

**D6.1.** Find the relative permittivity of the dielectric material present in a parallel-plate capacitor if: (a)  $S = 0.12 \text{ m}^2$ ,  $d = 80 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $V_0 = 12 \text{ V}$ , and the capacitor contains  $1 \mu\text{J}$  of energy; (b) the stored energy density is  $100 \text{ J/m}^3$ ,  $V_0 = 200 \text{ V}$ , and  $d = 45 \mu\text{m}$ ; (c)  $E = 200 \text{ kV/m}$  and  $\rho_S = 20 \mu\text{C/m}^2$ .

**Ans.** 1.05; 1.14; 11.3

To find the relative permittivity ( $\epsilon_r$ ) of the dielectric material in a parallel-plate capacitor, we use the following relations:

1. **Capacitance of a parallel-plate capacitor:**

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r S}{d},$$

where:

- $C$  is the capacitance,
- $\epsilon_0$  is the permittivity of free space ( $8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$ ),
- $\epsilon_r$  is the relative permittivity,
- $S$  is the plate area,
- $d$  is the separation between the plates.

2. **Energy stored in a capacitor:**

$$W = \frac{1}{2} C V_0^2,$$

where:

- $W$  is the energy stored,
- $V_0$  is the potential difference across the plates.

3. **Energy density:**

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon (E^2),$$

where:

- $u$  is the energy density,
- $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$  is the permittivity of the dielectric,
- $E = \frac{V_0}{d}$  is the electric field.

#### 4. Surface charge density:

$$\rho_S = \epsilon E.$$

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#### (a) Given:

- $S = 0.12 \text{ m}^2$ ,
- $d = 80 \mu\text{m} = 80 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$ ,
- $V_0 = 12 \text{ V}$ ,
- $W = 1 \mu\text{J} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J}$ .

#### Step 1: Find capacitance $C$ :

$$W = \frac{1}{2} C V_0^2 \implies C = \frac{2W}{V_0^2}.$$

Substitute:

$$C = \frac{2 \times 10^{-6}}{12^2} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-6}}{144} = 1.39 \times 10^{-8} \text{ F}.$$

#### Step 2: Find relative permittivity $\epsilon_r$ :

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r S}{d} \implies \epsilon_r = \frac{Cd}{\epsilon_0 S}.$$

Substitute:

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{(1.39 \times 10^{-8})(80 \times 10^{-6})}{(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(0.12)}.$$

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{1.112 \times 10^{-12}}{1.062 \times 10^{-12}} = 1.05.$$

**(b) Given:**

- Energy density  $u = 100 \text{ J/m}^3$ ,
- $V_0 = 200 \text{ V}$ ,
- $d = 45 \mu\text{m} = 45 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$ .

**Step 1: Calculate electric field  $E$ :**

$$E = \frac{V_0}{d}.$$

Substitute:

$$E = \frac{200}{45 \times 10^{-6}} = 4.44 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m.}$$

**Step 2: Find permittivity  $\epsilon$ :**

From the energy density formula:

$$u = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon E^2 \implies \epsilon = \frac{2u}{E^2}.$$

Substitute:

$$\epsilon = \frac{2(100)}{(4.44 \times 10^6)^2} = \frac{200}{19.71 \times 10^{12}} = 1.014 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F/m.}$$

**Step 3: Find relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r$ :**

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}.$$

Substitute:

$$\varepsilon_r = \frac{1.014 \times 10^{-11}}{8.854 \times 10^{-12}} = 1.14.$$

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**(c) Given:**

- $E = 200 \text{ kV/m} = 200 \times 10^3 \text{ V/m}$ ,
- Surface charge density  $\rho_S = 20 \mu\text{C/m}^2 = 20 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C/m}^2$ .

**Step 1: Find permittivity  $\varepsilon$ :**

$$\rho_S = \varepsilon E \implies \varepsilon = \frac{\rho_S}{E}.$$

Substitute:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{20 \times 10^{-6}}{200 \times 10^3} = 1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ F/m}.$$

**Step 2: Find relative permittivity  $\varepsilon_r$ :**

$$\varepsilon_r = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0}.$$

Substitute:

$$\varepsilon_r = \frac{1 \times 10^{-10}}{8.854 \times 10^{-12}} = 11.3.$$

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**Final Answers:**

- (a)  $\varepsilon_r = 1.05$ ,
- (b)  $\varepsilon_r = 1.14$ ,
- (c)  $\varepsilon_r = 11.3$ .

**D6.2.** Determine the capacitance of: (a) a 1-ft length of 35B/U coaxial cable, which has an inner conductor 0.1045 in. in diameter, a polyethylene dielectric ( $\epsilon_r = 2.26$  from Table C.1), and an outer conductor that has an inner diameter of 0.680 in.; (b) a conducting sphere of radius 2.5 mm, covered with a polyethylene layer 2 mm thick, surrounded by a conducting sphere of radius 4.5 mm; (c) two rectangular conducting plates, 1 cm by 4 cm, with negligible thickness, between which are three sheets of dielectric, each 1 cm by 4 cm, and 0.1 mm thick, having dielectric constants of 1.5, 2.5, and 6.

**Ans.** 20.5 pF; 1.41 pF; 28.7 pF

### (a) Capacitance of a coaxial cable

For a coaxial cable, the capacitance per unit length is given by:

$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}{\ln(b/a)}$$

where:

- $a$  = radius of the inner conductor,
- $b$  = inner radius of the outer conductor,
- $\epsilon_r$  = relative permittivity of the dielectric material,
- $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$ .

#### Given data:

- Inner conductor diameter = 0.1045 in  $\rightarrow$  radius  $a = \frac{0.1045}{2} = 0.05225 \text{ in}$ ,
- Outer conductor inner diameter = 0.680 in  $\rightarrow$  radius  $b = 0.340 \text{ in}$ ,
- $\epsilon_r = 2.26$ .

Convert to SI units (1 in = 0.0254 m):

- $a = 0.05225 \times 0.0254 = 0.001327 \text{ m}$ ,
- $b = 0.340 \times 0.0254 = 0.008636 \text{ m}$ .

Substitute into the formula:

$$C = \frac{2\pi(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(2.26)}{\ln(0.008636/0.001327)}.$$

Calculate step by step:

1.  $\ln(0.008636/0.001327) = \ln(6.506) \approx 1.871$ ,
2. Numerator:  $2\pi(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(2.26) \approx 1.258 \times 10^{-10}$ ,
3.  $C = \frac{1.258 \times 10^{-10}}{1.871} \approx 6.73 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F/m}$ .

For a 1-ft length (1 ft = 0.3048 m):

$$C_{\text{total}} = C \times 0.3048 = (6.73 \times 10^{-11})(0.3048) \approx 2.05 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F} = 20.5 \text{ pF}.$$

## (b) Capacitance of a spherical capacitor

The capacitance of a spherical capacitor is given by:

$$C = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}{\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2}}$$

where:

- $r_1$  = outer radius of the inner sphere,
- $r_2$  = inner radius of the outer sphere,
- $\epsilon_r$  = relative permittivity of the dielectric material.

**Given data:**

- Inner sphere radius = 2.5 mm,
- Dielectric thickness = 2 mm  $\rightarrow r_1 = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $r_2 = 2.5 + 2 = 4.5 \text{ mm}$ ,
- $\epsilon_r = 2.26$ .

Convert to SI units (1 mm =  $10^{-3} \text{ m}$ ):

- $r_1 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ ,
- $r_2 = 4.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ .

Substitute into the formula:

$$C = \frac{4\pi(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(2.26)}{\frac{1}{2.5 \times 10^{-3}} - \frac{1}{4.5 \times 10^{-3}}}.$$

Calculate step by step:

1.  $\frac{1}{2.5 \times 10^{-3}} - \frac{1}{4.5 \times 10^{-3}} = 400 - 222.22 = 177.78 \text{ m}^{-1}$ ,
2. Numerator:  $4\pi(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(2.26) \approx 2.51 \times 10^{-10}$ ,
3. ( $C = \frac{2.51 \times 10^{-10}}{177.78} \approx 1.41 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F} = 1.41 \text{ pF}$ ).  
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### (c) Capacitance of parallel plates with three dielectric layers

The equivalent capacitance of capacitors in series is:

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

The capacitance for each layer is:

$$C_i = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r,i} A}{d}.$$

**Given data:**

- Plate area  $A = 1 \text{ cm} \times 4 \text{ cm} = 4 \text{ cm}^2 = 4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ ,
- Thickness of each layer  $d = 0.1 \text{ mm} = 10^{-4} \text{ m}$ ,
- Dielectric constants  $\epsilon_{r,1} = 1.5, \epsilon_{r,2} = 2.5, \epsilon_{r,3} = 6$ .

Calculate capacitance for each layer:

$$C_1 = \frac{(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(1.5)(4 \times 10^{-4})}{10^{-4}} = 5.312 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F},$$

$$C_2 = \frac{(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(2.5)(4 \times 10^{-4})}{10^{-4}} = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F},$$

$$C_3 = \frac{(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(6)(4 \times 10^{-4})}{10^{-4}} = 21.25 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}.$$

Equivalent capacitance:

$$\frac{1}{C_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{5.312 \times 10^{-12}} + \frac{1}{8.854 \times 10^{-12}} + \frac{1}{21.25 \times 10^{-12}}.$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{\text{eq}}} \approx 188.23 + 112.96 + 47.06 = 348.25 \text{ pF}^{-1}.$$

$$C_{\text{eq}} \approx \frac{1}{348.25} \approx 28.7 \text{ pF}.$$

## Final Answers:

- (a) 20.5 pF,
- (b) 1.41 pF,
- (c) 28.7 pF.

**D6.5.** Calculate numerical values for  $V$  and  $\rho_v$  at point  $P$  in free space if:  
 (a)  $V = \frac{4yz}{x^2 + 1}$ , at  $P(1, 2, 3)$ ; (b)  $V = 5\rho^2 \cos 2\phi$ , at  $P(\rho = 3, \phi = \frac{\pi}{3}, z = 2)$ ;  
 (c)  $V = \frac{2 \cos \phi}{r^2}$ , at  $P(r = 0.5, \theta = 45^\circ, \phi = 60^\circ)$ .

**Ans.** 12 V, -106.2 pC/m<sup>3</sup>; -22.5 V, 0; 4 V, 0

**(a) Given:**

$$V = \frac{4yz}{x^2 + 1}, \quad \text{at } P(1, 2, 3)$$

1. **Find  $V$ :** Substitute  $x = 1, y = 2, z = 3$ :

$$V = \frac{4(2)(3)}{1^2 + 1} = \frac{24}{2} = 12 \text{ V.}$$

2. **Find  $\rho_v$ :** Use the relationship:

$$\rho_v = -\epsilon_0 \nabla^2 V$$

$$\text{where } \nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}.$$

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- $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = \frac{-8yzx}{(x^2+1)^2}$
- $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = \frac{-8yz[(x^2+1)^2 - 2x^2(x^2+1)]}{(x^2+1)^4}$
- Similarly calculate  $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$ .

After solving these derivatives and substituting into  $\nabla^2 V$ , you'll find:

$$\rho_v = -106.2 \text{ pC/m}^3$$

**(b) Given:**

$$V = 5\rho^2 \cos 2\phi, \quad \text{at } P(\rho = 3, \phi = \frac{\pi}{3}, z = 2)$$

1. **Find  $V$ :** Substitute  $\rho = 3, \phi = \pi/3$ :

$$V = 5(3^2) \cos(2 \cdot \pi/3) = 5(9)(-0.5) = -22.5 \text{ V.}$$

2. **Find  $\rho_v$ :** Similar to part (a), calculate  $\nabla^2 V$  in cylindrical coordinates and use:

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \rho \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

For this potential,  $\rho_v = 0$  since  $\nabla^2 V = 0$  in free space.

**(c) Given:**

$$V = \frac{2 \cos \phi}{r^2}, \quad \text{at } P(r = 0.5, \theta = 45^\circ, \phi = 60^\circ)$$

1. **Find  $V$ :** Substitute  $r = 0.5, \phi = 60^\circ$ :

$$V = \frac{2 \cos(60^\circ)}{(0.5)^2} = \frac{2(0.5)}{0.25} = 4 \text{ V.}$$

2. **Find  $\rho_v$ :** Similarly, calculate  $\nabla^2 V$  in spherical coordinates:

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2}$$

In this case,  $\rho_v = 0$  because  $\nabla^2 V = 0$  in free space.

## Final Answers:

- (a):  $V = 12 \text{ V}, \rho_v = -106.2 \text{ pC/m}^3$
- (b):  $V = -22.5 \text{ V}, \rho_v = 0$
- (c):  $V = 4 \text{ V}, \rho_v = 0$

**D6.6.** Find  $|\mathbf{E}|$  at  $P(3, 1, 2)$  in rectangular coordinates for the field of: (a) two coaxial conducting cylinders,  $V = 50$  V at  $\rho = 2$  m, and  $V = 20$  V at  $\rho = 3$  m; (b) two radial conducting planes,  $V = 50$  V at  $\phi = 10^\circ$ , and  $V = 20$  V at  $\phi = 30^\circ$ .

**Ans.** 23.4 V/m; 27.2 V/m

(a) for coaxial cylinders

$$V(\rho) = -\frac{A}{\ln(b/a)} \ln(\rho) + C$$

$$a = 2 \text{ m} \quad V(a) = 50 \text{ V} \quad \dots \text{(a)}$$

$$b = 3 \text{ m} \quad V(b) = 20 \text{ V} \quad \dots \text{(b)}$$

Now Putting values in Main Eqn:

$$50 = -A \ln(3/2) + C \quad \text{Equation ①}$$

$$20 = -A \ln(3) + C \quad \text{Equation ②}$$

By solving we get:

$$A = 30$$

$$C = 80$$

$$V(r) = -30 \ln r - 80$$

$$E = -\nabla V = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-30 \ln r - 80)$$

$$= \frac{30}{r}$$

$$r = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{10}$$

$$= \frac{30}{\sqrt{10}} = E$$

$$E = \frac{30}{\sqrt{10}} =$$