

combination of capacitors

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1) Series combination \rightarrow

here: $V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$

$$\therefore q = C \cdot \Delta V$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{q}{C_1} + \frac{q}{C_2} + \frac{q}{C_3} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

from (1) & (2)

$$\frac{q}{C_{eq}} = q \cdot \left\{ \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$

formula for
Equivalent
capacity in
series comb.

* if there are n capacitors in series;

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{C_n}$$

* if ' n ' identical capacitors are used in series comb.

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C} + \frac{1}{C} + \frac{1}{C} + \dots \text{ } n \text{ times}$$

$$= \frac{n}{C}$$

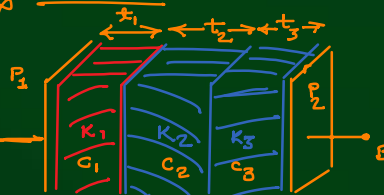
$$C_{eq} = \frac{C}{n}$$

imp. * Series combination of dielectrics:

$$\therefore \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 A} \cdot \left\{ \frac{t_1}{K_1} + \frac{t_2}{K_2} + \frac{t_3}{K_3} \right\}$$

(formula of Equivalent capacity)



note: while moving from 1 electrode the other if we have to cross all the dielectric mediums

$$A_{\text{dielectrics}} = A_{\text{plates}} = A$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{K_1 \epsilon_0 A}{t_1}; C_2 = \frac{K_2 \epsilon_0 A}{t_2}$$

$$C_3 = \frac{K_3 \epsilon_0 A}{t_3}$$

$$K_{\text{air}} = 1$$

then they will be in series combination.

find the capacity of the given capacitor whose dielectric const is $K = K_0 \cdot e^{-\alpha x}$

where K_0 & α are const. & x is distance from P_1 .

capacity of the considered element

$$dC_x = \frac{K_x \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot A}{dx} = \frac{K_0 \cdot e^{-\alpha x} \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot A}{dx}$$

\therefore all the elements will be in series

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \int \frac{1}{dC_x} = \int \frac{dx}{K_0 \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot A \cdot e^{-\alpha x}}$$

$$\therefore C_{eq} = \frac{K_0 \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot A}{(e^{\alpha \cdot d} - 1)} \quad F$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \cdot A} \cdot \int_0^d e^{\alpha x} \cdot dx$$

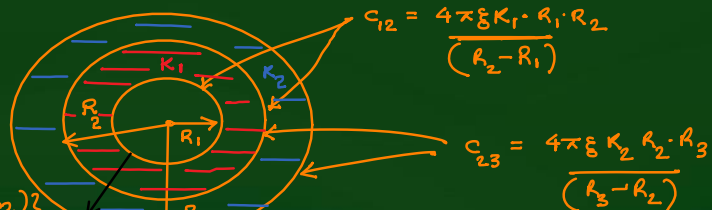
$$\therefore C_{eq} = \frac{K_0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot A}{(C^{\alpha \cdot d - 1})} F$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{eq} &= \frac{K_0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot A \cdot e}{\int_0^d \frac{1}{e^{\alpha x}} dx} \\ &= \frac{1}{K_0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot A} \cdot \left[\frac{e^{\alpha x}}{\alpha} \right]_0^d \\ &= \frac{1}{K_0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot A \alpha} \cdot \{ e^{\alpha \cdot d} - e^0 \} \end{aligned}$$

Q: find the equivalent capacity of the system:

$\therefore C_{12}$ & C_{23} are in series combination

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{C_{eq}} &= \frac{1}{C_{12}} + \frac{1}{C_{23}} \\ &= \frac{(R_2 - R_1)}{4\pi\epsilon K_1 R_1 R_2} + \frac{(R_3 - R_2)}{4\pi\epsilon K_2 R_2 R_3} \\ \frac{1}{C_{eq}} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon K_2} \cdot \left\{ \frac{(R_2 - R_1)}{K_1 R_1} + \frac{(R_3 - R_2)}{K_2 R_3} \right\} \\ \Rightarrow C_{eq} &= \left\{ \frac{4\pi\epsilon \cdot K_1 K_2 \cdot R_1 R_2 R_3}{K_2 R_3 (R_2 - R_1) + K_1 R_1 (R_3 - R_2)} \right\} F \end{aligned}$$



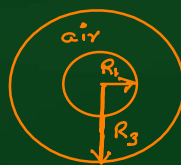
very imp. concept \Rightarrow if only air is filled b/w the shells \Rightarrow

$$K_1 = K_2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{eq} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon R_1 R_2 R_3}{\{ R_2 R_3 - R_1 R_3 + R_1 R_3 - R_1 R_2 \}} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon R_1 R_2 R_3}{R_2 \cdot (R_3 - R_1)}$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon R_1 \cdot R_3}{(R_3 - R_1)} F$$

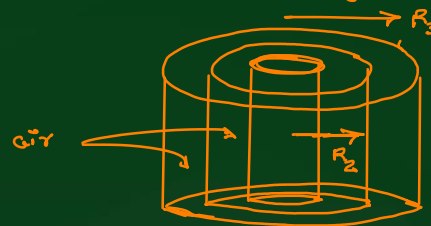
independent of the radius of the intermediate shell.



$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{4\pi\epsilon R_1 R_3}{(R_3 - R_1)}$$

if there are multiple concentric shells having air filled b/w them then the capacity will only depend upon the innermost & outermost shell only.

Same concept will be applied for cylindrical capacitors.

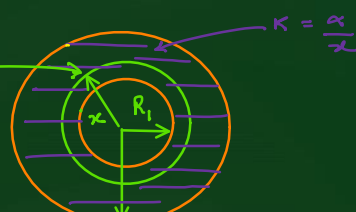


$$\text{i.e. } C_{eq} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon \cdot l}{\log_e \left(\frac{R_3}{R_1} \right)} F$$

\Rightarrow independent of R_2

Q: find the capacitance of the following pair of shells if the Dielectric constant filled b/w them is $K = \frac{\alpha}{x}$; where α is const. & x is the distance from the center.

spherical Element of thickness dx



for the considered spherical element

$$K = \frac{\alpha}{x} = \text{const.} \quad (x + dx) = R_2$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \int \frac{1}{dc} = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \frac{dx}{4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha x}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha} \cdot \left(\log_e x\right)_{R_1}^{R_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{\log_e\left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)}{4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha}$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha}{\log_e\left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)} =$$

Method (2)

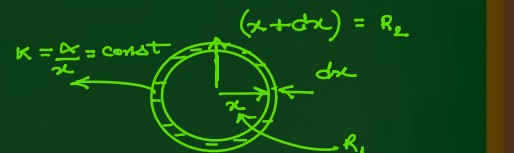
take KC into P.P.C.

$$dc = \frac{K\epsilon_0 \cdot A}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{x} \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot 4\pi x^2$$

$$dc = 4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha \cdot \frac{x}{dx}$$

capacity of the considered Element



$$K = \frac{\alpha}{x} = \text{const}$$

$$dc = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \cdot K \cdot R_1 \cdot R_2}{(R_2 - R_1)}$$

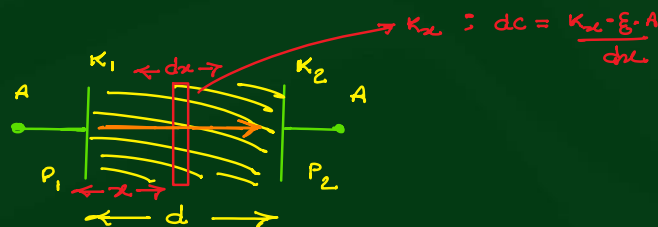
$$= \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \cdot \alpha \cdot x \cdot (x+dx)}{x \cdot dx}$$

$$\therefore dx \ll x$$

$$\therefore x+dx \approx x$$

$$dc = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \cdot x \cdot \alpha}{dx} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Q: find the capacity of a P.P.C. of plate area 'A' & gap b/w them 'd', filled with a dielectric whose dielectric const. varies linearly from K_1 to K_2 from P_1 to P_2 . where $K_1 < K_2$.

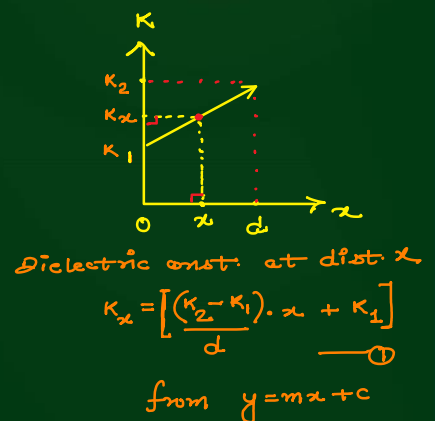


$$\therefore \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \int \frac{1}{dc} = \int_0^d \frac{dx}{K_x \epsilon_0 A}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 A} \cdot \int \frac{dx}{\left[\frac{(K_2 - K_1) \cdot x}{d} + K_1\right]}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 A} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{\frac{(K_2 - K_1)}{d}} \cdot \log_e \left\{ \frac{(K_2 - K_1) \cdot x}{d} + K_1 \right\} \right]_0^d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{d}{(K_2 - K_1) \epsilon_0 A} \cdot \left[\log_e K_2 - \log_e K_1 \right]$$



$$\therefore C_{eq} = \frac{(K_2 - K_1) \cdot \epsilon_0 A}{d \cdot \log_e \left(\frac{K_2}{K_1} \right)} =$$