

A point dipole =  $\vec{p} - p_o \hat{x}$  kept at the origin. The potential and electric field due to this dipole on the  $y$ -axis at a distance  $d$  are, respectively : (Take  $V = 0$  at infinity)

[12 April 2019 I]

(a)  $\frac{|\vec{p}|}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2}, \frac{\vec{p}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^3}$

(b)  $0, \frac{-\vec{p}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^3}$

(c)  $0, \frac{|\vec{p}|}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^3}$

(d)  $\frac{|\vec{p}|}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2}, \frac{-\vec{p}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^3}$

(b) The electric potential at the bisector is zero and electric field is antiparallel to the dipole moment.

$$\therefore V = 0 \text{ and } \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{-\vec{P}}{d^3} \right)$$

Concentric metallic hollow spheres of radii  $R$  and  $4R$  hold charges  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  respectively. Given that surface charge densities of the concentric spheres are equal, the potential difference  $V(R) - V(4R)$  is: **[Sep. 03, 2020 (II)]**

(a)  $\frac{3Q_1}{16\pi\epsilon_0 R}$

(b)  $\frac{3Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$

(c)  $\frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$

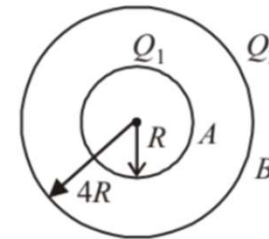
(d)  $\frac{3Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$

(a) We have given two metallic hollow spheres of radii  $R$  and  $4R$  having charges  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  respectively.  
Potential on the surface of inner sphere (at  $A$ )

$$V_A = \frac{kQ_1}{R} + \frac{kQ_2}{4R}$$

Potential on the surface of outer sphere (at  $B$ )

$$V_B = \frac{kQ_1}{4R} + \frac{kQ_2}{4R} \quad \left( \text{Here, } k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)$$



Potential difference,

$$\Delta V = V_A - V_B = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{kQ_1}{R} = \frac{3}{16\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{Q_1}{R}$$

A charge of total amount  $Q$  is distributed over two concentric hollow spheres of radii  $r$  and  $R$  ( $R > r$ ) such that the surface charge densities on the two spheres are equal. The electric potential at the common centre is

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$$(a) \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(R-r)Q}{(R^2+r^2)}$$

$$(b) \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(R+r)Q}{2(R^2+r^2)}$$

$$(c) \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(R+r)Q}{(R^2+r^2)}$$

$$(d) \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(R-r)Q}{2(R^2+r^2)}$$

(c) Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be charge on two spheres of radius ' $r$ ' and ' $R$ ' respectively

As,  $q_1 + q_2 = Q$

and  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$  [Surface charge density are equal]

$$\therefore \frac{q_1}{r\pi r^2} = \frac{q_2}{4\pi R^2}$$

$$\text{So, } q_1 = \frac{Qr^2}{R^2+r^2} \text{ and } q_2 = \frac{QR^2}{R^2+r^2}$$

$$\text{Now, potential, } V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{q_1}{r} + \frac{q_2}{R} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{Qr}{R^2+r^2} + \frac{QR}{R^2+r^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{Q(R+r)}{R^2+r^2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

Two capacitors of capacitances  $C$  and  $2C$  are charged to potential differences  $V$  and  $2V$ , respectively. These are then connected in parallel in such a manner that the positive terminal of one is connected to the negative terminal of the other. The final energy of this configuration is :

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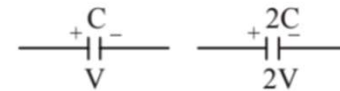
(a)  $\frac{25}{6}CV^2$

(b)  $\frac{3}{2}CV^2$

(c) zero

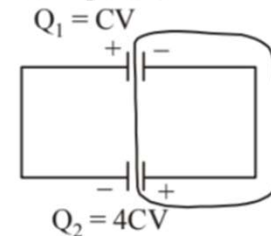
(d)  $\frac{9}{2}CV^2$

(b) When capacitors  $C$  and  $2C$  capacitance are charged to  $V$  and  $2V$  respectively.



$$Q_1 = CV \quad Q_2 = 2C \times 2V = 4CV$$

When connected in parallel



By conservation of charge

$$4CV - CV = (C + 2C)V_{\text{common}}$$

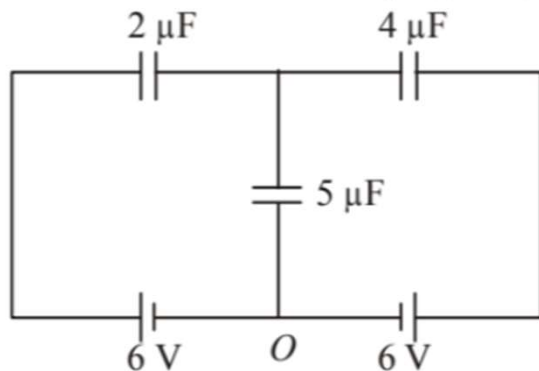
$$V_{\text{common}} = \frac{3CV}{3C} = V$$

Therefore final energy of this configuration,

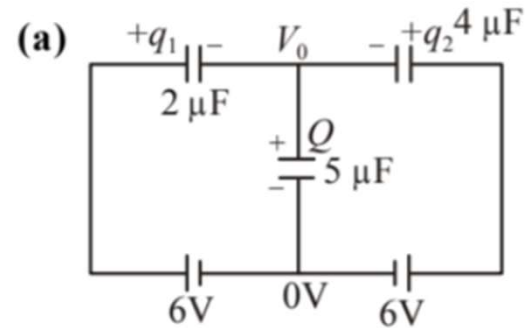
$$U_f = \left( \frac{1}{2}CV^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times 2CV^2 \right) = \frac{3}{2}CV^2$$

In the circuit shown, charge on the  $5\ \mu\text{F}$  capacitor is :

[Sep. 05, 2020 (II)]



- (a)  $18.00\ \mu\text{C}$                       (b)  $10.90\ \mu\text{C}$   
 (c)  $16.36\ \mu\text{C}$                       (d)  $5.45\ \mu\text{C}$



Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be the charge on the capacitors of  $2\ \mu\text{F}$  and  $4\ \mu\text{F}$ . Then charge on capacitor of  $5\ \mu\text{F}$

$$Q = q_1 + q_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5V_0 = 2(6 - V_0) + 4(6 - V_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5V_0 = 12 - 2V_0 + 24 - 4V_0$$

$$\Rightarrow 11V_0 = 36 \Rightarrow V_0 = \frac{36}{11}V$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = 5V_0 = \frac{180}{11}\ \mu\text{C}$$

A  $60 \text{ pF}$  capacitor is fully charged by a  $20 \text{ V}$  supply. It is then disconnected from the supply and is connected to another uncharged  $60 \text{ pF}$  capacitor in parallel. The electrostatic energy that is lost in this process by the time the charge is redistributed between them is (in nJ)

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**(6)** In the first condition, electrostatic energy is

$$U_i = \frac{1}{2} C V_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 60 \times 10^{-12} \times 400 = 12 \times 10^{-9} \text{ J}$$

In the second condition  $U_f = \frac{1}{2} C' V'^2$

$$U_f = \frac{1}{2} 2C \left( \frac{V_0}{2} \right)^2 \quad \left( \because C' = 2C, V' = \frac{V_0}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times 60 \times 10^{-12} \times (20)^2 = 6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ J}$$

$$\text{Energy lost} = U_i - U_f = 12 \times 10^{-9} \text{ J} - 6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ J} = 6 \text{ nJ}$$

A parallel plate capacitor has  $1\mu\text{F}$  capacitance. One of its two plates is given  $+2\mu\text{C}$  charge and the other plate,  $+4\mu\text{C}$  charge. The potential difference developed across the capacitor is :

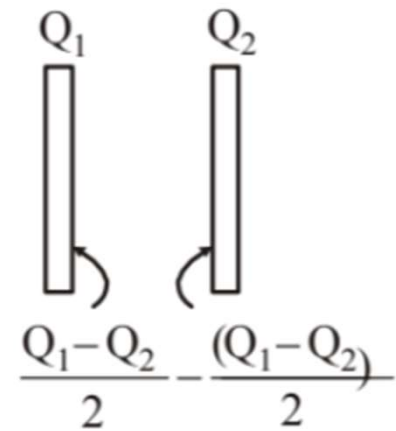
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- (a) 3V      (b) 1V      (c) 5V      (d) 2V

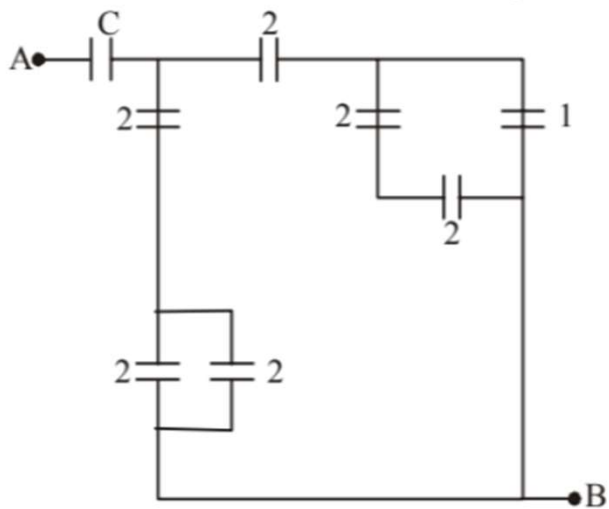
$$(b) V = \frac{Q}{C}$$

$$= \left( \frac{Q_1 - Q_2}{2C} \right)$$

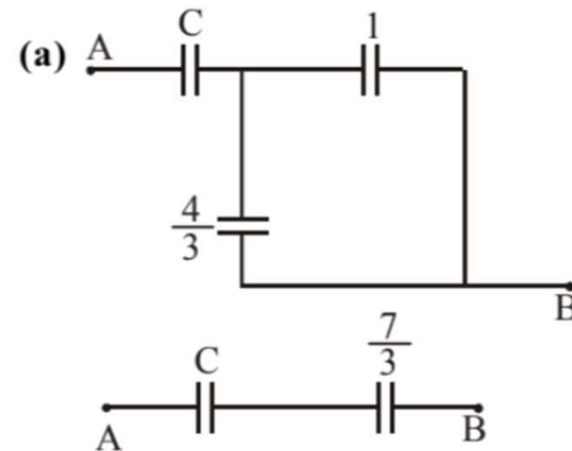
$$= \left( \frac{4 - 2}{2 \times 1} \right) = 1 \text{ V}$$



In the circuit shown, find C if the effective capacitance of the whole circuit is to be  $0.5 \mu\text{F}$ . All values in the circuit are in  $\mu\text{F}$ .  
**[12 Jan. 2019 II]**



- (a)  $\frac{7}{11} \mu\text{F}$     (b)  $\frac{6}{5} \mu\text{F}$     (c)  $4 \mu\text{F}$     (d)  $\frac{7}{10} \mu\text{F}$



For series combination

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{7C}{3}}{\frac{7}{3} + C} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 14C = 7 + 3C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{7}{11} \mu\text{F}$$