



**Correction of SW N° 03**  
**Conductors and capacitors**

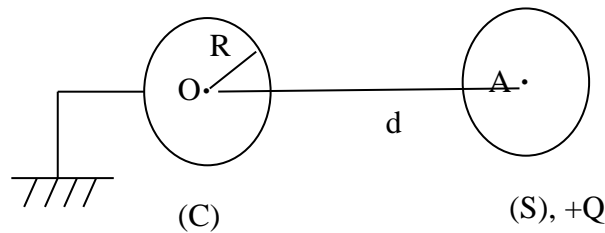
**Exercise 1**

We have  $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$  with  $Q = \sigma \cdot S = \sigma \cdot 4\pi R^2$

$$\text{so } E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$$

$$\text{NA. } E = \frac{10^{-8}}{4\pi \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot (8.85 \cdot 10^{-12})} = 9 \cdot 10^3 \text{ V/M}$$

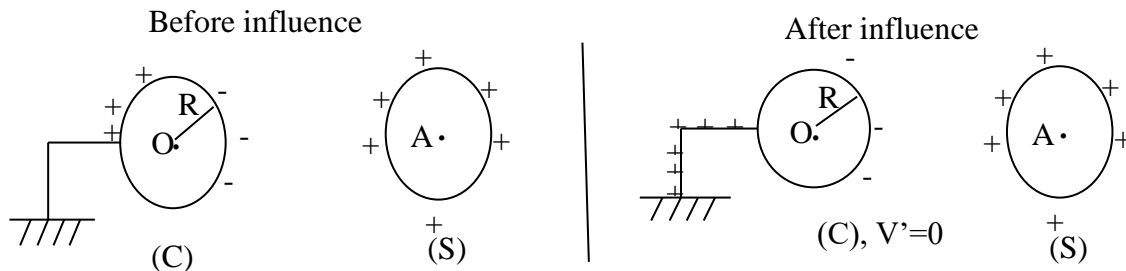
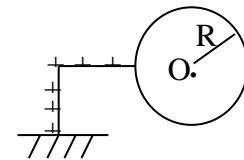
**Exercise 2**



Before influence,

Neglecting the influence of (C) on (S), let's find the charge  $q$  of (C).

Remember that when the conductor is connected to the ground, positive charges flow towards the ground and the potential  $V=0$ .



After the influence, positive charges flow to ground and the conductor (C) will have a negative charge and zero potential.  $V_C' = 0$

$$V_C' = V_C + V_{S/C} = 0$$

with  $V_C$  : is the potential of (C) before influence and  $V_{S/C}$ : is the potential of (C) after influence of (S) on (C).

$$V_C = \frac{kq_C}{R}$$

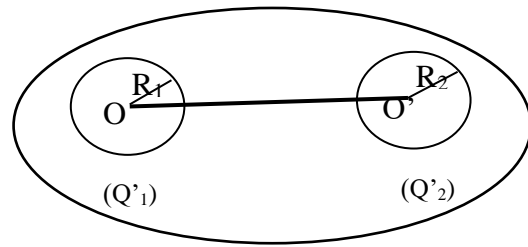
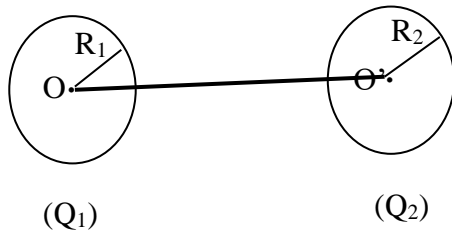
$$V_{S/C} = \frac{kQ_S}{d} \text{ with } (Q_S = +Q)$$

$$\text{So } V_C' = \frac{kq_C}{R} + \frac{kQ}{d} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q_C = -\frac{QR}{d} \text{ with } d = OA$$



**Exercise 3**



Let's find Q1' and Q2' after influence:

By connecting the two conductors with a wire ; a single conductor is created with Q'1 and Q'2 are the charges of the two conductors.

**After influence** when this conductor is in electrostatic equilibrium:

- The potential is constant:  $V'_1 = V'_2 \Rightarrow \frac{kQ'_1}{R_1} = \frac{kQ'_2}{R_2}$  So  $\frac{Q'_1}{R_1} = \frac{Q'_2}{R_2}$

- The total charge in the formed conductor is the sum of the charges of the two conductors, since the charge carried by the wire is neglected.

$$Q'_1 + Q'_2 = Q_1 + Q_2$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{Q'_1}{R_1} = \frac{Q'_2}{R_2} \\ Q'_1 + Q'_2 = Q_1 + Q_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{Q'_1}{2} = \frac{Q'_2}{3} \\ Q'_1 + Q'_2 = 25 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} Q'_1 = 2 \frac{Q'_2}{3} \\ 2 \frac{Q'_2}{3} + Q'_2 = 25 \end{cases} \text{ so } Q'_2 = 15 \mu\text{C} = Q_2 \text{ et } Q'_1 = 10 \mu\text{C} = Q_1$$

The charges on the two conductors have not changed, so there has been no charge displacement, as the two conductors are far apart and the charge on the wire is negligible.

**Exercise 4**

1-  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in series:  $\frac{1}{C_{eq1}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}$

$C_{eq1} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} \Rightarrow C_{eq1} = 2 \mu\text{F}$

$C_3$  et  $C_4$  in series:  $\frac{1}{C_{eq2}} = \frac{1}{C_3} + \frac{1}{C_4}$

$\Rightarrow C_{eq2} = \frac{C_3 C_4}{C_3 + C_4} \Rightarrow C_{eq2} = 1,33 \mu\text{F}$

$C_1 \therefore C_2 \Rightarrow C_{eq} = C_{ea1} + C_{ea2} = 3,33 \mu\text{F} \Rightarrow C_{eq} = 3,33 \mu\text{F}$

2- The voltage across the armatures of each capacitor:

$Q_1 = Q_2$  ( $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in séries)

$$C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2 \Rightarrow V_1 = \frac{C_2 V_2}{C_1} = 2V_2$$

$V_1 + V_2 = 90 \text{ volt}$



so

$$2V_2 + V_2 = 90 \Rightarrow 3V_2 = 90 \Rightarrow V_2 = 30 \text{ volt} \Rightarrow V_1 = 60 \text{ volt}$$

$Q_3 = Q_4$  ( $C_3$  and  $C_4$  in séries)

$$C_3 V_3 = C_4 V_4 \Rightarrow V_3 = \frac{C_4 V_4}{C_3} = 2V_4 \Rightarrow V_3 + V_4 = 90 \text{ volt}$$

So

$$2V_4 + V_4 = 90 \Rightarrow 3V_4 = 90 \Rightarrow V_4 = 30 \text{ volt} \Rightarrow V_3 = 60 \text{ volt}$$

3- the electrical charge carried by each capacitor.

$$Q_1 = Q_2 = C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2 = 180 \mu\text{C}$$

$$Q_3 = Q_4 = C_3 V_3 = C_4 V_4 = 120 \mu\text{C}$$

#### Exercise 4

1) The capacity of the two capacitors in parallel,  $C_{23} = C_2 + C_3 = 6 \text{ mF}$   
and the capacity of the entire circuit:

$$\frac{1}{C_{ab}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_{23}}$$

$$C_{eq} = 2,0 \text{ mF}$$

2) The charge on the first capacitor is the same as the charge on the whole combination, because it's the only thing to which the left wire is connected. This charge can be found from the capacity.

$$Q_{eq} = Q_1 = C_{eq} \cdot V_{eq} = 12 \text{ mC}$$

There is a charge  $Q_1$  on the opposite side of the first capacitor, which must also come from the next capacitors as they are equal to each other. Therefore,

$$Q_2 = Q_3 = (1/2) Q_1.$$

$$Q_1 = 12 \text{ mC}, Q_2 = Q_3 = 6,0 \text{ mC}$$

2) We have  $V_i = Q_i / C_i$  hence  $V_1 = (Q_1 / C_1) = 4,0 \text{ V}$

$$\text{And } V_2 = V_3 = (Q_2 / C_2) = 2,0 \text{ V}$$

4) the capacity is:

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{Q}{Ed} \quad \text{so } C = 2.0 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ F}$$

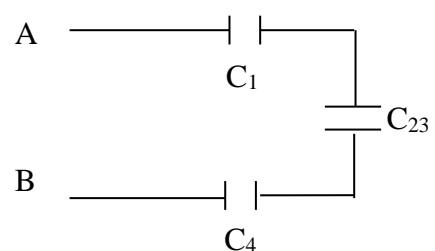
5) Energie is :

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} C U^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot Q U \quad \text{so } E_p = 18 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ J}$$

#### Supplementary exercise 1:

A 1- Equivalent capacity

$$C_{23} = C_2 + C_3 = 10 + 4 = 14 \mu\text{F}$$





$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_{23}} + \frac{1}{C_4} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{14} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{10}{14} \Rightarrow C_{eq} = 1,4\mu F$$

2- Charges carried by capacitors

**In a series connection:  $Q_{AB} = Q_{C1} = Q_{C23} = Q_{C4}$  avec  $Q_{AB} = C_{eq} U_{AB}$   $U_{AB} = U_{C1} + U_{C23} + U_{C4}$**

$$Q_{eq} = C_{eq}U \Rightarrow Q_{eq} = 1,4 \times 12 = 16,8\mu C \quad U = U_{AB} = 12 \text{ volt}$$

$$Q_{eq} = Q_{C1} = Q_{C4} = Q_{C23} = 16,8\mu C$$

$$\text{And } U_{23} = U_2 = U_3 \Rightarrow \frac{Q_{C23}}{C_{23}} = \frac{Q_{C2}}{C_2} = \frac{Q_{C3}}{C_3}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_{C2} = \frac{Q_{C23} \times C_2}{C_{23}} = \frac{16,8 \times 10}{14} = 12\mu C \quad \text{and} \quad Q_{C3} = \frac{Q_{C23} \times C_3}{C_{23}} = \frac{16,8 \times 4}{14} = 4,8\mu C$$

1- Capacitors voltage

$$U_1 = \frac{Q_{C1}}{C_1} = \frac{16,8}{2} = 8,4 \text{ Volt} \quad \text{and} \quad U_4 = \frac{Q_{C4}}{C_4} = \frac{16,8}{7} = 2,4 \text{ Volt}$$

and  $U_3 = U_2 = 12 - 8,4 - 2,4 = 1,2 \text{ Volt}$

B. The capacity of capacitor

$$V = \int E dl = E \int_A^B dl = Ed$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{Q}{Ed} \quad \text{so} \quad C = \frac{30 \times 10^{-3}}{100 \times 0,015} = 20 \cdot 10^{-3} F$$

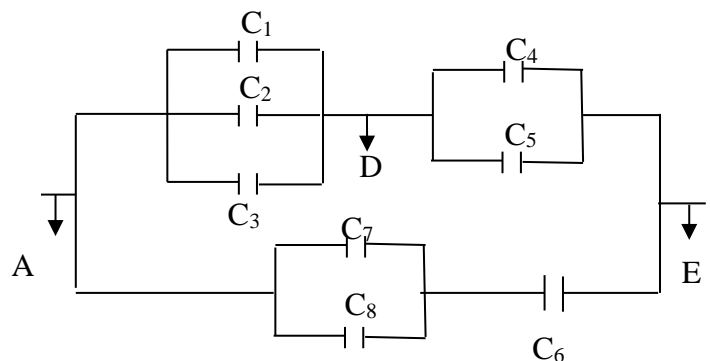
C. The energie is :

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} CU^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot QU \quad \text{so} \quad E_p = 18 \cdot 10^{-9} J$$

### Supplementary exercise 2:

$$1. \quad Q_{C1} = C_1 U_{AD} \Rightarrow U_{AD} = \frac{Q_{C1}}{C_1} = \frac{10}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{AD} = 2,5 \text{ Volt}$$



$$2. \quad Q_{C2} = C_2 U_{AD} = 3,5 \times 2,5 = 8,75\mu C$$

$$Q_{C3} = C_3 U_{AD} = 2,5 \times 2,5 = 6,25\mu C$$

$$3. \quad U_{BD} = 2 \text{ Volt}$$

$$Q_{C4} = C_4 U_{BD} = 5 \times 2 = 10\mu C$$



and  $Q_{C5} = C_5 U_{BD} = 5 \times 2 = 10 \mu C$

4. Let's calculate  $C_{eq}$  :

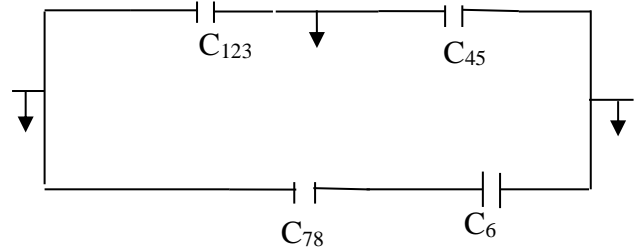
$$C_{123} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 4 + 3,5 + 2,5 = 10 \mu F$$

$$C_{45} = C_4 + C_5 = 5 + 5 = 10 \mu F$$

$$C_{78} = C_7 + C_8 = 5 + 5 = 10 \mu F$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq1}} = \frac{1}{C_{123}} + \frac{1}{C_{45}} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{2}{10} \Rightarrow C_{eq1} = 5 \mu F$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq2}} = \frac{1}{C_{78}} + \frac{1}{C_6} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{2}{10} \Rightarrow C_{eq2} = 5 \mu F$$



$$C_{eq} = C_{eq1} + C_{eq2} = 5 + 5 = 10 \mu F$$

5. Energy stored in the capacitor  $C_1$  :

$$E_{C1} = \frac{1}{2} C_1 U_{AD}^2 = \frac{1}{2} 4 (2,5)^2 = 12,5 \mu j$$