

Section 2

Quiz 4

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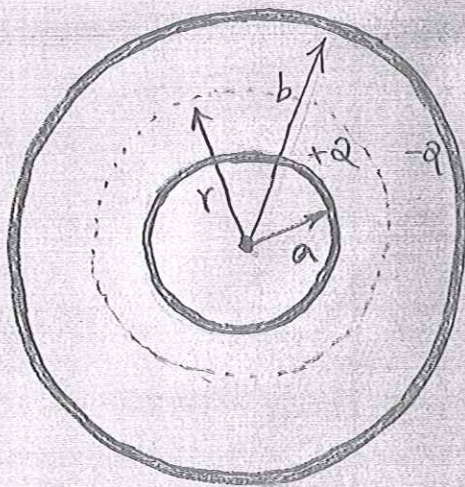
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Find the capacitance of a capacitor consisting of two concentric conducting shells of inner radius a and outer radius b .



From Gauss law $\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{Q_{\text{net}}}{\epsilon_0}$

Since Gauss surface is spherically symmetric, electric field has a definite value on the radius r from center. And the direction is radially outward, $\vec{E} = |E|\hat{r}$

$$|E|\hat{r} \cdot (4\pi r^2)\hat{r} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow |E| = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}} \rightarrow \text{radially outward.}$$

$$V_{ab} = V(a) - V(b) = - \int_b^a \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_b^a \frac{dr}{r^2} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(-\frac{1}{r} \right)_b^a$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{ab} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right) \quad \left(\text{since } a < b \rightarrow \frac{1}{a} > \frac{1}{b} \quad V_{ab} > 0 \right)$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V_{ab}} = \frac{\cancel{Q}}{\frac{\cancel{Q}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0}{\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}}$$

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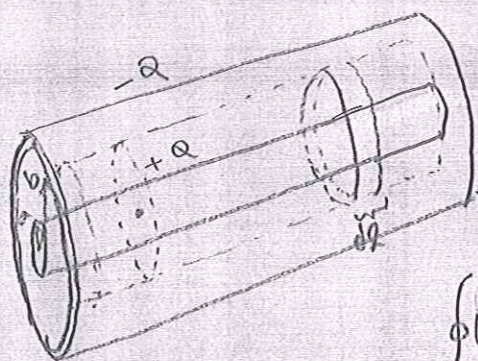
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Find the capacitance of a capacitor consisting of two concentric conducting cylinders of inner radius a , outer radius b , and length L .



From Gauss law $\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{Q_{\text{net}}}{\epsilon_0}$
 Since Gauss surface is cylindrically symmetric, electric field has a definite value on the surface. And its direction is radially outward.

$$\vec{E} = |\vec{E}| \hat{r}$$

$$\oint_S |\vec{E}| \hat{r} \cdot (2\pi r) d\ell \hat{r} = \frac{Q_{\text{net}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$|\vec{E}| (2\pi r L) = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{E} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \hat{r}}$$

$$V_{ab} = V(a) - V(b) = - \int_b^a \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \int_b^a \frac{dr}{r} = - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_{ab} = V(a) - V(b) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{b}{a}}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V_{ab}} = \frac{\lambda L}{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{b}{a}} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{\ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)}$$

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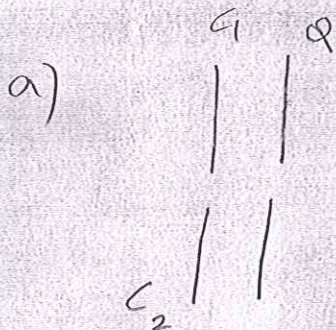
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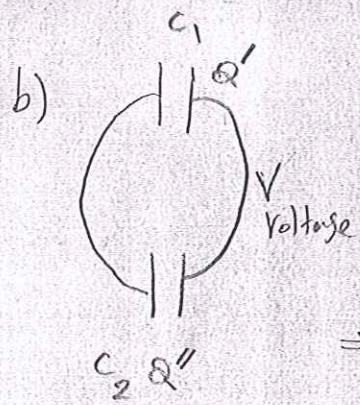
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A capacitor of capacitance C_1 of charge Q is connected to an uncharged capacitor of capacitance C_2 in parallel. Calculate the energy lost when the connection made.



When we connect them, total charge stays the same. therefore some of charge of capacitor C_1 goes to C_2 . However, total charge is Q .



$Q' + Q'' = Q$, Next, we see that V is the same. Also total C increased from C_1 to $C_1 + C_2$.

\Rightarrow energy lost: $\Delta U = U_f - U_i = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C_1} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C_1 + C_2}$

$\Rightarrow \Delta U = \frac{Q^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{C_1} - \frac{1}{C_1 + C_2} \right) = \frac{Q^2}{2} \times \frac{C_2}{C_1(C_1 + C_2)}$

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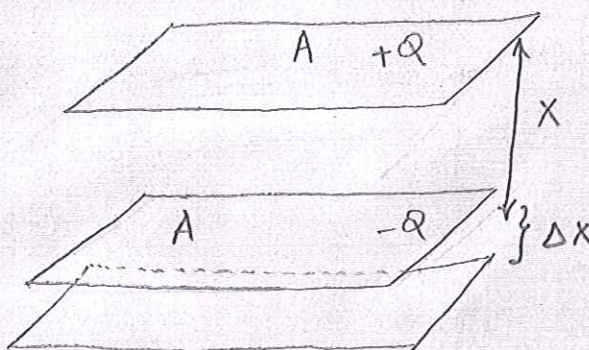
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A parallel plate capacitor of area A has charge Q and separation x . (i) Find the force F between the plates. (ii) Find the work ΔW done by F to separate the plates by an additional Δx . (iii) Compare ΔW by the change in the energy stored in the capacitor ΔU .



i) $C_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{x}$, $Q = C_0 V$, $E = \frac{V}{x}$

the force acting on one plate by another $F = \frac{1}{2} Q E = \frac{1}{2} \frac{C_0 V^2}{x}$

ii) Work done $\Delta W = F \Delta x = \frac{1}{2} C_0 V^2 \frac{\Delta x}{x}$
to separate plates by an additional Δx

iii) $C_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{x}$ is the capacitance before moving plates. After moving for an additional Δx

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{x + \Delta x} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{x(1 + \frac{\Delta x}{x})} \stackrel{\substack{\text{since } \Delta x \ll x \\ \frac{\Delta x}{x} \ll 1}}{\approx} \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{x} \left(1 - \frac{\Delta x}{x}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow C = C_0 \left(1 - \frac{\Delta x}{x}\right) \Rightarrow \Delta C = -C_0 \frac{\Delta x}{x}$

Since voltage is constant while moving plates apart,

$$U = \frac{1}{2} C V^2 \xrightarrow[V = \text{constant}]{\text{implies}} \Delta U = \frac{1}{2} \Delta C V^2 = -\frac{1}{2} C_0 V^2 \frac{\Delta x}{x}$$

(energy stored in capacitor) $\Delta U = -\Delta W$

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A parallel plate capacitor of area A and plate separation L is filled with a removable dielectric slab with dielectric constant K . The capacitor is always connected to a battery keeping it at voltage V . Find (i) the charge on the plates with and without the slab, (ii) the electric field between the plates with and without the slab, and (iii) the induced charge Q_i on the dielectric.

Since V is constant.

$$i) - \text{Without slab} \quad C_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{L} \Rightarrow Q_0 = C_0 V = \frac{\epsilon_0 A V}{L}$$

$$- \text{with slab} \quad C = \frac{k\epsilon_0 A}{L} \Rightarrow Q = C V = \frac{k\epsilon_0 A V}{L} = k Q_0$$

ii) Since V is constant, $E = \frac{V}{d}$ is constant. Therefore in both cases electric field is $E = \frac{V}{d}$.

iii) Note that, first by adding slab inside plates, some additional charge placed in both plates which takes Q_0 to Q in a fixed voltage. Henceforth,

$$Q_{\text{additional}} = Q - Q_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A V}{L} (k - 1) = Q_0 (k - 1).$$

Now, as we see the actual charge placed on plates is Q , where σ is surface density responsible for Q . And σ_i is surface density for induced charges in dielectric. From book, we know, $\sigma_i = \sigma \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow Q_{\text{induced}} = Q_i = Q \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) = k Q_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) = Q_0 (k - 1)$$

Therefore, by adding slab electric field doesn't change, because the induced charge cancels the additional charge.

