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General Electricity

Problems & Exercises (of Chap 2)

Conductors in Electrostatic Equilibrium

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Exercise 1

Two conducting spheres with radii R_1 and R_2 , whose centers are at a very large distance compared to R_1 and R_2 , and carrying charges Q_1 and Q_2 .

1. Calculate the potentials V_1 and V_2 of the two spheres.

The two spheres are connected by a conducting wire with negligible resistance.

2. Calculate the charges Q_1' and Q_2' , as well as the potentials V_1' and V_2' .
3. Calculate the capacitance of the resulting single conductor.

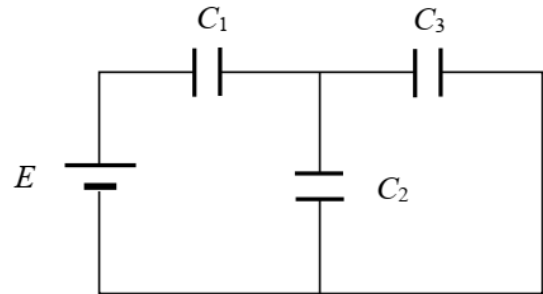


Exercise 2

Consider three capacitors $C_1 = C_2 = 1 \mu\text{F}$, and $C_3 = 2 \mu\text{F}$, initially uncharged, and connected as shown in the figure below:

1. Calculate the equivalent capacitance between the terminals of the generator.
2. Given $E = 4\text{V}$, determine the electric charge across each capacitor.

Hence, deduce the potential difference (PD) across each capacitor.



Exercise 3

Consider six capacitors of capacitance $C_1 = 1.5 \mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = C_3 = 3 \mu\text{F}$, $C_4 = 2 \mu\text{F}$, $C_5 = C_6 = 2.5 \mu\text{F}$ and a dry cell of voltage U_{PN} are connected to each other as shown in the adjacent **Figure 4**.

Given that: $V_{BD} = 5\text{V}$.

- 1) Calculate the equivalent capacitance C_{eq} between A and D.
- 2) Calculate the charge Q_{BD} . Deduce the charge Q_{eq} of C_{eq} . Deduce the voltage U_{PN}
- 3) Calculate the charge and the voltage across each capacitor.

