

Equations to Know

Chapter 24

Capacitance

$$Q = CV_{ab}$$

Capacitance of a parallel plate

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

Capacitance of a cylindrical capacitor

$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{\ln\left(\frac{R_a}{R_b}\right)}$$

Capacitance of a spherical capacitor

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \left(\frac{R_a R_b}{R_a - R_b} \right)$$

*Potential of a single conducting sphere

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{R_b} - \frac{1}{\underbrace{R_a}_{=\infty}} \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R_b}$$

*Capacitance of a single conducting sphere

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R_b$$

Capacitors in parallel

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \dots$$

Capacitors in series

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \dots$$

*Work needed to store a total charge Q

$$W = \int_0^Q V dq = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^Q q dq = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}$$

Energy stored in a capacitor

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

Energy stored in a parallel plate capacitor

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 Ad$$

Energy density, energy stored per volume in \mathbf{E}

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$$

Dielectric constant

$$C = KC_0$$

Permittivity of a material

$$\epsilon = K\epsilon_0$$