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By definition

$$C = Q/V$$

The V defines the ~~across~~ voltage difference ^{magnitude of the} across the plates, & Q is the charge on one plate.

As such

a) $C = Q/V$

$$\Rightarrow (4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ f}) = Q / (12 \text{ volts})$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = 48 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} \quad (\text{or } 48 \mu\text{C})$$

b.) Again

$$C = Q/V$$

$$\Rightarrow (4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ f}) = Q / (1.5 \text{ volts})$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = 6 \mu\text{C}$$

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As usual, $C = Q/V_c$

$$a) \quad C = \frac{(10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow =$$

$$b) \quad C = Q/V_c \Rightarrow V_c = Q/C \\ = \underline{(100 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}$$

26.5 (Great problem)

We want the capacitance for the system shown.

As $C = Q/V_c$,

that means we need to generate a function for the voltage V_c across the plates. To do that, we need to use the relationship

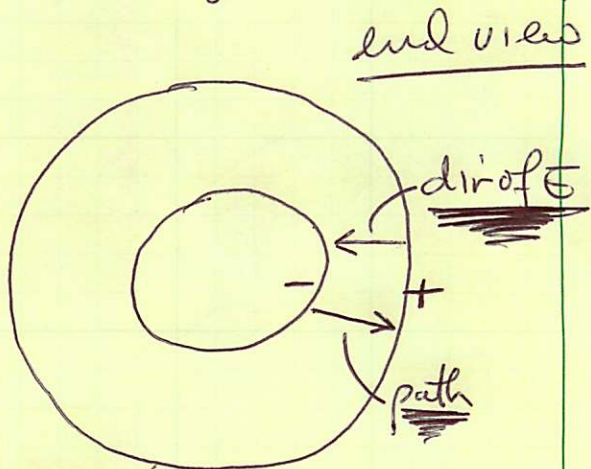
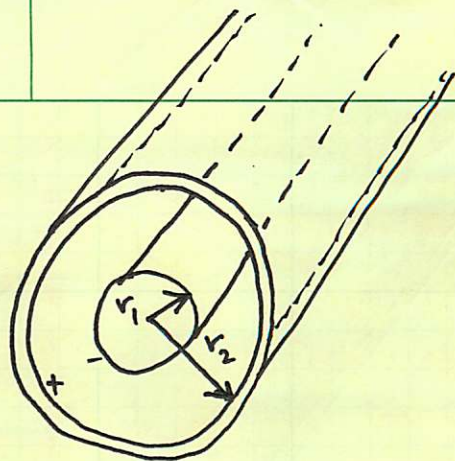
$$\Delta V = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

So what, exactly, does this relation say to us? It says:

Pick a path through the electric field. If we want the voltage change between the start point & the end point to be positive (as it needs to be in this case because V_c is defined as positive), must ~~go~~ start

~~from~~ at the V_- plate & end at the V_+ plate (that is $\Delta V = (V_+ - V_-) \Rightarrow$ positive). The path is shown in the sketch above.

Unfortunately, the electric field is opposite that direction, so $\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$ will have a 180° angle between them.



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In other words

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_c &= (V_+ - V_-) = - \int E \cdot dr \\
 &= - \int |E| |dr| \cos 180^\circ \\
 &= \int E dr
 \end{aligned}$$

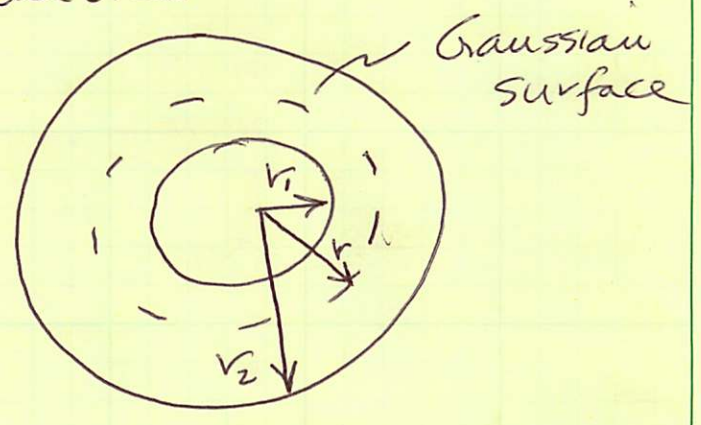
To finish this, we need to use Gauss's Law to get E,
 Doing so, we get: end view

for cylindrical symmetry

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

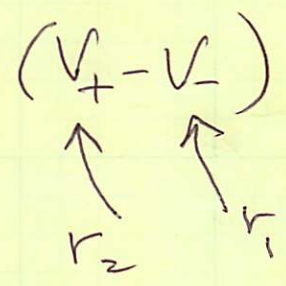
$$(E(2\pi r L)) = \frac{\lambda L}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r}$$



So

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_c &= \int E dr \\
 &= \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r} dr \\
 &= \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0} (\ln r_2 - \ln r_1) \\
 &= \frac{\lambda}{2\pi \epsilon_0} \left(\ln \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$



λ is charge per unit length, or
 Q/L

So

$$C = \frac{Q}{V_c}$$

$$= \frac{Q}{\left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) \right)}$$

$$= \frac{Q}{\left(\frac{Q/L}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) \right)}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{\ln(r_2/r_1)}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi (8.85 \times 10^{-12}) (50 \text{ m})}{\ln\left(\frac{7.27/2}{2.58/2}\right)}$$

$$\boxed{C = 2.68 \times 10^{-9} \text{ f}}$$

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$$b.) \Delta V = Q/C$$

$$= \frac{8.1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{2.68 \times 10^{-9} \text{ F}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta V = 3.02 \times 10^3 \text{ Volts}}$$

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$$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \quad \text{parallel plate cap} \quad \epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \epsilon_0 \Delta V (A/Q)$$

but $\sigma = Q/A$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{\epsilon_0 \Delta V}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}^2/\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2)(150 \text{ V})}{(3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}/\text{cm}^2)(10^4 \text{ cm}^2/\text{m}^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{d = 4.43 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}}$$

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a) air filled parallel plate cap:

$$\text{as } \Delta V = Ed,$$

$$E = \Delta V / d$$

for E

$$= \frac{20 \text{ V}}{1.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E = 1.11 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}} \text{ toward negative plate}$$

b) as $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$ for a conductor:

for σ

$$\sigma = \epsilon_0 E \\ = (8.85 \times 10^{-12}) (1.11 \times 10^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sigma = 9.83 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C/m}^2}$$

c) for parallel plate cap:

for C

$$C = \epsilon_0 A / d$$

$$= \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12}) (7.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2)}{1.8 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C = 3.74 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}} \text{ or } 3.74 \text{ pf}$$

d) as $\Delta V = Q / C$

$$Q = C \Delta V$$

$$= (3.74 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}) (20 \text{ V})$$

for Q on plates

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Q = 74.7 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}}$$

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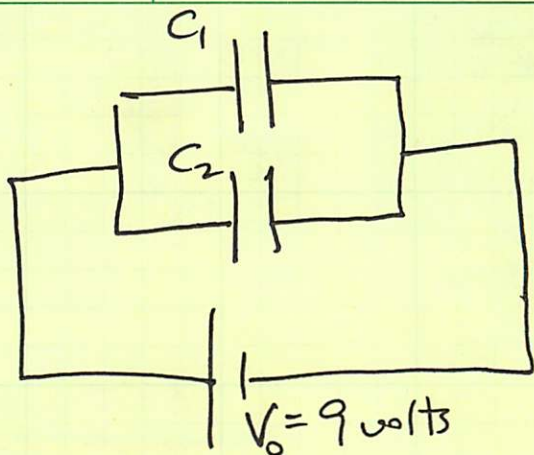
a.) equivalent cap:

for a parallel combo,

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{eq} = 5\mu f + 12\mu f$$

$$\boxed{C_{eq} = 17\mu f}$$



b) each element of a parallel circuit will have the same voltage across it, so both C₁ & C₂ will have 9 volts across them.

c.) as $C = Q/\Delta V$:

$$Q_5 = \frac{5 \times 10^{-6}}{9}$$

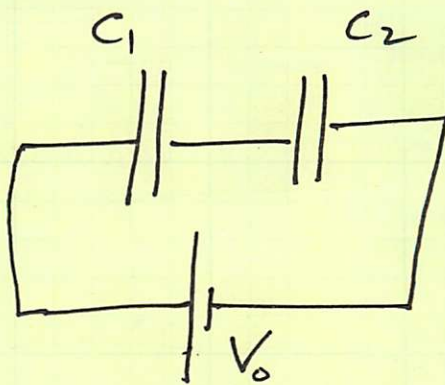
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Q_5 = 4.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}} \quad 4.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

and $Q_{12} = \frac{12 \times 10^{-6}}{9}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Q_{12} = 1.08 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C}}$$

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a) in series, the amt of chg on each cap will be the same AND will equal the charge on the combination equivalent cap.



Soos

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

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

$$= \frac{(2.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ f})(6.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ f})}{(2.5 \times 10^{-6} + 6.25 \times 10^{-6})}$$

$$= 1.79 \times 10^{-6}$$

as $C_{eq} = Q/\Delta V$,

$$Q = C_{eq} \Delta V$$

$$= (1.79 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(6 \text{ V})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Q = 10.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}$$

b.) As was the case in 26.13 for its parallel combo:

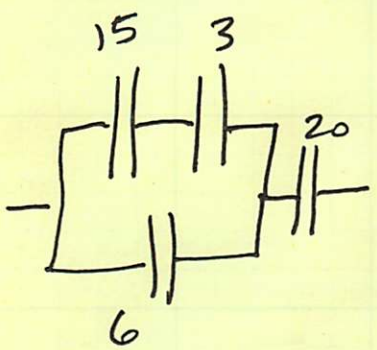
$$Q_{2.5} = C_{2.5} \Delta V = (2.5 \times 10^{-6})(6 \text{ V}) = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$$

$$Q_{6.25} = C_{6.25} \Delta V = (6.25 \times 10^{-6})(6 \text{ V}) = 3.75 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$$

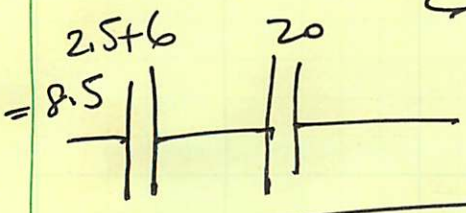
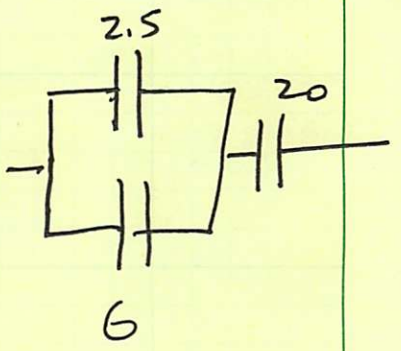
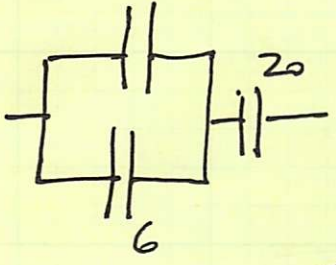
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a.) C_{eq} ?

note that $\left(\frac{1}{C_{eq}}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 C_2} + \frac{C_2}{C_1 C_2}\right)^{-1} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$



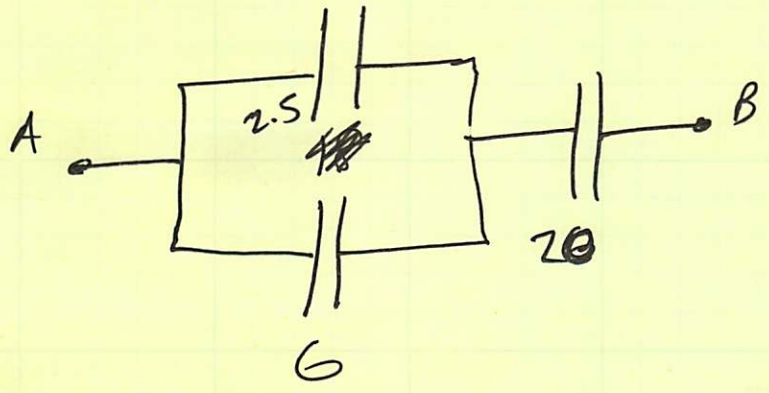
$C_{eq} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = \frac{45}{18} = 2.5$



$C = \frac{20(8.5)}{20+8.5} = 5.96 \times 10^{-6} f$

$C_{eq} = 5.96 \times 10^{-6} f$

b) the charge on the ^{top} ~~15 and 3~~ caps will be the same, so combining those we get: $C_{eq} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = \frac{15(3)}{18} = 2.5 \mu f$



$V_{AB} = 15 \text{ volts}$

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26.23b)

Think about what is actually happening. Q's worth of ch enters the parallel combo whereas it splits into the ch on the $18\mu\text{C}$ cap (combo) * the $6\mu\text{f}$ cap. As that charge accumulates on the cap plates, it electrostatically repulses an equal amt. of ch off the other plates. That charge moves on, accumulating on the $20\mu\text{f}$ cap. In other words, the "total charge" in the system (determined by using)

$$C_{eq} = Q_{total} / \Delta V$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_{total} = C_{eq} \Delta V$$
$$= (5.96 \times 10^{-6} \text{ f})(15 \text{ v})$$
$$= 89.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

ends up on the $20\mu\text{f}$ cap

that means the voltage across that cap must be

$$\Delta V_{20} = Q_{20} / C_{20}$$
$$= \frac{89.5 \times 10^{-6}}{20 \times 10^{-6}}$$
$$= 4.475 \text{ volts}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta V_{parallel} = 15 - 4.475$$
$$= 10.525 \text{ volts}$$

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With that voltage across each of the parallels, we can write

$$Q_{2.5} = C_{2.5} \Delta V_{par} \\ = (2.5 \times 10^{-6})(0.525V)$$

$$Q_{2.5} = 26.3 \mu C$$

As $Q_{Total} = 89.5 \mu C$, $Q_6 = Q_{Total} - Q_{2.5} \approx$

$$Q_6 = 89.5 - 26.3$$

$$Q_6 = 63.2 \mu C$$

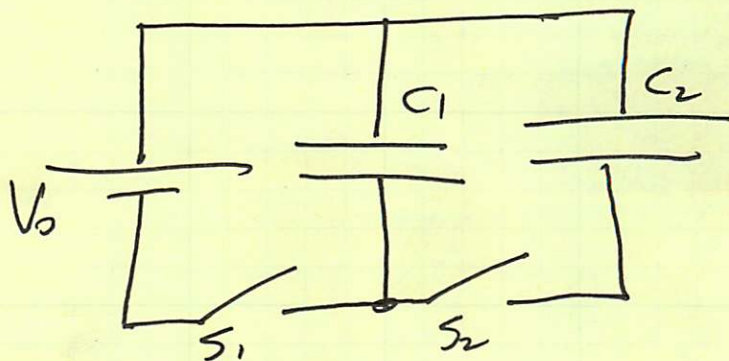
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initially, $V_{c_1} = V_0$

$$\Rightarrow Q_{c_1} = C_{c_1} V_0 = (6 \times 10^{-6})(20)$$

$$Q_{c_1} = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C}$$



This is the amount of charge to start with in the circuit.

b) By ~~throwing~~ throwing both switches, the battery is removed from the circuit and the initial charge on C_1 is redistributed between C_1 & C_2 until their voltages are the same. If we call the final charge on C_1 " Q_1 ," we know the charge on C_2 will be $Q_2 = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} - Q_1$, & as the voltage will be equal, we can write

$$V_{c_1} = \frac{Q_1}{C_1} = V_{c_2} = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-4} - Q_1}{C_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Q_1}{C_1} = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-4} - Q_1}{C_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_1 C_2 = (1.2 \times 10^{-4})(C_1) - C_1 Q_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{Q_1 C_2} + Q_1 C_1 = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} C_1$$

$$(C_1 + C_2) Q_1 = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} C_1$$

$$\text{So } Q_1 = \frac{(1.2 \times 10^{-4})(6 \times 10^{-6})}{(3 \times 10^{-6} + 6 \times 10^{-6})} = 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$$

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$$Q_1 = 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_2 = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} - Q_1$$
$$= 1.2 \times 10^{-4} - 8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Q_2 = 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}}$$

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There is no rhyme or reason to a problem like this. You just have to take what you know & play with it until something pops. Here goes

We have C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n

We know

$$C_p = C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n = nC$$

as each cap has the same value

Also

$$\frac{1}{C_s} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{C_n}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_s = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C} + \frac{1}{C} + \dots + \frac{1}{C}} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{C}\right)n}$$
$$= C/n$$

We were told

$$C_p = 100C_s$$

$$\Rightarrow nC = 100 \left(\frac{C}{n}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 100$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 10$$

Apparently, we have 10 caps.

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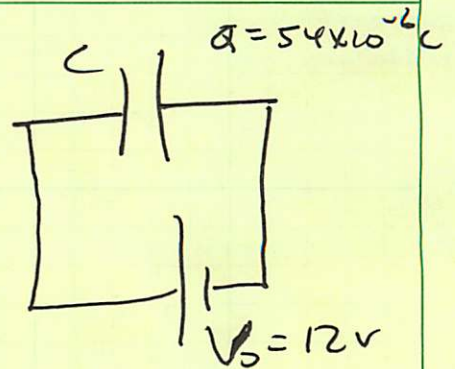
We know $Q = CV_c$ but w/o C , We
also know $C = Q/V_c$ & $E = \frac{1}{2} CV_c^2$
From there

$$E = \frac{1}{2} C V_c^2$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{Q}{V_c} \right) V_c^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} Q V_c$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (54 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}) (12 \text{ V})$$

$$E = 3.24 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$$



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a) what Q ?

$$Q = CV \\ = (1.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ f})(10^4 \text{ V})$$

$$Q = 1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

b) $250 \mu\text{J}$ corresponds to what V ?

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

$$\Rightarrow V = \sqrt{2E/C}$$

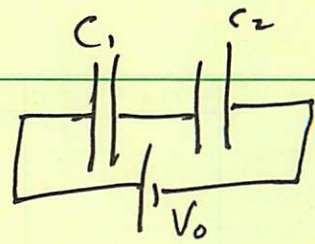
$$= \left(\frac{2(250 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J})}{1.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ F}} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= 1.83 \times 10^3 \text{ V}$$

Apparently, if you can discharge a spark, your elect. devices (or, at least, their inner workings) are in jeopardy

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a) C_{eq} ?



$$\begin{aligned} C_{eq} &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1.8 \times 10^{-5}} + \frac{1}{3.6 \times 10^{-6}}} \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{C_{eq} = 12 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}} \end{aligned}$$

b) energy stored

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{1}{2} C_{eq} V_0^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (12 \times 10^{-6}) (12 \text{ V})^2 \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{U_{eq} = 8.64 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}} \end{aligned}$$

c) In series, each cap has the same chg. That means

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{total} &= C_{eq} V_0 \\ &= (12 \times 10^{-6}) (12) \\ &= 1.44 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C} \quad (= Q_1 = Q_2) \end{aligned}$$

~~This~~ This is the charge on each cap, so as $V = Q/C$ &

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{1}{2} C V^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} C \left(\frac{Q}{C} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C} \end{aligned}$$

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C_{eq} (unit)

We can write

$$E_{18} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1.44 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C})^2}{(1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ F})}$$
$$= 5.76 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$$

$$E_{36} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1.44 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C})^2}{(3.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ F})}$$
$$= 2.88 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$$

d.) Do the individual energies correspond to the energy of the equiv. cap?

$$E_{18} + E_{36} \stackrel{?}{=} E_{eq}$$
$$5.76 \times 10^{-4} + 2.88 \times 10^{-4} \stackrel{?}{=} 8.64 \times 10^{-4}$$

YES!

e.) The total energy wrapped up in the equivalent cap will always equal the sum of the energies of the individual caps involved (that's what it means to be an equivalent cap).

f.) The C_{eq} for a parallel combo would be

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2$$
$$= 18 \mu\text{F} + 36 \mu\text{F}$$
$$= 54 \mu\text{F}$$

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$$\text{For } \bar{E}_{\text{parallel}} = \bar{E}_{\text{series}}$$

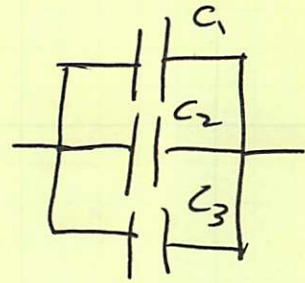
$$\Rightarrow 8.64 \times 10^{-7} = \frac{1}{2} C_{\text{eq}} V^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (54 \times 10^{-6}) V^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V = 5.66 \text{ volts}}$$

g.) In a parallel combo (which this part is associated with), V_c is the same for each cap. As

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



a larger C (for a constant V) means the larger cap will have the most energy

Note: If the caps had been in series, Q would have been common to all elements. As

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} C \left(\frac{Q}{C} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C},$$

big C (with Q constant) means small U & vice versa

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Determine the force one plate of a parallel plate cap exerts on the other

We know:

$$C = Q/V_c$$

$$\Rightarrow V_c = \frac{Q}{C}$$

$$= \frac{Q}{(\epsilon_0 A/x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_c = \left(\frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} \right) x$$

We also know the voltage difference ~~between~~ ^{across} the plates is DEFINED as positive.

We can relate the voltage difference between any two points in an electric field with the electric field vector

by

$$E_x = - \frac{dV_x}{dx}$$

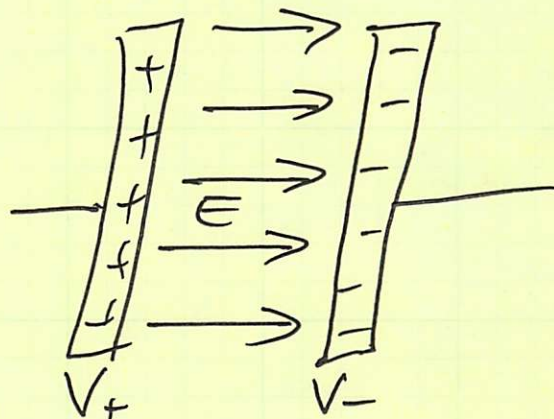
There is a subtlety to this relationship we need to note before continuing. Specifically, why the negative sign?

To understand this, think about a charge parallel plate capacitor.

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If we follow along the electric field lines (in the positive direction), we ~~we~~ must traverse from higher voltage to lower voltage. In other words,



$$\Delta V = (V_{\text{final}} - V_{\text{initial}})$$

$$= [(V_-) - (V_+)]$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta V$ will be NEGATIVE

Because the signs have to match up in an equation, we must in this case write

$$E = - \frac{dV}{dx}$$

The problem with voltage differences and capacitors is that the voltage difference V_c is defined as positive. To use the electric field relationship quoted above in that situation, with the voltage difference STARTING OUT AS POSITIVE, we have to write

$$E = + \frac{dV_c}{dx}$$

between
plates

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In other words, in this case we can write

$$\begin{aligned} E &= + \frac{dU_c}{dx} \\ &= \frac{d\left(\frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} x\right)}{dx} \\ &= \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} \left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{Q}{2\epsilon_0 A} x^2 \end{aligned}$$

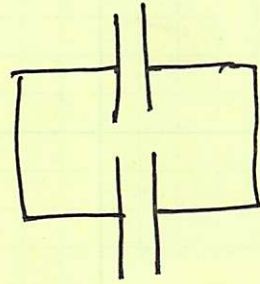
As the force on a charge in an E field is $F = qE$, we can additionally write

$$\begin{aligned} F &= QE \\ &= Q \left(\frac{Q}{2\epsilon_0 A} x^2\right) \\ &= \frac{Q^2}{2\epsilon_0 A} x^2 \end{aligned}$$

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a) Because the caps are at the same voltage, & as they are the same size, no charge flow will occur when the two are connected in parallel. The energy involved is



$$U = 2 \left[\frac{1}{2} C V_c^2 \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[\frac{1}{2} (10^{-5} \text{ F}) (50 \text{ V})^2 \right]$$

$$U = 2.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J}$$

b) Doubling the plate distance will halve the capacitance. Additionally, the charge will redistribute until the voltage is again the same, calling this V_{new} , & noting that the total charge in the system hasn't changed, we can write:

$$Q_{\text{initial}} = C V_c + C V_c = 2 C V_c$$

$$Q_{\text{final}} = C V_{\text{new}} + \frac{C}{2} V_{\text{new}}$$

so as $Q_{\text{init}} = Q_{\text{fin}}$ (no charge is added to the system during the redistribution)

$$2 C V_c = \frac{3}{2} C V_{\text{new}}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\text{new}} = \frac{4}{3} V_c$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} (50 \text{ V})$$

$$V_{\text{new}} = 66.7 \text{ volts}$$

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(cont) The new energy is

$$c.) U_{\text{new}} = \left[\frac{1}{2} C V_{\text{new}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{C}{2} \right) V_{\text{new}}^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} C V_{\text{new}}^2$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} (10^{-5} \text{ F}) (66.7 \text{ V})^2$$

$$U = 3.3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J}$$

$$d.) U_{\text{new}} = 3.3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J}$$

$$U_{\text{old}} = 2.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J}$$

Where did the extra energy come from? It came from the work required to pull the plates apart.

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The dielectric constant is such that

$$C_w = K C_{w/o}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{C_w}{C_{w/o}}$$

$$= \frac{Q/V_w}{Q/V_{w/o}}$$

(the charge on the plates doesn't change)

$$= \frac{V_{w/o}}{V_w}$$

$$= \frac{85}{25}$$

$$\boxed{K = 3.4}$$

b) Kind of material?

From Table 6.1 in the book, it is probably nylon.

c.) The dielectric weakens the E -fld between the plates. As ~~$E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A}$~~ , that means V_c goes down & $C (= Q/V_c)$ goes up. If the dielectric only partially fills the space, E ~~won't go down as much~~ will go in the dielectric region with an appropriate ΔV associated with it, but it will not go down in the air & the ΔV with that gap won't change from before. In other words, the net ΔV will be smaller, but not as small as if all the space was filled.

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a) Teflon's $K = 2.1$, so the capacitance is

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

$$= \frac{2.1 (8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}) (1.75 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m})}{4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}}$$

$$\boxed{C = 8.13 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F}}$$

b) The voltage?

This is a little convoluted ~~at first~~ unless you realize that the "DIELECTRIC STRENGTH" column in Table 26.1 in your text has the units V/m , which is the unit for electric field (in fact, for Teflon this is $6 \times 10^7 \text{ V/m}$). With that, we can write

$$V = E d$$

$$= (6 \times 10^7 \text{ V/m}) (4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m})$$

$$\boxed{V = 2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ volts}}$$

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We know

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

So

$$9.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ f} = \frac{3.7 (8.85 \times 10^{-12}) \overbrace{(1.07) l}^{\text{area}}}{2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}}$$

$$\Rightarrow l = 1.04 \text{ m}$$