

208 Mid-Term 2 POINTS TABLE	
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Multiple Choice Answers:

Version A:

1. B, D
2. A
3. A
4. A


Version B:

1. B, E
2. A
3. C
4. B

Version A:

1. (20 marks) Two capacitors $C_1 = 4 \mu\text{F}$ and $C_2 = 12 \mu\text{F}$ are connected in series across a 12-V battery. They are carefully disconnected so that they are not discharged and are reconnected with positive plate to positive plate and negative plate to negative plate.

- Find the potential difference across each capacitor after they are reconnected.
- Find the initial and final energies stored in each of the two capacitors, i.e. before they are disconnected and after they are reconnected.

a.)  In series, $Q_1 = Q_2 = Q$

$$V_1 + V_2 = \mathcal{E} = 12 \text{ V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Q}{C_1} + \frac{Q}{C_2} = 12 \text{ V} \Rightarrow Q = \frac{12 \text{ V}(C_1 C_2)}{C_1 + C_2} = 36 \mu\text{C} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Version B:} \\ Q = 9 \mu\text{C} \end{array} \right]$$

Now they are reconnected:



with $Q_{\text{total}} = Q_1 + Q_2 = 72 \mu\text{C}$ [version B: $Q = 18 \mu\text{C}$]

$V_1 = V_2 = V$ (charge redistributes btw. the two capacitors)

$$\Rightarrow Q_{\text{total}} = C_1 V + C_2 V = 72 \mu\text{C}$$

$$4 \mu\text{F} \cdot V + 12 \mu\text{F} \cdot V = 72 \mu\text{C} \Rightarrow V = 4.5 \text{ V}$$

[version B: $V = \frac{18 \mu\text{C}}{8 \mu\text{F}} = 2.25 \text{ V}$]

b.) Initially, $Q_1 = Q_2 = 36 \mu\text{C}$

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q_1^2}{C_1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(36 \mu\text{C})^2}{4 \mu\text{F}} = 162 \mu\text{J}$$

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q_2^2}{C_2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(36 \mu\text{C})^2}{12 \mu\text{F}} = 54 \mu\text{J}$$

Finally, $V_1 = V_2 = 4.5 \text{ V}$

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2} C_1 V_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} (4 \mu\text{F})(4.5 \text{ V})^2 = 40.5 \mu\text{J}$$

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{2} C_2 V_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} (12 \mu\text{F})(4.5 \text{ V})^2 = 121.5 \mu\text{J}$$

Version B:

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(9 \mu\text{C})^2}{2 \mu\text{F}} = 20.25 \mu\text{J}$$

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(9 \mu\text{C})^2}{6 \mu\text{F}} = 6.75 \mu\text{J}$$

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2} (2 \mu\text{F})(2.25 \text{ V})^2 = 5.06 \mu\text{J}$$

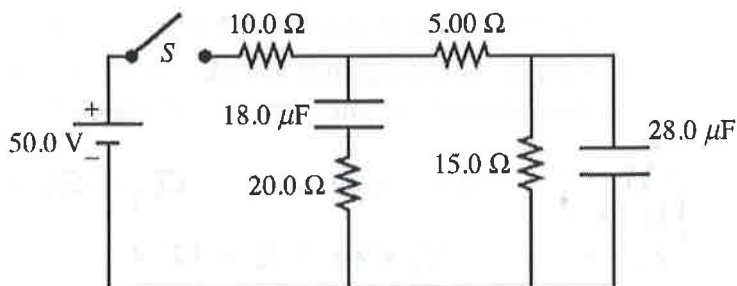
$$U_2 = \frac{1}{2} (6 \mu\text{F})(2.25 \text{ V})^2 = 15.2 \mu\text{J}$$

Version A:

2. (20 marks) For the circuit shown in the figure, the capacitors are all initially uncharged, the connecting leads have no resistance, the battery has no appreciable internal resistance, and the switch S is originally open.

a) Just after closing the switch S , what is the current in the $15.0\text{-}\Omega$ resistor?

b) After the switch S has been closed for a very long time, what is the potential difference across the $28.0\text{-}\mu\text{F}$ capacitor?



a.) At $t=0$, $Q_c=0$

$$\Rightarrow V(\text{across } 28\ \mu\text{F}\text{-capacitor}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V(\text{across } 15\ \Omega\ \text{resistor}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I(\text{across } 15\ \Omega\ \text{resistor}) = 0}$$

b.) as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $I_c \rightarrow 0$

\Rightarrow All current goes through branch w/ $15\text{-}\Omega$ resistor.

$$\Rightarrow 50\text{V} - 10\ \Omega \cdot I - 5\ \Omega \cdot I - 15\ \Omega \cdot I = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{50\text{V}}{30\ \Omega} = 1.67\text{A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow V_{15\ \Omega} &= I(15\ \Omega) \\ &= 1.67\text{A}(15\ \Omega) \\ &= 25\text{V} \end{aligned}$$

(version B:

$$I = \frac{100\text{V}}{60\ \Omega} = 1.67\text{A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{30\ \Omega} &= 1.67\text{A}(30\ \Omega) \\ &= 50\text{V} \end{aligned}$$

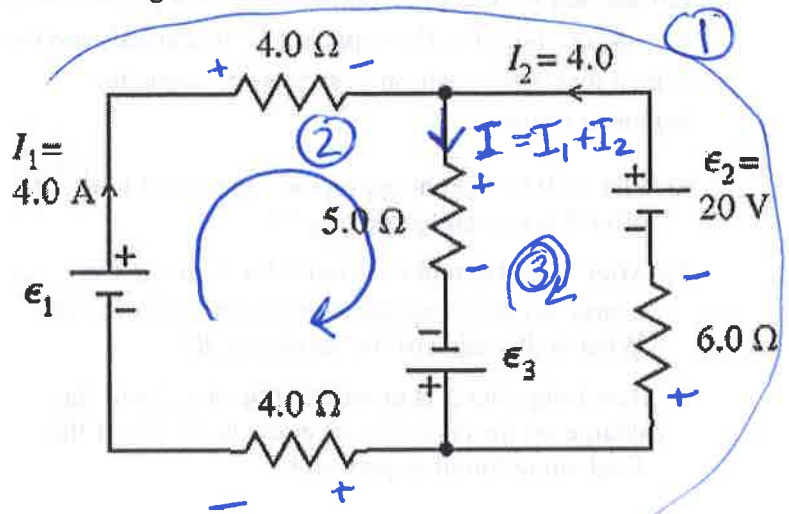
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_{28\ \mu\text{F}} = V_{30\ \Omega} = 50\text{V}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_{28\ \mu\text{F}} = V_{15\ \Omega} = 25\text{V}}$$

Version A:

3. (20 marks) Consider the circuit shown in the figure. Note that two currents are shown. Calculate the emfs ϵ_1 and ϵ_3 .

$$I = I_1 + I_2 = 8 \text{ A}$$



$$\text{Loop 1: } \epsilon_1 - 4 \text{ A}(4 \Omega) - 20 \text{ V} + 6 \Omega(4 \text{ A}) - 4 \Omega(4 \text{ A}) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_1 = 28 \text{ V}}$$

$$\text{Loop 2: } \epsilon_1 - 4 \text{ A}(4 \Omega) - 5 \Omega \cdot I + \epsilon_3 - 4 \text{ A}(4 \Omega) = 0$$

$$28 \text{ V} - 16 \text{ V} - 40 \text{ V} + \epsilon_3 - 16 \text{ V} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\epsilon_3 = 44 \text{ V}}$$

OR Loop ③ : $\epsilon_3 - 6 \Omega(4 \text{ A}) + 20 \text{ V} + 5 \Omega(8 \text{ A}) = 0$
 $\epsilon_3 = 44 \text{ V}$

[Version B: Loop ① $\epsilon_1 - 8 \text{ A}(8 \Omega) - 40 \text{ V} + 12 \Omega(8 \text{ A}) - 8 \Omega(8 \text{ A}) = 0$
 $\boxed{\epsilon_1 = 72 \text{ V}}$

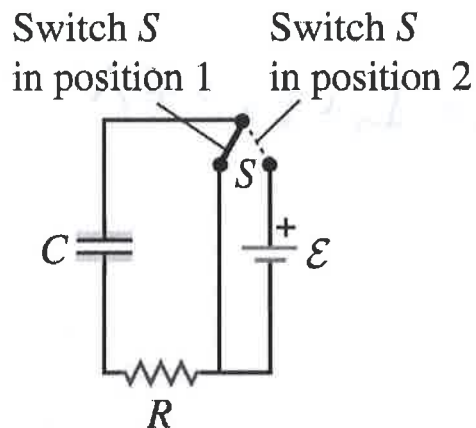
Loop ② $\epsilon_1 - 8 \text{ A}(8 \Omega) - 16 \text{ A}(10 \Omega) + \epsilon_3 - 8 \Omega(8 \text{ A}) = 0$
 $72 \text{ V} - 64 \text{ V} - 160 \text{ V} + \epsilon_3 - 64 \text{ V} = 0$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_3 = 216 \text{ V}}$$

Version A:

4. (20 marks) In the circuit shown, $C = 11.8 \mu\text{F}$, $\mathcal{E} = 56.0 \text{ V}$, and the emf has negligible resistance. Initially, the capacitor is uncharged, and the switch S is in position 1. The switch is then moved to position 2, so that the capacitor begins to charge.

- What will be the charge on the capacitor a long time after S is moved to position 2?
- After S has been in position 2 for 1.50 ms , the charge on the capacitor is measured to be $110 \mu\text{C}$. What is the value of the resistance R ?
- How long after S is moved to position 2 will the charge on the capacitor be equal to 99.0% of the final value found in part (a)?



$$\mathcal{E} - V_C - V_R = 0$$

a.) as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $I \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} - V_C = 0 \Rightarrow V_C = \mathcal{E} = 56 \text{ V}$

$$Q_C = CV_C = 11.8 \mu\text{F}(56 \text{ V}) = \boxed{660.8 \mu\text{C}}$$

[Version B: $Q_C = 5.90 \mu\text{F}(28 \text{ V}) = \boxed{165.2 \mu\text{C}}$]

b.) $Q(t = 1.50 \text{ ms}) = 110 \mu\text{C}$

$$Q(t) = Q_{t \rightarrow \infty} \cdot (1 - e^{-t/\tau}), \quad \tau = RC$$

$$\frac{110 \mu\text{C}}{660.8 \mu\text{C}} = 1 - e^{-1.5 \text{ ms}/\tau} \Rightarrow \frac{1.5 \text{ ms}}{\tau} = 0.182$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau = 8.24 \text{ ms} = RC = R(11.8 \mu\text{F})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R = 698 \Omega}$$

[Version B: $\frac{110 \mu\text{C}}{165.2 \mu\text{C}} = 1 - e^{-1.5 \text{ ms}/\tau}$
 $\Rightarrow \tau = 1.37 \text{ ms} = R(5.90 \mu\text{F})$
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{R = 232 \Omega}$]

c.) $\frac{Q(t)}{Q_{t \rightarrow \infty}} = 0.99 = 1 - e^{-t/\tau} \Rightarrow e^{-t/\tau} = 0.01 \Rightarrow e^{-t/8.24 \text{ ms}} = 0.01$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{t = 37.9 \text{ ms}}$$

[Version B: $e^{-t/1.37 \text{ ms}} = 0.01 \Rightarrow \boxed{t = 6.31 \text{ ms}}$]