

Definitions and Concepts for CAIE Physics A-level

Topic 19: Capacitance

Capacitance: The charge stored per unit pd in a capacitor.

Capacitors in Parallel: When capacitors are connected in parallel, their individual capacitances are summed to give the total capacitance.

Capacitors in Series: When capacitors are connected in series, the total capacitance is equal to the inverse of the sum of the inverses of the individual capacitances.

Parallel Plate Capacitor: A capacitor made up of two parallel conducting plates with an insulator between them (dielectric).

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