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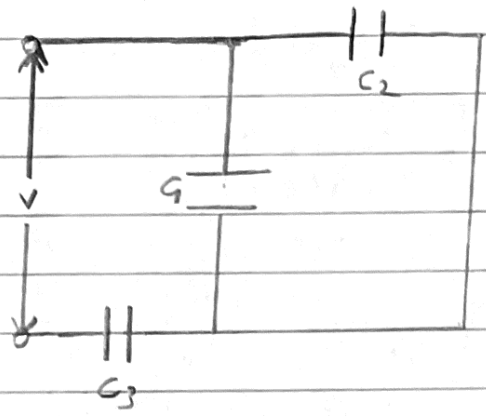
# Principles of physics (10th edition)

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## Ch 25: capacitance

Problems: 2, 10, 17, 18, 37, 39, 53, 60

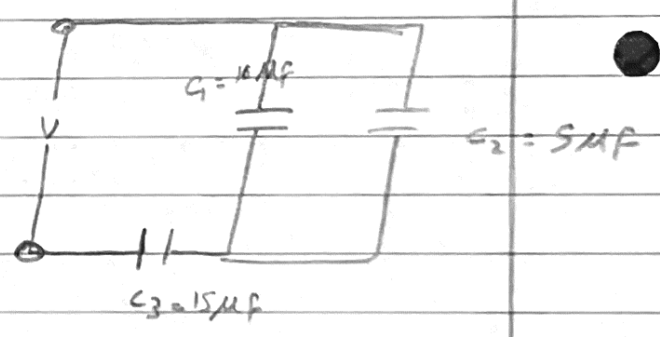
P<sub>2</sub>: In Fig 25-18, a potential difference  $V = 75.0\text{V}$  is applied across a capacitor arrangement with capacitance  $C_1 = 10.0\ \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_2 = 5.00\ \mu\text{F}$  and  $C_3 = 15.0\ \mu\text{F}$ . What are (a) charge  $q_3$ , (b) potential difference  $V_3$  and (c) stored energy  $U_3$  for capacitor 3, (d)  $q_1$ , (e)  $V_1$  and (f)  $U_1$  for capacitor 1 and (g)  $q_2$ , (h)  $V_2$  and (i)  $U_2$  for capacitor 2?



Sol:  $C_1, C_2$  parallel

$$C = C_1 + C_2 = 10 + 5$$

$$C = 15\ \mu\text{F}$$

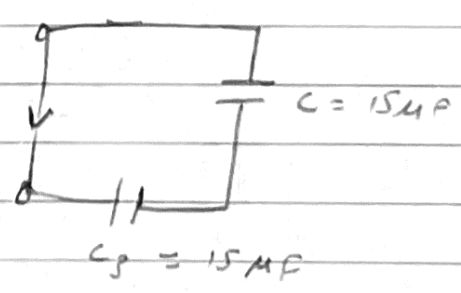


$C_1, C_3$  series

$$C_{eq} = \frac{C_1 C_3}{C_1 + C_3} = \frac{15 \times 15}{15 + 15}$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{225}{30}$$

$$C_{eq} = 7.5\ \mu\text{F}$$

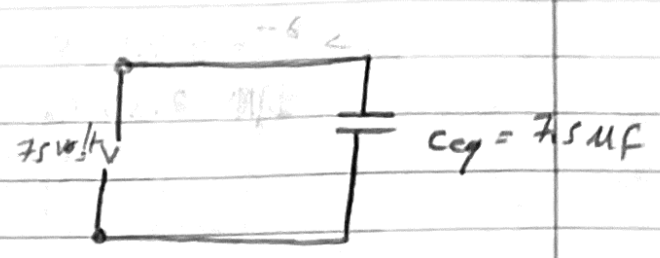


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$$Q_{eq} = C_{eq} V$$

$$= 7.5 \times 10^{-6} \times 75$$

$$Q_{eq} = 562.5 \mu C$$



$$Q_{eq} = Q_{C3} = Q_C \quad \text{in series}$$

$$a) \quad q_3 = Q_{C3} = 562.5 \mu C$$

$$b) \quad V_3 = \frac{q_3}{C_3} = \frac{562.5 \mu C}{15 \text{ MF}} = 37.5 \text{ volt}$$

$$c) \quad U_3 = \frac{1}{2} C_3 V_3^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 15 \times 10^{-6} \times (37.5)^2 = 1.05 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J}$$

$$d) \quad q_1 = C_1 V_1$$

$$V_1 = V - V_3 = 75 - 37.5 = 37.5 \text{ volt}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = 10 \text{ MF} \times 37.5 \\ = 375 \mu C$$

$$e) \quad V_1 = \frac{q_1}{C_1} = \frac{375 \mu C}{10 \text{ MF}} = 37.5 \text{ volt}$$

$$\text{or } V_1 = V - V_3 = 37.5 \text{ volt}$$

$$f) \quad U_1 = \frac{1}{2} C_1 V_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times 10^{-6} \times (37.5)^2 = 7.03 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J}$$

$$g) \quad q_2 = C_2 V_2$$

$$V_2 = V_1 = V - V_3 = 75 - 37.5 \text{ volt}$$

$$q_2 = 5 \times 10^{-6} \times 37.5 = 187.5 \mu C$$

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$$h) V_2 = V_1 = 37.5 \text{ v/t}$$

$$i) U_2 = \frac{1}{2} C_2 V_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 15 \times 10^{-6} \times (37.5)^2$$

$$= 3.55 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J}$$

P10: A parallel-plate air-filled capacitor having area  $40 \text{ cm}^2$  and plate spacing  $1.0 \text{ mm}$  is charged to a potential difference of  $500 \text{ V}$ . Find (a) the capacitance, (b) the magnitude of the charge on each plate, (c) the stored energy, (d) the electric field between the plates and (e) the energy density between the plates

sol:

$$a) A = 40 \text{ cm}^2 = 40 \text{ cm}^2 \left( \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{40}{10000}$$

$$= 0.004 \text{ m}^2$$

$$= 4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$$d = 1 \text{ mm} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = \frac{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 4 \times 10^{-3}}{1 \times 10^{-3}} = 3.54 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F}$$

$$\approx 35 \text{ pF}$$

$$b) q = CV$$

$$= 3.54 \times 10^{-11} \times 500$$

$$= 1.77 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$$

$$\approx 18 \text{ nC}$$

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$$c) U = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 3.54 \times 10^{-11} \times (500)^2$$

$$= 4.425 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J}$$

$$\approx 4.425 \text{ MJ}$$

$$d) E = \frac{V}{d} = \frac{500}{1 \times 10^{-3}} = 5 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m}$$

$$e) u = \frac{U}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{U}{A \cdot d} = \frac{4.425 \times 10^{-6}}{4 \times 10^{-3} \times 1 \times 10^{-3}} = 1.10625 \text{ J/m}^2$$

$$\text{or } u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times (5 \times 10^5)^2 = 1.10625 \text{ J/m}^2$$

P17: The parallel plates in a capacitor, with a plate area of  $8.50 \text{ cm}^2$  and an air-filled separation of  $8.00 \text{ mm}$  are charged by a  $16.0 \text{ V}$  battery. They are then disconnected from the battery and pushed together (without discharge) to a separation of  $3.00 \text{ mm}$ . Neglecting fringing, find (a) the potential difference between the plates (b) the initial stored energy (c) the final stored energy and (d) the (negative) work in pushing them together

sol:

$$a) C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}, \quad d = 8 \text{ mm} \quad d' = 3 \text{ mm}$$

$$Q = CV \quad Q \text{ same}$$

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

$$\frac{V}{d} = \frac{V'}{d'} \Rightarrow V' = \frac{V}{d} d' = \frac{16}{8 \times 10^{-3}} \times 3 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow V' = 6 \text{ volt}$$

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b)  $U_i = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$  ,  $C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = \frac{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 8.5 \times 10^{-9}}{8 \times 10^{-3}} = 9.4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ F}$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} (9.4 \times 10^{-13}) (16)^2 = 1.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}$$

$$= 120 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}$$

$$= 120 \text{ pJ}$$

c)  $U_f = \frac{1}{2} C' V'^2$  ,  $C' = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d'} = \frac{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 8.5 \times 10^{-9}}{2 \times 10^{-3}} = 2.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$

$$U_f = \frac{1}{2} (2.5 \times 10^{-12}) (6)^2 = 4.5135 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J}$$

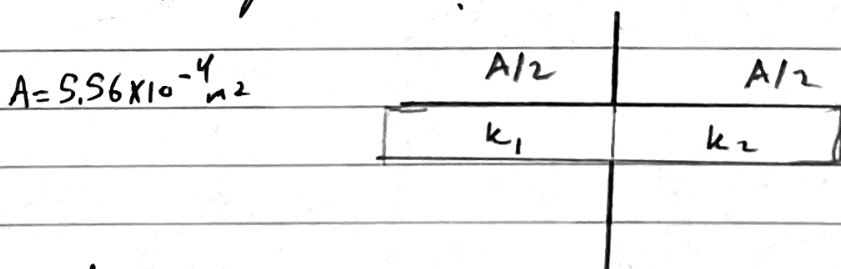
$$= 45.135 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}$$

$$\approx 45 \text{ pJ}$$

d)  $W = \Delta U = U_f - U_i = 45 \text{ pJ} - 120 \text{ pJ}$

$$\approx -75 \text{ J}$$

P18: Figure 25-23 shows a parallel plate capacitor with a plate area  $A = 5.56 \text{ cm}^2$  and separation  $d = 5.56 \text{ mm}$ . The left half of the gap is filled with material of dielectric constant  $k_1 = 7.00$ , the right half is filled with material of dielectric constant  $k_2 = 10.00$ . What is the capacitance?



sol:

$$C_1 = k_1 \frac{\epsilon_0 A_1}{d} = \frac{k_1 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d} = \frac{7 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 5.56 \times 10^{-4}}{5.56 \times 10^{-3}} = 3.0975 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

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$$C_2 = \frac{k_2 \epsilon_0 A_2}{d_2} = \frac{k_2 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d} = \frac{10 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 5.56 \times 10^{-4}}{(5.56 \times 10^{-3}) \times 2}$$
$$= 4.425 \times 10^{-12}$$

$C_1, C_2$  parallel plate

$$\Rightarrow C = C_1 + C_2 = 3.0975 \times 10^{-12} + 4.425 \times 10^{-12}$$
$$= 7.5225 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$
$$= 7.52 \text{ pF}$$

or  $C = C_1 + C_2$

$$\frac{k_1 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d} + \frac{k_2 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d}$$
$$= \frac{\epsilon_0 A (k_1 + k_2)}{2d}$$
$$= \frac{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 5.56 \times 10^{-4} (7+10)}{2 \times 5.56 \times 10^{-3}}$$
$$= 7.5225 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$
$$= 7.5225 \text{ pf}$$

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P37: A certain substance has a dielectric constant of 5.6 and a dielectric strength of 18 MV/m. If it is used as the dielectric material in a parallel-plate capacitor what minimum area should the plates of the capacitor have to obtain a capacitance of  $3.9 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{F}$  and to ensure that the capacitor will be able to withstand a potential difference of 4.0 kV?

Sol:

$$k = 5.6, E = 18 \text{ MV/m}, C = 3.9 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{F}, V = 4.0 \text{ kV} \\ = 4 \times 10^3 \text{ V}$$

minimum Area  $A = ??$

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \quad (\text{if air between the plates})$$

$$* \quad \boxed{C = \frac{k \epsilon_0 A}{d}} \quad (\text{if there is a material between plates})$$

\* potential difference between the plates

$$V = Ed \Rightarrow \boxed{d = \frac{V}{E}}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{k \epsilon_0 A}{V/E}$$

$$C = \frac{k \epsilon_0 A E}{V}$$

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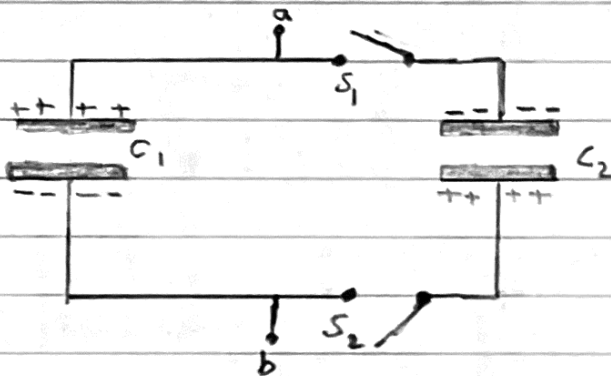
$$A = \frac{C' V}{k \epsilon_0 E}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{3.9 \times 10^{-2} \times 10^{-6} \times 4 \times 10^3}{5.6 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 18 \times 10^6}$$

$$= 0.1748 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\approx 0.17 \text{ m}^2$$

P39: In Fig 25-35, the capacitances are  $C_1 = 1.0 \mu\text{F}$  and  $C_2 = 3.0 \mu\text{F}$  and both capacitors are charged to a potential difference of  $V = 200 \text{ V}$  but with opposite polarity as shown. Switches  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are now closed. (a) What is now the potential difference between points a and b? What now is the charge on capacitor (b) 1 and (c) 2



Sol :  $C_1 = 1 \text{ MF}$  ,  $C_2 = 3 \text{ MF}$  ,  $V = 200 \text{ volt}$

a) \* the switches are closed  $\Rightarrow$  the potential difference across the capacitors are the same and they are in parallel

$$V_{ab} = \frac{Q_{tot}}{C_{eq}}$$



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$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 = 1 \mu F + 3 \mu F = 4 \mu F$$

before the switches is closed

$$q_1 = C_1 V = 1 \times 10^{-6} \times 200 = 200 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} \\ = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C}$$

$$q_2 = C_2 V = 3 \times 10^{-6} \times 200 = 600 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} \\ = 6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C}$$

because the polarity is opposite  $\Rightarrow q_{tot} = q_2 - q_1$

$$q_{tot} = 6 \times 10^{-4} - 2 \times 10^{-4} = 4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C}$$

$$V_{ab} = \frac{q_{tot}}{C_{eq}} = \frac{4 \times 10^{-4}}{4 \times 10^{-6}} = 100 \text{ volt}$$

b)  $q_1 = C_1 V_{ab}$  after switches is closed

$$= 1 \times 10^{-6} \times 100 \\ = 1 \times 10^{-4} \\ = 0.1 \times 10^{-3} \\ = 0.10 \text{ mC}$$

$$c) \quad q_2 = C_2 V_{ab} \\ = 3 \times 10^{-6} \times 100 \\ = 3 \times 10^{-4} \\ = 0.3 \times 10^{-3} \\ = 0.30 \text{ mC}$$

P53: A 100 pF capacitor is charged to a potential difference of 80.0 V and the charging battery is disconnected. The capacitor is then connected in parallel with a second (initially uncharged) capacitor. If the potential difference across the first capacitor drops to 35.0 V, what is the capacitance of this second capacitor?

Sol:  $Q = CV$

$q_i$ : before the charging battery is disconnected

$$q_i = C_1 V = 100 \text{ pF} \times 80 \text{ V} = 8000 \text{ pC}$$

$q_f$ : after the charging battery is disconnected and connected in parallel with  $C_2$

$$q_f = C_2 V = 100 \text{ pF} \times 35 = 3500 \text{ pC}$$

$q_2$ : the charge on capacitor 2

$$q_2 = q_i - q_f$$

$$= 8000 \text{ pC} - 3500 \text{ pC}$$

$$q_2 = 4500 \text{ pC}$$

$$q_2 = C_2 V$$

$$C_2 = \frac{q_2}{V}$$

$$= \frac{4500 \times 10^{-9}}{35}$$

$$= 128.57 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\approx 129 \text{ pF}$$

