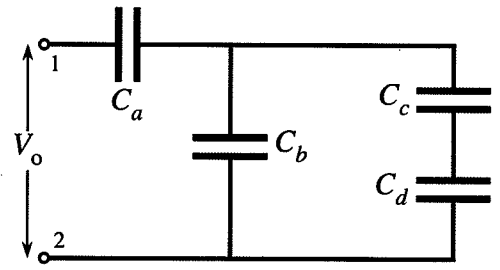


The following problem will be hand-graded. Show all your work for this problem. Make no marks and leave no space on your answer card for it.

III In the capacitor network at right, all capacitors are identical, with capacitance $C = 10 \mu\text{F}$.

#10 (A) (8 points) What is the equivalent capacitance of the entire network?



① c and d are in series

$$\frac{1}{C_{cd}} = \frac{1}{C_c} + \frac{1}{C_d} = \frac{1}{C} + \frac{1}{C} = \frac{2}{C}$$

$$\rightarrow C_{cd} = \frac{C}{2}$$

② cd and b in parallel

$$C_{bcd} = C_b + C_{cd} = C + \frac{1}{2}C = \frac{3}{2}C$$

③ a and bcd in series

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_a} + \frac{1}{C_{bcd}} = \frac{1}{C} + \frac{2}{3C} = \frac{5}{3C} \Rightarrow C_{eq} = \frac{3}{5}C = 6.0 \mu\text{F}$$

#11 (B) (8 points) If the network is held at a potential difference $V_0 = 100\text{V}$ across terminals 1 and 2, how much electric potential energy will be stored in capacitor b?

④
$$\rightarrow \text{total charge stored is } Q_{\text{tot}} = C_{eq} V_0 = \frac{3}{5} C V_0$$

⑤ a and bcd in series: same total charge stored: $Q_a = Q_{bcd} = Q_{\text{tot}} = \frac{3}{5} C V_0$

hence, potential across bcd is $\Delta V_{bcd} = \frac{Q_{bcd}}{C_{bcd}} = \frac{\frac{3}{5} C V_0}{\frac{3}{2} C}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta V_{bcd} = \frac{2}{5} V_0$$

⑥ b and cd in parallel: same potential across each

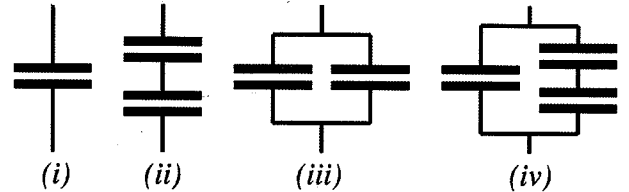
$$\Delta V_b = \Delta V_{cd} = \Delta V_{bcd} \rightarrow \Delta V_b = \frac{2}{5} V_0 = 40\text{V}$$

Thus, stored energy is:

$$U_b = \frac{1}{2} C_b \Delta V_b^2 = 8.0\text{mJ}$$

Question value 4 points

(2) In the four networks at right, all capacitors are identical. Rank in order, from least to greatest, the capacitance of each network.



(a) (ii) < (i) < (iv) < (iii)

(b) (iv) < (ii) = (iii) < (i)

(c) None of the other rankings are correct.

(d) (i) < (ii) < (iii) < (iv)

(e) (iii) < (iv) < (i) < (ii)

(i) $C_i = C$
 (ii) series: $\frac{1}{C_{ii}} = \frac{1}{C} + \frac{1}{C} \rightarrow C_{ii} = \frac{C}{2}$
 (iii) parallel: $C_{iii} = C + C = 2C$
 (iv) = (i) and (ii) in parallel:

$$C_{iv} = C_i + C_{ii} = \frac{3}{2} C$$