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Find the equivalent capacitance of the combination in the following circuit. Assume that C_1 is $10.0 \mu\text{F}$, C_2 is $8.0 \mu\text{F}$, and C_3 is $4.0 \mu\text{F}$.

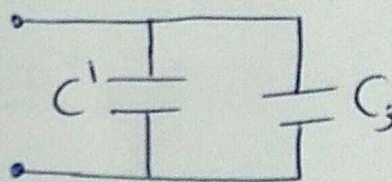
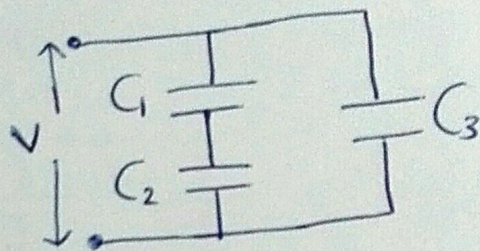
- C_1 and C_2 in Series

C' = Equivalent capacitance of C_1 and C_2

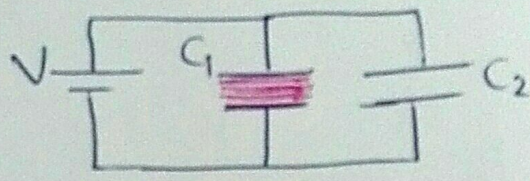
$$\frac{1}{C'} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} \Rightarrow C' = \frac{C_1 \times C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = \frac{10 \times 8}{8 + 10} = 4.4 \mu\text{F}$$

- C' and C_3 in parallel

$$C'' = C' + C_3 \\ = 4.4 + 4 = 8.4 \mu\text{F}$$



25-14 In the below Figure, how much charge is stored on the Parallel-plate capacitors by the 10.0 V battery? One is filled with air, and the other is filled with a dielectric for which $K=3.00$; both capacitors have a plate area of $5.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$ and a plate separation of 2.00 mm.



• Parallel plate capacitor

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

⇒ $C_1 =$ Dielectric parallel plate capacitor

$$C_1 = \frac{K \epsilon_0 A}{d} = \frac{3 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 5 \times 10^{-3}}{2 \times 10^{-3}} = 66.38 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

$$C_1 = 66.38 \text{ pF}$$

⇒ $C_2 =$ parallel plate capacitor filled with air $K=1.00$

$$C_2 = \frac{K \epsilon_0 A}{d} = \frac{1 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 5 \times 10^{-3}}{2 \times 10^{-3}} = 22.13 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

$$C_2 = 22.13 \text{ pF}$$

⇒ C_1 and C_2 in parallel, Voltage across C_1 and C_2 is the same, $V_{C_1} = V_{C_2} = 10.0 \text{ V}$

use $q = CV$

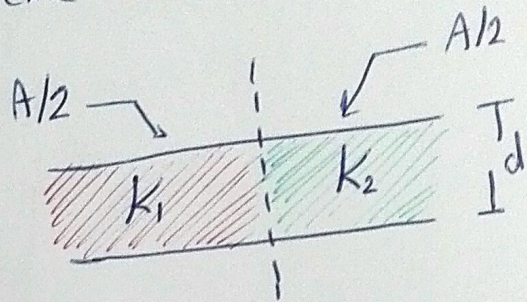
$$q_2 = C_2 V_2 = 22.13 \times 10^{-12} \times 10$$

$$q_2 = 221 \text{ pC}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} q_1 &= C_1 V_1 \\ &= 66.38 \times 10^{-12} \times 10 \end{aligned} \right\} q_1 = 664 \text{ pC}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} q_{\text{total}} &= q_1 + q_2 \\ q_{\text{total}} &= 885 \text{ pC} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

25-18 The below figure 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 $K_2 = 10.0$. What is the capacitance?



• Parallel plate capacitor with dielectric material $C = \frac{K \epsilon_0 A}{d}$

\Rightarrow Consider the two capacitors are in parallel $\Rightarrow C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2$

$$C_1 = \frac{K_1 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d}, \quad C_2 = \frac{K_2 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d}$$

$$C = C_1 + C_2 = \frac{1}{2} (K_1 + K_2) \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (7 + 10) \frac{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 5.56 \times 10^{-4}}{5.56 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$C = 7.52 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

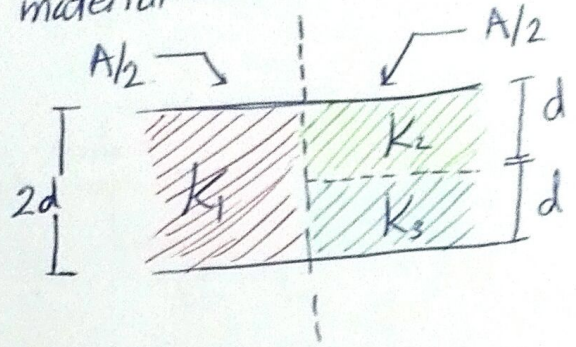
$$C = 7.52 \text{ pF}$$

$$1 \text{ m} = 10^2 \text{ cm}$$

$$1 \text{ m}^2 = 10^4 \text{ cm}^2$$

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The below figure shows a parallel-plate capacitor of plate Area $A = 12.5 \text{ cm}^2$ and plate separation $2d = 7.12 \text{ mm}$. The left half of the gap is filled with material of dielectric constant $K_1 = 21.0$; the top of the right half is filled with material of dielectric constant $K_2 = 42.0$; the bottom of the right half is filled with material constant $K_3 = 58.0$. What is the capacitance?



• parallel plate capacitor with dielectric material $\Rightarrow C = K\epsilon_0 A/d$

• Consider three capacitors $\Rightarrow C_2$ & C_3 in Series and their combination in parallel with C_1

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{K_1 \epsilon_0 A/2}{2d} = \frac{21 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 12.5 \times 10^{-4}}{2 \times 7.12 \times 10^{-3}} = 16.3 \text{ pF}$$

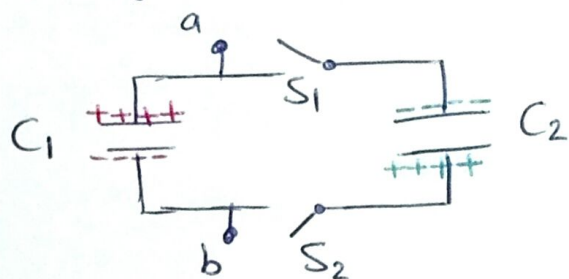
$$C_2 = \frac{K_2 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d} = \frac{42 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 12.5 \times 10^{-4}}{7.12 \times 10^{-3}} = 65.3 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_3 = \frac{K_3 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d} = \frac{58 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 12.5 \times 10^{-4}}{7.12 \times 10^{-3}} = 90.1 \text{ pF}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_2 \text{ and } C_3 \text{ in Series} \Rightarrow C' = \frac{C_2 C_3}{C_2 + C_3} = 37.9 \text{ pF}$$

$$\Rightarrow C' \text{ and } C_1 \text{ in parallel} \Rightarrow C = C' + C_1 = 54.2 \text{ pF}$$

25-39 In the below figure, 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 1 and 2?



After the switches are closed, the potential differences across the capacitors are the same and they are connected in parallel.

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 = 4.0 \mu\text{F}$$

$$q_1 = C_1 V = 1 \times 10^{-6} \times 200 = 2.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C}$$

$$q_2 = C_2 V = 3 \times 10^{-6} \times 200 = 6.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C}$$

With opposite polarities, the net charge on the combination is

$$Q = (6 - 2) \times 10^{-4} = 4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C}$$

• the potential difference from a to b is given by $V_{ab} = \frac{Q}{C_{eq}}$

$$(a) \quad V_{ab} = \frac{Q}{C_{eq}} = \frac{4 \times 10^{-4}}{4 \times 10^{-6}} = 100.0 \text{ V}$$

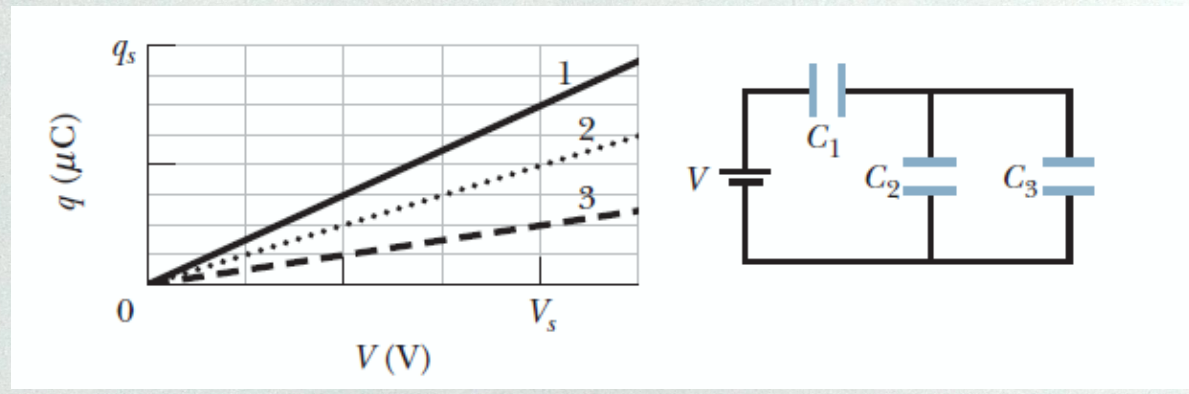
(b), the charge on capacitor 1 is now $\Rightarrow q_1' = C_1 V_{ab} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \times 100$

$$q_1' = 0.1 \text{ mC}$$

$$q_2' = C_2 V_{ab} = 3 \times 10^{-6} \times 100 = 0.3 \text{ mC} = q_2'$$

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Plot 1 in the below Figure gives the charge q that can be stored on Capacitor 1 versus the electric potential V set up across it. The vertical scale is set by $q_s = 16.0 \mu\text{C}$, and the horizontal scale is set by $V_s = 2.0 \text{V}$. Plot 2 and 3 are similar plots for capacitors 2 and 3 respectively. What is the charge stored on capacitor 2 in the below circuit with those three capacitors and 10.0V battery?



• Find each capacitance from the slope of q versus V curve

$$C_1 = \frac{12 \mu\text{C}}{2.0 \text{V}} = 6.0 \mu\text{F}, \quad C_2 = \frac{8 \mu\text{C}}{2.0} = 4 \mu\text{F}, \quad C_3 = \frac{4 \mu\text{C}}{2.0} = 2 \mu\text{F}$$

Equivalent capacitance $\Rightarrow C_2$ and C_3 in parallel and their combination in series with C_1

$$C_{eq} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_2 + C_3} + \frac{1}{C_1} = \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$C_{eq} = 3 \mu\text{F}$$

