

# Node Charge Conservation Conservation Capacitor

What is a node rule in a capacitor?

Using the node rule, we can see that the current through resistor 1 and resistor 2 must be the same because no current flows through the wire connected to the capacitor, so then all of the current must flow through one loop containing both resistors. So the current at a, b, d and e must all be the same.

Why does the node rule support the law of Conservation of energy?

The Node Rule also supports the law of conservation of energy because in essence, current is simply the flow of electric charge, and since you cannot (at least as of now) create energy or electrons out of nothing; everything that is put into the system must come out somehow. Therefore, all the current that is applied, must come out the other end.

What is a charge conservation equation?

This is simply the charge conservation equation (in integral form, it says that the current flowing out of a closed surface is equal to the rate of loss of charge within the enclosed volume (Divergence theorem)).

Can a capacitor model be charge conserving?

For a capacitor model to be charge conserving, it must be such that if the voltage is changed and then returned to its original value, the final charge must equal the initial charge, regardless of the path taken or the starting point. This is true for models described with single-valued charge functions because  $q(v_i) = q(v_f)$  if  $v_i = v_f$ .

Do capacitance-based models conserve charge if a capacitor is nonlinear?

As shown previously, capacitance-based models do not conserve charge if the capacitor is nonlinear and the path is discretized with a finite number of steps because the capacitance is a linear approximation to the charge function and if the steps are not infinitesimal, a finite error accumulates on each step. An interesting question remains.

What factors affect charge conservation?

There are several mechanisms that affect charge conservation. The charge conserving nature of semiconductor models is the most important factor that affects charge conservation because of the large amount of charge that is created or annihilated on every time step by capacitance-based models.

Charge conservation ensures the total electric charge in capacitors and circuits remains constant, governing energy storage, release, and charge flow. The charge conservation principle is a fundamental law of electromagnetism stating that the total electric charge within a closed system remains constant over time, neither created nor destroyed.

Recall that the charge enclosed in a volume  $V$  can be determined from the volume charge density:  $enc\ v(r)\ V$

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$Q = \int_V \rho dv$  If charge is moving (i.e., current flow), then charge density can be a function of time (i.e.,  $\rho = \rho(r, t)$ ). As a result, we write:  $\text{enc } v(t) = \int_V \rho(r, t) dv$  Inserting this into the continuity equation, we get ...

The goal of this problem is to determine the charge on the capacitors as a function of time. (a) What is the charge on the capacitor on the left,  $Q_1$ , at  $t = 0$ ? (b) What is the charge on the capacitor on the right,  $Q_2$ , at  $t = 0$ ? (c) Determine equations that describe how  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  change in time for  $t > 0$ . (d)

The principle of conservation of electric charge implies that: At any node (junction) in an electrical circuit, the sum of currents flowing into that node is equal to the sum of currents...

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within some surface that surrounds a circuit node must always be constant with respect to time. I.E.,  $\text{enc } \frac{dQ}{dt} = 0$  Therefore:  $\oint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = -\frac{dQ_{\text{enc}}}{dt}$  or  $\oint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho dv$  But, there is such a thing as a charge "tank"! A charge tank is a capacitor. A capacitor can either store or source enclosed charge  $Q_{\text{enc}}(t)$ , such that  $\frac{dQ_{\text{enc}}}{dt} \neq 0$  ...

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