

2nd Year Physics

Chapter # 12

Electrostatics



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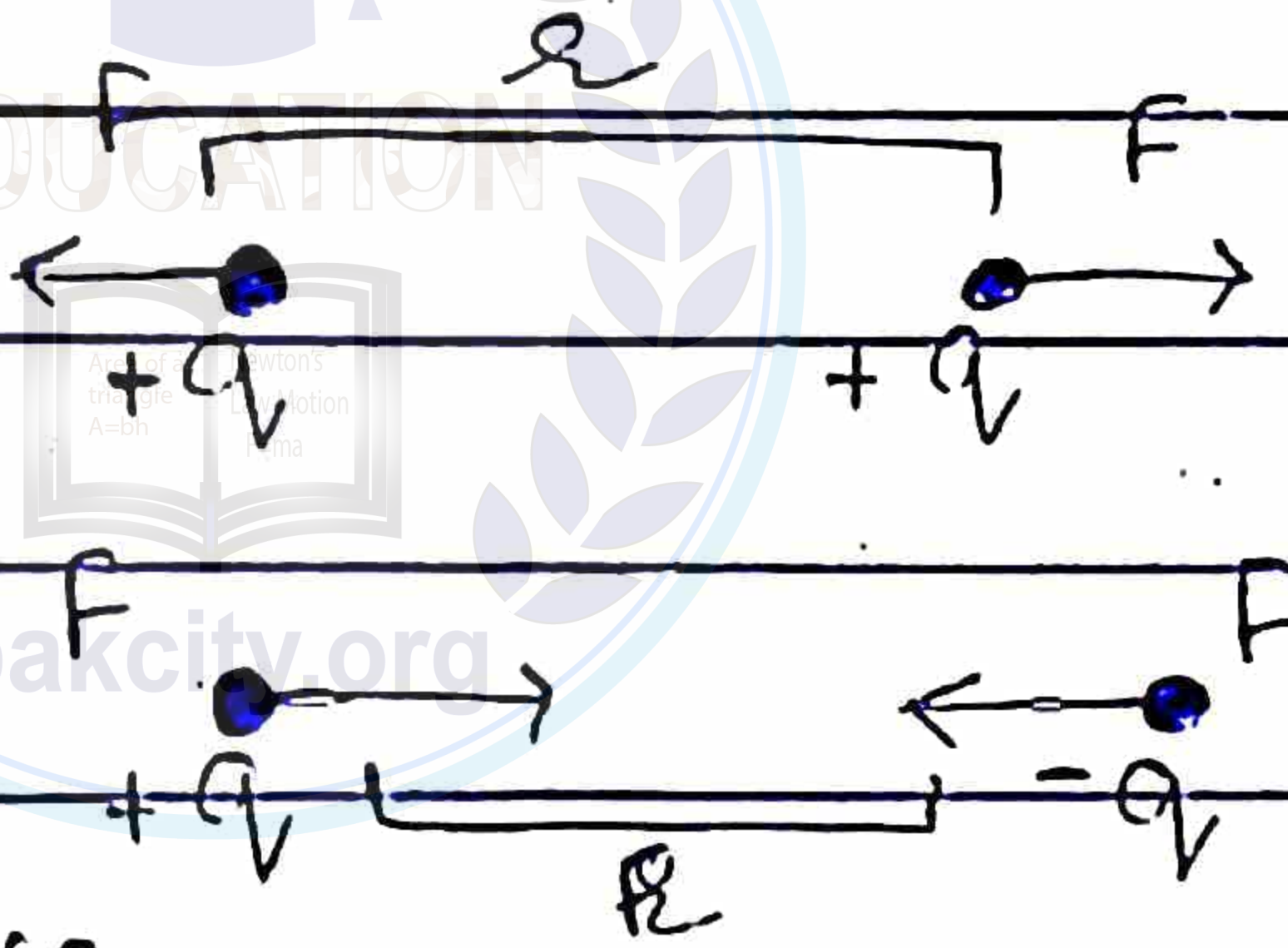
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Coulomb's Law:* Statement:

"The force between two points charges is directly proportional to the product of magnitude of their charges and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them"

Explanation:

Consider two charges q_1 and q_2 separated by the distance r as shown in the figure.



If the charges are same they will repel each other and if the charges are opposite they will attract each other. Both the charges exert equal and opposite forces on each other.

According to Coulomb's law:

$$F \propto q_1 q_2$$

$$F \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

By combining both the equations:

$$F \propto \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$



$$F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

Here 'k' is the constant called proportionality constant whose value depends on the medium between the charges. If there is no medium then the value of k is

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

Here ϵ_0 is the permittivity of free space and its value is

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$$

And k will become

$$k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$$

Now the Coulomb's law will be written as.

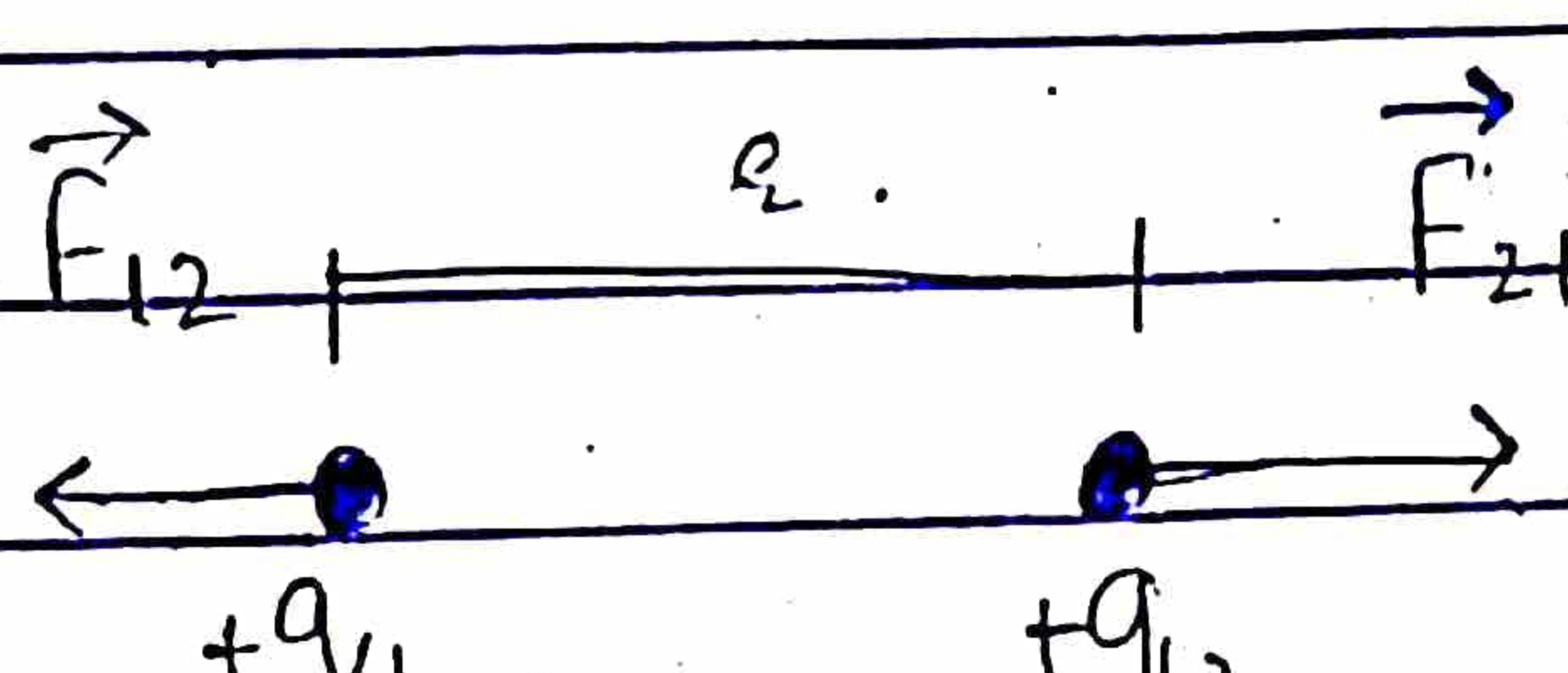
$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

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Direction of force:

Both the charges exert equal and opposite forces on each other.



The diagram shows two positive charges, $+q_1$ and $+q_2$, on a horizontal line. The distance between them is labeled r . Above $+q_1$, a force vector \vec{F}_{12} points to the left. Above $+q_2$, a force vector \vec{F}_{21} points to the right. This illustrates that like charges repel each other.

F_{12} is the force acting on charge q_1 by charge q_2 , and F_{21} is the force acting on charge q_2 by charge q_1 .

acting on charge q_2 by
the charge q_1 .

Mathematically:

$$\vec{F}_{12} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}_{12}$$

$$\vec{F}_{21} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}_{21}$$

Here \hat{r}_{12} and \hat{r}_{21} is
the unit vectors that
show the direction of
the force \vec{F}_{12} and \vec{F}_{21}
respectively.

$$\vec{F}_{12} = -\vec{F}_{21}$$

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Effect of medium:

If the dielectric medium
is placed between the
charges, the electrostatic
force will be decreased
by a factor ϵ_r .

Mathematical:

$$F' = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

Relative Permittivity

$$\frac{F}{F'} = \frac{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}}{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}}$$

$$\frac{F}{F'} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}$$

$$\frac{F}{F'} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}$$

$$\frac{F}{F'} = \epsilon_r$$



Relative permittivity is the ratio of electrostatic force when there is no medium between the charges to the force when there is dielectric medium between them.

→ There is no medium of ϵ_r .

Electric Field:

The area or region around a charge in which it can exert its electrostatic force of attraction or repulsion on the other charge is called electric field.

The concept of electric field was firstly given by Michael Faraday.

Electric Field Intensity / Electric Field Strength:

The strength of electric field is called electric field intensity.

OR

The electric force acting per unit charge is called electric field intensity. It is denoted by \vec{E} .
Mathematically,

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q}$$

Electric intensity
is a vector quantity. Its
unit is NC^{-1} .



Direction: The direction
of electric intensity is
same as the direction
of electric force.

For two charges
 q_1 and q_2 , the electric
force will be:

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

And

$$E = \frac{F}{q_2}$$

$$E = \frac{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}}{q_2}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1}{r^2}$$

In vector form.

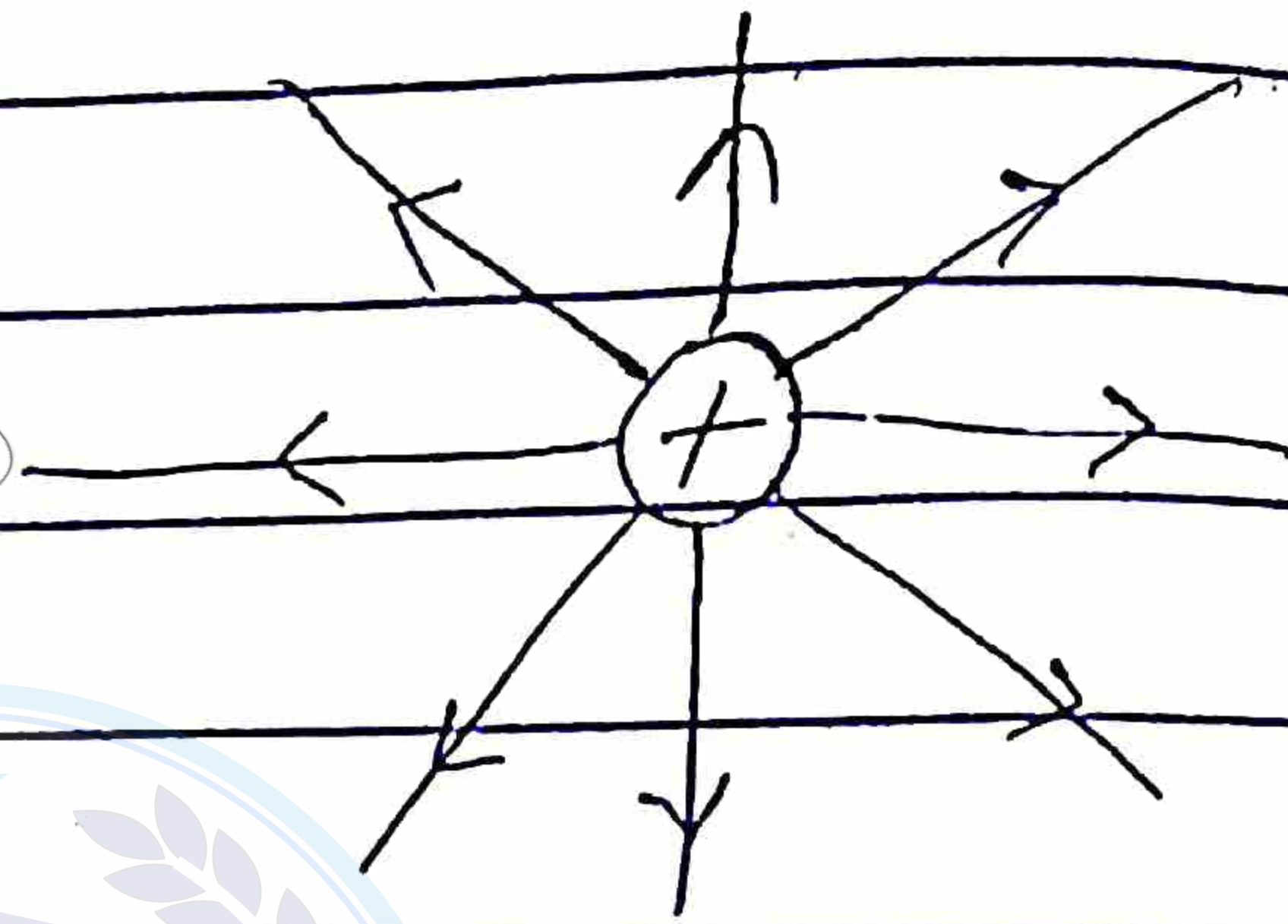
$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Electric Field Lines

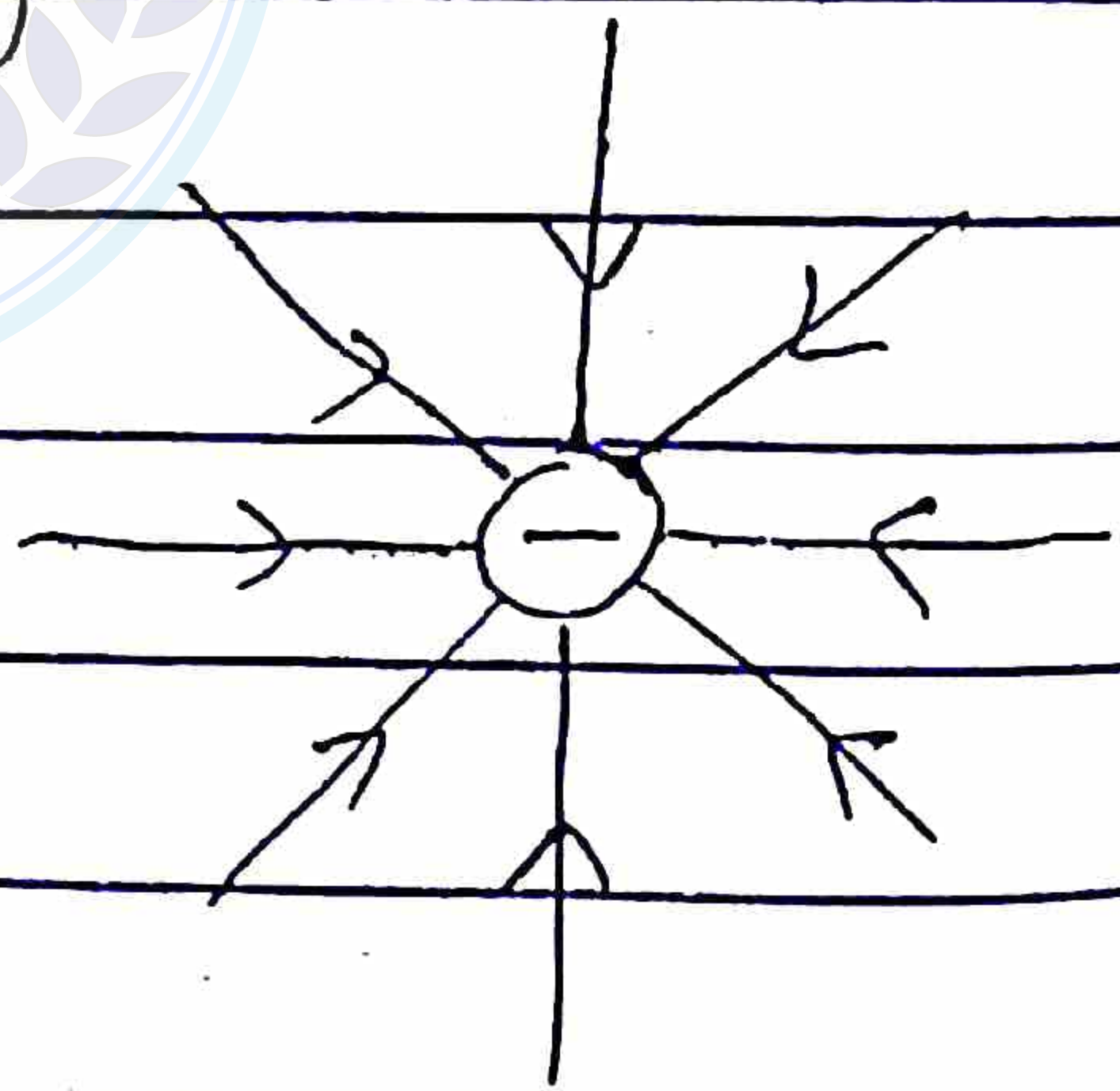
The imaginary lines that are used to show the direction and strength of electric field around a charge are called electric field lines.

Properties:

i- Electric field lines are directed outward from the positive charge.

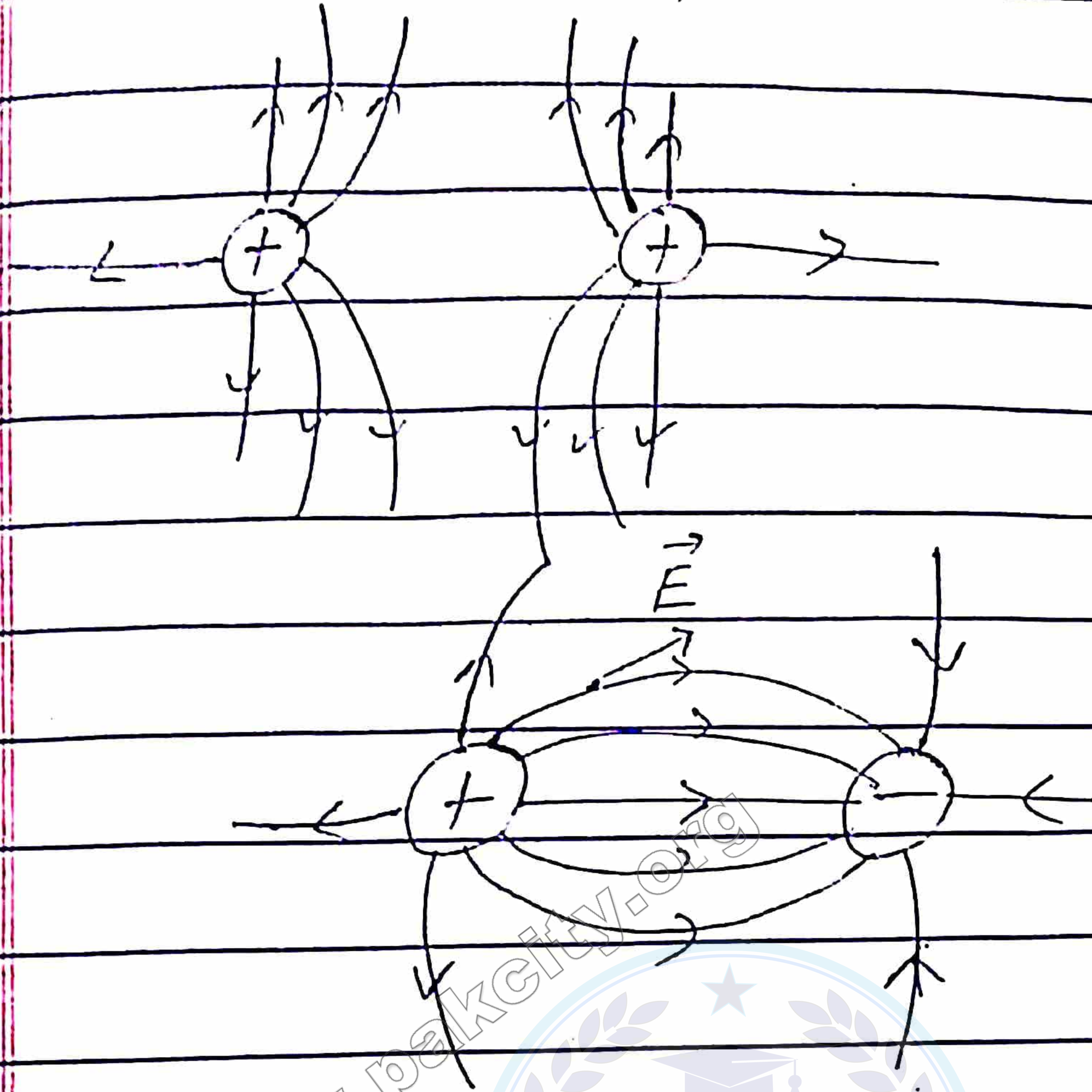


ii- Electric field lines are directed inward to the negative charge.



iii- Electric field lines are close where the field is strong while electric field

lines are far apart where the field is weak.



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iv- The tangent to electric field lines show the direction of electric intensity.

v- Electric field lines never cross each other because every line has its own specific direction.

Electric Flux:

The number of electric field lines passing through a certain area is called electric flux

OR

The dot product of electric intensity \vec{E} and vector area \vec{A} is called electric flux ϕ .
mathematically,

$$\phi = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}$$

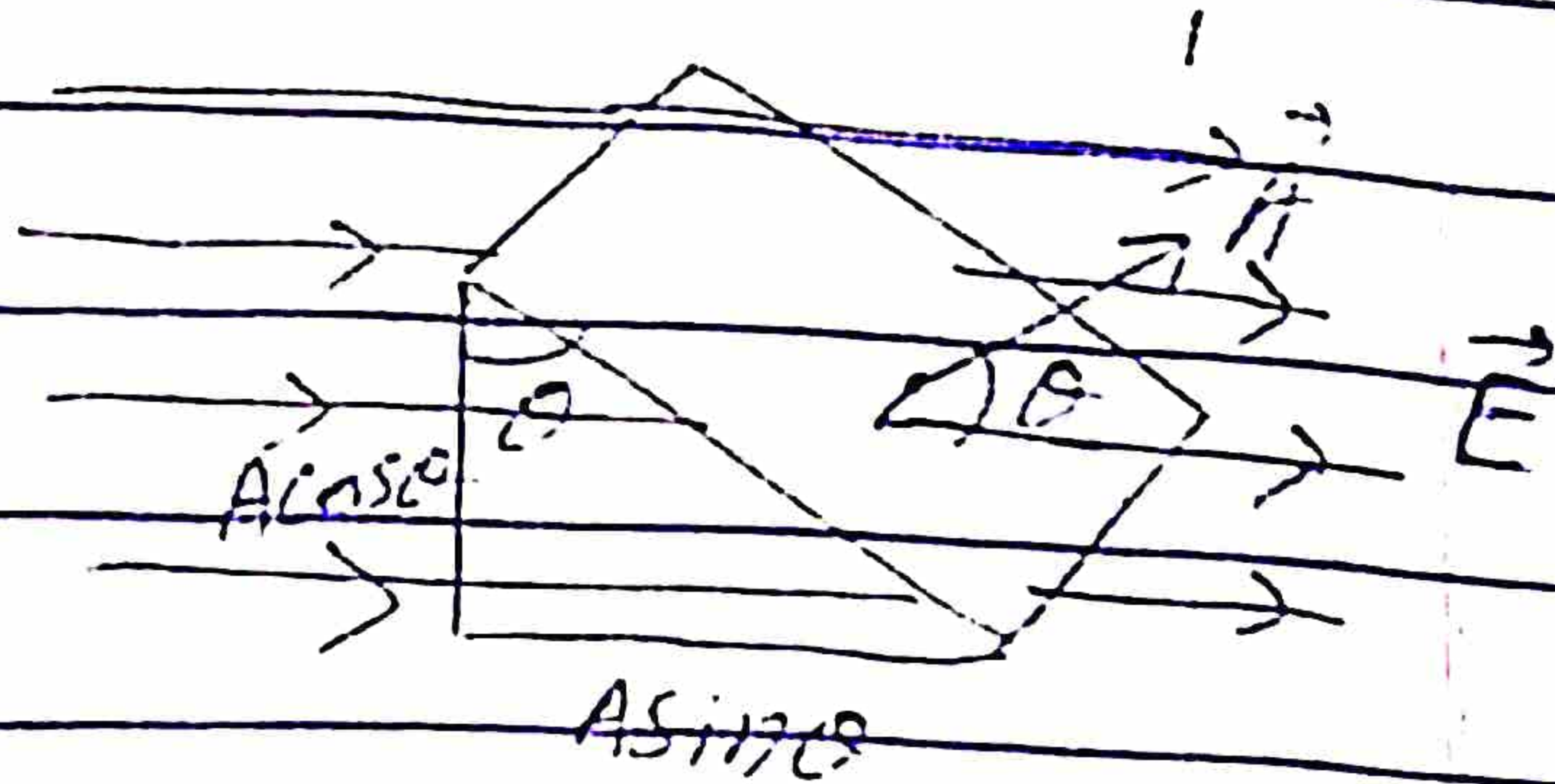
The electric flux ϕ is a scalar quantity and its unit is Nm^2C^{-1}

Vector Area: The line normal to the surface is called vector area. The magnitude of the vector area is the value of area of the surface and direction perpendicular to the surface.

Explanation:

Consider
a surface

with
vector
area \vec{A}



placed in
the path of electric
field lines. The angle between
electric field lines and
vector area is θ as
shown in the figure.

Then we resolve the vector
area into its rectangular
components $A \sin \theta$ and $A \cos \theta$.

The electric field lines
are passing through the
component $A \cos \theta$. So,

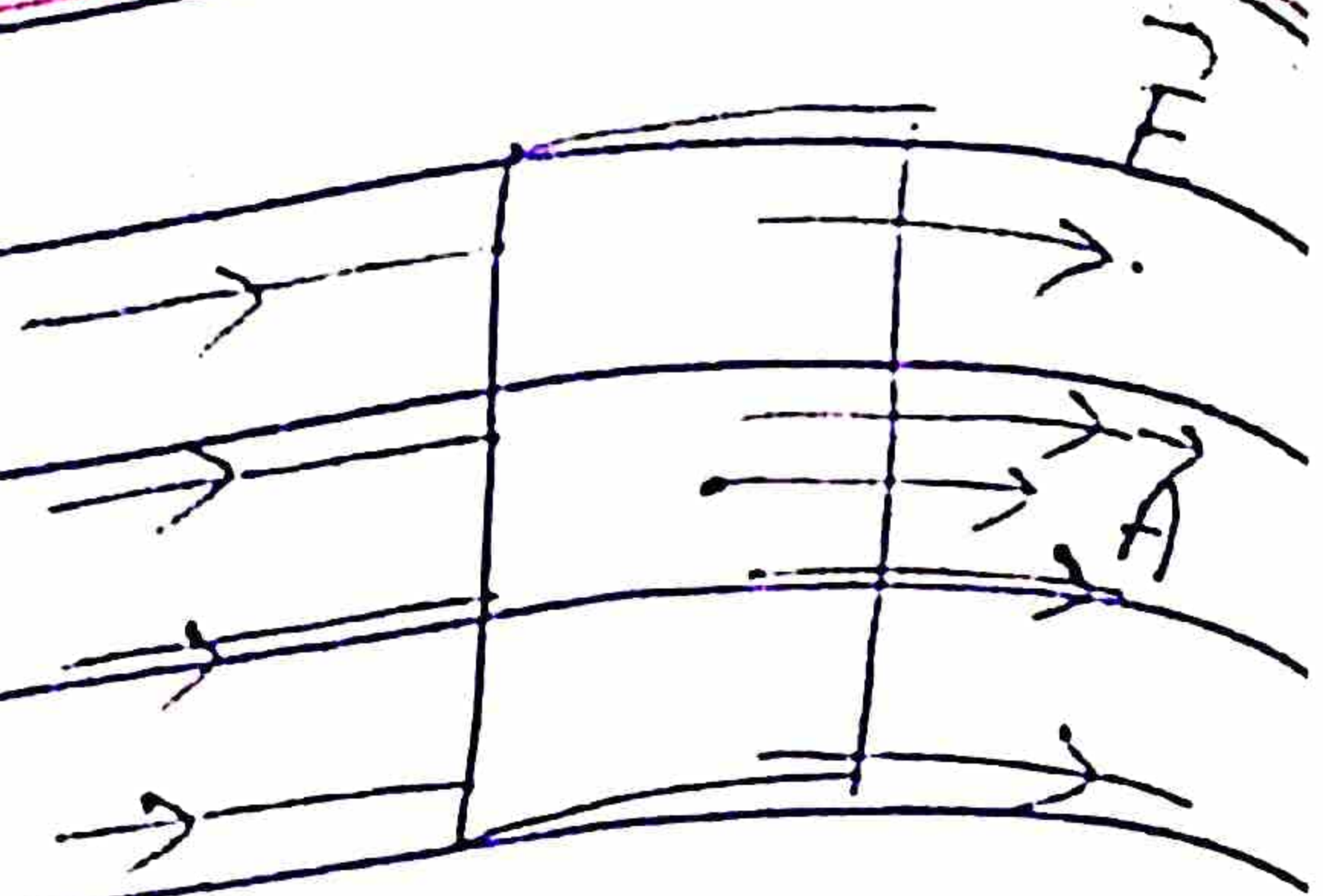
$$\phi = E (A \cos \theta)$$

$$\phi = E A \cos \theta$$

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Maximum Flux: The electric
flux through the surface
will be maximum when
the surface is held

perpendicular
to the
electric
field lines.



In this way,
electric field lines will
be parallel to the vector
area.

$$\phi = EA \cos \theta$$

here $\theta = 0^\circ$

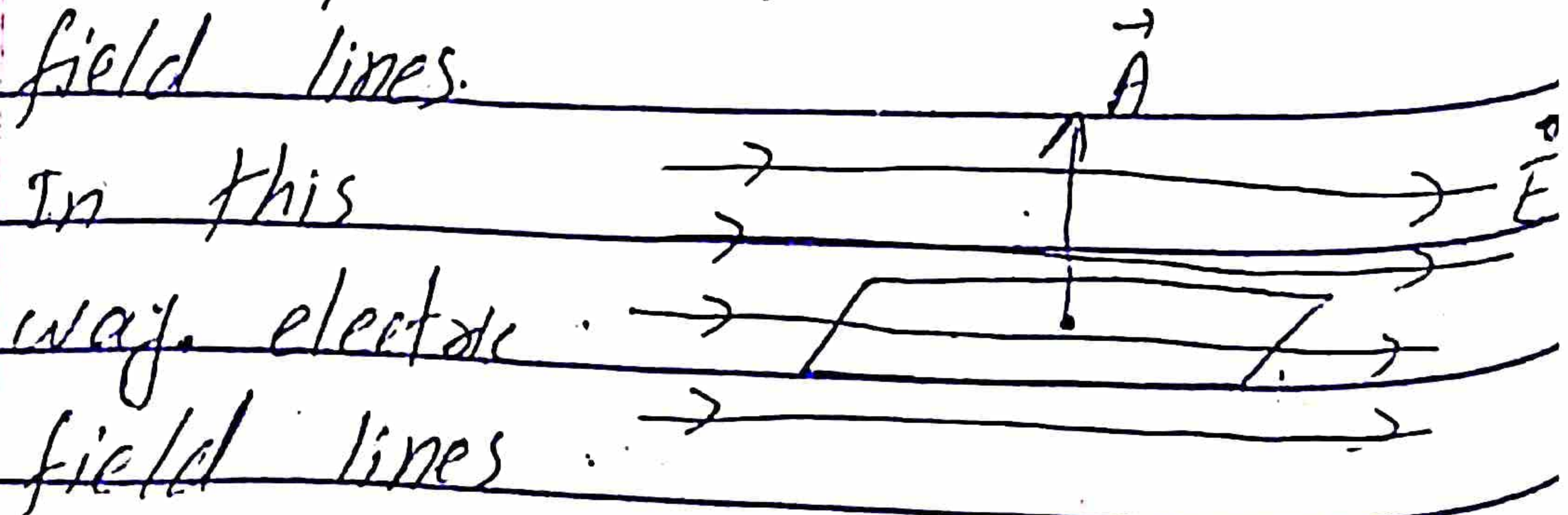
$$\phi = EA \cos 0^\circ$$

$$\phi_{\text{max}} = EA$$



Minimum Flux:

The electric flux
through the surface will be
minimum when the surface is
held parallel to the electric
field lines.



In this
way, electric
field lines
will be

perpendicular to vector area.

$$\phi = EA \cos 90^\circ$$

$$= EA (0)$$

$$\phi_{\min} = 0$$



Electric Flux Through A Surface Enclosing A Charge:

Consider a closed surface

in the form

of a

sphere

of radius

r as

shown in

the figure.

A positive charge is placed

at the centre of the

sphere through which electric

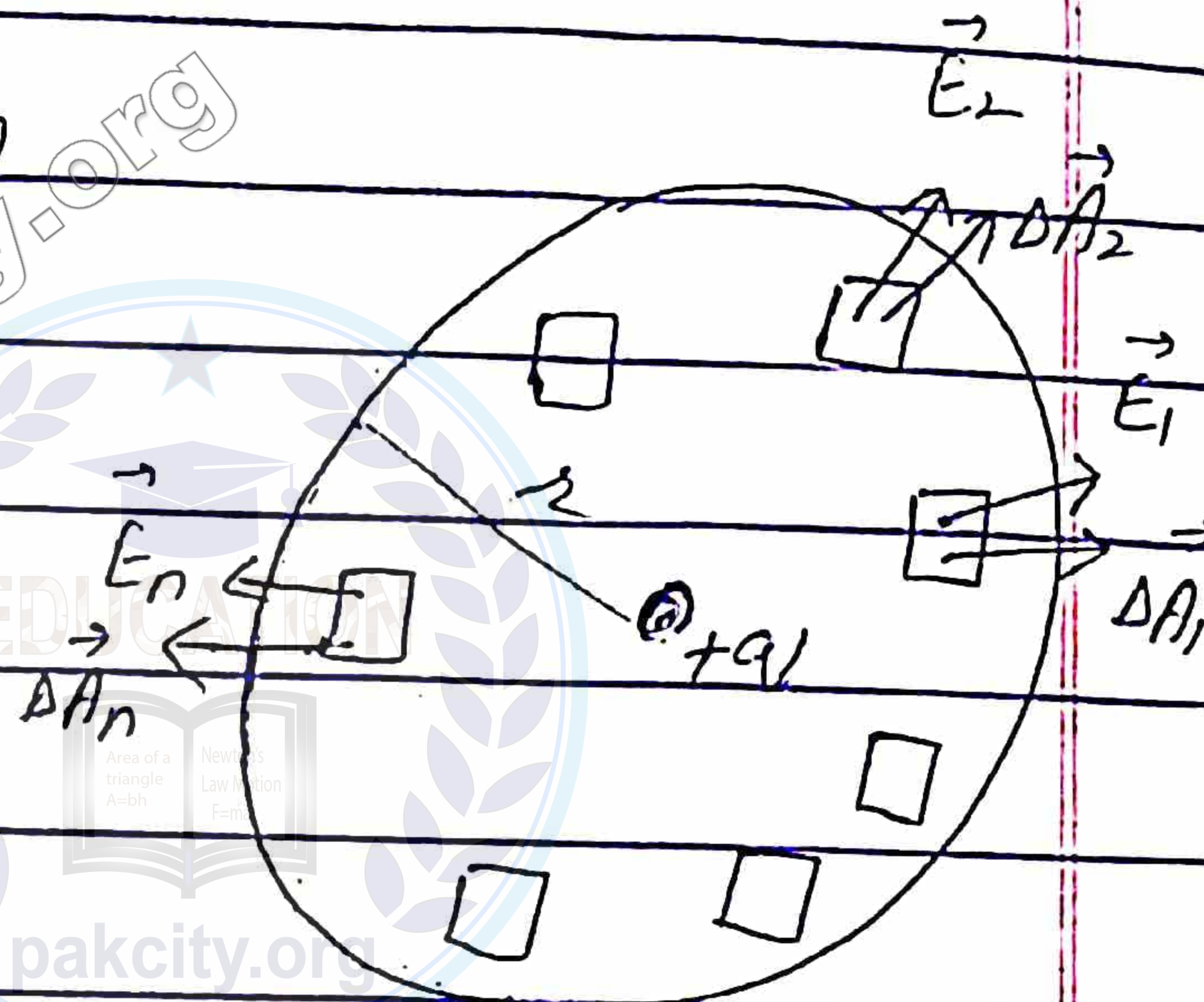
field lines are directed

outward. Then we divide the

surface of sphere into

n number of small pieces

having vector areas $\vec{dA}_1, \vec{dA}_2, \dots, \vec{dA}_n$



with electric intensities $\vec{E}_1, \vec{E}_2, \dots, \vec{E}_n$ respectively. The total electric flux will be equal to the sum of electric flux through all the pieces.

$$\Phi_e = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2 + \dots + \Phi_n$$

$$= \vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{dA}_1 + \vec{E}_2 \cdot \vec{dA}_2 + \dots + \vec{E}_n \cdot \vec{dA}_n$$

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$$\Phi_e = E_1 dA_1 \cos \theta_1 + E_2 dA_2 \cos \theta_2 + \dots + E_n dA_n \cos \theta_n$$

The electric intensity and vector area are parallel for all the pieces. So,

$$\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots = \theta_n = 0^\circ$$

$$\cos \theta_1 = \cos \theta_2 = \dots = \cos \theta_n = 1$$

So,

$$\Phi_e = E_1 dA_1 + E_2 dA_2 + \dots + E_n dA_n$$

All the pieces on the surface of the sphere are

at the same distance from the charge. So, the electric intensity will be same for all the pieces.

$$|E_1| = |E_2| = \dots = |E_n| = E$$

$$\phi_E = E \Delta A_1 + E \Delta A_2 + \dots + E \Delta A_n$$

$$= E (\Delta A_1 + \Delta A_2 + \dots + \Delta A_n)$$

$$\phi_E = E (\text{total spherical surface area})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} (4\pi r^2)$$

$$\phi_E = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

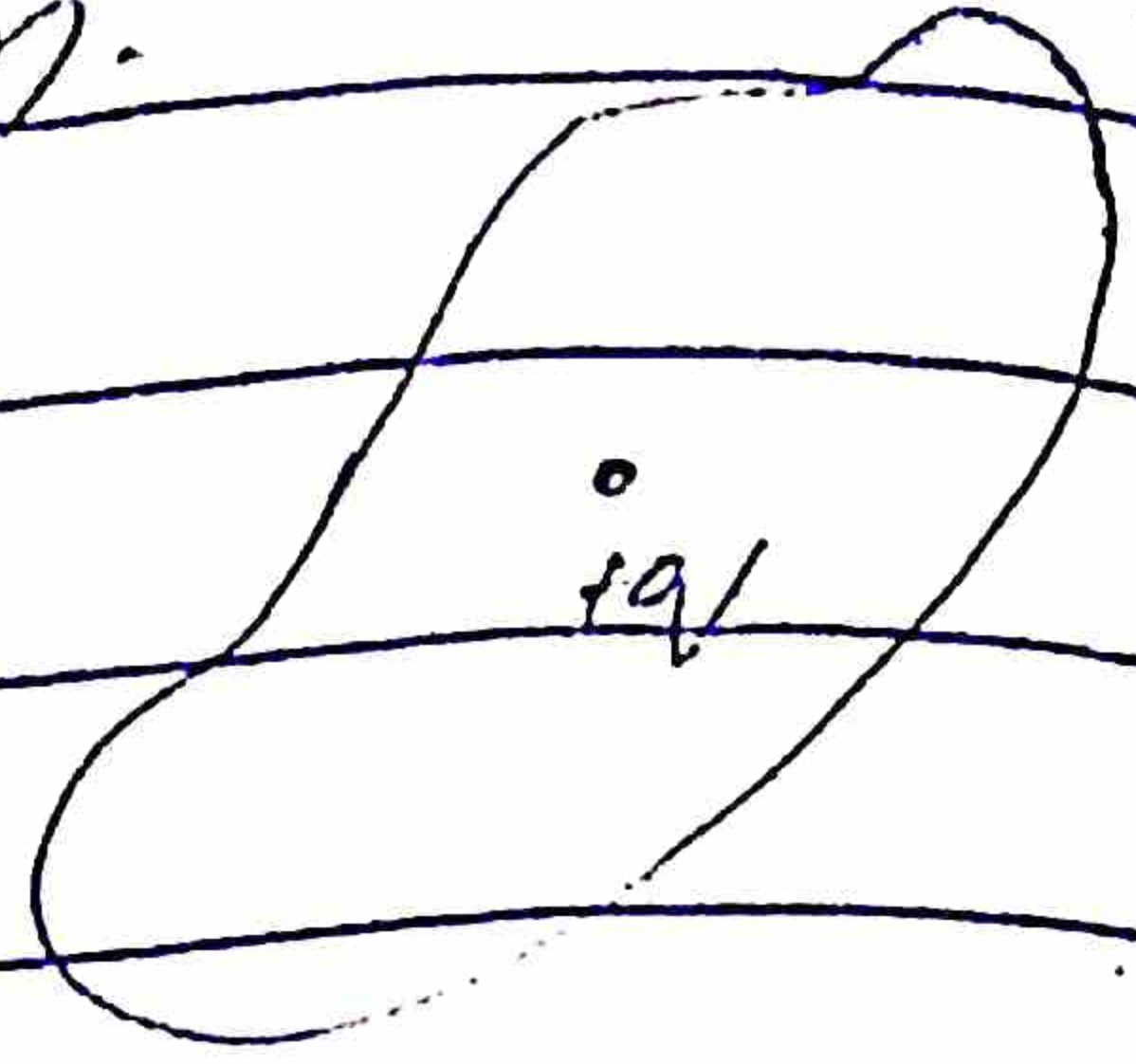


Dependence.

The electric flux through a surface depends upon the magnitude of charge and medium of the surface.

It does not depend upon the shape of the closed surface. The shape may be

of any pattern.



Gauss's Law:

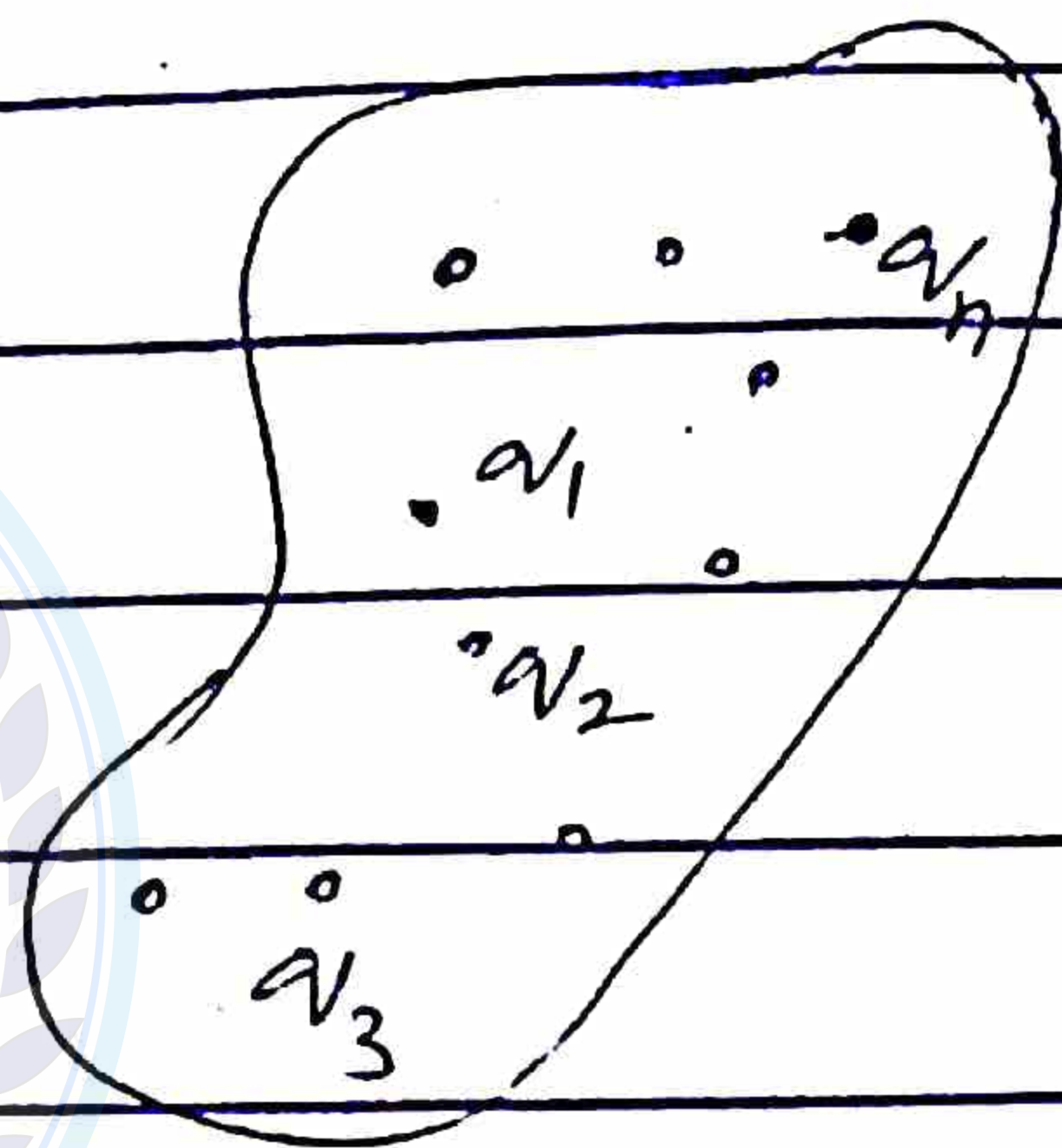
Statement:

"The flux through any closed surface is $1/\epsilon_0$ times the total charge enclosed in it"

Explanation:

Consider

a closed surface of irregular shape in which charges



q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n are placed arbitrary as shown in the figure. The total flux through the surface will be equal to the sum of electric flux for all the charges.

$$\Phi_e = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3 + \dots + \Phi_n$$

$$\phi_e = \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{q_2}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{q_3}{\epsilon_0} + \dots + \frac{q_n}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (q_1 + q_2 + q_3 + \dots + q_n)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\text{total charge enclosed by closed surface})$$

$$\phi_e = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (Q)$$

This is the mathematical expression for the Gauss's law.



Gaussian Surface

The imaginary closed surface that passes through a point at which Gauss's law is applied to calculate the electric intensity is called Gaussian surface.

Intensity of Field Inside A Hollow Charged Sphere.

Consider

a sphere of

radius R

on which

positive

charge is

uniformly

distributed as

shown in the figure. Then

we take a Gaussian

surface inside the sphere of

radius R' . According to

Gauss's law:

$$\Phi_e = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q$$

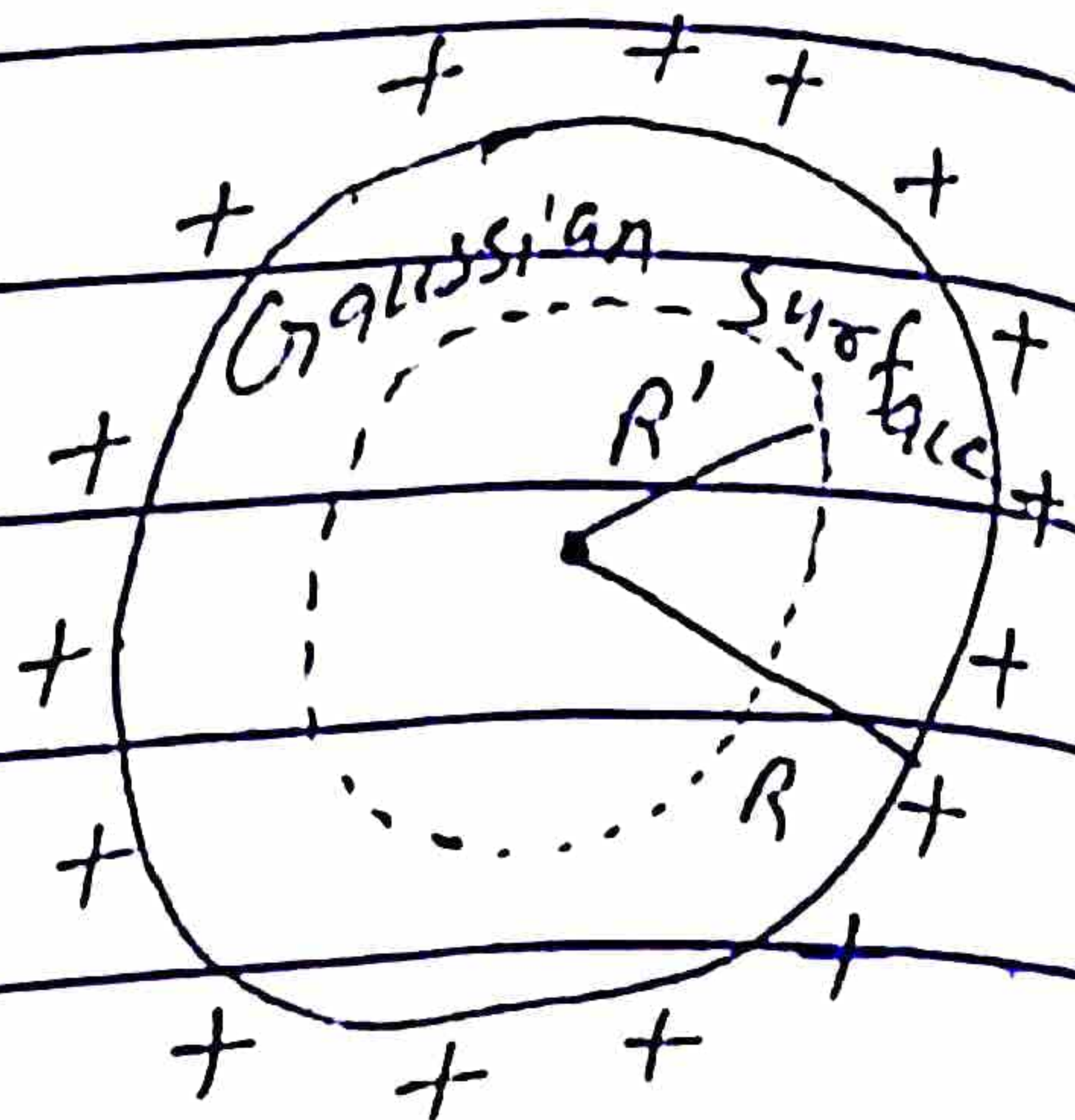
There is no charge
inside the Gaussian surface.

$$Q = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \Phi_e = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (0)$$

$$\Phi_e = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

We know that



$$\phi = E \cdot \vec{A}$$

Comparing eq. (1) and eq. (2)

$$\vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

either $\vec{E} = 0$ OR $\vec{A} = 0$

But the area of the sphere could not be zero. So,

$$\vec{E} = 0$$

Result:

The electric intensity is zero inside a hollow charged sphere.

OR

The interior of a hollow charged metal sphere is a field free region.

Electric Intensity Due to An Infinite Sheet of Charge:

Consider a part of an infinite sheet over

which positive charge is

uniformly distributed

as shown in the figure.

We take Gaussian surface

in the form of a cylinder that passes through the

sheet. There are three main

parts of the Gaussian

surface, two are its faces

and one is its inner

part. Now we will calculate

the electric flux through

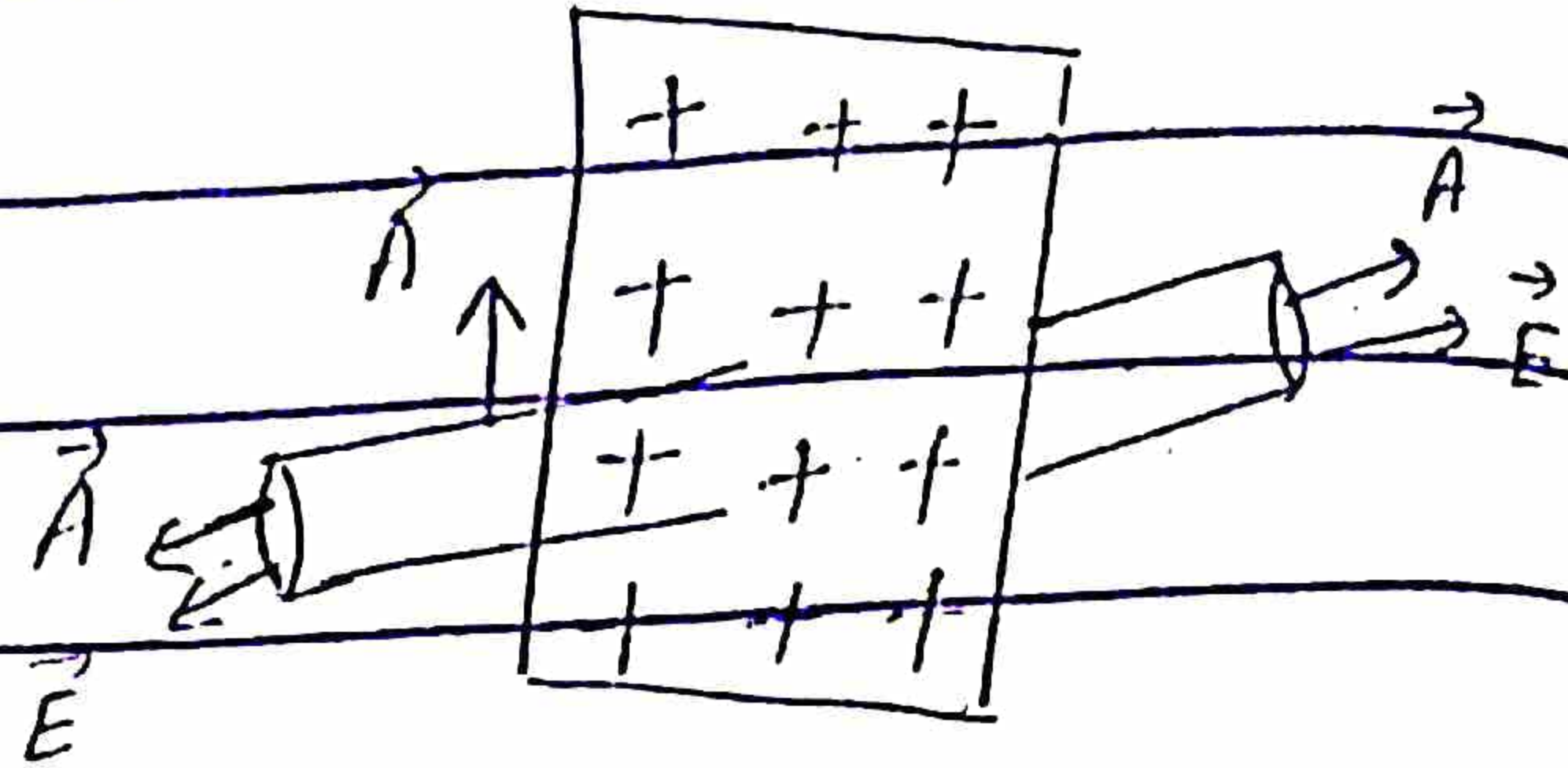
these three parts.

For outer faces, the

electric field lines are

parallel to the vector

area for the faces. So,



$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1 &= \phi_2 = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} \\ &= EA \cos \theta \\ &= EA \cos 0^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_1 = \phi_2 = EA$$

For inner part: The electric field lines are perpendicular to vector area for the inner part. So,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_3 &= EA \cos \theta \\ &= EA \cos 90^\circ \\ &= EA (0)\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_3 = 0$$

The total electric flux will be:

$$\phi_e = \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3$$

$$= EA + EA + 0$$

$$\phi_e = 2EA \rightarrow Q$$

According to Gauss's law

$$\phi_e = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (Q)$$

The electric charge per unit area is called the surface charge density. It is denoted by σ .

$$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \sigma A$$

Now

$$\phi_e = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\sigma A) \rightarrow (2)$$

Comparing eq. (1) and eq. (2)

$$2EA = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\sigma A)$$

$$2E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

In vector form,

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{n}$$

Here \hat{n} is the unit vector that shows the direction of electric intensity that is

directed away from the sheet.

Electric Intensity Between Two Oppositely Charged Parallel Plates:

Consider two parallel plates that

are oppositely

charged. One

plate has

positive charge

and other have negative

charge. We have to find

the electric intensity between

these plates.

We

consider Gaussian

surface in

the shape of

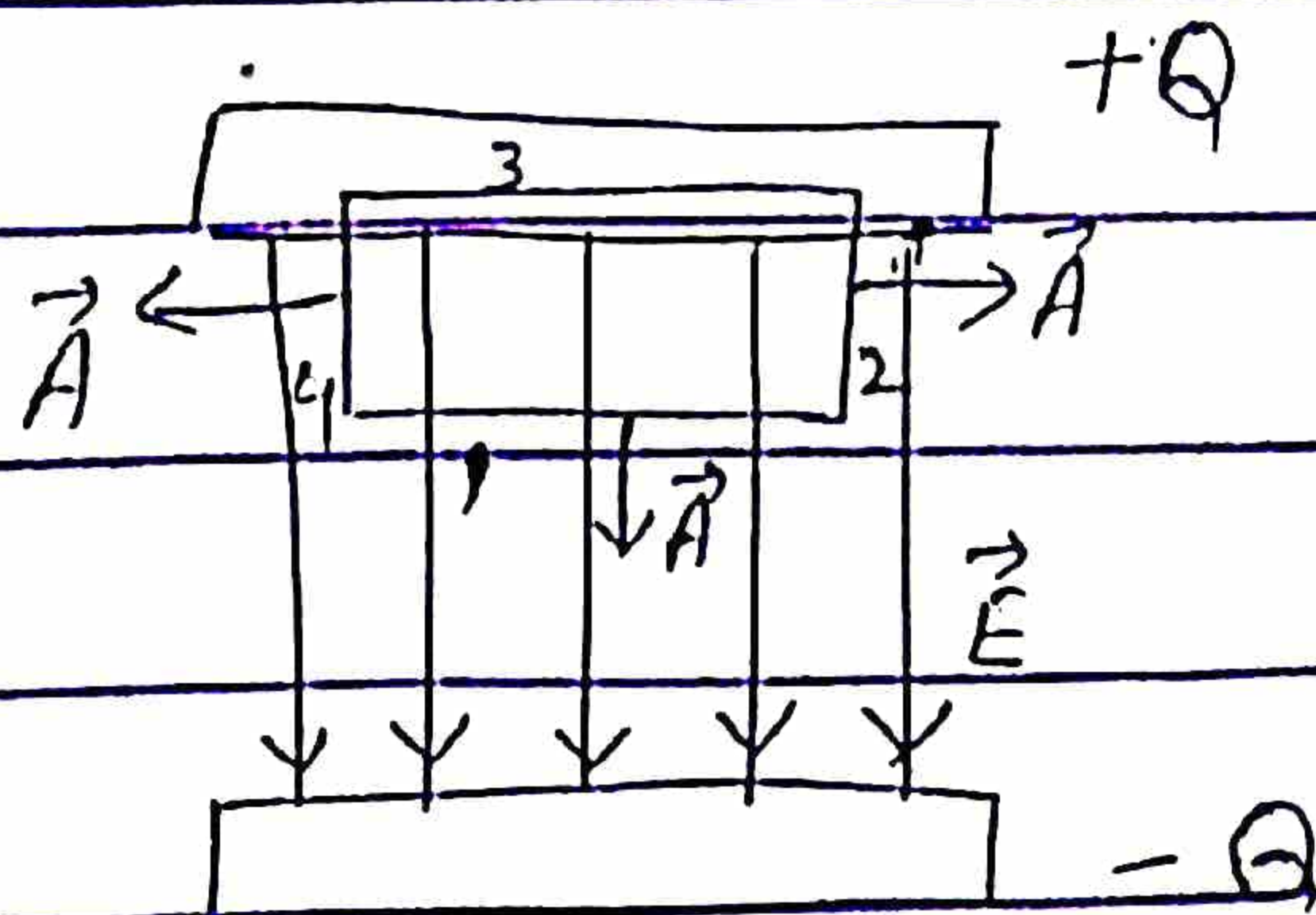
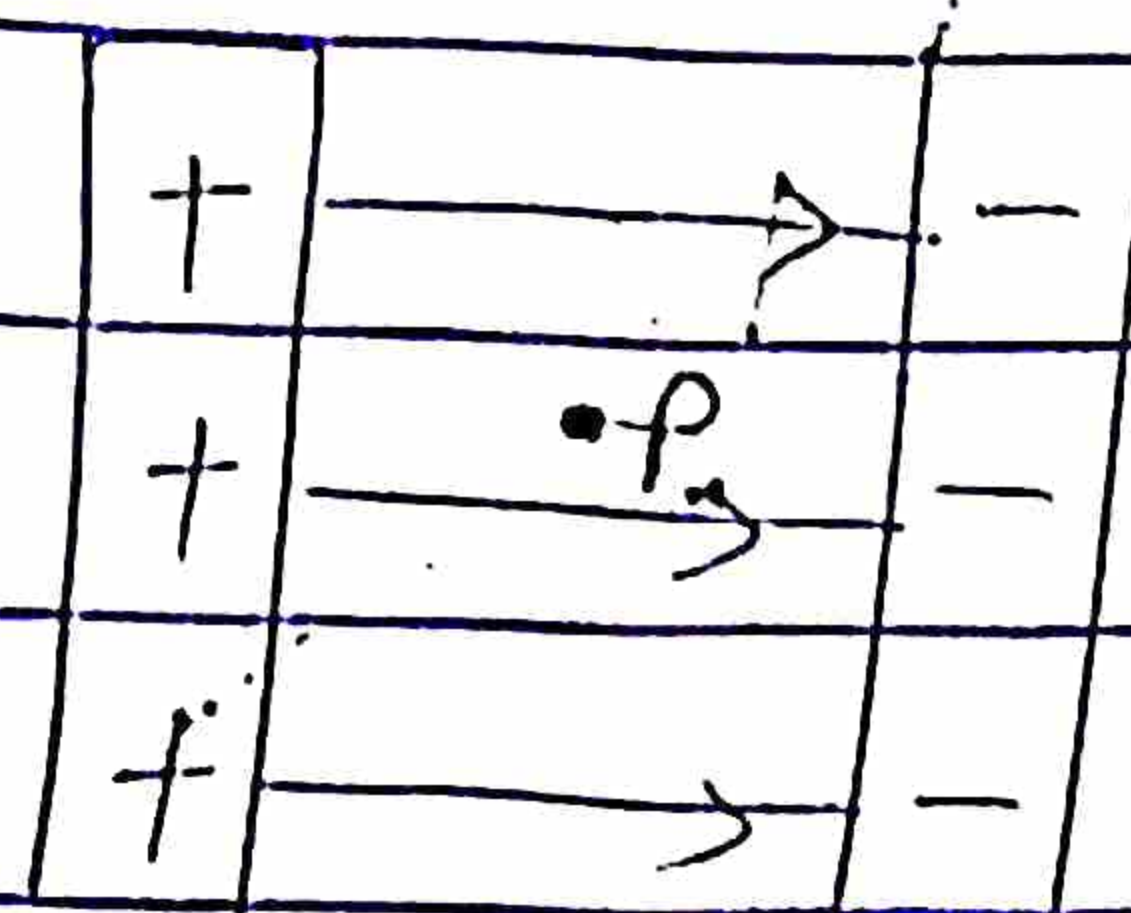
a rectangular

box such that

the upper side of box

is in the positive plate.

Now we have four sides of



Gaussian surface at which electric flux is to be determined.

For side 1 The electric field lines are parallel to vector area for this side. So,

$$\phi_1 = EA \cos \theta$$

here $\theta = 0^\circ$

$$= EA \cos 0^\circ$$

$$\phi_1 = EA$$



For side 2 The electric field lines are perpendicular to the vector area for this side. So,

$$\phi_2 = EA \cos \theta$$

here $\theta = 90^\circ$

$$\phi_2 = EA \cos 90^\circ$$

$$= EA(0)$$

$$\phi_2 = 0$$

For side 3 There is no electric field for this side.

$$\phi_3 = EA \cos \theta$$

here $E = 0$

$$\phi_3 = (0) A \cos \theta$$

$$\phi_3 = 0$$



For side 4 The electric field lines are perpendicular to the vector area for this side. So,

$$\phi_4 = EA \cos \theta$$

here $\theta = 90^\circ$

$$= EA \cos 90^\circ$$

$$= EA(0)$$

$$\phi_4 = 0$$

Now the total electric flux will be

$$\phi_e = \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 + \phi_4$$

$$= EA + 0 + 0 + 0$$

$$\phi_e = EA \rightarrow (1)$$

According to Gauss's surface law

$$\phi_e = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q$$

The electric charge per unit area is called surface

charge density and it is denoted by σ

$$Q = \frac{Q}{A}$$

$$q = \sigma A$$

Now

$$\phi_e = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\sigma A) \rightarrow (2)$$

comparing eq. (1) and eq. (2)

$$EA = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\sigma A)$$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

In vector form;

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{n}$$



Here \hat{n} is unit vector that shows the direction of electric intensity that is directed from positive plate to negative plate.

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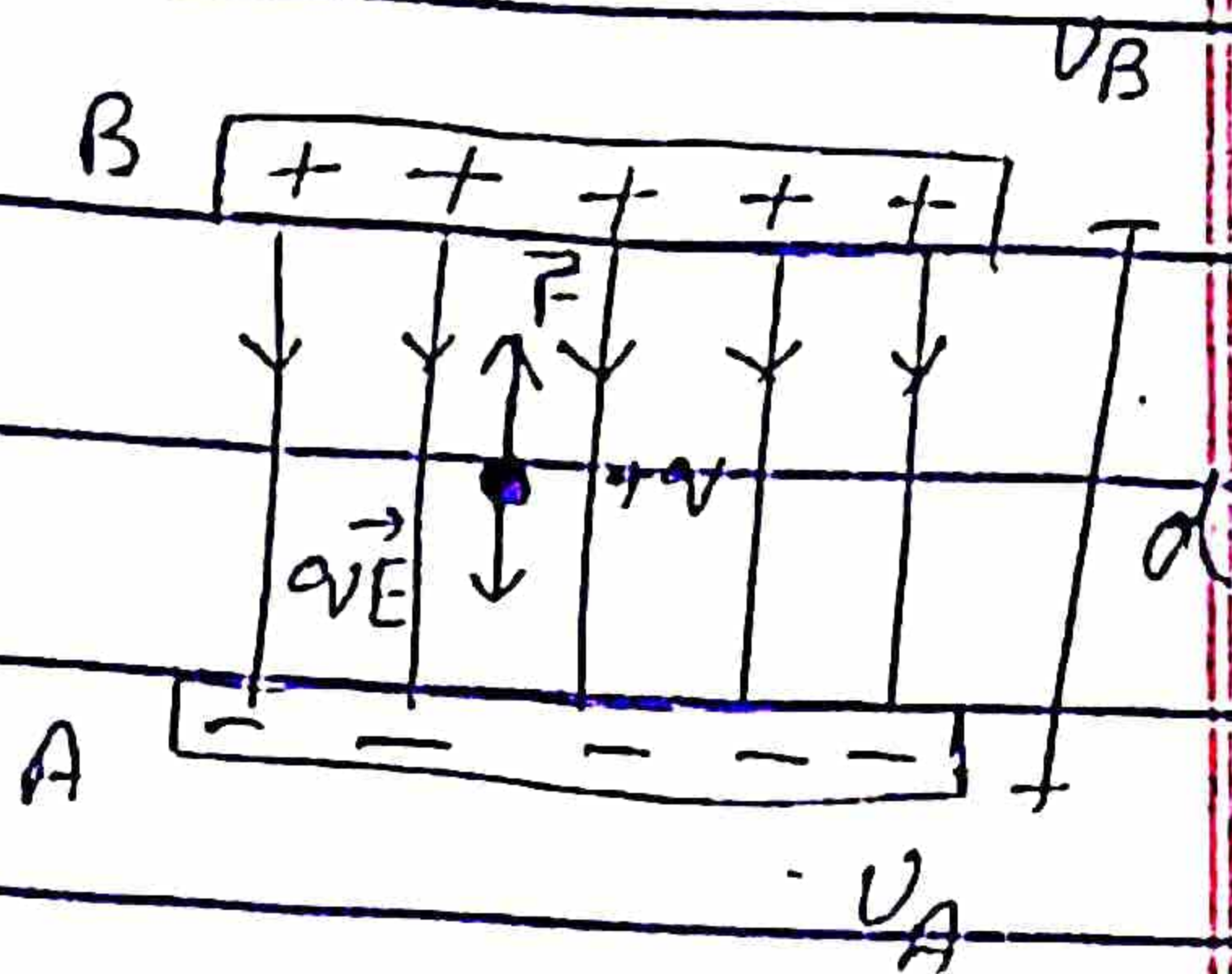
$ECG \rightarrow$ heart.

electroretinography \rightarrow eye.

Electrostatic Equilibrium:

When a charge moves in a potential difference with uniform velocity then it is

said to be in electrostatic equilibrium.



Electric Potential Difference:

The potential difference between the two points can be defined as the difference of the potential energy per unit charge.

→ The P.D b/w two points A and B in an electric field is defined as the work done in carrying a unit +ve charge from A to B while keeping the charge in equilibrium:

$$\Delta V = V_B - V_A = \frac{W_{AB}}{q_0} = \frac{\Delta U}{q_0}$$

Volt: A potential difference of 1 volt exists between two points if work done is one joule in moving a unit positive charge from one point to other, keeping equilibrium.

$$1 \text{ volt} = 1 \text{ joule} / 1 \text{ coulomb}$$

Electric Potential

The E.P at any point in an electric field is equal to work done in bringing a unit +ve charge from infinity to that point keeping it in equilibrium.

$$V = W/q_0$$

Potential Gradient:

The term $\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta r}$ is called potential gradient that gives the maximum rate of change of potential with distance.

We know that potential difference is given by:

$$\Delta V = \frac{W_{AB}}{q_0}$$

$$\Delta W = \frac{Fd \cos \theta}{q_0}$$

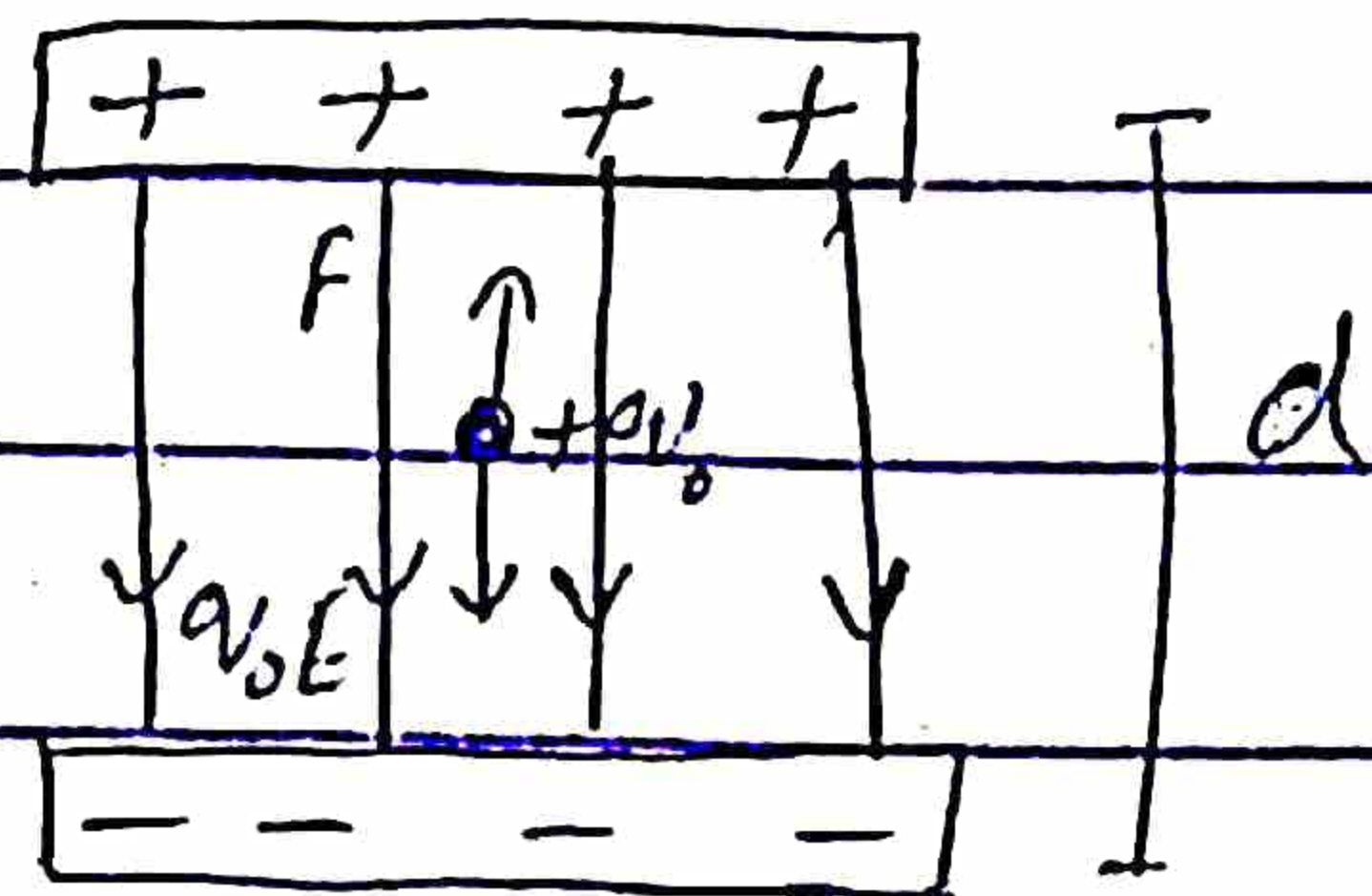
here $F = q_0 E$

$$\theta = 180^\circ$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{q_0 E d \cos 180^\circ}{q_0}$$

$$\Delta V = E d (-1)$$

$$\Delta V = - E d$$



$$-\frac{\Delta V}{d} = E$$

$$E = -\frac{\Delta V}{d}$$

if

$$d = \Delta s$$

$$E = -\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta s}$$

Therefore, negative of potential gradient is equal to electric intensity.

Prove that $1 \text{ Vm}^{-1} = 1 \text{ N C}^{-1}$

$$1 \text{ Vm}^{-1} = \frac{1 \text{ Volt}}{1 \text{ meter}}$$



$$= \frac{1 \text{ joule}}{1 \text{ coulomb} \times 1 \text{ meter}}$$

$$= \frac{1 \text{ newton} \times 1 \text{ meter}}{1 \text{ coulomb} \times 1 \text{ meter}}$$

$$= \frac{1 \text{ newton}}{1 \text{ coulomb}}$$

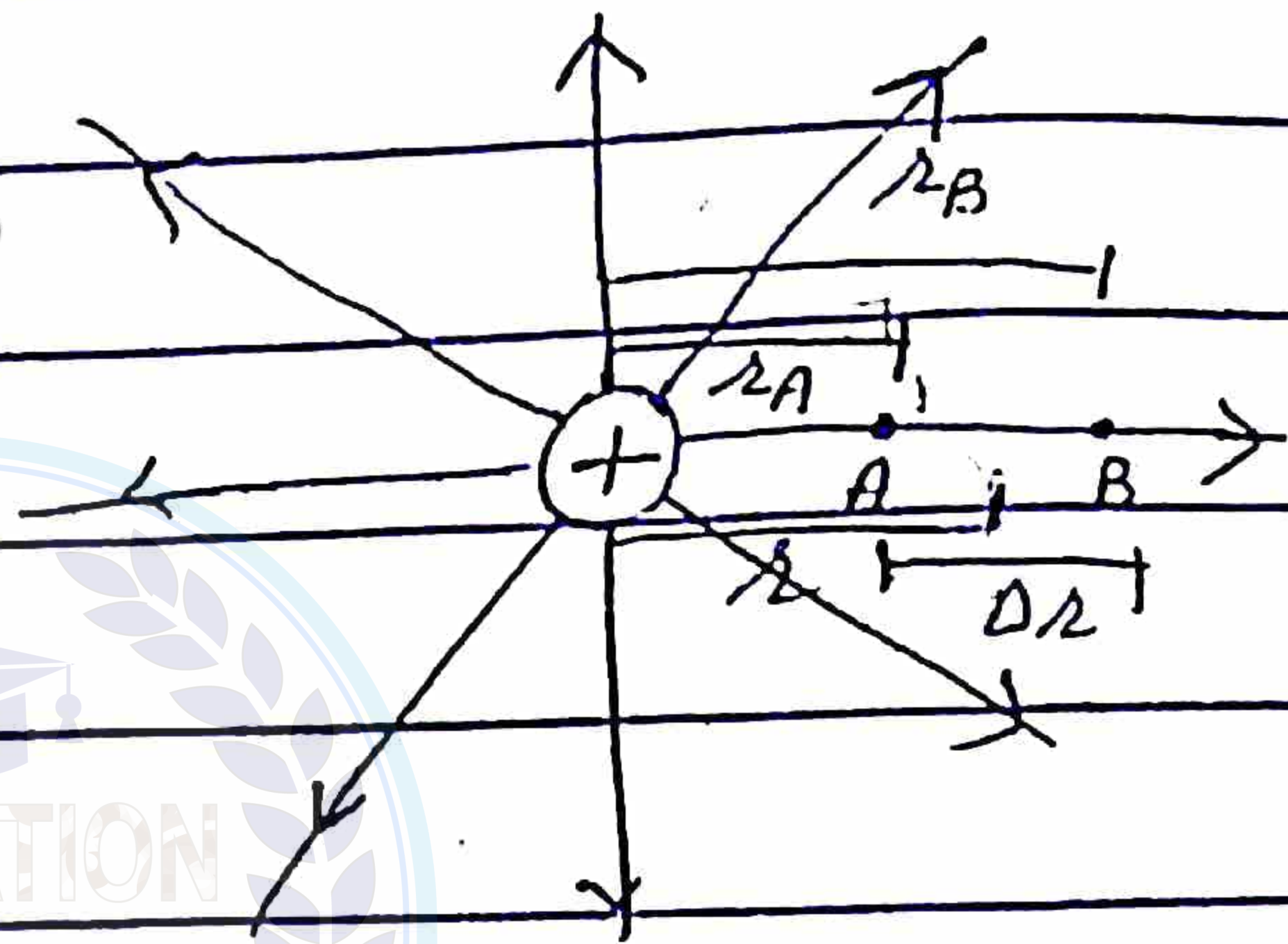
$$1 \text{ Vm}^{-1} = 1 \text{ N C}^{-1}$$

* Electric Potential At A Point Due To A Point Charge:

Defination: Electric potential at a point in an electric field is equal to work done in bringing a unit positive charge from infinity to that point keeping it in equilibrium.

Explanation:

Consider an electric field of positive charge in which an



other positive charge is moved from point B to point A as shown in the figure. The distance of point A from the charge is r_A and that of point B is r_B . While Δr is the distance between points A and B. mathematically

$$\Delta r = r_B - r_A$$

$$r_B = r + r_A$$

We take a mid point of points A and B having distance r from the charge.

$$r = \frac{r_A + r_B}{2}$$

The electric intensity at this point will be:

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



The points A and B are very close to each other. They have approximately same distance from the charge.

$$r_A \approx r_B = r$$

$$r_A r_B = r^2$$

Now the expression for electric intensity will be:

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r_A r_B}$$

When the charge is moved from point B to point A. Then according to definition of potential gradient.

$$\Delta V = -E \Delta r$$

$$V_A - V_B = -E (r_A - r_B)$$

$$V_A - V_B = E (r_B - r_A)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r_A r_B} (r_B - r_A)$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{r_B - r_A}{r_A r_B} \right)$$

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$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{r_B}{r_A r_B} - \frac{r_A}{r_A r_B} \right)$$

$$V_A - V_B = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{r_A} - \frac{1}{r_B} \right)$$

For the electric potential point B is taken at infinity. So,

$$V_B = 0, \quad r_B = \infty$$

$$\frac{1}{r_B} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

$$\text{So, } V_A - 0 = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{r_A} - 0 \right)$$

$$V_A = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r_A}$$

In general form;

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$$

This is mathematical expression for electric potential.

Electron Volt:

Amount of energy gained or lost by an electron as it moves in a potential difference of one volt.

Mathematically:

$$\text{Electrical Energy} = qV$$

for an electron volt

$$1eV = e(1V)$$

$$= (1.6 \times 10^{-19} C)(1V)$$

$$= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ eV}$$

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

Joule is the greater unit of energy as compared to electron volt.

Comparison Between Electric and Gravitation Forces:

$$\text{Electric force} = F_e = K \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$\text{Gravitational force} = F_g = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

Similarities:

- i. Both the forces are conservative.
- ii. Both the forces are natural.
- iii. Both the forces are inversely proportional to the square of distance between charges or masses.

Electric Force Gravitational Force

i- Electric force

i- Gravitational

is for charges.

force is for masses

ii- The electric constant is

ii- The gravitational constant is:

$$K = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$$

iii- It is a

iii- It is a

strong force.

weak force.

iv- It may be attractive or repulsive

iv- It is only attractive.

v- It is medium dependent

v- It is

independent of the medium.

vi- It can be shielded.

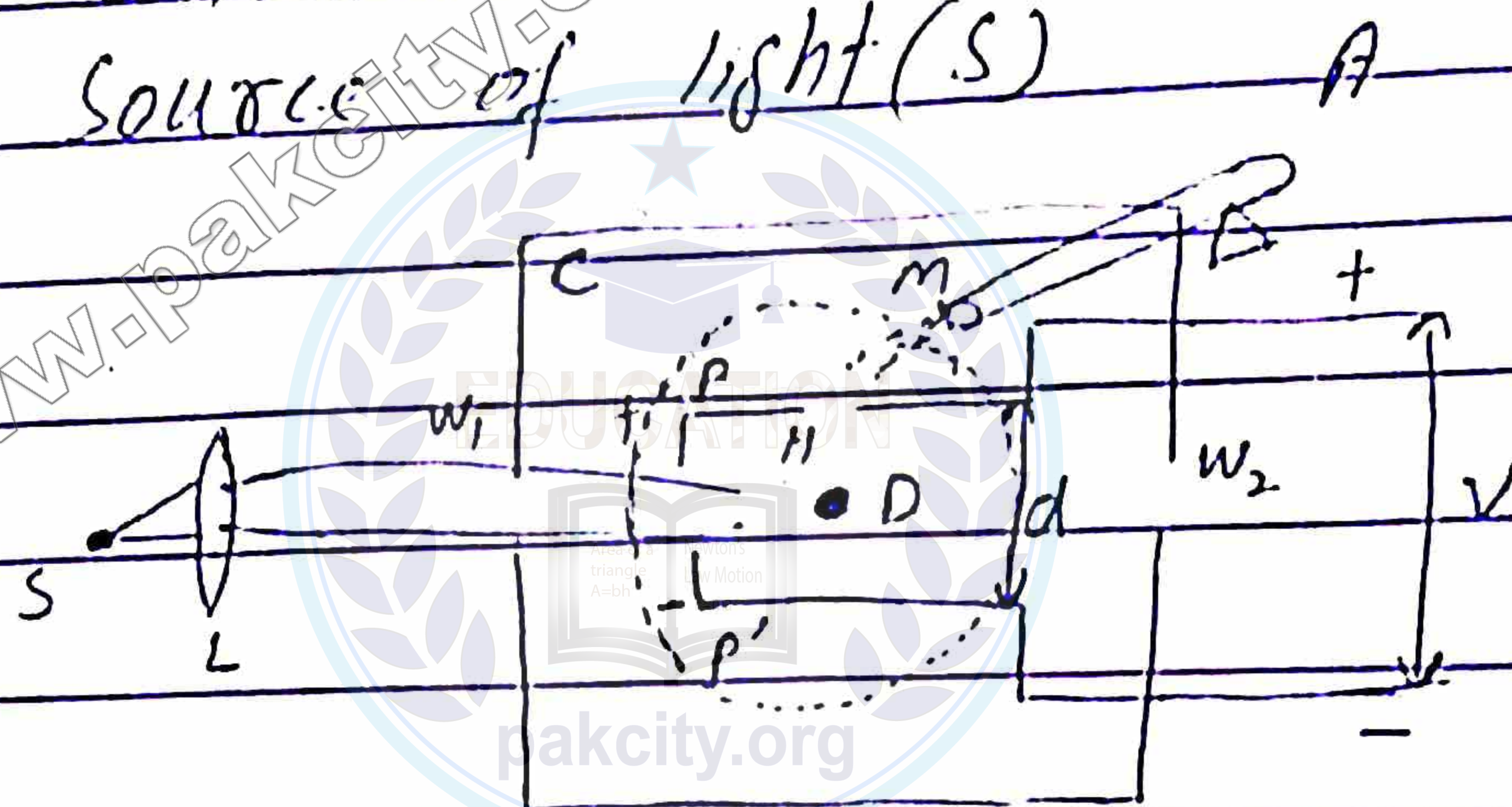
vi- It can not be shielded.

* Charge On An Electron By Millikan's Method:

Introduction: In 1909 Robert Millikan conducted the oil drop experiment to determine the charge of an electron.

Construction: Millikan's method consists of the following parts:

- i- container (C)
- ii- Source of light (S)



iii- Lens (L)

iv- Windows W₁ and W₂

v- Autometer (A)

vi- Parallel plates P and P'

vii- Hole in upper plate (H)

viii- Oil droplet (D)

ix- microscope (M)

x- Distance between parallel plate (d)

x_i - Potential difference (V)

Working:

The oil drops are sprayed through the atomizer. Due to the friction of oil drops with the nozzle of atomized drops get charge. These charged oil drops fall down through the hole in upper plate. Then we apply electric force to balance the weight of oil droplet (D). This illuminated oil droplet is examined by the microscope (M).



Mathematical Expression:

To suspend the charged oil droplet we balance the weight of droplet with the electric force provided by the battery.

$$F_e = F_g$$

$$qVE = m'g$$

According to definition
of potential gradient

$$E = \frac{V}{d}$$

So,

$$qV = m'g$$

$$qV = m'gd$$

$$q = \frac{m'gd}{V}$$

By the above expression
we can calculate the charge
of the oil droplet if we
know the values of terms
at right side. The values of
 g , d and V are known
and we have find the mass
of droplet.

Determination of mass (m):

To determine the mass of the droplet, we switch off the applied potential difference. Now the droplet falls due to its weight. Drag force also acts on it. Now

$$\text{Drag force} = \text{weight of droplet}$$

$$6\pi\eta r v_t = 122g$$

$$\frac{6\pi\eta r v_t}{g} = m \rightarrow (1)$$

By this expression we can find the mass of droplet. But here radius of droplet (r) is unknown. So, we have to calculate the radius.

Determination of radius (r):

We know that

$$\text{density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$$

mass = density \times volume

$$m = \rho V$$

For spherical oil droplet

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$$

So,

$$m = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho \rightarrow (2)$$

By comparing eq. (1) and eq. (2)

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho = \frac{8 \pi \eta R v_t}{g}$$

$$\frac{2R^2 \rho}{3} = \frac{3 \eta v_t}{g}$$

$$2R^2 \rho = \frac{9 \eta v_t}{g}$$

$$R^2 = \frac{9 \eta v_t}{2 \rho g}$$

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{9 \eta v_t}{2 \rho g}}$$

By this formula, we will calculate the radius of oil droplet, then we

will find the mass of oil droplet and finally the charge of oil droplet.

Result:



Millikan's measured the charge on many drops and found that each charge was an integral multiple of a minimum value of charge equal to 1.6×10^{-19} C. He, therefore concluded that this minimum value of the charge is the charge on an electron.

Capacitor

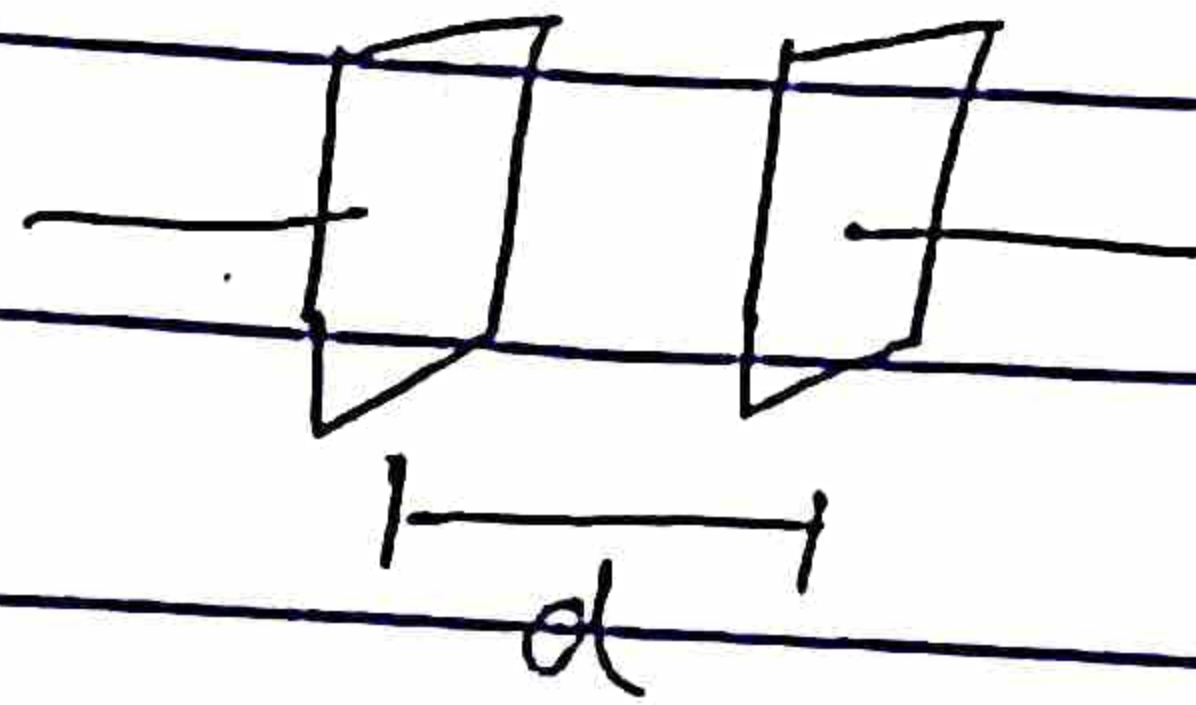
Defination:



A capacitor is a device which is used to store charge.

Construction:

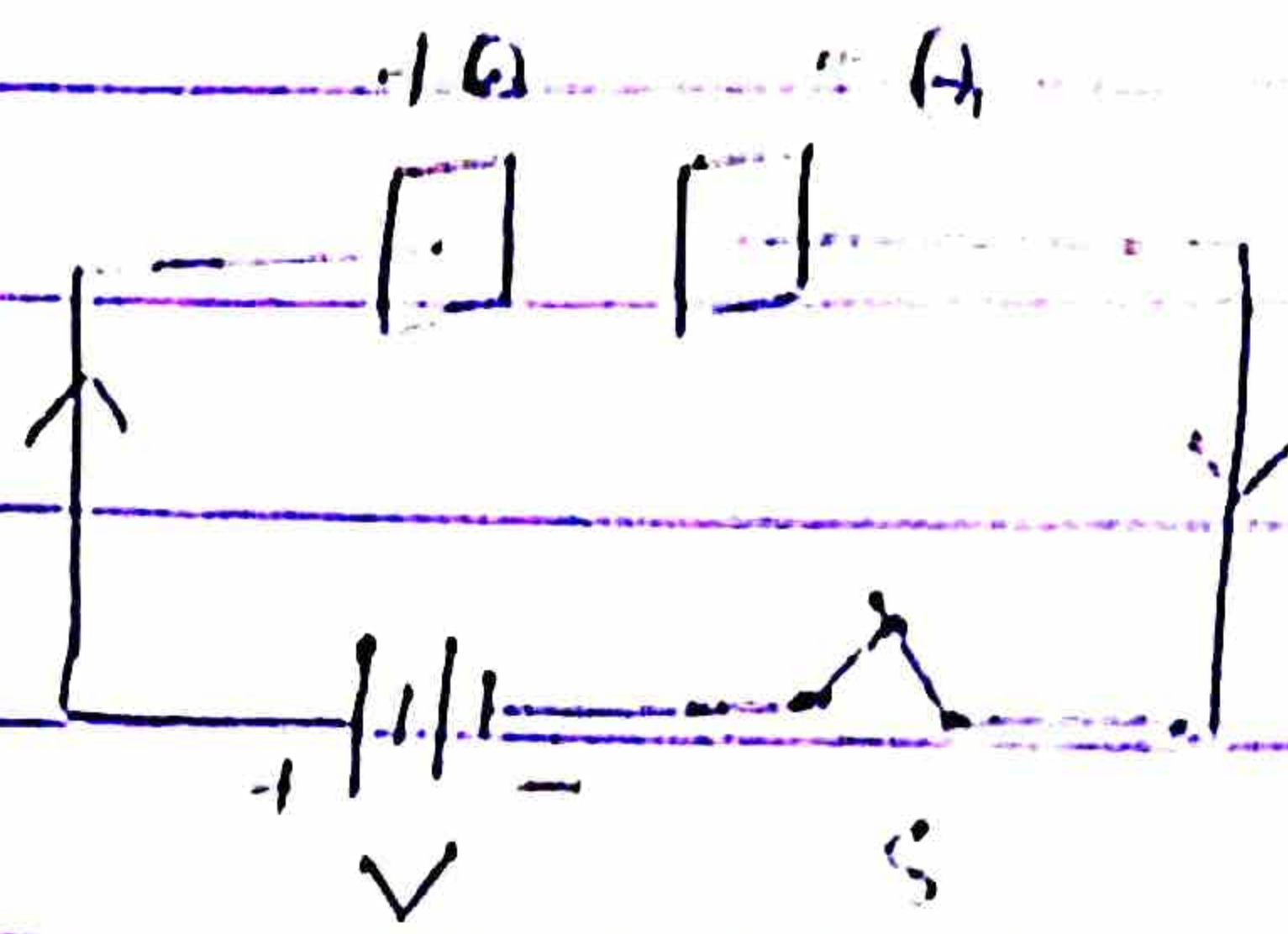
A parallel plate capacitor consists of two parallel plates of the conducting material. The plates are separated by a small distance which contains either vacuum or some other insulating material.



Dielectric:

The insulating material present between the plates of the capacitor is called dielectric.

When the plates of the parallel plate capacitor are



connected to the terminal of the battery and switch is closed, a current starts flowing in the circuit. The plate connected to the positive terminal stores positive charge while the other plate connected to the negative terminal of battery stores negative charge. Let (Q) be amount of charge stored on the plates of capacitor and (V) is the potential difference of battery. Then

$$Q \propto V$$

$$Q = CV$$

Here (C) is the proportionality constant called

capacitance of the capacitor.

Capacitance:

The ability of a capacitor to store charge is called its capacitance.

It depends upon the geometry of the plates and medium between the plates.

The SI unit of capacitance is farad (F) named after English scientist Faraday.

Farad:

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$
$$1F = \frac{1C}{1V}$$

The capacitance of a capacitor is one Farad if a charge of one coulomb, given to one of the plates of the parallel plate capacitor, produces a potential difference of 1 volt.

one volt between them.

Capacitance Of A Parallel Plate Capacitor:

Capacitance: The ability of a capacitor to store charge.

It depends on the geometry of the plates and medium b/w the plates.

Explanation:

Consider

a parallel plate capacitor

having area A

of the plates and distance d

between the plates. The capacitor is connected to a battery

of potential difference V as shown in the figure.

We know that the capacitance of the capacitor:

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$

According to the definition of potential gradient:

$$E = \frac{V}{d} \rightarrow (1)$$

According to the Gauss's law, for two parallel charged plates:

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

Here σ is the surface charge density, given by:

$$\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$$

So,

$$E = \frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0} \rightarrow (2)$$

Comparing eq. (1) and eq. (2)

$$\frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0} = \frac{V}{d}$$

$$\frac{Q}{V} = \frac{A\epsilon_0}{d}$$

$\frac{Q}{V}$ is the expression

for the capacitance of the capacitor. So,

$$C_{vac.} = \frac{A\epsilon_0}{d}$$

This is the expression for the capacitance of a capacitor when there is no medium between the plates. It shows that capacitance is directly proportional to the area of plates and inversely proportional to the distance between the plates.

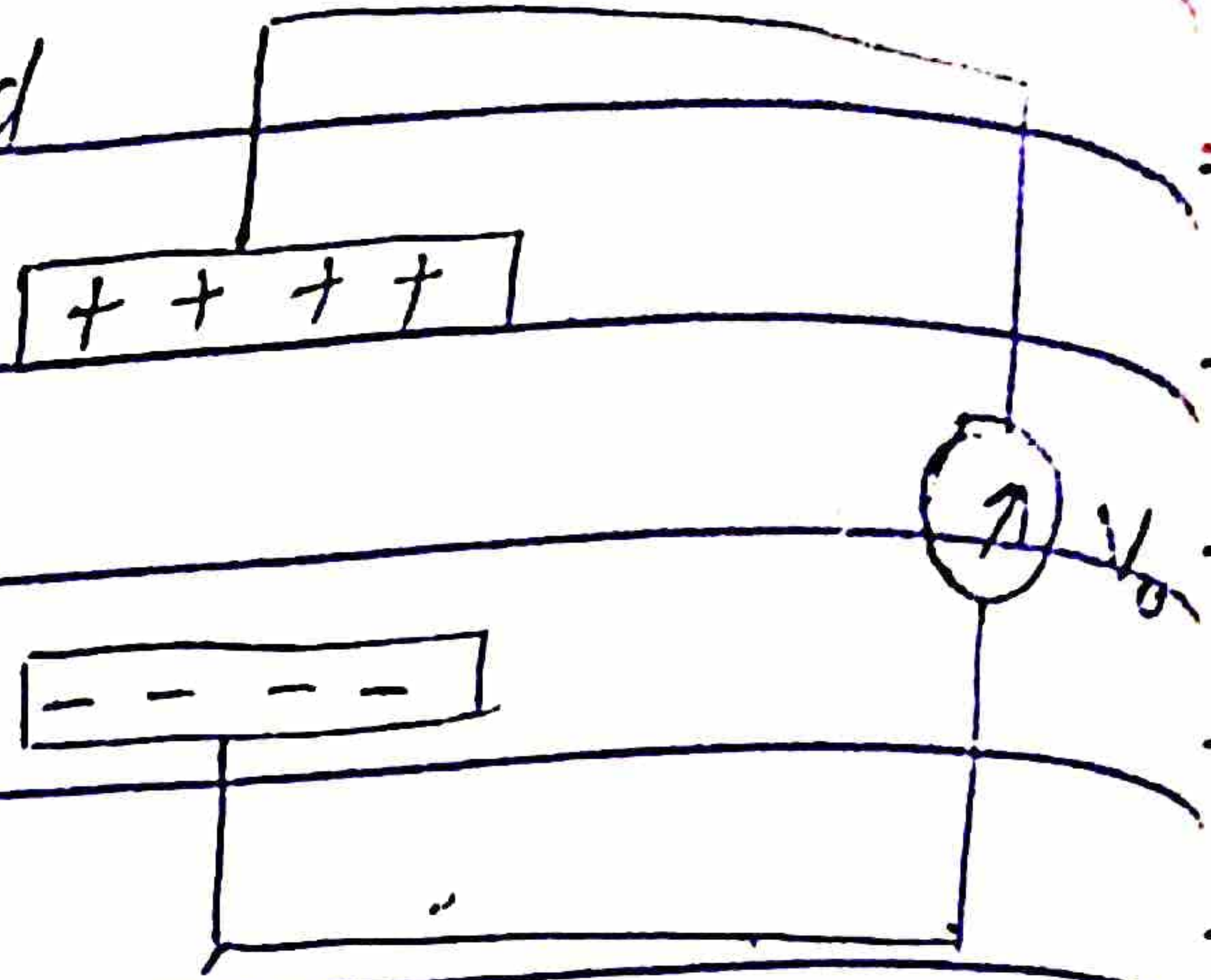


Effect of medium:

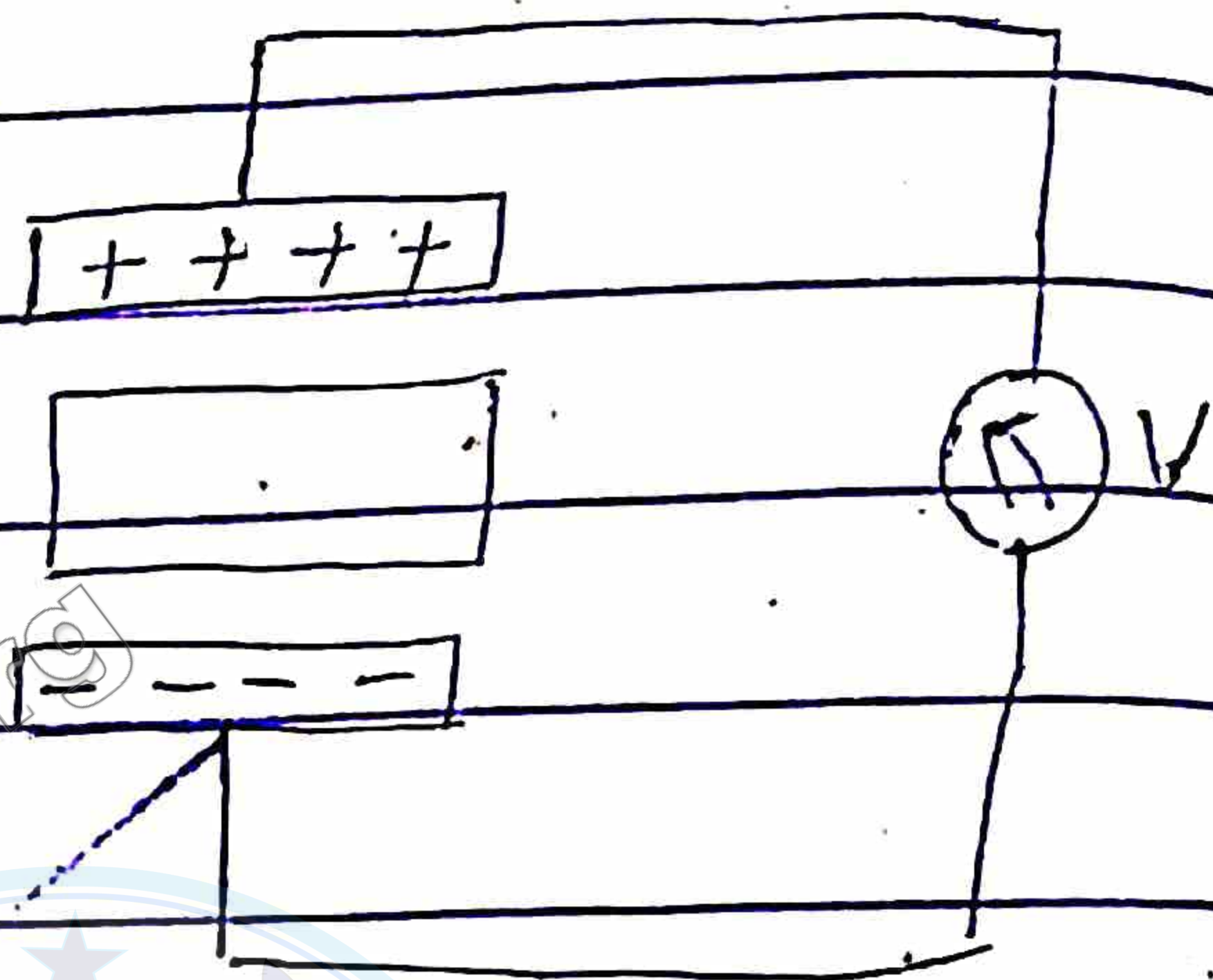
Due to a dielectric medium between the plates of the capacitor, the capacitance of the capacitor increases by a factor ϵ_r .

This fact can be explained by the following experiment.

A charged capacitor is connected to a voltmeter and we



measure the potential difference V_0 between the plates



of the capacitor. Then we place a dielectric medium between the plates and again measure the potential difference. We see that the potential difference is decreased due to dielectric.

So, according to relation $C = \frac{Q}{V}$ the capacitance is increased. Mathematically,

$$C_{\text{med}} = \frac{A \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{d}$$

Here ϵ_r is the dielectric coefficient or dielectric constant.

Dielectric Co-efficient:

$$C_{med} = \frac{A \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{d}$$

$$C_{vacc.} = \frac{A \epsilon_0}{d}$$

$$\frac{C_{med}}{C_{vacc.}} = \epsilon_r$$



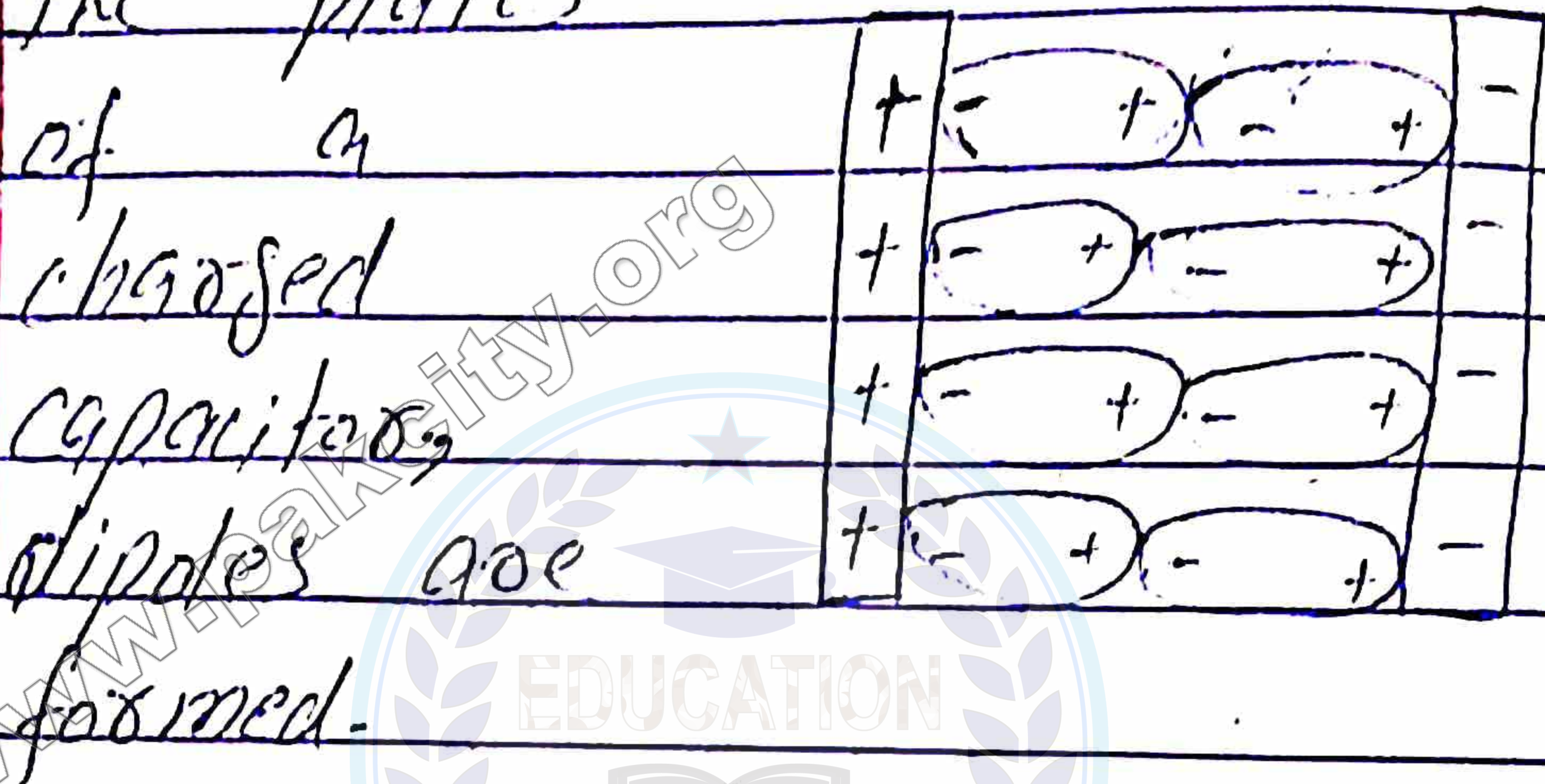
The ratio of the capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor with an insulating substance as medium between the plates to its capacitance with vacuum as medium between the plates.

Dipole:

two equal and opposite charges separated by a small distance form a dipole.

Electric Polarization of Dielectrics:

When a dielectric medium is placed between the plates



So, the surface charge density upon the plates decreases. The positive charges are attracted towards negative plate and negative charges are attracted towards positive plate. Due to decrease in surface charge density σ , the electric intensity decreases

$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$. The potential difference also decreases.

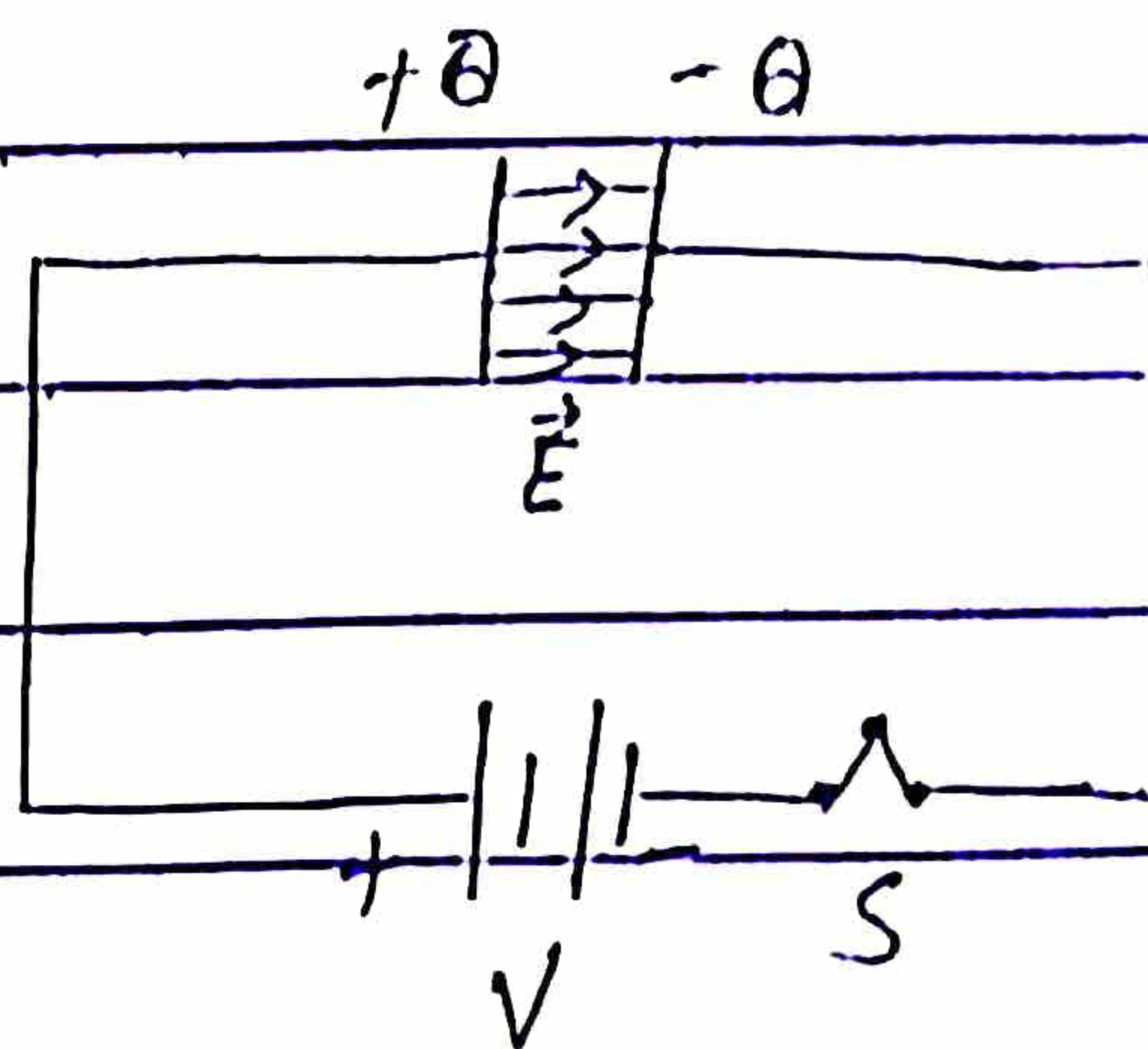
Finally the capacitance
 $C = \frac{Q}{V}$ increases due to
decrease in potential
difference.

Energy Stored In A Capacitor:

A capacitor is
a device which is used
to store charge. The charge
is stored in the form
of electric field between
the plates or on the
plates. So, we can say
that capacitor stores
electrical energy.

Explanation:

When
the plates
of capacitor
are connected
to the



terminals of the
battery. The plate towards the

positive terminal of battery stores positive charge and the other plate connected to negative terminal stores negative charge. Initially the potential difference between the plates is zero and it becomes V after the charging. Average potential difference will be

$$\Delta V = \frac{0+V}{2} = \frac{V}{2}$$

If q is the amount of charge stored on the plates. Then

$$\text{Electrical energy} = q \Delta V$$

$$\text{Energy} = q \left(\frac{V}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} qV$$

We know that

$$q = CV$$

So,

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} (CV)(V)$$

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

$$\text{As } C = \frac{A \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{d}, \quad E = \frac{V}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = Ed$$

So,

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{A \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{d} \right) (Ed)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{A \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{d} \right) (E^2 d^2)$$

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E^2) (Ad)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E^2 (\text{Volume})$$

$$\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E^2$$

$$\text{Energy density} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E^2$$

v)

Charging and discharging a capacitor.

RC-circuit:

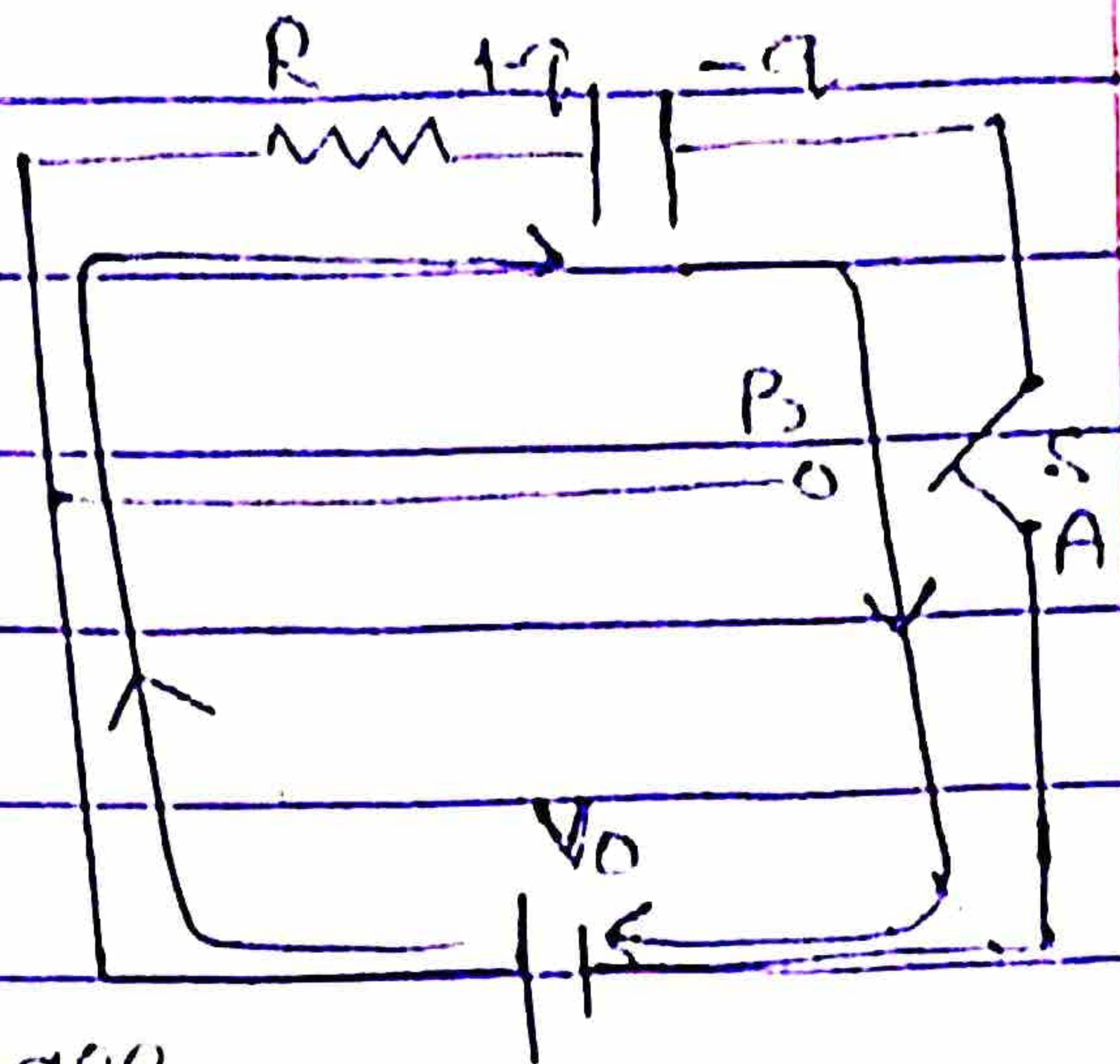
Many electric circuits consist of both capacitors and resistors called resistor, capacitor circuit.

Time Constant:

How fast or how slow the capacitor is charging or discharging, depends upon the product of the resistance R and the capacitance C used in the circuit. As the unit of product RC is that of time, so this product is known as time constant and is defined as the time required by the capacitor to deposit 0.63 times the equilibrium charge q_0 .

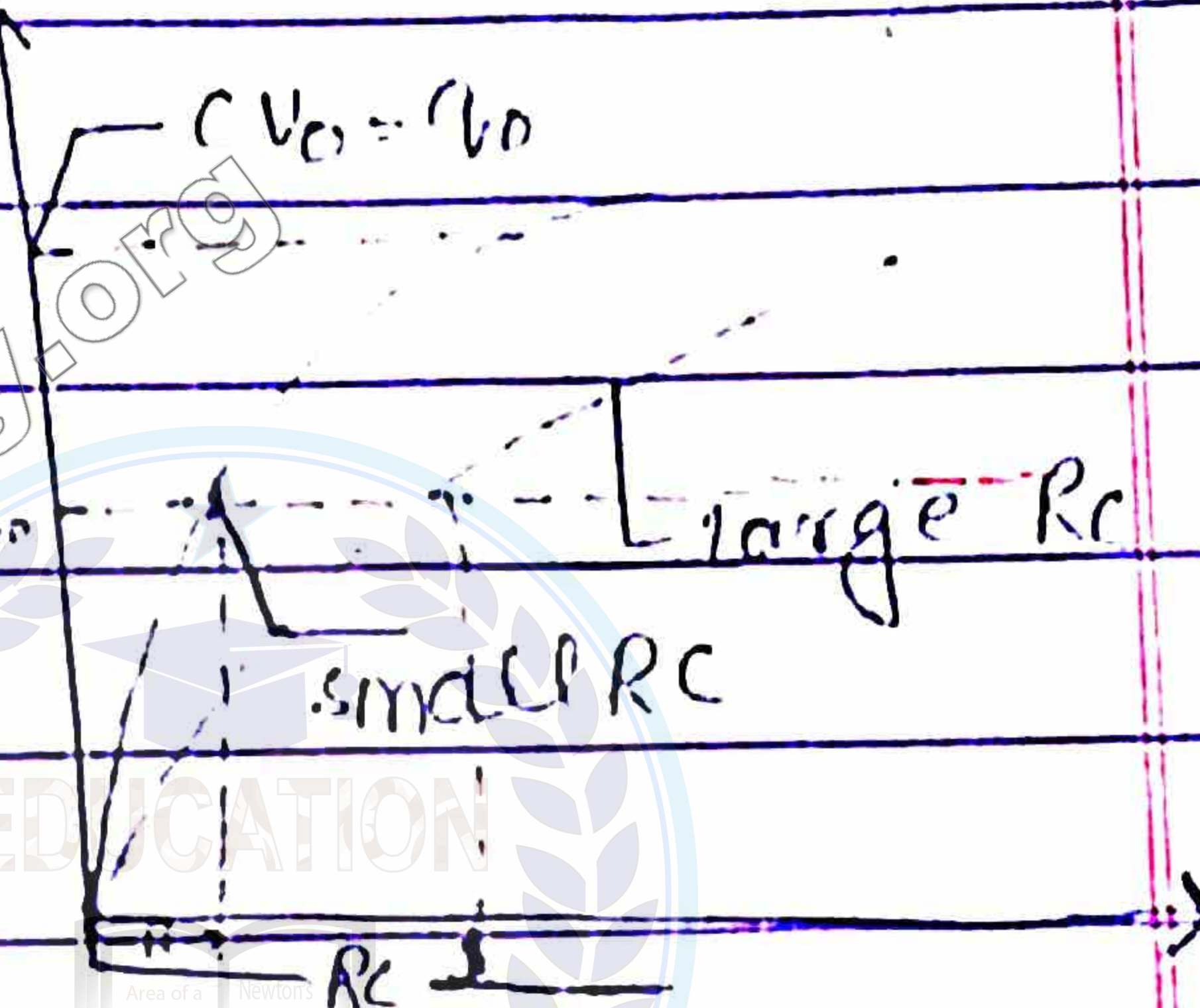
Charging of capacitor:

When the switch S is set at terminal A the R - C combination is connected to a battery of voltage V_0 which starts



charging the capacitor through

the resistor R . The capacitor is not charged immediately, rather



charges build up gradually to the equilibrium value of

$q_0 = CV_0$. The growth of charge with time till it reaches for different

resistances is shown in

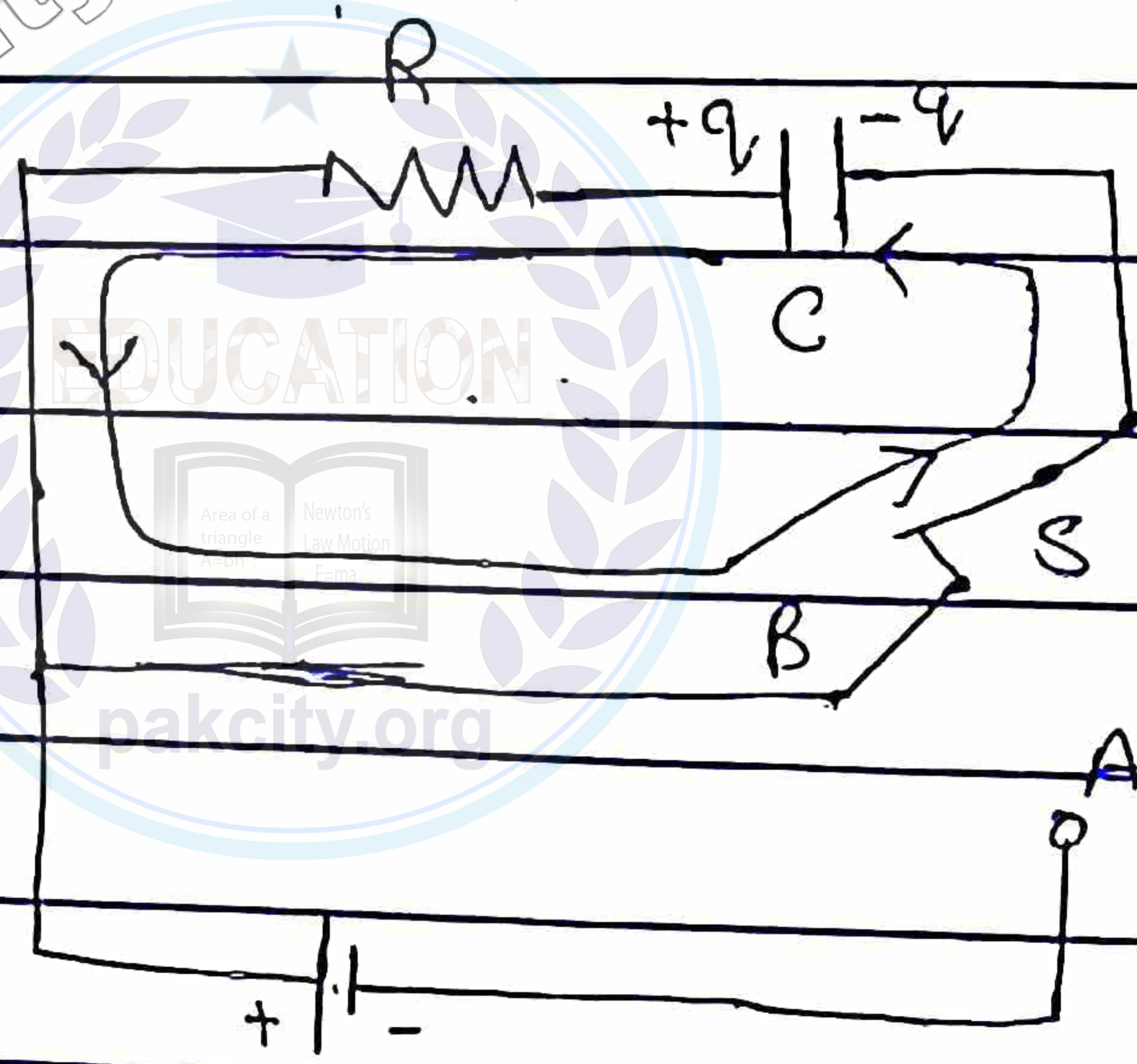
fig. According to this graph $q=0$ at $t=0$ and increases gradually with

-time till it reaches its
 equilibrium value $q_0 = CV_0$.
 This voltage V across
 capacitor at any instant
 can be obtained by
 dividing q by C , as

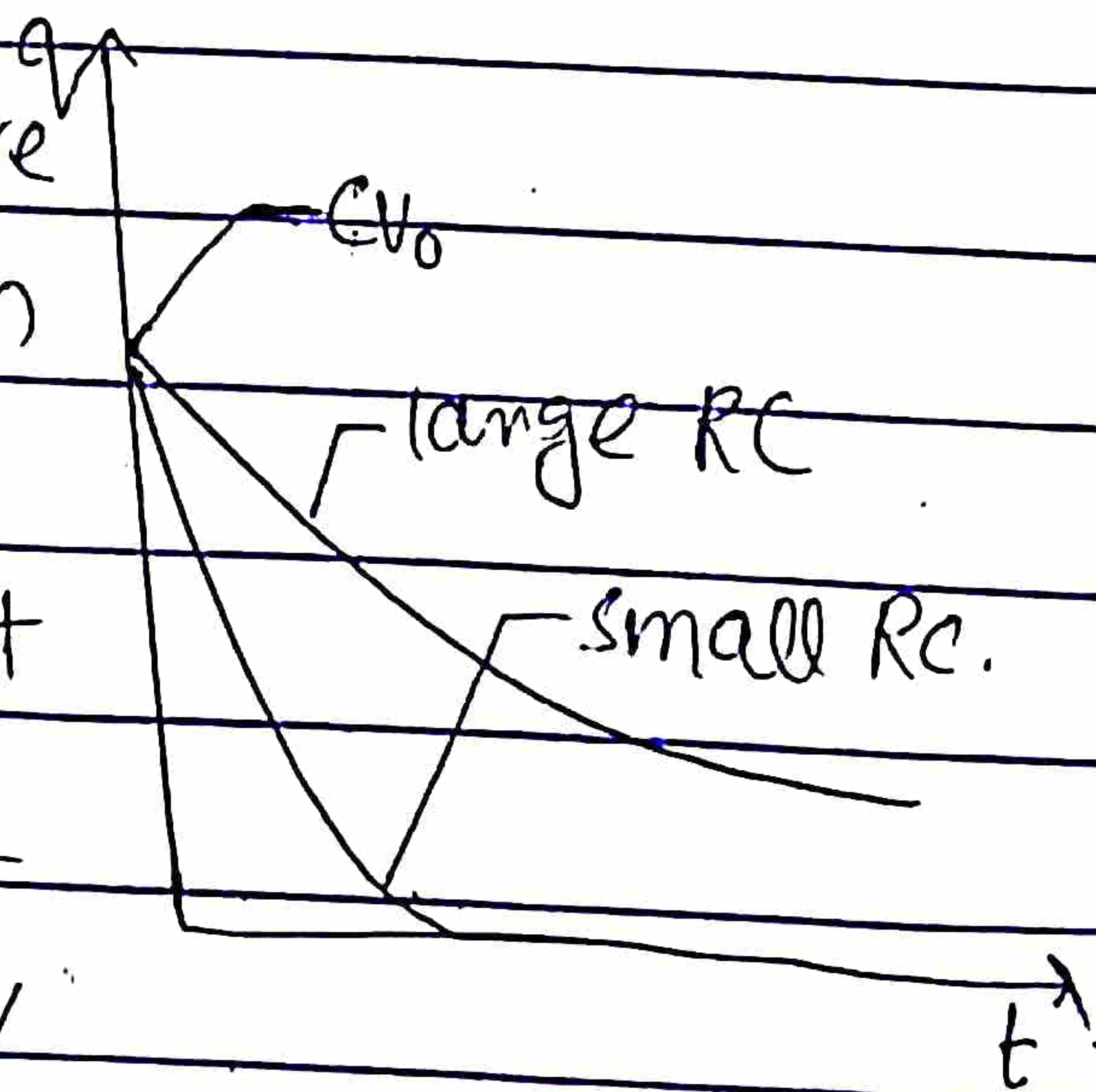
$$V = q/C.$$

Discharging of capacitor:

Figure
 illustrates
 the
 discharging
 of a
 capacitor
 through a



resistor. In
 this figure
 the switch
 S is set
 at point
 B so the
 charge $+q$



on the left plate can
flow anti-clockwise through
the resistance and neutralize
the charge $-q$ on the
right plate.

The graph in Fig shows
that discharging begins
at $t=0$ when $q = CV_0$ and
decreases gradually to zero.
Smaller values of time
constant RC lead to a
more rapid discharge.

12.1: The negative of potential gradient will be equal to electric intensity.

$$E = - \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta r}$$

If the potential is constant.

$$V = \text{constant}$$

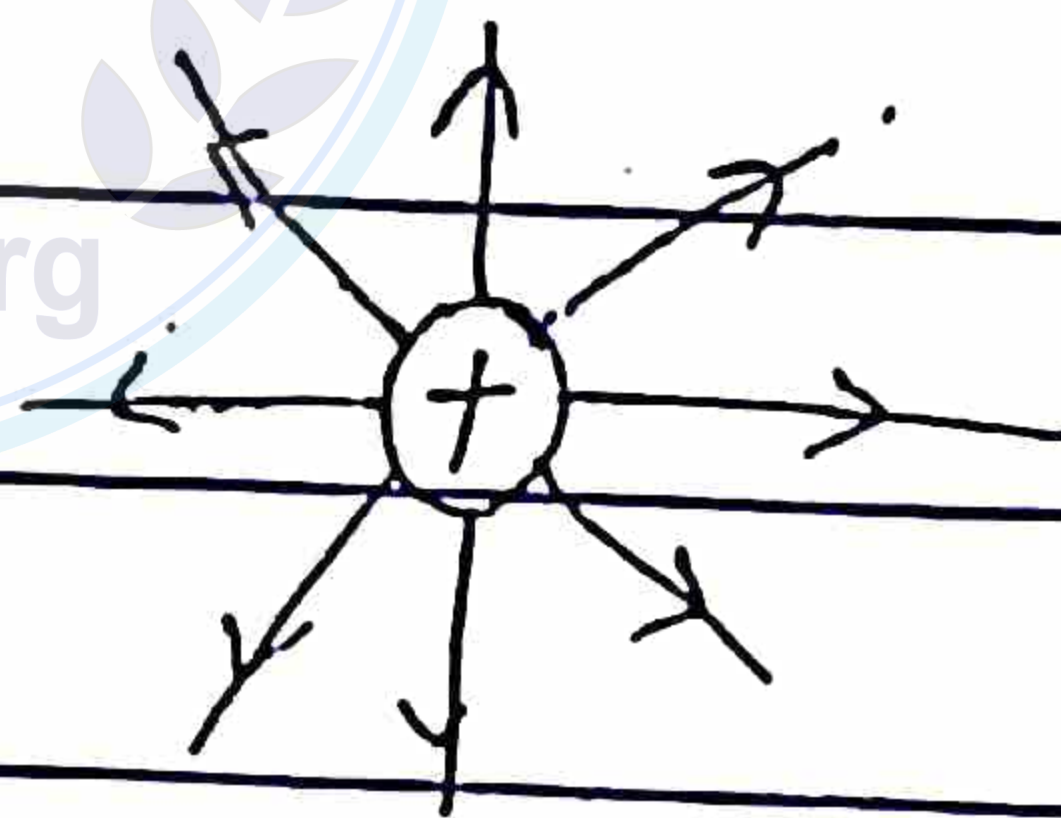
$$\Delta V = 0$$

So, $E = 0$

Therefore, the electric field is zero in the region where the potential is constant.



12.2 If we follow the electric field line due to



a positive point charge, we will move away from the charge. So, the electric field and potential will decrease.

mathematically, electric field intensity and electric potential

are inversely proportional to the distance.

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \quad \text{and} \quad V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$$

So, when r increases E and V decreases

12.3 To identify

the positively charged plate

of a capacitor

we will use a

positive test charge. The

positively charged plate will repel the test charge and

identified.



12.4 (a)

The net

force will be

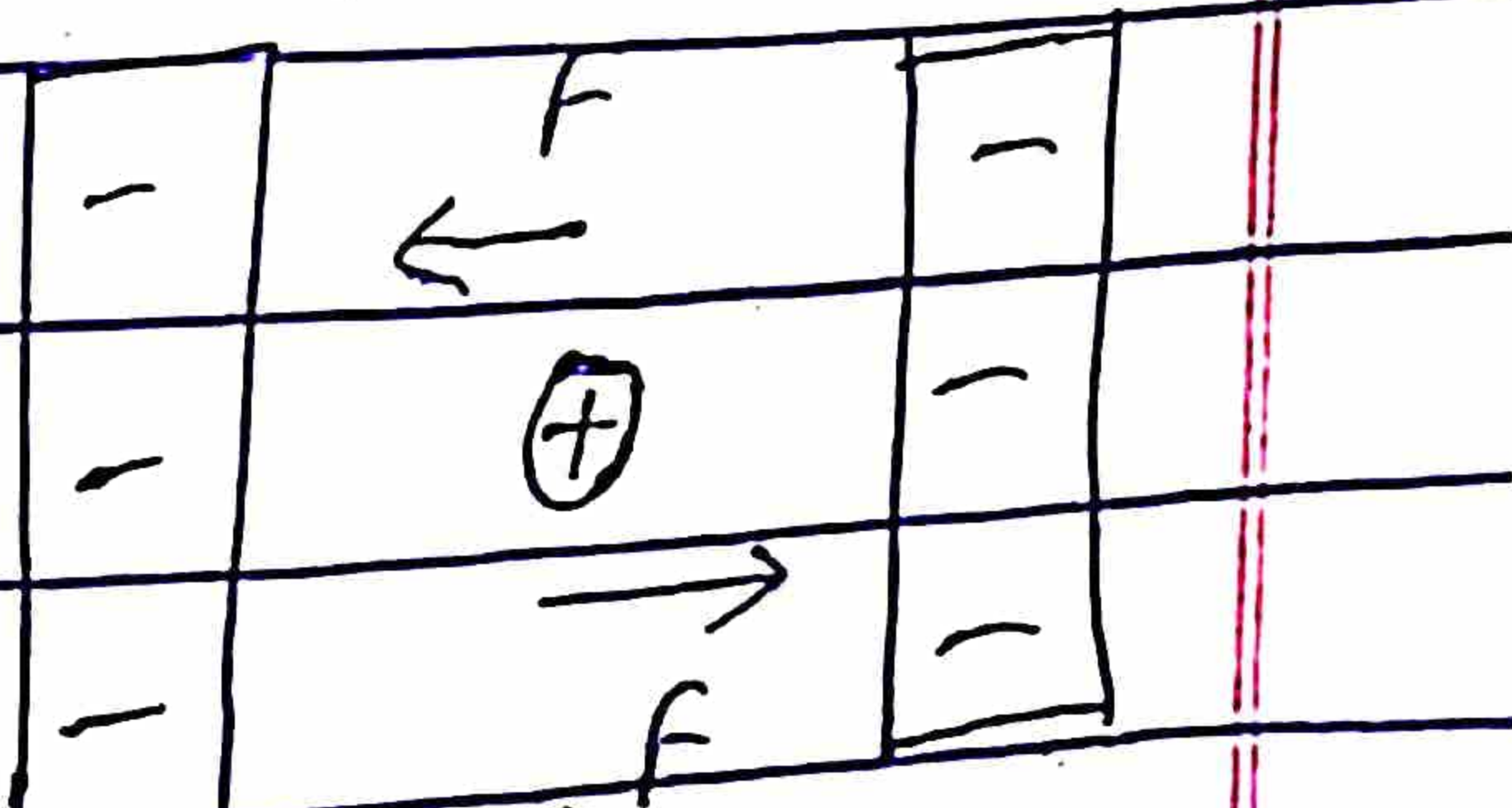
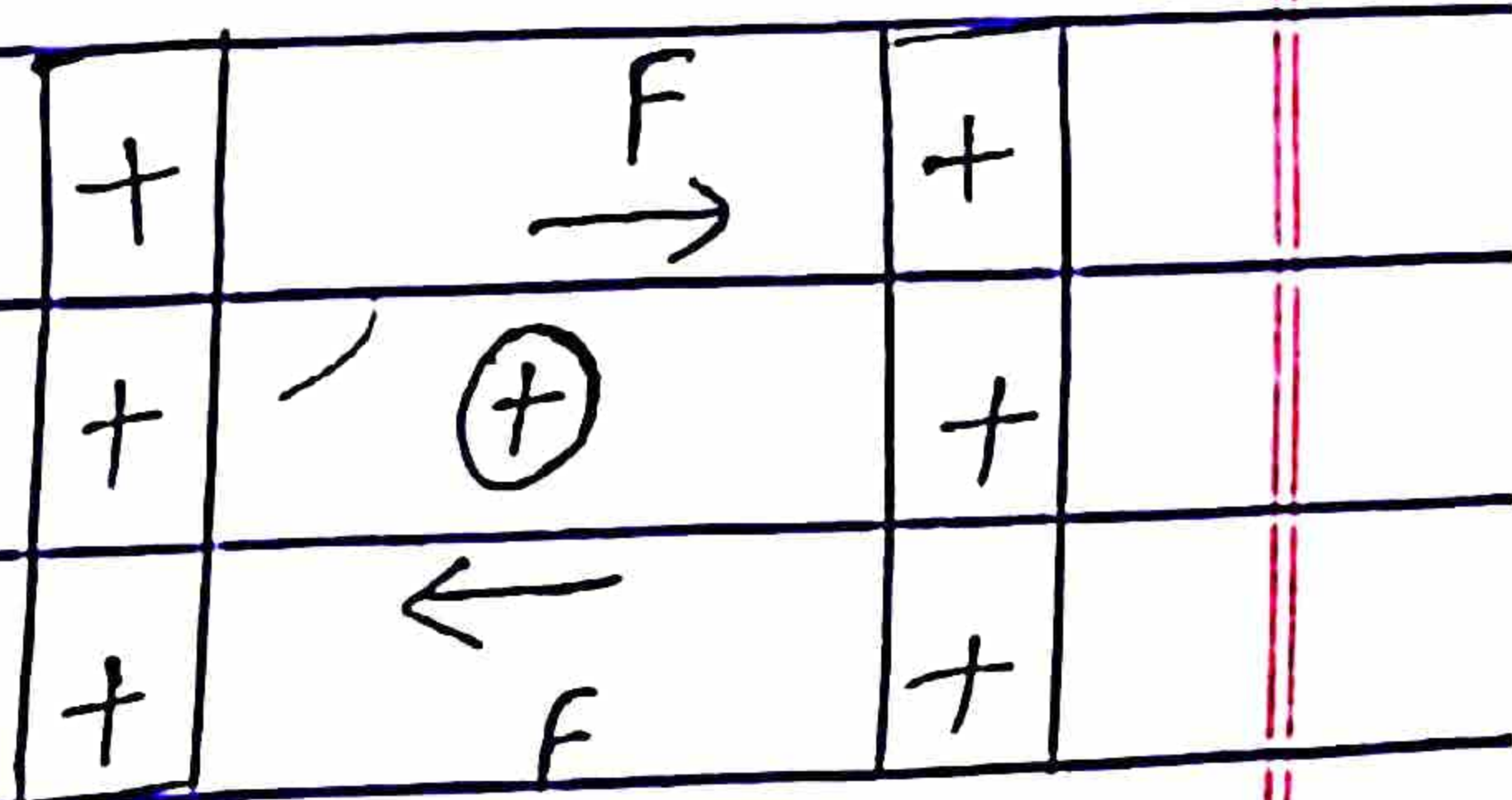
zero on the

charge when

it is placed

between parallel

plates with



similar and equal charges.

Because the positive point charge will be attracted or repelled by the opposite plates. resulting zero net force.

$$\text{net force} = F - F$$

$$\text{Net force} = 0$$



(b) The net force will be $2F$ in this case.

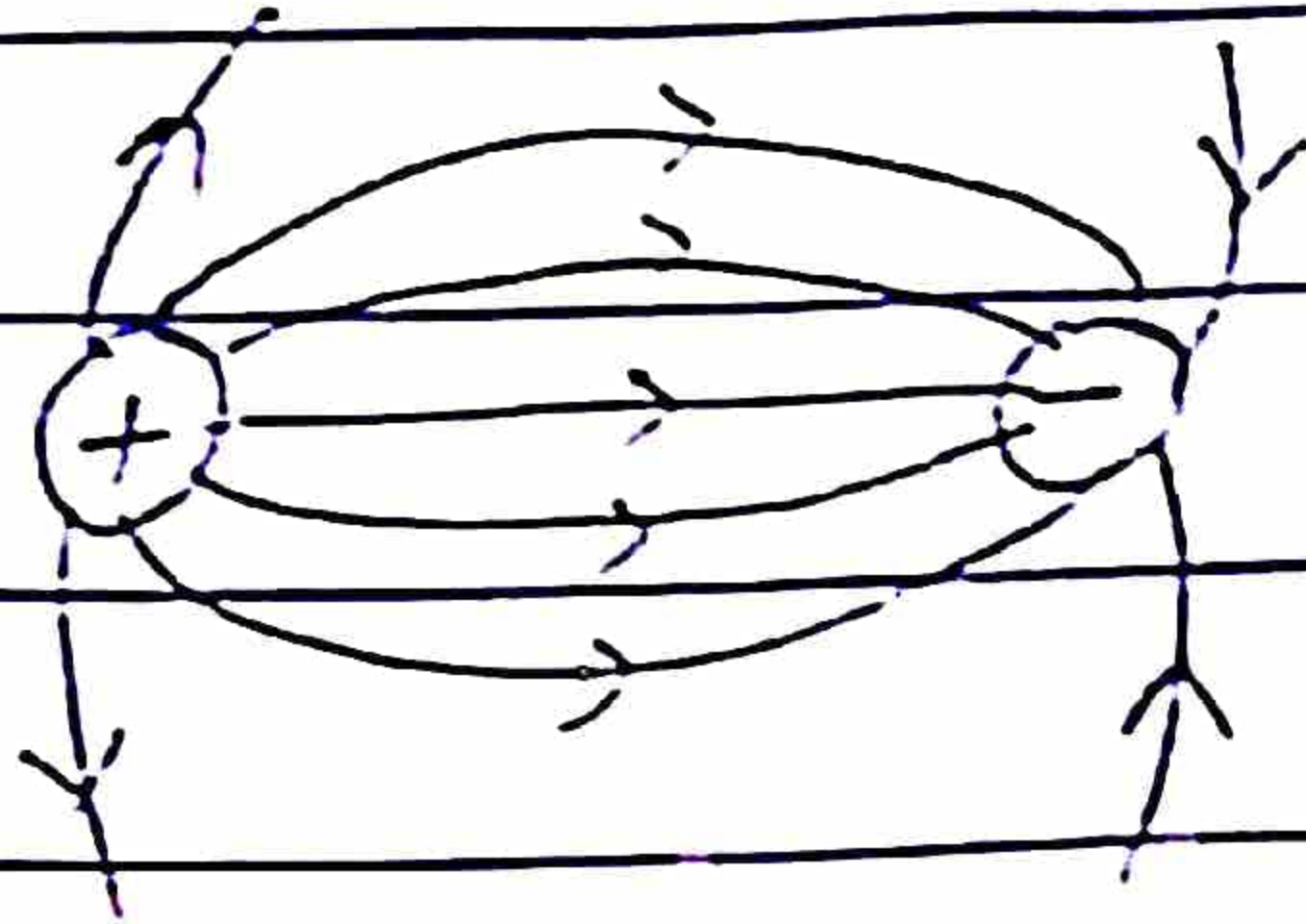
+	$F \rightarrow$	-
+	\oplus	-
+	$\leftarrow F$	-

Because when the positive point charge is placed between parallel plates with opposite and equal charges it will be repelled by positive plate and attracted by negative plate. So

$$\text{net force} = F + F$$

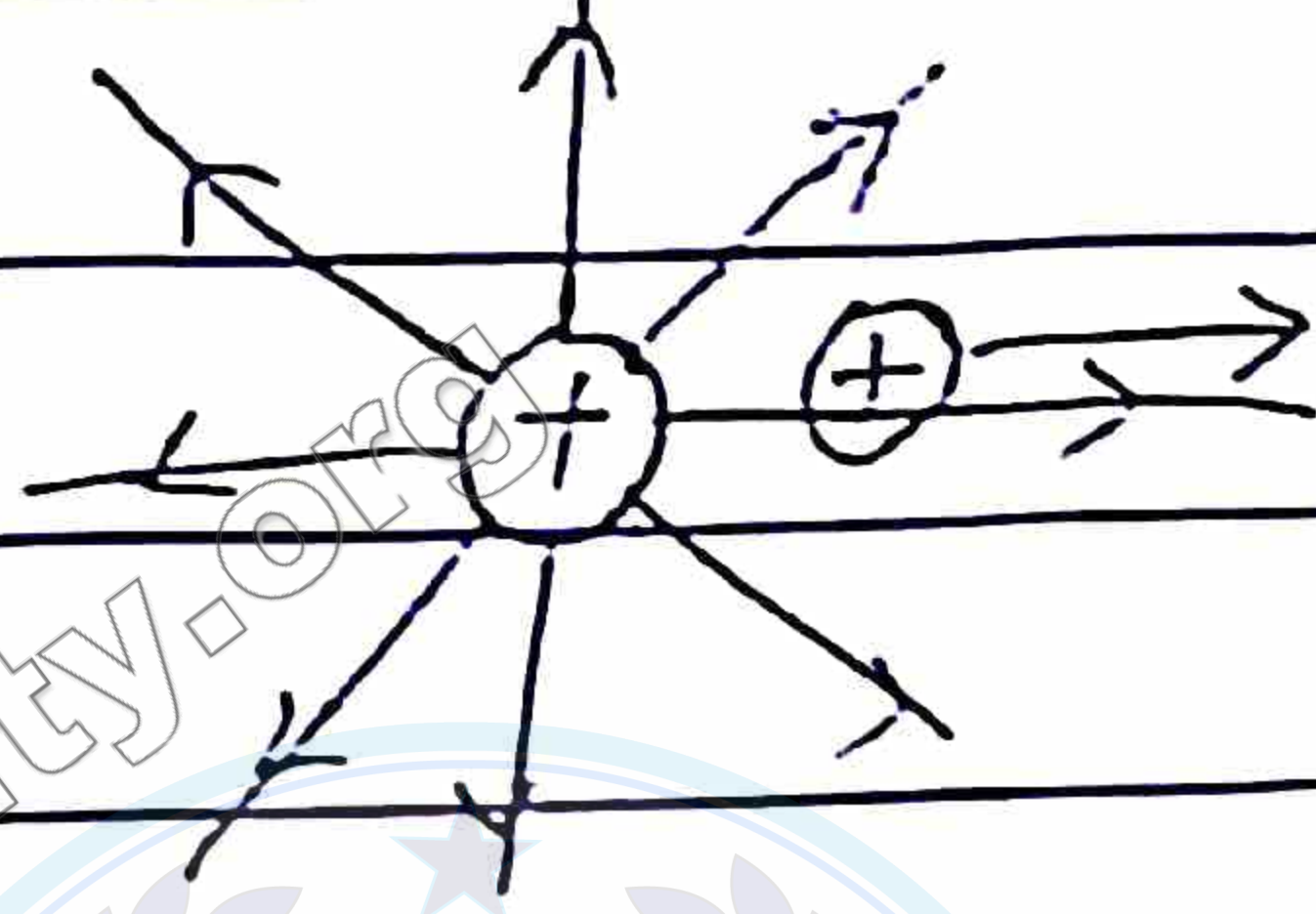
$$\text{net force} = 2F$$

12.5 Electric lines of force never cross because each line has its own specific direction.



12.6 Yes, it will make rectilinear motion.

The motion of any object in a straight line is called rectilinear motion. If a point charge of mass m is released in a non-uniform electric field it will be repelled and move in a straight line.

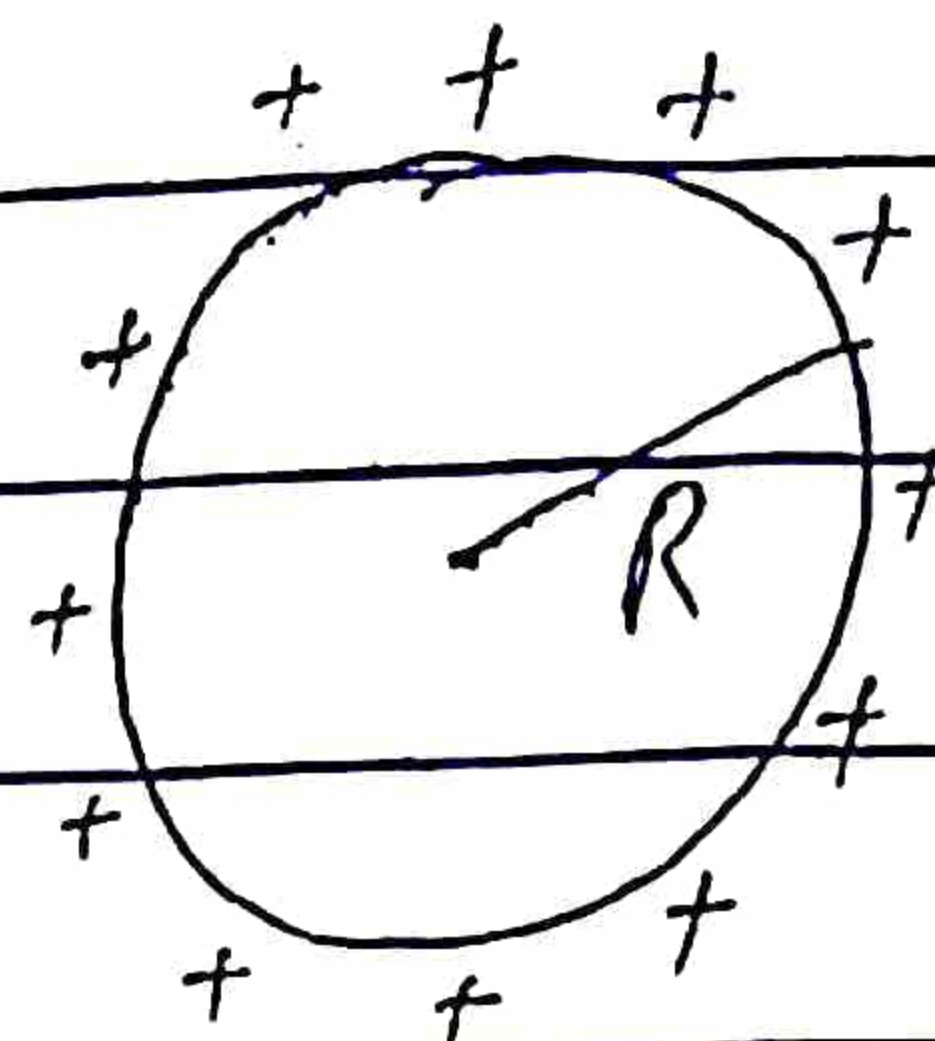


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12.7 Yes, \vec{E} is necessarily zero inside a charged rubber balloon if the balloon is spherical.

According to Gauss's law

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (Q)$$



There is no charge inside the balloon. So, $Q = 0$

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (0)$$

$$\phi = 0$$

And $\phi = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}$

Comparing the above equations:

$$\vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

either $\vec{E} = 0$ or $\vec{A} = 0$

But area can not be zero. $\vec{A} \neq 0$

Therefore,

$$\vec{E} = 0$$

12.8 Yes, it is true that Gauss's law states that the total number of lines of forces crossing the closed surface in the outward direction is proportional to the net positive charge

enclosed within the surface.

According to Gauss's law:

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (Q)$$

$$\Phi \propto Q$$

Number of lines of force \propto Net positive charge

12.9 Electron

has negative

charge. In

the electric

field, it

will move

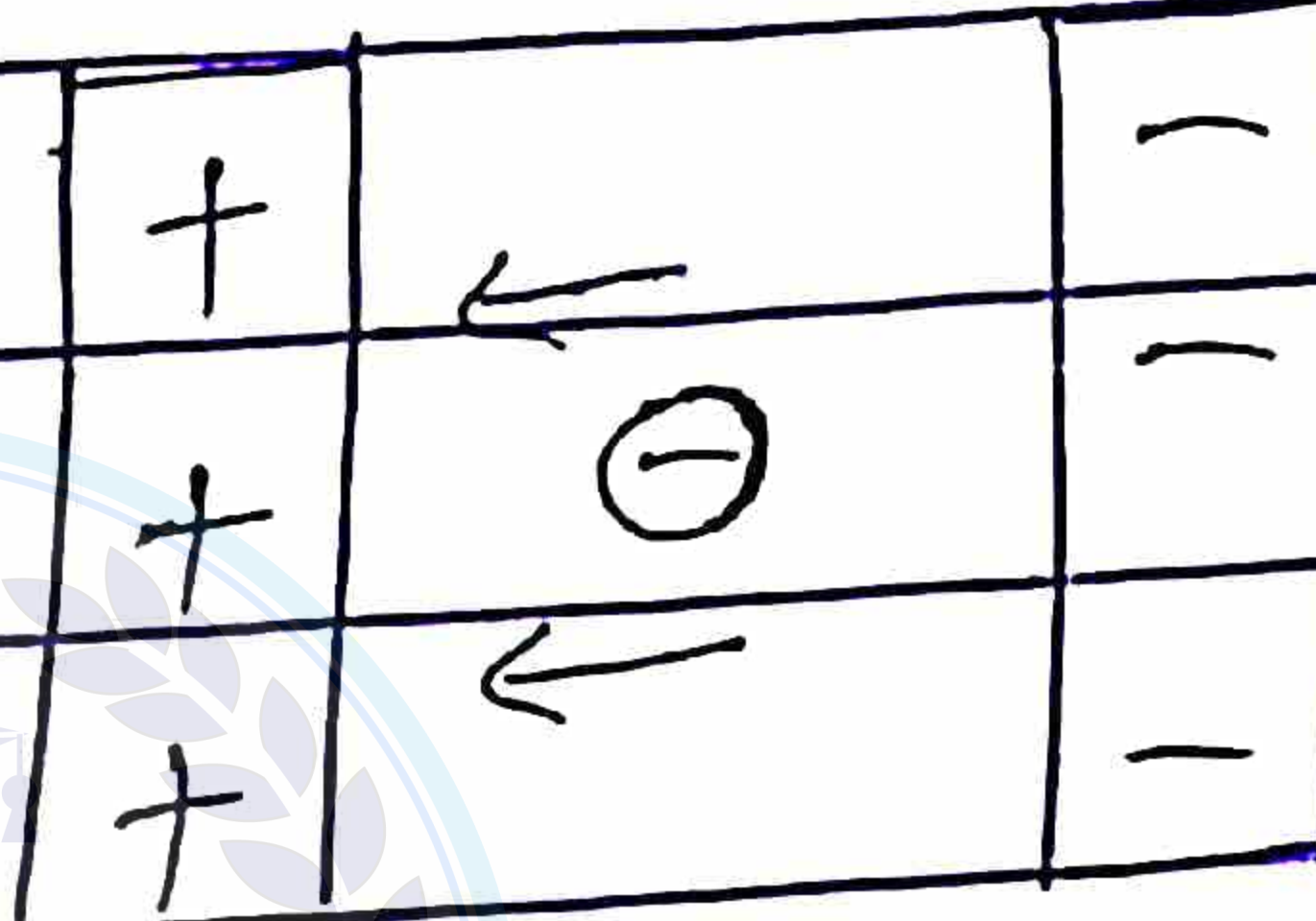
from negative

end towards positive end.

Therefore, it will move

from low potential to

high potential.



12.1 Data

$$\frac{F_e}{F_g} = ? \quad , \quad \text{masses of objects} = m_1 = m_2$$

$$m_1 = m_2 = 10 \text{ g} = \frac{10}{1000} \text{ kg} = 0.01 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{charge for objects} = q_1 = q_2 = 20 \text{ } \mu\text{C}$$

$$q_1 = q_2 = 20 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$\text{distance between objects} = r = 10 \text{ cm}$$

$$r = \frac{10}{100} \text{ m} = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{gravitational constant} = G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$$

$$\text{coulomb constant} = K = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$$

Solution:

$$F_e = K \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 20 \times 10^{-6} \times 20 \times 10^{-6}}{(0.1)^2}$$

$$F_e = 360 \text{ N}$$

$$F_g = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 0.01 \times 0.01}{(0.1)^2}$$

$$F_g = 6.67 \times 10^{-13} \text{ N}$$

$$\frac{F_e}{F_g} = \frac{360}{6.67 \times 10^{-13}}$$

$$\frac{F_e}{F_g} = 5.4 \times 10^{14}$$

12.3 Data

point charge = $q = -8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$

electric field = $E = ?$

distance from origin = $r = 2 \text{ m}$

coulomb's constant = $k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$

Solution:

$$E = k \frac{q}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times -8 \times 10^{-8}}{(2)^2}$$

$$E = -180 \text{ N C}^{-1}$$

$$E = -1.8 \times 10^2 \text{ N C}^{-1}$$

As \vec{E} acts along z-axis.

$$\vec{E} = (-1.8 \times 10^2 \hat{k}) \text{ N C}^{-1}$$

12.4 Data

electric field = $\vec{E} = ?$

position vector = $\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j})\text{m}$

point charge = $q = 5 \times 10^{-6}\text{C}$

coulomb's constant = $k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{Nm}^2\text{C}^{-2}$

Solution:



$$\vec{E} = k \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Given $\vec{r} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$

$$r = \sqrt{(4)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{16+9}$$

$$r = \sqrt{25}$$

$$r = 5\text{m}$$

Now

$$\vec{E} = k \frac{q}{r^2} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right)$$

$$= \frac{kq}{r^3} \vec{r}$$

$$= \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 5 \times 10^{-6}}{(5)^3} (4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j})$$

$$= 360 (4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j})$$

$$\vec{E} = (1440\hat{i} + 1080\hat{j}) \text{NC}^{-1}$$

12.5 Data

1st point charge = $q_1 = -1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$

2nd point charge = $q_2 = 4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$

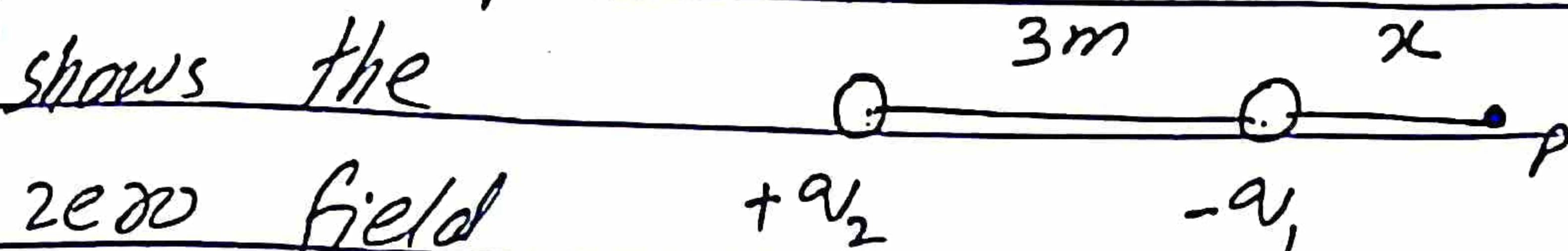
distance between charges = $r = 3 \text{ m}$

Zero field location = $x = ?$

Solution:



Suppose point P



location. At

this point the electric field for both charge will be equal and opposite.

$$|E_1| = |E_2|$$

$$\left| k \frac{q_1}{r^2} \right| = \left| k \frac{q_2}{r^2} \right|$$

$$\left| k \frac{-1 \times 10^{-6}}{x^2} \right| = \left| k \frac{4 \times 10^{-6}}{(3+x)^2} \right|$$

$$\cancel{k} \frac{1 \times 10^{-6}}{x^2} = \cancel{k} \frac{4 \times 10^{-6}}{(3+x)^2}$$

$$4x^2 = (3+x)^2$$

$$\sqrt{4x^2} = \sqrt{(3+x)^2}$$

$$2x = 3 + x$$

$$2x - x = 3$$

$$x = 3 \text{ m}$$

Therefore, the zero field location is 3m from q_1 .

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12-6 Data

electric field strength = $E = ?$

mass of particle = $m = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg}$

charge of particle = $q = 1 \mu\text{C}$

$$q = 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

distance between plates = $d = 10 \text{ cm}$

$$d = \frac{10}{100} \text{ m} = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Solution: To suspend the particle the weight should be equal to the electric force.

$$F_e = W$$

$$qE = mg$$

$$E = \frac{mg}{q}$$

$$E = \frac{1 \times 10^{-6} \times 9.8}{10^{-6}}$$

$$E = 9.8 \text{ Nc}^{-1}$$

12.7 Data

charge of particle = $20e$

potential difference = $V = 100 \text{ V}$

Energy = ?



Solution:

$$\text{Energy} = qV$$

$$= (20e)(100 \text{ V})$$

$$\text{Energy} = 2000 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{Energy} = 2 \times 10^3 \text{ eV}$$

12.10 Data

point charge = $q = 4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$

electric potential = $V = ?$

distance = $r = 1.2 \text{ m}$

$$k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$$

Solution:

$$V = k \frac{q}{r}$$

$$= \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 4 \times 10^{-8}}{1.2}$$

$$V = 300 \text{ V}$$

$$V = 3 \times 10^2 \text{ V}$$

when the charge is negative.

$$V = -3 \times 10^2 \text{ V}$$

12.12 Data

$$\text{Capacitance} = C = 750 \mu\text{F}$$

$$C = 750 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}$$

$$\text{potential difference} = V = 330 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Energy} = ?$$

Solution:

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (750 \times 10^{-6}) (330)^2$$

$$\text{Energy} = 40.8 \text{ J}$$

12.13 Data

$$\text{capacitance} = C = 2.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ F}$$

$$\text{potential difference} = V = 450 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{number of electrons} = n = ?$$

$$\text{charge of one electron} = e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

Solution: Total charge = $Q = ne$

we know that

$$Q = CV$$

Comparing the above equations

$$ne = CV$$

$$n = \frac{CV}{e}$$

$$n = \frac{2.5 \times 10^{-8} \times 450}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$$

$$n = 7 \times 10^{13} \text{ electrons}$$

12.11 Data

$$\text{distance} = r = 5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{speed} = v = 2.18 \times 10^6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$\text{charge of electron} = e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$\text{mass of electron} = m = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{electric potential} = V = ? , k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$$

$$\text{Total energy} = ?$$

$$\text{Ionization energy} = ?$$



Solutions:

$$V = k \frac{q}{r}$$

$$V = k \frac{e}{r}$$

$$= \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{5.29 \times 10^{-11}}$$

$$V = 27.2 \text{ V}$$

The total energy of the atom will be the sum of P.E. and K.E.

$$K.E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (9.1 \times 10^{-31}) (2.18 \times 10^6)^2$$

$$K.E = 2.16 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$$

As

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$K.E = \frac{2.16 \times 10^{-18}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \text{ eV}$$

$$K.E = 13.5 \text{ eV}$$

$$P.E = qV$$

$$= -eV$$

$$P.E = -e(27.2V)$$

$$P.E = -27.2 eV$$

$$T.E = K.E + P.E$$

$$= 13.5 + 27.2$$

$$T.E = -13.7 eV$$

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To ionize the atom,
the energy equal to this
total energy should be
provided. So,

$$\text{Ionization energy} = 13.7 eV$$