

Chapter 25: Capacitance

• Capacitor \Rightarrow

A device in which electrical energy can be stored.

Capacitor consists of two isolated conductors (the plates) with charge $+q$ and $-q$.

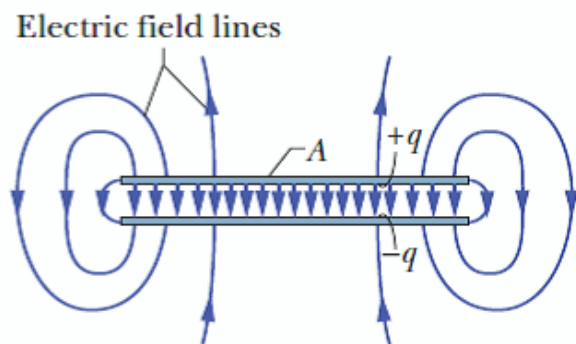
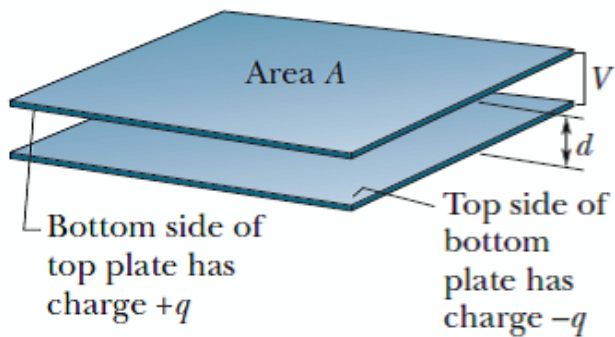
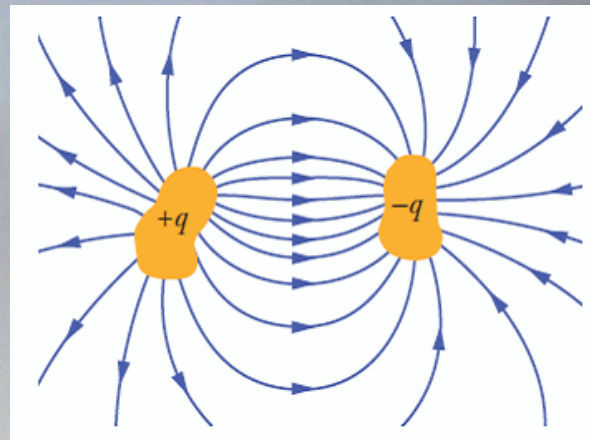
• Capacitor symbol $(-|+)$ used for all capacitors of all geometries

• Capacitance is a measure of how much charge must be put on the plates to produce a certain potential difference between them.

• Capacitance depends only on the geometry of the plates.

• Capacitance defined from $q = CV$

$$1 \text{ farad} = 1F = 1 C/V$$



⇒ Calculating the capacitance:

1] Assume a charge q to have been placed on the plates.

2] Find the electric field \vec{E} due to this charge by using Gauss' Law

$$q = \epsilon_0 \Phi = \epsilon_0 \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

3] Evaluate the potential difference V between the plates

$$V = - \int_i^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \text{"choose a path that follows an electric field, from the negative plate to the positive plate"}$$

\vec{E} and $d\vec{s}$ will be in opposite direction

$$\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -Eds$$

$$V = \int^+ E ds$$

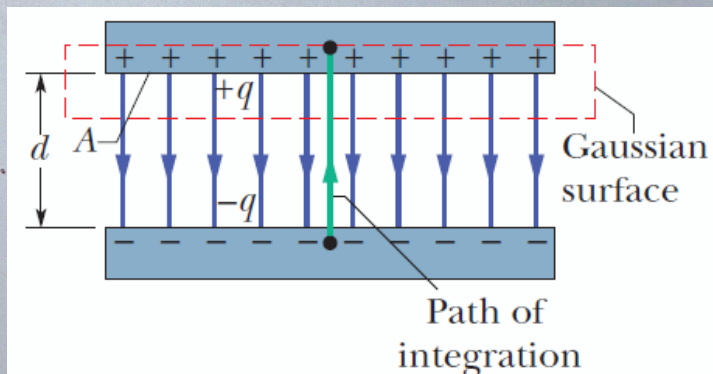
4] Calculate C from $q = CV$

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1] A parallel plate capacitor plates are so large and so close together that we can neglect the fringing of the electric field at the edges of the plates.

\vec{E} is constant between the plates.

• Apply Gauss' Law to the Red-dashed Gaussian surface that encloses just q on the positive plate.



$q = \epsilon_0 EA$; A is the area of the plate

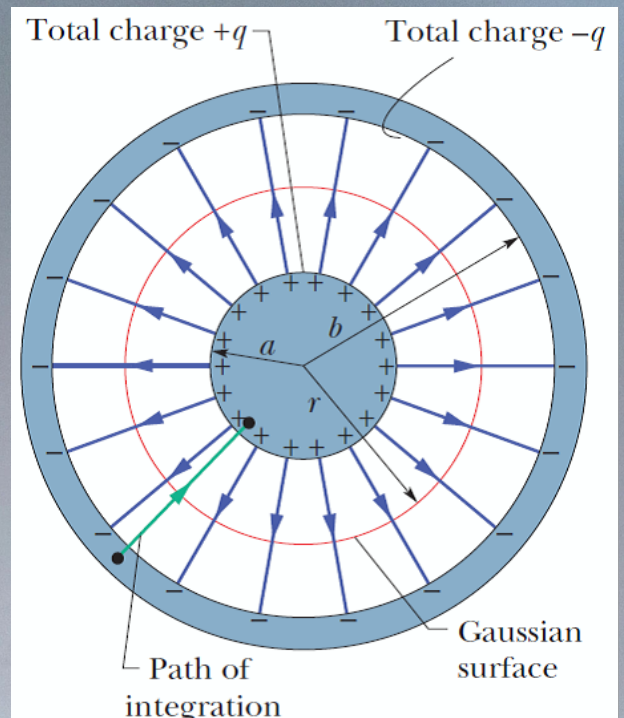
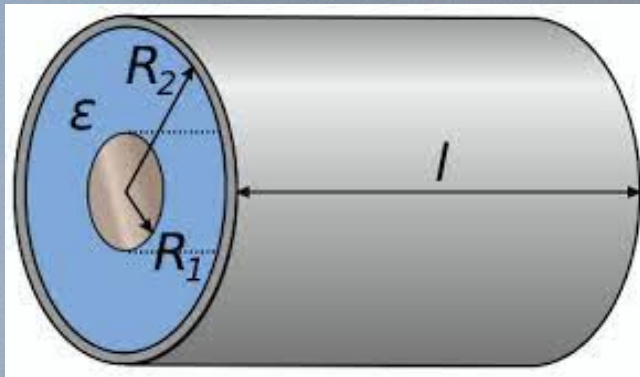
• $V = \int^+ E ds = E \int^d ds = Ed$; d is the plate separation

$$C = \frac{q}{V} = \frac{\epsilon_0 EA}{Ed} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \quad (\text{Parallel plate capacitor})$$

2] Acylindrical Capacitor

- Formed by two coaxial cylinders of radii a and b and length L .



- Find E by using Gauss' Law

$$q = \epsilon_0 EA = \epsilon_0 E (2\pi r L)$$

$$E = \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 L r} \quad ; \quad a \leq r \leq b \quad (\text{radially outward})$$

$$V = - \int_+^- E ds = - \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 L} \int_b^a \frac{dr}{r} \quad \text{" } ds = -dr \text{"}$$

integrate radially inward

$$= - \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 L} [\ln(a) - \ln(b)]$$

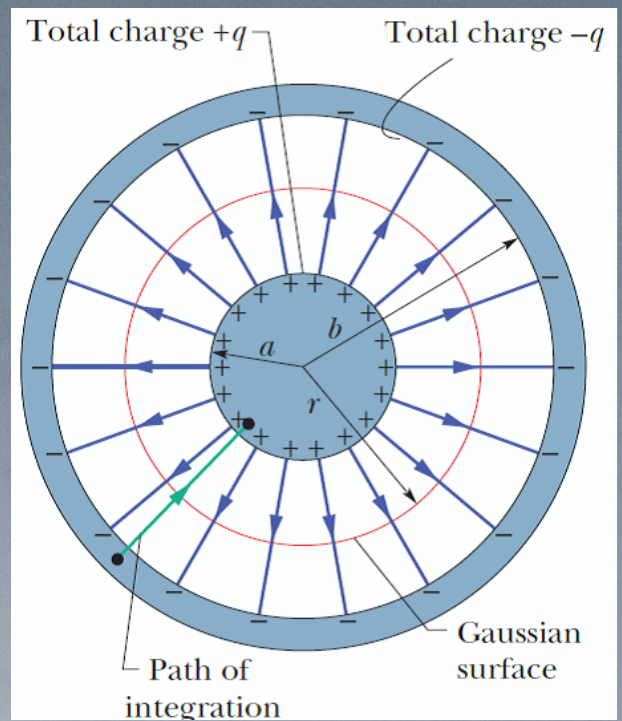
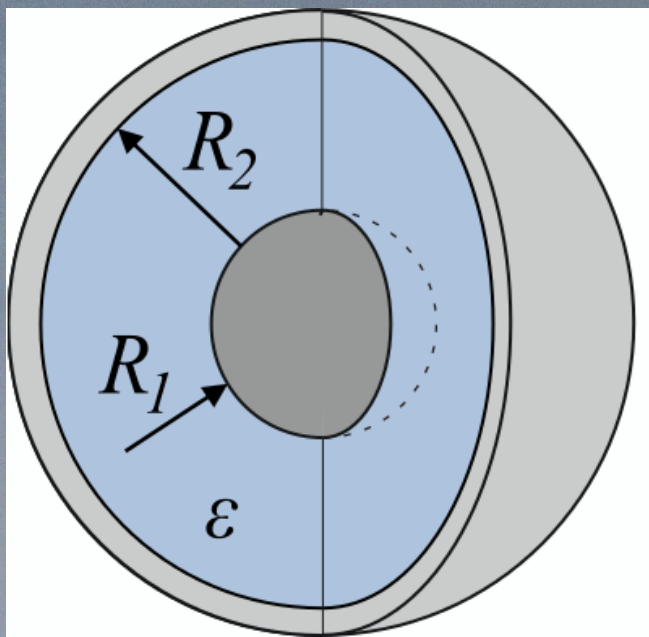
$$V = \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 L} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

$$C = \frac{q}{V} = \frac{q}{\frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 L} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)} = \frac{2\pi \epsilon_0 L}{\ln(b/a)}$$

$$C = \frac{2\pi \epsilon_0 L}{\ln(b/a)} \quad (\text{Cylindrical Capacitor})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Capacitance per unit length} = \frac{C}{L} = \frac{2\pi \epsilon_0}{\ln(b/a)} = \frac{1}{2k \ln(b/a)}$$

3] A spherical Capacitor



⇒ Central cross section of a capacitor that consists of two concentric spherical shells, of radii a and b .

• E by using Gauss' Law

$$q = \epsilon_0 EA = \epsilon_0 E(4\pi r^2)$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2}$$

$$V = \int_a^b E ds = -\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_b^a \frac{dr}{r^2} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right]$$

$$V = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{b-a}{ab}$$

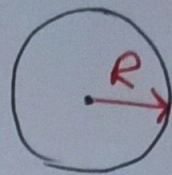
$$C = \frac{q}{V} = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{ab}{b-a}$$

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{ab}{b-a} \quad (\text{spherical capacitor})$$

4] An Isolated sphere

Single isolated spherical conductor of radius R by assuming the "missing plate" is a conducting sphere of infinite radius

spherical capacitor $C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{ab}{b-a}$



$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{a}{1 - \frac{a}{b}} \quad [b \rightarrow \infty, a = R]$$

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R \quad (\text{Isolated sphere})$$

You can use the electric potential for the spherical conductor $V = \frac{kq}{R}$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{q}{V} = \frac{R}{k} = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R$$

example Capacitance of the earth

$$R \approx 6400 \text{ km} = 64 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$$

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R = \frac{1}{9 \times 10^9} 64 \times 10^5 = 0.711 \times 10^{-3} = 711 \mu\text{F}$$

All formulas that we have derived for the capacitance involve the constant ϵ_0 multiplied by a quantity that has the dimension of a length.

Capacitors in Parallel and in Series

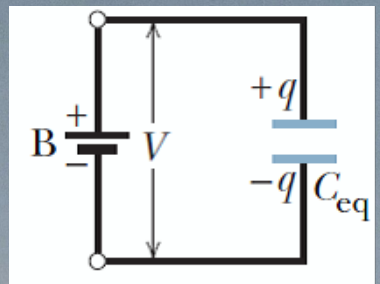
1] Capacitors in parallel

$$q_1 = C_1 V, q_2 = C_2 V, q_3 = C_3 V$$

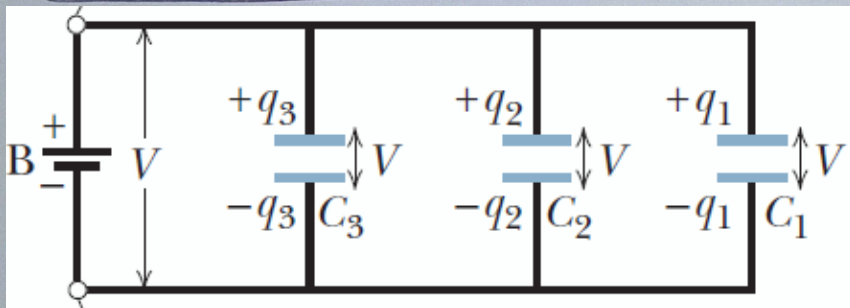
$$q \text{ (total charge)} = q_1 + q_2 + q_3 = (C_1 + C_2 + C_3) V$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{q}{V} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

"Capacitors connected in parallel can be replaced with an equivalent capacitor that has the same total charge q and the same potential V as the actual capacitors"



$$C_{eq} = \sum_{j=1}^N C_j \quad (N \text{ - Capacitors in parallel})$$



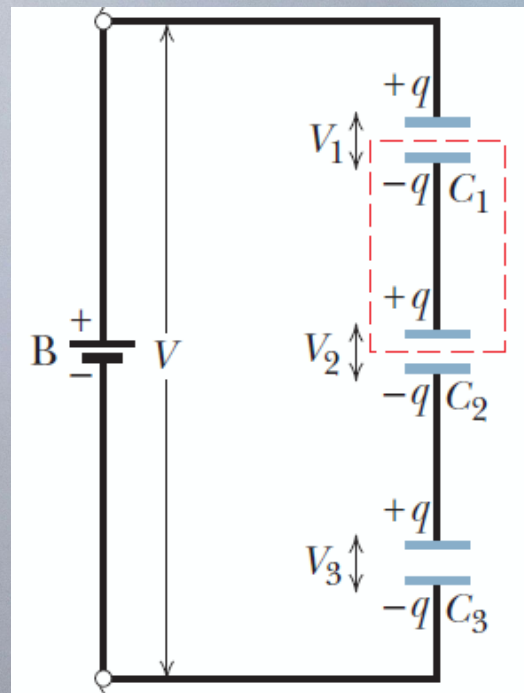
2] Capacitors in Series

$$V_1 = \frac{q}{C_1}, V_2 = \frac{q}{C_2}, V_3 = \frac{q}{C_3}$$

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 = q \left(\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \right)$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{q}{V} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$



$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{C_j} \quad (N \text{ - Capacitors in Series})$$

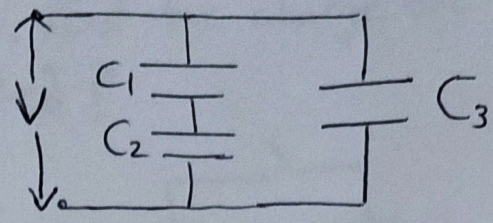
Capacitors that are connected in series can be replaced with an equivalent capacitor that has the same charge q and the same total potential difference V as the actual series capacitors

25-6 | A potential difference $V = 100\text{V}$ is applied across a capacitor arrangement with capacitances $C_1 = 10.0\mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 5.0\mu\text{F}$ and $C_3 = 2.00\mu\text{F}$. What are the q , V and U for each capacitor?

• Find C_{eq}

⇒ C_1 and C_2 in series

$$\frac{1}{C_{12}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{10}$$

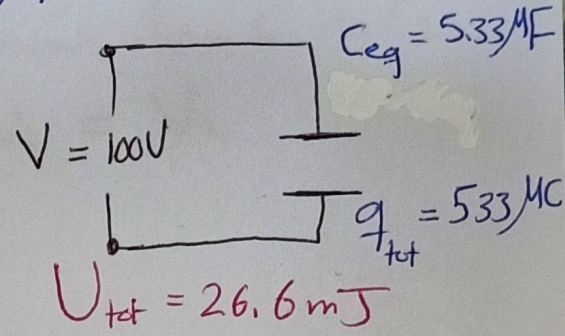


$$C_{12} = \frac{10}{3} = 3.33\mu\text{F}$$

⇒ C_{12} and C_3 in parallel

$$C_{123} = C_{12} + C_3 = 3.33 + 2 = 5.33\mu\text{F}$$

$$C_{eq} = 5.33\mu\text{F}$$



• To find charges

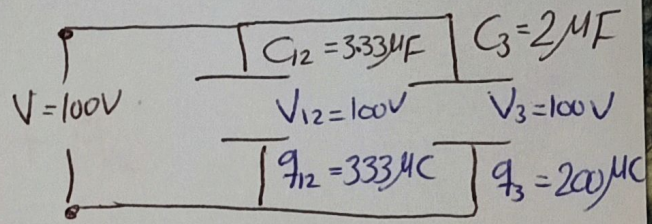
$$q_{tot} = C_{eq} V = 5.33(100) = 533\mu\text{C}$$

$$V_3 = V_{12} = V = 100\text{V}$$

$$q_3 = C_3 V_3 = 200\mu\text{C}$$

$$U_3 = \frac{1}{2} q_3 V_3 = \frac{1}{2} (200 \times 10^{-6})(100)$$

$$U_3 = 0.01\text{J} = 10\text{mJ}$$

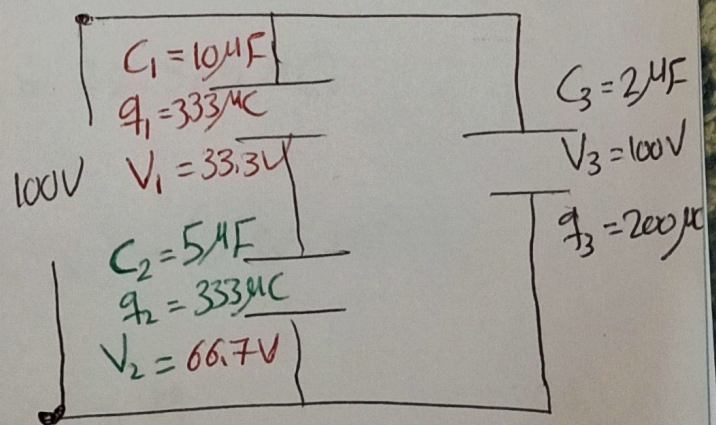


⇒ C_1 and C_2 in series

$$q_{12} = q_1 = q_2 = 333\mu\text{C}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{q_1}{C_1} = \frac{333\mu\text{C}}{10\mu\text{F}} = 33.3\text{V}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{q_2}{C_2} = \frac{333\mu\text{C}}{5\mu\text{F}} = 66.7\text{V}$$



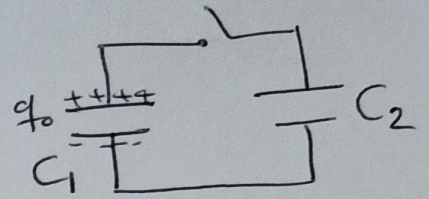
$$U_1 = 5.54\text{mJ}$$

$$U_2 = 11\text{mJ}$$

$$U_3 = 10\text{mJ}$$

$$U_{tot} = 26.5\text{mJ}$$

Sample problem 25.3: Capacitor 1, with $C_1 = 3.55 \mu\text{F}$, is charged to a potential difference $V_0 = 6.3\text{V}$, using a 6.3V battery. The battery is then removed, and the capacitor is connected as the below figure to an uncharged capacitor 2, with $C_2 = 8.95 \mu\text{F}$. When switch S is closed, charge flows between the capacitors. Find the charge on each capacitor when equilibrium is reached?



- C_1 is connected to a battery
 $q_0 = C_1 V_0 = (3.55 \times 10^{-6})\text{F}(6.3\text{V})$
 $q_0 = 22.365 \mu\text{C}$

- C_1 is removed from the battery and then connected to C_2 . C_1 begins to charge C_2 ; the charge will move from C_1 to C_2 until the equilibrium is reached $\Rightarrow V_1 = V_2$

$$V_1 = V_2$$

$$\frac{q_1}{C_1} = \frac{q_2}{C_2}$$

By conservation of charge $\Rightarrow q_0 = q_1 + q_2$

$$\frac{q_1}{C_1} = \frac{q_2}{C_2}$$

$$\frac{q_1}{3.55 \mu\text{F}} = \frac{q_0 - q_1}{8.95 \mu\text{F}} ; q_0 = 22.365 \mu\text{C}$$

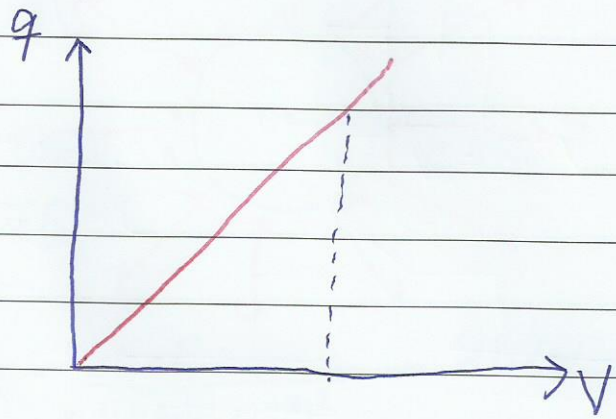
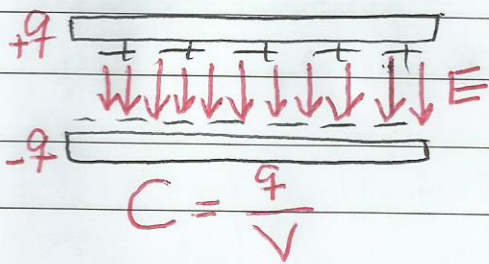
$$(8.95 \mu\text{F}) q_1 = (3.55 \mu\text{F})(22.365 \mu\text{C}) - (3.55 \mu\text{F}) q_1$$

$$q_1 = 6.35 \mu\text{C}$$

$$q_2 = 16.0 \mu\text{C}$$

$$q_1 + q_2 = q_0$$

Energy Stored in an Electric Field:



$$\text{slope} = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta V} = C$$

$U =$ Area Under the curve of q versus V

$$= \frac{1}{2} Vq \text{ Joule}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} qV$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (CV)V = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 \text{ Joule}$$

$$U = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} qV \\ \frac{1}{2} CV^2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{C} \end{cases}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} q \left(\frac{q}{C} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{C}$$

$$\text{Energy Density} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{U}{\text{Volume}}$$

$$u = \frac{U}{\text{Volume}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} CV^2}{Ad}$$

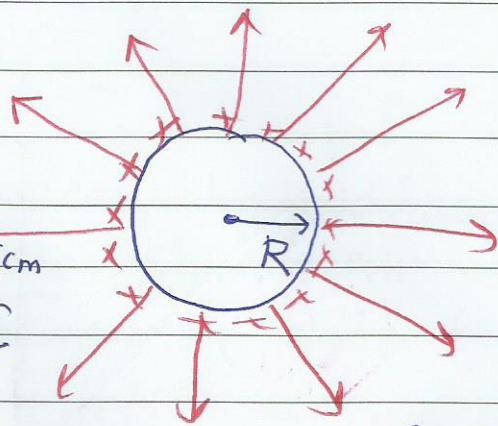
$$= \frac{\epsilon_0 A/d V^2}{2Ad}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \frac{V^2}{d^2} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{V}{d} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 \text{ J/m}^3$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 \text{ J/m}^3$$

Sample Problem 25.04:

An isolated conducting sphere



radius = $R = 6.85 \text{ cm}$
 charge = 1.25 nC
 1) $\rho = 0$
 2) $\sigma = \frac{q}{4\pi R^2} = \frac{1.25 \text{ nC}}{4\pi (6.85 \times 10^{-2})^2} = 21.2 \text{ nC/m}^2$

3) $E = 0$, inside the conducting sphere

4) $E = 0$, $r < R$

5) $E_s = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 1.25 \times 10^{-9}}{(6.85 \times 10^{-2})^2} = 2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C}$

6) $E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$, $r \geq R$

$V_s = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 1.25 \times 10^{-9}}{6.85 \times 10^{-2}} = 164 \text{ V}$

$V_{\text{center}} = 164 \text{ V}$

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$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R = \frac{6.85 \times 10^{-2}}{9 \times 10^9} = 7.61 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F} = 7.61 \text{ pF}$

$U = \frac{q^2}{2C} = \frac{(1.25 \times 10^{-9})^2}{2(7.61 \times 10^{-12})} = 1.026 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J} = 102.6 \text{ nJ} = 103 \text{ nJ}$

$u_s = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E_s^2$

$u_s = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 \left(\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}\right)^2 = 2.54 \times 10^{-5} \text{ J/m}^3$

Capacitor With a Dielectric ϵ :

If you fill the space between the plates of a Capacitor with a dielectric, which is an insulating material, the Capacitance will increase by a factor of (K) the Dielectric Constant

$$C_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \quad \text{air}$$

$$C = KC_0, \quad K > 1$$



For each Dielectric (insulating material)

Dielectric Constant $K = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$
Dielectric strength is the maximum Electric field (E_{\max}) the material can withstand

In Dielectric material replace in all equation $\epsilon_0 \rightarrow K\epsilon_0$

$$E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \longrightarrow E = \frac{q}{4\pi K\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$V = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \longrightarrow V = \frac{q}{4\pi(K\epsilon_0) r}$$

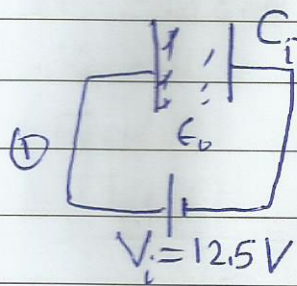
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \longrightarrow \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{K\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \oint K\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \longrightarrow E = \frac{\sigma}{2(K\epsilon_0)}$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2 \longrightarrow u = \frac{1}{2}(K\epsilon_0) E^2$$

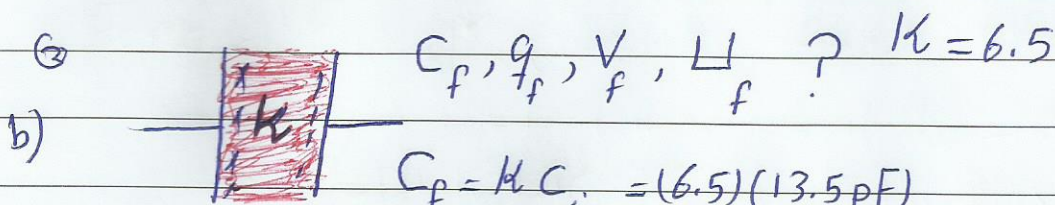
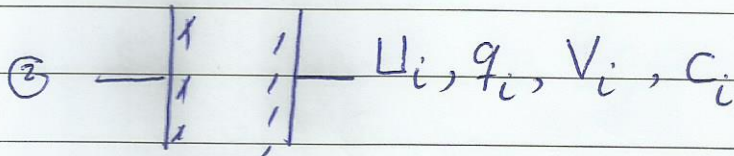
Sample Problem 25.05

Work and Energy when a dielectric is inserted into a Capacitor



$$q_i = C_i V_i = (13.5 \text{ pF})(12.5 \text{ V}) = 168.75 \text{ pC}$$

$$a) \rightarrow U_i = \frac{1}{2} C_i V_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} (13.5 \times 10^{-12}) (12.5)^2 = 1.055 \times 10^{-9} \text{ J} = 1.055 \text{ nJ}$$



$$C_f = \kappa C_i = (6.5)(13.5 \text{ pF}) = 87.75 \text{ pF}$$

$$q_f = q_i = 168.75 \text{ pC} \quad (q \text{ does not change because No Source (Battery) for the Capacitor to gain charge})$$

$$V_f = \frac{q_f}{C_f} = \frac{168.75 \text{ pC}}{87.75 \text{ pF}}$$

$$V_f = 1.92 \text{ V}$$

$$U_f = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q_f^2}{C_f} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(168.75 \times 10^{-12})^2}{87.75 \times 10^{-12}} \right]$$

$$U_f = 1.62 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J} = 0.162 \text{ nJ}$$

Find the Work done by E during inserting the slab?

$$W_E = -\Delta U = -[U_f - U_i] = -[0.162 - 1.055] = -[-0.893] = 0.893 \text{ nJ} = 893 \text{ pJ}$$

the slab will be sucked in
Not pushed.

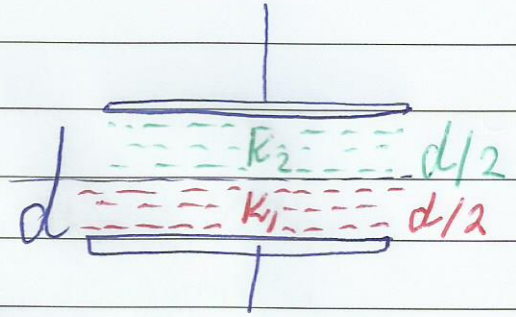
Problem (25-31)

$$A = 7.89 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$d = 4.62 \text{ mm}$$

$$k_1 = 11 \rightarrow k_2 = 4$$

Find C_{12}



This Capacitor will be considered to be
2 Capacitors in series

$$C_1 = \frac{k_1 \epsilon_0 A}{d/2} = 2 \frac{k_1 \epsilon_0 A}{d} = 2 k_1 \left(\frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \right) = 2(11) [1.51 \times 10^{-12}] = 33.25 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{k_2 \epsilon_0 A}{d/2} = 2 \frac{k_2 \epsilon_0 A}{d} = 2(4) \left(\frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \right) = 2(4) (1.51 \times 10^{-12}) = 12.08 \text{ pF}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{12}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} = \frac{d}{2k_1 \epsilon_0 A} + \frac{d}{2k_2 \epsilon_0 A} = \frac{d}{2\epsilon_0 A} \left[\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{12}} = \frac{d}{2\epsilon_0 A} \left[\frac{k_2 + k_1}{k_1 k_2} \right]$$

$$C_{12} = \frac{2\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left[\frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \right] = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left[\frac{2k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \right]$$

$$C_{12} = (1.51 \text{ pF}) \left[\frac{2(4)(11)}{11+4} \right] = 1.51 \text{ pF} \left[\frac{88}{15} \right] = 1.51 \text{ pF} (5.8667)$$

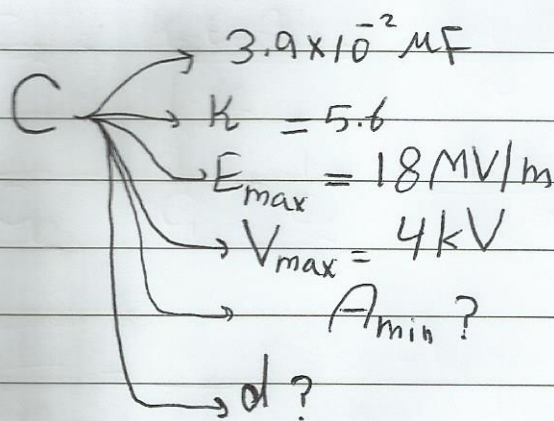
$$C_{12} = 8.86 \text{ pF}$$

Problem (25-37)

Dielectric material $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \kappa = 5.6 \\ \text{Dielectric strength} = 18 \text{ MV/m} \\ E_{\text{max}} = 18 \text{ MV/m} \end{array} \right.$

$$C = 3.9 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{F}$$

A_{min} ? For C to withstand a potential difference of 4 kV.



$$C = \frac{\kappa \epsilon_0 A}{d} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \Delta V \quad \text{and} \quad d = \frac{V}{E}$$

$$A = \frac{C \cdot d}{\kappa \epsilon_0} = \frac{C}{\kappa \epsilon_0} \left(\frac{V_{\text{max}}}{E_{\text{max}}} \right) \quad (A \text{ is min. when } E \text{ is max})$$

$$A_{\text{min}} = \frac{3.9 \times 10^{-2} \times 10^{-6}}{(5.6)(8.85 \times 10^{-12})} \left(\frac{4 \times 10^3}{18 \times 10^6} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3.9 \times 10^{-8}}{49.56 \times 10^{-12}} \left(2.222 \times 10^{-4} \right)$$

$$A_{\text{min}} = 0.175 \text{ m}^2$$