

Easy:

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$$Q = CV$$

$$Q = (25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(120 \text{ V}) = 3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C}$$

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$$A = 1.00 \text{ m}^2$$

$$a) \quad C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \Rightarrow d = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{C} = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m})(1.00 \text{ m}^2)}{1.00 \text{ F}}$$

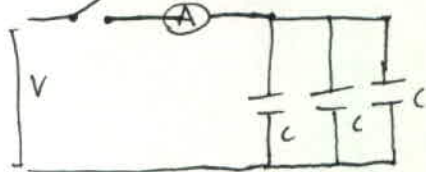
$$d = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$$

b) Don't see why nat. pm devices are currently built.

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$$C = 25.0 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$$

$$V = 4200 \text{ V}$$



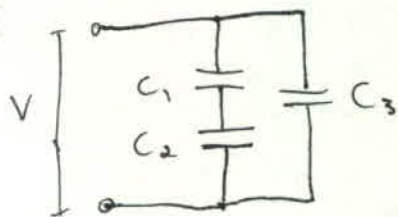
charge that passes through A is  $Q_{\text{total}}$

$$Q_{\text{total}} = C_{\text{eq}} V$$

$$Q_{\text{total}} = (C + C + C)V = 3CV$$

$$Q_{\text{total}} = 3(25.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(4200 \text{ V}) = 0.315 \text{ C}$$

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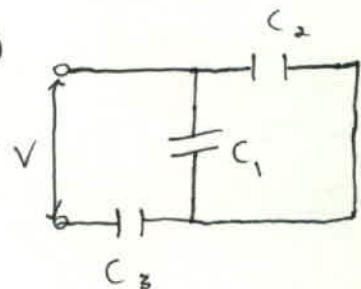
$$C_1 = 10.0 \text{ } \mu\text{F}, \quad C_2 = 5.00 \text{ } \mu\text{F}, \quad C_3 = 4.00 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$$

$$\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{C_{12}}$$

$$C_{12} = \frac{10}{3} \text{ } \mu\text{F} \quad C_{\text{eq}} = C_{12} + C_3 = \frac{10}{3} + 4$$

$$C_{\text{eq}} = 7.33 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$$

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$$C_1 = 10.0 \text{ } \mu\text{F}, \quad C_2 = 5.00 \text{ } \mu\text{F}, \quad C_3 = 4.00 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$$

$$C_{12} = C_1 + C_2 = 15 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{C_{12}} + \frac{1}{C_3} = \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$C_{\text{eq}} = \frac{60}{19} \text{ } \mu\text{F} = 3.16 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$$

(32)  $A = 40 \text{ cm}^2$   $d = 1.9 \text{ mm}$   $V = 600 \text{ V}$

a)  $C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m})(40 \text{ cm}^2)(1 \text{ m})^2}{(1.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})(100 \text{ cm})^2} = 3.54 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F}$

b)  $Q = CV = 2.124 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$

c)  $U = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} (3.54 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F})(600 \text{ V})^2 = 6.372 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J}$

d)  $V = Ed$

$E = \frac{V}{d} = \frac{600 \text{ V}}{(1.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})} = 6.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$

e)  $u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 = \frac{1}{2} (8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2)(6.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C})^2$

$u = 1.593 \text{ N/m}^2 = 1.593 \text{ J/m}^3$

(42)  $C = 50 \text{ pF}$   $A = 0.35 \text{ m}^2$

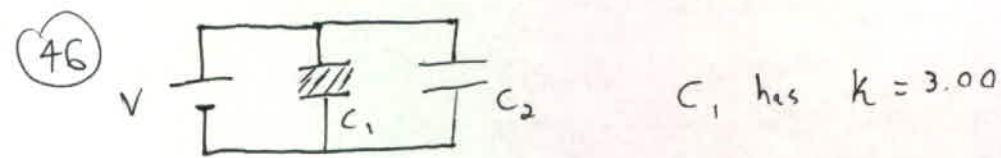
a)  $C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \Rightarrow d = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{C} = \frac{(8.85 \text{ pF/m})(0.35 \text{ m}^2)}{50 \text{ pF}}$

$d = 0.062 \text{ m}$

b)  $K = 5.6$

$C_{\text{new}} = K C_{\text{old}} = 5.6 (50 \text{ pF})$

$C_{\text{new}} = 280 \text{ pF}$



$C_1$  has  $K = 3.00$

$A = 5.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$

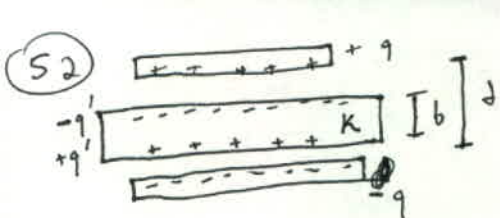
$d = 2.00 \text{ mm}$

$V = 12.0 \text{ V}$

$C_2 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$   $C_1 = K C_2 = 3 C_2$

$Q_{\text{total}} = 1.06 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$

$C_{\text{eq}} = C_1 + C_2 = 3 C_2 + C_2 = 4 C_2$   
 $Q_{\text{total}} = C_{\text{eq}} V = 4 C_2 V = 4 \epsilon_0 A V / d = \frac{4 (8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m})(5.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2)(12.0 \text{ V})}{2.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}} = 1.06 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$



$$b = 0.780 \text{ cm}, A = 115 \text{ cm}^2, d = 1.24 \text{ cm}, K = 2.61$$

constant voltage.  
 $V_0 = 85.5 \text{ V}$

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

$$E_1 = \frac{E_0}{K}$$

a)  $V = E_0 (d-b) + E_1 b$  voltage stays the same before and after.

$$V = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0 A} (d-b) + \frac{q}{\epsilon_0 A K} b = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0 A} \left( d-b + \frac{b}{K} \right)$$

$$C = \frac{q}{V} = \epsilon_0 A \left( d-b + \frac{b}{K} \right)^{-1} = \epsilon_0 A \left( d + b \left( \frac{1}{K} - 1 \right) \right)^{-1}$$

$$C = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m})(115 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2)}{\left( (1.24 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}) + (0.780 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}) \left( \frac{1}{2.61} - 1 \right) \right)}$$

$$C = 1.34 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F}$$

b)  $q = CV = (1.34 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F})(85.5 \text{ V}) = 1.15 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$

c)  $E_0 = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{(1.15 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C})}{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2)(115 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2)} = 1.13 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$

d)  $E_1 = \frac{E_0}{K} = \frac{(1.13 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C})}{2.61} = 4.32 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C}$

Medium:

12)  $C = 6.0 \mu\text{F}$  10 V battery  
 2 parallel. 1 of capacitors is squeezed to 50% of  $d$ .

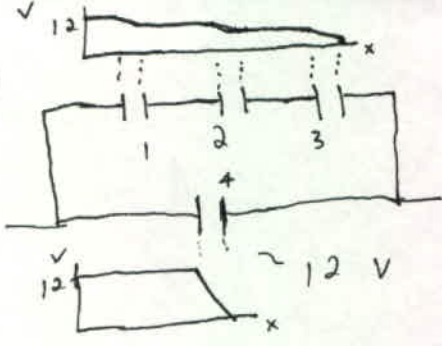
a)  $C' = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{(d/2)} = 2 \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = 2C = 12 \mu\text{F}$

so an additional  $V(C' - C) = (6.0 \mu\text{F})(10 \text{ V}) = 6.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$

is transferred to the capacitors by the battery.

b) same as a),  $6.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$ .

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2V, then 5V, then 5V

$$12 - 5 - 2 = 5V$$

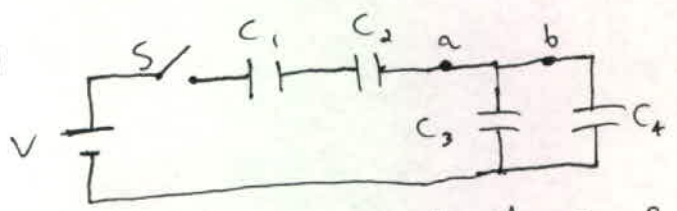
$$C_3 = 0.80 \mu F$$

$$Q = C_3 V_3 = (0.80 \mu F)(5V) = 4.0 \mu C$$

a)  $Q = C_1 V_1 \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{Q}{V_1} = \frac{4.0 \mu C}{(2V)} = 2.0 \mu F$

b)  $C_2 = \frac{Q}{V_2} = \frac{4.0 \mu C}{5V} = 0.80 \mu F$

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V = 9.0 V

C2 = 3.0 μF, C4 = 4.0 μF

12 μC passes through a, 8.0 μC passes through b.

a) C1?

$$Q_1 = Q_2 = 12 \mu C$$

b) C3?

$$Q_4 = 8.0 \mu C, Q_3 = 12 - 8 \mu C = 4.0 \mu C$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{C}, V_3 = V_4 = \frac{Q_4}{C_4} = \frac{8.0 \mu C}{4.0 \mu F} = 2.0 V$$

$$V_2 = \frac{Q_2}{C_2} = \frac{12 \mu C}{3.0 \mu F} = 4.0 V$$

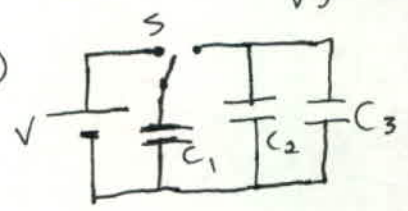
$$V_1 + V_2 + V_3 = V$$

$$V_1 = V - V_2 - V_3 = 9 - 4 - 2 = 3.0 V$$

a)  $C_1 = \frac{Q_1}{V_1} = \frac{12 \mu C}{3.0 V} = 4.0 \mu F$

b)  $C_3 = \frac{Q_3}{V_3} = \frac{4.0 \mu C}{2.0 V} = 2.0 \mu F$

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V = 10 V, C1 = 10 μF, C2 = C3 = 20 μF

First complete circuit only includes V and C1.

so  $Q_1 = C_1 V = 100 \mu C$

when the switch is thrown right, this charge becomes the total charge for the new circuit that includes only C1, C2, C3.



$$Q_{\text{total}} = C_{\text{eq}} V$$

$$V = \frac{Q_{\text{total}}}{C_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{100 \mu\text{C}}{C_1 + C_2 + C_3} = \frac{100 \mu\text{C}}{50 \mu\text{F}} = 2 \text{ V}$$

so new charge on  $C_1$  is then  $Q_1 = C_1 V = (10 \mu\text{F})(2 \text{ V}) = 20 \mu\text{C}$

(37)  $A = 8.50 \text{ cm}^2$ ,  $d = 3.00 \text{ mm}$ ,  $V = 6.00 \text{ V}$   
 pulled apart without discharge separated from battery. to  $d = 8.00 \text{ mm}$

$$C_{\text{old}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d_{\text{old}}} = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m})(8.50 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2)}{(3.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})} = 2.51 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

$$C_{\text{new}} = \frac{C_{\text{old}}}{8/3} = 9.40 \times 10^{-13} \text{ F}$$

$$Q = C_{\text{old}} V_{\text{old}} = (2.51 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F})(6.00 \text{ V}) = 1.50 \times 10^{-11} \text{ C}$$

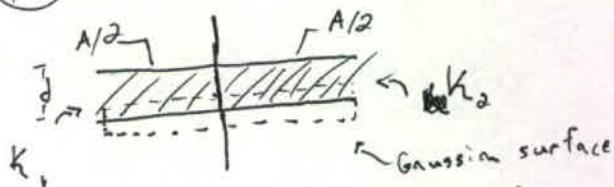
a)  $V_{\text{new}} = \frac{Q}{C_{\text{new}}} = \frac{1.50 \times 10^{-11} \text{ C}}{9.40 \times 10^{-13} \text{ F}} = 16.0 \text{ V}$

b)  $U_{\text{old}} = \frac{Q^2}{2C_{\text{old}}} = \frac{(1.50 \times 10^{-11} \text{ C})^2}{2(2.51 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F})} = 4.51 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J}$

c)  $U_{\text{new}} = \frac{Q^2}{2C_{\text{new}}} = \frac{Q^2}{2C_{\text{old}}} (8/3) = U_{\text{old}} (8/3) = 1.20 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}$

d)  $W = U_{\text{new}} - U_{\text{old}} = 7.52 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J}$

(48)  $A = 5.56 \text{ cm}^2$ ,  $d = 5.56 \text{ mm}$

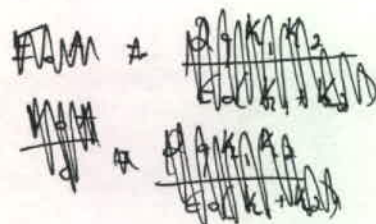


$$K_1 = 7.00, \quad K_2 = 12.0$$

$$\oint \vec{K} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$K_1 E_1 (A/2) + K_2 E_2 (A/2) = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

For Dielectric



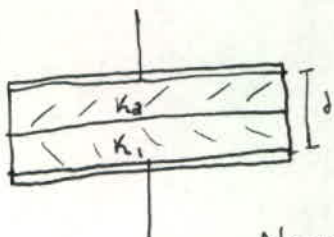
$$\frac{V}{d} \left( \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} \right) A = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$C = \frac{q}{V} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left( \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} \right) = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}) (5.56 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2) (7+12)}{2 (5.56 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})}$$

parallel inspired ↗

$$C = 3.41 \text{ pF}$$

(49)



$$A = 7.89 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$d = 4.62 \text{ mm}$$

$$k_1 = 11.0, k_2 = 12.0$$

Nonuniform field from bottom plate to top plate.  
cell  $E_1$  in  $k_1$  and  $E_2$  in  $k_2$ .

$$\text{then } V = \int E ds = E_1 \left( \frac{d}{2} \right) + E_2 \left( \frac{d}{2} \right) = \frac{d}{2} (E_1 + E_2)$$

$$\oint k \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$k_1 E_1 A = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{and} \quad k_2 E_2 A = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \quad E_2 = \frac{q}{k_2 \epsilon_0 A}$$

$$E_1 = \frac{q}{k_1 \epsilon_0 A}$$

↗ gaussian surface at bottom

↗ gaussian surface at top.

$$V = \frac{d}{2} \left( \frac{q}{k_1 \epsilon_0 A} + \frac{q}{k_2 \epsilon_0 A} \right) = \frac{q d}{2 \epsilon_0 A} \left( \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right)$$

$$C = \frac{q}{V} = \frac{2 \epsilon_0 A}{d} \left( \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right)^{-1} = \frac{2 (8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}) (7.89 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2)}{(4.62 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}) \left( \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{12} \right)}$$

series inspired ↗

$$C = 17.3 \text{ pF}$$

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$$A = 0.12 \text{ m}^2$$

$$d_0 = 1.2 \text{ cm}$$

120V initially.

dielectric of thickness

4.0 mm,  $K = 4.8$ ,

symmetrically placed between plates.

$$a) C_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d_0} = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}) (0.12 \text{ m}^2)}{(1.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})}$$

$$C_0 = 88.5 \text{ pF}$$

b) Figure 25-17 is the exact example of this. We will follow similarly. free charge is the same before and after insertion.

$$c), d) Q = C_0 V_0 = (88.5 \text{ pF}) (120 \text{ V}) = 10.6 \text{ nC}$$

$$V = \int E ds = E_0 (d-b) + E_1 b = E_0 \left( d-b + \frac{b}{K} \right), \quad E_0 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A}$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} \left( d - b + \frac{b}{k} \right) \quad b = 4.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \epsilon_0 A \left( d - b + \frac{b}{k} \right)^{-1} = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}) (0.12 \text{ m}^2)}{\left( 3.0 \text{ m} + \frac{4.0 \text{ mm}}{4.8} \right) \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$b) \quad C = 120 \text{ pF}$$

charge mentioned before.

$$e) \quad E_0 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{(10.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C})}{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2) (0.12 \text{ m}^2)} = 10. \times 10^3 \text{ N/C} = 10. \text{ kN/C}$$

$$f) \quad E_1 = \frac{E_0}{k} = 2.08 \text{ kN/C}$$

$$g) \quad V = \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{(10.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C})}{(120 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F})} = 88.3 \text{ V}$$

$$h) \quad W = U_F - U_i = \frac{Q^2}{2C} - \frac{Q^2}{2C_0} = \frac{Q^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{C} - \frac{1}{C_0} \right) = \frac{(10.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C})^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{(120 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F})} - \frac{1}{(88.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F})} \right)$$

$$W = -168 \text{ nJ}$$

62) For all arrangements,  $U = 75 \text{ } \mu\text{J}$ ,  $100 \text{ } \mu\text{J}$ ,  $300 \text{ } \mu\text{J}$ ,  $400 \text{ } \mu\text{J}$   
Each individually,

series,  
parallel.

since  $U = \frac{1}{2} C_{eq} V^2$  for all cases, we know that... ~~they are series~~

Firstly,  $C_{eq, \text{series}} < C_1$  and  $C_{eq, \text{series}} < C_2$ . Also the parallel  $C_{eq}$  is greater than either  $C_1$  or  $C_2$ . So looking at  $U = \frac{1}{2} C_{eq} V^2$  we know that the 2 middle energy values are the values of the individual cases,  $100 \text{ } \mu\text{J}$  and  $300 \text{ } \mu\text{J}$

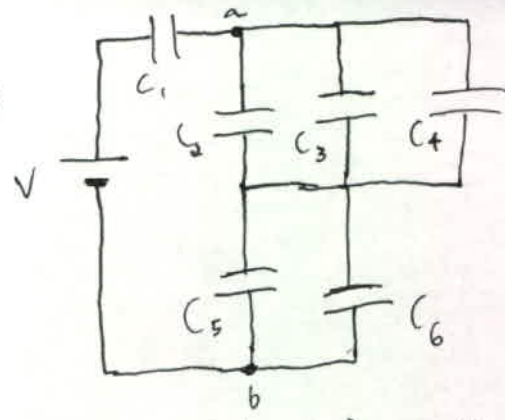
$$\text{so } U_1 = \frac{1}{2} C_1 V^2 \quad U_2 = \frac{1}{2} C_2 V^2$$

$$C_1 = \frac{2U_1}{V^2} \quad C_2 = \frac{2U_2}{V^2}$$

$$a), b) \quad C_1 = \frac{2(100 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J})}{(10 \text{ V})^2} = 2 \text{ } \mu\text{F}, \quad C_2 = \frac{2(300 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J})}{(10 \text{ V})^2} = 6 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$$



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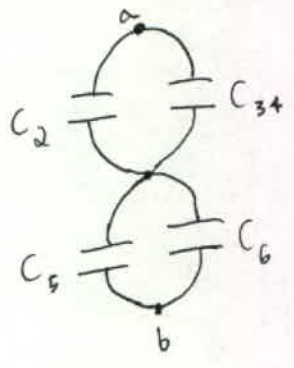


$V = 12 \text{ V}, C_1 = C_5 = C_6 = 6.0 \mu\text{F},$   
 $C_2 = C_3 = C_4 = 4.0 \mu\text{F}$

First  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  are parallel.  
 Redraw circuit from point a to point b.

$C_{34} = C_3 + C_4 = 8.0 \mu\text{F}$

a)



$\rightarrow$  equivalent to what is drawn in the figure.

so then  $C_{234} = C_2 + C_{34} = 12 \mu\text{F}$

$C_{56} = C_5 + C_6 = 12 \mu\text{F}$

• then  $C_{23456} = \frac{12 \mu\text{F}}{2} = 6.0 \mu\text{F}$  because  $C_{234}$  and  $C_{56}$  are in series.

Then  $C_1$  is in series with  $\uparrow$ , so we get

$C_{eq} = \frac{6.0 \mu\text{F}}{2} = 3.0 \mu\text{F}$

so  $q_{net} = C_{eq} V = (3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(12 \text{ V}) = 36 \mu\text{C}$

b) We know that  $C_1$  has  $q_{net}$ , so  $V_1 = \frac{q_{net}}{C_1} = \frac{36 \mu\text{C}}{6.0 \mu\text{F}} = 6.0 \text{ V} = V_{23456}$

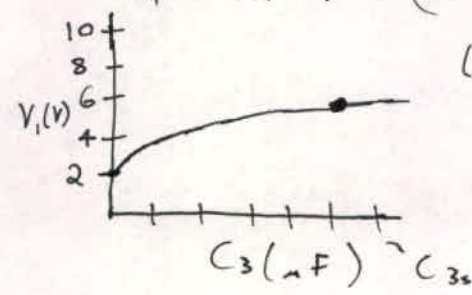
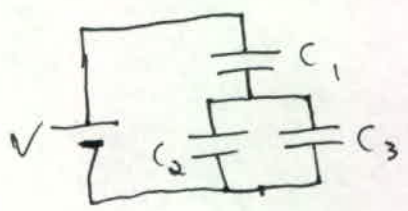
We know that since  $C_{234} = C_{56}$  that  $V$  is split evenly between them, so  $V_{234} = \frac{6.0 \text{ V}}{2} = 3.0 \text{ V}$ .

Then 2, 3, and 4 are in parallel so  $V_4 = 3.0 \text{ V}$ .

Therefore

$Q_4 = C_4 V_4 = (4.0 \mu\text{F})(3.0 \text{ V}) = 12 \mu\text{C}$

Hard:  
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$(0, 2), (\frac{5}{6} C_{3s}, 6)$  are 2 points.

$C_{3s} = 12.0 \mu\text{F}$

$C_3 \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow V_1 \rightarrow 10 \text{ V}$ .



a)  $V = V_1 + V_3$  For  $C_3 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $C_2 + C_3 \rightarrow \infty$ .  
 Then  $\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2 + C_3} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{\infty} \approx \frac{1}{C_1}$

so  $C_{eq} \approx C_1$  when  $C_3 \rightarrow \infty$ .  
 $Q_{net} = C_{eq} V = C_1 V$

then we have  $Q_1 = C_1 V_1$ . But  $Q_1 = Q_{net}$  always because it's in series with the battery.

so  $C_1 V_1 = C_{eq} V = C_1 V$   
 so  $V_1 = V$  when  $C_3 \rightarrow \infty$ .  
 so  $V = 10 V$ .

b) when  $C_3 = 0$ ,  $V_1 = 2 V$

c)  $V_1 + V_2 = V \Rightarrow V_2 = 8 V$

$Q_1 = Q_2$  so  $C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2$

$2 C_1 = 8 C_2$

$C_1 = 4 C_2$

when  $C_3 = \frac{5}{6} C_{3s} = 10.0 \mu F$ ,  
 $V_1 = 6 V$

• then  $V_2 = V_3 = 4 V$

$Q_2 + Q_3 = Q_1$

$C_2 V_2 + C_3 V_3 = C_1 V_1$

$4 C_2 + 4 C_3 = 6 C_1$

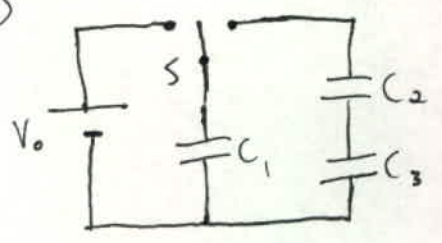
$C_2 + 10.0 \mu F = 1.5 C_1$   
 $C_2 = 1.5 C_1 - 10.0 \mu F$   
 then  $C_2 = \frac{C_1}{4} = 2.0 \mu F$

$C_1 = 4 (1.5 C_1 - 10.0 \mu F)$

$5 C_1 = 40.0 \mu F$

$C_1 = 8.0 \mu F$

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$V_0 = 12.0 V$ ,  $C_1 = 4.00 \mu F$ ,  $C_2 = 6.00 \mu F$ ,  $C_3 = 3.00 \mu F$

call  $Q_0$  the charge on  $C_1$  when hooked up alone to the battery

$q_0 = Q_0 = C_1 V_0 = (4.00 \mu F)(12.0 V) = 48.0 \mu C$

After the switch flips right, the potential at the top plate of  $C_1$  = the potential at the top plate of  $C_2$ , while the potential at the bottom plate of  $C_1$  = the potential at the bottom plate of  $C_3$ . Therefore we need to make an equivalent capacitor with  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  ( $C_{23}$ ) such that they are in series.

$$\frac{1}{C_{23}} = \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \Rightarrow C_{23} = \frac{C_2 C_3}{C_2 + C_3}$$

then the Voltage across  $C_1$  = Voltage across  $C_{23}$ .

$$V_1 = V_{23}$$

$$\frac{q_1}{C_1} = \frac{q_{23}}{C_{23}} = \frac{q_2}{C_2} \quad q_{23} = q_2 = q_3 \quad \text{since they are in series.}$$

We also have that the total charge  $q_0$  must be conserved, so

$$q_0 = q_1 + q_{23} = q_1 + q_2$$

$$q_1 = -q_2 + q_0$$

$$\frac{-q_2 + q_0}{C_1} = \frac{q_2}{C_{23}}$$

$$q_2 \left( \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_{23}} \right) = \frac{q_0}{C_1}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{q_0}{C_1} \left( \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_{23}} \right)^{-1}$$

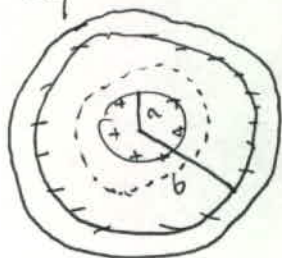
$$q_2 = \frac{48.0 \mu\text{C}}{4.00 \mu\text{F}} \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{6+3}{(6)(3)} \right)^{-1} \mu\text{F}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{16.0}{16.0} \mu\text{C} = q_3$$

$$q_1 = -q_2 + q_0 = 32.0 \mu\text{C}$$

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cylindrical capacitor radii  $a$  and  $b$ .



$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$$

Show that  $\frac{1}{2} U$  lies within a cylinder of radius  $r = \sqrt{ab}$

$$r = \sqrt{ab}$$

$$U(r) = \int \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 dV = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \int_0^L \int_0^{2\pi} \int_a^r \left( \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 L r} \right)^2 r dr d\theta dz$$

$$U(r) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 L} \right)^2 (2\pi L) \int_a^r \frac{1}{r} dr = \frac{q^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 L} \ln\left(\frac{r}{a}\right)$$

$$\frac{U(r)}{U(b)} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\frac{q^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 L} \ln\left(\frac{r}{a}\right)}{\frac{q^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 L} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{r}{a}\right)$$

$$\ln(r) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(ab)$$

$$r = \sqrt{ab}$$