

EEE321 Electromagnetic Fields and Waves

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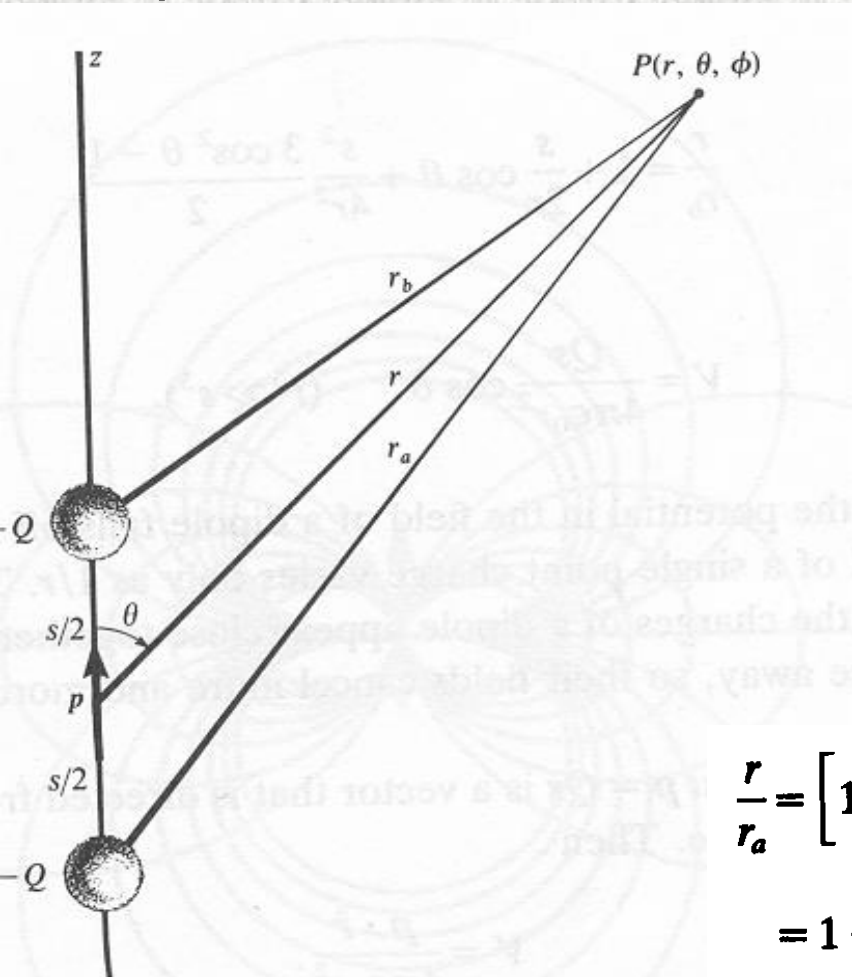
(3rd Week)

Outline

- The Electric Multipoles
- The potential Energy
- The Capacitance
- Electric forces
- Virtual Work

The Electric Dipole-1

- The Electric dipole consists of two charges, one positive and one negative, of the same magnitude, and separated by a distance s .



- Let us find V and \mathbf{E} at the point P situated at a distance r ($r \gg s$)

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{r_b} - \frac{1}{r_a} \right), \quad (5-1)$$

$$r_a^2 = r^2 + \left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^2 + rs \cos \theta. \quad (5-2)$$

- If we divide both sides by r^2 and take the inverse

$$\frac{r}{r_a} = \left[1 + \left(\frac{s}{2r}\right)^2 + \frac{s}{r} \cos \theta \right]^{-1/2} \quad (5-3)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s^2}{4r^2} + \frac{s}{r} \cos \theta \right) + \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{s^2}{4r^2} + \frac{s}{r} \cos \theta \right)^2 - \dots \quad (5-4)$$

The Electric Dipole-2

- If we neglect the terms of order $(s/r)^3$ and higher, then

$$\frac{r}{r_a} = 1 - \frac{s}{2r} \cos \theta + \frac{s^2}{4r^2} \frac{3 \cos^2 \theta - 1}{2}. \quad (5-5)$$

- Similarly

$$\frac{r}{r_b} = 1 + \frac{s}{2r} \cos \theta + \frac{s^2}{4r^2} \frac{3 \cos^2 \theta - 1}{2} \quad (5-6)$$

$$V = \frac{Qs}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \cos \theta \quad (r^3 \gg s^3). \quad (5-7)$$

- The dipole moment $\mathbf{p} = Q\mathbf{s}$ is a vector that is directed from the negative to positive charge then

$$V = \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}. \quad (5-8)$$

The Electric Dipole-3

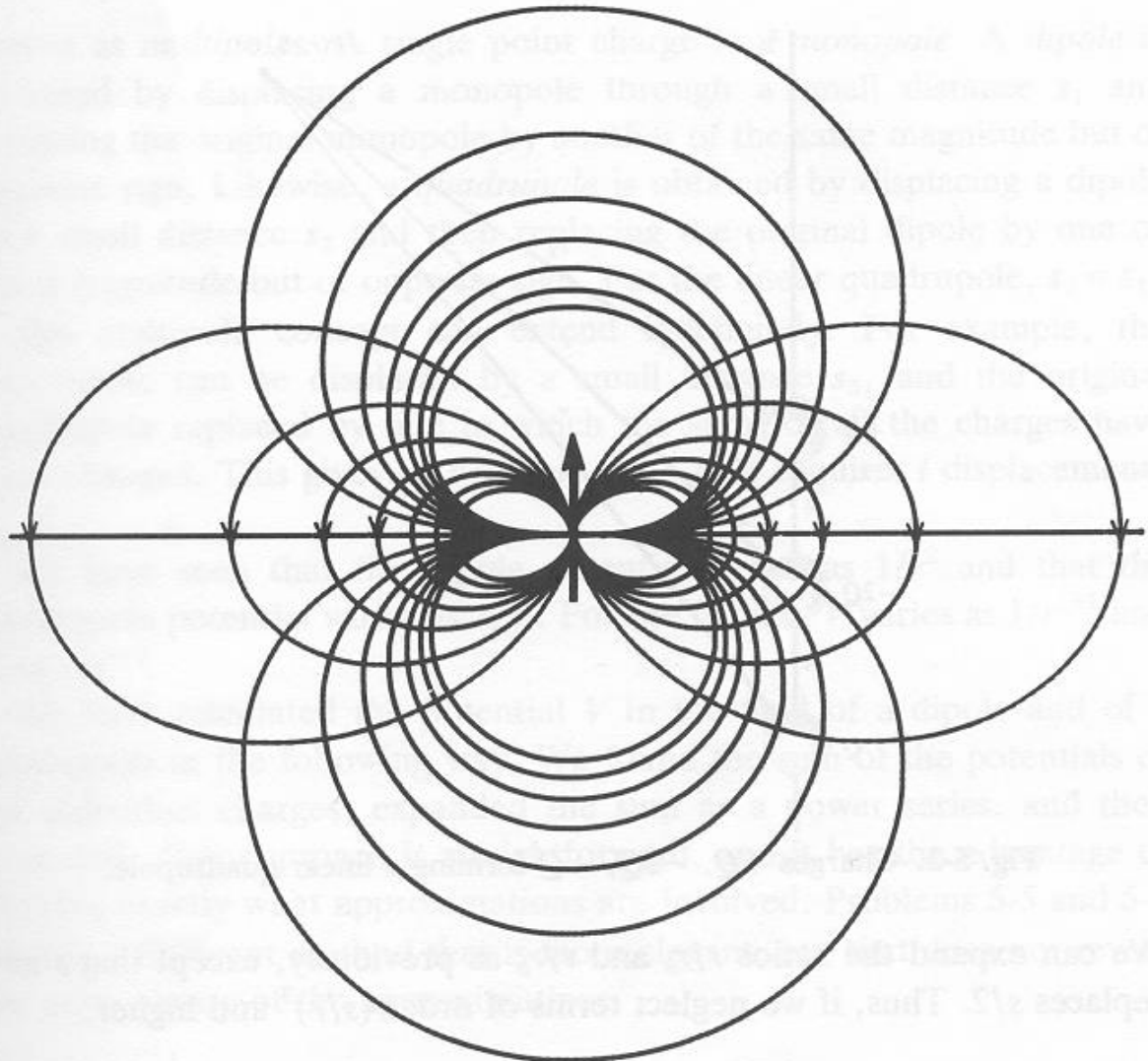
- Let us find the electric field strength \mathbf{E} in spherical coordinates;

$$E_r = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{2p \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3},$$

$$E_\theta = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} = \frac{p \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3},$$

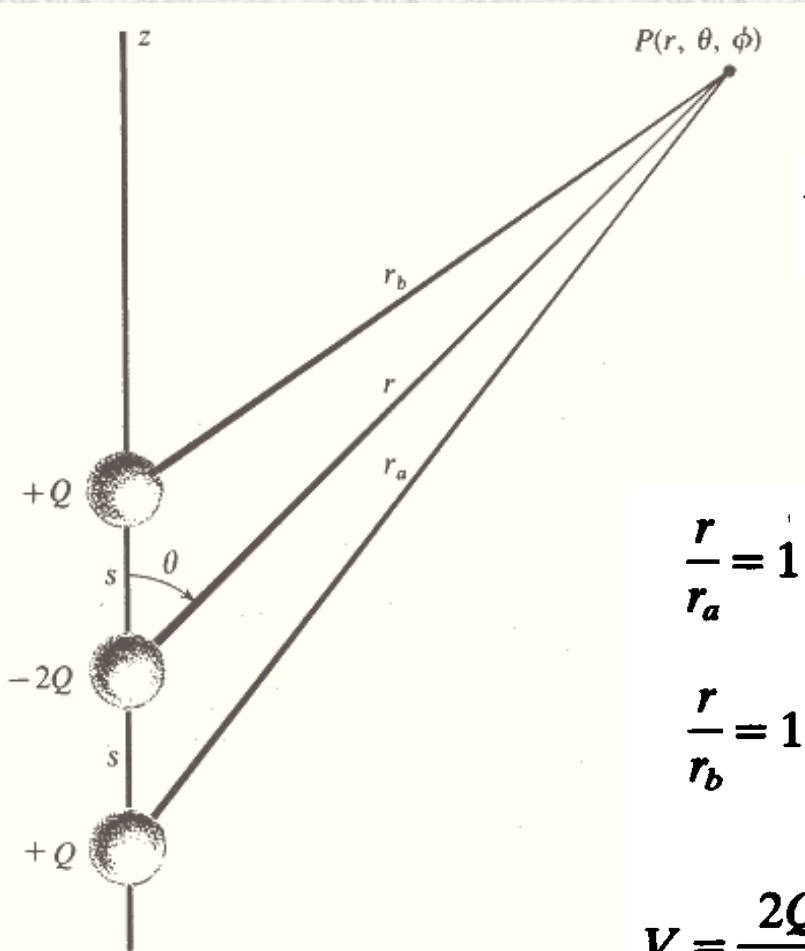
$$E_\phi = -\frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} (2 \cos \theta \hat{r} + \sin \theta \hat{\theta}).$$



The Linear Electric Quadrupole

- The Linear electric quadrupole set of three charges that are separated by a distance s and of the same magnitude.



- Let us find V and at the point P situated at a distance r ($r \gg s$)

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{Q}{r_a} - \frac{2Q}{r} + \frac{Q}{r_b} \right) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left(\frac{r}{r_a} + \frac{r}{r_b} - 2 \right). \quad (5-14)$$

- If we expand r/r_a and r/r_b as the dipole;

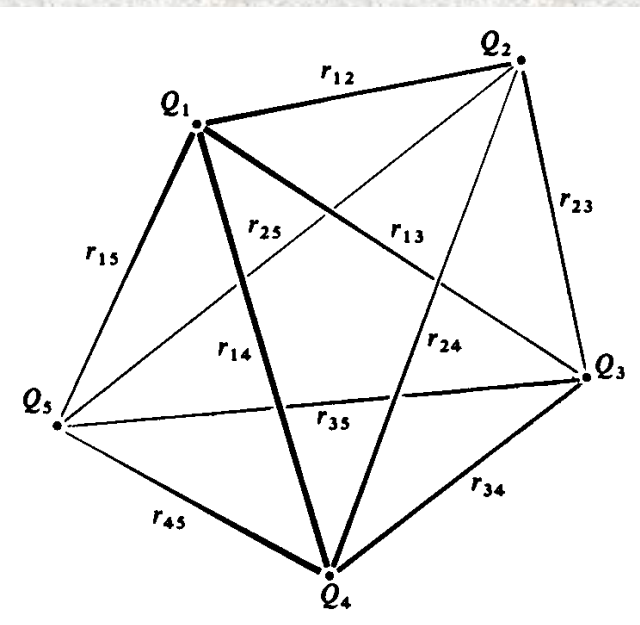
$$\frac{r}{r_a} = 1 - \frac{s}{r} \cos \theta + \frac{s^2 (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)}{2r^2}, \quad (5-15)$$

$$\frac{r}{r_b} = 1 + \frac{s}{r} \cos \theta + \frac{s^2 (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)}{2r^2}, \quad (5-16)$$

$$V = \frac{2Qs^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \frac{(3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)}{2} \quad (r^3 \gg s^3). \quad (5-17)$$

The Potential Energy of a Set of Point Charges-1

- Imagine a set of N point charges distributed in the space



- The total energy of the system is equal to the work performed by the electric forces in the process of dispersing the charges out to infinity
- First, let Q_1 recede to infinity slowly, keeping the electric and mechanical forces in equilibrium.
- The decrease in potential energy is equal to Q_1 multiplied by the potential V_1

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{Q_2}{r_{12}} + \frac{Q_3}{r_{13}} + \dots + \frac{Q_N}{r_{1N}} \right). \quad (6-1)$$

- Similarly

$$\mathcal{E}_2 = \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{Q_3}{r_{23}} + \frac{Q_4}{r_{24}} + \dots + \frac{Q_N}{r_{2N}} \right). \quad (6-2)$$

The Potential Energy of a Set of Point Charges-2

- The total potential energy

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{E} &= \mathcal{E}_1 + \mathcal{E}_2 + \mathcal{E}_3 + \cdots + \mathcal{E}_N \\
 &= \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(0 + \frac{Q_2}{r_{12}} + \frac{Q_3}{r_{13}} + \frac{Q_4}{r_{14}} + \cdots + \frac{Q_N}{r_{1N}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(0 + 0 + \frac{Q_3}{r_{23}} + \frac{Q_4}{r_{24}} + \cdots + \frac{Q_N}{r_{2N}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{Q_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(0 + 0 + 0 + \frac{Q_4}{r_{34}} + \cdots + \frac{Q_N}{r_{3N}} \right) + \cdots \\
 &\quad + \frac{Q_N}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + \cdots + 0).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (6-2) \quad 2\mathcal{E} &= \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(0 + \frac{Q_2}{r_{12}} + \frac{Q_3}{r_{13}} + \frac{Q_4}{r_{14}} + \cdots + \frac{Q_N}{r_{1N}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{Q_1}{r_{21}} + 0 + \frac{Q_3}{r_{23}} + \frac{Q_4}{r_{24}} + \cdots + \frac{Q_N}{r_{2N}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{Q_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{Q_1}{r_{31}} + \frac{Q_2}{r_{32}} + 0 + \frac{Q_4}{r_{34}} + \cdots + \frac{Q_N}{r_{3N}} \right) + \cdots \\
 &\quad + \frac{Q_N}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{Q_1}{r_{N1}} + \frac{Q_2}{r_{N2}} + \frac{Q_3}{r_{N3}} + \frac{Q_4}{r_{N4}} + \cdots + 0 \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{6-5}$$

$$2\mathcal{E} = Q_1 V_1 + Q_2 V_2 + Q_3 V_3 + \cdots + Q_N V_N, \tag{6-6}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i V_i. \tag{6-7}$$

- This energy which does not include the energy required to assemble the individual charges themselves, can be positive, negative or zero.

The Potential Energy of a Continuous Charge Distribution

- For the continuous electric charge distribution, we replace Q_i by ρdv and the summation by an integration over any volume that contains all the charge

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \rho V dv. \quad (6-8)$$

- This integral is equal to the work performed by the electric forces in going from the given charge distribution to the situation where $\rho = 0$ everywhere
- If there are surface charge density σ , then their stored energy is

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \int_A \sigma V dA, \quad (6-9)$$

- Where A includes all surface carrying charge

The Potential energy expressed in Terms of \mathbf{E}

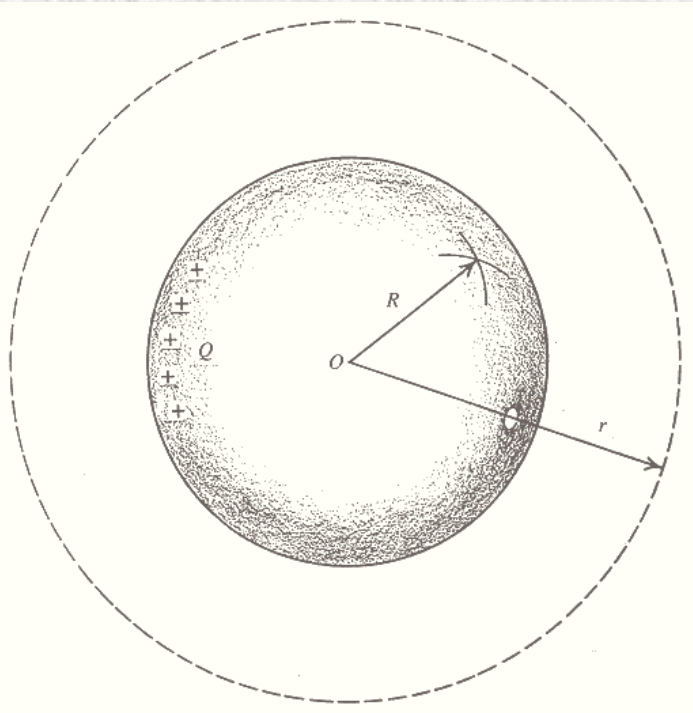
- Uptil now the potential energy is expressed in terms of the charge density and the potential. Both the charge density and the potential are related to \mathbf{E} . Then we shall find that

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_v \frac{\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}^2}{2} dv, \quad (6-11)$$

- Where the volume v includes all the regions where \mathbf{E} exists.

Example-1

- Let us find the potential energy of the conducting sphere of Radius R carrying a charge Q



- First Method:** The whole charge Q is at the potential $\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$. Then

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} Q \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} = \frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R}. \quad (6-12)$$

- Second Method:** Imagine that the Radius of the charged spherical conductor increases slowly and eventually becomes infinity

$$d\mathcal{E} = (\epsilon_0 E d\mathcal{A}) \left(\frac{E}{2} \right) dR = \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} dv, \quad (6-13)$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_R^\infty \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} dv = \int_R^\infty \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \right)^2 4\pi r^2 dr = \frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R} \quad (6-14)$$

- **Third Method:** Let $A(r)$ be the area of any surface of Radius r , concentric with the conducting sphere and outside it. Then from Gauss's law

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} QV = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{A}(r)} \epsilon_0 E d\mathcal{A} \int_R^{\infty} E dr. \quad (6-15)$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \int_R^{\infty} \left(\int_{\mathcal{A}(r)} \epsilon_0 E d\mathcal{A} \right) E dr \quad (6-16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_R^{\infty} (4\pi r^2 \epsilon_0 E) E dr = \int_R^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} 4\pi r^2 dr \quad (6-17)$$

$$= \int_R^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} dv = \frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R}, \quad (6-18)$$

The Capacitance of an Isolated Conductor

- Imagine a finite conductor situated a long distance from any other body and carrying a charge Q . If Q changes, the conductor's potential also changes. The ratio called **capacitance** constant.

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}. \quad (6-19)$$

- The energy stored in the field of an isolated conductor is;

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{QV}{2} = \frac{CV^2}{2} = \frac{Q^2}{2C}. \quad (6-20)$$

- The capacitance depends solely on the size and shape of the conductor.

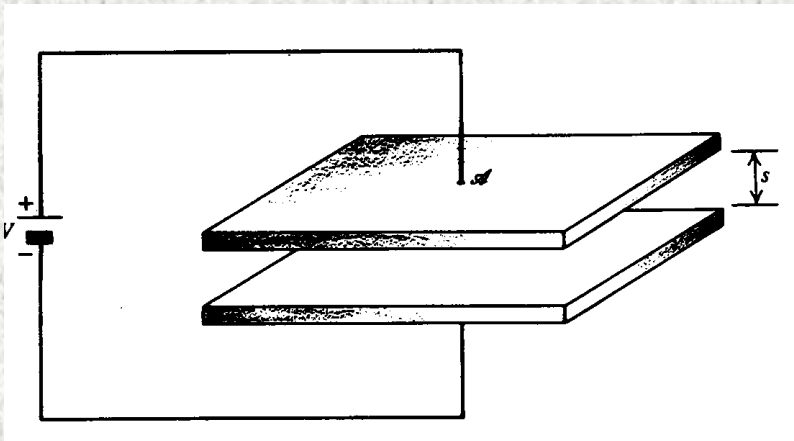
Example-2

- If an isolated conducting sphere of radius R carries a charge, the potential at its surface is $\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 4\pi\epsilon_0 R = 1.11 \times 10^{-10} R \text{ farad} \\ &= 111R \text{ picofarads.} \end{aligned} \quad (6-21)$$

Example-3

- A parallel plate capacitor consists of two conducting plates of area A , separated by a distance s . The plates carry charges Q and $-Q$. We neglect edge effects.



- From Gauss's law

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0}, \quad V = \frac{Qs}{A\epsilon_0}. \quad (6-22)$$

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{s}. \quad (6-23)$$

- The stored energy

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{QV}{2} = \frac{CV^2}{2} = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{Q^2 s}{2\epsilon_0 A}, \quad (6-24)$$

- Or
$$\mathcal{E} = \int \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} dv = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \left(\frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} \right)^2 A s = \frac{Q^2 s}{2\epsilon_0 A}. \quad (6-25)$$

Example-4

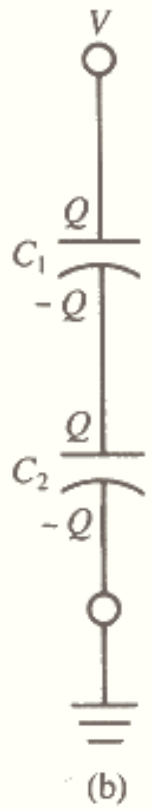
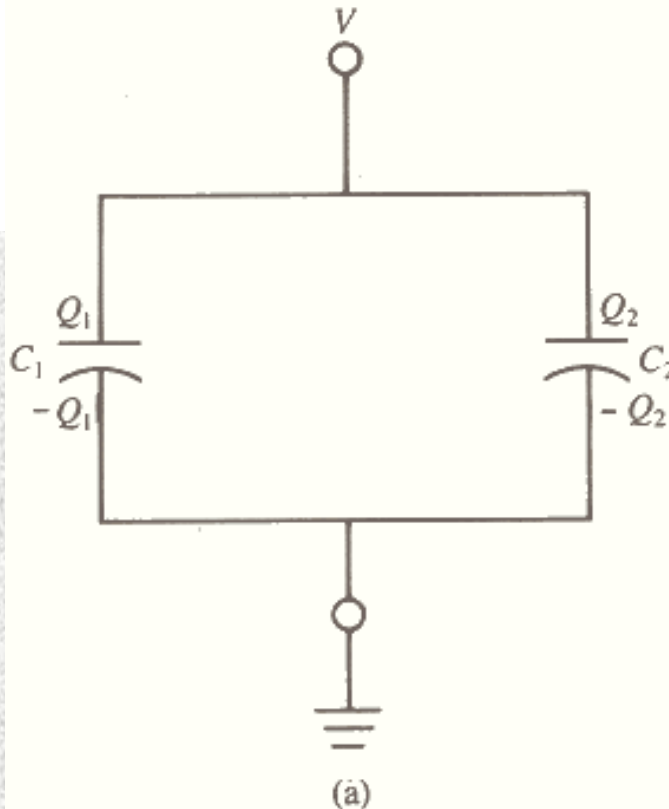
- (a) Capacitors connected in parallel share the same voltage

$$C = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{V} = \frac{Q_1}{V} + \frac{Q_2}{V} = C_1 + C_2. \quad (6-26)$$

- (b) Capacitors connected in series carry the same charges

$$V = \frac{Q}{C_1} + \frac{Q}{C_2} = \frac{Q}{C},$$

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}, \quad C = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}.$$



Electric Forces on Conductors

- To calculate the magnitude of the electric force, consider a conductor carrying a surface charge density σ with the electric field strength \mathbf{E} near the surface.
- The force on the element of area dA of the conductor is

$$dF = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \sigma d\mathcal{A} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\epsilon_0} d\mathcal{A}.$$

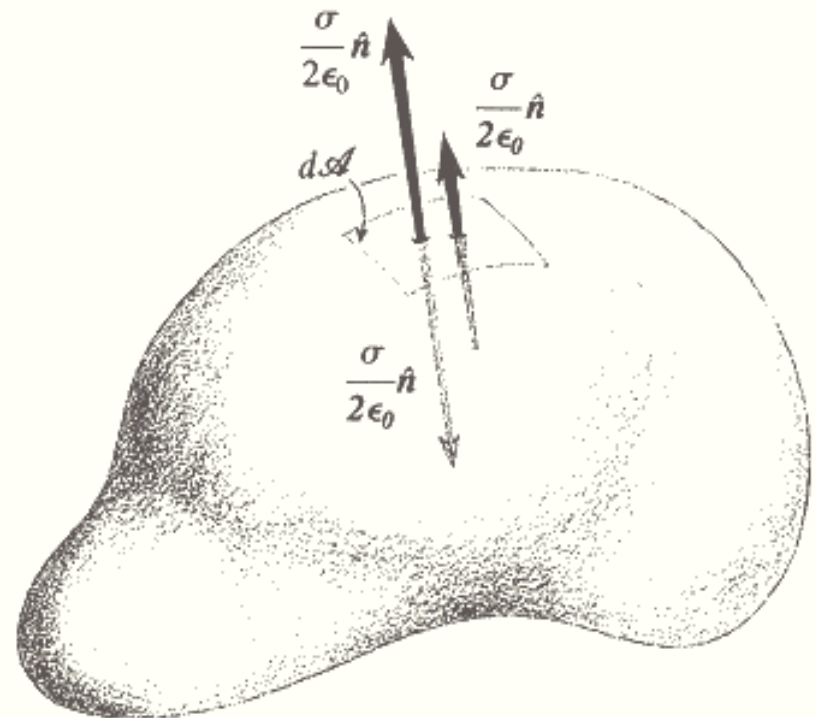
- The surface force density is

$$F' = \frac{dF}{d\mathcal{A}} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\epsilon_0} = \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} \quad \text{newtons/meter}^2.$$

- The force per unit area on the conductor is equal to the the Energy density in the field.

The net force;

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \oint_{\mathcal{A}} E^2 d\mathcal{A}, \quad (6-31)$$

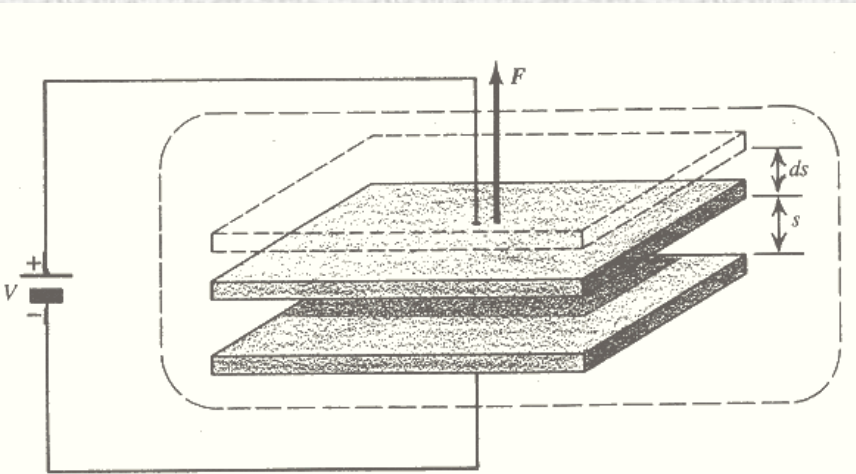


Calculating Electric Forces by the Method of Virtual Work

- We can also calculate electric force by the method of virtual work.
- This method consists in postulating an infinitesimal displacement and then applying the principle of conservation of energy
- First, we define the system, and then we calculate the energy fed into it in the course of the displacement
- The energy is equal to the increase in the internal energy of the system

Example-5

- The parallel-plate capacitor is connected to a battery supplying a fixed voltage



- Assume that the distance s increases by ds , and apply the principles of the virtual work
- The increase in the electric energy of the capacitor is

$$\mathcal{E}_F + \mathcal{E}_B = \mathcal{E}_E, \quad (6-32)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_F = F ds, \quad \mathcal{E}_B = V dQ, \quad (6-33)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_B = V(V dC) = V^2 d\left(\frac{\epsilon_0 \mathcal{A}}{s}\right) = -V^2 \epsilon_0 \mathcal{A} \frac{ds}{s^2} = -(\epsilon_0 \dot{E}^2)(\mathcal{A} ds). \quad (6-34)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_E = d\left(\frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} \mathcal{A} s\right) = d\left(\frac{\epsilon_0 V^2 \mathcal{A} s}{2s^2}\right) = \epsilon_0 \frac{\mathcal{A} V^2}{2} \left(-\frac{ds}{s^2}\right) = -\frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} \mathcal{A} ds.$$

$$F ds - \epsilon_0 E^2 \mathcal{A} ds = -\frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} \mathcal{A} ds, \quad (6-35)$$

$$F = \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} \mathcal{A}, \quad (6-37)$$