

# **ESc201 : Introduction to Electronics**

## **Transient Analysis of Capacitive and Inductive Circuits**

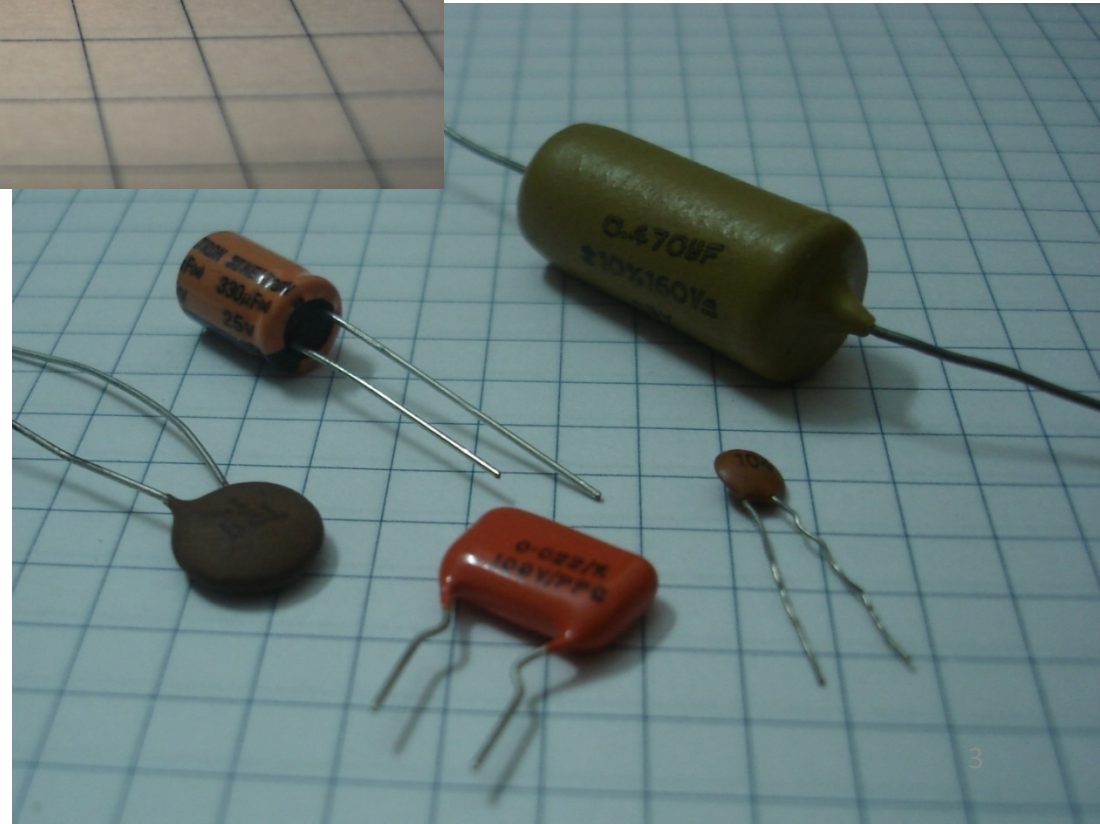
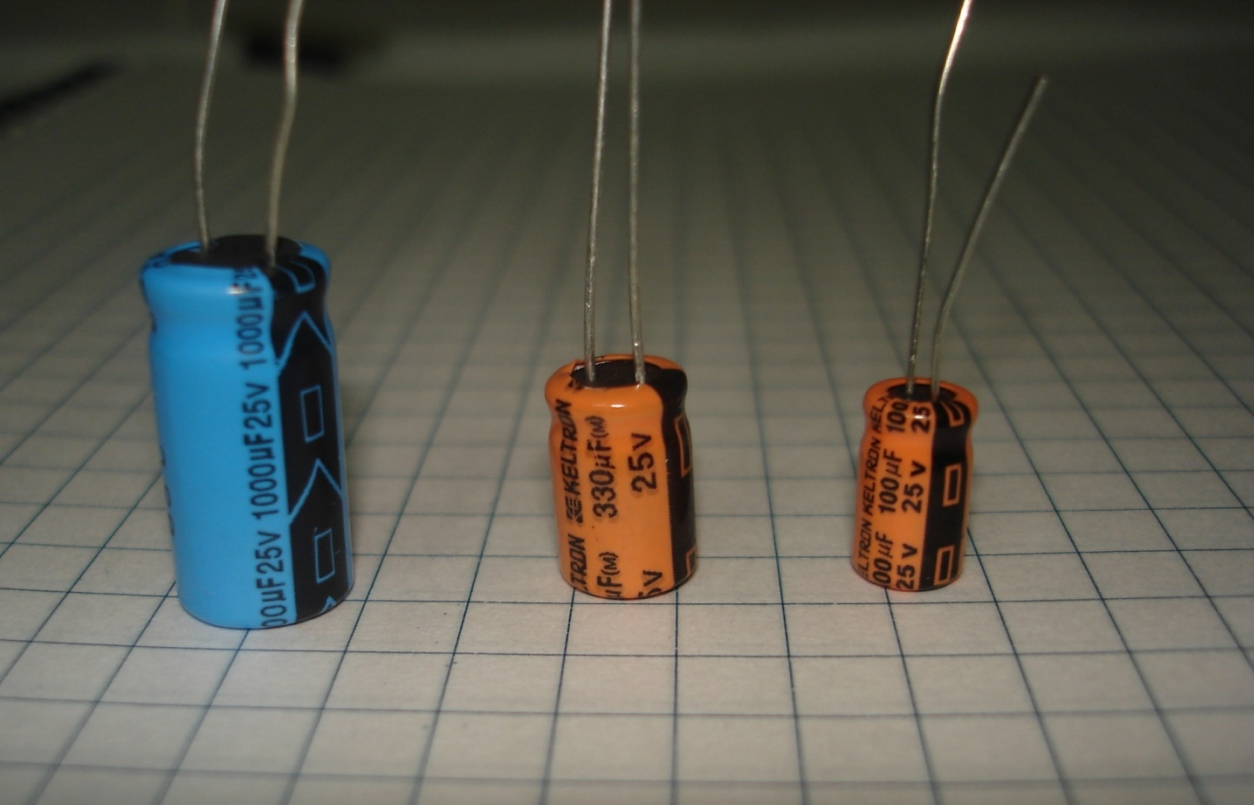
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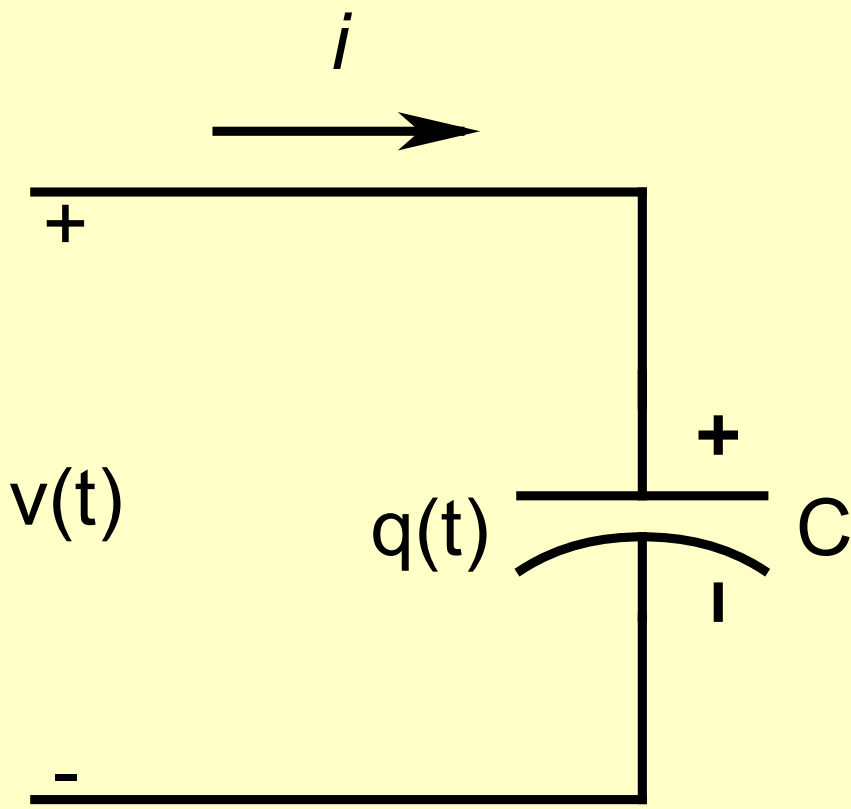
# Capacitance

Two sheets of conductors separated by a layer of insulating material

- The insulating material is called dielectric. This could be air, polyester,







$$q = C \times v$$

Coulombs

Farad

Volt

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

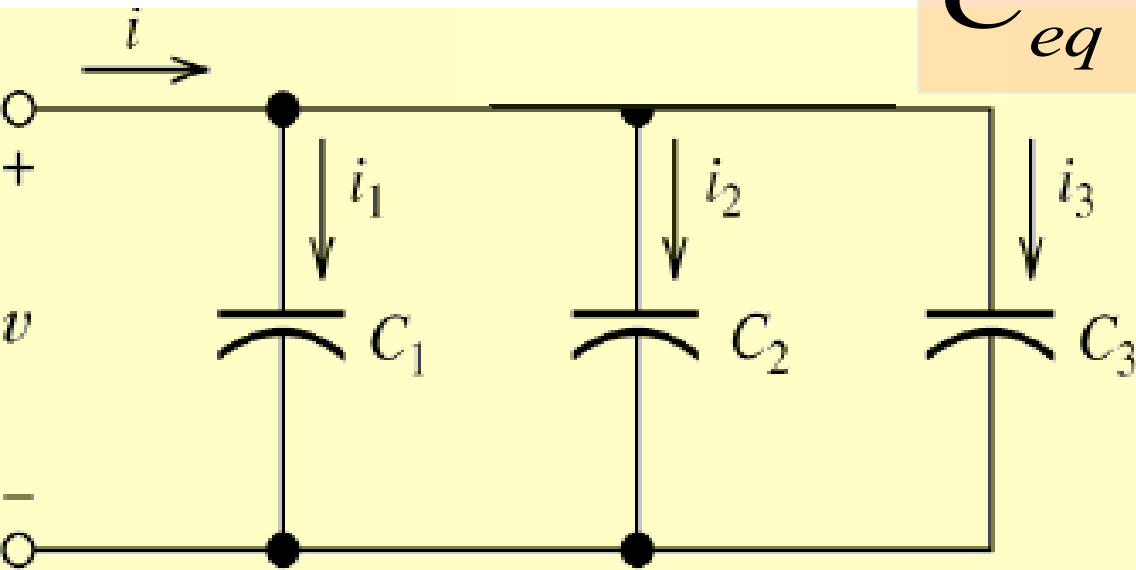
$$v(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{t_o}^t i dt + v(t_o)$$

$$w_c(t) = \frac{1}{2} C \times v_c^2(t)$$

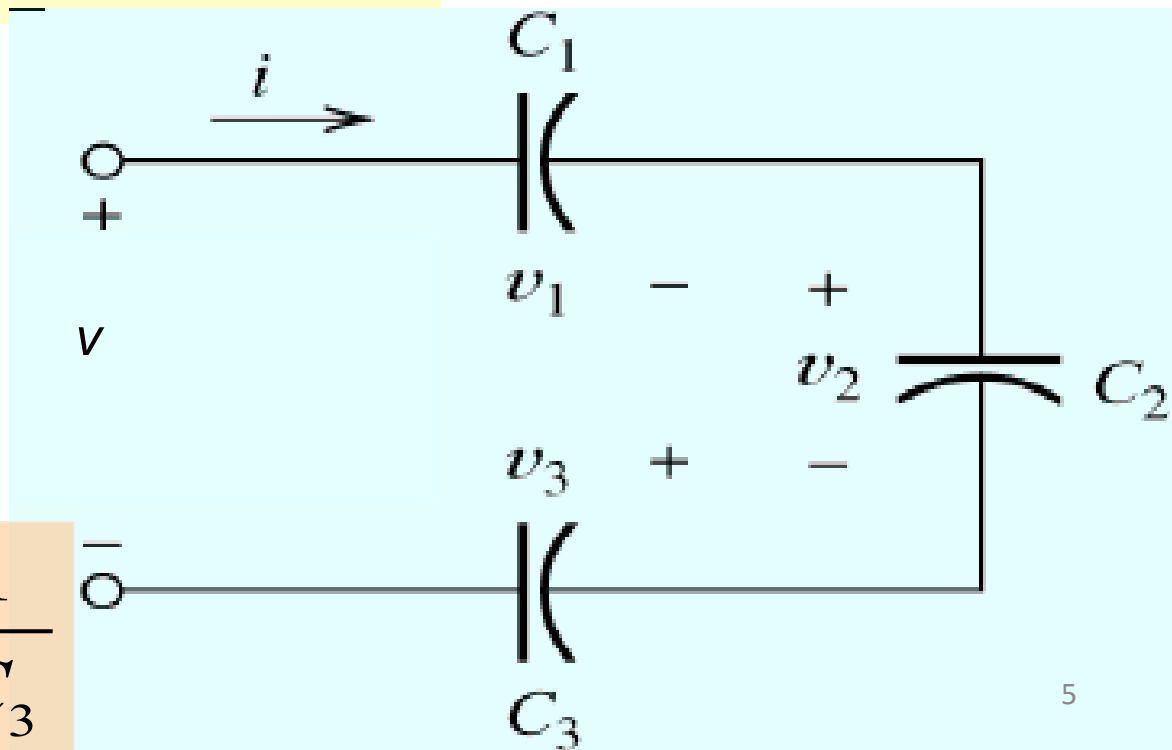
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A capacitor under dc or steady state acts like an  
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$$i = 0$$

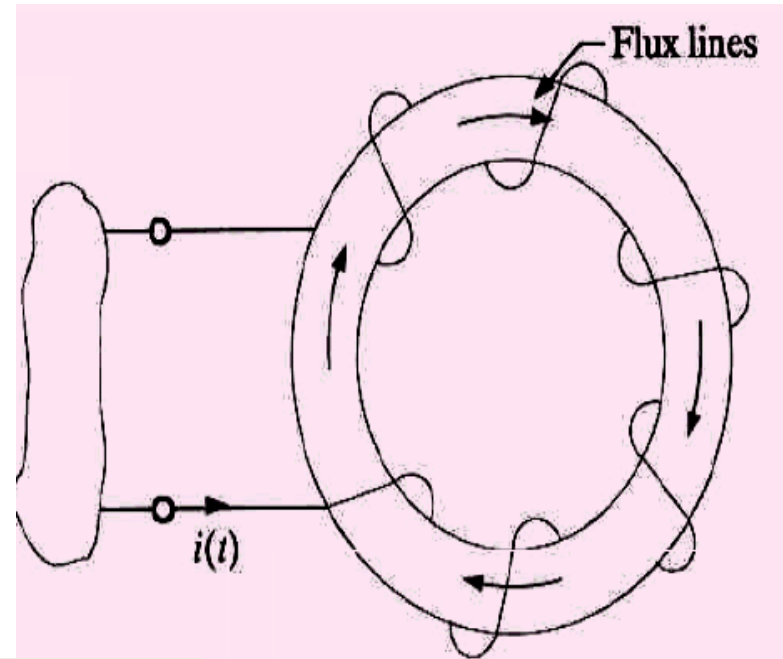
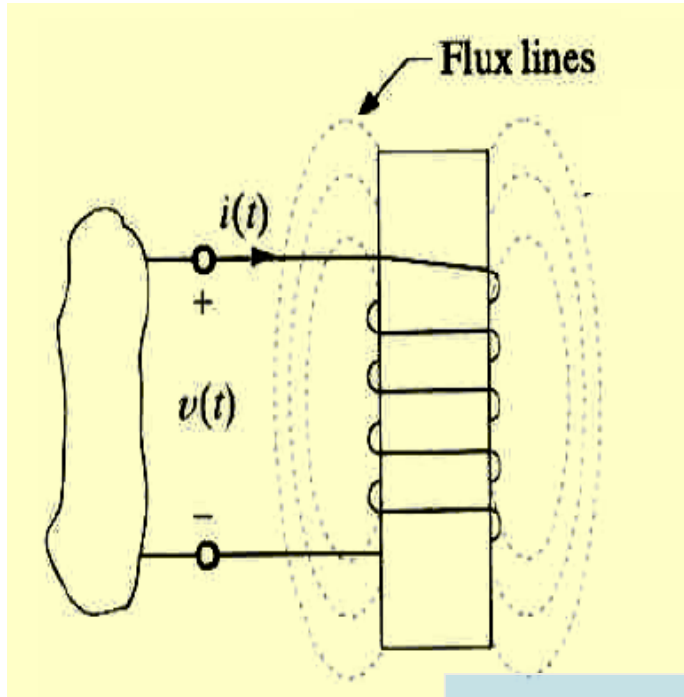
$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$



$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$



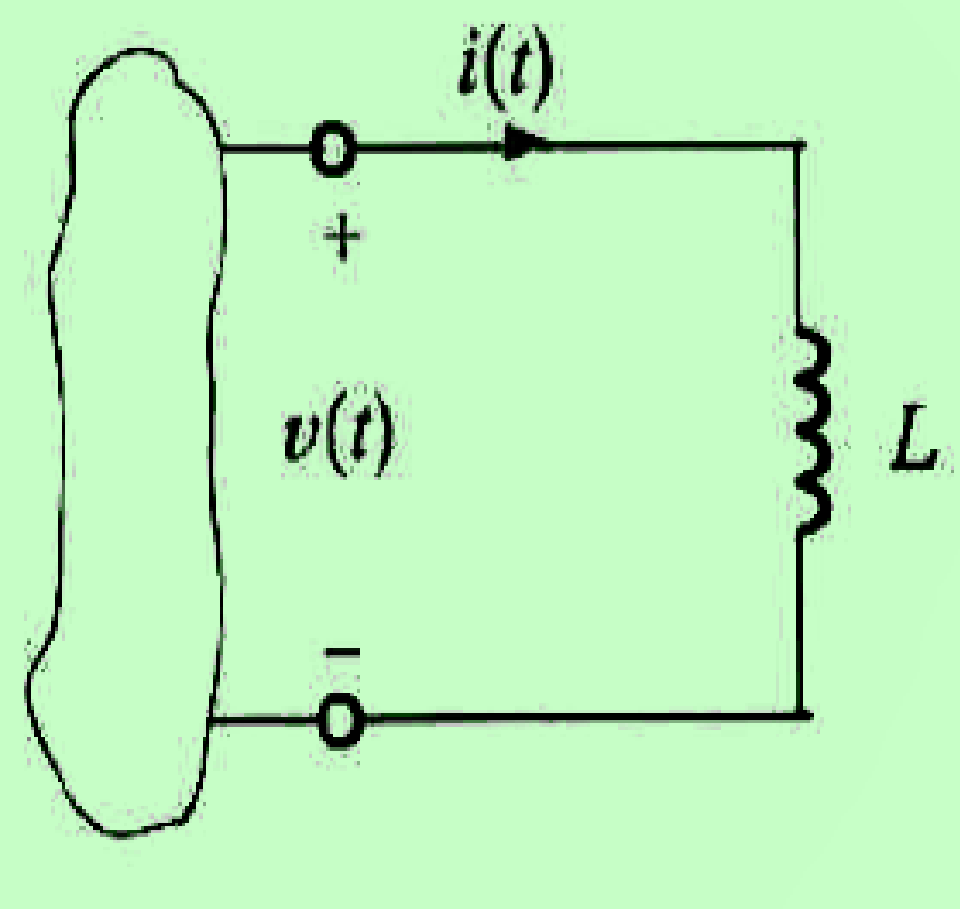
# Inductance



$$\phi = L \times i$$

A time varying flux causes voltage to appear across the device terminals

$$v = \frac{d\phi}{dt} = L \times \frac{di}{dt}$$



$$v = L \times \frac{di}{dt}$$



Henry

For dc or steady state when the current does not vary with time

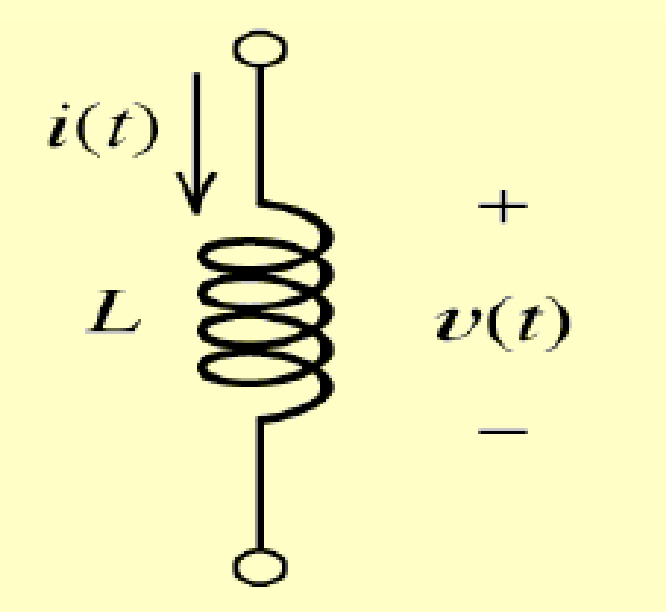
$$v = 0$$

An inductor under dc or steady state acts like a **short circuit**

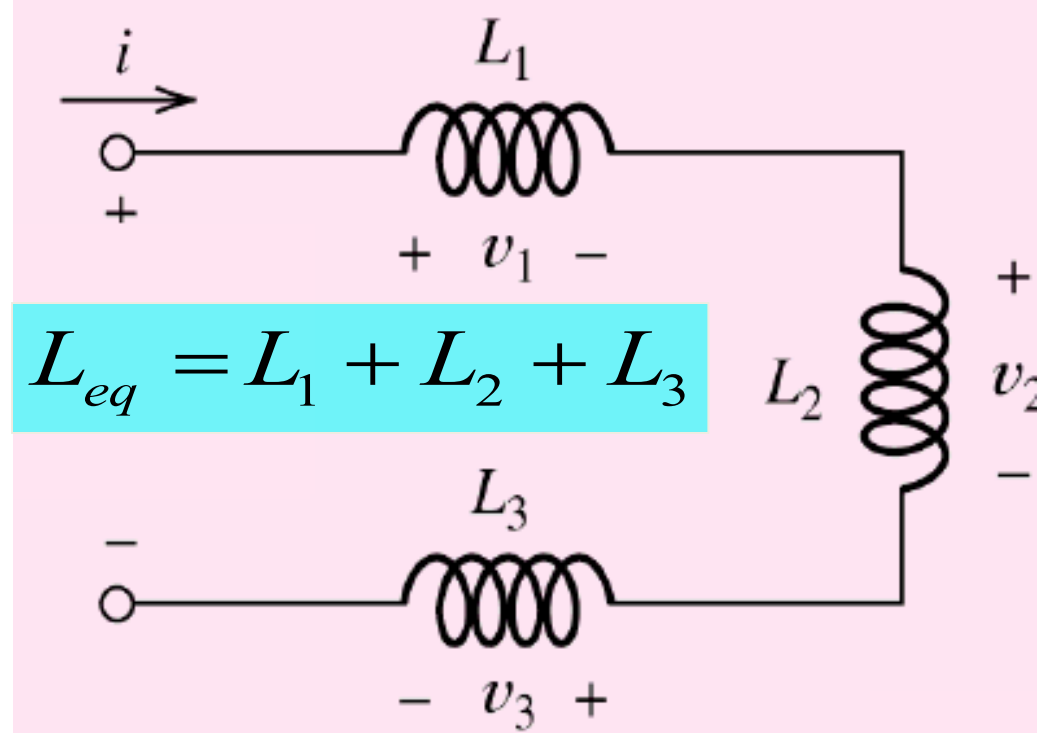
# Typical Inductors



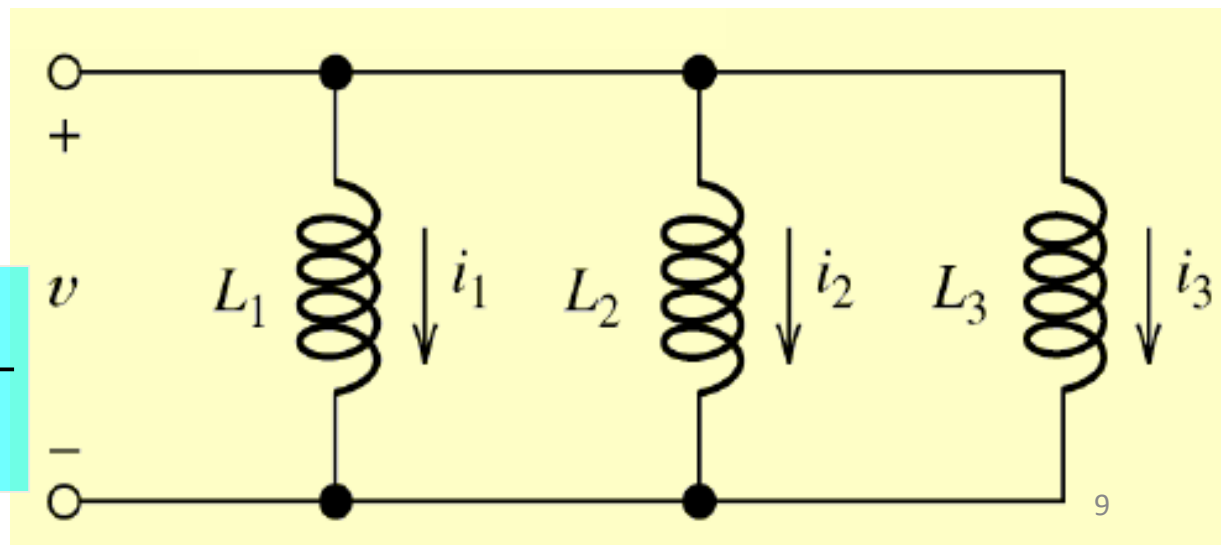




$$w_L(t) = \frac{1}{2} L \times i^2(t)$$

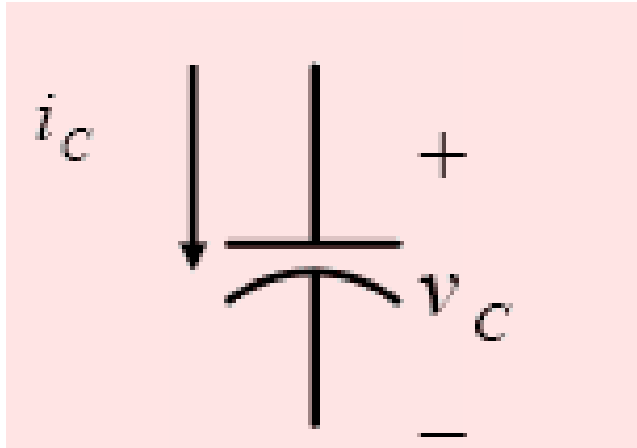


$$\frac{1}{L_{eq}} = \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2} + \frac{1}{L_3}$$



# Two important concepts

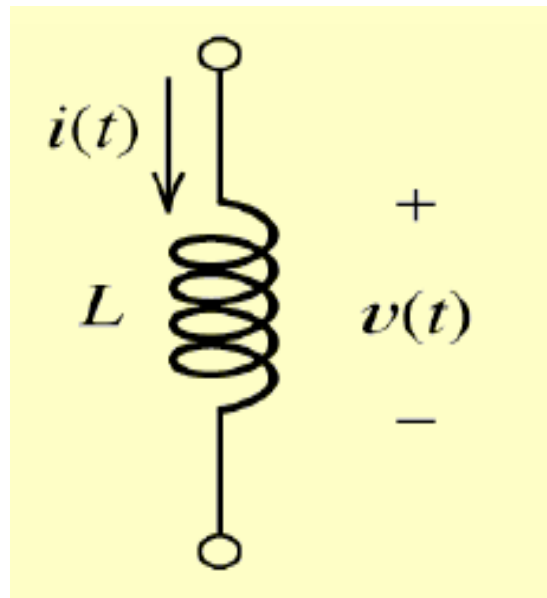
**Voltage across a capacitor cannot change instantaneously**



$$i_c = C \frac{dv_c}{dt}$$

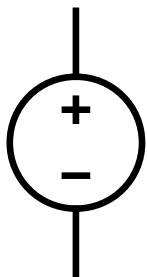
Instant change in voltage implies infinite current!

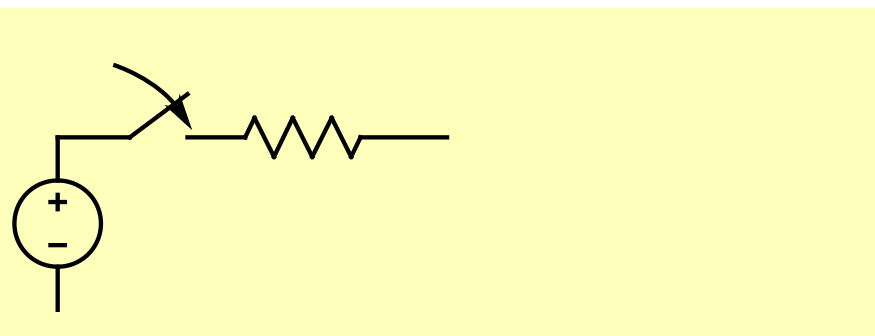
**Current through an inductor cannot change instantaneously**



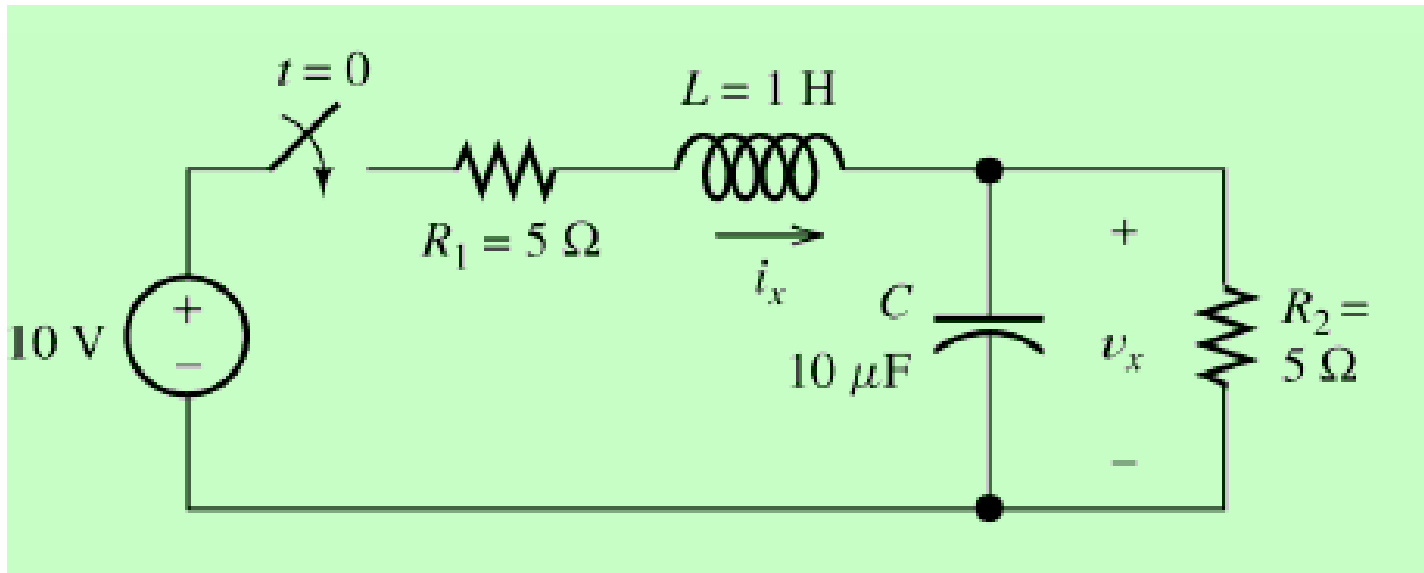
$$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

Instant change in current implies infinite voltage!

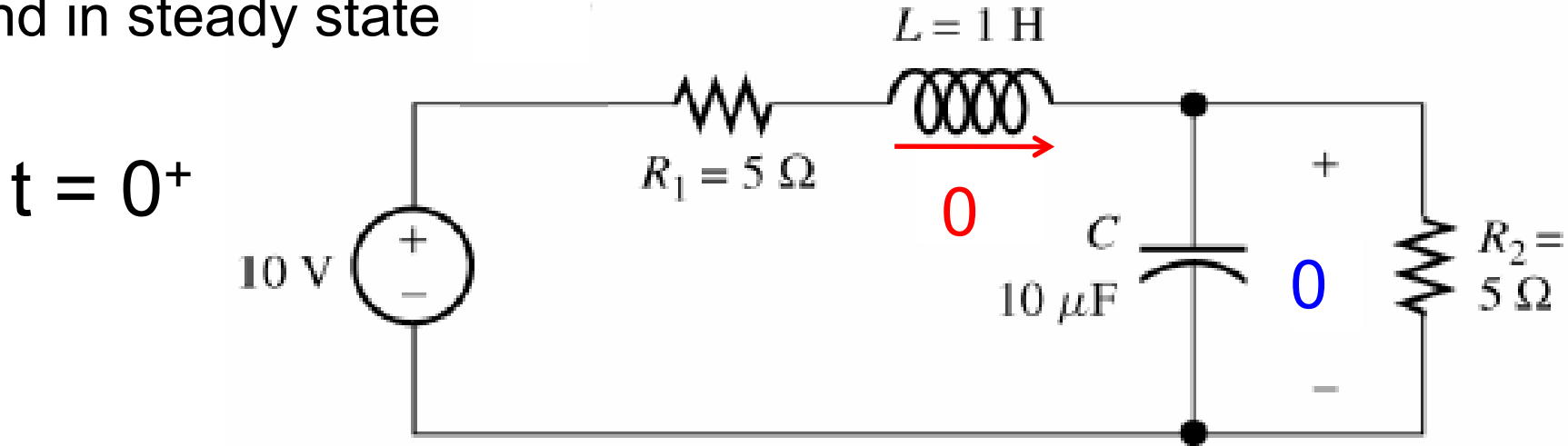




**Example**

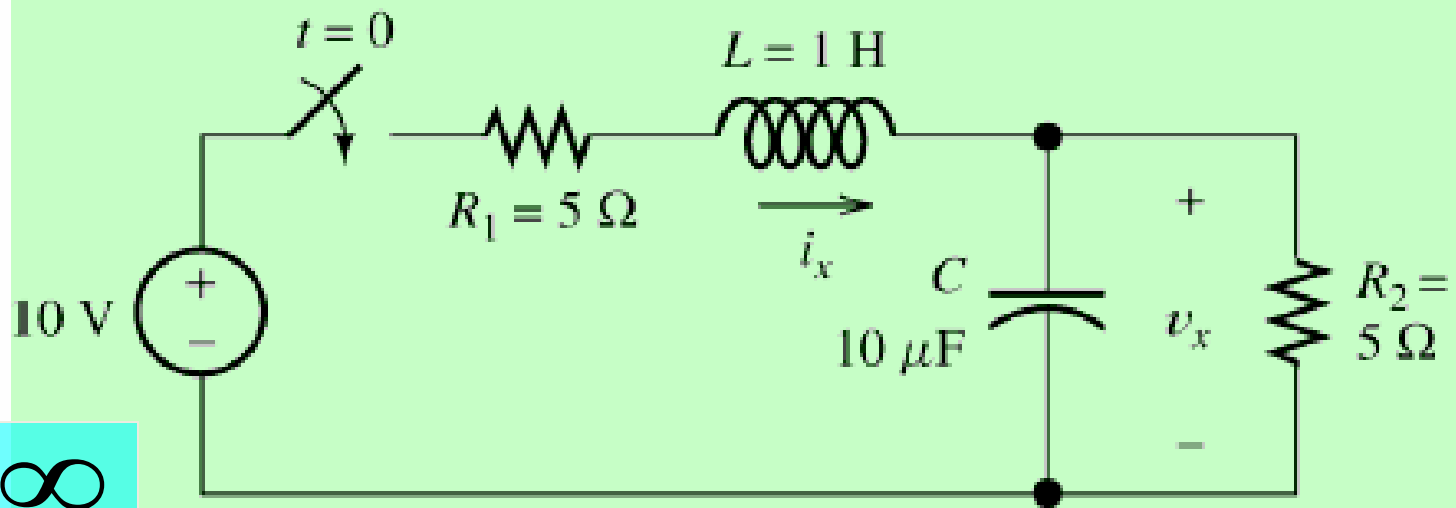


Find voltage and current immediately after closing the switch and in steady state



**Current through an inductor cannot change instantaneously**

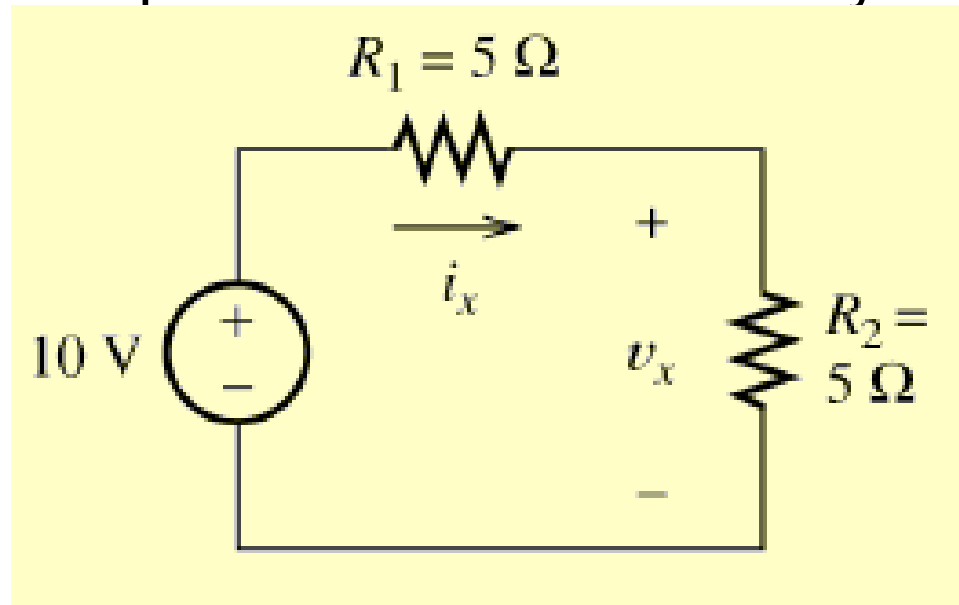
**Voltage across a capacitor cannot change instantaneously**



$t \rightarrow \infty$

An inductor under dc or steady state acts like a **short circuit**

A capacitor under dc or steady state acts like an **open circuit**



$$i_x = \frac{10}{R_1 + R_2} = 1\text{ A}$$

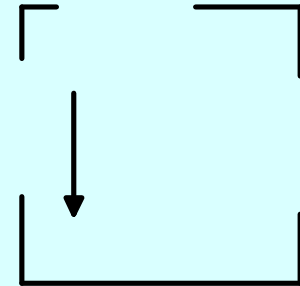
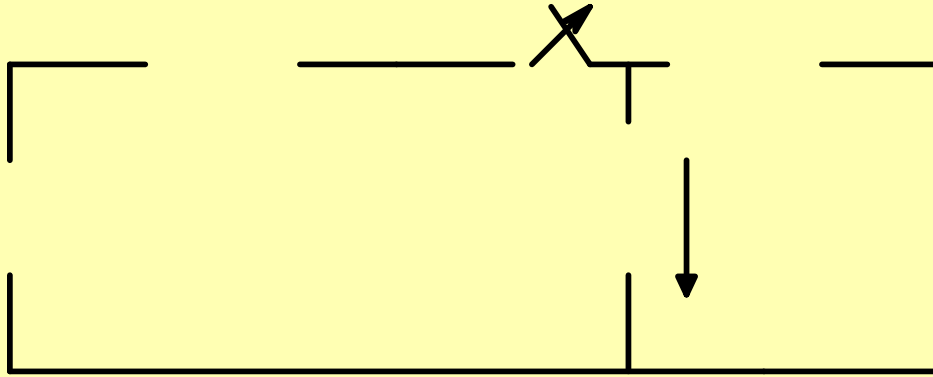
$$v_x = R_2 i_x = 5\text{ V}$$

$$i_L(t \rightarrow \infty) = 1\text{ A}$$

$$v_c(t \rightarrow \infty) = 5\text{ V}$$

Determine the current  $I_x$  immediately after switch is opened.

Circuit for  $t > 0$

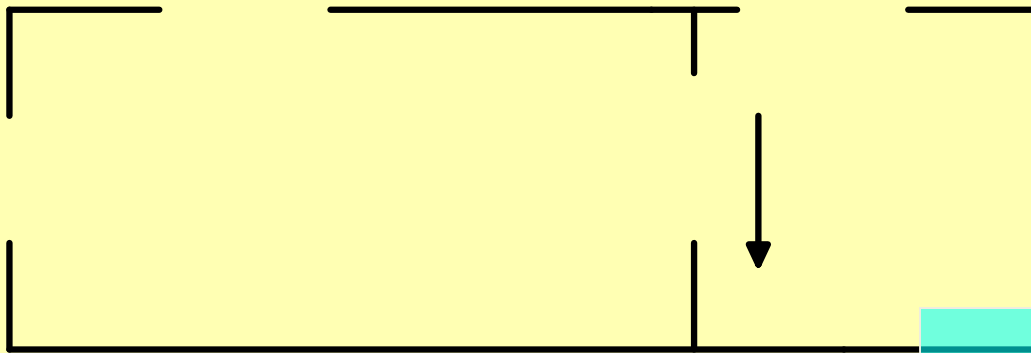


First find voltage  $V_C(0^-)$

Circuit for  $t < 0$

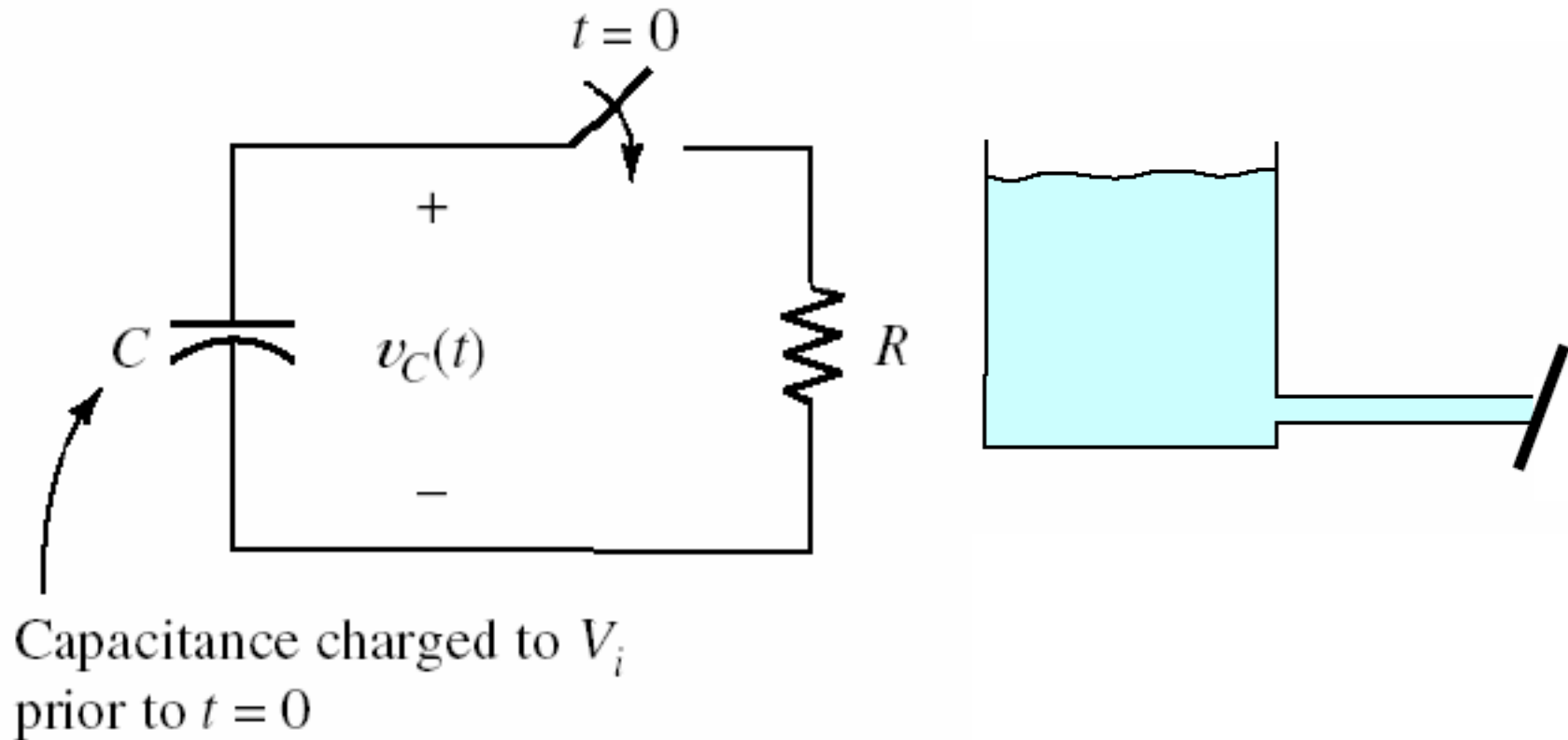
$$i_x(0^+) = \frac{v_C(0^+)}{4K} = 1mA$$

$$v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-)$$



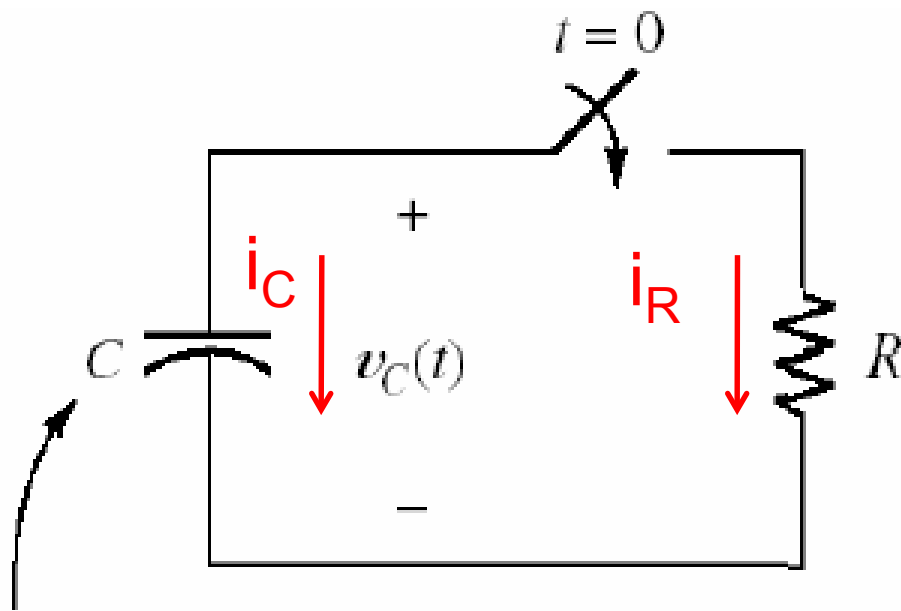
$$v_C(0^-) = \frac{2}{3} \times 6 = 4V$$

# Discharge of a capacitor through a Resistor

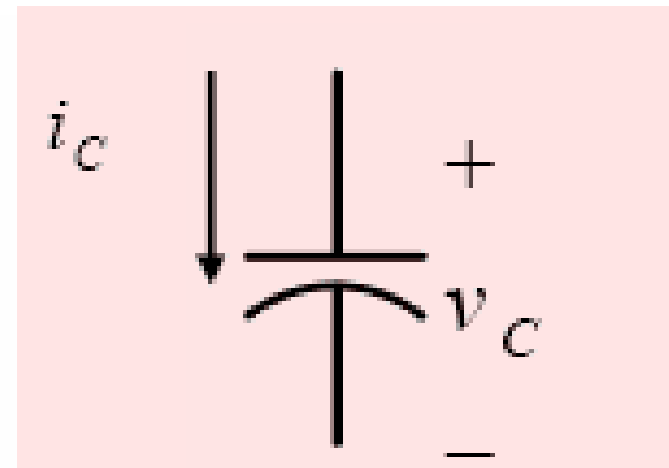


How long will it take for capacitor voltage to fall to half its initial value?





Capacitance charged to  $V_i$   
prior to  $t = 0$



$$i_c = C \frac{dv_c}{dt}$$

Write KCL at top node with  
switch closed:

$$i_c(t) + i_R(t) = 0$$

$$C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} + \frac{v_c(t)}{R} = 0$$

$$\frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC} v_c(t)$$

# First Order Differential Equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -a y$$

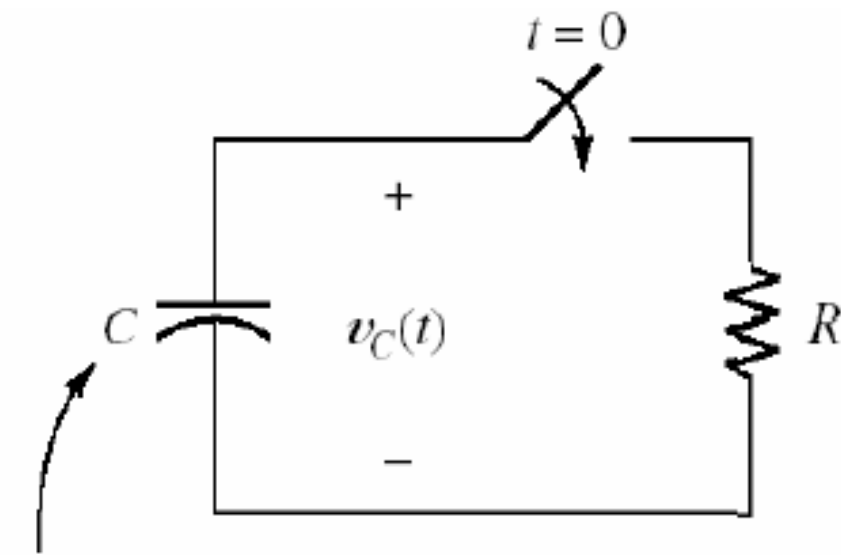
Solution:

$$y(t) = K e^{-at}$$

Constant K is often found from the initial condition

$$K = y(0)$$

$$y(t) = y(0) e^{-at}$$



Capacitance charged to  $V_i$   
prior to  $t = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -a y$$

$$y(t) = y(0) e^{-at}$$

We know:

$$v_C(0^-) = V_i$$

$$\frac{dv_C(t)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC} v_C(t)$$

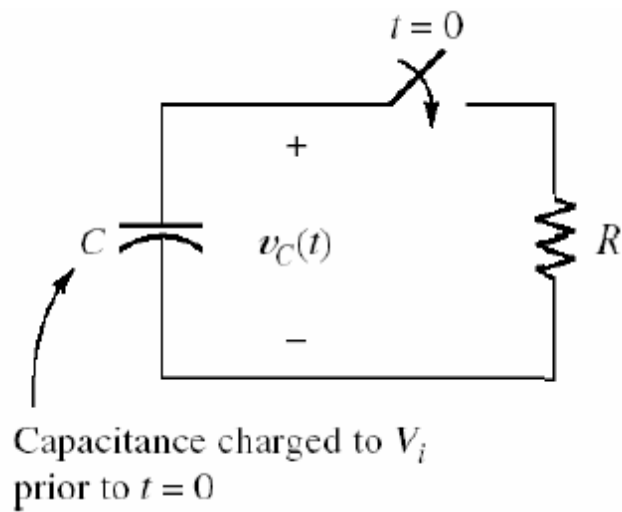
$$v_C(t) = v_C(0) e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$v_C(t) = v_C(0^+) e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

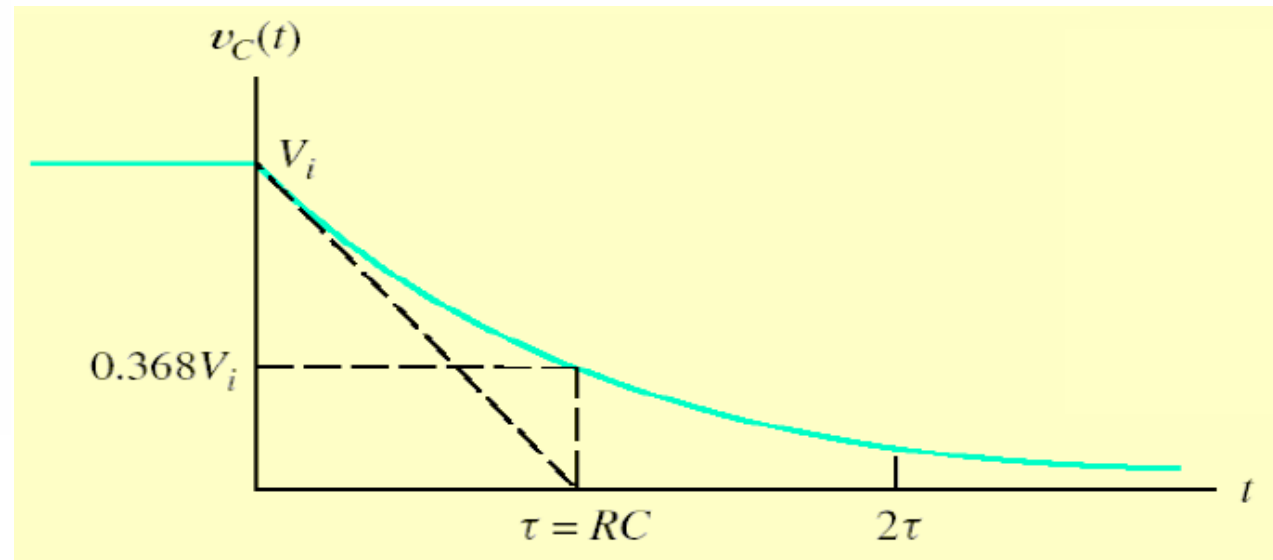
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$$v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-) = V_i$$

$$v_C(t) = V_i e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$



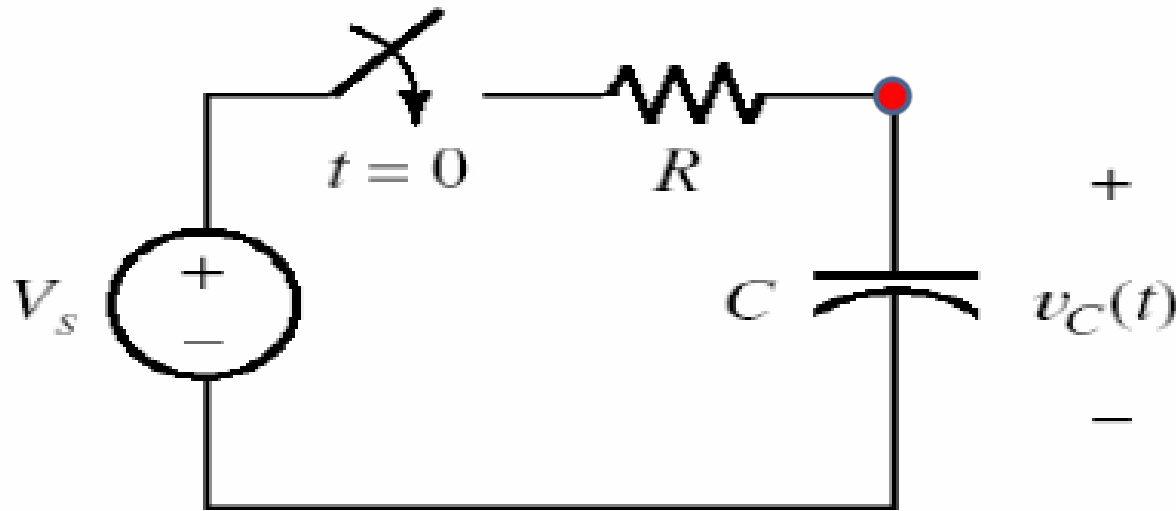
$$v_C(t) = V_i e^{-t/RC}$$



The time interval  $\tau = RC$  is called the time constant of the circuit. After about **five time constants**, the voltage remaining on the capacitor will be negligible compared to the initial value

Time	$\tau$	$2\tau$	$3\tau$	$4\tau$	$5\tau$
$V(t)/V_i$	0.368	0.135	.05	0.018	0.0067

# Charging a capacitor



$$i_c = C \frac{dv_c}{dt}$$

Application of KCL at the indicated node gives

$$C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} + \frac{v_c(t) - V_s}{R} = 0$$

$$RC \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} + v_c(t) = V_s$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -a_1 x + a_2$$

Solution:  $x(t) = K_1 + K_2 e^{-a_1 t}$

$$RC \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} + v_c(t) = V_s$$

$$x(\infty) = K_1$$

$$x(t) = x(\infty) + K_2 e^{-a_1 t}$$

Use initial condition:

$$x(0) = x(\infty) + K_2$$

$$x(t) = x(\infty) + \{x(0) - x(\infty)\} e^{-a_1 t}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -a_1 x + a_2$$

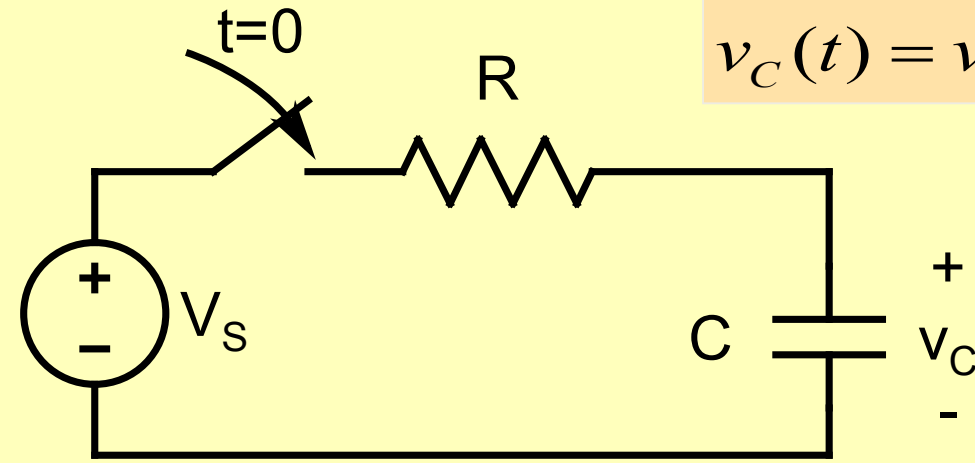
$$x(t) = x(\infty) + \{x(0) - x(\infty)\} e^{-a_1 t}$$

$$RC \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} + v_c(t) = V_s$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{RC}$$

$$v_c(t) = v_c(\infty) + \{v_c(0^+) - v_c(\infty)\} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$v_C(t) = v_C(\infty) + \{v_C(0^+) - v_C(\infty)\} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

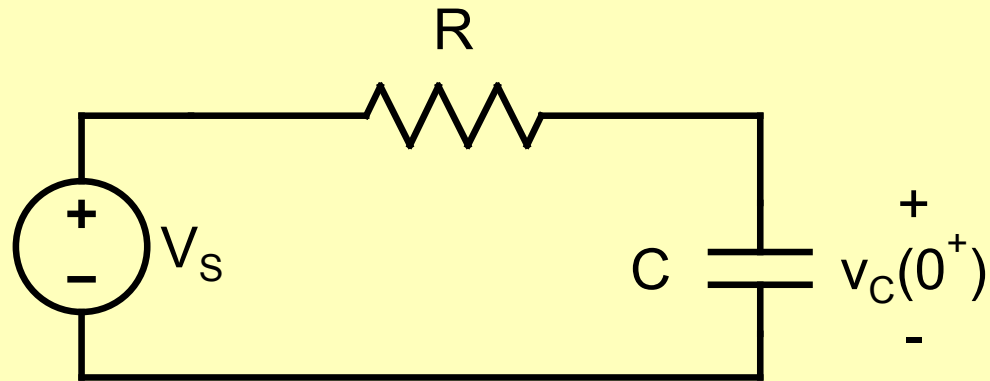


What is  $v_C(\infty)$ ?

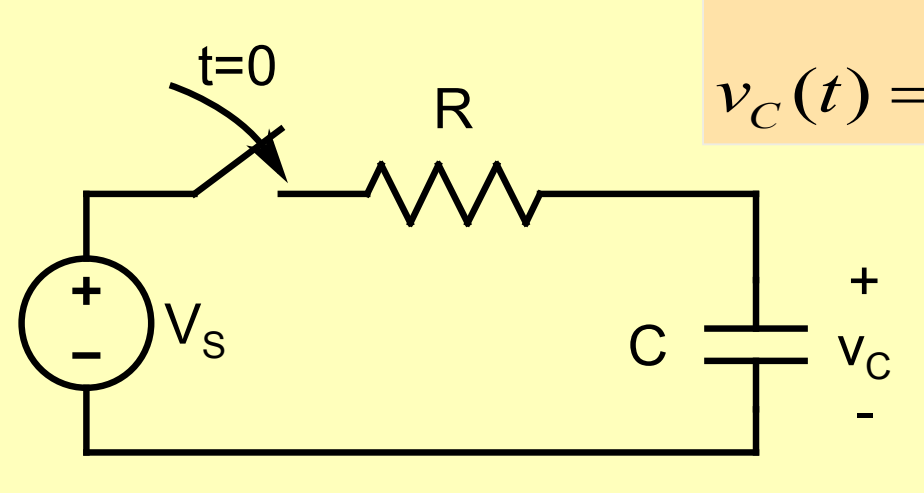
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What is  $v_C(0^+)$ ?

$$v_C(\infty) = V_S$$







$$v_C(t) = v_C(\infty) + \{v_C(0^+) - v_C(\infty)\} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-)$$

We use the fact that voltage across a capacitor cannot change instantly

If the capacitor does not have any initial charge, then

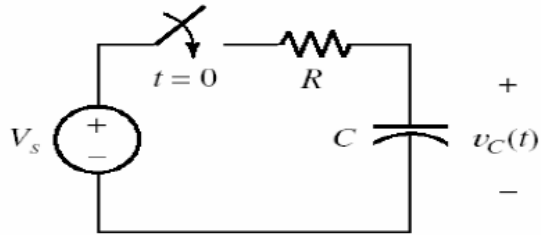
$$v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-) = 0$$

$$v_C(\infty) = V_S$$

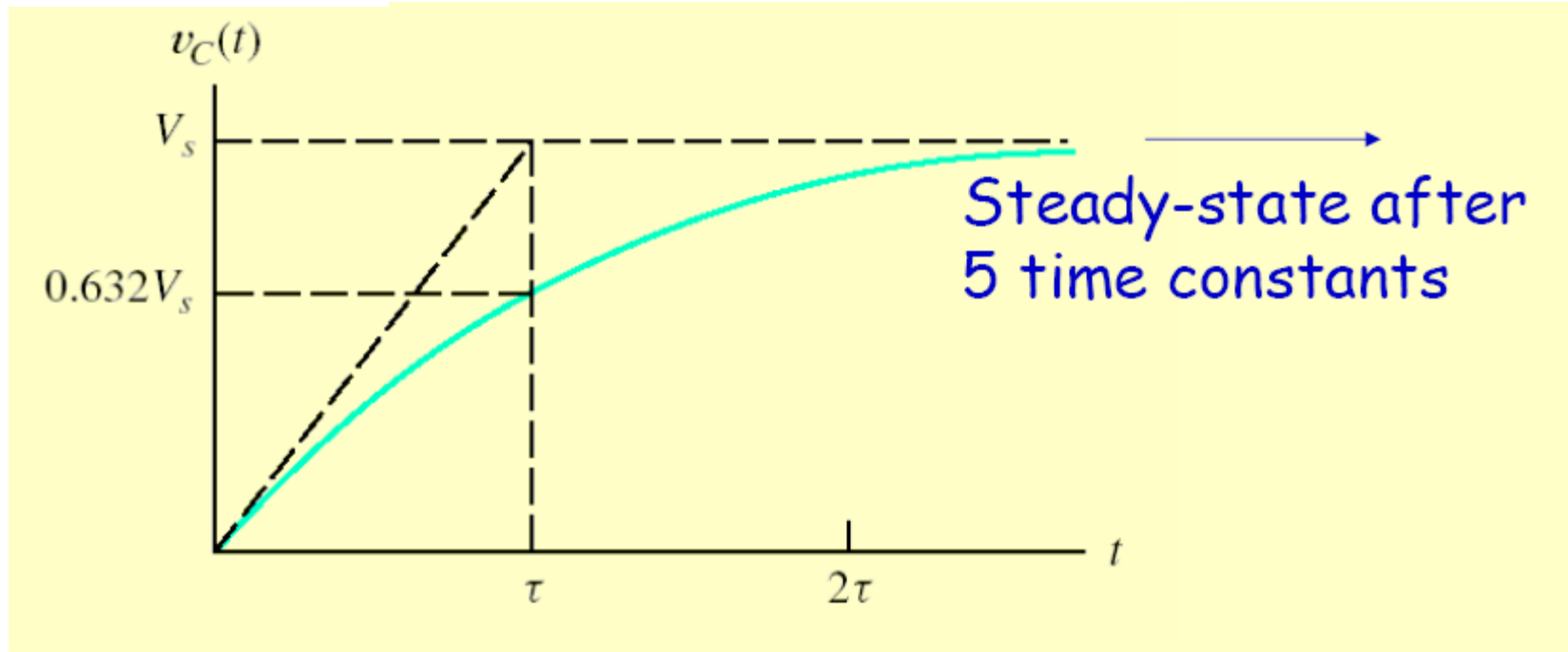
$$v_C(t) = V_S (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$$

$$\tau = RC$$

# Charging a Capacitor

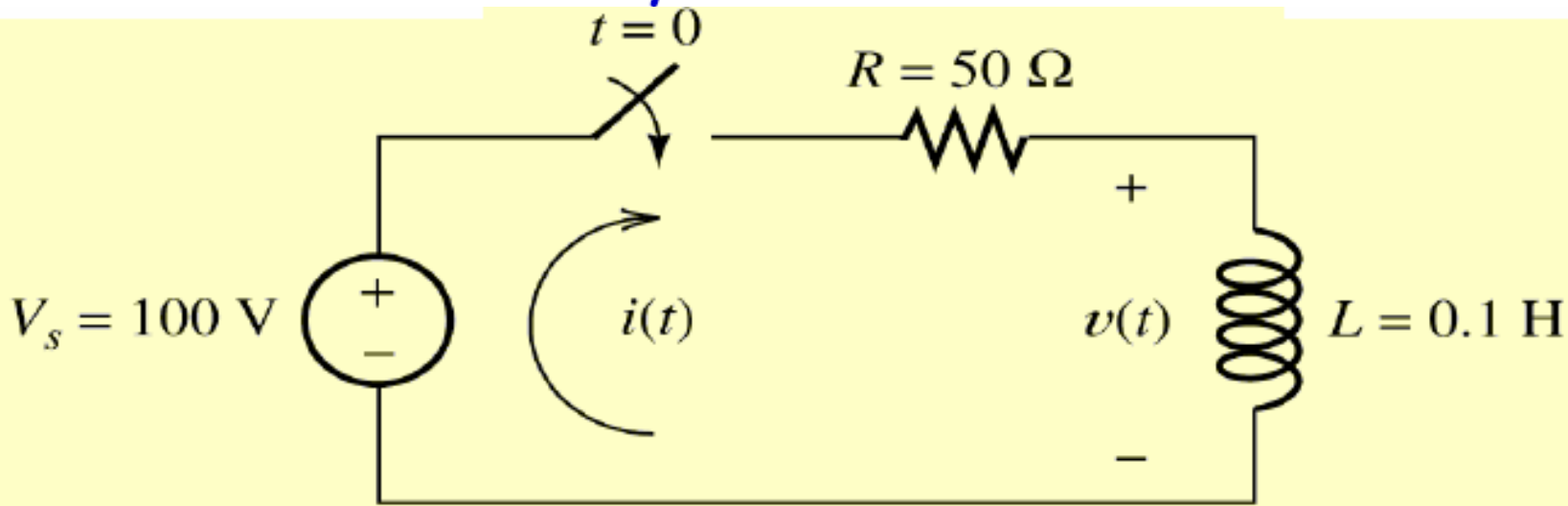


$$v_C(t) = V_s - V_s e^{-t/\tau}$$



Time	$\tau$	$2\tau$	$3\tau$	$4\tau$	$5\tau$
$V(t)/V_i$	0.632	0.865	.95	0.982	0.993

# RL Transient Analysis



Write KVL equation:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -a_1 x + a_2$$

$$Ri(t) + L \frac{di}{dt} = V_s$$

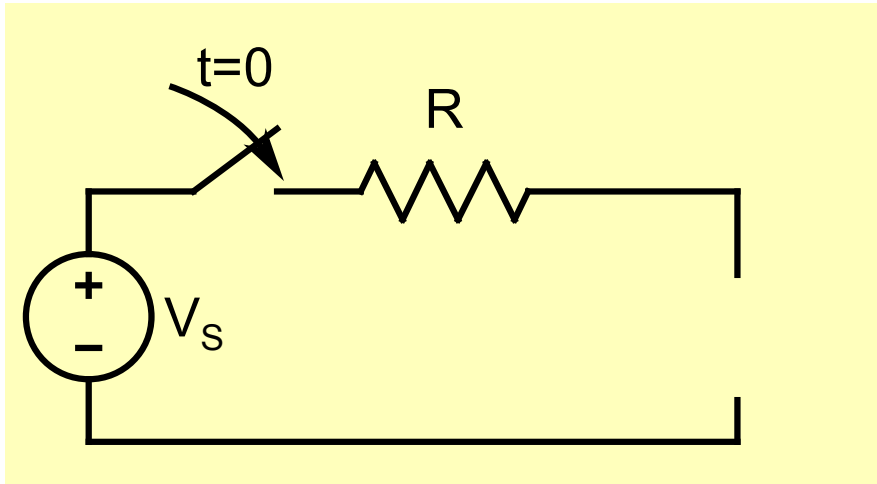
$$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

$$x(t) = x(\infty) + \{x(0) - x(\infty)\} e^{-a_1 t}$$

$$i(t) = i(\infty) + \{i(0) - i(\infty)\} e^{-\frac{R}{L}t} \rightarrow e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

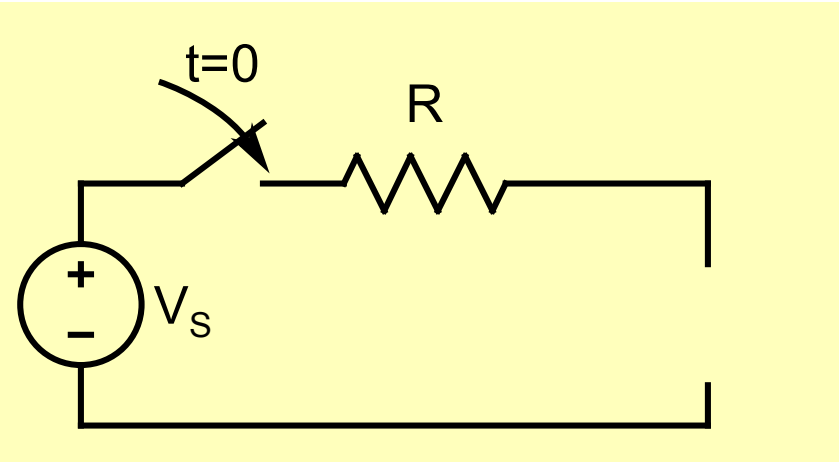
$$\text{Time Constant : } \tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

What is  $i(\infty)$ ?

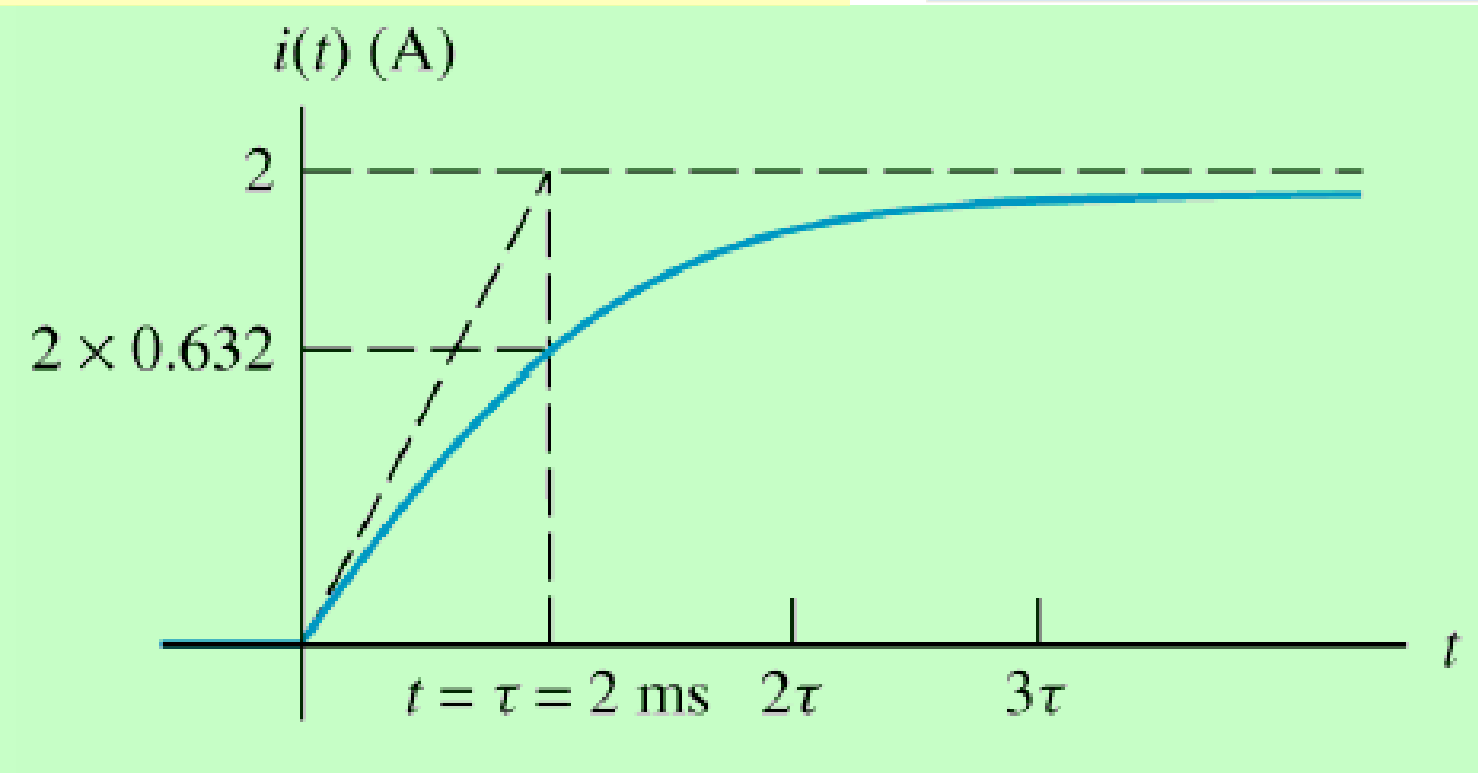


# Current through an inductor cannot change instantaneously

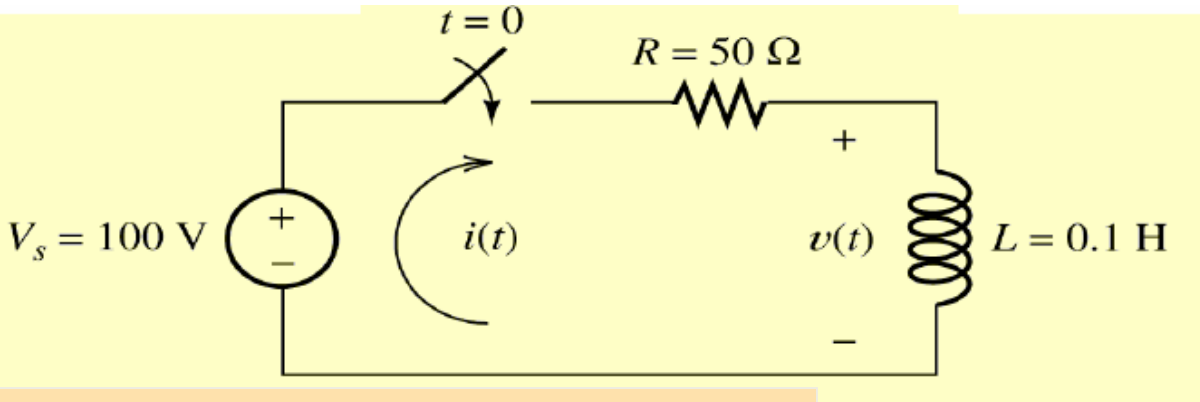
$$i(0^+) = i(0^-)$$



$$i(t) = \frac{V_S}{R} \times (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}})$$

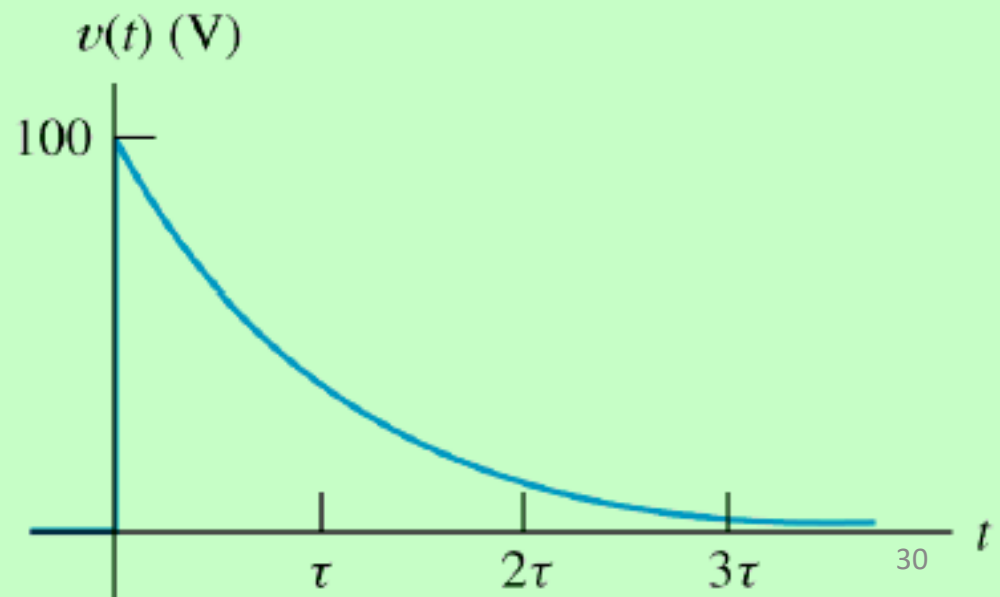


# What about voltage across the Inductor?



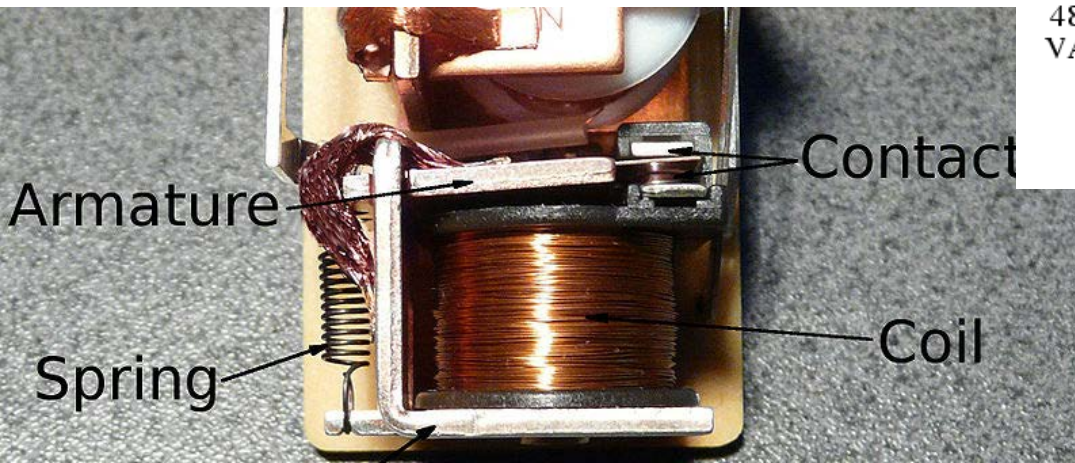
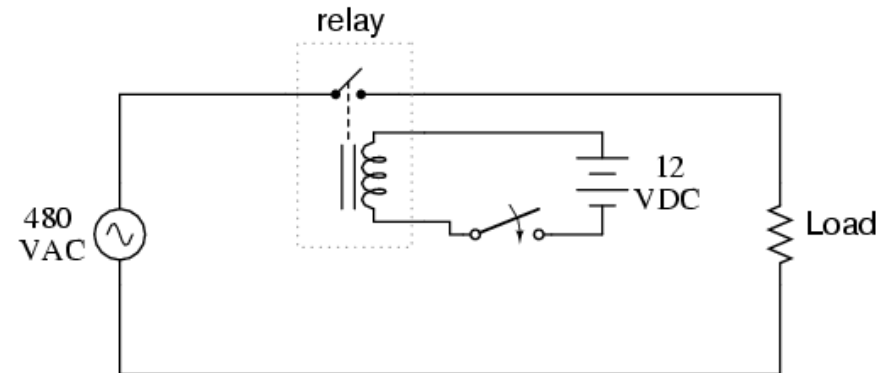
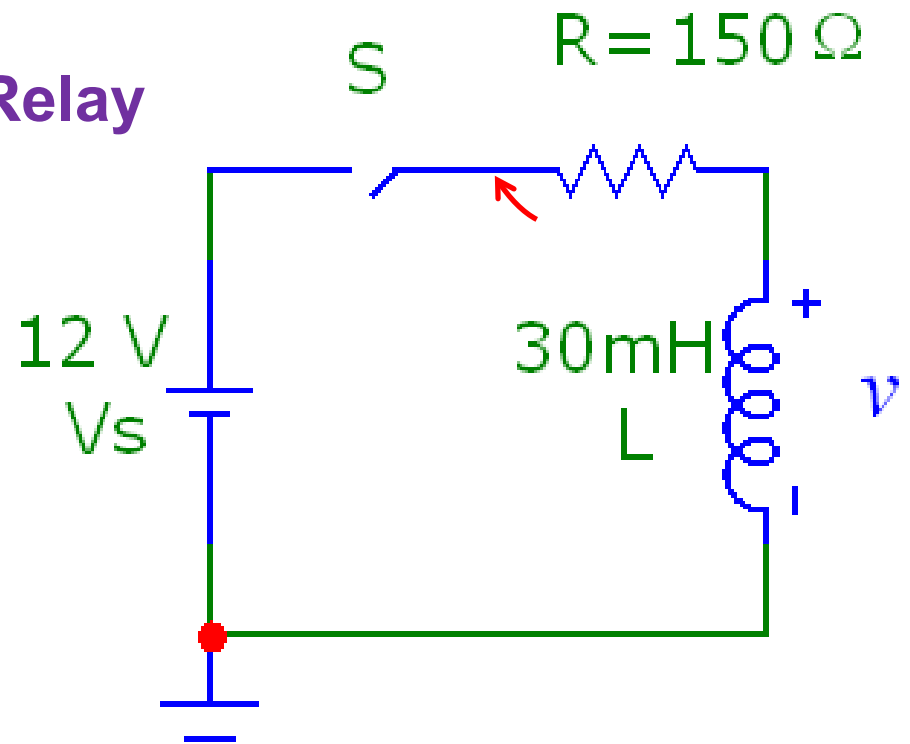
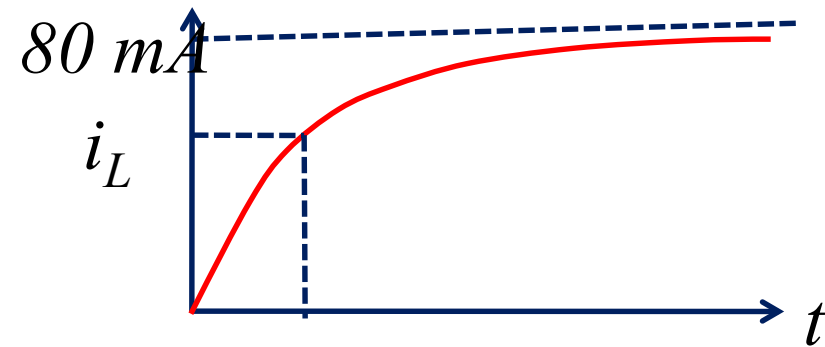
$$i(t) = \frac{V_s}{R} \times (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}})$$

$$v = L \frac{di}{dt} = \frac{L}{R} V_s \times e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

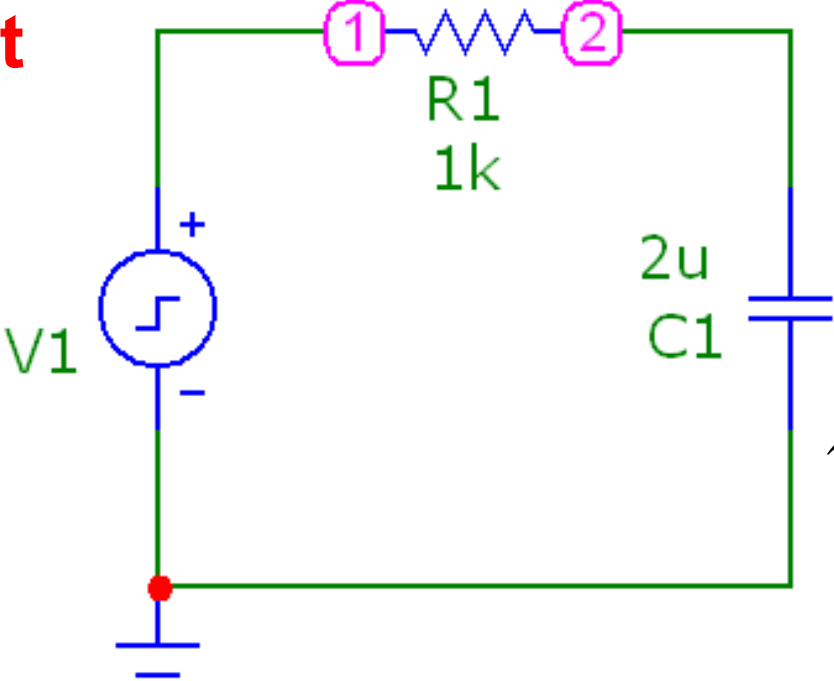


## Electromechanical Relay

If the current needed to operate the relay is 50 mA, what is the relay delay time?

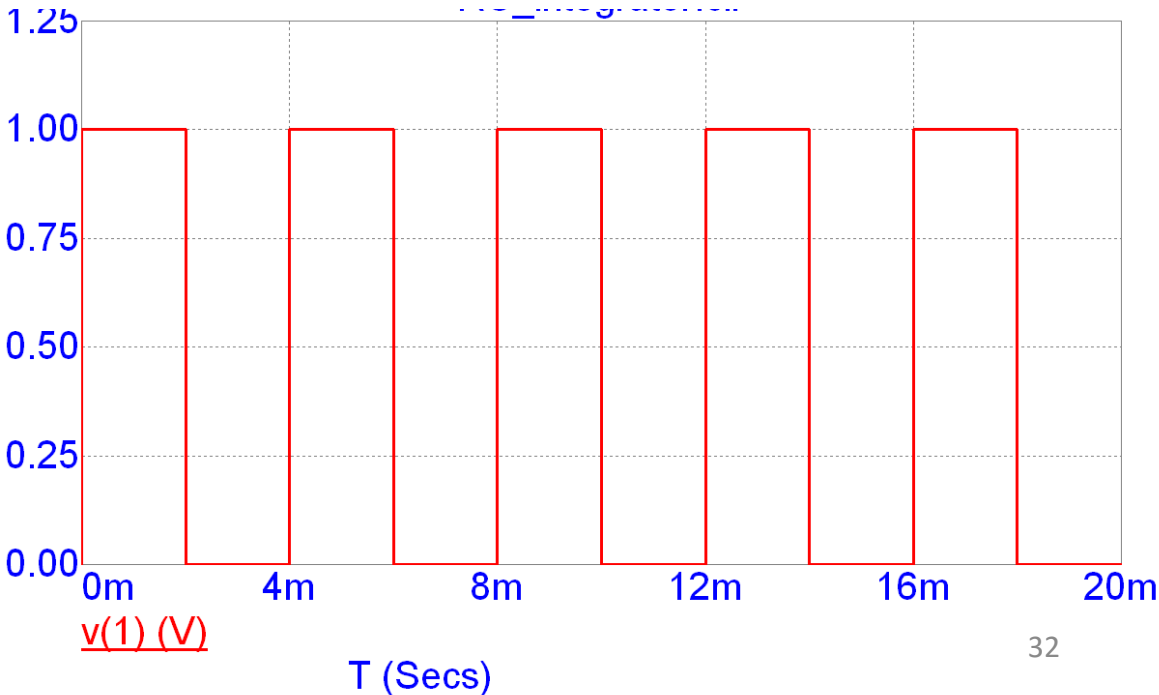


# RC Circuit



$$\tau = RC = 2 \text{ ms}$$

Input voltage





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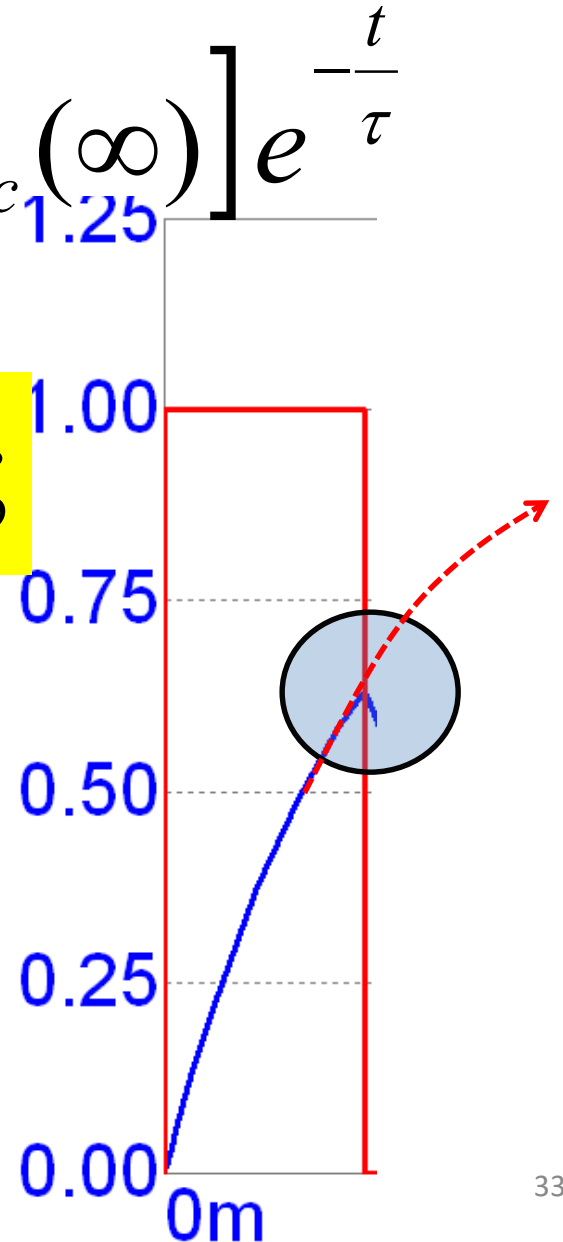
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$$v_c(t) = v_c(\infty) + [v_c(0^+) - v_c(\infty)]e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

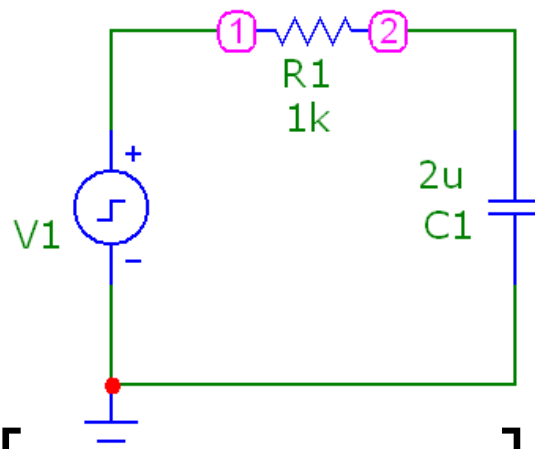
$$v_c(\infty) = 1V; \quad v_c(0^+) = 0;$$

$$v_c(t) = 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{2}}$$

$$v_c(2) = 1 - e^{-\frac{2}{2}} = 0.63V$$



# RC Circuit



$$v_c(t) = v_c(\infty) + [v_c(0^+) - v_c(\infty)]e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

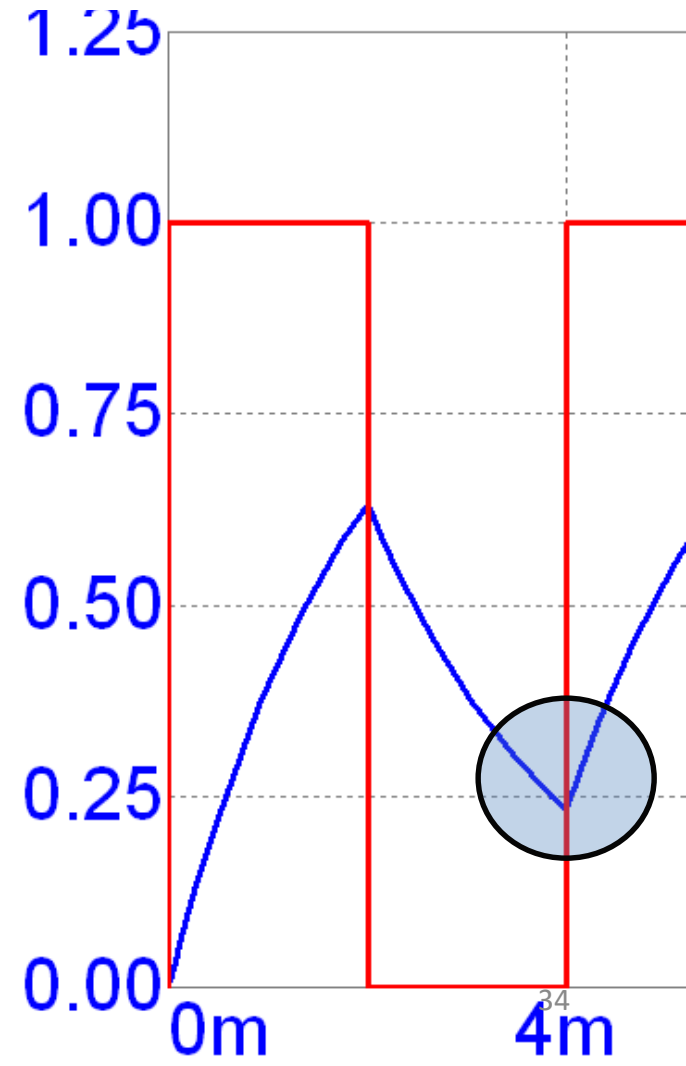
$$v_c(\infty) = 0; v_c(0^+) = 0.63V;$$

$$v_c(t) = 0.63e^{-\frac{(t-2)}{2}}; 2 \leq t \leq 4$$

$$v_c(4) = 0.63e^{-\frac{2}{2}} = 0.23V$$

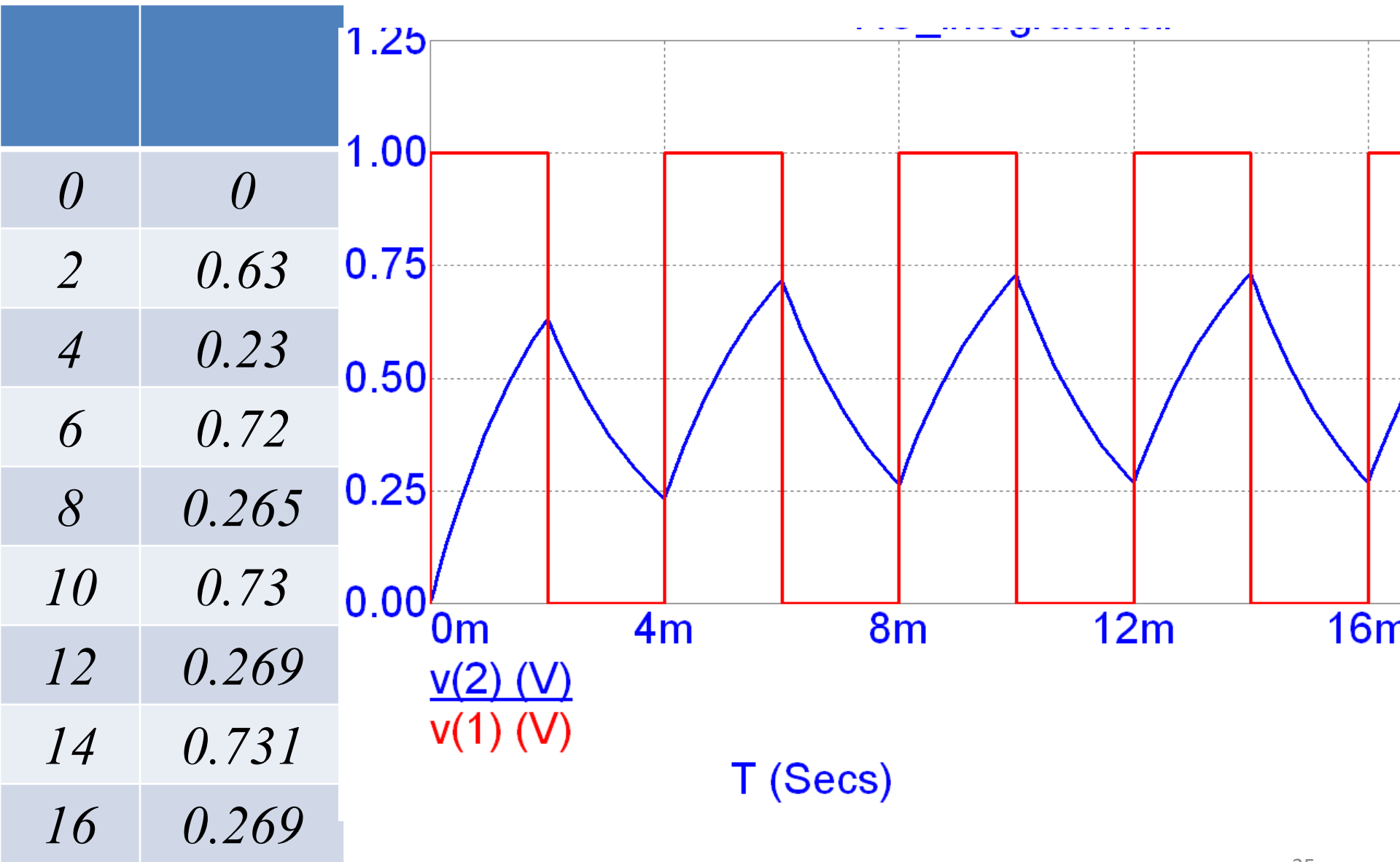
time  $t$  is in ms

$$\tau = RC = 2 \text{ ms}$$

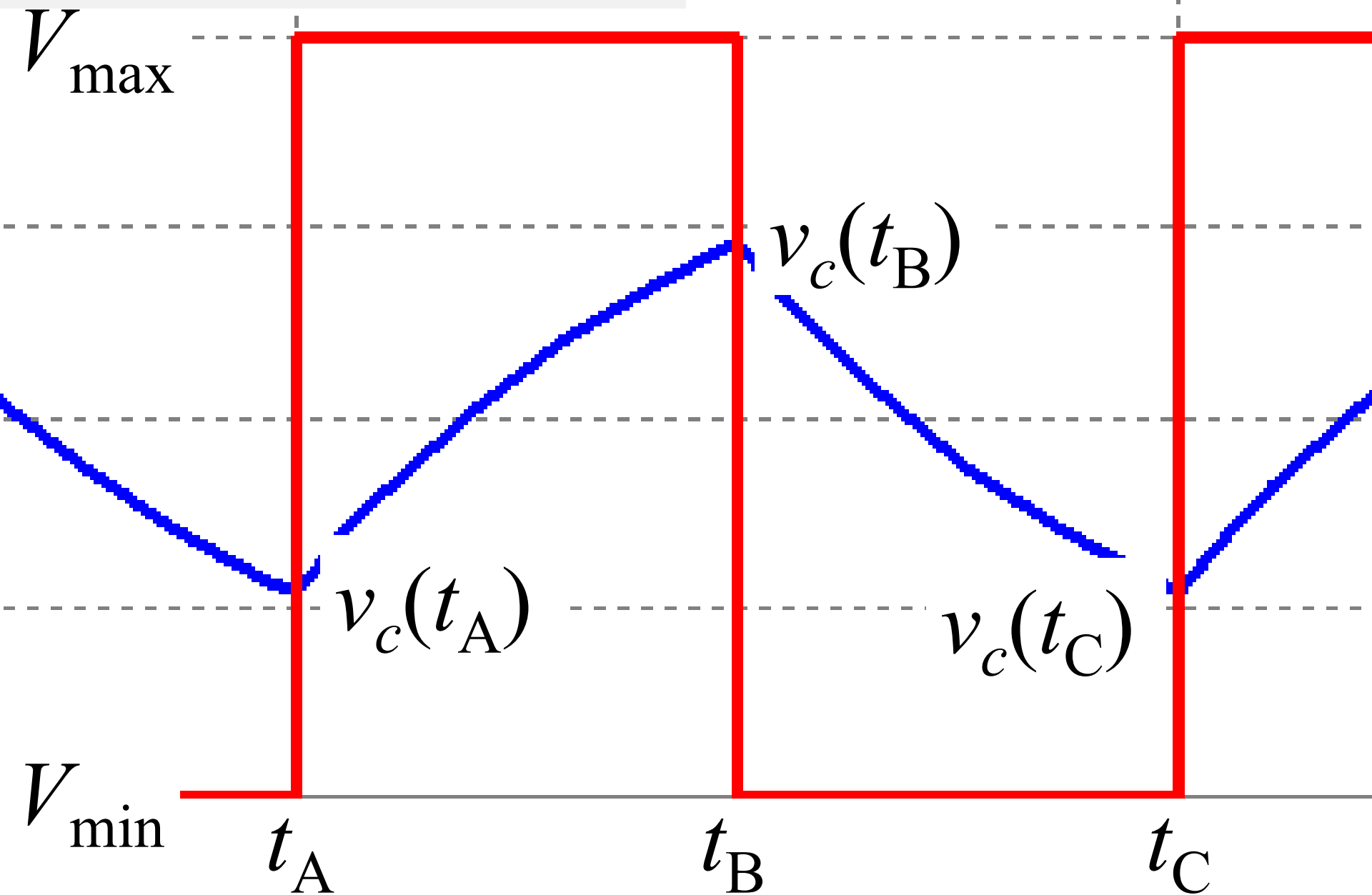


RC Circuit

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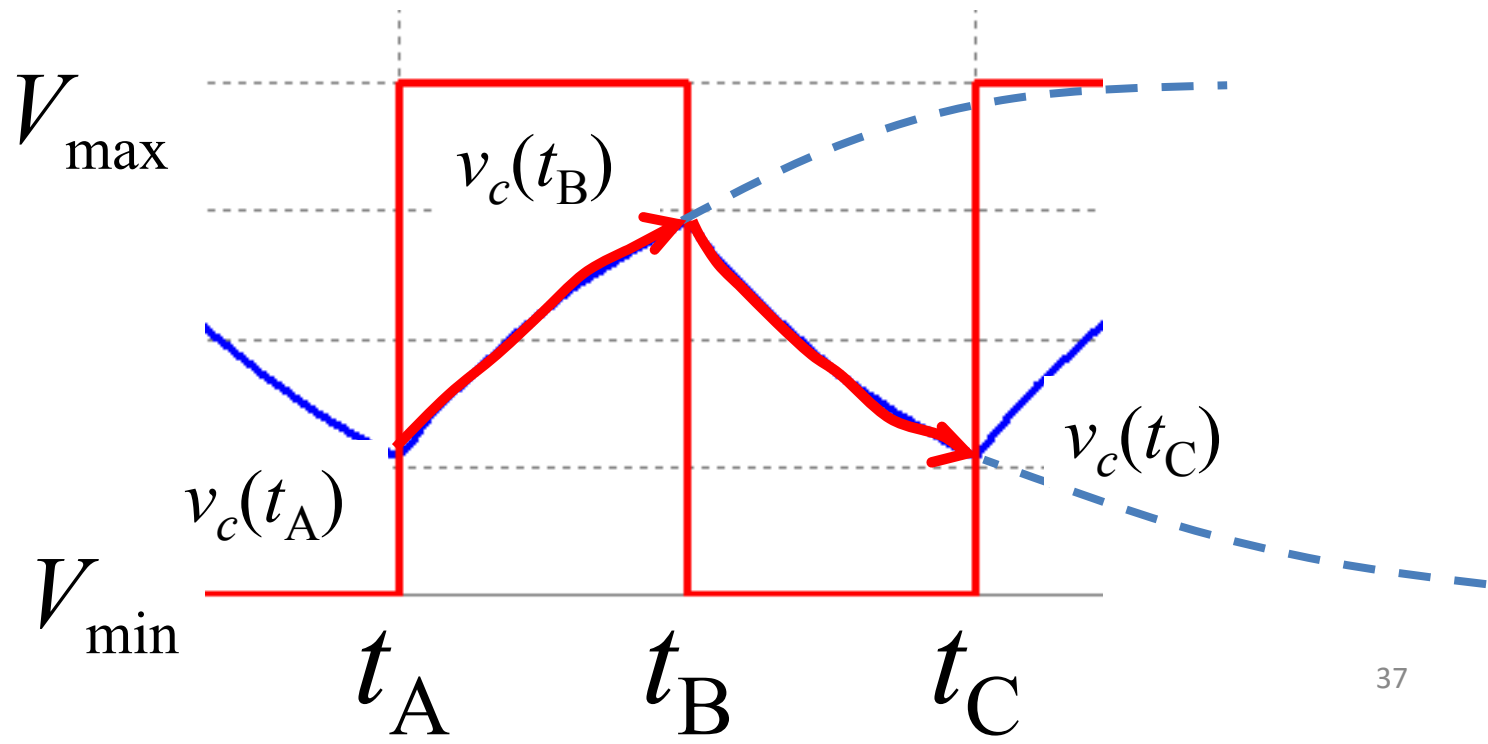
# RC Circuit – Steady State



$$v_c(t) = v_c(\infty) + [v_c(0^+) - v_c(\infty)]e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

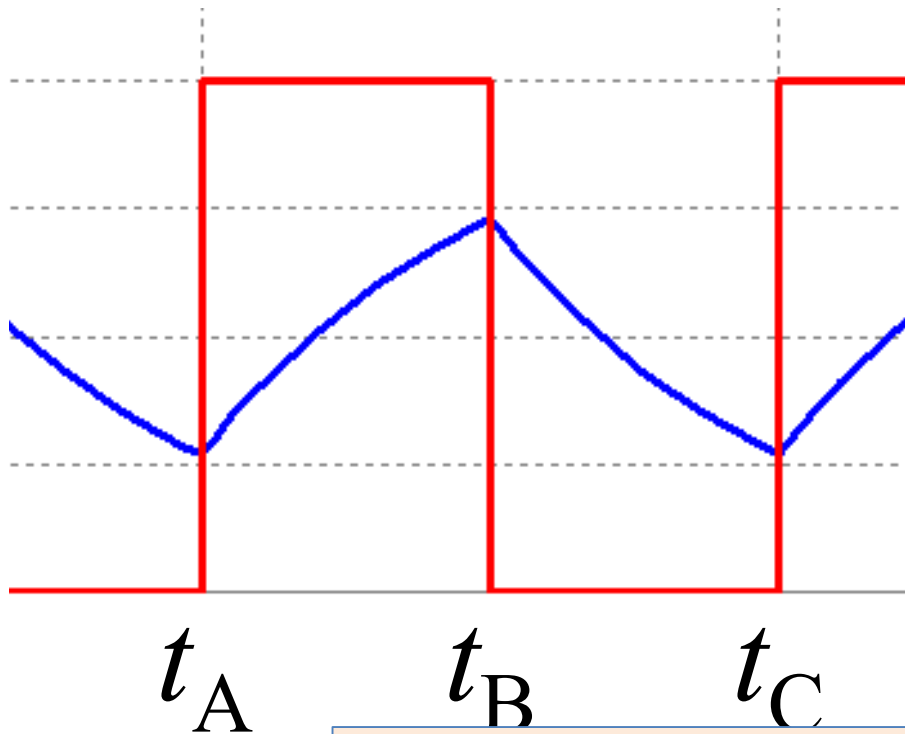
$$v_c(t) = V_{\max} + [v_c(t_A) - V_{\max}]e^{-\frac{(t-t_A)}{\tau}} \quad t_A \leq t \leq t_B$$

$$v_c(t) = V_{\min} + [v_c(t_B) - V_{\min}]e^{-\frac{(t-t_B)}{\tau}} \quad t_B \leq t \leq t_C$$



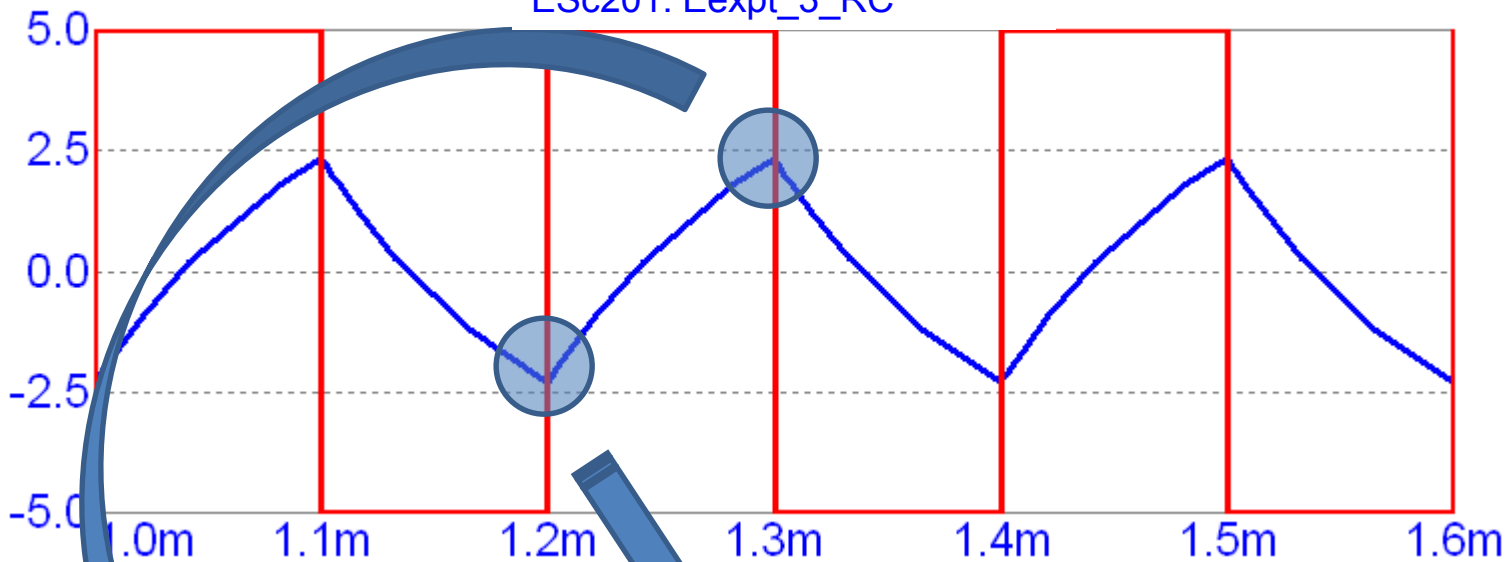
$$v_c(t_B) = V_{\max} + [v_c(t_A) - V_{\max}] e^{-\frac{(t_B - t_A)}{\tau}}$$

$$v_c(t_C) = V_{\min} + [v_c(t_B) - V_{\min}] e^{-\frac{(t_C - t_B)}{\tau}} = v_c(t_A)$$



$$(t_B - t_A) = (t_C - t_B) = \frac{T}{2}$$

Determine  $v_c(t_A)$  and  $v_c(t_B)$  in terms of  $V_{\max}$  and  $V_{\min}$



$$v_c(t_B) = V_{\max} + [v_c(t_A) - V_{\max}] e^{-\frac{(t_B - t_A)}{\tau}}$$

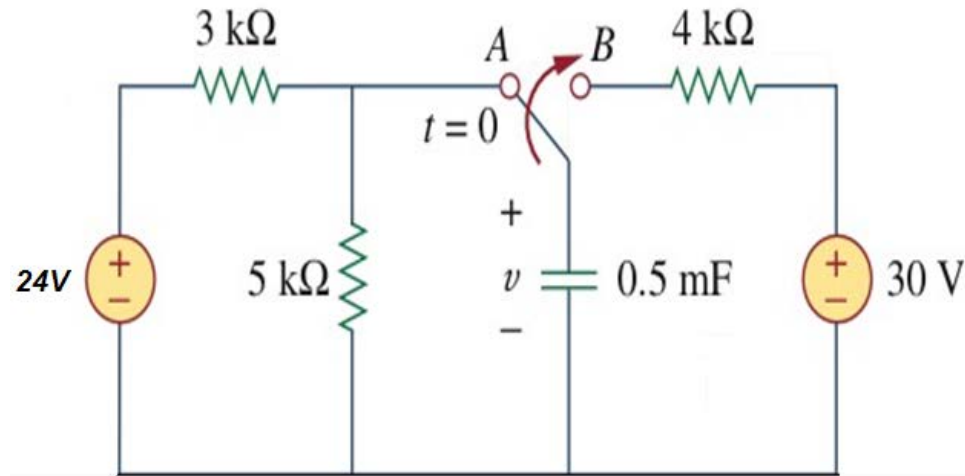
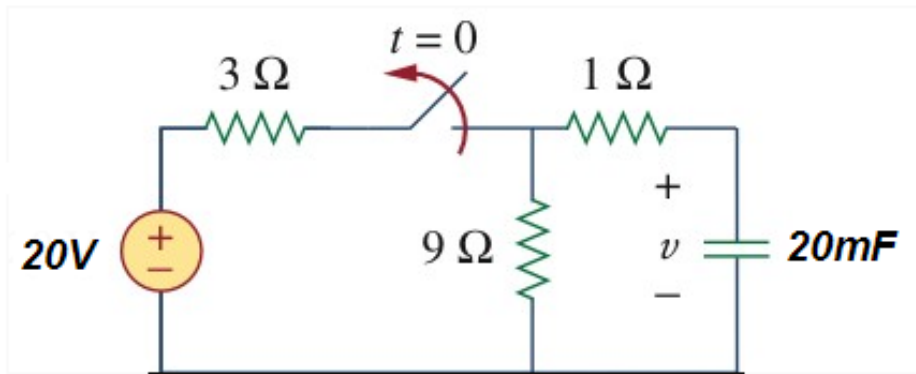
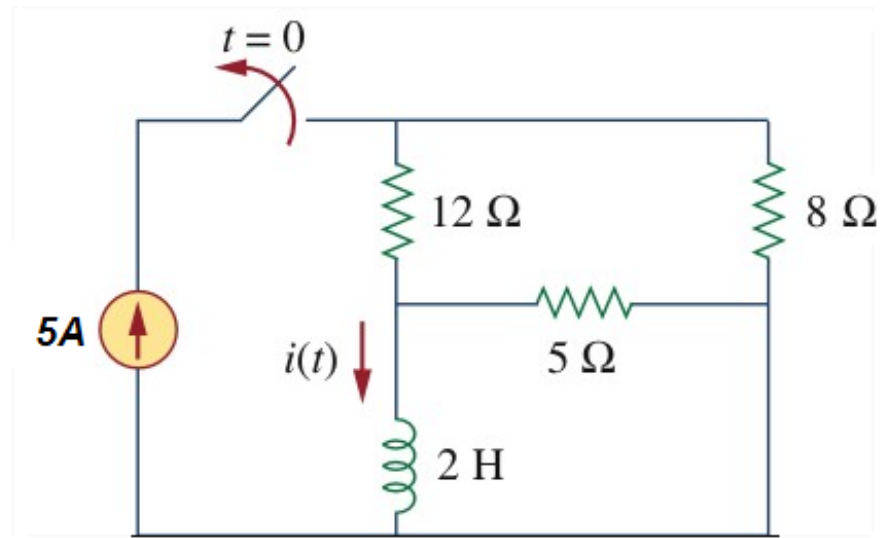
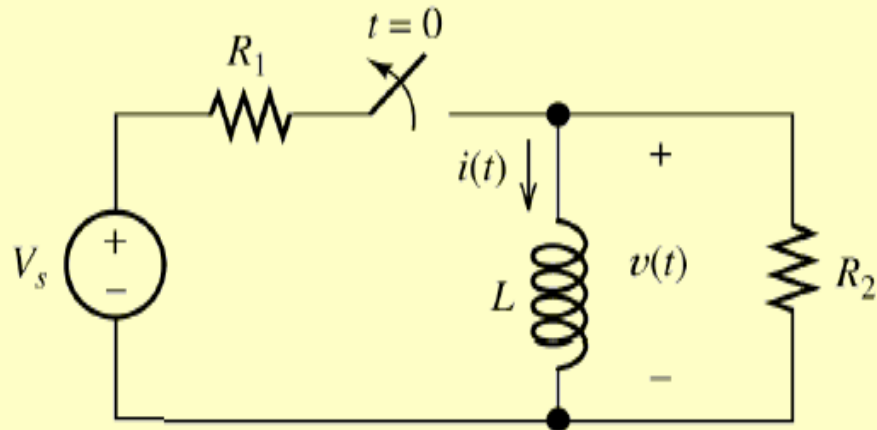
$$2.3 = 5 + [-2.3 - 5] e^{-\frac{0.1 \text{ ms}}{\tau}}$$

$$\tau = 0.1 \text{ ms}$$

Application  
Try in the LAB

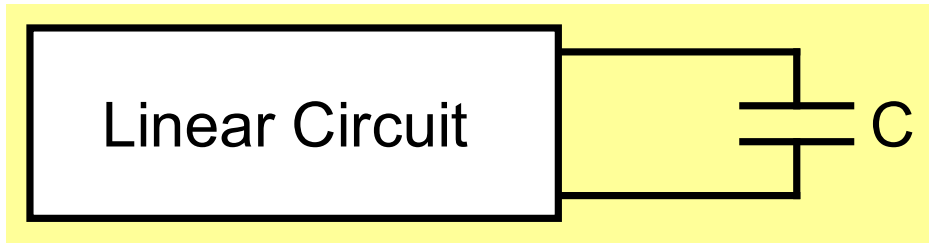
Determining:  $\tau$

# How do we solve more complex circuits containing a single inductor or a capacitor?

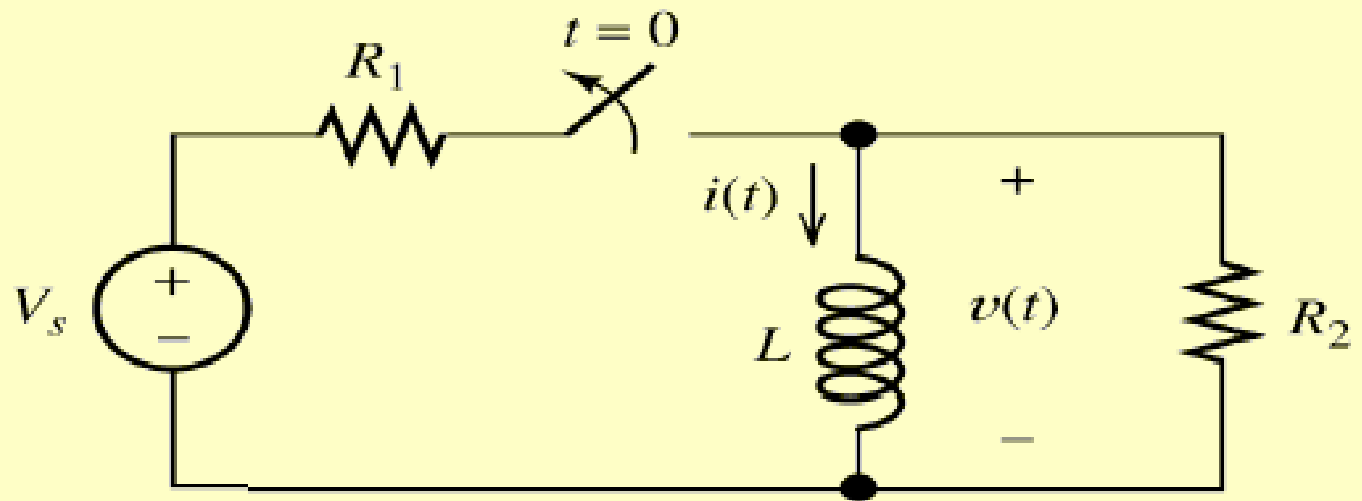




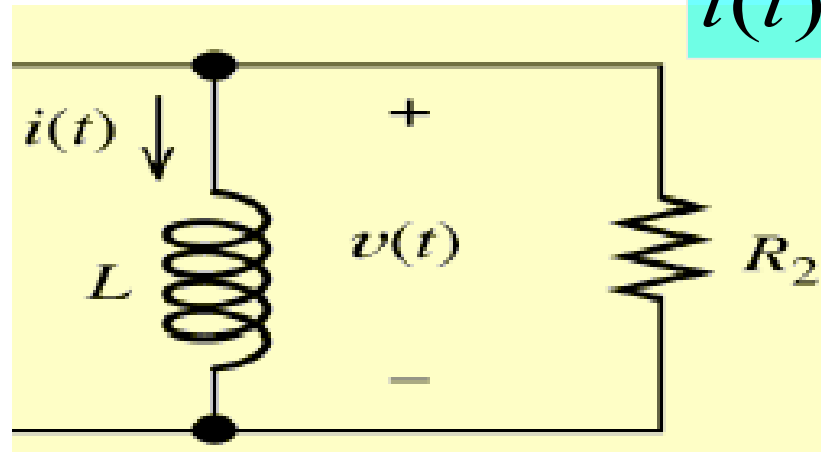
# Method for circuits containing a single capacitor or inductor



## Example-1



Circuit for  $t > 0$



$$i(t) = i(\infty) + \{i(0^+) - i(\infty)\} \times e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

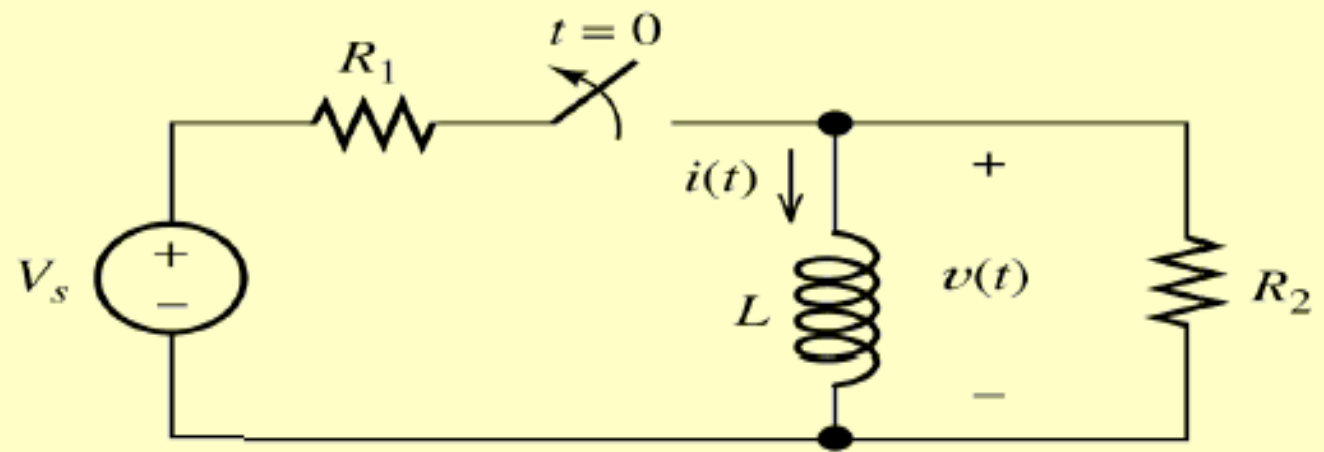
$$\tau = \frac{L}{R_2}$$

Steady state Solution:

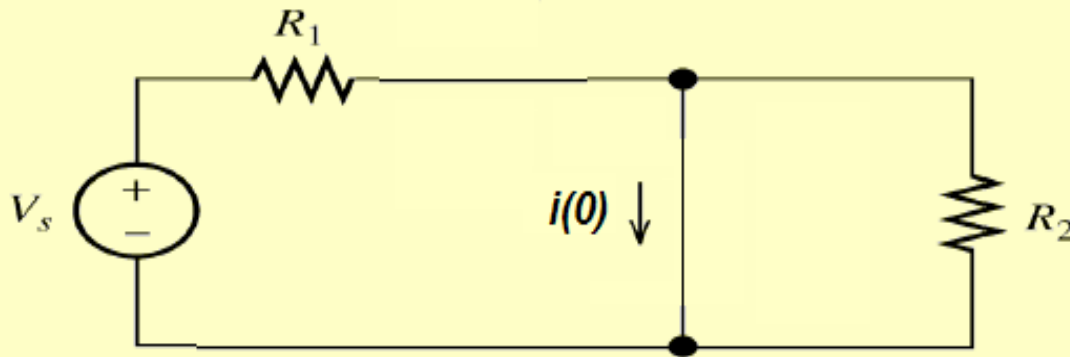
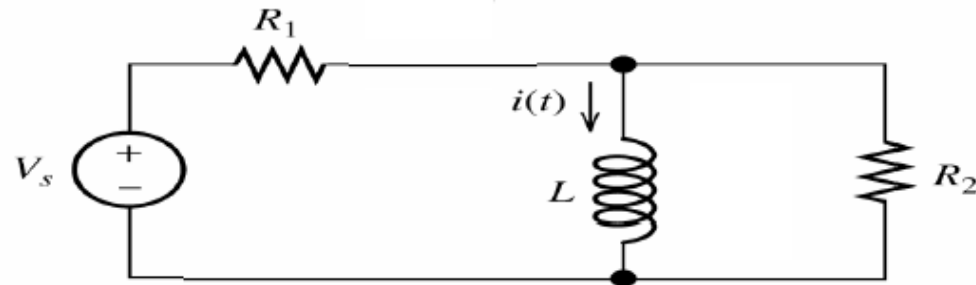
$$i(t \rightarrow \infty) = 0$$

$$i(t) = i(0^+) \times e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

# Initial condition



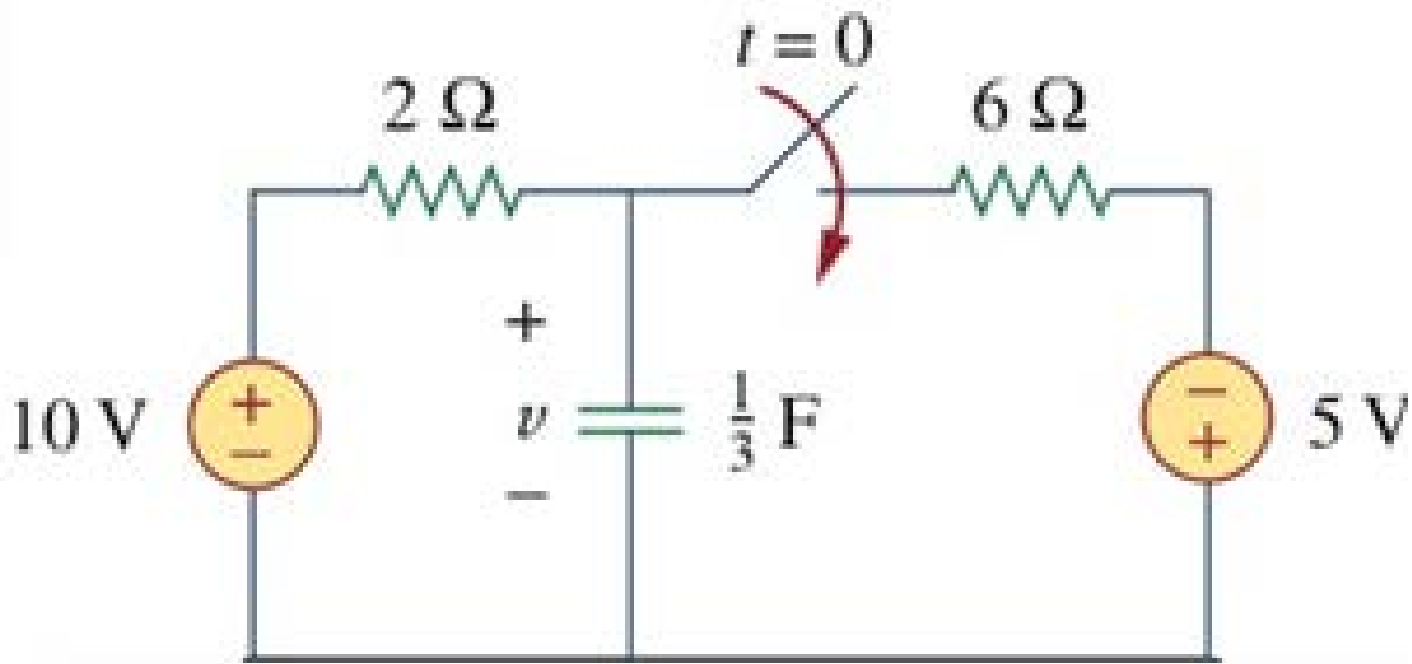
Circuit for  $t < 0$



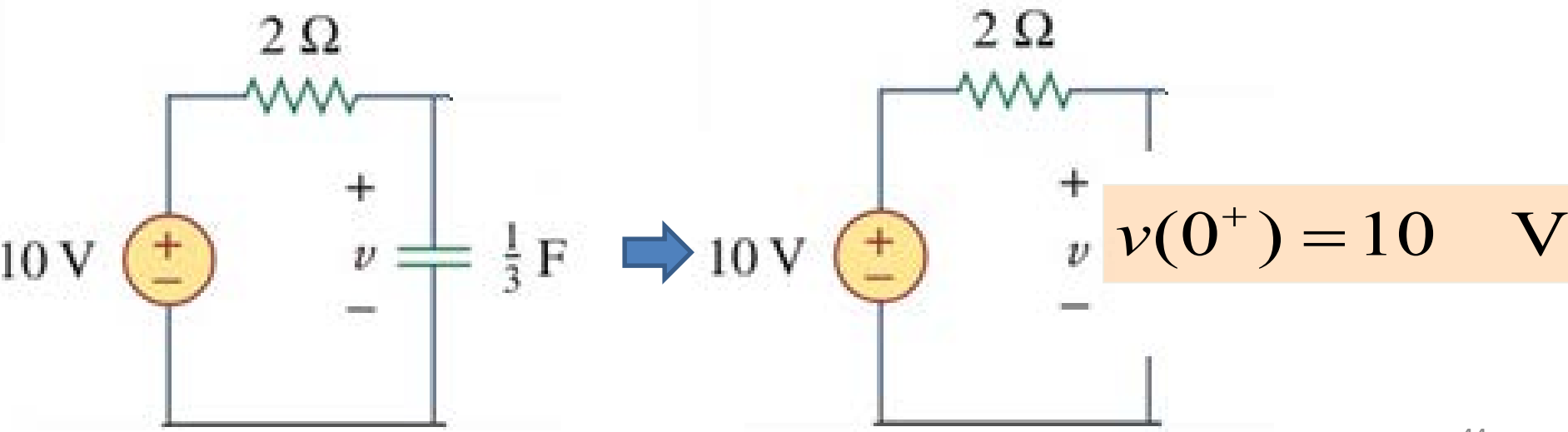
$$i(0^+) = i(0^-) = \frac{V_s}{R_1}$$

$$i(t) = \frac{V_s}{R_1} e^{-\frac{R_2}{L}t}$$

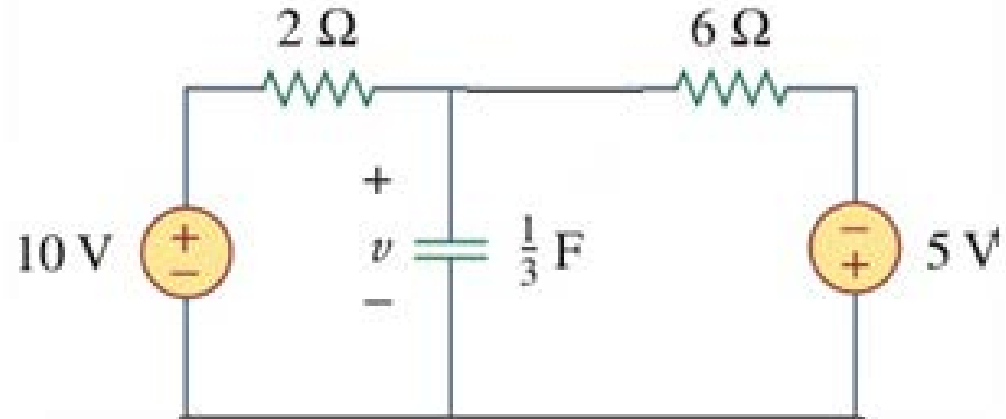
Determine the capacitor voltage as a function of time.



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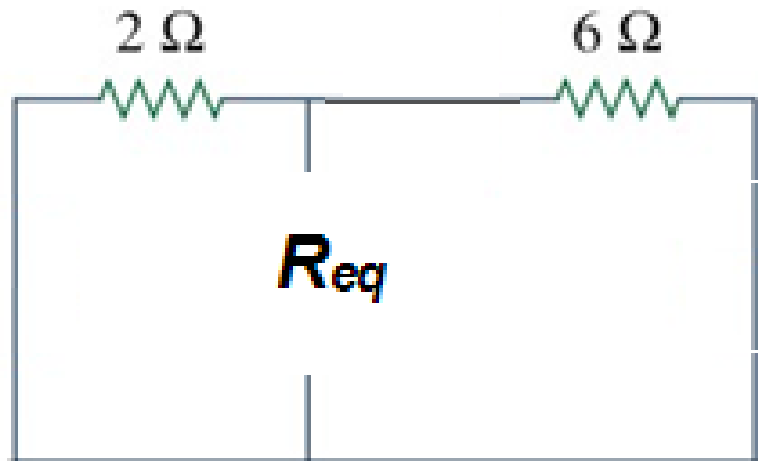


Circuit for  $t > 0$



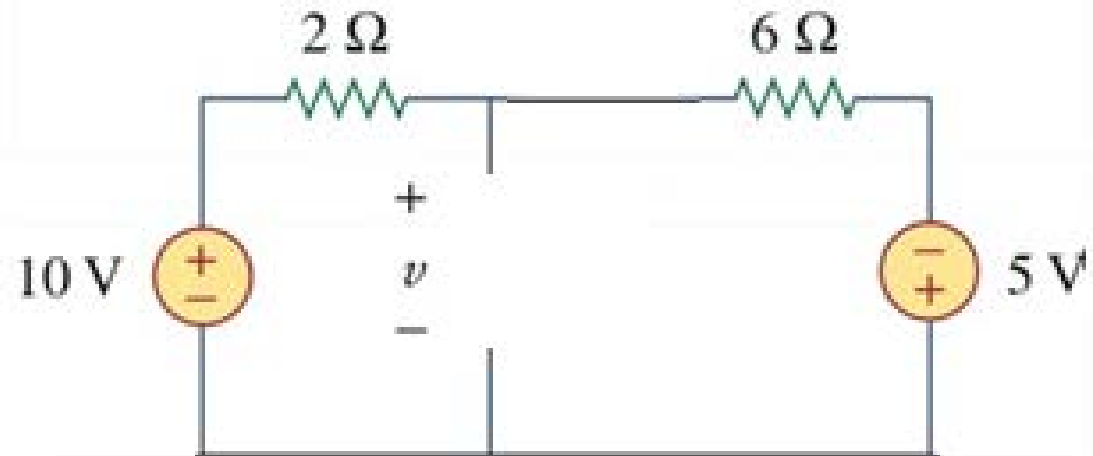
Determine the Thevenin equivalent, as seen by the capacitor:

Equivalent resistance



$$R_{eq} = 2 \parallel 6 = 1.5 \Omega$$

We next find voltage long after closing the switch



$$v(\infty) = \frac{25}{4} \text{ V}$$

Final Solution:

$$v(t) = v(\infty) + \{v(0^+) - v(\infty)\}e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$v(0^+) = 10 \text{ V}$$

$$v(\infty) = \frac{25}{4} \text{ V}$$

$$\tau = C \times R_{eq} = \frac{1}{3} \times 1.5 = 0.5 \text{ s}$$

$$v(t) = \frac{25}{4} + \frac{15}{4}e^{-2t} \text{ V}$$

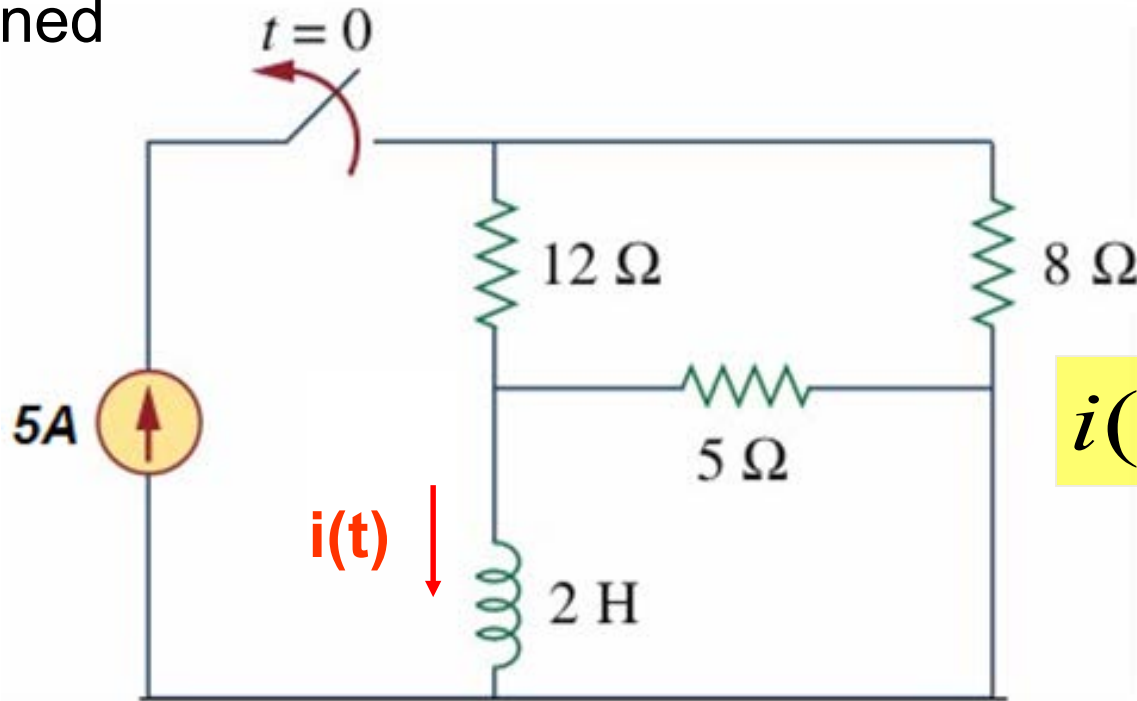
How do we find voltages and currents elsewhere in the circuit?

Linear Circuit

C

+  
 $v_C$   
-

Find current in  $8\Omega$  resistor as a function of time after the switch is opened



$$i(t) = 2 \times e^{-2t} \text{ A}$$

$$i(t = 0^-) = 5\text{ A} \times \left( \frac{8}{12 + 8} \right) = 2\text{ A}$$

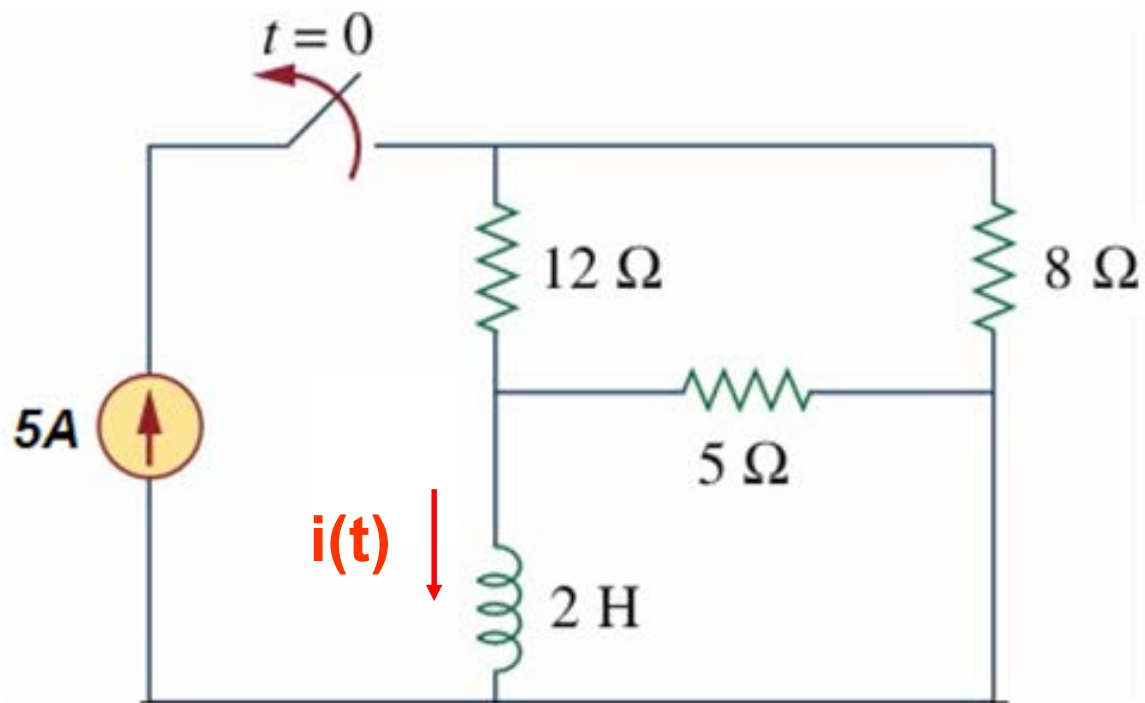
No current will flow in  $5\Omega$  resistance for  $t < 0$

For  $t > 0$

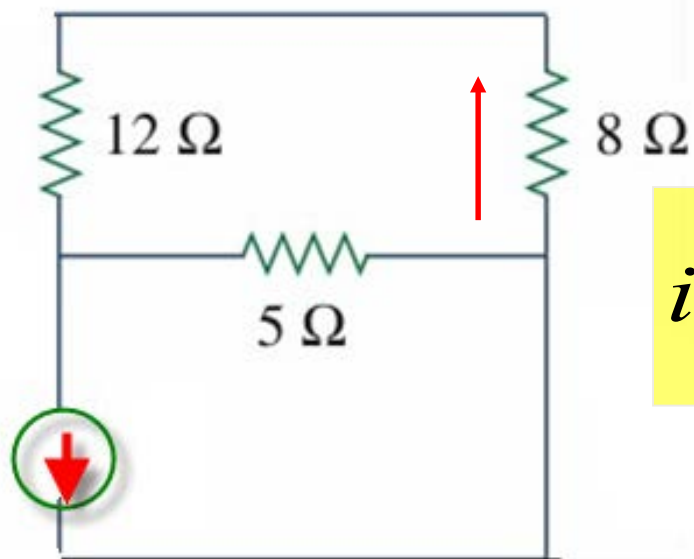
$$R_{eq} = (12 + 8) \parallel 5 = 4 \quad \Omega$$

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq}} = 0.5 \text{ sec}$$



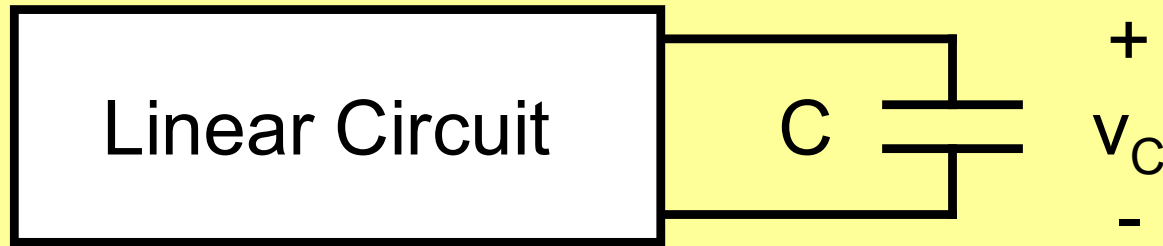
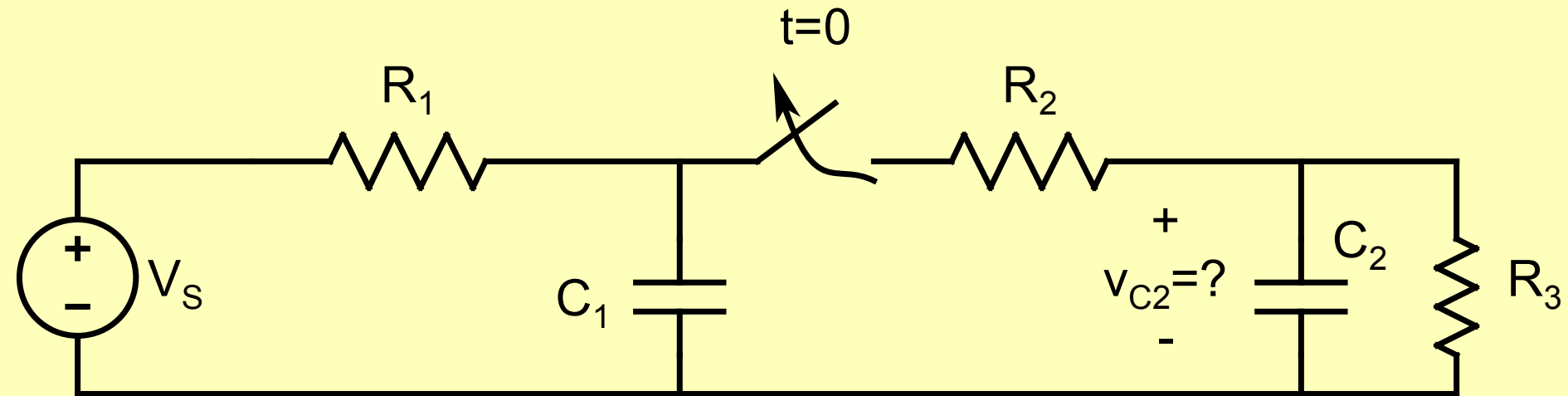


$$i(t) = 2 \times e^{-2t} \text{ A}$$



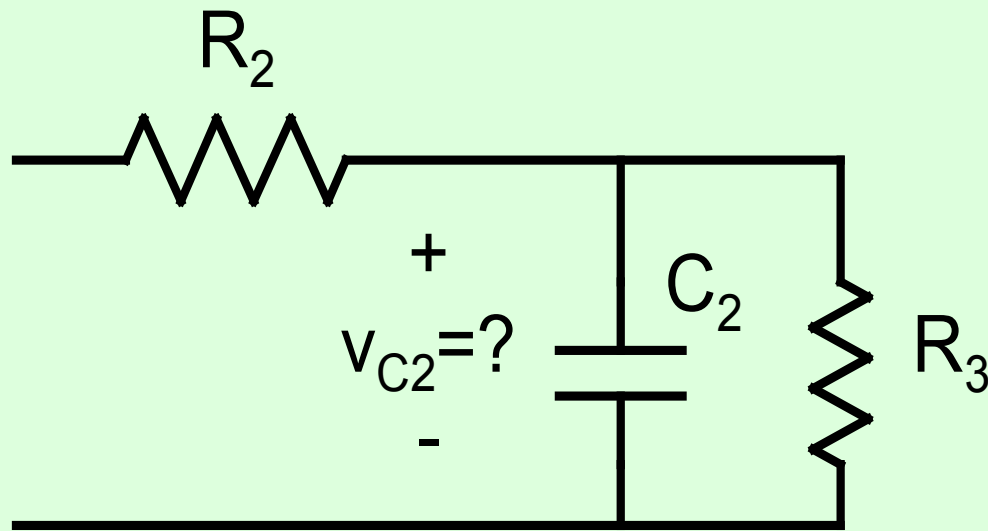
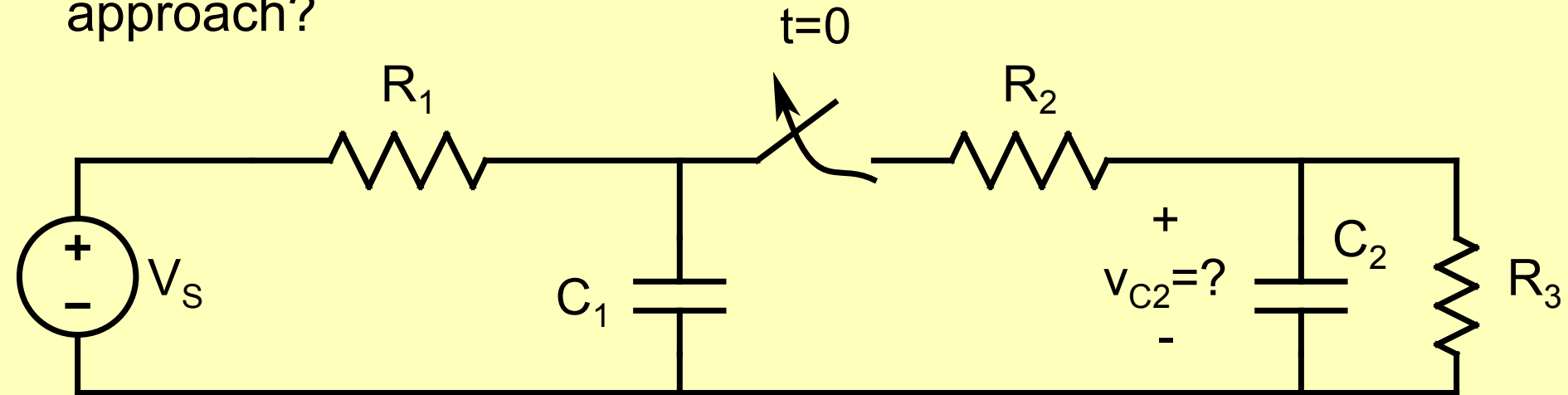
$$i_8 = i(t) \times \frac{5}{5 + 20} = 0.4 \times e^{-2t} \text{ A}$$

Can we solve this 2 capacitor problem using our present approach?



Circuit for  $t > 0$

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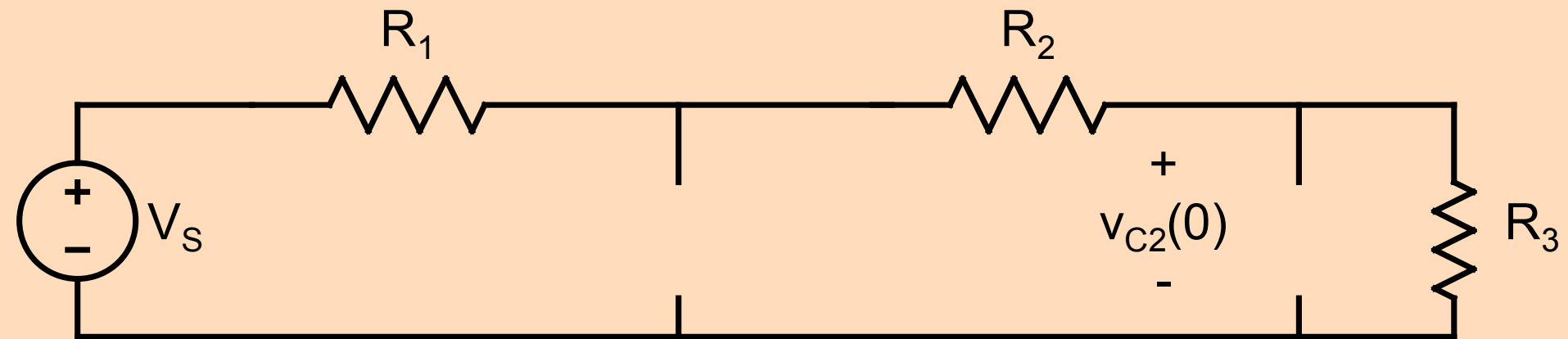
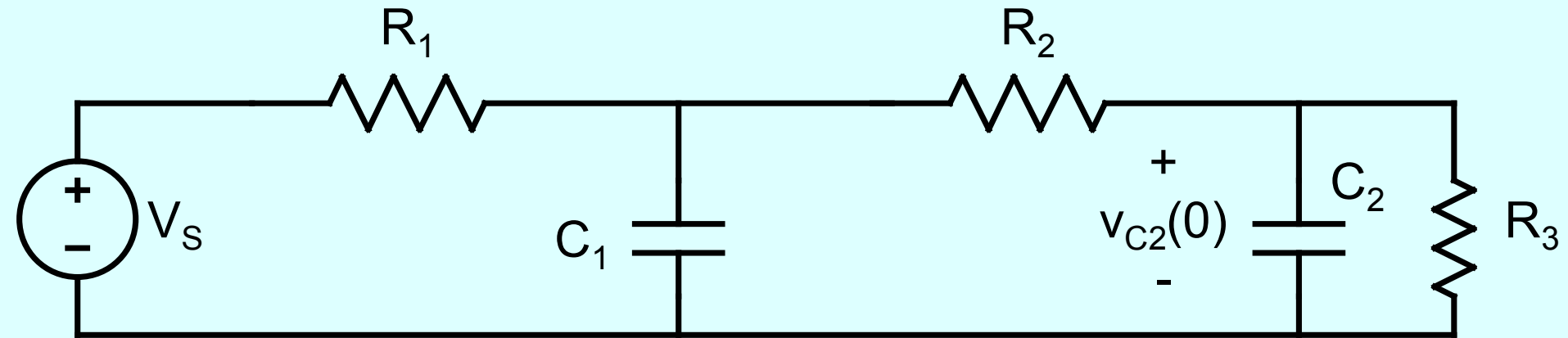


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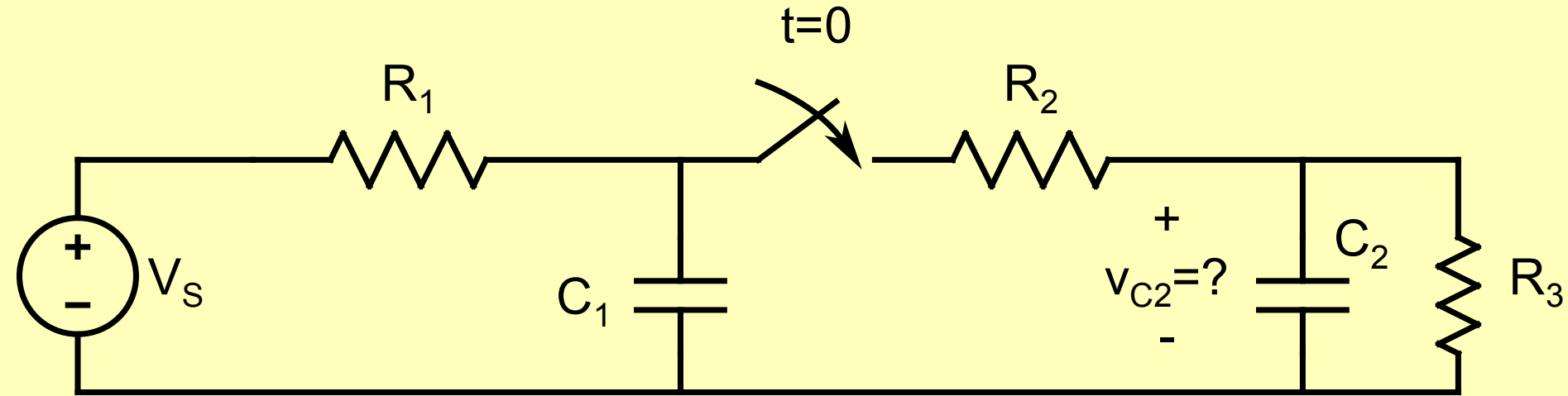
$$v_{c2}(0^+) = v_{c2}(0^-)$$

$$v_{c2}(t) = v_{c2}(\infty) + \{v_{c2}(0^+) - v_{c2}(\infty)\}e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$v_{c2}(0^+) = v_{c2}(0^-)$$



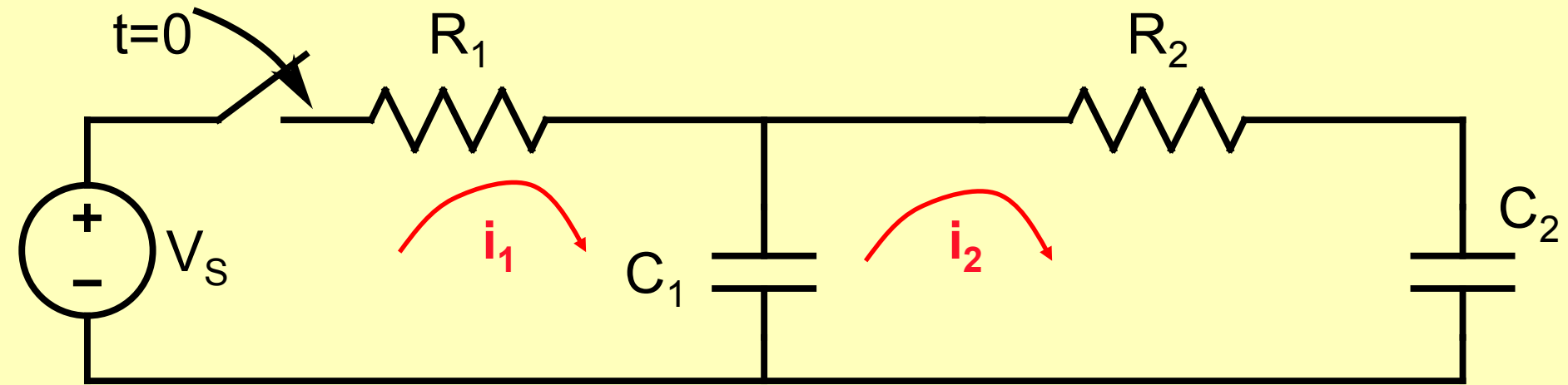
Will our approach work here?



No, because circuit for  $t > 0$  has two capacitances

As long as the circuit has single capacitor or inductor for the time interval for which the analysis is being carried out, the stated approach will work fine.

What happens when there is more than one storage element?



$$V_S = i_1 R_1 + v_{C_1} \quad (1)$$

$$v_{C_1} = i_2 R_2 + v_{C_2} \quad (2)$$

$$i_1 - i_2 = C_1 \frac{dv_1}{dt} \quad (3)$$

$$i_2 = C_2 \frac{dv_2}{dt} \quad (4)$$

$$R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2 \frac{d^2 v_{C_2}}{dt^2} + (R_1 C_1 + R_1 C_2 + R_2 C_2) \frac{dv_{C_2}}{dt} + v_{C_2} = V_S$$