Chapter 16 & 18 XtraWrk – capacitors and RC circuits

16.26) A 9-V battery generates 27 microCoulombs of charge on the plates of a capacitor.

a.) What's the capacitance?

b.) What charge would be stored if you used a 12-V battery instead?

16.29) Consider the capacitor shown to the right. Given that information:

- a.) What's the electric field between the plates?
- b.) What's the capacitance?
- c.) What's the charge on each plate?



16.31) Consider the capacitor shown to the right. Given that information:

- a.) What's the capacitance?
- b.) What's the charg eon each plate?
- c.) What's the electric field between the plates?
- d.) What's the charge density on each plate?
- e.) If the distance between the plates decreases, how will all your answers above change?



- 16.42) a.) Find the equivalence capacitance for the circuit shown to the right.
 - b.) What charge is stored on either of the 5 microfarad capacitors if the voltage across the entire system is 60 V?



16.49) The voltage across an air-filled capacitor is 85 V. With a dielectric between the plates, the voltage is 25 V.

- a.) What is the dielectric constant? Can you tell what the dielectric is?
- b.) If the dielectric doesn't completely fill the space, what does that tell you about the voltage across the plates?

18.20) For the circuit shown to the right, I₁ is known to be 3.0 A but the values of ε and R are unknown. What are the currents I₂ and I₃? Solve using Kirchhoff's Laws.



18.23) For the circuit to the right:

- a.) How many nodes are there?
- b.) How many branches are there?
- c.) How many independent node equations can you write for the circuit? . . . independent loop equations?
- d.) Derive an expression (then put in the numbers) for each meter reading.



18.30) Show that the time constant has the units of seconds.

18.32) An uncharged capacitor (C = 20 microfarads) and resistor (R = 100 ohms) are in series with an EMF of 9 V (if there is no internal resistance mentioned in the battery/power supply, you may assume it is ideal).

a.) What's the time constant?

- b.) What's the maximum charge on the capacitor?
- c.) What's the charge on the capacitor after one time constant?

18.36) An RC circuit with unknown capacitance and unknown resistance is powered by a 48 V battery with a maximum current of 0.5 mA. If the time constant is 0.96 seconds and the switch is closed at t = 0 sec:

a.) What's the capacitance?

b.) What's the charge on the capacitor after 2 time constants have elapsed?