ENE 104 Electric Circuit Theory



Lecture 06: Basic RL and RC Circuits

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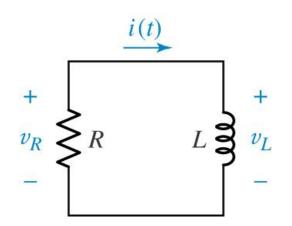
Objectives: Ch8

- time constants for RL and RC circuits
- the natural and forced response
- the total response
- the effect of initial conditions on circuit response
- RL and RC circuit response

The Source-Free RL Circuit:

- A natural response
- A transient response
- A forced response

The Source-Free RL Circuit:



A series RL circuit for which i(t) is to be determined, subject to the initial condition that $i(0) = I_0$.

$$Ri + v_{L} = Ri + L\frac{di}{dt}$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i = 0$$

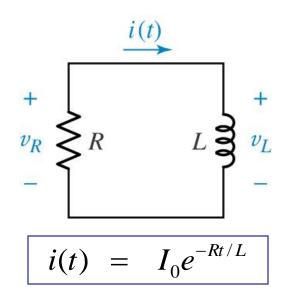
$$\frac{di}{i} = -\frac{R}{L}dt$$

$$\int_{0}^{i(t)} \frac{di'}{i'} = \int_{0}^{t} -\frac{R}{L}dt'$$

$$\ln i - \ln I_0 = -\frac{R}{L} (t - 0)$$

$$so \quad i(t) = I_0 e^{-Rt/L}$$

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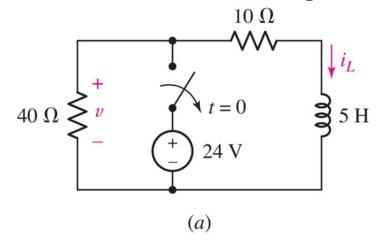
The power:
$$p_R = i^2 R = I_0^2 R \cdot e^{\frac{-2Rt}{L}}$$

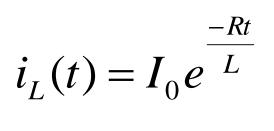
The total energy:
$$w_R = \int_0^\infty p_R dt = I_0^2 R \int_0^\infty e^{\frac{-2Rt}{L}} dt$$

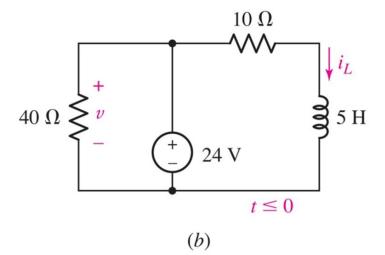
$$=I_0^2 R \left(\frac{-L}{2R}\right) e^{\frac{-2Rt}{L}} \bigg|_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} L I_0^2$$

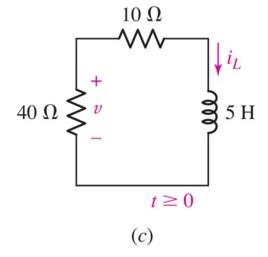
Example 8.1:

find the current through the 5-H inductor at t = 200ms

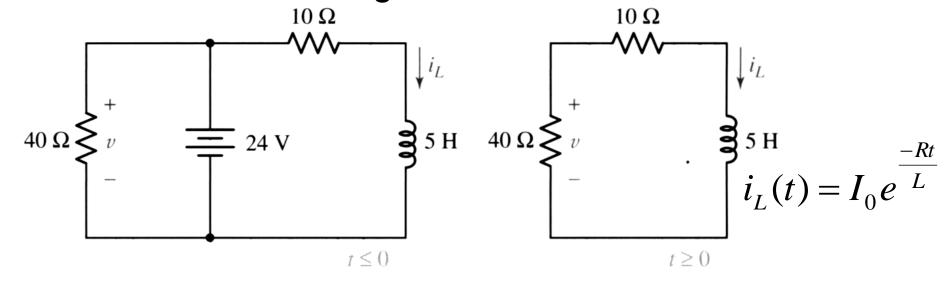








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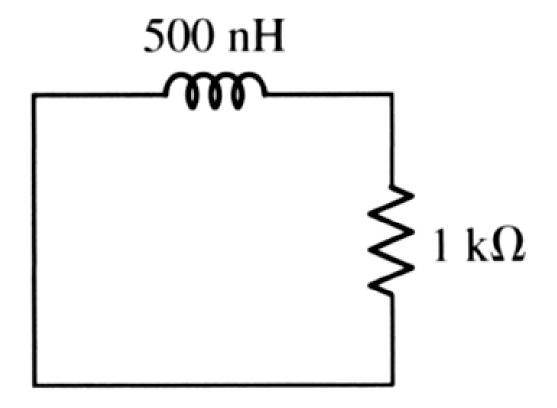


$$I_0 = \frac{24}{10} = 2.4$$

$$i_L(t = 200ms.) = 2.4e^{-10t} = 324.8mA.$$

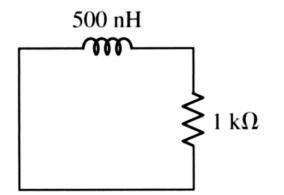
Practice: 8.1

Determine the energy remaining in the inductor at t = 2 ns if it is initially storing 7 μJ



Practice: 8.1

7 µJ stored in a 500 nH inductor



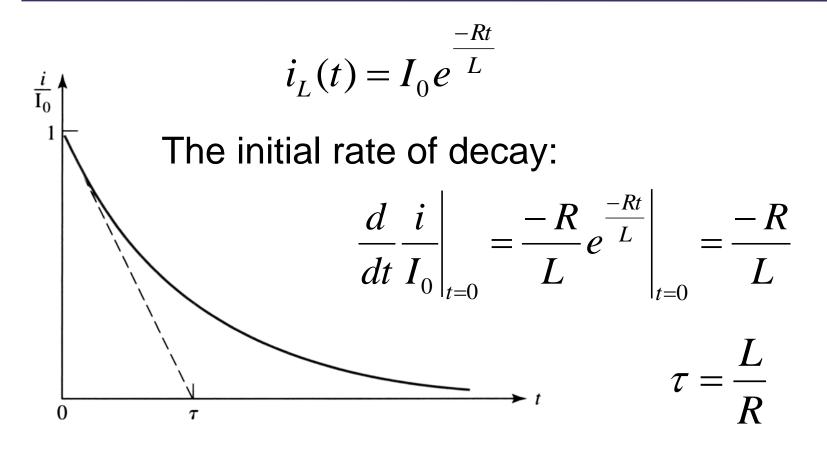
a current magnitude =
$$\sqrt{\frac{2 \times 7 \times 10^{-6}}{500 \times 10^{-9}}} = 5.292 \text{ A}$$

$$i(t) = I_o e^{-t/\tau}$$
 where $\tau = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{500 \times 10^{-9}}{1000} = 500 \text{ ps}$

$$i(2ns) = 5.292 \exp\left(\frac{-2 \times 10^{-9}}{500 \times 10^{-12}}\right) = 96.93 \text{ mA}$$

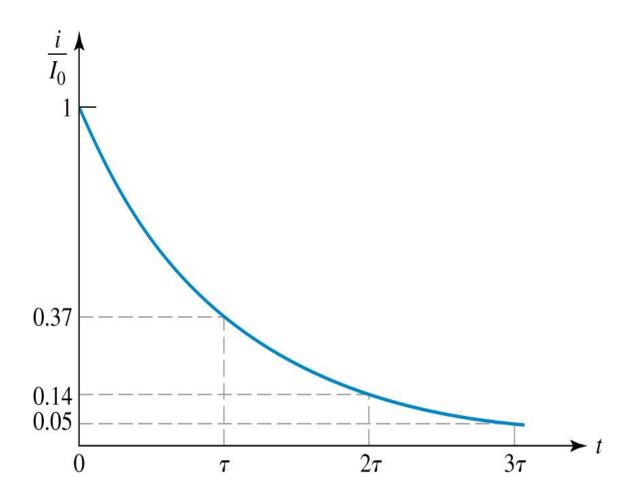
$$w(2 \text{ ns}) = \frac{1}{2}Li^2 = 0.5(500 \times 10^{-9})(96.93 \times 10^{-3})^2$$

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$$\frac{i(\tau)}{I_0} = e^{-1} = 0.3679$$
 or $i(\tau) = 0.3679I_0$

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A plot of the exponential response versus time.

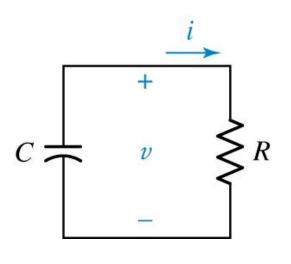
Practice: 8.2

In a source-free series RL circuit, find the numerical value of the ratio: (a) $i(2\tau)/i(\tau)$, (b) $i(0.5\tau)/i(0)$, and (c) t/τ if

$$\frac{i(t)}{i(0)} = 0.2$$
; (d) t/τ if $i(0) - i(t) = i(0)ln2$.

$$i(t) = I_o e^{-t/\tau}$$
 $i(0) = I_o$
$$\frac{i(2\tau)}{i(\tau)} = \frac{e^{-2}}{e^{-1}} = \frac{i(0.5\tau)}{i(0)} = e^{-0.5} = \frac{i(t)}{i(0)} = e^{-t/\tau} = 0.2, \text{ so } \frac{t}{\tau} = -\ln 0.2 = \frac{i(0.5\tau)}{i(0)} = \frac{$$

The Source-Free RC Circuit:



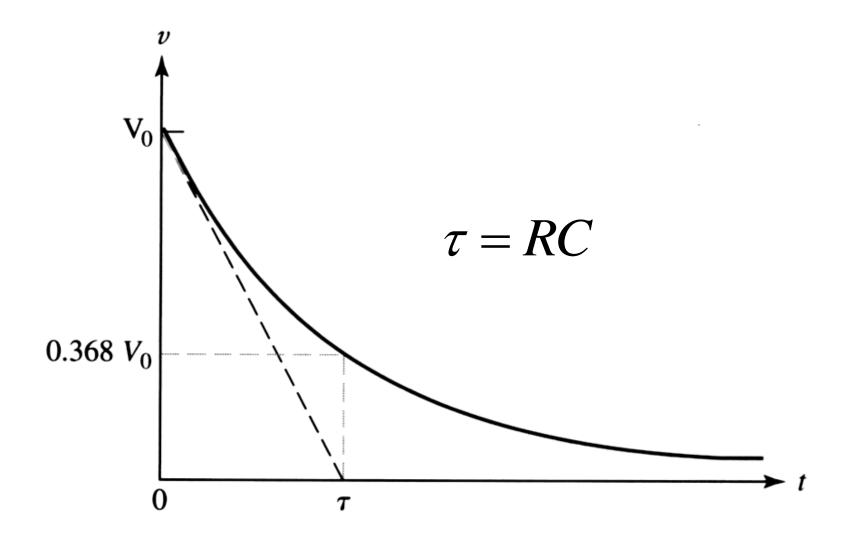
A parallel RC circuit for which v(t) is to be determined, subject to the initial condition that $v(0) = V_0$.

$$C\frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{v}{R} = 0$$

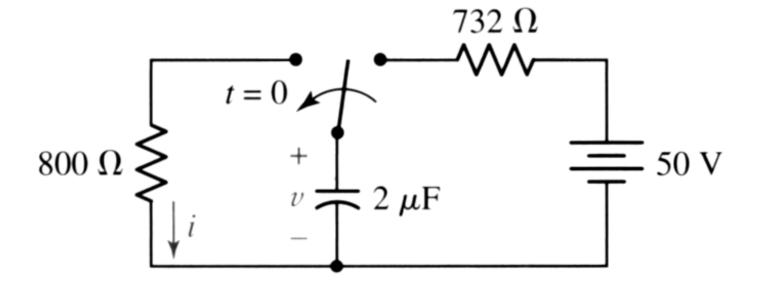
$$\frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{v}{RC} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow v(t) = v(0)e^{\frac{-t}{RC}} = V_0 e^{\frac{-t}{RC}}$$

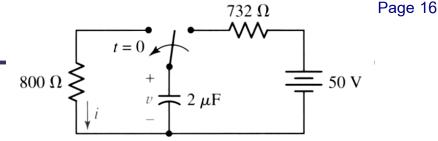
The Source-Free RC Circuit:



Find v(0) and v(2ms)



Practice: 8.3



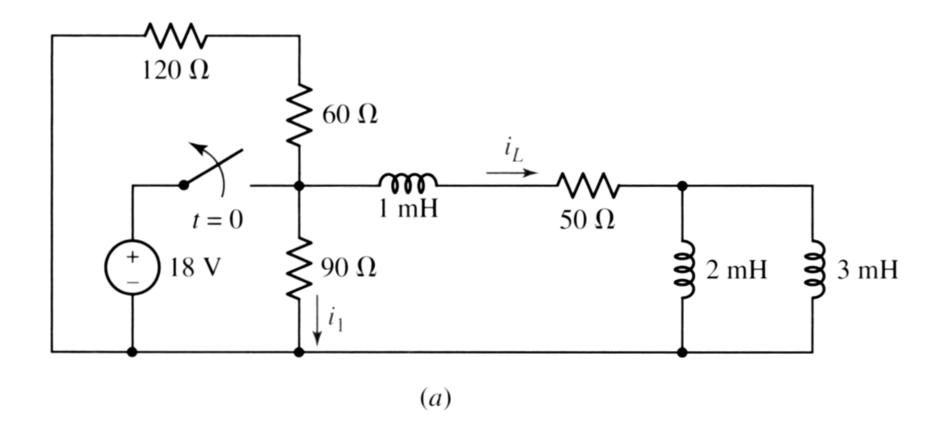
With no current flow permitted through the capacitor (it is assumed any transients have long since died out), v = 50 V.

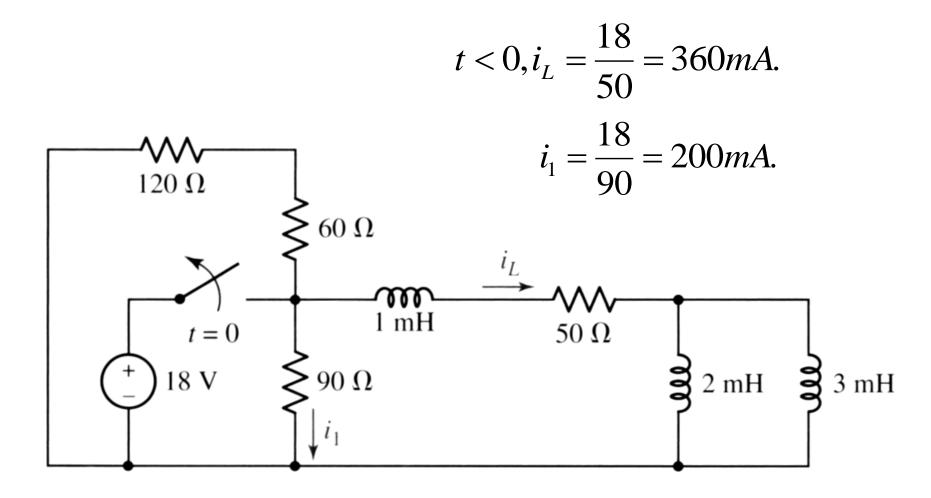
After the switch is thrown, the only remaining circuit is a simple source-free RC circuit.

$$\tau = RC = 1.6 \text{ ms}$$

$$v(t) = v(0)e^{-t/\tau}$$
 so $v(2\text{ms}) = 50\exp\left(\frac{-2\times10^{-3}}{1.6\times10^{-3}}\right)$

Example 8.2:

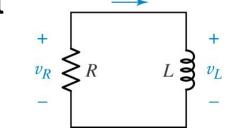




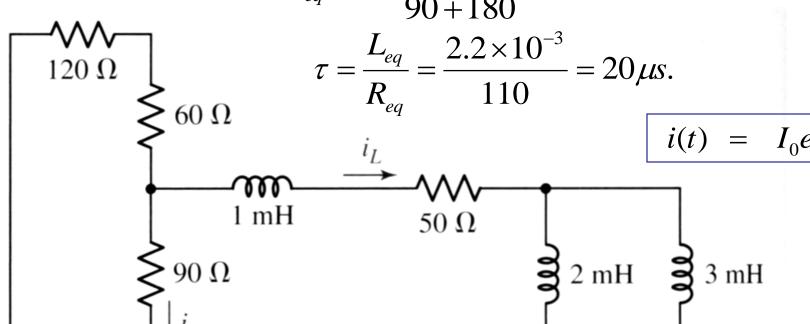
determine both i₁ and i_L in the circuit

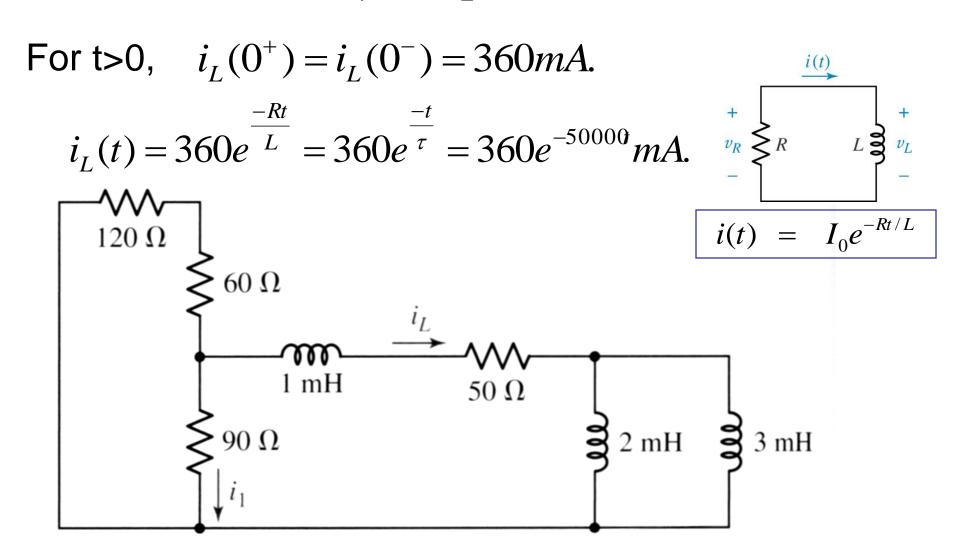
For t>0,

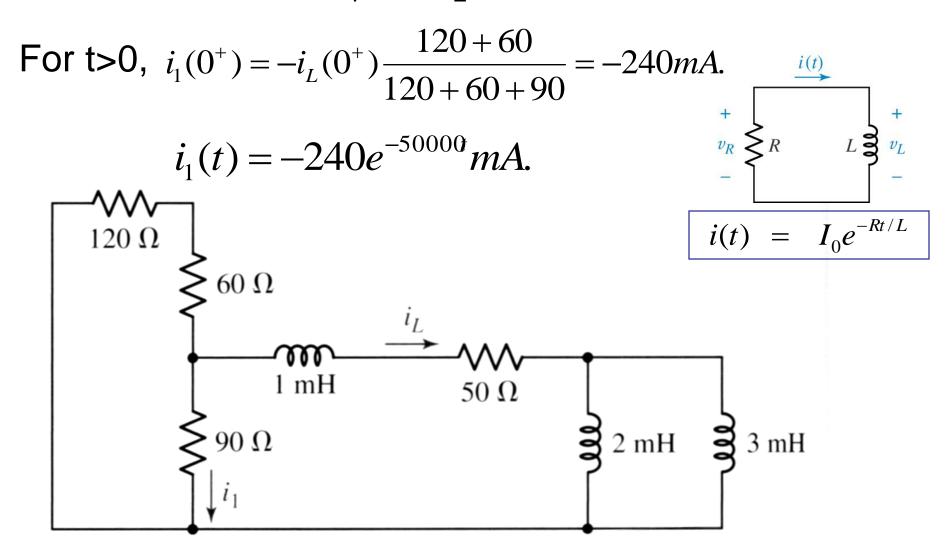
$$L_{eq} = \frac{2 \times 3}{2 + 3} + 1 = 2.2mH.$$

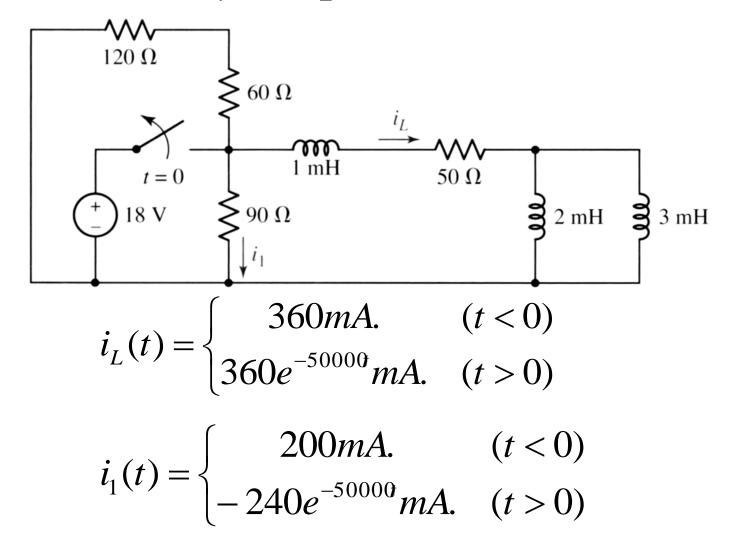


$$R_{eq} = \frac{90 \times (60 + 120)}{90 + 180} + 50 = 110\Omega$$



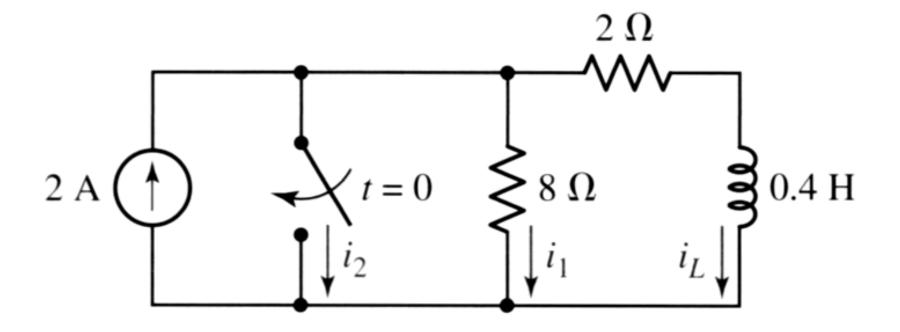






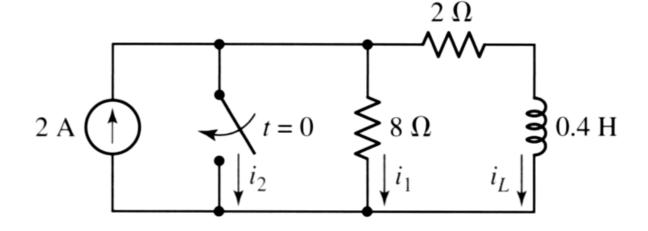
Practice: 8.4

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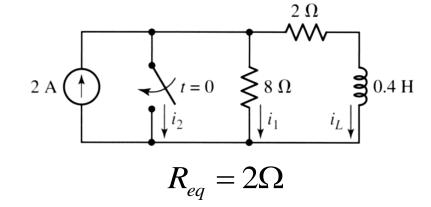


$$i_L = \frac{8}{8+2} \cdot 2A = 1.6A = i_L(0^-) = i_L(0^+) = I_0$$

$$i_1 = \frac{2}{8+2} \cdot 2A = 0.4A.$$

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For t>0,



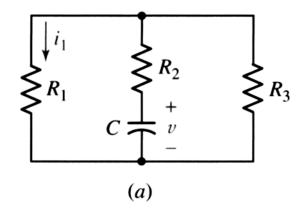
$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-Rt/L}$$

$$i_L(t = 0.15s.) = 1.6e^{\frac{-Rt}{L}} = 1.6e^{\frac{-2t}{0.4}} = 0.756A.$$

$$i_2 = 2 - i_L = 1.244A$$
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Example 8.3:

find $v(0^+)$ and $i_1(0^+)$ if $v(0^-) = V_0$



$$v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-) = V_0$$

$$i_1(t) = i_1(0^+)e^{\frac{-t}{\tau}}$$

$$C = \begin{cases} + \\ v \\ - \end{cases}$$

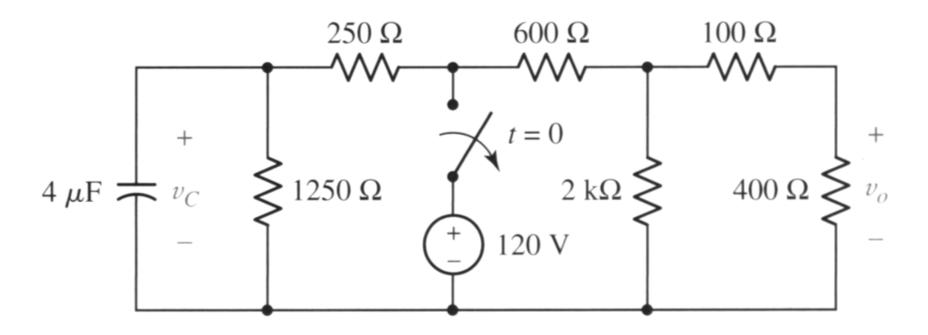
$$(b)$$

$$\tau = R_{eq}C$$

$$i_1(0^+) = \frac{V_0}{R_2 + \frac{R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_3}} \cdot \frac{R_3}{R_1 + R_3}$$

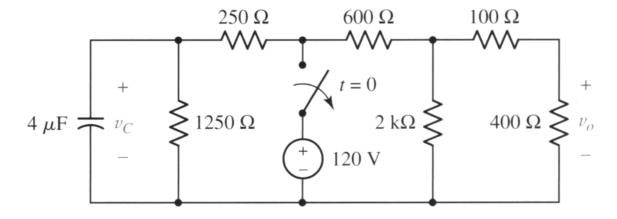
Practice: 8.5

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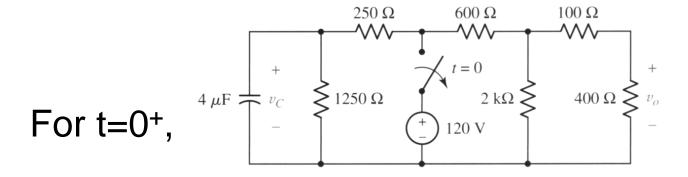
For t<0,



$$v_C = \frac{1250}{1250 + 250} \cdot 120V. = 100V. = v_C(0^-) = v_C(0^+)$$

$$v_o(0^-) = \left[\frac{(400+100)\cdot 2k}{400+100+2k} + 600 \right]^{-1} \cdot 120 \cdot \frac{2k}{400+100+2k} \cdot 400 = 38.4V.$$

find v_C and v_0 at $t = 0^-$, 0^+ , 1.3ms.

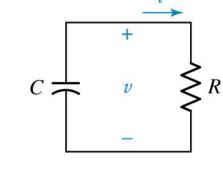


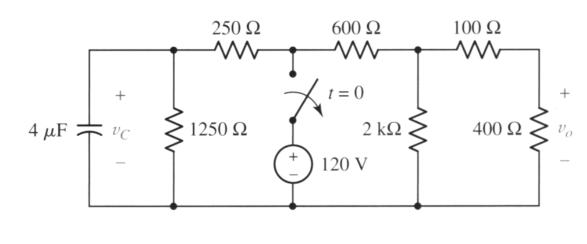
$$v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-) = 100V.$$

$$v_o(0^+) = \frac{100V.}{250 + 600 + 500 / 2k} \cdot \frac{2k}{400 + 100 + 2k} \cdot 400 = 25.6V.$$

find v_{C} and v_{0} at $t = 0^{-}$, 0^{+} , 1.3ms.

For t=1.3ms.,





$$R_{eq} = 1250 / \{250 + 600 + [2k / (100 + 400)]\}$$

= $1250 / \{850 + 400\}$
= 625Ω

$$v_C(t) = v_C(0^+)e^{\frac{-t}{\tau}} = 100e^{-400t}V.$$

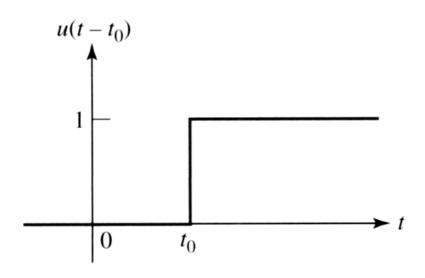
$$\tau = R_{eq}C = (625) \cdot (4\mu F) = 0.0025$$

$$v_C(t = 1.3ms.) = 59.45V.$$

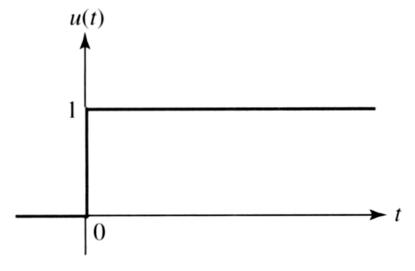
$$\frac{1}{\tau} = 400$$

$$v_0(t=1.3ms.) = v_0(0^+)e^{-400t} = 25.6e^{-400t} = 15.22V.$$

The Unit-Step Function:

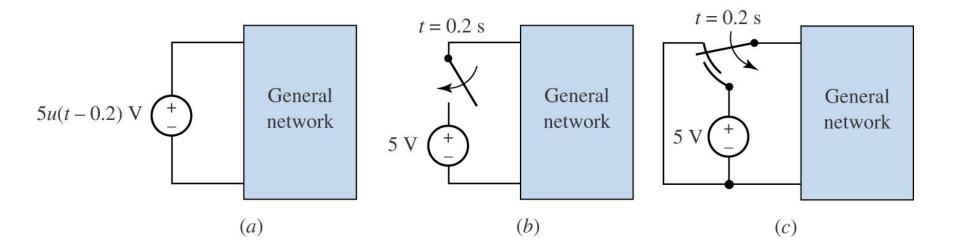


$$u(t - t_0) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < t_0 \\ 1 & t > t_0 \end{cases}$$



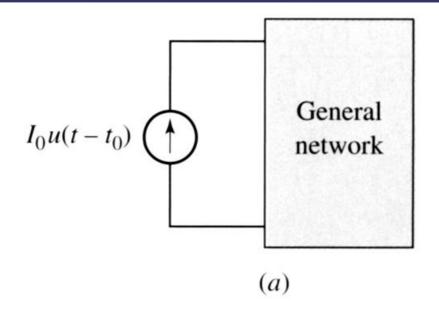
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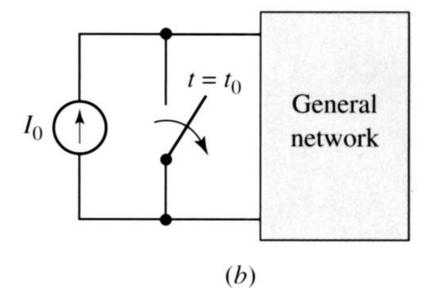
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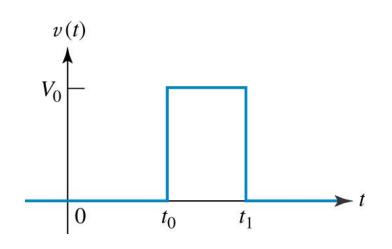
(a) A voltage-step forcing function is shown as the source driving a general network. (b) A simple circuit which, although not the exact equivalent of part (a), may be used as its equivalent in many cases. (c) An exact equivalent of part (a).

The Unit-Step Function:



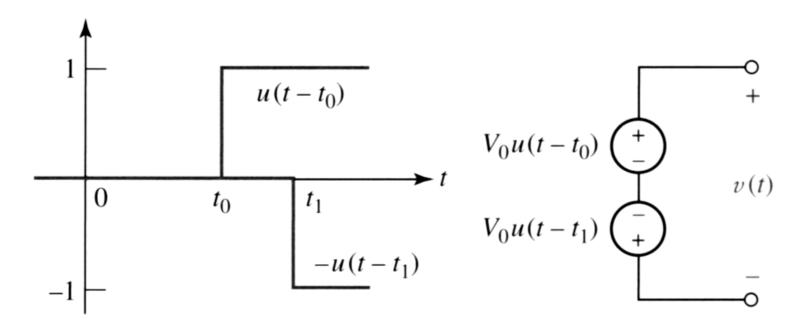


The Rectangular Pulse Function:



The rectangular pulse function

$$v(t-t_0) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < t_0 \\ V_0 & t_0 < t < t_1 \\ 0 & t > t_1 \end{cases}$$

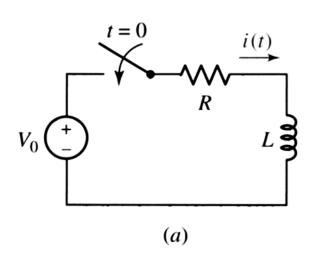


Practice: 8.6

Evaluate each of the following at t = 0.8:

- (a) 3u(t) 2u(-t) + 0.8u(1-t); (b) [4u(t)]u(-t);
- (c) $2u(t)\sin \pi t$.
 - (a) 3 0 + 0.8 = 3.8
 - (b) [4](0) = 0
 - (c) $2 \sin 0.8 \P = 1.176$

Driven RL Circuits:



$$Ri(t) + L\frac{di(t)}{dt} = V_0 u(t)$$
$$i(t) = 0, t < 0$$

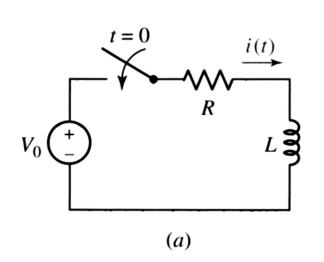
for positive time; t > 0

$$\begin{array}{c}
\stackrel{i(t)}{\longrightarrow} \\
R \\
\downarrow^{+} V_0 u(t) \\
\downarrow^{-} U_0 u(t)
\end{array}$$
(b)

$$Ri(t) + L\frac{di(t)}{dt} = V_0$$
 yielding;
$$\frac{Ldi(t)}{V_0 - Ri(t)} = dt$$

integrated;
$$-\frac{L}{R}\ln(V_0 - Ri) = t + k$$

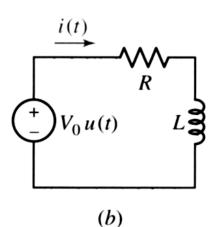
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setting i = 0 for t = 0, we obtain;

$$-\frac{L}{R}\ln(V_0) = k$$



And, hence,

$$-\frac{L}{R}\left\{\ln\left(V_0 - Ri\right) - \ln\left(V_0\right)\right\} = t$$

$$\frac{V_0 - Ri}{V_0} = e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}}$$

 $i(t) = \left(\frac{V_0}{R} - \frac{V_0}{R}e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}}\right)u(t)$

The voltage source 60 - 40u(t) V is in series with a $10-\Omega$ resistor and a 50-mH inductor. Find the magnitudes of the inductor current and voltage at t equal to (a) 0^- ; (b) 0^+ ; (c) ∞ ; (d) 3ms.

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Practice: 8.7

- (a) $t = 0^-$, so only 60 V is across the RL circuit. Thus $|v_L(0^-)| = \underline{0}$ and $|i_L(0^-)| = \underline{60} = \underline{6}$
- (b) At $t = 0^+$, the source voltage changes to 60 40 = 20 V. The inductor current cannot change, so $|i_L(0^+)| = \underline{6 \text{ A}}$. The current through the resistor is 6 A, so the voltage dropped across the inductor is 20 10 (6) = -40 V. Thus, $|v_L(0^+)| = \underline{40 \text{ V}}$
- (c) At $t = \infty$, the source voltage is 20 V but all transients have died out. Thus, $|i_L(\infty)| = \frac{20}{10} = 2 \text{ A}$ and $|v_L(\infty)| = 0$. The direction of i_L has not changed.

(d) For
$$t > 0$$
, $\left| i_L(t) \right| = \left| i_L(\infty) + \left[i_L(0^+) - i_L(\infty) \right] e^{-t/\tau} \right|$

where
$$|i_L(t)| = 2 \text{ A}$$
 and $\tau = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{50 \times 10^{-3}}{10} = 5 \text{ ms}$.

Thus,
$$i_L(3 \text{ ms}) = 2 + (6-2)e^{-3/5} = \underline{4.195 \text{ A}}$$

We then find that
$$|v_L(3 \text{ ms})| = |20 - 4.195(10)| = \underline{21.95 \text{ V}}$$

Natural and Forced Response:

The solution of any linear differential equation may be expressed as the sum of two parts:

- the complementary solution (natural response)
- the particular solution (forced response)

let consider;
$$\frac{di}{dt} + Pi = Q$$
 ;Q = a forcing function $di + Pi \cdot dt = Q \cdot dt$

$$i = e^{-Pt} \int Q e^{-Pt} dt + A e^{-Pt}$$

Natural and Forced Response:

$$i = e^{-Pt} \int Q e^{-Pt} dt + A e^{-Pt}$$

For a source free circuit, Q must be zero, and the solution is the natural response:

$$i_n = Ae^{-Pt}$$

The first term is also called the steady state response, the particular solution, or the particular integral.

When Q is a constant,

$$i_f = \frac{Q}{P}$$

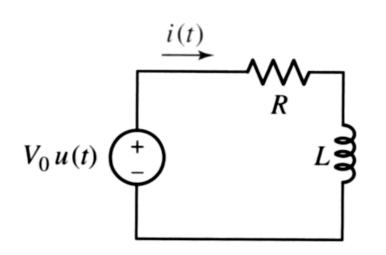
Natural and Forced Response:

$$i = e^{-Pt} \int Q e^{-Pt} dt + A e^{-Pt}$$

or the complete response;

$$i(t) = i_f + i_n = \frac{Q}{P} + Ae^{-Pt}$$

Determination of the complete res.:



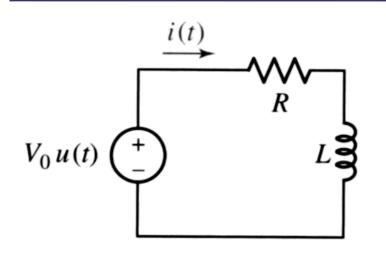
$$i(t) = i_f + i_n$$
 $i_n(t) = Ae^{\frac{-Rt}{L}}$
 $i_f = \frac{V_0}{R}$

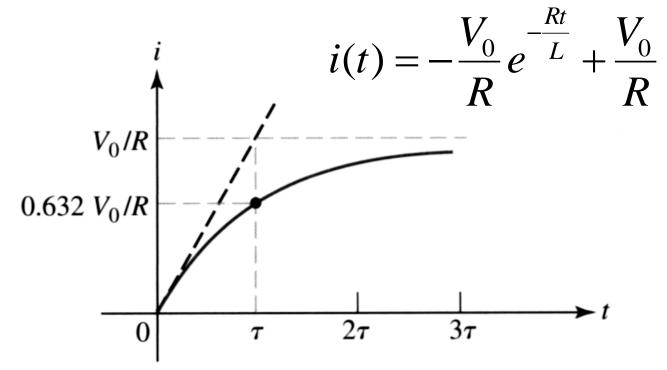
$$\therefore i(t) = i_n(t) + i_f = Ae^{\frac{-Rt}{L}} + \frac{V_0}{R}$$

apply initial condition to evaluate A, i = 0 when t = 0;

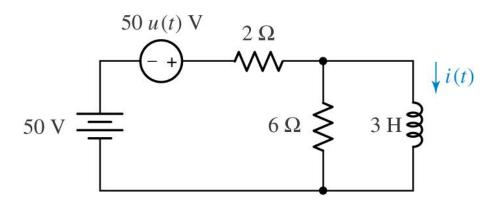
$$0 = A + \frac{V_0}{R}$$
 so $i(t) = -\frac{V_0}{R}e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} + \frac{V_0}{R}$

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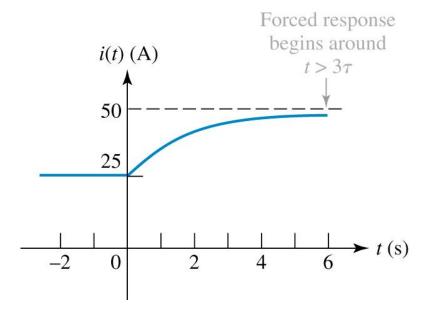




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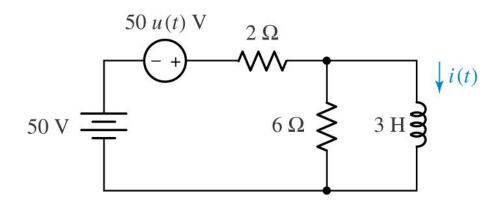


Circuit for which a complete response *i*(t) is desired.



The desired current response as a function of time.

Example:



$$R_{eq} = 2//6 = \frac{2 \times 6}{2+6} = 1.5\Omega$$

$$i(t) = i_f + i_n$$

$$i_n(t) = Ae^{\frac{-R_{eq}t}{L}} = Ae^{\frac{-t}{\tau}}, t > 0$$

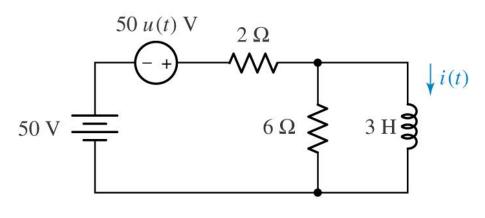
$$i_f = \frac{100}{2} = 50A.$$

$$\therefore i(t) = 50 + Ae^{\frac{-1.5t}{3}}, t > 0$$

To find A, @t=0⁻;
$$i(0^{-}) = \frac{50}{2} = 25A$$
.
 $25 = 50 + A$; $A = -25$

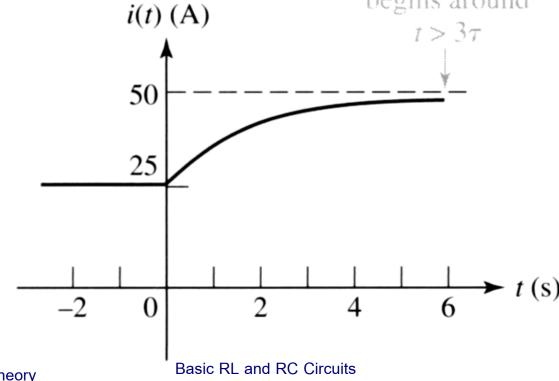
$$\therefore i(t) = 50 - 25e^{-0.5t}, t > 0 \text{ or } i(t) = 25 + 25(1 - e^{-0.5t})u(t)A.$$

Example:



$$i(t) = 25 + 25(1 - e^{-0.5t})u(t)A.$$

Forced response begins around $t > 3\tau$



A voltage source, $v_s = 20e^{-100t}u(t)$ V, is in series with a 200- Ω resistor and a 4-H inductor. Find the magnitude of the inductor current at t equal to (a) 0^- ; (b) 0^+ ; (c) 8 ms; (d) 15 ms.

$$v_S(0^-) = 0$$
 so $i_L(0^-) =$

$$i_L(0^+) = i_L(0^-)$$
 so $i_L(0^+) =$

$$v_{\scriptscriptstyle S}(t) = 200i_{\scriptscriptstyle L}(t) + v_{\scriptscriptstyle L}(t)$$

or

$$20e^{-100t} = 200i_L + 4\frac{di_L}{dt}$$
 [1]

$$i_L(t) = i_f + i_n$$

$$i_n(t) = A e^{-t/\tau}$$
 where $\tau = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{4}{200} = 20 \text{ ms}$

If we assume $i_t(t) = B e^{-100t}$ then $i_t(t) = A e^{-50t} + B e^{-100t}$

$$\underline{\text{so}} \frac{di_L}{dt} = -50Ae^{-50t} - 100Be^{-100t}$$

Substituting back in Eq. [1],

$$200i_{L} + 4\frac{di_{L}}{dt} = 200Ae^{-50t} + 200Be^{-100t} - 200Ae^{-50t} - 400Be^{-100t} = -200Be^{-100t}$$

Thus, referring to Eq. [1],
$$20 = -200 \underline{B}$$
 so $B = \frac{-20}{200} = -0.1$

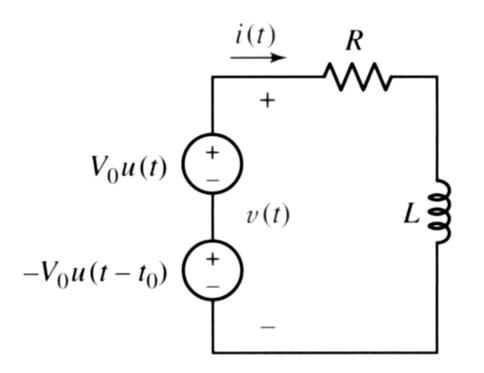
Thus,
$$i_L(t) = A e^{-50t} - 0.1 e^{-100t}$$

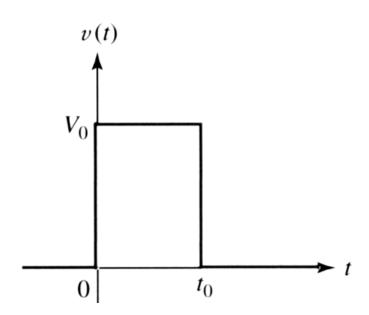
since
$$i_L(0^+) = A - 0.1 = 0$$
, $A = 0.1$ and $i_L(t) = 0.1(e^{-50t} - e^{-100t})$ amperes

- (c) $i_L(8 \text{ ms}) = 22.10 \text{ mA}$
- (d) $i_{\tau}(15 \text{ ms}) = 24.92 \text{ mA}$

Example 8.5:

find the current response





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$$i(t) = i_1(t) + i_2(t)$$

$$i_1(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} \right), t > 0$$

$$i_2(t) = -\frac{V_0}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{R(t - t_0)}{L}} \right), t > t_0$$

$$\therefore i(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} \right), 0 < t < t_0$$

and

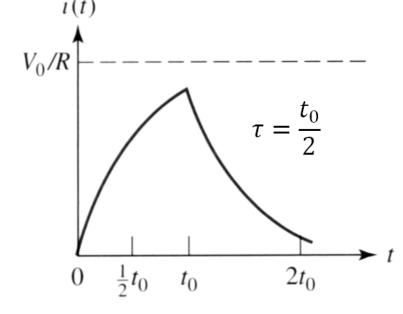
$$\therefore i(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} \right) - \frac{V_0}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{R(t - t_0)}{L}} \right), t > t_0$$

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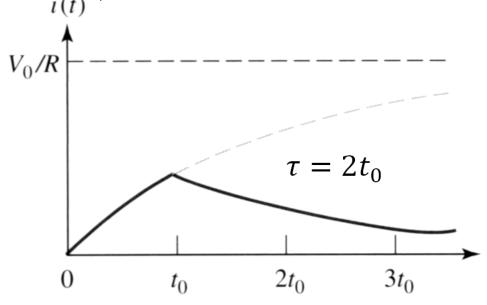
find the current response

$$\therefore i(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} \right), 0 < t < t_0$$

$$\therefore i(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} \right) - \frac{V_0}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{R(t - t_0)}{L}} \right), t > t_0$$



(a)



(*b*)

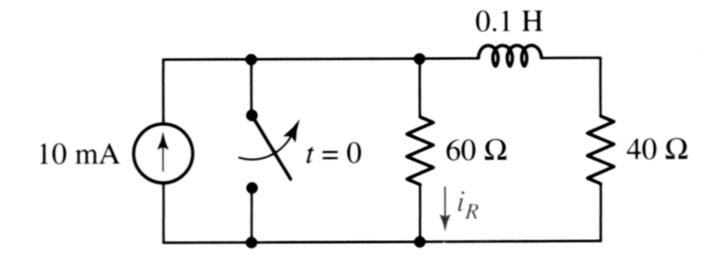
 $V_0u(t)$

Basic RL and RC Circuits

Summary:

- 1. With all independent sources killed, simplify the circuit to determine R_{eq} , L_{eq} and the time constant $\tau = L_{eq}/R_{eq}$.
- 2. Viewing L_{eq} as a short circuit, use dc analysis methods to find $i_L(0^-)$ the inductor current just prior to the discontinuity.
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- 4. Write the total response as the sum of the forced and natural responses: $f(t) = f(\infty) + Ae^{-t/\tau}$.
- 5. Find $f(0^+)$ by using the condition that $i_L(0^+) = i_L(0^-)$. If desired, L_{eq} may be replaced by a current source $i_L(0^+)$ [an open circuit $ifi_L(0^+) = 0$] for this calculation. With the exception of inductor currents (and capacitor voltages), other currents and voltages in the circuit may change abruptly.
- 6. $f(0^+) = f(\infty) + A$ and $f(t) = f(\infty) + [f(0^+) f(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}$, or total response = final value + (initial value final value) $e^{-t/\tau}$.

The circuit shown has been in the form shown for a very long time. The switch opens at t = 0. find i_R at t equal to (a) 0^- ; (b) 0^+ ; (c) ∞ ; (d) 1.5 ms.



$$\begin{array}{c|c}
0.1 \text{ H} \\
\hline
0.0 \text{ M}
\end{array}$$

$$t = 0 \quad \begin{cases}
60 \Omega \\
\downarrow i_R
\end{cases} \quad \begin{cases}
40 \Omega
\end{cases}$$

(a)
$$i_R(0^-) = \underline{0}$$

(b)
$$i_L(0^-) = 0$$
 so $i_L(0^+) = 0$

Thus, all of the source current is shunted through the $60-\Omega$ resistor; hence, $i_R(0^+) = 10 \text{ mA}$

(c)
$$i_R(\infty) = 10 \times \frac{40}{40 + 60} = \underline{4 \text{ mA}}$$

(d)
$$\tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq}} = \frac{0.1}{40 + 60} = 1 \text{ ms}$$

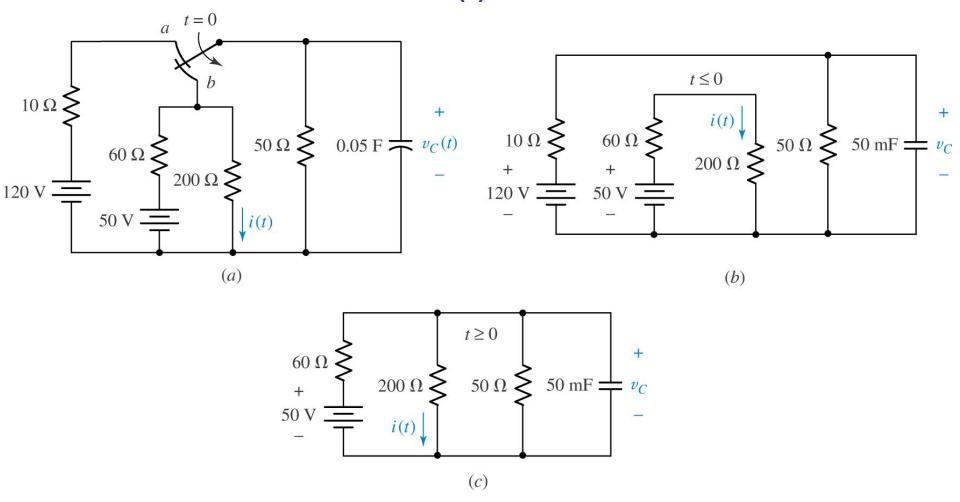
$$i_R(t) = i_R(\infty) + [i_R(0^+) - i(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}$$

= $4 + [10 - 4]e^{-10^3 t}$ mA

so
$$i_R (1.5 \text{ ms}) = 5.339 \text{ mA}$$

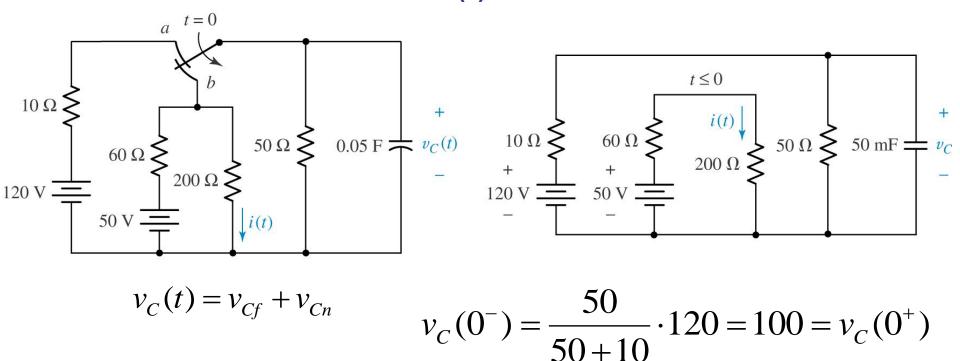
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Find the capacitor voltage $v_{\rm C}(t)$ and the current i(t) in the 200- Ω resistor of the circuit shown in (a).



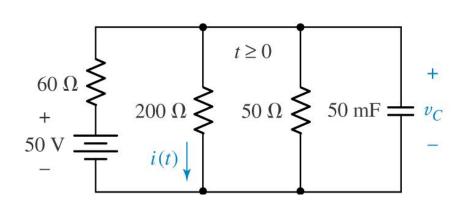
(a) Original circuit; (b) circuit valid for $t \le 0$; (c) circuit for $t \ge 0$.

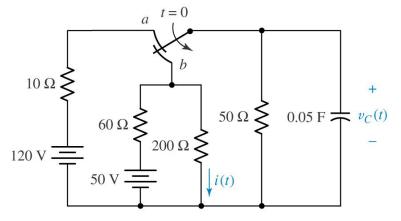
Find the capacitor voltage $v_{\rm C}(t)$ and the current i(t) in the 200- Ω resistor of the circuit shown in (a).



$$i(0^{-}) = \frac{50}{260} = 192.3 \text{mA}.$$

Find the capacitor voltage $v_{\rm C}(t)$ and the current i(t) in the 200- Ω resistor of the circuit shown in (a).





$$R_{eq} = 60 // 200 // 50$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{200} + \frac{1}{50}} = 24\Omega$$

$$v_C(t) = v_{Cf} + v_{Cn}$$

$$v_{Cf} = \frac{\frac{50 \times 200/(50 + 200)}{(50 + 200)} \cdot 50 = 20V.$$

$$v_{Cn}(t) = Ae^{\frac{-t}{R_{eq}C}} = Ae^{\frac{-t}{1.2}}$$

Find the capacitor voltage $v_{\rm C}(t)$ and the current i(t) in the 200- Ω resistor of the circuit shown in (a).

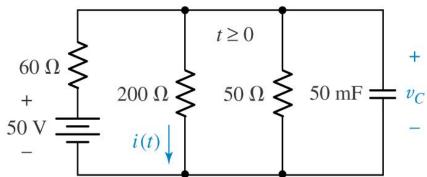
$$\therefore v_C(t) = 20 + Ae^{\frac{-t}{1.2}}$$

To find A, @t=0;

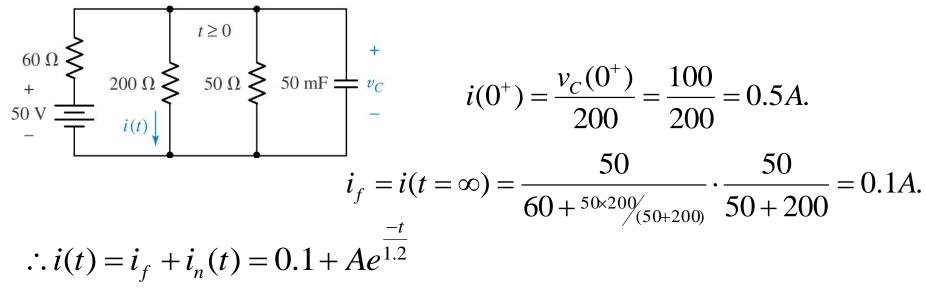
$$v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-) = 100 = 20 + A$$

$$\therefore A = 80$$

$$; v_C(t) = 20 + 80e^{\frac{-t}{1.2}}$$



Find the capacitor voltage $v_{\rm C}(t)$ and the current i(t) in the 200- Ω resistor of the circuit shown in (a).



$$\therefore i(t) = i_f + i_n(t) = 0.1 + Ae^{\frac{t}{1.2}}$$

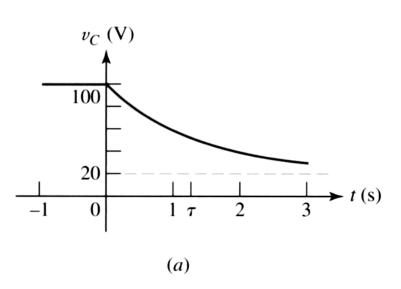
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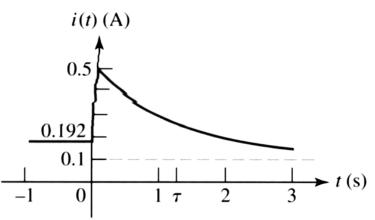
$$i(0^+) = 0.5 = 0.1 + A$$

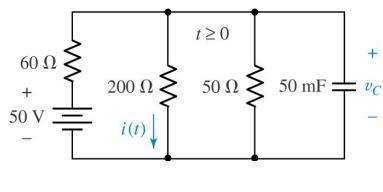
 $\therefore A = 0.4$

$$\therefore i(t) = 0.1 + 0.4e^{\frac{-t}{1.2}}, t > 0$$

Find the capacitor voltage $v_{\rm C}(t)$ and the current i(t) in the 200- Ω resistor of the circuit shown in (a).





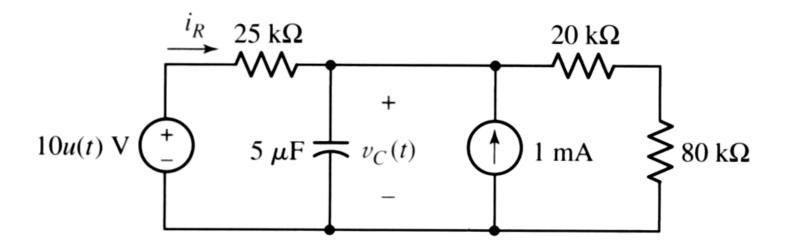


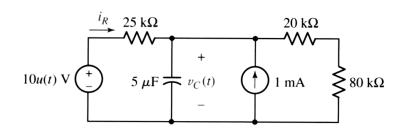
$$v_C(t) = 20 + 80e^{\frac{-t}{1.2}}$$

$$i(t) = 0.1 + 0.4e^{\frac{-t}{1.2}}$$

(b)

For the circuit, find $v_C(t)$ at t equal to (a) 0^- ; (b) 0^+ ; (c) ∞ ; (d) 0.08 s.





(a) At $t = 0^-$, only the current source is on, so

$$v_C(0^-) = 1 \times [25/(20 + 80)] = \underline{20 \text{ V}}$$

- (b) $v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-)$, so $v_C(0^+) = \underline{20 \text{ V}}$
- (c) At $t = \infty$, both sources are on, so

$$v_C(\infty) = 1 \times [25/(20+80)] + 10 \times \frac{(100)}{125}$$

= 20 + 8 = 28 V

(d)
$$v_C(t) = v_C(\infty) + \left[v_C(0^+) - v_C(\infty)\right] e^{-t/\tau}$$

where
$$\tau \equiv R_{eq} \, \mathrm{C}$$

$$R_{eq} \equiv 25/\!/100 \equiv 20 \; k\Omega \text{, so } \tau \equiv 100 \; ms$$

Thus,
$$v_C(80 \text{ ms}) = 28 + [20 - 28]e^{-80/100}$$

= 24.41 V

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