Answer on Question #54784, Physics Electric Circuits

There is a triangle ABC with each of it's side having a capacitor of capacitance 1F. Now, another triangle DEF is concentrically placed over triangle ABC and has capacitors of capacitance 1F on each of it's side. Points A and D, B and E, C and F are connected with 1F capacitors between them. Find the equivalent capacitance between the points A and D. Please explain how.

Solution

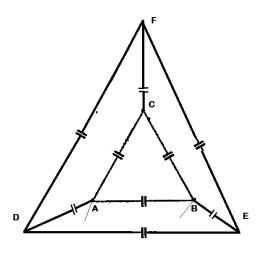


Fig.1

The electric circuit in Figure 1 can be more convenient to represent (see. Figure 2)

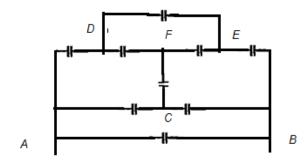


Fig.2

The capacitor between points F and C can be thrown to the scheme (we got a balanced Wheatstone bridge).

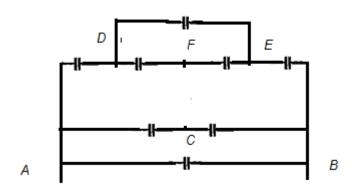


Fig.3

The capacity between points D and E:

$$C_{DE} = \frac{1F}{2} + 1F = 1.5F \tag{1}$$

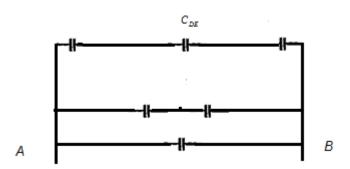


Fig.4

The capacity between points A and B:

$$C_{AB} = \left(\frac{1}{1F} + \frac{1}{1F} + \frac{1}{1.5F}\right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{1}{1F} + \frac{1}{1F}\right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{1}{1F}\right)^{-1} = 19F/16 = 1.1875F$$
 (2)

Answer: $C_{AB} = 19F/16 = 1.1875F$