

16. **Capacitors:**

Capacitor is a device which is used to store charges in the form of electrostatic energy

A capacitor is connected to battery. When pd across capacitor increases, the charge stored on it also increases $Q \propto V$

$$Q = CV$$

C → Capacitance of capacitor

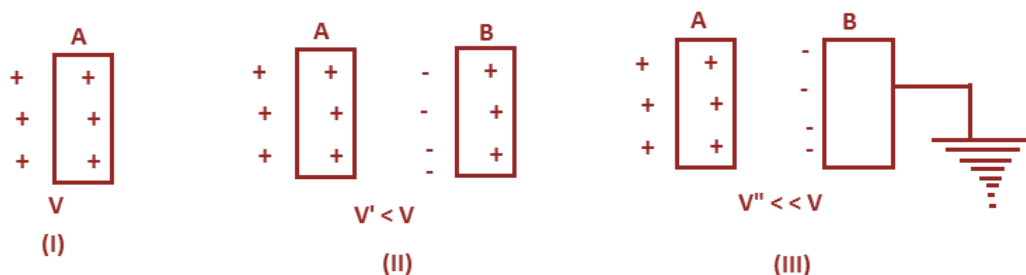
Define Capacitance of capacitor

Capacitance is defined as the ratio of amount of a charge stored in capacitor to the potential across plates of capacitor. $C = Q/V$

SI unit :

Capacitance of capacitor is said to be 1 farad when one coulomb of charge stored on it to raise is potential by 1V

17. **Principle of capacitor :**



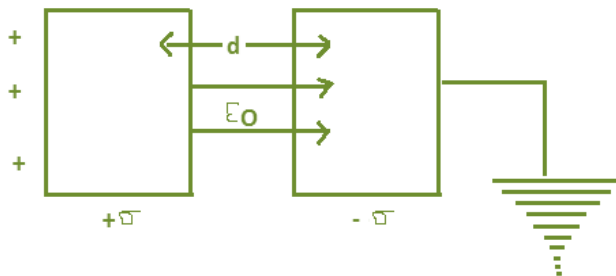
Consider a metal plate A carrying a charge Q (+ve) and potential raises to V . Now, an uncharged metal plate B is placed nearer to A. -ve charge gets induced on B at the near of A and +ve charge is induced on other end as shown in fig(ii). Potential of A decreases by small amount due to induced charge on B. in order to get same

potential, small amount of charge can be stored additionally.

When one end of metal plate B is earthed as in (iii) induced +ve charges are neutralized. Due to only Induced –ve charges, potential of A decreases by large amount. In order to get same potential, large amount of charge can be stored additionally.

Therefore, by placing an identical uncharged earthed metal plate , nearer to charged plate, capacitance of conductor can be increased.

18. Capacitance of parallel plate capacitor filled with air



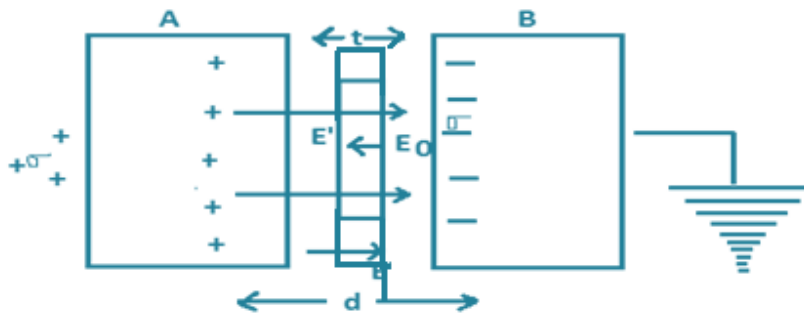
Consider two parallel plates Carrying charge density σ and $-\sigma$ separated by distance d

$$E_0 = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$V_0 = E_0 d = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} d$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\sigma A}{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} d} = \frac{A\epsilon_0}{d}$$

19. Capacitance of parallel plate capacitor partly filled with dielectric



Area of each plate is A and one end of metal plates is earthed

Consider 2 parallel plates having charge density $+\sigma, -\sigma$ separated by a distance d . A dielectric slab of thickness $t < d$ is placed between the plates of capacitor. In the presence of \vec{E} , dielectric is Polarized. Net \vec{E} is the difference of in E_0 in air and

E' induced charges on each plates; Net Electric field $E'' = E_0 - E'$

$$E_0 = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}; E'' = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

$$V_0 = E_0(d-t) + E''t = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}(d-t) + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}(t)$$

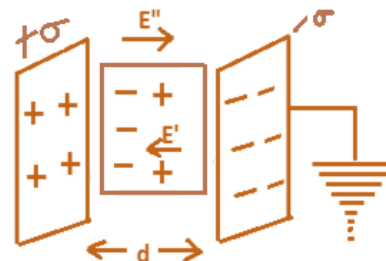
$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\sigma A}{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}(d-t) + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}(t)} = \frac{A \epsilon_0}{(d-t) + \frac{t}{\epsilon_r}}$$

Capacitance increases

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Obtain exp for capacitance of capacitor fully filled with dielectric

$$E'' = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}; V'' = E'' d; V'' = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} d$$

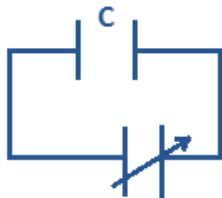


$$C_m = Q/V = \frac{\sigma A}{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} d}$$

$$C_m = \frac{A \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{d}$$

Capacitance increases by ϵ_r times

21 Energy stored in a capacitor



Consider uncharged capacitor of capacitance c connected to battery. Let q be charge stored on capacitor at an instant.

Potential developed $V' = q/c$

Small WD in storing charge dq additionally at the same potential V' ,

$$(dW) = V' dq$$

$$dW = q/c dq$$

Total WD in storing charges from 0 to Q .

$$W = \int_0^Q \frac{q}{C} dq = \left[\frac{q^2}{2C} \right]_0^Q = \left[\frac{Q^2}{2C} \right]$$

$$U = \left[\frac{Q^2}{2C} \right]$$

$$\text{Sub } Q = CV; U = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 \text{ Where } C = (A \epsilon_0)/d$$

$$\text{Sub } CV = Q$$

$$(U = 1/2 QV)$$

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This WD is stored as electro static energy in the capacitor

22 **Energy density** u is defined as energy stored in the capacitor per unit volume

$$u = U/\text{Vol} = (1/2 CV^2)/Ad$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{A\epsilon_0}{d} \right) \frac{E^2 d^2}{Ad} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$$

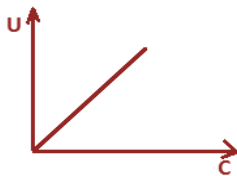
Obtain exp for energy stored in capacitor fully filled with dielectric and energy density
Derivation of energy stored. (as before)

$$U = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 \text{ where } C = \frac{A\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}{d}$$

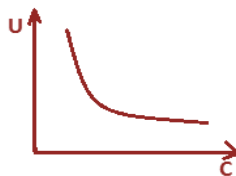
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23. Battery is connected Battery is disconnected

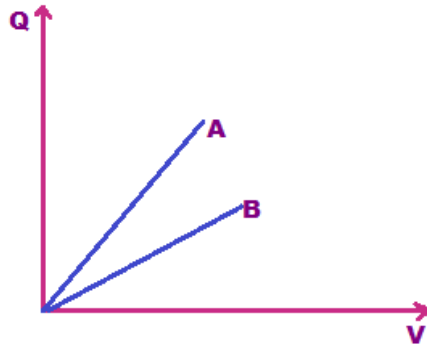


V CONST
 $u = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$



BATTERY
DISCONNECTED
 $u = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}$

24. Which capacitor has capacitance? Greater energy stored?



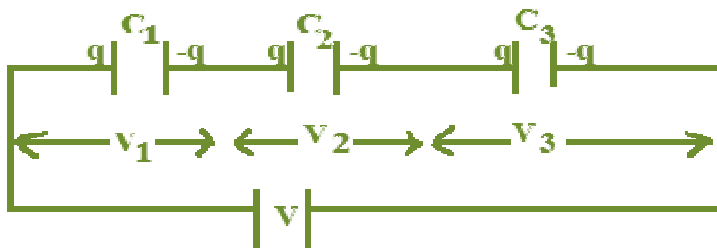
$C=Q/V$, slope of the graph gives capacitance

A has greater capacitance

Energy = Area under graph. A has greater energy stored.

Define dielectric constant in terms of capacitance $K = C_m/C_a$. Dielectric constant of the medium is defined as the capacitance of the parallel plate capacitor fully filled with medium to the capacitance of identical capacitor filled with air

25. **Effective capacitance of capacitors connected in series.**



Let C_1, C_2 and C_3 be capacitance of three capacitors connected in series. Battery has potential v . In series charge stored across each capacitor is same, while potential difference is different.

We know,

$$Q=CV$$

$$Q=C_1V_1,$$

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

$$V=Q/C_{\text{eff}}$$

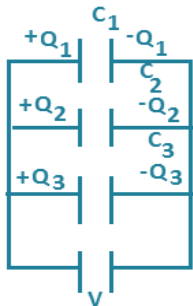
$$\text{In series } V=V_1+V_2+V_3$$

$$Q/C_{\text{eff}}=Q[1/C_1+1/C_2+1/C_3]$$

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

Reciprocal of effective capacitance of capacitors in series is the sum of reciprocal of capacitance of individual capacitors.

26. Effective capacitance of capacitors in parallel.



Let C_1, C_2 and C_3 be the capacitance of 3 capacitors connected in parallel. Battery has potential V . In parallel combination, charge stored across each capacitor is different and potential diff across each capacitor is same.

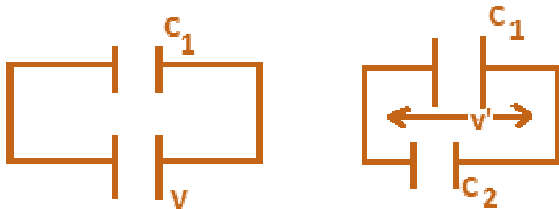
$$Q=CV; V=V_1=V_2=V_3; Q_1=C_1V; Q_2=C_2V; Q_3=C_3V; Q=Q_1+Q_2+Q_3$$

$$C_{\text{eff}}V=C_1V+C_2V+C_3V$$

$$C_{\text{eff}}=C_1+C_2+C_3$$

The effective capacitance of capacitors in parallel is the sum of capacitance of individual capacitors.

27. A capacitor of capacitor C_1 is connected to battery of potential V after charging it is disconnected from battery and connected to an uncharged capacitor of capacitance C_2 . Obtain expression for common potential, initial and final energy stored, energy lost. How do you account for energy loss? In what form energy is lost?



$$Q_1 = C_1 V$$

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2} C_1 V^2 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$Q_1' = C_1 V'$$

$$Q_2' = C_2 V'$$

$$Q_1 = Q_1' + Q_2'$$

$$C_1 V = (C_1 + C_2) V'$$

$$\text{Common potential } V' = (C_1 V) / (C_1 + C_2) \quad \text{---(2)}$$

$$U_f = \frac{1}{2} (C_1 + C_2) (V')^2$$

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

$$U_f = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{C_1^2 V^2}{C_1 + C_2} \right]$$

Energy lost

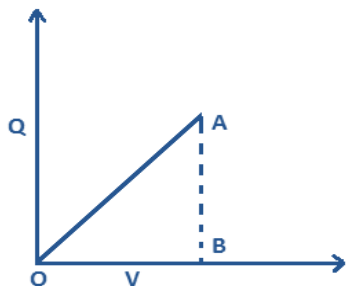
$$U_i - U_f = \frac{1}{2} C_1 V^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{C_1^2 V^2}{C_1 + C_2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} V^2 [C_1^2 + C_1 C_2 - C_1^2] / (C_1 + C_2)$$

$$U_{\text{lost}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} V^2$$

There is a transient period before the system settles to the situation stable. During this period a transient current flows from the first capacitor to the second. Energy is lost during this time in the form of heat and electromagnetic radiation.

28 Draw Q Vs V graph and find WD from the graph



$$\text{Area under the graph} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{OB} \times \text{AB}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} QV$$

Area under graph gives WD

$$W = \frac{1}{2} QV \quad \text{Where } Q = CV$$

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

- 29.** A capacitor of capacitance C_1 is connected to battery of potential V_1 . A capacitor of capacitance C_2 is connected to battery of potential V_2 , after charging they, disconnected from battery, connected in parallel obtain exp for common potential, energy stored initially, energy stored finally, and energy lost

$$V' = (C_1 V_1 + C_2 V_2) / (C_1 + C_2) ;$$

$$U(\text{lost}) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} (V_1 - V_2)^2 \quad [\text{To be derived}]$$

- 30.** A capacitor of capacitance C , a dielectric slab fully fills the gap between plates of the capacitor ϵ_r or $K=10$. Without disconnecting battery

a) After disconnecting battery

How will the following quantities change?

- i) Capacitance ; (ii) Energy stoned ; (iii) Electric field (iv) Potential diff
(v) Energy density (vi) Charge stored

a) Without disconnecting battery.

V remains const

Ans $C_a = (A\epsilon_0)/d, C_m = (A\epsilon_0\epsilon_r)/d$

: $C_m/C_a = \epsilon_r = 10$

C increases by 10 times

$$C_a = (A\epsilon_0)/d, C_m = (A\epsilon_0\epsilon_r)/d$$

$$C_m/C_a = \epsilon_r = 10$$

C increases by 10 times

$$Q_a = C_a V ; Q_m = C_m V$$

$$Q_a/Q_m = C_a/C_m = 1/10 ; Q_m/Q_a = 10$$

Charge stored increases by 10 times

$$E = V/d \text{ remain const}$$

$$U_a = 1/2 C_a V^2 ; U_m = 1/2 C_m V^2 ;$$

$$U_m/U_a = C_m/C_a = 10$$

Energy stored increases by 10 times

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

$$u_m/u_a = U_m/U_a = C_m/C_a = 10$$

Energy density increases by 10 times

b) After disconnecting battery

Q remains const

$$C_a = (A\epsilon_0)/d, C_m = (A\epsilon_0\epsilon_r)/d$$

$$C_m/C_a = \epsilon_r = 10$$

C increases by 10 times

$$E_a = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}, E_m = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}$$

$$E_m/E_a = 1/\epsilon_r = 1/10$$

(E F decreases by 10 times

$$V_a = E_a d ; V_m = E_m d$$

$$V_m/V_a = E_m/E_a = 1/\epsilon_r = 1/10$$

pd decreases by 10 times

$$U_a = 1/2 Q^2/C_a ; U_m = 1/2 Q^2/C_m ; U_m/U_a = C_a/C_m = 1/10$$

energy stored decreases by 10 times.

$$u = U/Vol$$

$$u_m/u_a = U_m/U_a = C_a/C_m = 1/10$$

Energy density decreases by 10 times.

31. TRY YOUR SELF:

A capacitor has capacitance C. The dist between the 2 plates is halved, gap is fully filled with dielectric of $\epsilon_r = 20$

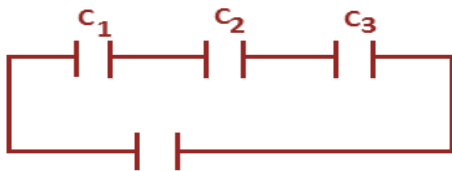
Without disconnecting battery

a) After disconnected battery. How will the following quantity change?

- i. C ii. Q iii. EF iv. V v. U vi. u

32. Energy stored in series, parallel plate capacitors

Series:



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

In series, Q is same

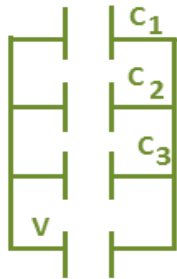
$$U_s = 1/2 Q^2/C_s = 1/2 Q^2 \left[\frac{1}{C_s} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \right]$$

$$= 1/2 Q^2/C_1 + 1/2 Q^2/C_2 + 1/2 Q^2/C_3$$

$$U_s = U_1 + U_2 + U_3$$

Total energy stored in series combination is sum of energy stored in individual.

Energy stored in capacitors connected in parallel.



$$C_p = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

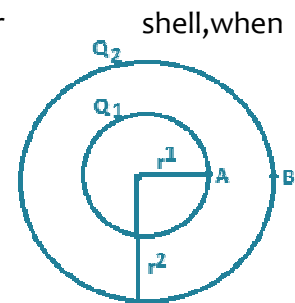
$$U_p = \frac{1}{2} C_p V^2$$

$$U_p = \frac{1}{2} (C_1 + C_2 + C_3) V^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} C_1 V^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_2 V^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_3 V^2 = U_1 + U_2 + U_3$$

Total energy stored in parallel combination is sum of energy stored in individual capacitors.

33. Two concentric charged spherical shells having charge Q_1, Q_2 radius r_1, r_2 are connected by wire show that charge flows from inner to outer shell, when connected by wire, irrespective of charge present on outer shell.



$$V_A = (kQ_1)/r_1 + (kQ_2)/r_2$$

$$V_B = (kQ_1)/r_2 + (kQ_2)/r_2$$

$$V_A - V_B = kQ_1 \left(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right) > 0$$

$$V_A > V_B$$

Charge flows from inner to outer shell irrespective of charge stored on outer shell.