PHYS1022 Summary Sheet 4

Electrostatic Energy and Capacitance

Chapter 23

23.2 Capacitors and Capacitance

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

Deriving capacitance of eg concentric spheres or cylinders

23.3 Capacitors in series and parallel (revise)
Parallel plate capacitor

23.4 The Storage of Electrical Energy

e.g.
$$U = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$$
 and $U = \frac{1}{2}\frac{Q^2}{C}$ Derivation of U (using integration)

Electrostatic Field Energy Energy density – obtain the next equation from one above $u_e = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 E^2$

Electric Current and Direct-Current Circuits

Chapters 24 and 25

Refer to **laboratory notes** and to **handout sheets**, as well as textbook.

24.1 Electric current, drift velocity and current density

$$I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = qnAv_d \qquad \underline{J} = nq\underline{v}_d$$

- 24.2 Conductivity σ and Resistivity $\rho = \frac{E}{J}$
- 24.3 Resistance and Ohm's Law V = IR
- 24.4 Electric power

$$P = IV = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

- 25.1 Electromotive force and circuits
- 25.3 Kirchhoff's Rules
- 25.5 R-C circuits: discharging and charging a capacitor

$$V_C = E(1 - e^{-t/RC}) + V_0 e^{-t/RC}$$