

Two point charges q_1 and q_2 are placed on the y -axis at positions $y = +a$ and $y = -a$ respectively, as shown in the figure at right. Take the reference potential to be zero at infinity ($V = 0$). With the first two point charges fixed in place, a third point charge q_3 is now brought in from infinity to the position $x = +b$, as shown in the figure at right.

1. It is found that 11.6 J of work are required to bring in this third charge q_3 from infinity.

Find charge q_3 . (6 points)

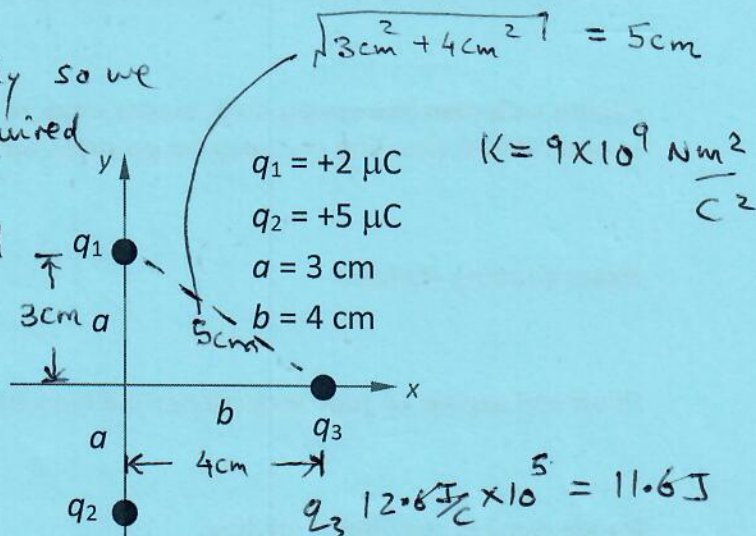
→ The two charges are there already so we are only thinking about work required to bring q_3

q_1 & q_2 have an Electric potential at q_3 → $\frac{Kq_1}{r_1} + \frac{Kq_2}{r_2}$

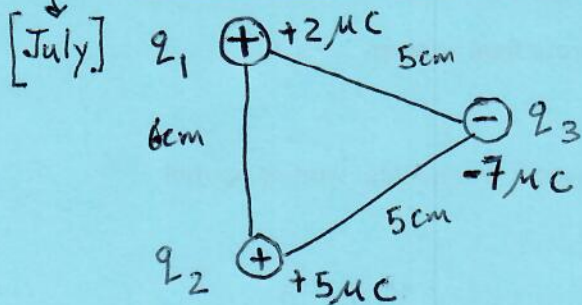
Work required to bring q_3
 $(V_1 + V_2) q_3 = \text{Work}$

$$\left(\frac{Kq_1}{r_1} + \frac{Kq_2}{r_2} \right) q_3 = 11.6 \text{ J}$$

$$\left(\frac{9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2 * 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} + \frac{9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2 * 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} \right) q_3$$



2. The third point charge is now replaced with a different point charge, $q_3 = \text{negative charge}$ [Your Birth month] μC , placed at the same location $x = b$ on the x -axis. Calculate the total amount of work W required to assemble all three charges from infinity. (6 points)



$$W_{\text{total}} = U_{12} + U_{23} + U_{13}$$

$$U_{12} = \frac{Kq_1q_2}{r_{12}} \quad U_{23} = \frac{Kq_2q_3}{r_{23}}$$

$$U_{13} = \frac{Kq_1q_3}{r_{13}}$$

$$W_{\text{total}} = K \left(\frac{q_1q_2}{r_{12}} + \frac{q_2q_3}{r_{23}} + \frac{q_1q_3}{r_{13}} \right) = 9 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2} \left(\frac{2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} * 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} + \frac{5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} * -7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} + \frac{2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} * -7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} \right)$$

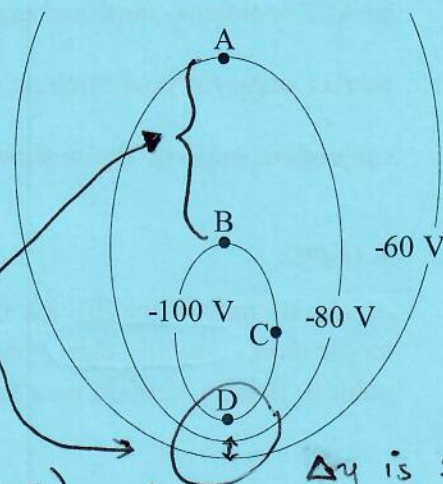
$$= 9 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2} \left(\frac{10 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C}^2}{6 \text{ m}} - \frac{35 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C}^2}{5 \text{ m}} - \frac{14 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C}^2}{5 \text{ m}} \right)$$

$$= 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm} (1.67 \times 10^{-10} - 7 \times 10^{-10} - 2.8 \times 10^{-10})$$

$$= 9 \times 10^9 (-8.13 \times 10^{-10}) \text{ Nm} = -7.32 \text{ JOULES}$$

$$q_3 = \frac{11.6 \text{ J}}{12.6 \text{ J/C}} = 9.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

Question 3: The next 3-part question refers to the figure on the right, which shows some *equipotential* contours. They are worth **2 points each**. (The points "A" through "D" are simply points in empty space.) Neglect gravity.



A. At which labelled point is the magnitude of the electric field the greatest? (Note: I'm asking about $|\vec{E}|$, not about voltage)

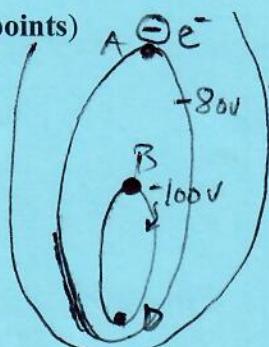
Why? (2 points)

A & B is much larger Δy
 The voltage difference (AKA Potential Difference) is 20V. $\frac{20V}{\text{small } \Delta y} \Rightarrow \text{Greater } E$
 $|\vec{E}| = \left| \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta y} \right|$
 Δy is small

Point D has the greatest Magnitude of E

B. An electron (charge $-e$) is released at point A. Which way will it move at first? Why?

(2 points)



If you are an electron would you move down or up?
 ~ -60V Going towards B is an increase in voltage (in a negative sense)
 Seems like going towards MORE Negative potential
 - Not very natural.
 So going upwards is what the electron (you :)) would do

C. An alpha particle (charge $+2e$) is moved from point D to point A by an external force.

How much work did the external force do on the particle? (3 points)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Work done} &= \Delta U = q * \Delta V \\ &= +2e (V_f - V_i) = +2e (-80V - (-100V)) \\ &= +2e (+20V) \end{aligned}$$

D \rightarrow A
initial final

Work done = $+40eV$ or If you want it in Joules $\frac{40eV}{1eV} \cdot 1.6 \times 10^{-19} J$

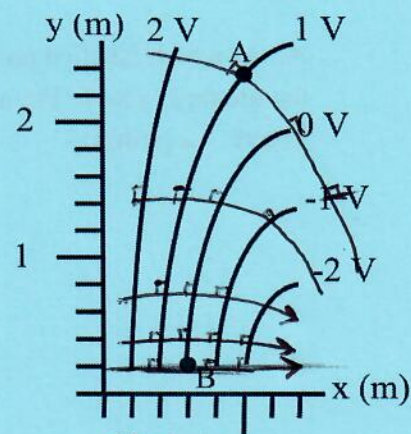
Work done = $6.4 \times 10^{-18} J$

In ALL problems, show and explain your work briefly but clearly. You may get NO credit for a correct answer if your thinking is not easy to follow. Try to be neat and organized, so the grader can understand. The figure shows some equipotential (equal voltage) curves.

4. (6 pts)

A) The strength of the Electric field at point A is (circle one) larger than, smaller than, equal to the Electric field strength at point B. Briefly, explain your reasoning: (4 pts)

The Equipotential lines are closer together at B than at A $|\vec{E}| = \left| \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x} \right|$ actually $\vec{E} = -\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta r}$



Electric field lines (vectors too) are perpendicular to Equipotential lines

B) On the diagram or in the space provided. Draw the Electric field lines (2 pts)

Also from our Lab 6 (Equipotential & Homework) Electric field lines point in the direction of decreasing potential: from higher V to lower V

Electric field lines are drawn more densely where the \vec{E} field is STRONGER • MORE LINES TOWARD THE BOTTOM

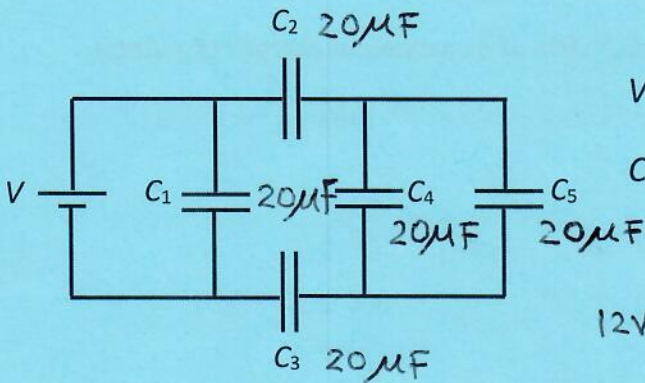
5. (4 pts) From the information on the figure, estimate the electric field at point B. (That means give us a magnitude with correct units, and also clearly describe the direction) Briefly, explain how you determined your answer. (4 pts)

\vec{E} field from Higher V to lower V (voltage)

$$E = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta y} \quad \Delta V = 1 \text{ volt EVERY TICK MARK; EACH TICK MARK IS } 0.2 \text{ m apart}$$

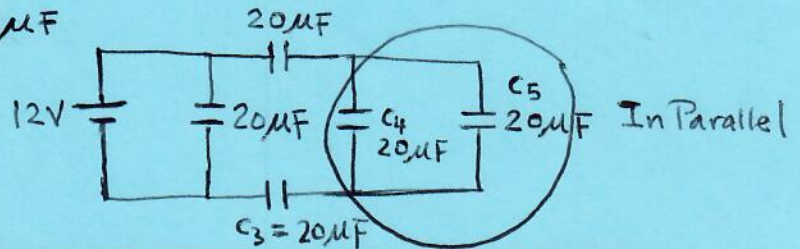
$$E = \frac{1 \text{ V}}{0.2 \text{ m}} = 5 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$$

Five identical capacitors are connected to a battery as shown.



$$V = 12 \text{ V}$$

$$C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = C_4 = C_5 = 20 \mu\text{F}$$

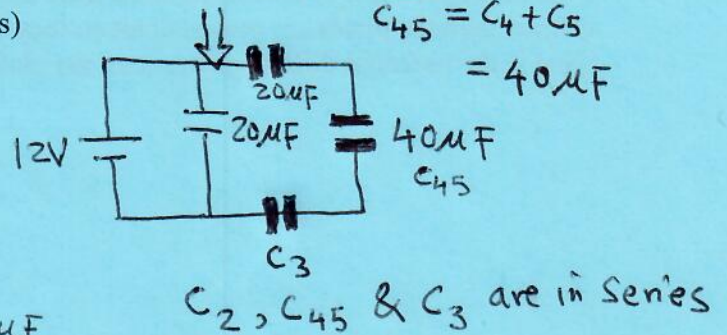


6. A) Find the charge Q_2 on capacitor C_2 : (6 points)

$$\frac{1}{C_{2345}} = \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} + \frac{1}{C_{45}}$$

$$C_{2345} = \left(\frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{40} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{40} \right)^{-1} = \frac{40}{5} = 8 \mu\text{F}$$



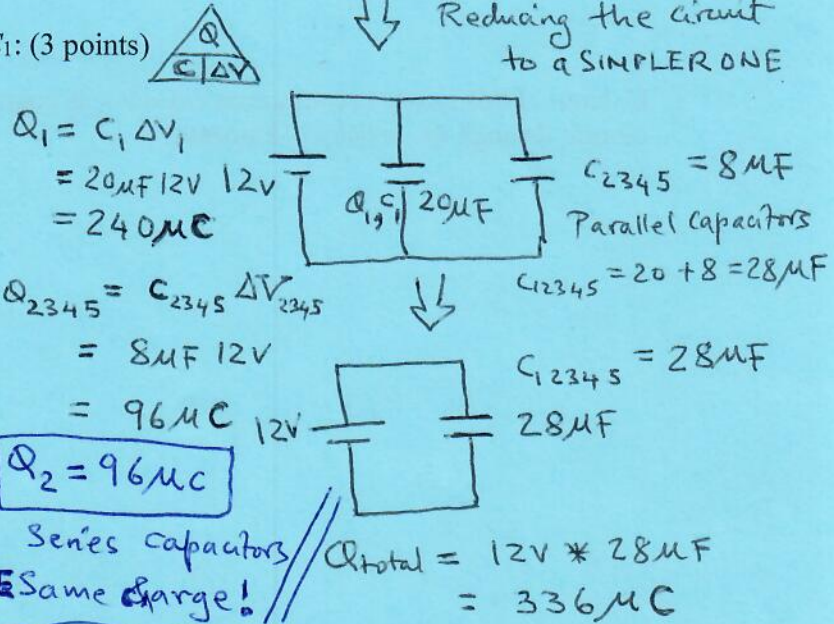
B) Find the energy U_1 stored in capacitor C_1 : (3 points)

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2} C_1 \Delta V_1^2 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} Q_1 \Delta V_1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} 20 \mu\text{F} (12\text{V})^2$$

$$= 10 \mu\text{F} 144 \text{ V}$$

$$= 1440 \mu\text{J}$$



As a check

Voltage on $20 \mu\text{F} (C_2) = \frac{96 \mu\text{C}}{20 \mu\text{F}} = 4.8 \text{ V}$

" on $20 \mu\text{F} (C_3) = \frac{96 \mu\text{C}}{20 \mu\text{F}} = 4.8 \text{ V}$

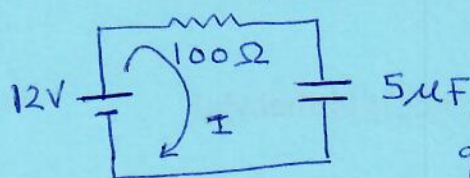
Voltage on $C_{45} 40 \mu\text{F} = \frac{96 \mu\text{C}}{40} = 2.4 \text{ V}$

12V

7. An RC circuit is designed with a battery supplying 12 V, a resistor with $100\ \Omega$ of resistance, and a parallel-plate capacitor with a capacitance of [Birth month] μF . The capacitor is initially uncharged. (6 pts)

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A. How long will it take for the capacitor to reach 90% of its maximum charge? (2 points)



capacitor is charging

$$Q(t) = Q_{\max}(1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$$\frac{Q(t)}{Q_{\max}} = 1 - e^{-t/RC}$$

90% \rightarrow

$$0.9 = 1 - e^{-t/RC}$$

$$-0.1 = -e^{-t/RC}$$

$$\ln 0.1 = \ln(e^{-t/RC})$$

$$-2.3 = -t/RC$$

$$t = RC(2.3)$$

$$t = 100\ \Omega \cdot 5\ \mu\text{F}(2.3)$$

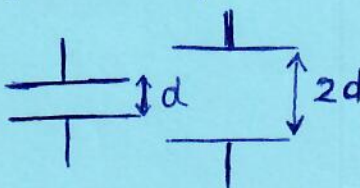
$$t = 1150\ \mu\text{seconds}$$

B. If the capacitor is then disconnected from the battery when it is at 90% of its maximum charge, then the plates are moved apart so they are twice as far apart as they were originally, what is the potential difference between the plates? (2 points)

At 90% $Q_{\max} \Rightarrow Q(t) = 0.9(5\ \mu\text{F} \times 12\text{V}) = 0.9(60\ \mu\text{C}) = 54\ \mu\text{C}$

$$\Delta V = \frac{Q}{C}$$

$$= \frac{54\ \mu\text{C}}{5\ \mu\text{F}} = 10.8\text{V}$$



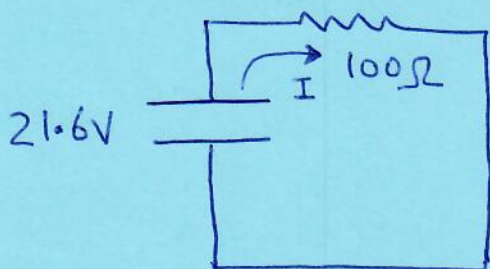
$Q = C \Delta V$

Q stays same \downarrow

ΔV increases \uparrow

ΔV_{new} will be twice $10.8\text{V} \times 2 = 21.6\text{V}$

C. Now, if this newly reconfigured capacitor is connected only to the resistor, what is the initial current through the resistor? (2 points)



$$I(t) = I_{\max} e^{-t/RC}$$

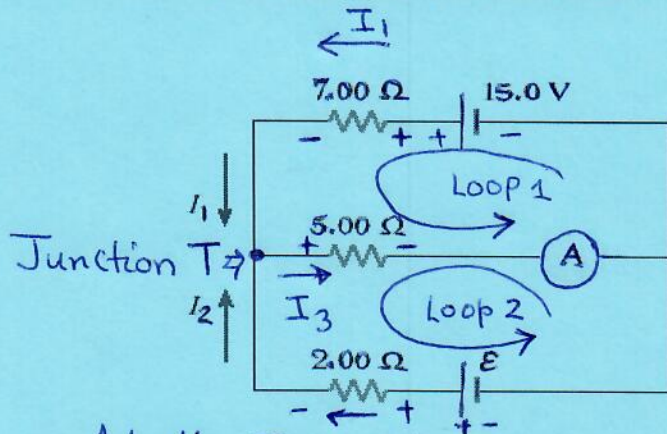
I_{\max} is the initial current

$$I_{\max} = \frac{\Delta V_{\text{capacitor}}}{R} = \frac{21.6\text{V}}{100\ \Omega}$$

$$I_{\max} = 0.216\text{A}$$

8. The ammeter shown in the figure below reads 2.00 A. Find I_1 , I_2 , and Voltage \mathcal{E} .

Please explain all the steps (**Rules and why**) and reasoning in this problem. (6 points).



Kirchhoff's Rules are fundamental to understanding circuits.

⇒ I will use two Voltage Loops. Each

Loop: Sum of the voltages add up to Zero. I will be mindful of the VOLTAGE DROPS & RAISES.

At the T-Junction $\sum I_{in} = \sum I_{out}$ (Current Rule which is a Charge conservation Rule Law)

Starting at T $I_1 + I_2 = I_3 \rightarrow I_3$ Reads 2.00 A

$$I_1 + I_2 = 2A \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Loop 1 starting at T and going Counterclockwise

$$-I_3 5\Omega + 15V - I_1 7\Omega = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$I_3 = 2A \quad -2A(5\Omega) - I_1 7\Omega + 15V = 0$$

$$-10V + 15V - I_1 7\Omega = 0$$

$$+I_1 7\Omega + I_1 7\Omega$$

$$5V = I_1 7\Omega$$

$$I_1 = \frac{5}{7} A$$

or **0.71 A**

$$\frac{5V}{7\Omega} = I_1$$

from Equation 1

$$I_2 + I_1 = 2A$$

$$I_2 + 0.71 = 2A$$

$$I_2 = 2A - 0.71A = 1.29A$$

Using Loop 2
Starting at T

$$I_2 2\Omega - \mathcal{E} + I_3 5\Omega = 0$$

$$1.29A 2\Omega - \mathcal{E} + 2A 5\Omega = 0$$

$$-\mathcal{E} + 12.58V = 0$$

$$-\mathcal{E} = -12.58V$$

$$\mathcal{E} = 12.58V$$