

Unit - I

1.8 Capacitor Charging and Revision

Wireless power transmission

→ short distance → long distance

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Syllabus

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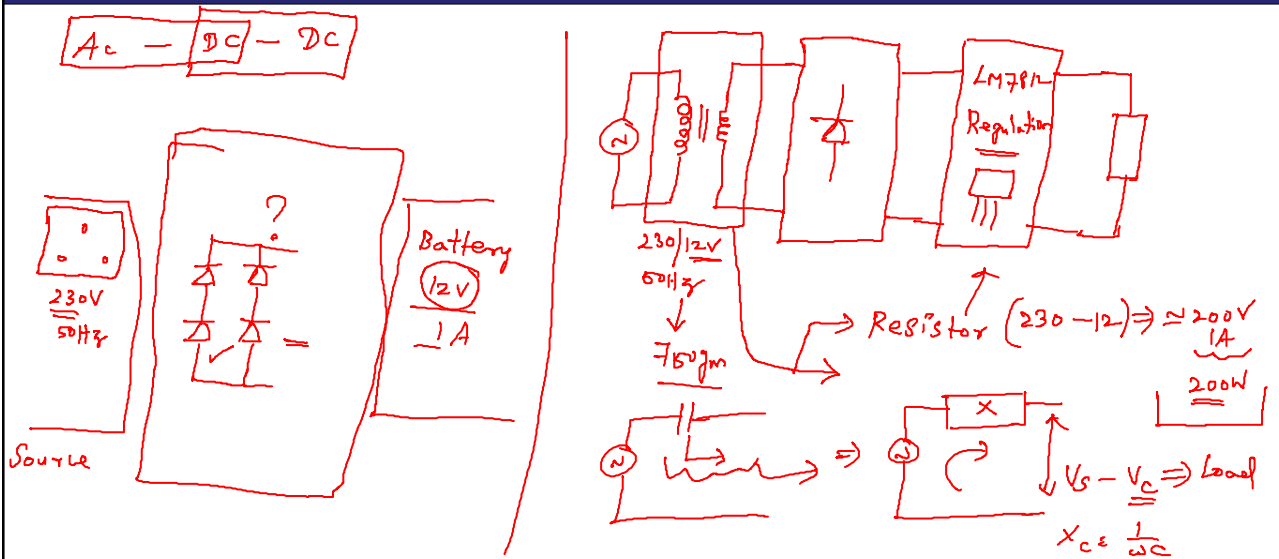
10 Periods

Introduction and Basic Concepts: Concept of Potential difference, voltage, current -
 Fundamental linear passive and active elements to their functional current-voltage relation -
 Terminology and symbols in order to describe electric networks - Concept of work, power,
 energy and conversion of energy- Principle of batteries and application.

Principles of Electrostatics: Electrostatic field - electric field intensity - electric field strength
 - absolute permittivity - relative permittivity - capacitor composite - dielectric capacitors -
 capacitors in series & parallel - energy stored in capacitors - charging and discharging of
 capacitors.



Capacitors in Power Supplies

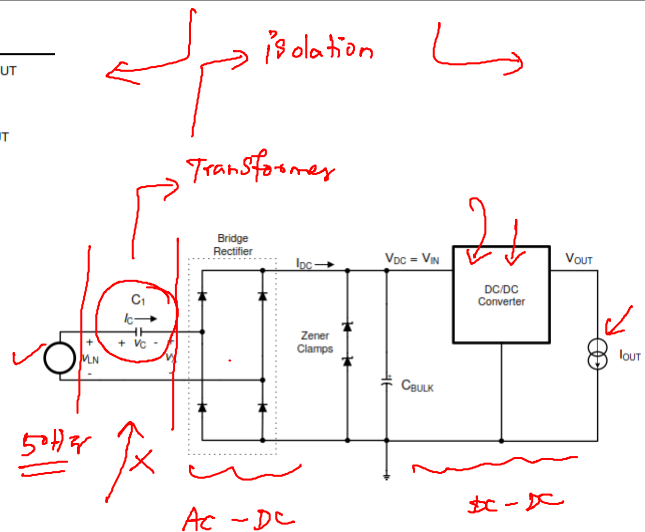
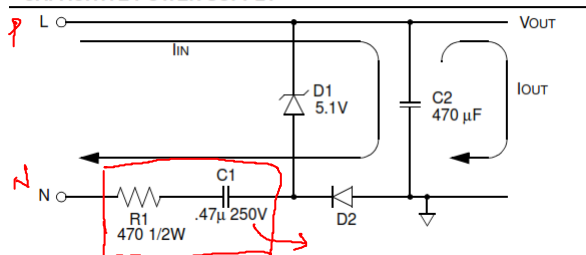


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CAPACITIVE POWER SUPPLY

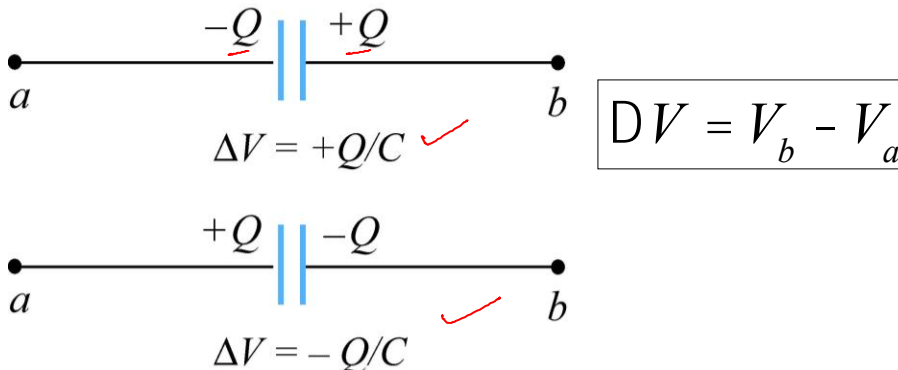


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Sign Conventions - Capacitor

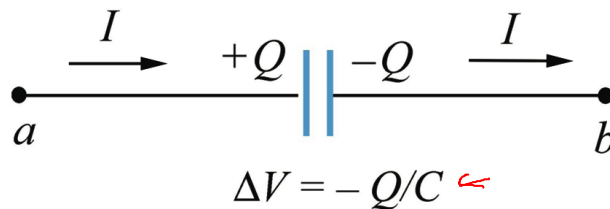
Moving across a capacitor from the negatively to positively charged plate **increases** the electric potential



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Power - Capacitor

Moving across a capacitor from the positive to negative plate **decreases** your potential. If current flows in that direction the capacitor **absorbs** power (stores charge)



$$P_{\text{absorbed}} = I \Delta V = \frac{dQ}{dt} \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{dU}{dt} \quad \checkmark$$

RC Circuits



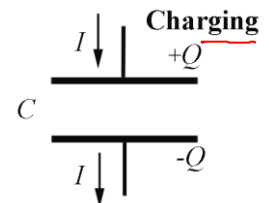
↳ charging

↳ Inrush Currents

(Dis)Charging a Capacitor

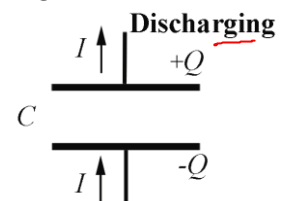
1. When the direction of current flow is toward the positive plate of a capacitor, then

$$I = + \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

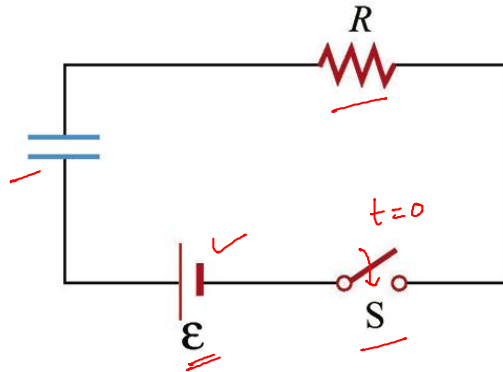


2. When the direction of current flow is away from the positive plate of a capacitor, then

$$I = - \frac{dQ}{dt}$$



Charging a Capacitor

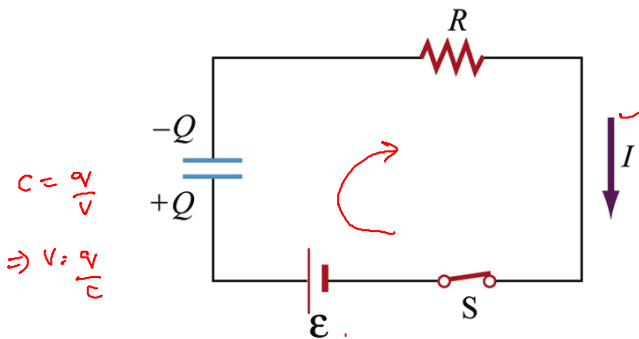


What happens when we close switch S at $t = 0$?

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Charging a Capacitor



Circulate clockwise

$$\sum_i DV_i = e - \frac{Q}{C} - IR = 0$$

$$I = + \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

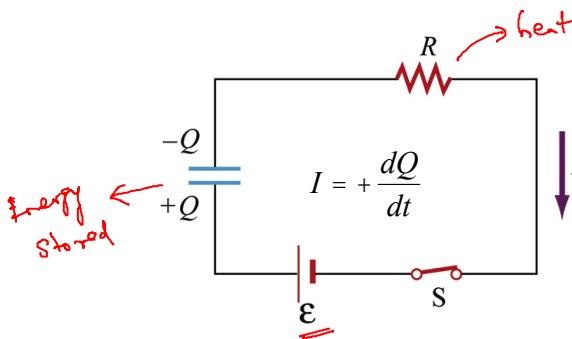
First order linear
inhomogeneous differential
equation

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = - \frac{1}{RC} (Q - Ce) \quad \checkmark$$

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Energy Balance: Circuit Equation



$$\mathcal{E} - \frac{Q}{C} - IR = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Multiplying by $I = + \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad \checkmark$

$$\mathcal{E}I = I^2 R + \frac{Q}{C} \frac{dQ}{dt} = I^2 R + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C} \right) \quad \checkmark$$

(power delivered by battery) = (power dissipated through resistor) + (power absorbed by the capacitor)

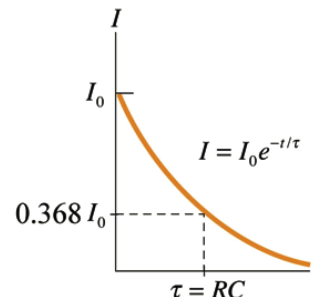
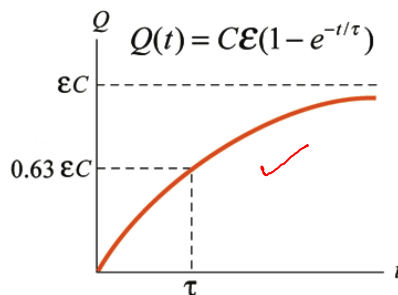
RC Circuit Charging: Solution

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC}(Q - C\mathcal{E}) \quad \checkmark$$

Solution to this equation when switch is closed at $t = 0$:

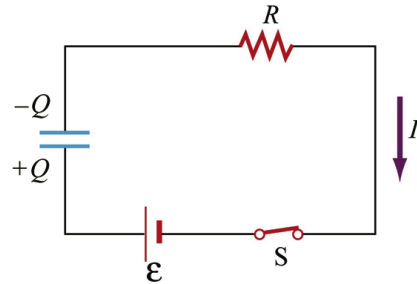
$$Q(t) = C\mathcal{E}(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \quad I(t) = + \frac{dQ}{dt} \Rightarrow I(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \checkmark$$

$\tau = RC$: time constant (units: seconds)



Concept Question: RC Circuit

An uncharged capacitor is connected to a battery, resistor and switch. The switch is initially open but at $t = 0$ it is closed. A very long time after the switch is closed, the current in the circuit is

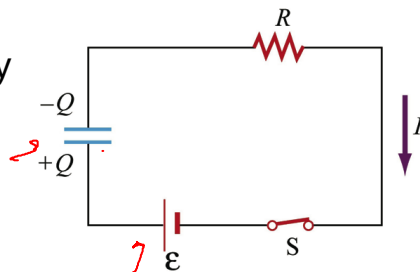


1. Nearly zero ← ✓
2. At a maximum and decreasing
3. Nearly constant but non-zero ← ✗

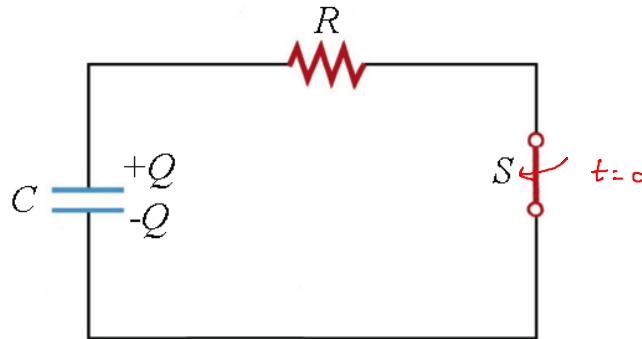
Concept Q. Answer: RC Circuit

Answer: 1. After a long time the current is 0

Eventually the capacitor gets “completely charged” – the voltage increase provided by the battery is equal to the voltage drop across the capacitor. The voltage drop across the resistor at this point is 0 – no current is flowing.



Discharging A Capacitor

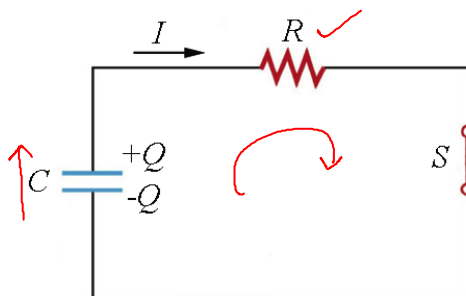


At $t = 0$ charge on capacitor is Q_0 . What happens when we close switch S at $t = 0$?

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Discharging a Capacitor



Circulate clockwise

$$\sum_i DV_i = \frac{Q}{C} - IR = 0$$

$$I = - \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

First order linear
differential equation

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = - \frac{Q}{RC}$$

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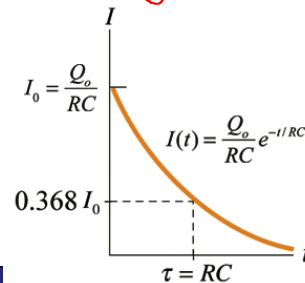
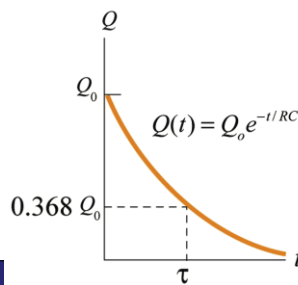
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RC Circuit: Discharging

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC}Q \quad \Rightarrow \quad Q(t) = Q_0 e^{-t/RC} \quad \checkmark$$

Solution to this equation when switch is closed at $t = 0$
 with time constant $\tau = \underline{RC}$

$$I = -\frac{dQ}{dt} \Rightarrow I(t) = \frac{Q_0}{t} e^{-t/t} = \frac{Q_0}{RC} e^{-t/RC} \quad \checkmark$$

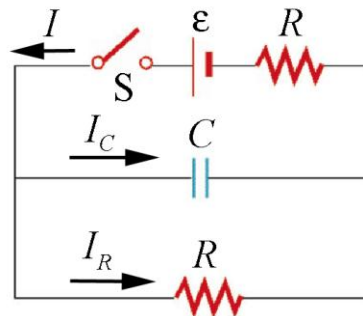


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Concept Question: RC Circuit

Consider the circuit at right,
 with an initially uncharged
 capacitor and two identical
 resistors. At the instant the
 switch is closed:



1. $I_R = I_C = 0$
2. $I_R = e/2R, I_C = 0$
3. $I_R = 0, I_C = e/R$
4. $I_R = e/2R, I_C = e/R$

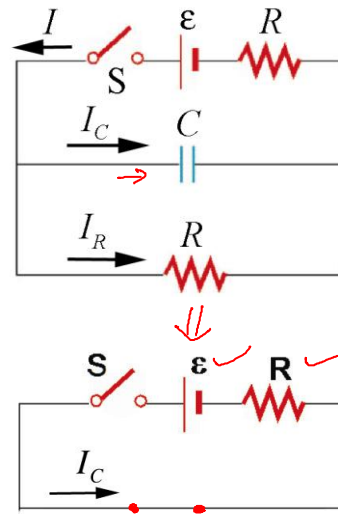
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Concept Question Answer: RC Circuit

Answer: 3. $I_R = 0$ $I_C = e/R$ ✓

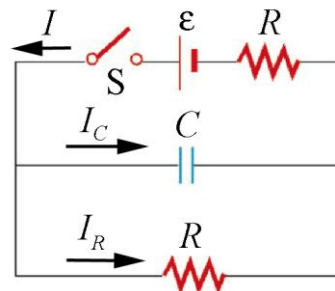
Initially there is no charge on the capacitor and hence no voltage drop across it – it looks like a short. Thus all current will flow through it rather than through the bottom resistor. So the circuit looks like:



Concept Q.: Current Thru Capacitor

In the circuit at right the switch is closed at $t = 0$. At $t = \infty$ (long after) the current through the capacitor will be:

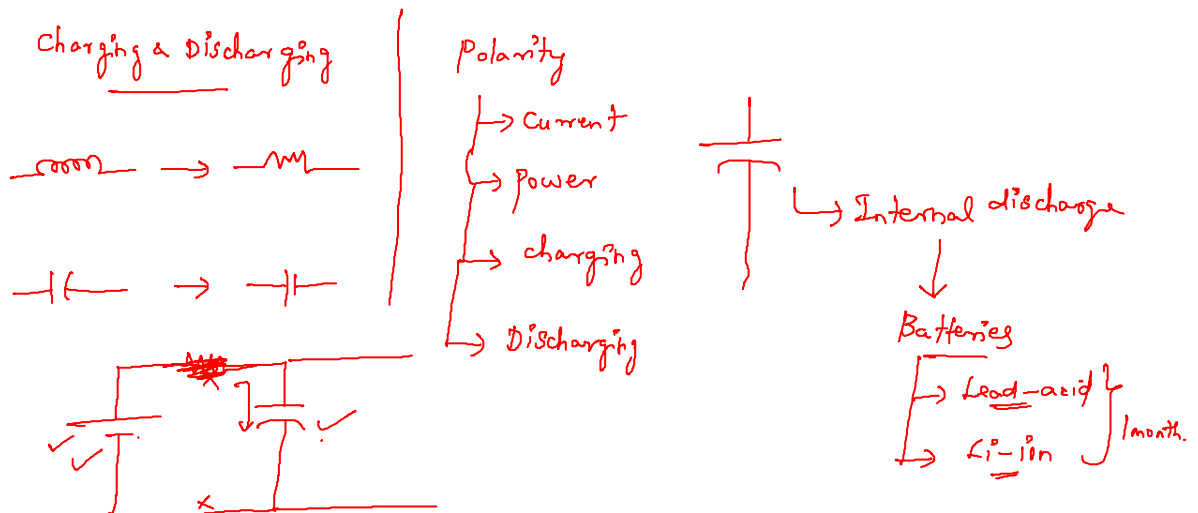
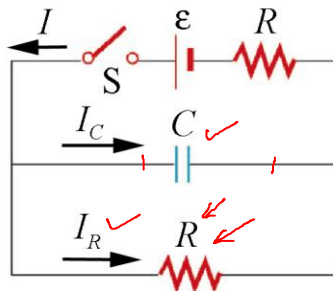
1. $I_C = 0$
2. $I_C = e/R$
3. $I_C = e/2R$



Con. Q. Ans.: Current Thru Capacitor

Answer 1. $I_C = 0$

After a long time the capacitor becomes “fully charged.” No more current flows into it.



Summary

