

ELECTROSTATICS

Part - III

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In last classes, we have discussed - -

1. Charge:

2. Coulomb's Law:

3. Electric Field:

4. Electric Lines of Force and Flux

5. Gauss's Law:

6. Electric Potential:

7. Electric Dipole:

Now, we will discuss - -

- 1. Capacitors:**
- 2. Capacitance:**
- 3. Unit of Capacitance:**
- 4. Parallel plate Capacitor:**
- 5. Combination of Capacitor:**

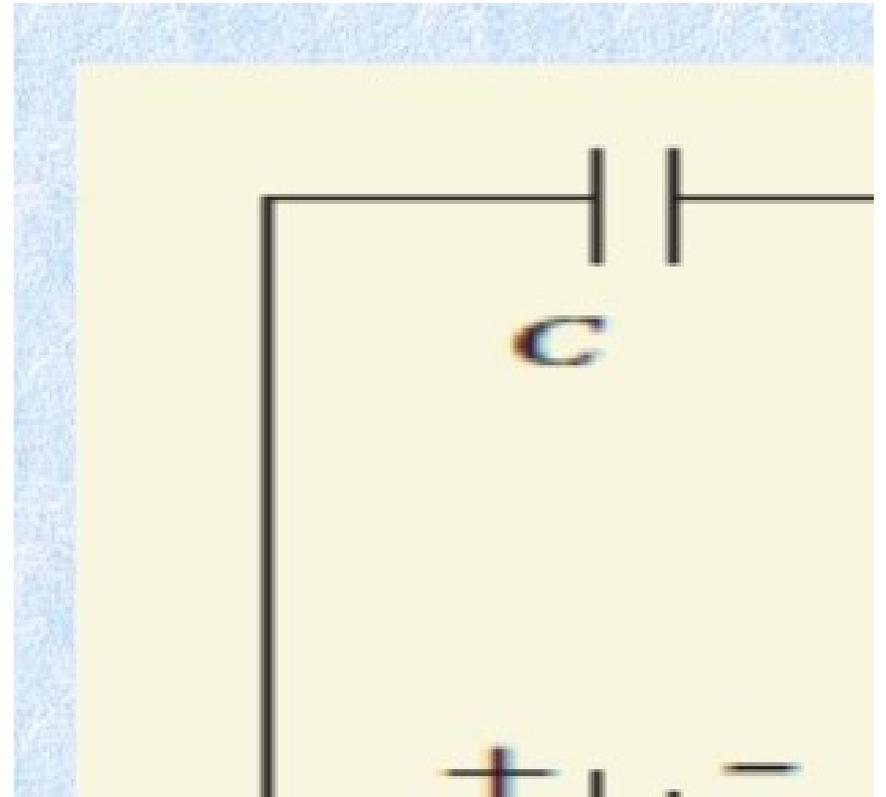
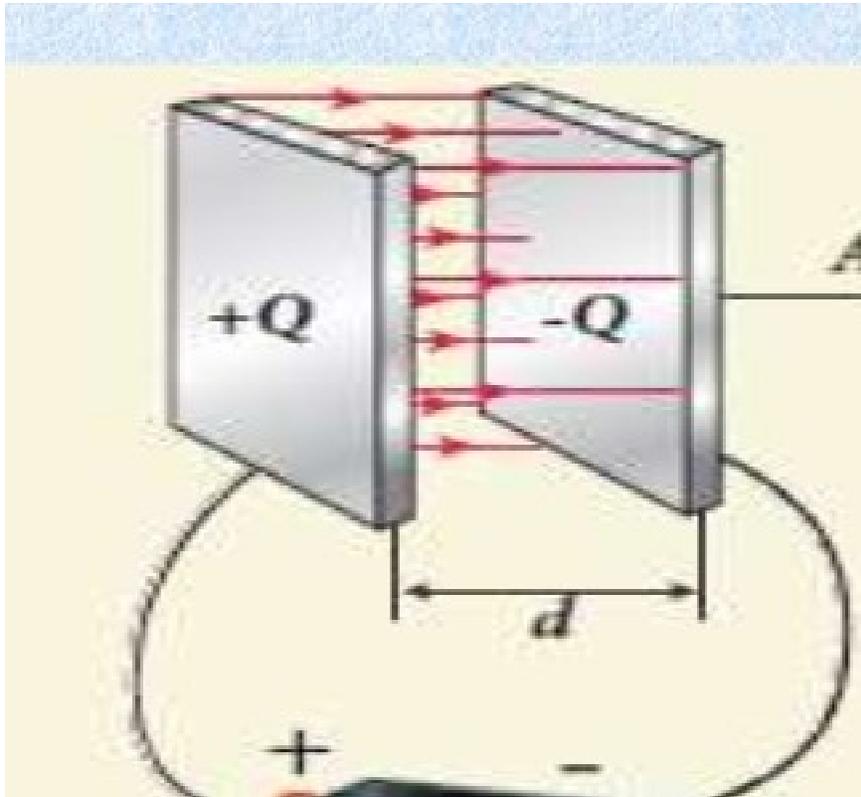
Various types of capacitors



Capac

- Capacitor is a device used to store charge and electrical energy.
- It consists of two conducting objects (plates or sheets) separated by some dielectric material.
- Capacitors are widely used in many electronic circuits and have applications in many fields of science and technology.

Capacitor connected with a battery



Capacitance

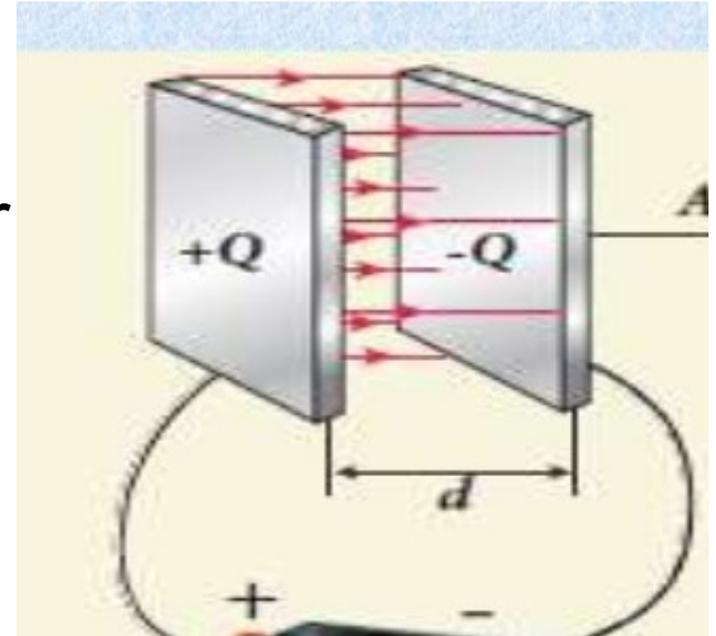
The charge stored in the capacitor is proportional to the Potential Difference between the plates.

i.e. $Q \propto V$

or, $Q = CV$

Here, C is the proportional constant called **Capacitance**. C depends on the medium between two plates and effective area of the plates.

The Capacitance of a Capacitor is defined as the ratio of the magnitude of charge on either of the conductor plates to the Potential difference between the plates. $C = Q/V$



Unit of Capacitance:

Unit of Capacitance is ***Farad***. A capacitance of 1 ***Farad*** (***F***) produces 1 Volt of potential difference for an electric charge of one coulomb (1 C). Thus

$$1 \text{ *Farad* } = 1 \text{ Coulomb} / 1 \text{ Volt}$$

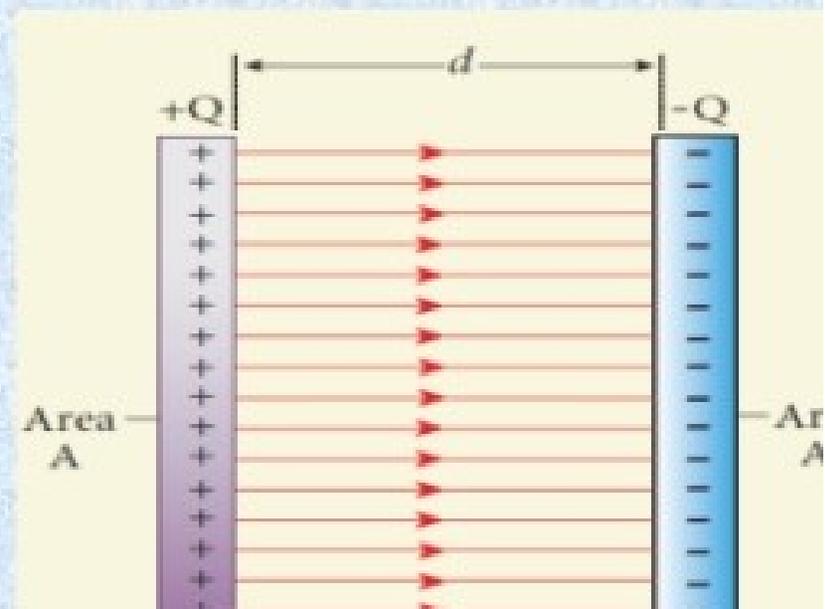
The ***Farad*** is an extremely large unit of capacitance. Generally used units are

$$1 \text{ *mF* } = 10^{-3} \text{ *F* }$$

$$1 \text{ μ *F* } = 10^{-6} \text{ *F* }$$

Capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor

- Consider a capacitor with two parallel plates each of cross-sectional area A and separated by a distance d



The electric field between two infinite parallel plates is uniform and is given by $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$ where σ is the surface charge density on the plates $\left(\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}\right)$. If the separation distance d is very much smaller than the size of the plate ($d^2 \ll A$), then the result is used even for finite-sized plates.

- The electric field between the plates is

$$E = \frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0}$$

- Since the electric field is uniform, the potential between the plates having separation d is given by

$$V = Ed = \frac{Qd}{A\epsilon_0}$$

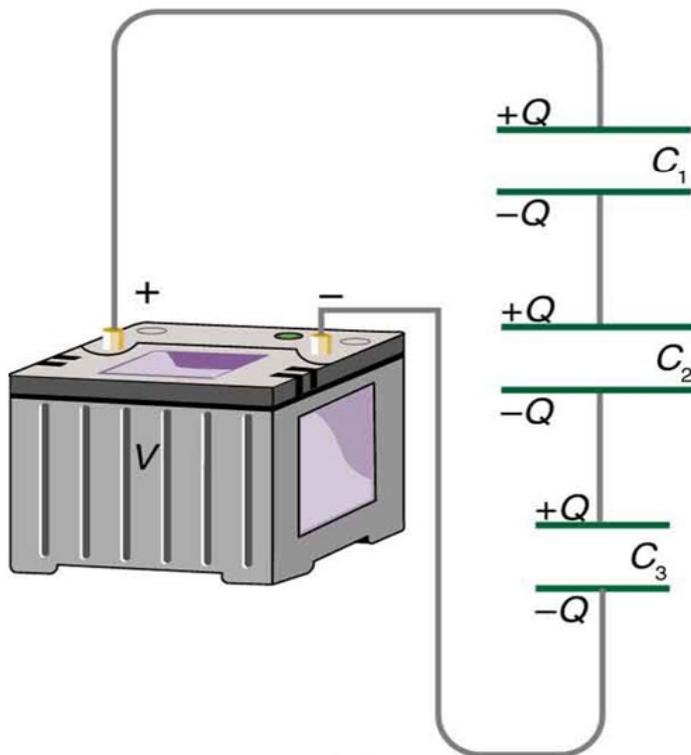
- Therefore the capacitance of the capacitor is given by

i.e. $C \propto A$ or, $C \propto A/d$
 $C \propto 1/d$

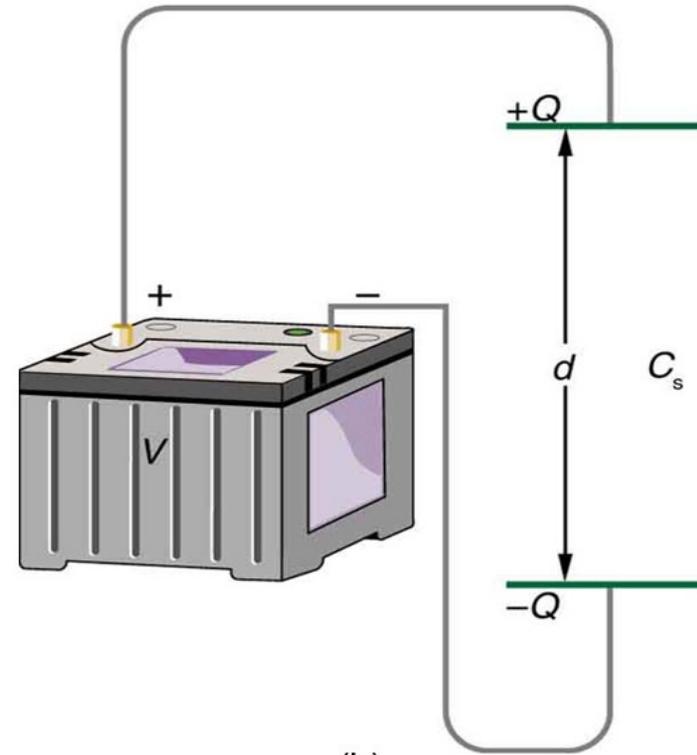
Combination of Capacitor:

Series Circuits

Capacitors or other devices connected along a single path are said to be in series.



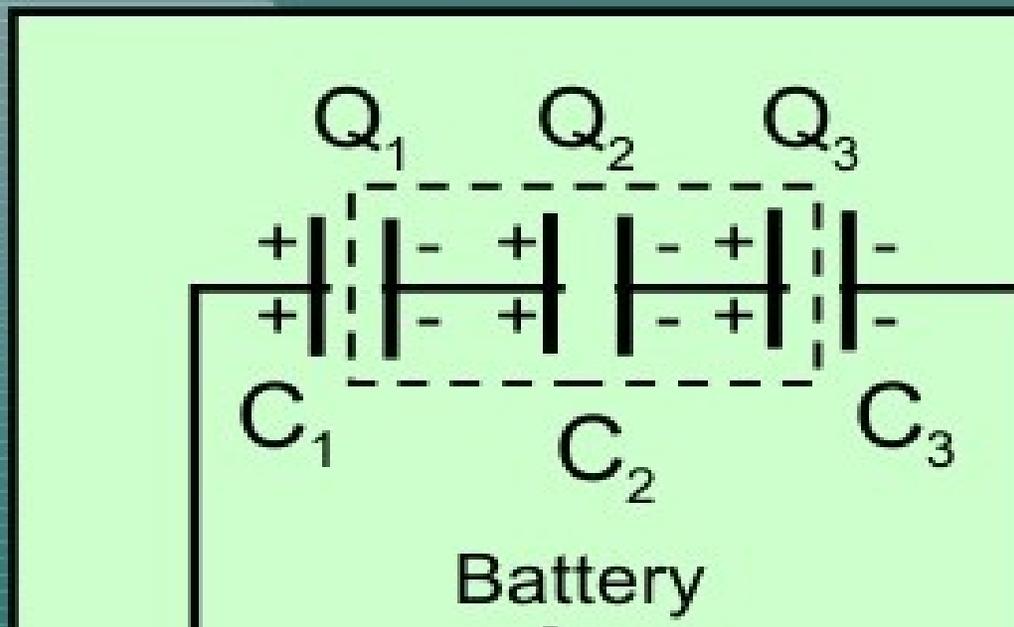
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Charge on Capacitors in S

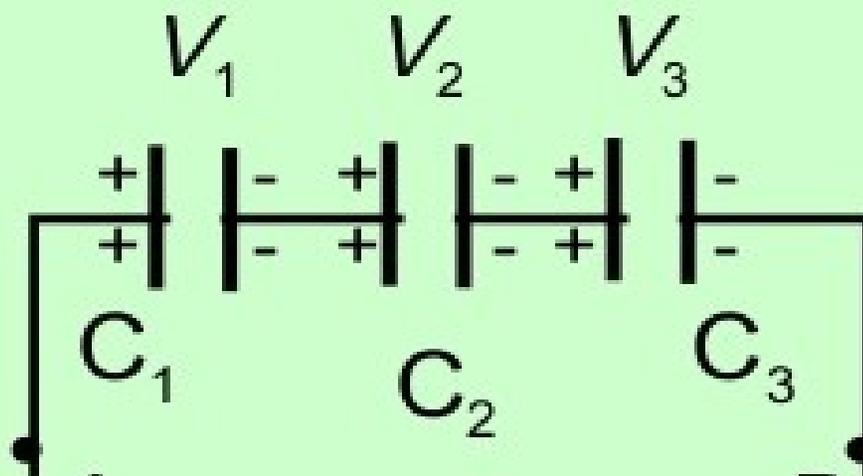
Since inside charge is only induced, the charge on each capacitor is the same



Charge is same
series connection
of capacitor

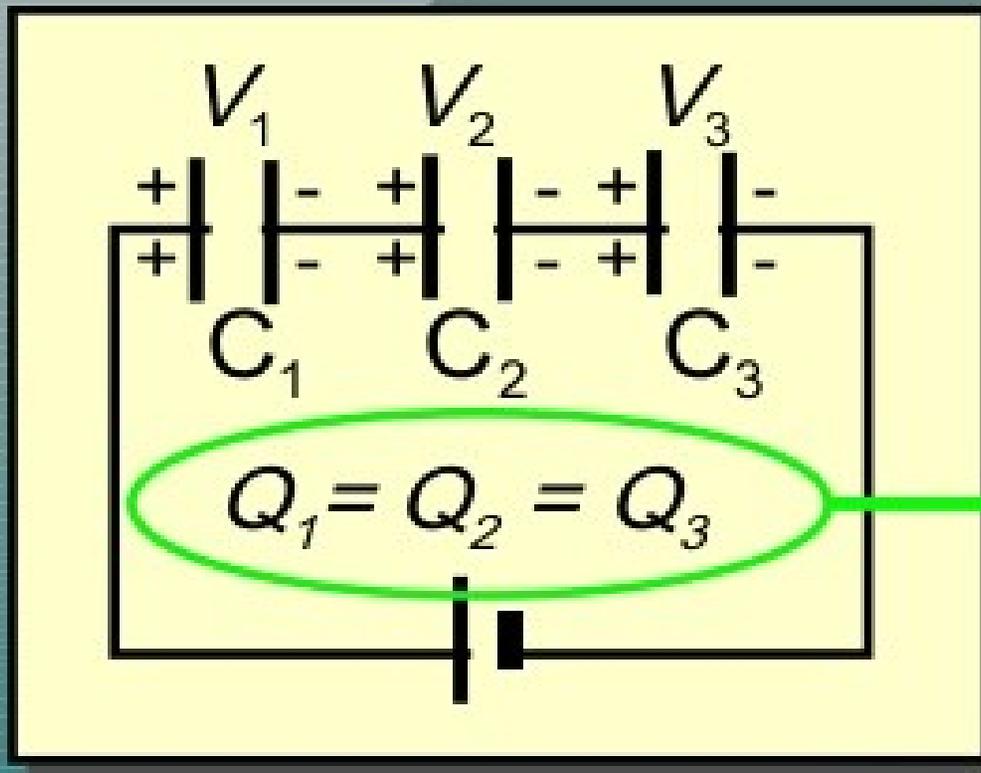
Voltage on Capacitors in Series

Since the potential difference between points **A** and **B** is independent of path, battery voltage **V** must equal the sum of the voltages across each capacitor.



Total voltage
Series connected
Sum of voltages

Equivalent Capacitance Series



$$C = \frac{Q}{V}; \quad V =$$

$$V = V_1 + V_2 +$$

$$\frac{Q}{C} = \frac{Q_1}{C_1} + \frac{Q_2}{C_2}$$

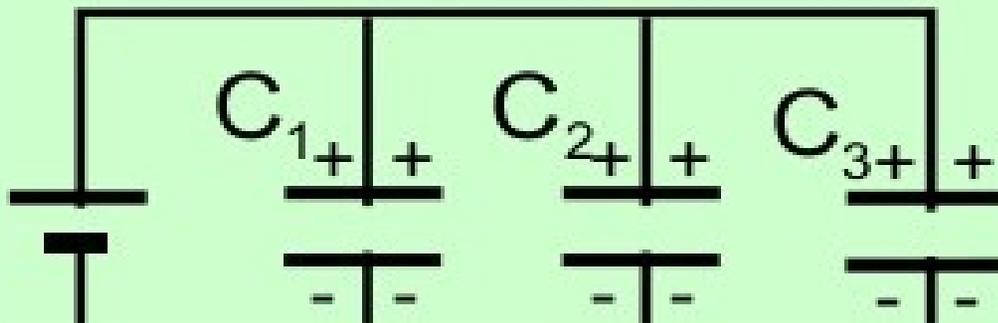
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Equivalent C_e 1

Parallel Circuits

Capacitors which are all connected to same source of potential are said to be connected in **parallel**. See below:

Parallel capacitors:
“+ to +; - to -”



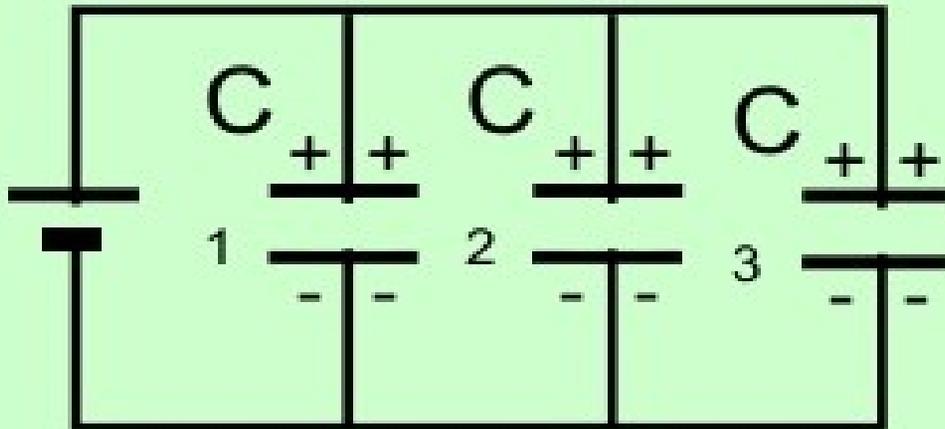
Voltages:

$$V_T = V_1 = V_2$$

Charges:

Equivalent Capacitance: Pa

Parallel capacitors
in Parallel:



$$C = \frac{Q}{V}; \quad Q =$$

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

Equal Voltage

$$CV = C_1 V_1 + C_2$$

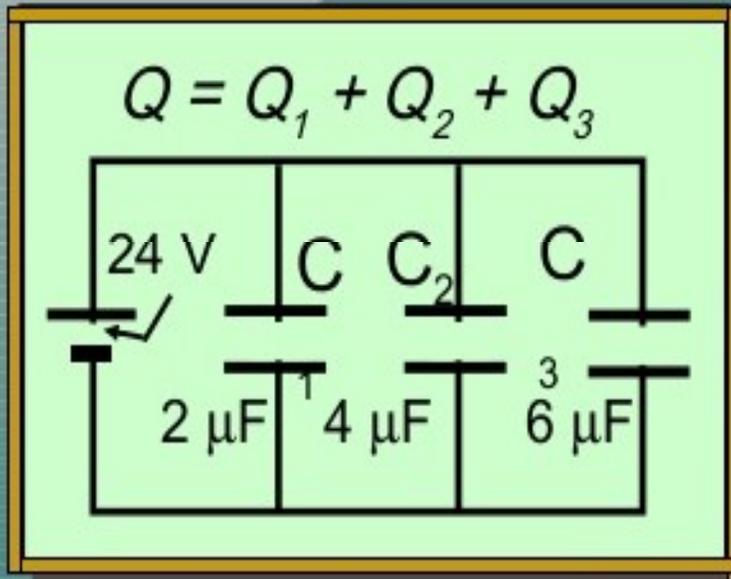
Equivalent C_e

Q. Find the equivalent capacitance of the three capacitors connected in parallel with a 24 V battery. Also calculate the total charge and charge across each capacitor.

A. and charge across each capacitor.

Since

With a 24-V battery



$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$$

$$C_e = 12 \mu\text{F}$$

C_e for parallel:

$$C_e = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i$$

$$V_1 = V_2 = V_3$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}; \quad Q = CV$$

$$C_e = (2 + 4 + 6) \mu\text{F}$$

$$Q_T = C_e V$$

$$Q_1 = (2 \mu\text{F})(24 \text{ V})$$

$$Q = (12 \mu\text{F})(24 \text{ V})$$

$$Q = (4 \mu\text{F})(24 \text{ V})$$

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