

CONCEPT MAP

Electrostatics

Superposition Principle : The vector sum of forces that would be exerted by each individual charge plus the total force.

Conductors & Insulators : The materials which possess a large number of free charge carriers are called conductors or dielectrics. Insulators possess a negligibly small number of free charge carriers.

Dielectrics

Polar

Non Polar

Capacitance (conducting slab)

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$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d - t \left(1 - \frac{1}{K}\right)}$$

Electric polarization
 $P = NP = Nqx$

Capacitors in parallel

$$C_P = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} C_i$$

Capacitors in series

$$\frac{1}{C_S} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \frac{1}{C_i}$$

Electric Charges

Study of electric charges at rest.

Conservation : Total charge of an isolated system remains unchanged with time.

Coulomb's Law :

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Capacitor : Conductor which store electric charge.

Parallel plate capacitor

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

Energystored in a capacitor

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C} = \frac{1}{2} QV$$

Van de Graaff generator: A Van de Graaff generator is a device used for building up high potential difference of the order of few million volts.

Electric Field : Electric field intensity at a point distant r from a point charge q in air is

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Electric Dipole : Every dipole is associated with a dipole moment \vec{p} whose magnitude is equal to the product of the magnitude of either charge (q) and the distance $2a$ between the charges, *i.e.*,

$$\vec{p} = q \times (2a)$$

Electric Potential : The total amount of work done in bringing the various charges to their respective positions from infinitely large mutual separations.

Equipotential Surface : An equipotential surface is that at every point of which electric potential is the same. Equipotential surfaces are always perpendicular to the field lines.

Potential Difference : Electrostatic potential difference between two points B and A in an electrostatic field is the amount of work done in carrying unit positive test charge from A to B (against the electrostatic force of the field) along any path between the two points, *i.e.*,

$$V_B - V_A = \frac{W_{AB}}{q_0} = - \int_A^B \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Electric Flux : Electric flux over an area in an electric field represents the total number of electric field lines crossing this area.

Gauss's Theorem : Total normal electric flux over a closed surface S in vacuum is $1/\epsilon_0$ time the charge (Q) contained inside the surface

$$\phi_E = \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$