{U}{Ad}$  (energy contained by volume b/w plates)

putting eq ③ we get  $u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E^2$

## → Charging & discharging of a capacitor through a resistor:

→ Arrangement of circuit

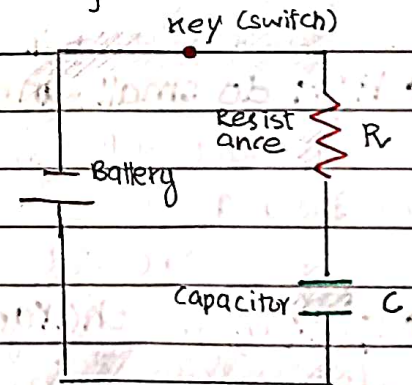
Capacitor  $C$  and Resistor  $R$  are joined in series with a battery of voltage  $V$  through a key  $K$ .

When key is open: (initial conditions)  $t=0$ ,  $i=0$ ,  $q=0$

When key is closed: at certain time  $t$ ,  $i=I$ ,  $q=q_0$

(where  $q$  is charge on capacitor and  $I$  is current)

Diagram



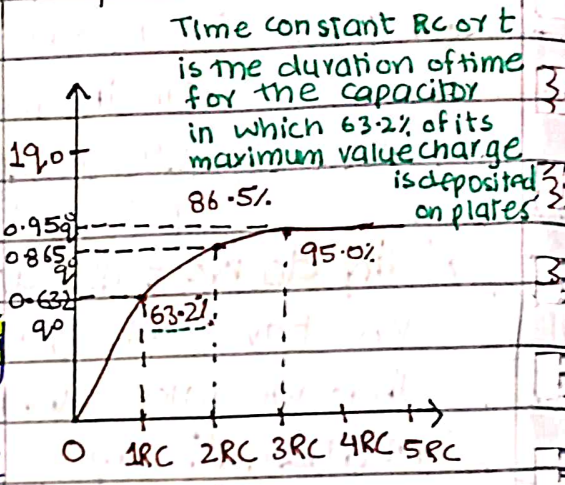
## → Charging

Time constant ( $t$ ) =  $R \times C$

### Graph

Initially, plates have no charges, after time 't' plates acquire charges but the process gradually slows down due to repulsion b/w similar charges

- $0 \rightarrow q^0$  (zero to maximum charge  $q^0$ )
- Higher the value of  $R \times C$ , higher will be the charging time and viceversa. **value of  $R \times C \propto$  time for charging or discharge**
- Total time required to charge a capacitor is equal to five time constants i.e.,  $5t$  or  $5RC$



As in the beginning there are no charges on the capacitor plates, charging is very fast and greater curve is observed but as charges accumulate on the plates charging slows and curve flattens the greater curve in beginning shows exponential growth.

Put values for 't' in equation and get points for x-axis.

equation for graph;  $q = q^0(1 - e^{-t/RC})$

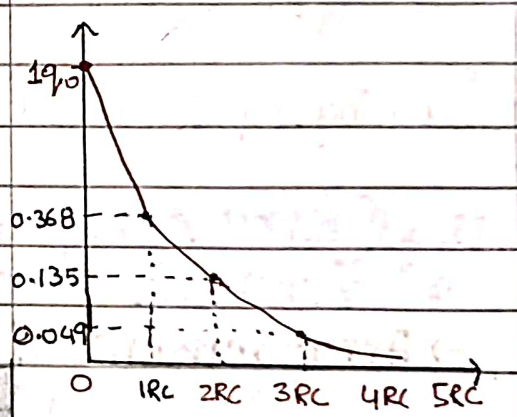
We can say that a capacitor stores charges due to opposite charges attracting each other.

## → Discharging

### Graph

When the battery is removed, the capacitor starts acting as the battery and resistor works as a load.

- Due to the resistor, charges flow out of capacitor and discharging begins.
- $q^0 \rightarrow 0$  (maximum charge to zero).
- equation for graph;  $q = q^0 \times e^{-t/RC}$



How do small and large RC differ? Small product of  $R \times C$  indicates lesser time required for charging as well as discharging whereas large product of  $R \times C$  indicates viceversa.

put values for 't' in equation to get corresponding points for graph.

### → Prove that $R \cdot C = t$

$R = V/I$  and  $C = Q/V$  thus  
 $V/I \times Q/V = \frac{Q}{I}$  but we know  
 $Q = It$  therefore  $\frac{Q}{I} = t$

## → Maximum charge on capacitor

**capacitance  $\times$  emf of battery**