

Which of these does NOT involve a capacitor as one of its "key physics" components?

- A) Flashing traffic warning lights
- B) Medical defibrillator
- C) Cell membrane
- D) Radio tuner
- E) Car starter

4 points for reasoning. For full credit we wanted both reasons, but you can get 3/4 for either one.

0: blank or disaster

1: something is right, but much is wrong, or very hard to follow. This is "D level work". Totally handwavy reasoning goes here.

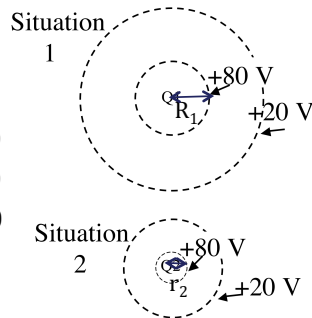
2: They have some reasoning, but it is confusing, or partially incorrect. "C level work". (If they JUST say "field lines are further apart", with NO further explanation, this would be a 2/4)

3: largely ok, but incomplete explanation (e.g. only mentioned one of the two reasons), or a mix of right and wrong. "B" level work

4: mostly or fully correct, "A" level work

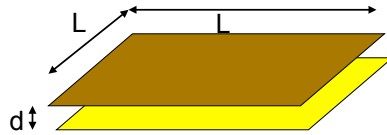
What can you conclude about Q1 and Q2?

- A: $Q1 > Q2 > 0$
- B: $Q2 > Q1 > 0$
- C: $Q1 < Q2 < 0$
- D: $Q2 < Q1 < 0$
- E: ??



Parallel plate capacitor formulae from last time:
 $E=4\pi k Q/A$ and $\Delta V=4\pi k Q d/A$

If you fix the charge on a capacitor, and double the spacing between the plates, what happens to the E field between the plates?

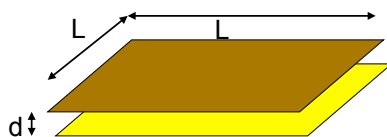


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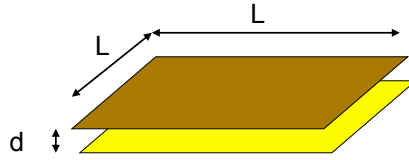
If we double the charge on the plates (so +Q and -Q have become +2Q and -2Q), what happens to the capacitance?



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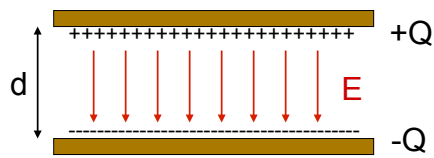
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 If we *double* L (both of them!) and *halve* d , by
 what factor have we changed capacitance?



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 D: up by 8 E: none of these

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 plates are isolated so Q cannot change.)
 The plates are then pulled apart so that
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 The total electrostatic energy stored

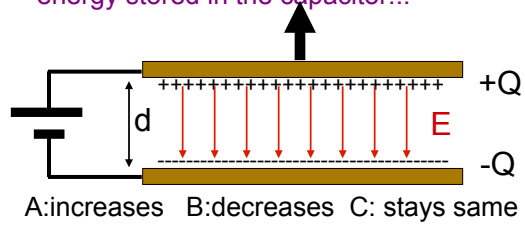


- A: increases B: decreases C: stays same

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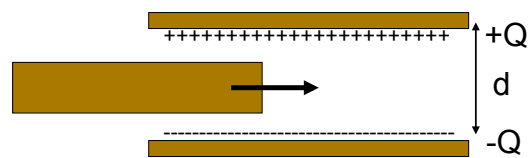
Now, as we increase d , the electrostatic energy stored in the capacitor...



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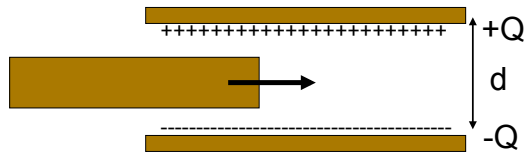


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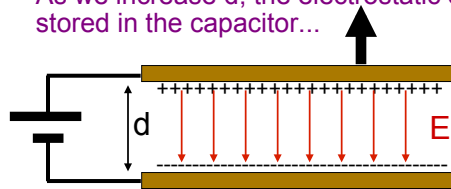
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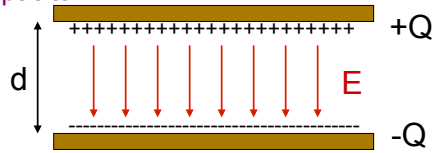


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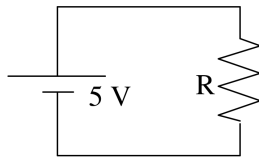
The total electrostatic energy (U) stored in the capacitor....



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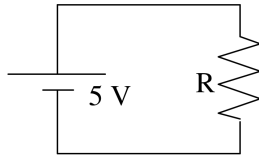
(Hint: Did the person pulling the plates apart do positive work, negative work or no work?)

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Which way does the current flow in this circuit?

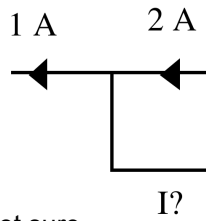


- A: Clockwise
- B: Counterclockwise
- C: Not enough information given

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Current is flowing through wires which are part of a circuit, as shown.

What is the current in the wire at the bottom right?



- A) 1 A to the left
- B) 1 A to the right
- C) 3 A to the left
- D) 3 A to the right
- E) none of these/not sure

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