

Questions
Chapter 25
Capacitance

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25-3 Calculating the Capacitance
m2-061

A parallel plate capacitor has square shaped plates with an area = $4.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$ and $1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ separation. What charge will appear on the plates of such capacitor if a potential difference of 80 V is applied?

- A) $2.8 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$
- B) $1.8 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$
- C) $3.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$
- D) $5.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$
- E) $0.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$

Answer B

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25-3 Calculating the Capacitance
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A parallel-plate capacitor (with plates A and B) has circular shape of radius 6.0 cm separated by 2.0 mm. Find the total charges on both plates (A and B) when a 12 V battery is connected.

- A) zero
- B) 400 pico-C
- C) 10 pico-C
- D) 600 pico-C
- E) 700 pico-C

Answer A

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25-4 Capacitors in Parallel and in Series
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Consider three identical capacitors. Their equivalent capacitance when connected in parallel is C_p , and their equivalent capacitance when connected in series is C_s . Which of the following statements is **CORRECT**?

- A) $C_p = 3 C_s$
- B) $C_p = 9 C_s$
- C) $C_p = C_s/9$
- D) $C_p = C_s/3$
- E) $C_p = C_s/2$

Answer B

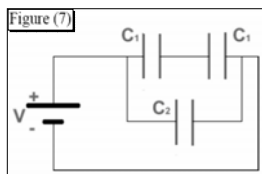
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Figure (7) shows three capacitors connected to a battery of voltage $V = 6$ Volts. The charges on the capacitors are known to be $Q_1 = 24 \mu\text{C}$ for C_1 , and $Q_2 = 96 \mu\text{C}$ for C_2 . What are the values of the capacitances C_1 and C_2 ?

- A) $C_1 = 10 \mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 30 \mu\text{F}$
- B) $C_1 = 8 \mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 24 \mu\text{F}$
- C) $C_1 = 8 \mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 16 \mu\text{F}$
- D) $C_1 = 21 \mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 3 \mu\text{F}$
- E) $C_1 = 4 \mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 16 \mu\text{F}$



Answer C

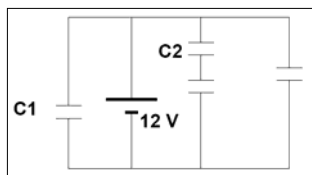
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A battery having potential difference $V = 12 \text{ V}$ and four capacitors, each having a capacitance of $12 \mu\text{F}$, are connected as shown in the figure. What is the charge on C_2 ?

- A) $88 \mu\text{C}$
- B) $36 \mu\text{C}$
- C) $12 \mu\text{C}$
- D) $27 \mu\text{C}$
- E) $72 \mu\text{C}$



Answer E

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25-4 Capacitors in Parallel and in Series
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Consider two separate capacitors: $c_1 = 30 \text{ micro-F}$ carries a charge of $q_1 = 6.0 \times 10^2 \text{ micro-C}$ and $c_2 = 50 \text{ micro-F}$, carries a charge of $q_2 = 1.0 \times 10^3 \text{ micro-C}$. If the opposite polarity terminals of the two capacitors are connected together as shown in figure 10, find the new voltage across c_1 .

- A) 3.8 Volts.
- B) 10 Volts.
- C) 15 Volts.
- D) 5.0 Volts.
- E) 2.2 Volts.

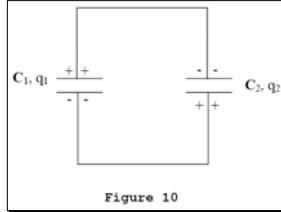


Figure 10

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The three capacitors in figure 5 have an equivalent capacitance of 12.4 micro-F , find the capacitance of C_1 .

- A) 7.0 micro-F
- B) 4.0 micro-F
- C) 10 micro-F
- D) 5.0 micro-F
- E) 6.0 micro-F

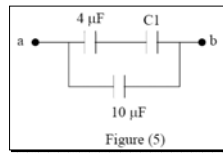


Figure (5)

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In figure 6, a capacitor of capacitance $C = 9.0 \text{ micro-F}$ is charged to a potential difference $V_0 = 10.0 \text{ volts}$. The charging battery is disconnected and the capacitor is connected to uncharged capacitor of unknown capacitance C_x . The potential difference across the combination is reduced to $V = 3 \text{ volts}$. Find the value of C_x .

- A) 3.0 micro-F.
- B) 42 micro-F.
- C) 11 micro-F.
- D) 8.0 micro-F.
- E) 21 micro-F.

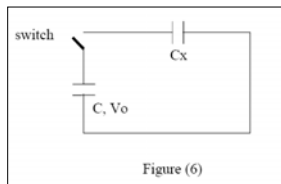


Figure (6)

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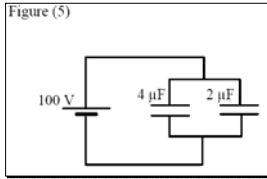
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25-5 Energy Stored in an electric field
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How much energy is stored in the combination of capacitors shown figure (5)?

- A) 0.04 J
- B) 0.03 J
- C) 0.02 J
- D) 0.01 J
- E) 0.06 J



Answer B

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Consider the combination of capacitors as shown in the Figure. The energy stored in the 8.0 μF capacitor is 0.40 J. The energy stored in the 5.0 μF capacitor is:

- A) 0.42 J
- B) 0.51 J
- C) 0.84 J
- D) 0.25 J
- E) 0.13 J

Answer D

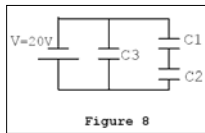
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Three capacitors C1=5 micro-F, C2=10 micro-F and C3= 3 micro-F are connected to a 20 V battery as shown in Figure 8. Find the stored electric energy in C2.

- A) 2.2×10^{-4} J.
- B) 0.3×10^{-4} J.
- C) 4.0×10^{-6} J.
- D) 1.3×10^{-4} J.
- E) 1.0×10^{-5} J.



Answer A

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A parallel-plate capacitor has plates of area A and separation d and is charged by a battery of a potential difference V . If the charging battery is disconnected, then the work required, by external agent, to separate the plates of the capacitor to infinite distance is: [Take $A = 2.0 \text{ m}^2$, $V = 12 \text{ Volts}$, $d = 3.0 \text{ cm}$]

- A) 12 nano-J.
- B) 42 nano-J.
- C) 22 nano-J.
- D) 65 nano-J.
- E) 89 nano-J.

Answer B

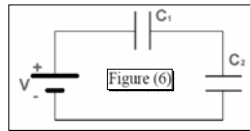
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25-6 Capacitor with dielectric
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Two parallel-plate capacitors are connected in series to a battery as shown in figure (6). A dielectric is inserted in capacitor C_1 .

- A) The charge on C_2 increases.
- B) The charge on C_2 increases or decreases depending on the value of the voltage of the battery.
- C) The charge on C_2 remains the same.
- D) The charge on C_2 increases or decreases depending on the value of the dielectric constant of the dielectric.
- E) The charge on C_2 decreases.



Answer A

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An air filled parallel-plate capacitor has a capacitance of $3.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$. The plate separation is then doubled and a wax dielectric is inserted, completely filling the space between the plates. As a result the, capacitance becomes $7.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$. The dielectric constant of the wax is:

- A) 8
- B) 2
- C) 5
- D) 4
- E) 6.0×10^{-12}

Answer C

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25-6 Capacitor with dielectric
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A 25 micro-F parallel plates capacitor is constructed using Pyrex glass as a dielectric. If the thickness of the Pyrex glass sheet is doubled, calculate the new capacitance of the capacitor. (Dielectric constant of Pyrex Glass = 5.6)

- A) 50.0 micro-F.
- B) 30.2 micro-F.
- C) 100 micro-F.
- D) 12.5 micro-F.
- E) 6.25 micro-F.

Answer D
