

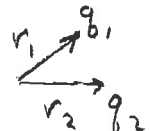
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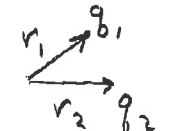
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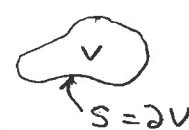
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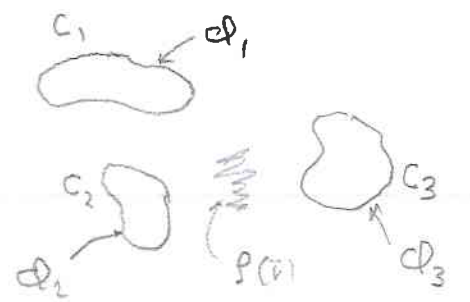
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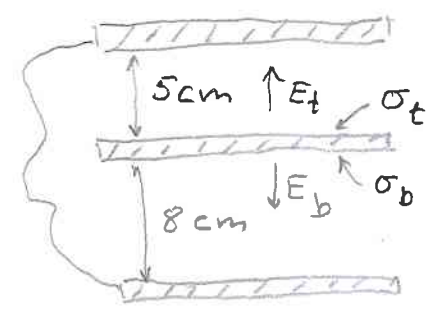


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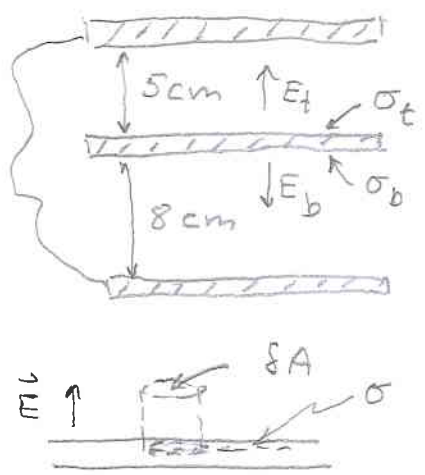
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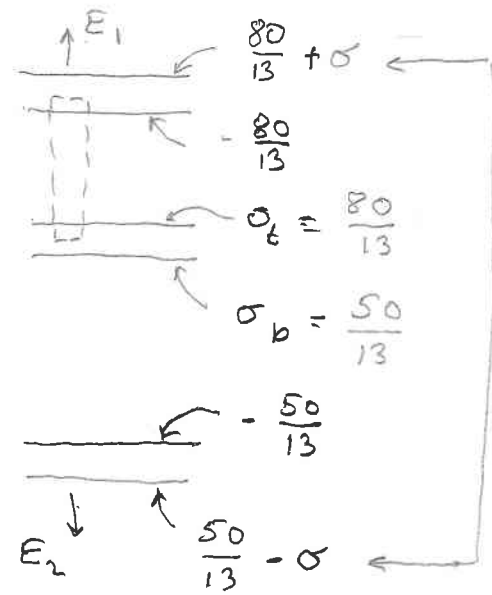
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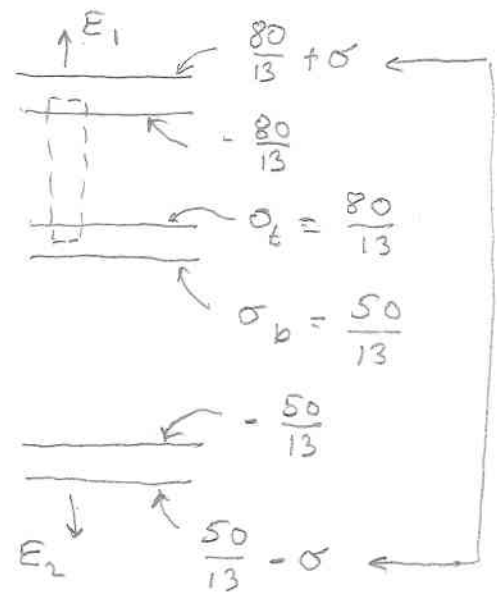
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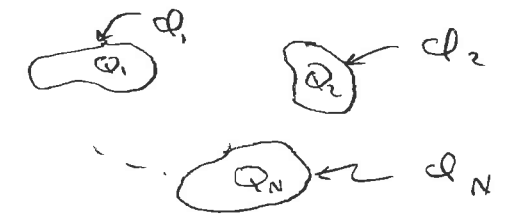
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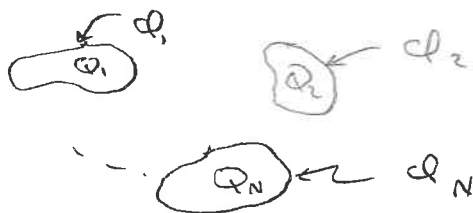
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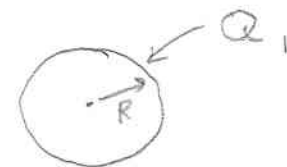
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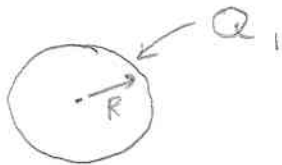
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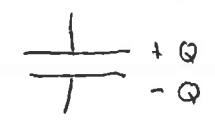
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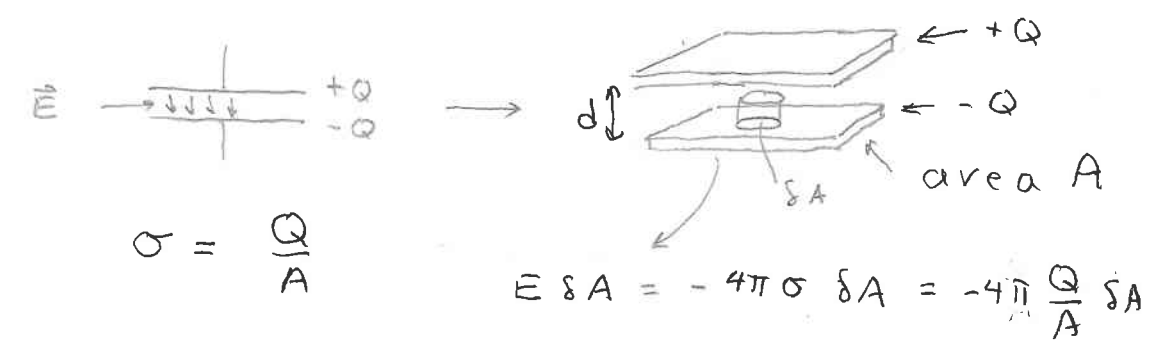
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4. Parallel plate capacitor



$$\phi_{top} - \phi_{bot} = V = -E \cdot d = \frac{4\pi Q}{A} d$$

$$\text{or } V = \frac{1}{C} Q \rightarrow C = \frac{A}{4\pi d}$$

5. Units

for esu $C = \frac{Q}{V} \sim \text{cm}$

for SI $C = \frac{Q}{V} \sim \frac{\text{Coulomb}}{\text{Volt}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ Farad} &= \frac{1 \text{ Coulomb}}{1 \text{ Volt}} \\
 &= \frac{3 \times 10^9 \text{ esu}}{\frac{1}{300} \text{ stat-volt}} = 9 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm} \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 &\quad (2.99792458)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

a Farad is a large unit
a cm " " small unit