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Electrostatic Potential And Capacitance

Electric Potential:-

Electric Potential at a point is defined as the amount of work done per unit charge in bringing a unit (+)ve test charge from infinity to that point.

Mathematically, $V = \frac{W}{q_0}$ It is a scalar quantity
SI unit is Volt.

Potential at a point due to charge:-

$$dW = -F dx$$

$$= q_0 E dx$$

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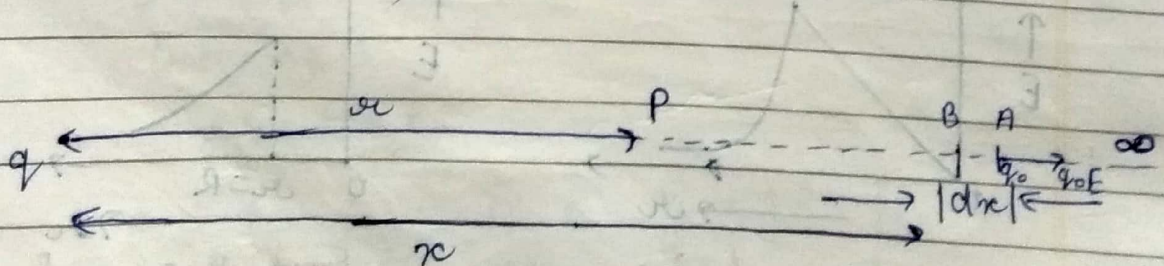
$$= -q_0 \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{x^2} dx$$

$$\therefore W_{\infty P} = \int dW = - \int_{\infty}^x \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q q_0}{x^2} dx$$

$$W_{\infty P} = \frac{q q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\infty}^x \frac{dx}{x^2}$$

$$W_{\infty P} = - \frac{q q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[-\frac{1}{x} \right]_{\infty}^x = \frac{q q_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right] = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q q_0}{x}$$

$$\therefore V_P = \frac{W_{\infty P}}{q_0} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{x}$$



Electric field as a gradient of Potential :-

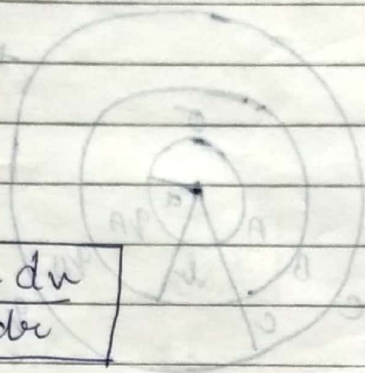
• $dW = -q_0 E dr$

$$\frac{dW}{q_0} = -E dr$$

$$\therefore dV = -E dr$$

$$\therefore E = -\frac{dV}{dr}$$

$\therefore$ In General $E = -\frac{dV}{dr}$



$\frac{dV}{dr}$ is called as Potential gradient

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = 0, dV = 0, dV = V_0$$

~~$E = -\frac{dV}{dr} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2}$~~
 ~~$\therefore W_{AP} = \int dW = -\int_{\infty}^r \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} dr$~~

Show diagrammatically that electric field at a point is non-zero & potential is zero.

$$\left[\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \right] \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = \left[\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \right] \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

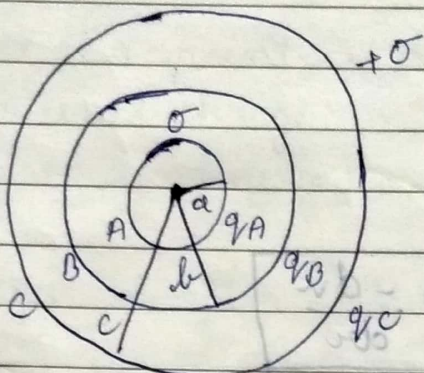
$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} - 0 = 0 + 0 - 0$$

$$(1-0)(1+0) = (1-0)$$

$$1+0=0$$

Q. Find the potential of 3 shells a, b, c.
If the shell at c are at the same potential the obtain the relation b/w the radii a, b, c.

Ans.



$$V_C = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_C}{c} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_B}{c} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_A}{c} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q_C}{c} + \frac{q_B}{c} + \frac{q_A}{c} \right]$$

$$V_B = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_C}{b} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_B}{b} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_A}{b} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q_C}{b} + \frac{q_B}{b} + \frac{q_A}{b} \right]$$

$$V_A = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_C}{a} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_B}{a} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_A}{a} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q_C}{a} + \frac{q_B}{a} + \frac{q_A}{a} \right]$$

$$q_C = \sigma \cdot 4\pi c^2$$

(ii)

$$V_A = V_C$$

$$\frac{q_C - q_B + q_A}{c}$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q_A}{a} - \frac{q_B}{b} + \frac{q_C}{c} \right] = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q_C}{c} - \frac{q_B}{c} + \frac{q_A}{c} \right]$$

$$\frac{4\pi a^2 \sigma}{a} - \frac{4\pi b^2 \sigma}{b} + \frac{4\pi c^2 \sigma}{c} = \frac{4\pi c^2 \sigma}{c} - \frac{4\pi b^2 \sigma}{c} + \frac{4\pi a^2 \sigma}{c}$$

$$a - b + c = c - \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{a^2}{c}$$

$$(a - b) = \frac{(a + b)(a - b)}{c}$$

$$\boxed{c = a + b}$$

Potential at axial point due to dipoles:

$$V_{PA} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{-q}{(r+l)}$$

$$V_{PB} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{(r-l)}$$

$$V_P = V_{PA} + V_{PB}$$

$$V_P = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{r-l} - \frac{1}{r+l} \right]$$

$$\left[\frac{q_B}{C} + \frac{q_A}{C} \right] V_P = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{r+l-r-l}{r^2-l^2} \right]$$

$$\left[\frac{q_A}{B} \right] V_P = \frac{q \cdot 2l}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (r^2-l^2)}$$

$$\left[\frac{q_A}{A} \right] V_P = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{P}{r^2-l^2}$$

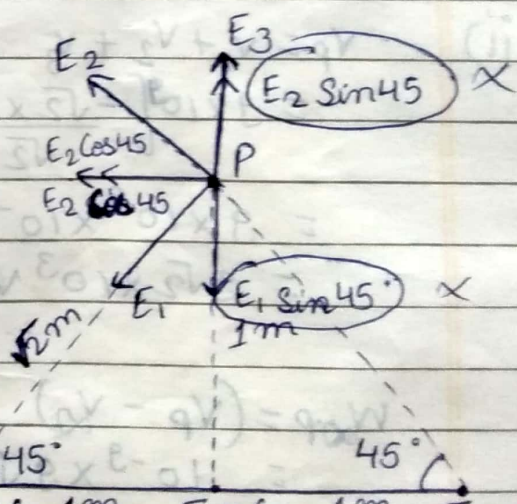
Special Case If $r \gg l$ then

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{P}{r^2}$$

Q. In the given fig. find

- (i) Electric field (E) & Potential (V) at P.

- (ii) Find out the work done in bringing a test charge of $-\sqrt{2} \mu C$ from ∞ to point P.



Ans.

$$E' = E_1 \cos 45 + E_2 \cos 45$$

$$= 2E_1 \cos 45$$

$$= 2 \times 9 \times 10^9 \times \frac{\sqrt{2} \times 10^{-6}}{(\sqrt{2})^2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$E' = 9 \times 10^3 \text{ NC}^{-1}$$

$$(ii) W_{AP} = q_0 (V_P - V_\infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Net electric field} = \sqrt{E'^2 + E_3^2}$$

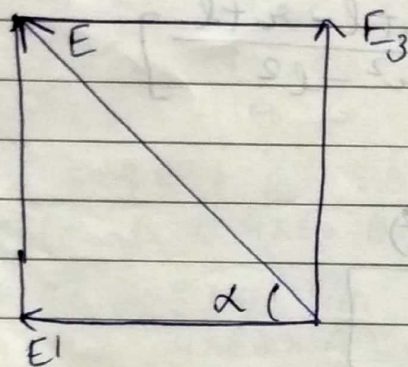
$$= 9 \times 10^3$$

$$= \sqrt{(9 \times 10^3)^2 + (9\sqrt{2} \times 10^3)^2}$$

$$= 9 \times 10^3 \sqrt{1+2} = 9\sqrt{3} \times 10^3 \text{ NC}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \left[\frac{9 \times 10^9 \times \sqrt{2} \times 10^{-6}}{(1)^2} \right]$$

$$= 9\sqrt{2} \times 10^3 \text{ NC}^{-1}$$



$$\tan \alpha = \frac{E_3}{E'} = \frac{9\sqrt{2} \times 10^3}{9 \times 10^3}$$

$$= \sqrt{2}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2})$$

(ii)

$$V_P = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

$$= 9 \times 10^9 \left[\frac{-\sqrt{2} \times 10^{-6}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{2} \times 10^{-6}}{1} + \frac{\sqrt{2} \times 10^{-6}}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

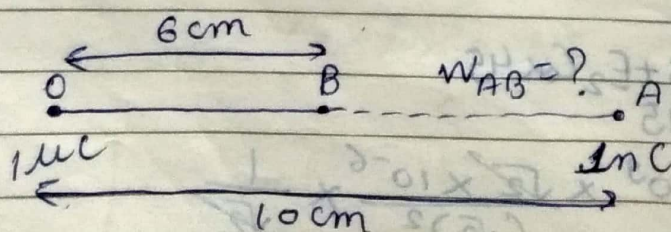
$$= 9 \times 10^9 \times 10^{-6} (\sqrt{2})$$

$$= 9\sqrt{2} \times 10^3 \text{ Volt}$$

$$W_{AP} = (V_P - V_\infty)$$

$$= 10^{-9} \times 9\sqrt{2} \times 10^3$$

$$= 9\sqrt{2} \times 10^{-6} \text{ J}$$



Q. Find the amount of work done in rotating an electric dipole, of dipole moment $3.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Cm}$, from its position of stable equilibrium, to the position of unstable equilibrium, in a uniform electric field of intensity 10^4 N/C

Ans.

CAPACITANCE :-

Capacity of a conductor to store charge is known as capacitance of conductor

$$q \propto V$$

$$q = CV$$

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

It is a scalar quantity.

Its SI unit is FARAD

Capacity of a spherical Conductor

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$$

$$\frac{q}{r} = 4\pi\epsilon_0 V$$

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 r$$

For ex: In case of an earth

$$R = 6400 \text{ Km}$$

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R$$

$$C = \frac{1}{9 \times 10^9} \times 6400 \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{64}{9} \times 10^{-4}$$

$$= 7.1 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$= 710 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}$$

$$= 710 \mu\text{F}$$

Find radius of that sphere whose cap. is 1 F.

$$R = \frac{C}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

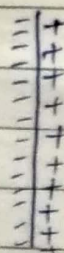
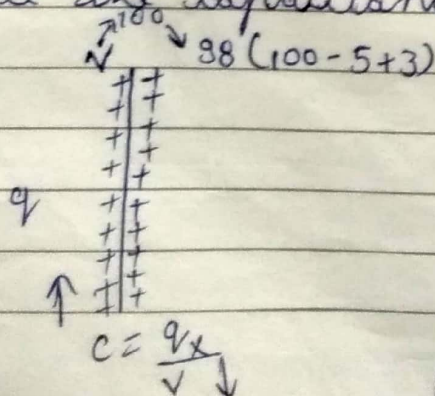
$$R = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ m}$$

Capacitor

Principle of Capacitance:

Capacitor: An arrangement of two conductors out of which one is used to store charge & other remains earthed is known a capacitor.

Principle of Capacitor: When a identical uncharged conductor is brought near the charged conductor then the potential of the charged conductor decreases & hence the capacitance of charged conductor increases.



(Fig(a))

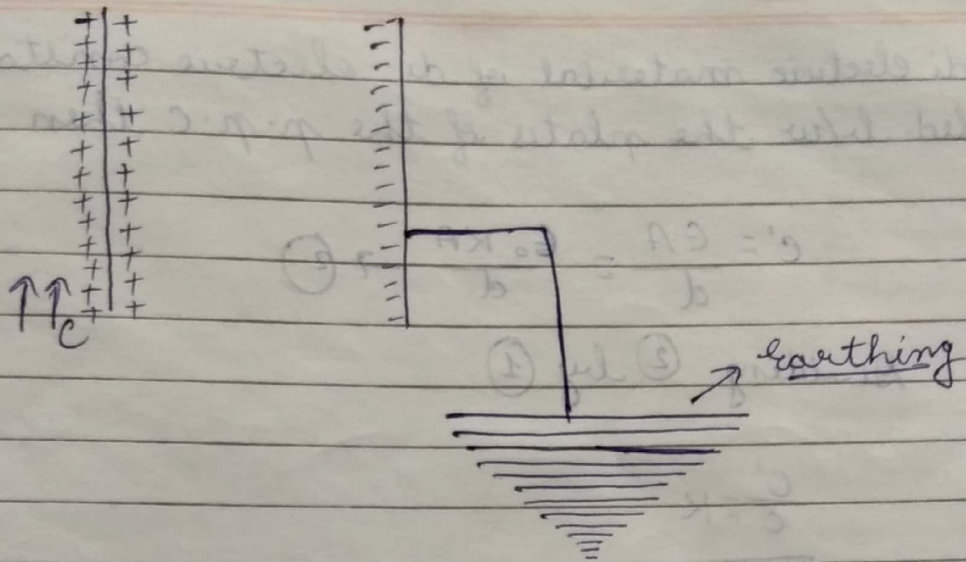
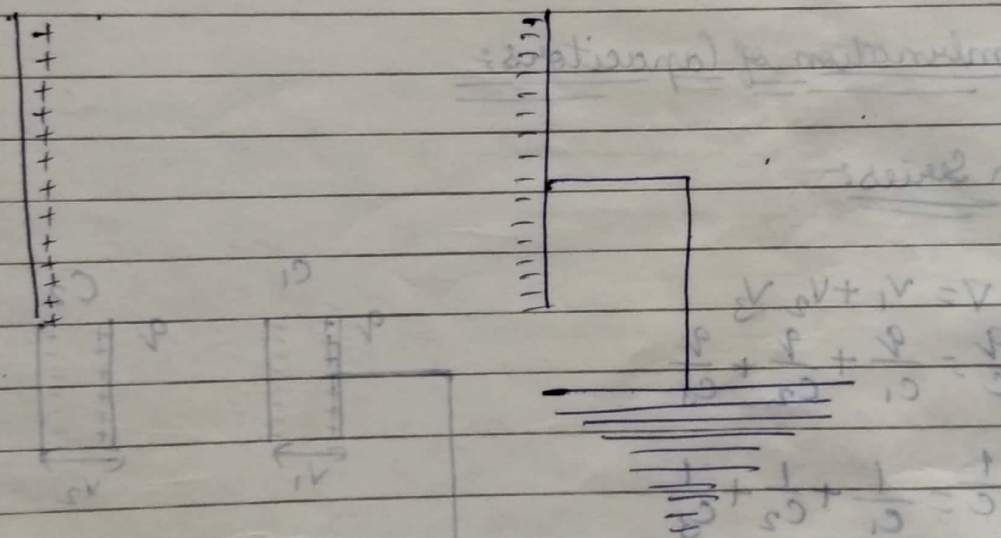


Fig (b) (i)



Parallel Plate Capacitor :-

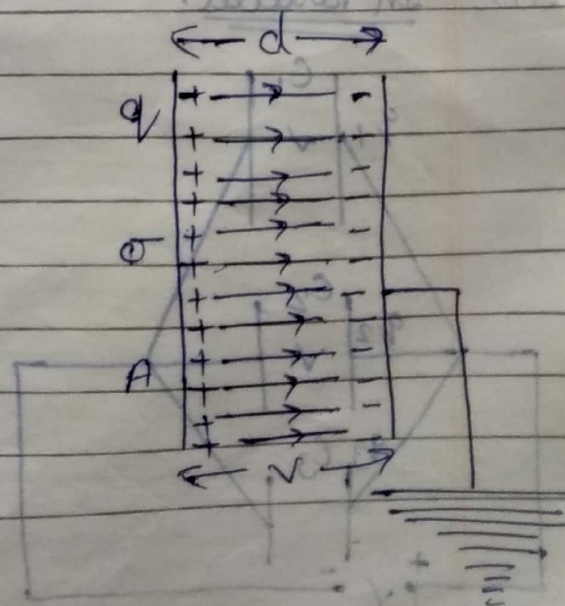
We know that, $E = \frac{V}{d}$

$$\text{OR, } \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{V}{d}$$

$$\text{OR, } \frac{q/A}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{V}{d}$$

$$\therefore \frac{q}{V} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

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



If dielectric material of dielectric constant K is filled b/w the plates of the p.p.c then

$$C' = \frac{QA}{d} = \frac{\epsilon_0 KA}{d} \rightarrow (2)$$

Dividing (2) by (1)

$$\frac{C'}{C} = K$$

$$K = \frac{C_m}{C_v}$$

(i) (d) fig

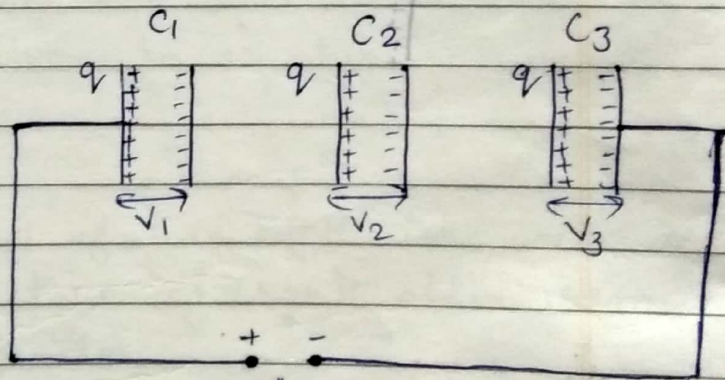
Combination of Capacitors:

(i) In Series:

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

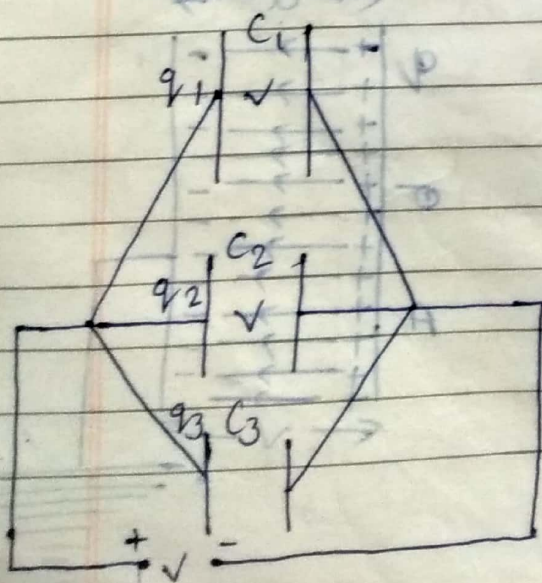
$$\frac{q}{C} = \frac{q}{C_1} + \frac{q}{C_2} + \frac{q}{C_3}$$

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$



Parallel Plate Capacitor:

(ii) In Parallel:



$\frac{q}{C} = \frac{q}{C_1} + \frac{q}{C_2} + \frac{q}{C_3}$

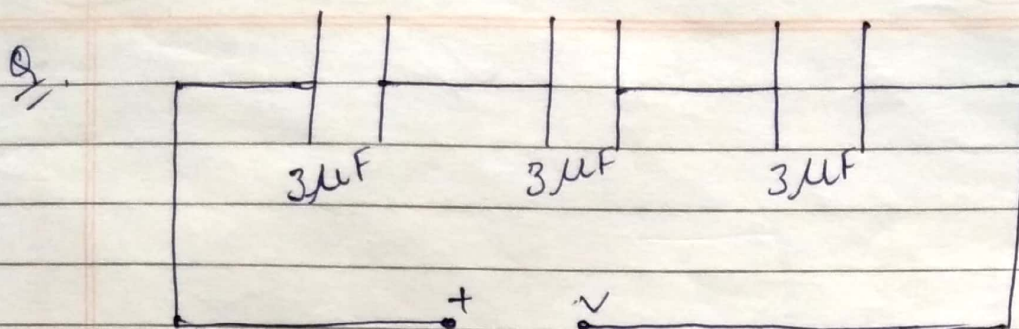
$$q = q_1 + q_2 + q_3$$

$$CV = C_1V + C_2V + C_3V$$

$$C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

$$\frac{A \cdot d}{b} = \frac{q}{V}$$

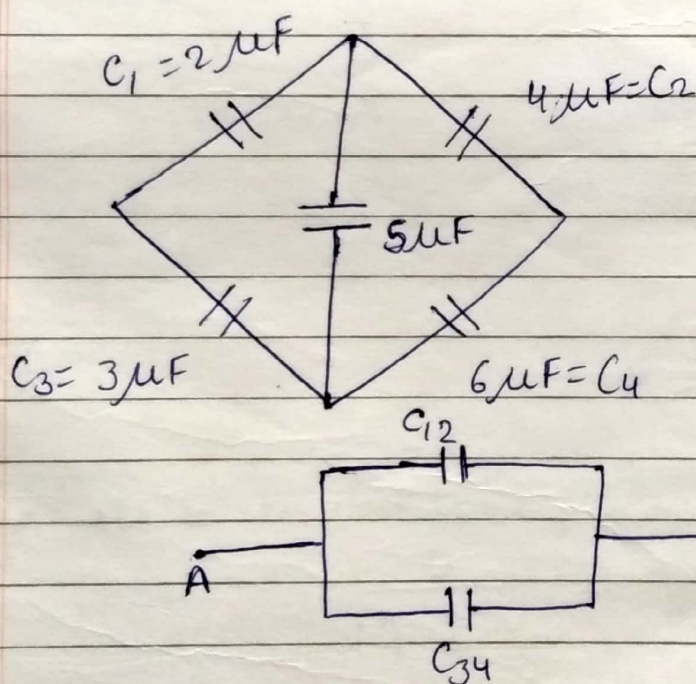
$$\frac{q \cdot d}{b} = C$$



In Series

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{3} = 1 \mu F$$



$$C_{12} = \frac{2 \times 4}{2 + 4} = \frac{8}{6}$$

$$C_{34} = \frac{3 \times 6}{3 + 6} = \frac{18}{9}$$

$$C_{eq} = C_{12} + C_{34}$$

$$= \frac{8}{6} + \frac{18}{9}$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} + 2$$

$$= \frac{4 + 6}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$$

Energy Stored in Capacitor:-

$$dW = V dq$$

$$W = \int_0^q \frac{q}{C} dq = \frac{q^2}{2C}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{C}} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{C^2 V^2}{C} \quad \therefore q = CV$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} CV^2} \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1)

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{q/V}$$

$$\boxed{U = \frac{1}{2} qV} \rightarrow (3)$$

$$dW = V dq$$

$$W = \int_0^q \frac{q}{C} = \frac{q^2}{2C}$$

$$\boxed{U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{C}} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{C^2 V^2}{C} \Rightarrow U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{CV^2}{1}$$

$$\boxed{U = \frac{1}{2} CV^2} \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1)

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{q/V} \Rightarrow U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{q/V}$$

$$\boxed{U = \frac{1}{2} qV} \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\mu = \frac{U}{\text{vol of Cap.}} \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{2} CV^2}{Ad}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{C \cdot A}{d} \times (Ed)^2$$

$$\mu = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2}$$

$\therefore$ Energy stored in per unit volume of the capacitors

or energy density $\mu = \frac{U}{\text{V. of cap.}}$

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

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{C \cdot A}{d} \times (Ed)^2}{Ad}$$

$$\boxed{\mu = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2}$$

Re-distribution of charges

After the ^{di}redistribution of charges, suppose the common potential of both sphere become V .

Before redistribution $\rightarrow q_1 = C_1 V_1$ & $q_2 = C_2 V_2$

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2} C_1 V_1^2 \quad \& \quad U_2 = \frac{1}{2} C_2 V_2^2$$

$\therefore$ Total energy stored in the system $U = U_1 + U_2 = \frac{1}{2} C_1 V_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_2 V_2^2 \rightarrow (1)$

Common potential after complete redistribution

$$= \frac{\text{Total Charge}}{\text{Total Capacitance}}$$

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

$$V = \frac{C_1 V_1 + C_2 V_2}{C_1 + C_2} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Loss of energy} &= U - U' \\ &= \frac{1}{2} C_1 V_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_2 V_2^2 - \left[\frac{C_1 V_1 + C_2 V_2}{C_1 + C_2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2(C_1 + C_2)} \left[(C_1 V_1^2 + C_2 V_2^2)(C_1 + C_2) - (C_1 V_1 + C_2 V_2)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ After redistribution of charges, the total energy stored in the system

$$U' = \frac{1}{2} (\text{eq. Cap.}) (\text{common potential})^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (C_1 + C_2) \left[\frac{C_1 V_1 + C_2 V_2}{C_1 + C_2} \right]^2$$

$$\therefore \text{Loss of energy } \Delta U = U - U' = \frac{1}{2} C_1 V_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_2 V_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} (C_1 + C_2)$$

$$\left[\frac{C_1 V_1 + C_2 V_2}{C_1 + C_2} \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(C_1 + C_2)} \left[(C_1 + C_2)(C_1 V_1^2 + C_2 V_2^2) - (C_1 V_1 + C_2 V_2)^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(C_1+C_2)} \left[C_1^2 V_1^2 + C_1 C_2 V_2^2 + C_1 C_2 V_1^2 + C_2^2 V_2^2 - C_1^2 V_1^2 - C_1^2 V_1^2 - C_2 V_2^2 - 2 C_1 C_2 V_1 V_2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{C_1 C_2}{2(C_1+C_2)} \left[V_2^2 + V_1^2 - 2 V_1 V_2 \right]$$

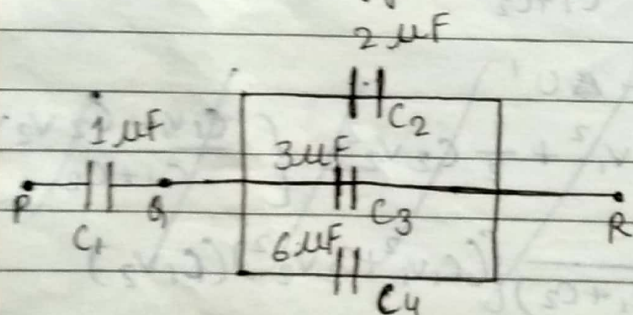
$$\Delta U = \frac{C_1 C_2}{2(C_1+C_2)} (V_1 - V_2)^2 > 0$$

$$\therefore U - U' > 0$$

$$\therefore U > U'$$

$\therefore$ Loss of energy takes place during the redistribution of charges.

Q. In the fig. energy stored in C_4 is 27J. Calculate the total energy stored in the system.



$$U_4 = \frac{1}{2} C_4 V^2 = 27J$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 10^{-6} \times V^2 = 27$$

Energy stored in C_2 ,

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 10^{-6} \times 9 \times 10^6 = 9J$$

Energy stored in C_3 ,

$$U_3 = \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 10^{-6} \times 9 \times 10^6 = 13.5J$$

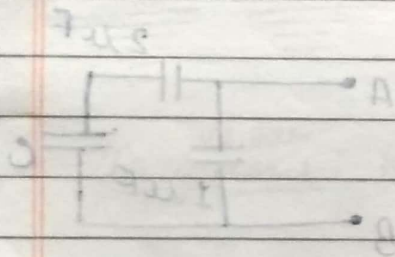
Total energy stored in C_2, C_3 & C_4

$$= U_2 + U_3 + U_4$$

$$= 9 + 13.5 + 27$$

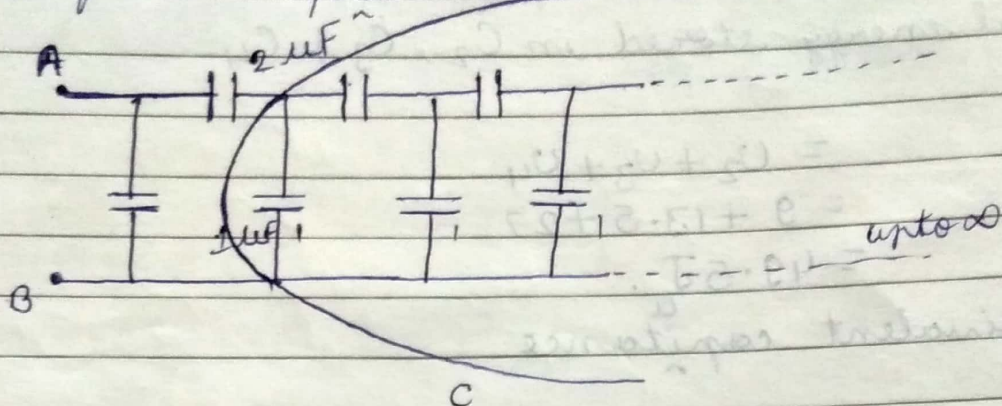
$$= 49.5 \text{ J}$$

Equivalent capacitance



A 800 pF capacitor is charged by a 100 V battery. After some time the battery is disconnected. The capaci

Q. Find equivalent capacitance between A & B.



$$\frac{2C}{2+C} + 1 = C$$

$$\frac{2C+C+2}{2+C} = C$$

$$3C+2 = C(C+2)$$

$$3C+2 = C^2+2C$$

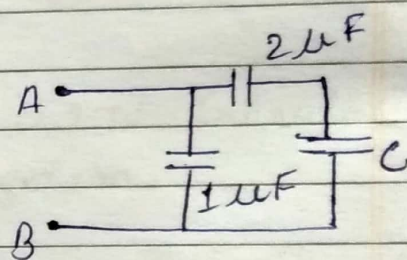
$$C^2 = C - 2 = 0$$

$$C = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+8}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm 3}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1+3}{2} \text{ or } \left(\frac{1-3}{2} \right) \times$$

$$= 2 \mu F$$



Effect of dielectric on the capacitance of a capacitor:

Reduced electric field due to dielectric polarization.

$$\text{Net electric field} = -\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 - \vec{E}_i$$

$$K = \frac{\vec{E}_0}{\vec{E} - \vec{E}_i}$$

Signature

$$\downarrow E = \downarrow Vd \rightarrow \text{Const}$$

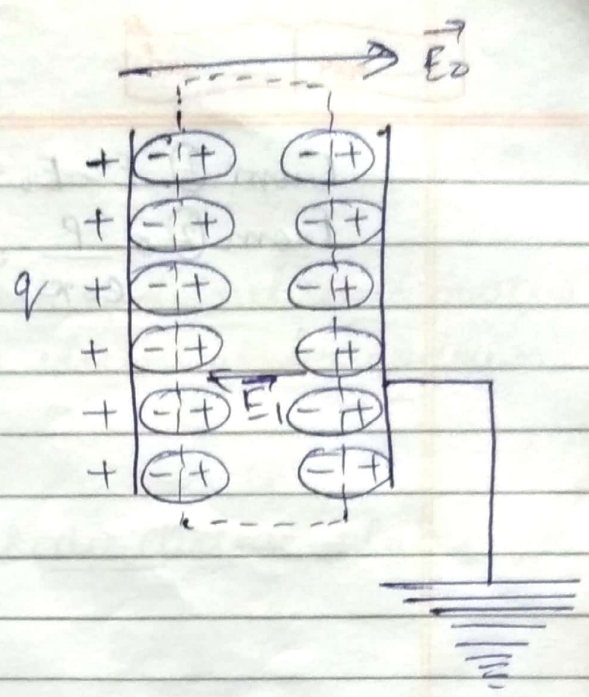
$$\uparrow C = \frac{q}{\downarrow V} \rightarrow \text{Same.}$$

$$C_m = K C_v$$

$$C_v = \frac{E_0 \epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

$$= \frac{E_0 K \cdot A}{d}$$

$C_m = C_v K$



* Di-electric polarization :-

To ~~prove~~ ^{show}: $K = 1 + \chi$

Polarization density (P)

The induced dipole moment developed per unit volume of a di-electric when placed in an external electric field is called as polarization density (P).

Mathematically,

$$P = \frac{q_i d}{A d}$$

$$= \frac{q_i}{A}$$

$$= \sigma_i$$

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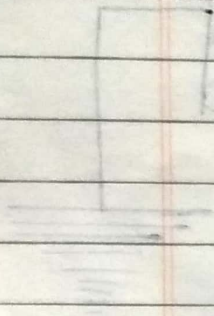
Electric Susceptibility (χ)

If E is not large then experimentally it has been found that $P \propto E$

$$P = \epsilon_0 \chi E \rightarrow (2)$$

From ② $E = E_0 - E_1$

From ② $\frac{P}{\epsilon_0 x} = E_0 - E_1$



$$\frac{A \cdot K \cdot A}{d}$$

$$C = \frac{A \cdot K \cdot A}{d}$$

* Dielectric polarization

Let $K = 1 + x$

Polarization density (P)

The induced dipole moment developed per unit volume of dielectric when placed in an external electric field is called as polarization density (P)

$$P = \frac{q \cdot d}{V}$$

$$P = \frac{q \cdot d}{A \cdot x}$$

Electric susceptibility (x)

If E is not large then approximately it has been found that $P \propto E$

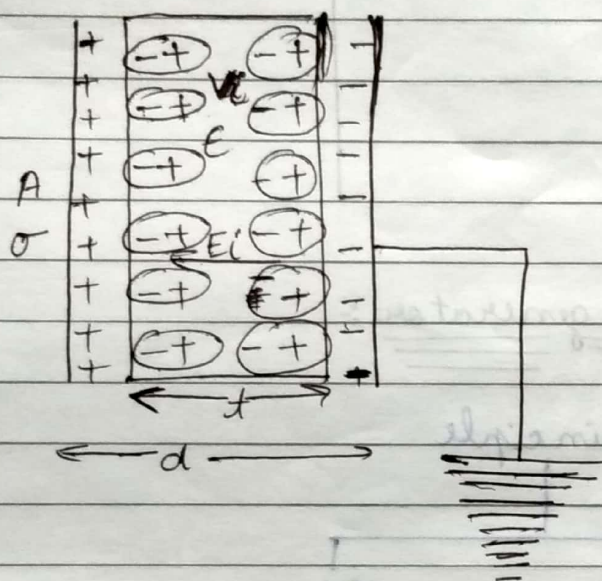
$$P = \epsilon_0 x E \rightarrow (2)$$

* Di-electric strength:

Max. value of electric field in which a di-electric material can may withstand without electrical breakdown.

SI unit: Newton per Coulomb.

* Capacitance of a capacitor with di-electric slab:



$$\text{Net potential b/w the plates } V = V_0 + V_i = E_0(d-t) + E_0 t$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}(d-t) + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 K} t$$

$$= \frac{q/A}{\epsilon_0}(d-t) + \frac{q/A}{\epsilon_0 K} t$$

$$V = \frac{q}{A\epsilon_0} \left[d-t + \frac{t}{K} \right]$$

$$\frac{q}{V} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d-t + \frac{t}{K}}$$

$$\therefore C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d-t + \frac{t}{K}}$$

Special Case:

For a metallic slab $K = \infty$ $\therefore C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d-t}$

Effect of dielectric on C, q, U, E, V, u

<u>After Disconnecting a battery</u>	<u>Without disconnecting a battery</u>
$C:- \uparrow$	
$q:- \equiv$	
$E:- \downarrow$	
$V:- \downarrow$	
$u:- \downarrow$	

Van De Graaf generator:-

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Principle

Corona discharge

Skin effect