
Engineering Circuits Analysis (ICE2002)

Chapter 7. Response of First-Order RL and RC Circuit – Part 1/2/3/4

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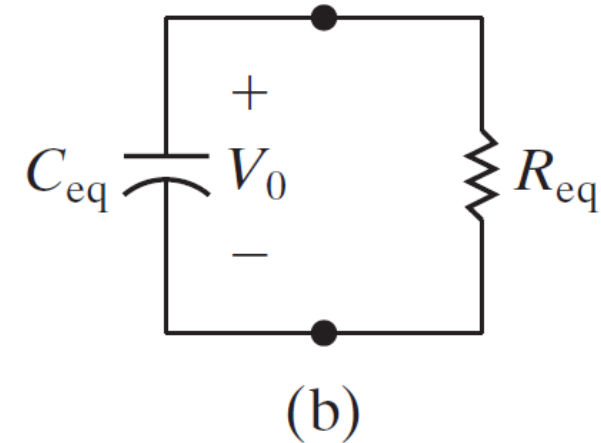
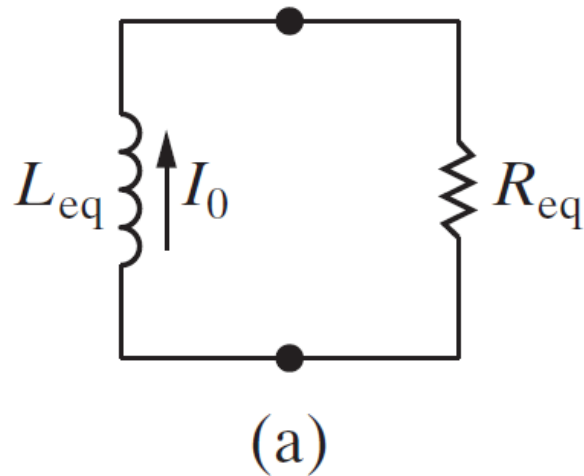
- Natural Response of an RL Circuit
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- Step Response of RL and RC Circuits
- General Solution for Step and Natural Responses

In Chapter 7

- We will focus on circuits that consists only of **source**, **resistors (R)**, and either **inductors (L)** or **capacitors (C)**.
- **Natural response**: we consider the currents and voltage that arises when stored energy in an inductor or capacitor is suddenly released to a resistive network. **This happens when the inductor or capacitor is abruptly disconnected from its DC source.**
- **Step response**: we consider when the current and voltage that arises when energy is being acquired by an inductor or capacitor due to the sudden application of a DC voltage or current source.

Natural Response

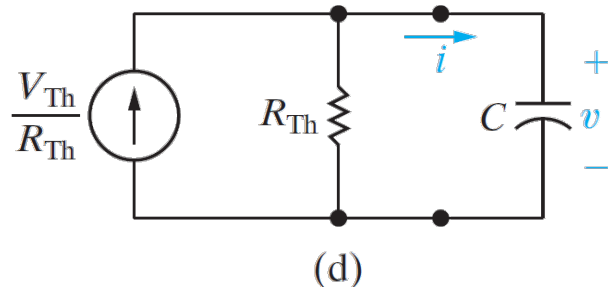
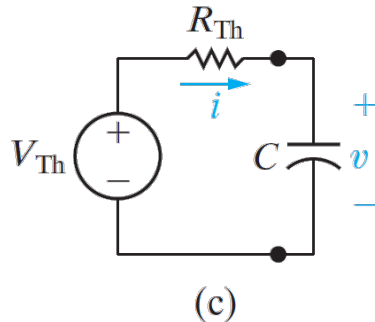
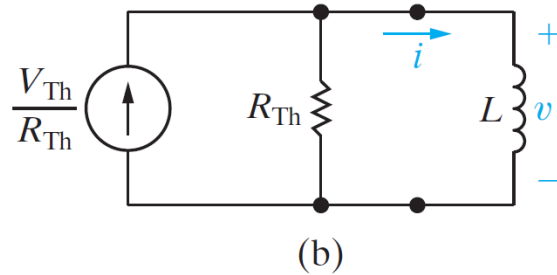
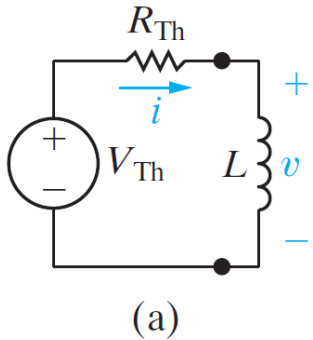
- Two forms of the circuit for natural response: RL and RC Circuits



RL circuit when given initial current, I_0 RC circuit when given initial voltage, V_0

First-Order Circuits

- RL and RC circuits are known as **first-order circuits**, because their voltage and currents are described by first-order differential equations >> most equations become **1st order differential equations**.
- **1st order circuits** may be reduced to a Thevenin (or Norton) equivalent



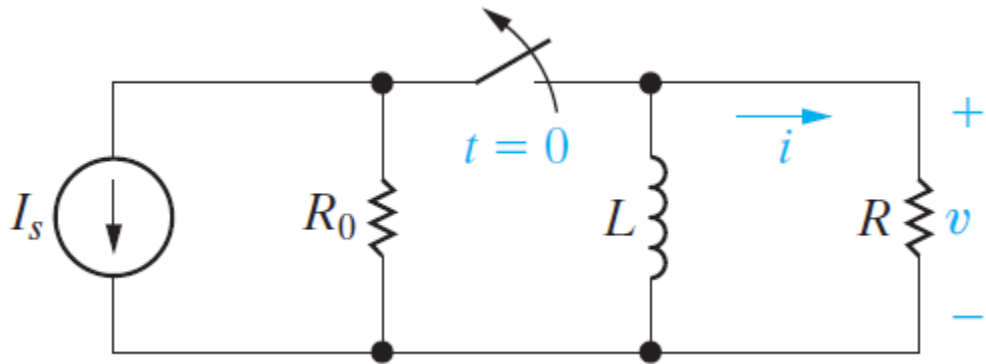
Thevenin equivalent (a and c) to
Norton equivalent (b and d)
connected with an inductor and a capacitor

The Natural response of an RL Circuit

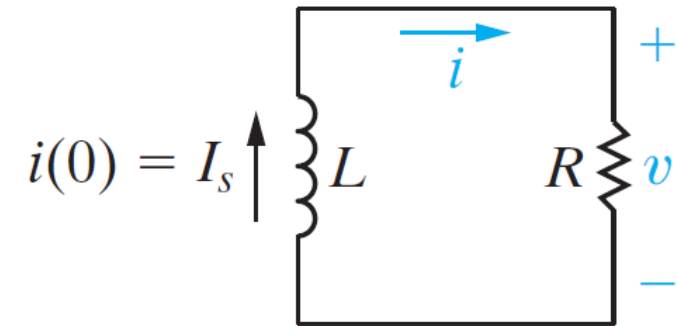
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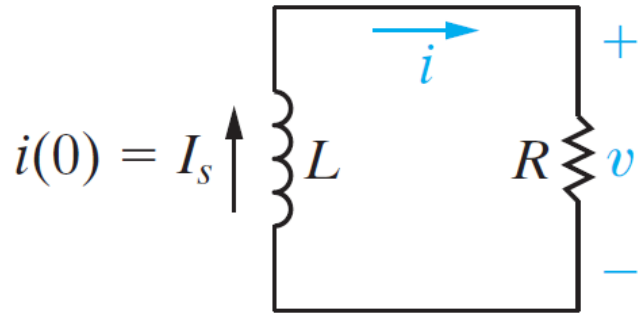


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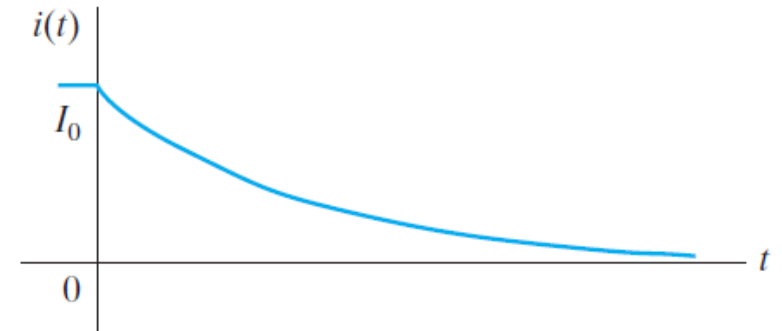
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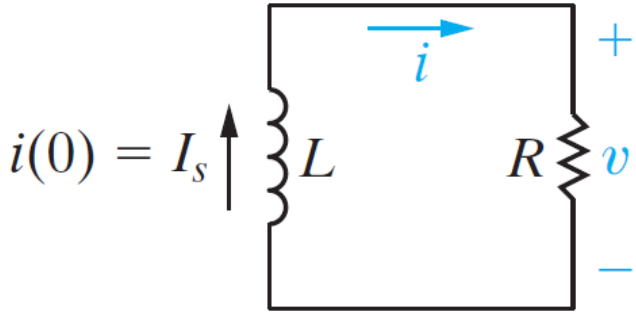
- $L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = 0$
- $\frac{di}{dt} dt = -\frac{R}{L} i dt$
- $\frac{di}{i} = -\frac{R}{L} dt$
- $\int_{i(t_0)}^{i(t)} \frac{dx}{x} = -\frac{R}{L} \int_{t_0}^t dy$
- $\ln \frac{i(t)}{i(0)} = -\frac{R}{L} t$

Current $i(t)$ $t > 0$

- $i(t) = i(0)e^{-(R/L)t}$
- $i(0^-) = i(0^+) = I_0$
- $i(t) = I_0 e^{-(R/L)t}, \quad t \geq 0$



The Natural response of an RL Circuit



Voltage

- $v = iR = I_0 R e^{-(R/L)t}, \quad t \geq 0^+$
- $v(0^-) = 0, \quad v(0^+) = I_0 R$

Power and energy

- $p = vi = i^2 R = \frac{v^2}{R}$

$$= I_0^2 R e^{-2(R/L)t}, \quad t \geq 0^+$$

- $w = \int_0^t p dx = \int_0^t I_0^2 R e^{-2(R/L)x} dx$
 $= \frac{1}{2(R/L)} I_0^2 R (1 - e^{-2(R/L)t})$

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- **Natural response** is the current and voltages that exist when stored energy is released to a circuit that contains no independent sources.
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$$i(t) = i_0 e^{-\left(\frac{R}{L}\right)t}, \quad t \geq 0$$

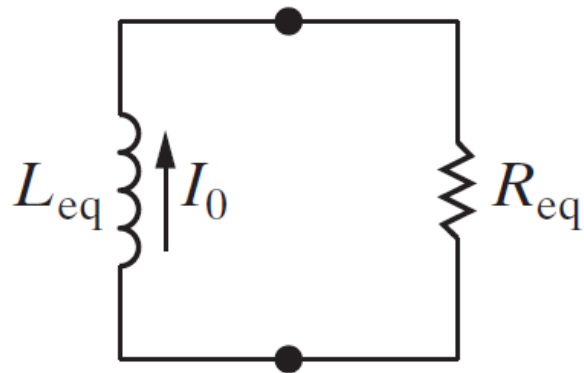
Natural response
of an RL circuit

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

Time constant
for RL circuit

- $i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}, \quad t \geq 0$
- $v(t) = I_0 R e^{-t/\tau}, \quad t \geq 0^+$
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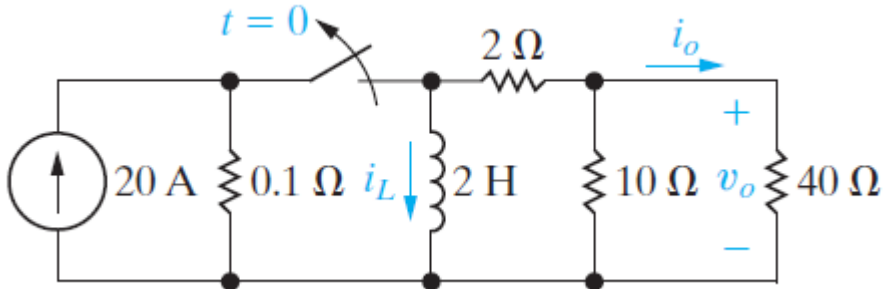
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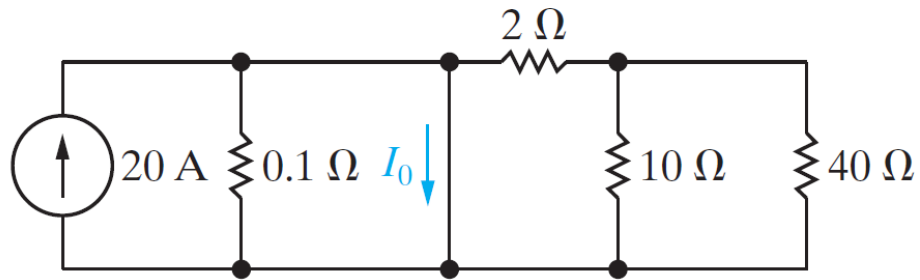
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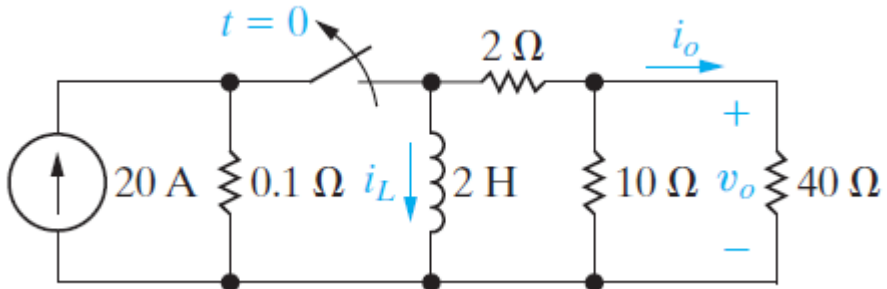


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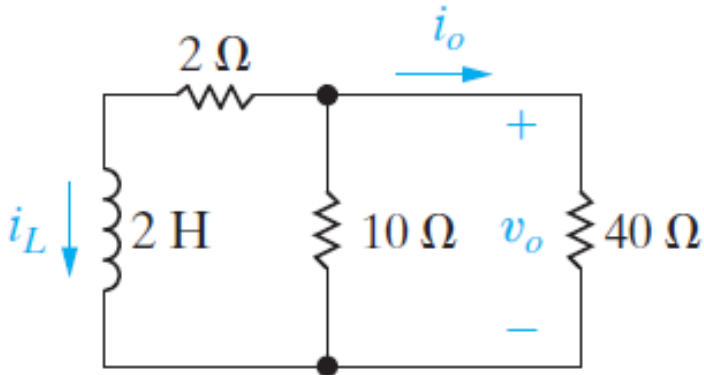


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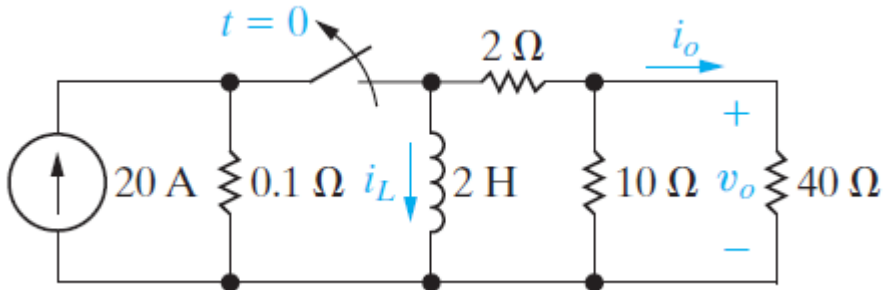


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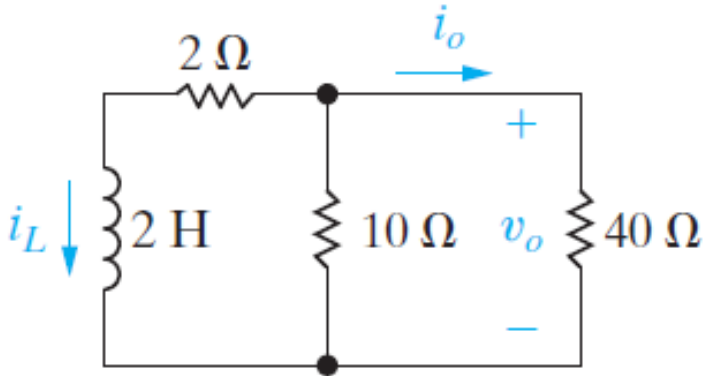


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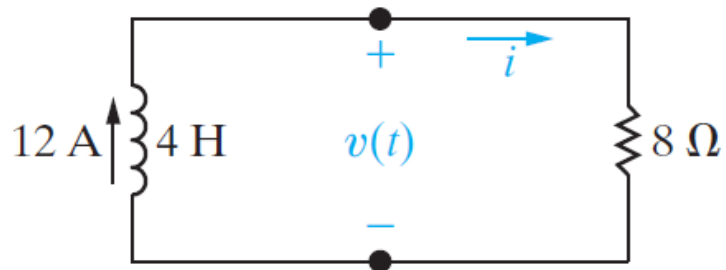
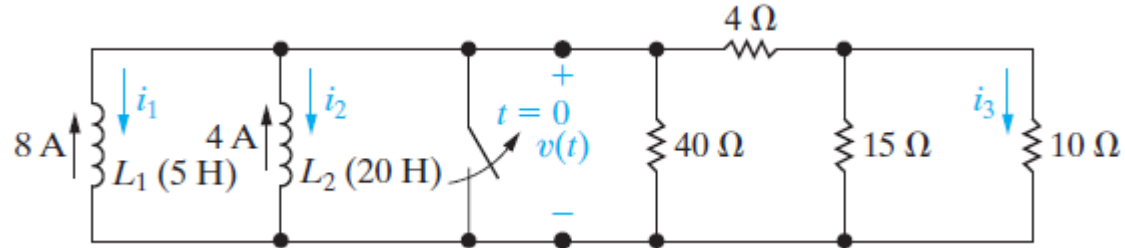


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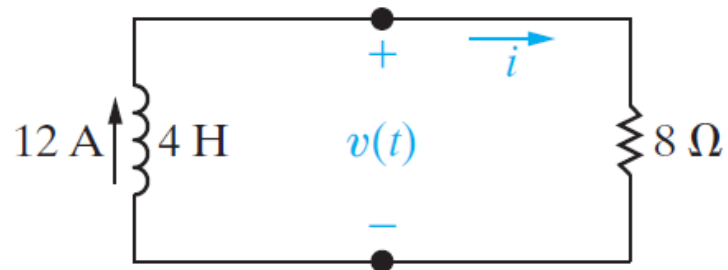
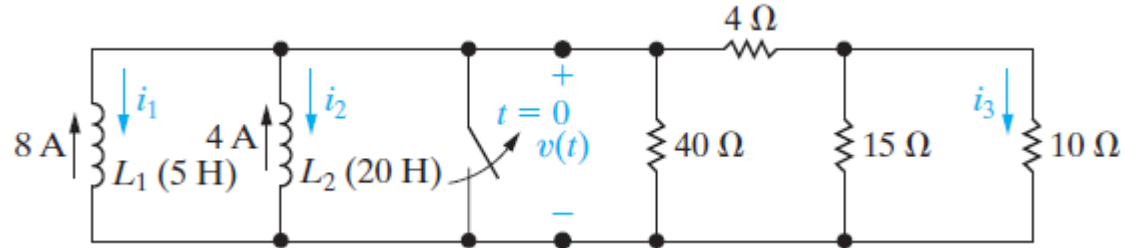
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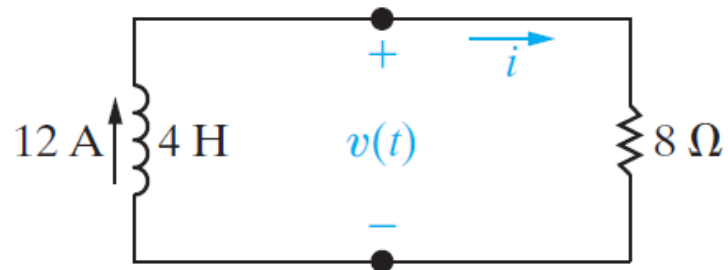
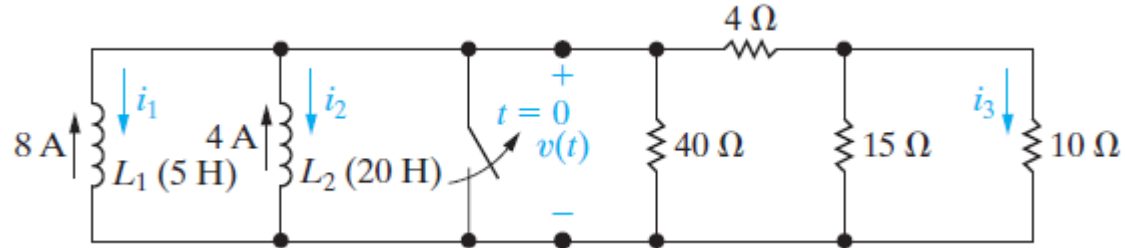
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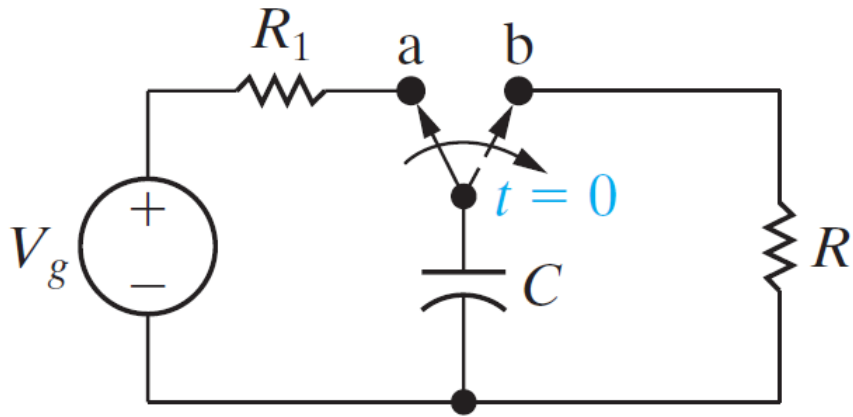


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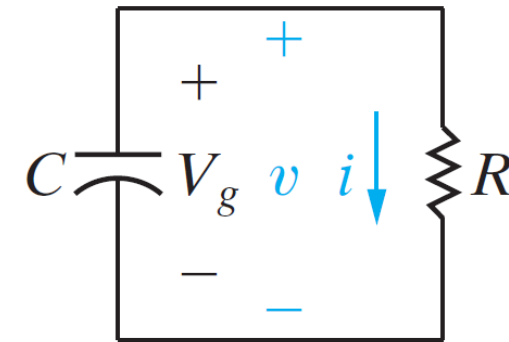
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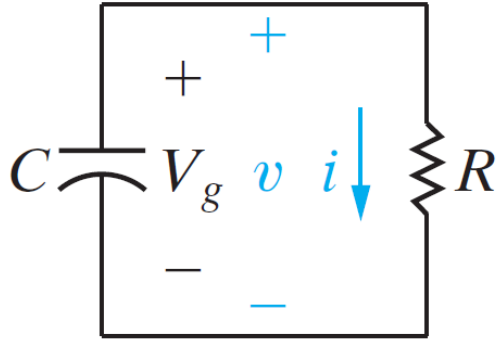


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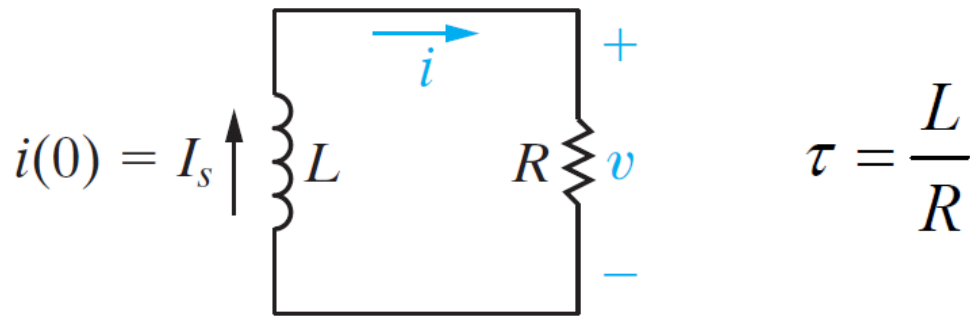


voltage $v(t)$ $t > 0$

- $C \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{v}{R} = 0$
- $v(t) = v(0)e^{-t/RC}, t \geq 0$
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- $\tau = RC$
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Similarity of the RL and RC Circuits

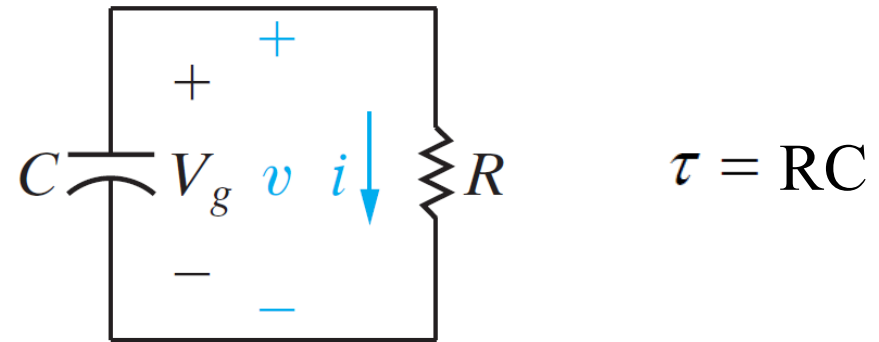
RL Circuit



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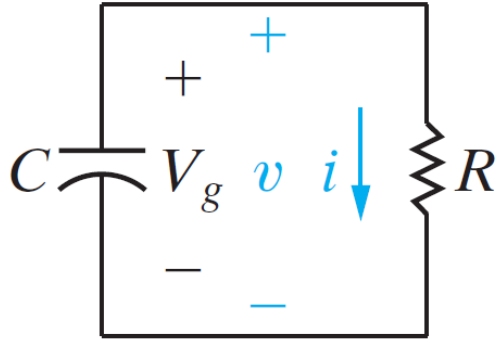
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Current

Power and energy

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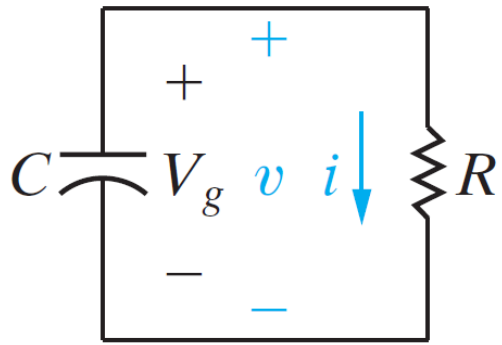
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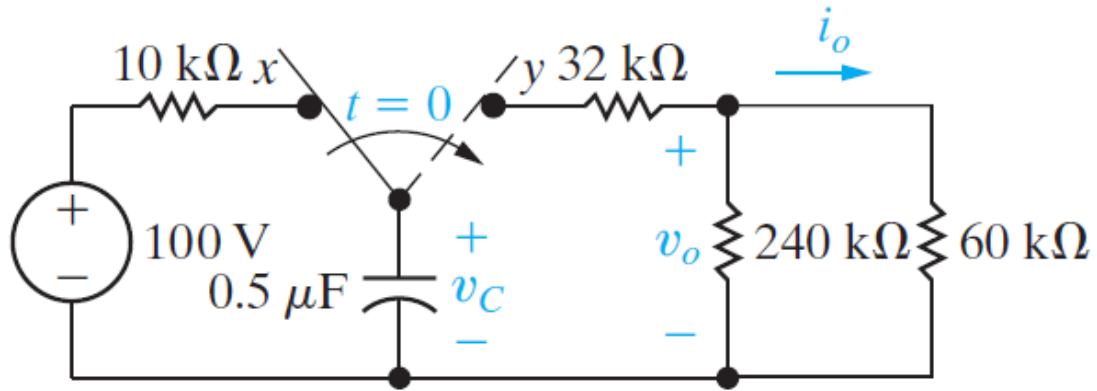
The Natural response of an RC Circuit



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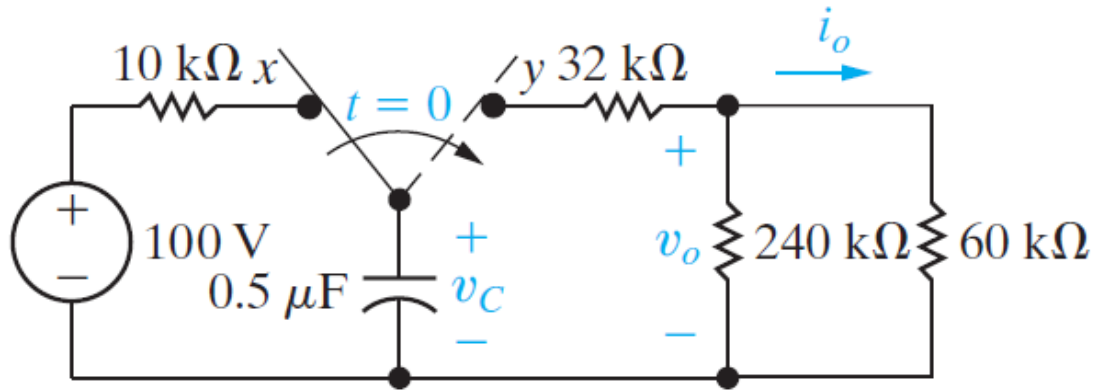
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Find $v_c(t)$, $v_o(t)$, $i_o(t)$ and the total energy dissipated in the 60 kohm resistor



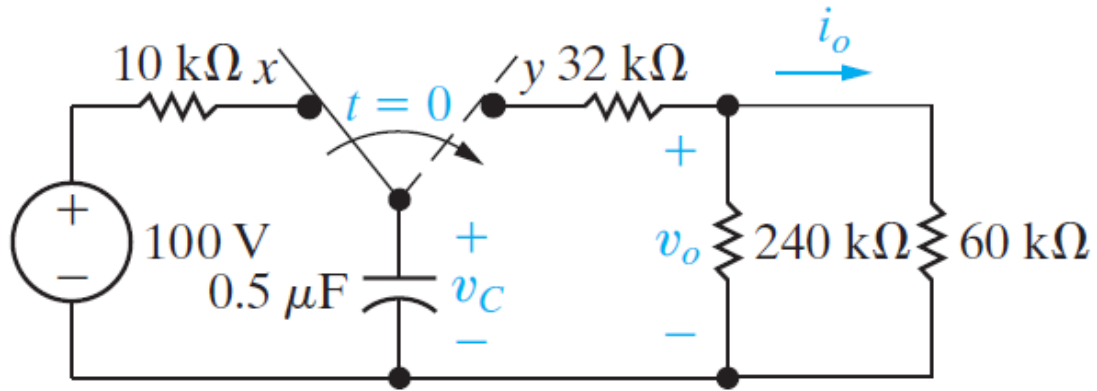
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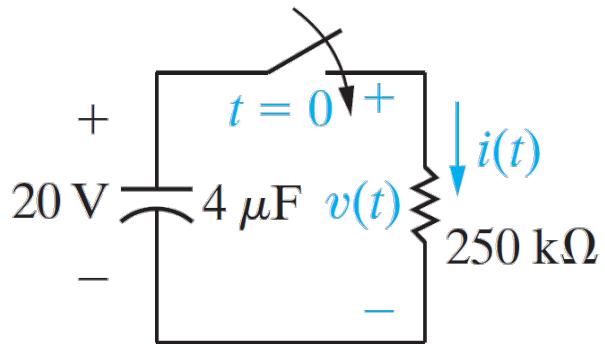
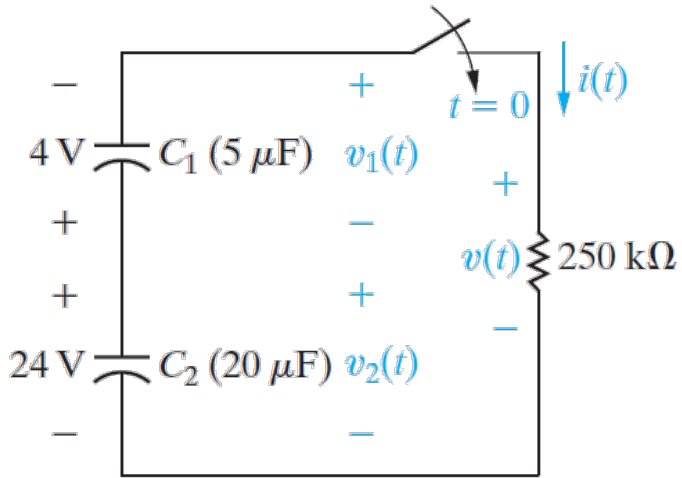
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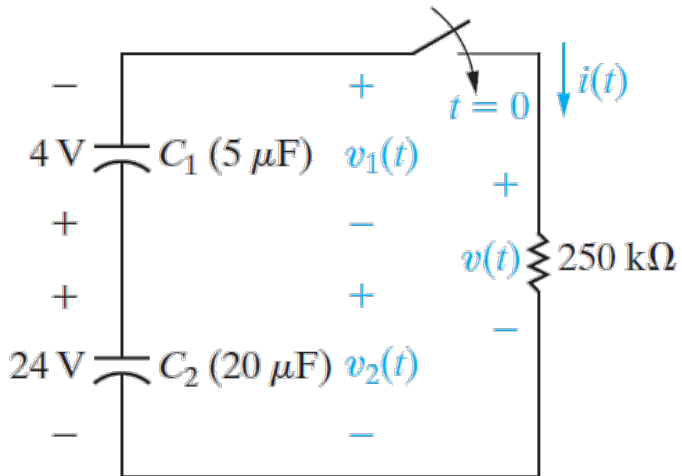
Example 7.4

a) Find $v_1(t)$, $v_2(t)$, and $v(t)$ and $i(t)$.



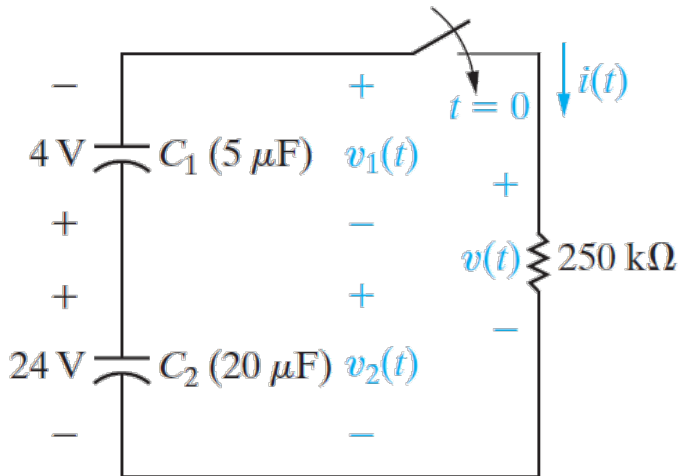
Example 7.4

- b) Calculate the initial energy stored in the capacitor C_1 and C_2 .
- c) How much energy is stored in the capacitor as t goes infinity.



Example 7.4

d) Show that the total energy delivered to the 250 k Ω resistor is the difference between the results obtained in (b) - (c)



Summary (Part 1 / 2)

■ Natural Response of an RL Circuit

$$\begin{aligned} \blacksquare i(t) &= I_0 e^{-t/\tau}, \quad t \geq 0 \\ \blacksquare v(t) &= I_0 R e^{-t/\tau}, \quad t \geq 0^+ \\ \blacksquare p &= I_0^2 R e^{-2t/\tau}, \quad t \geq 0^+ \\ \blacksquare w &= \frac{1}{2} L I_0^2 (1 - e^{-2t/\tau}), \quad t \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

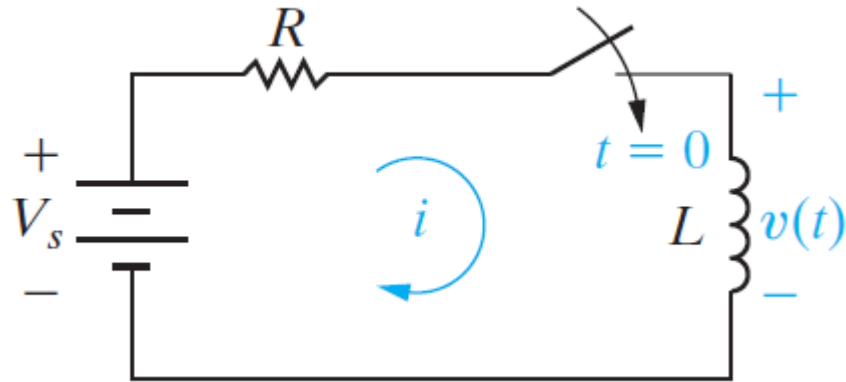
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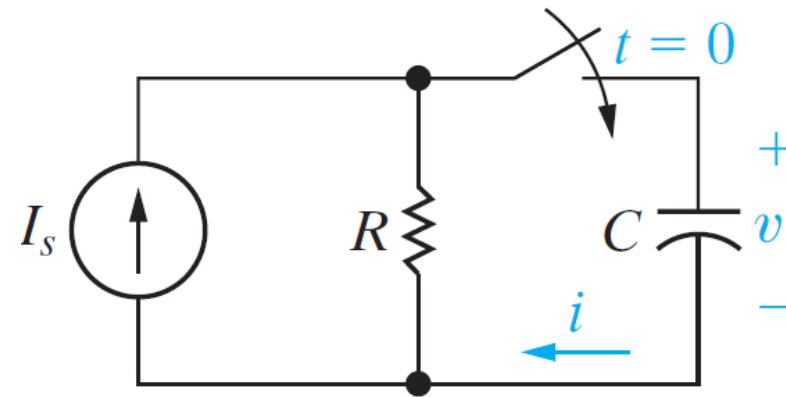
The Step Response of RL and RC Circuits

■ Step Response

The response of a circuit to the sudden application of a const voltage or current source is called the **step response** of the circuit.

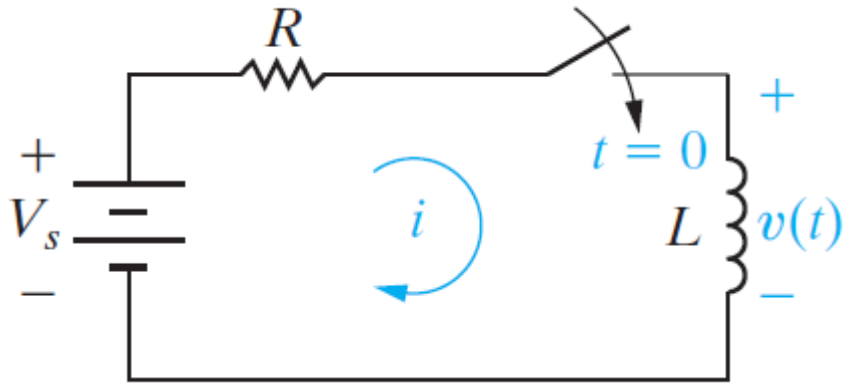


RL circuit



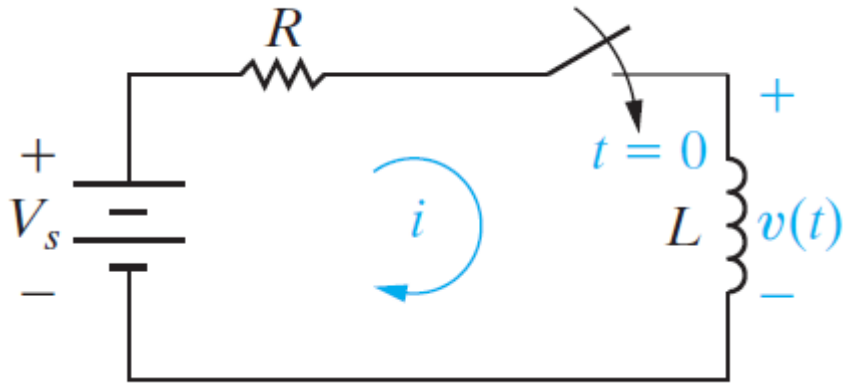
RC circuit

The Step Response of an RL Circuit



- $V_s = Ri + L \frac{di}{dt}$
- $\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{-Ri + V_s}{L} = \frac{-R}{L} \left(i - \frac{V_s}{R} \right)$
- $di = \frac{-R}{L} \left(i - \frac{V_s}{R} \right) dt$
- $\frac{di}{i - (V_s/R)} = \frac{-R}{L} dt$
- $\int_{I_0}^{i(t)} \frac{dx}{x - (V_s/R)} = \frac{-R}{L} \int_0^t dy$
- $\ln \frac{i(t) - (V_s/R)}{I_0 - (V_s/R)} = \frac{-R}{L} t$

The Step Response of an RL Circuit



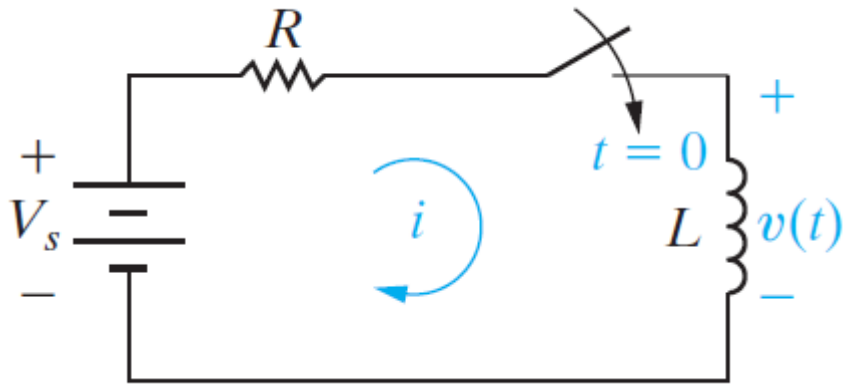
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- $i(t) = \frac{V_s}{R} + \left(I_0 - \frac{V_s}{R} \right) e^{-(R/L)t}$

when $I_0 = 0$

- $i(t) = \frac{V_s}{R} - \frac{V_s}{R} e^{-(R/L)t}$

The Step Response of an RL Circuit



$$\blacksquare i(t) = \frac{V_s}{R} + \left(I_0 - \frac{V_s}{R} \right) e^{-(R/L)t}$$

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

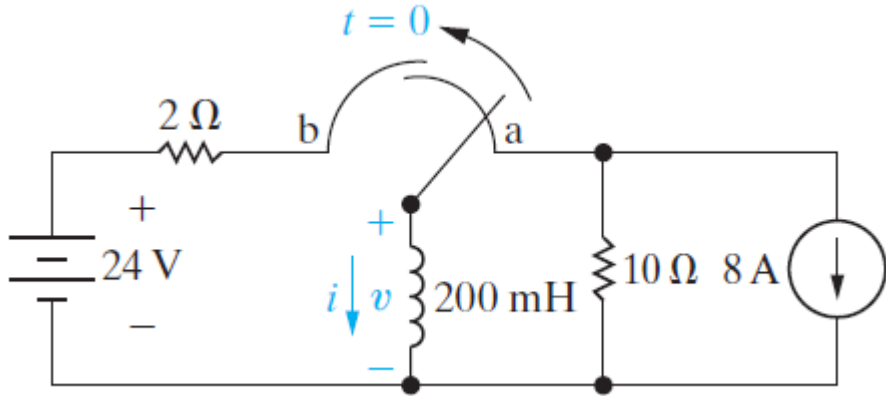
$$\begin{aligned} \blacksquare v &= L \left(\frac{-R}{L} \right) \left(I_0 - \frac{V_s}{R} \right) e^{-(R/L)t} \\ &= (V_s - I_0 R) e^{-(R/L)t} \quad (t \geq 0^+) \\ \blacksquare v &= 0 \quad (t < 0) \end{aligned}$$

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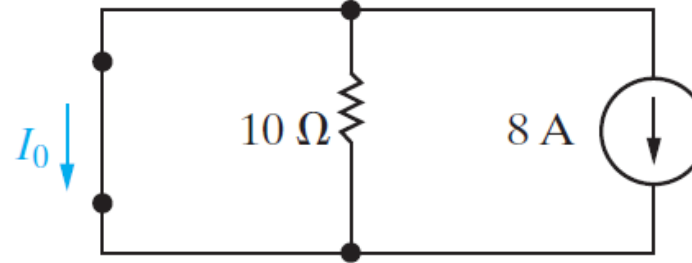
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Example 7.5

a) $i(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ and b) $v(t)$ for $t \geq 0+$

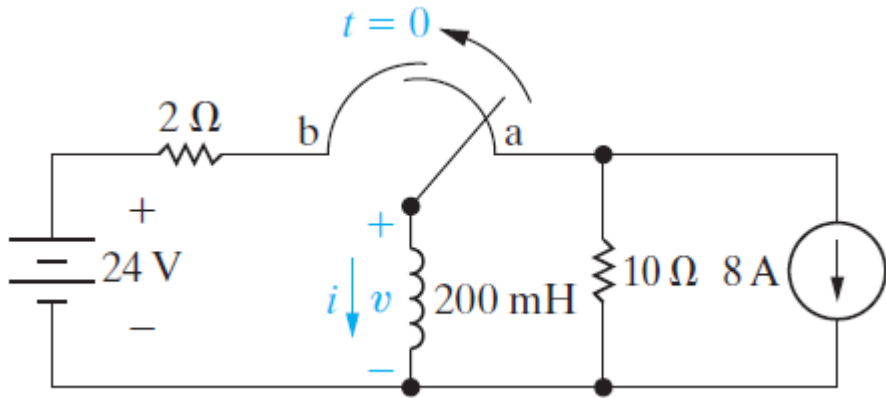


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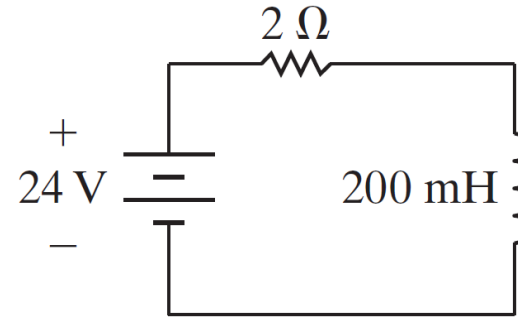


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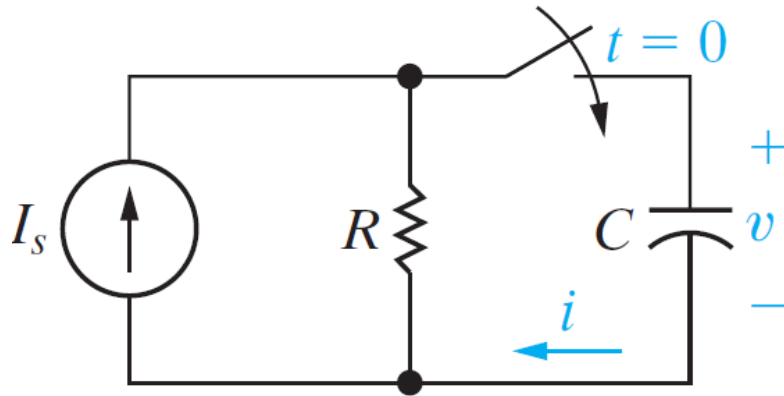
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$t \geq 0$



The Step Response of an RC Circuit



- $C \frac{dv_C}{dt} + \frac{v_C}{R} = I_s$
- $\frac{dv_C}{dt} + \frac{v_C}{RC} = \frac{I_s}{C}$

RL circuit

$$\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i = \frac{V_s}{L} \Rightarrow i = \frac{V_s}{R} + \left(I_0 - \frac{V_s}{R}\right)e^{-(R/L)t}$$

“RC circuit”

$$\frac{dv_C}{dt} + \frac{v_C}{RC} = \frac{I_s}{C} \Rightarrow v = I_s R + (V_0 - I_s R)e^{-t/RC}$$

RL circuit

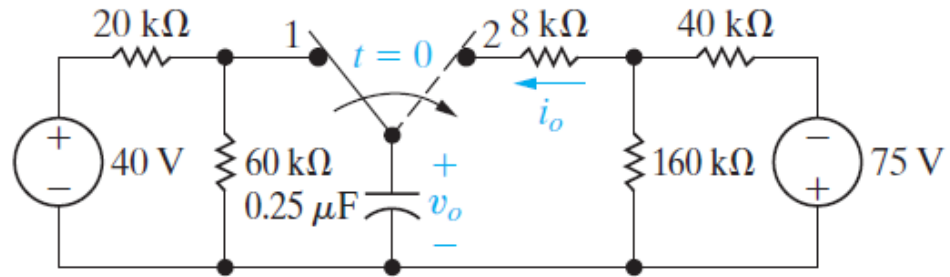
$$v = L \frac{di}{dt} \Rightarrow v = (V_s - I_0 R)e^{-(R/L)t}$$

“RC circuit”

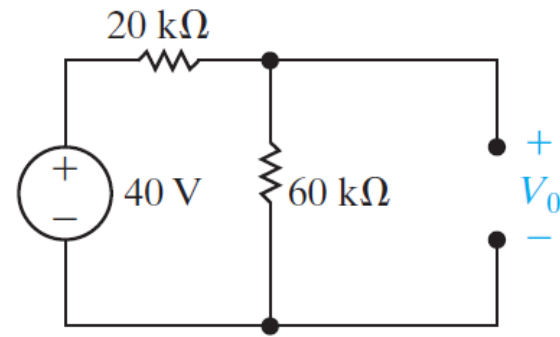
$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt} \Rightarrow i = \left(I_s - \frac{V_0}{R}\right)e^{-t/RC}$$

Example 7.6

a) $v_o(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ and b) $i_o(t)$ for $t \geq 0^+$



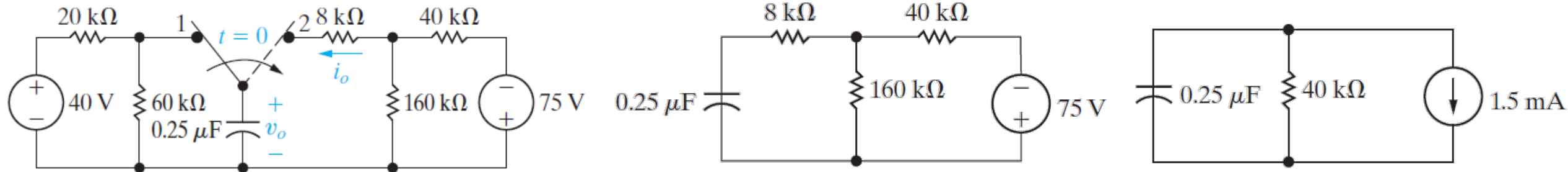
$t < 0$



Example 7.6

a) $v_o(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ and b) $i_o(t)$ for $t \geq 0+$

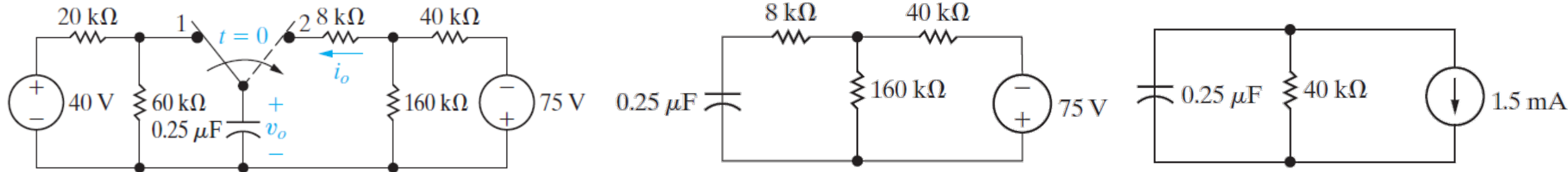
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Example 7.6

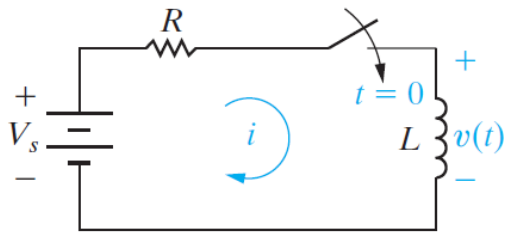
a) $v_o(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ and b) $i_o(t)$ for $t \geq 0+$

$t \geq 0$



Summary (Part 3)

- Natural Response of an RL Circuit
- Natural Response of an RC Circuit
- Step Response of an RL and RC Circuits



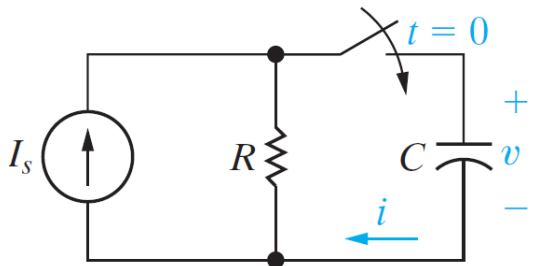
RL circuit

RL circuit

RC circuit

$$\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i = \frac{V_s}{L} \Rightarrow i = \frac{V_s}{R} + \left(I_0 - \frac{V_s}{R}\right)e^{-(R/L)t}$$

$$\frac{dv_C}{dt} + \frac{v_C}{RC} = \frac{I_s}{C} \Rightarrow v = I_s R + (V_0 - I_s R)e^{-t/RC}$$



RC circuit

RL circuit

RC circuit

$$v = L \frac{di}{dt} \Rightarrow v = (V_s - I_0 R)e^{-(R/L)t}$$

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt} \Rightarrow i = \left(I_s - \frac{V_0}{R}\right)e^{-t/RC}$$

General Solution for Step and Natural Responses

- General approach to find either the natural response or the step response of the first-order RL and RC circuits.

| | | |
|------------|--|--|
| | $\frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}v = 0$ | |
| RL circuit | $\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i = \frac{V_S}{L}$ | |
| | | $\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{x}{\tau} = K$ |
| RC circuit | $\frac{dv_C}{dt} + \frac{v_C}{RC} = \frac{I_S}{C}$ | |
| | $\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{RC}i = 0$ | |

General Solution for Step and Natural Responses

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{x}{\tau} = K$$

$$\text{at } t \rightarrow \infty \quad \frac{dx}{dt} \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{x_f}{\tau} = K, \quad x_f = \tau \cdot K$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = K - \frac{x}{\tau}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau}(K\tau - x)$$

$$dx = \frac{1}{\tau}(K\tau - x) dt$$

$$dx = \frac{1}{\tau}(x_f - x) dt$$

$$\frac{dx}{x_f - x} = \frac{1}{\tau} dt$$

$$\int_{x(t_0)}^{x(t)} \frac{dx}{x_f - x} = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{\tau} dt$$

$$-\ln(x_f - x) \Big|_{x(t_0)}^{x(t)} = \frac{t}{\tau} \Big|_{t_0}^t$$

$$-\ln(x_f - x(t)) + \ln(x_f - x(t_0)) = \frac{t - t_0}{\tau}$$

$$\ln \frac{x_f - x(t)}{x_f - x(t_0)} = \frac{-(t - t_0)}{\tau}$$

$$\frac{x_f - x(t)}{x_f - x(t_0)} = e^{-(t - t_0)/\tau}$$

$$x_f - x(t) = [x_f - x(t_0)] \cdot e^{-(t - t_0)/\tau}$$

$$-x(t) = -x_f + [x_f - x(t_0)] \cdot e^{-(t - t_0)/\tau}$$

$$x(t) = x_f + [x(t_0) - x_f] \cdot e^{-(t - t_0)/\tau}$$

General Solution for Step and Natural Responses

The unknown
variables as a
function of time

$$x(t) = x_f + [x(t_0) - x_f]e^{-\frac{(t-t_0)}{\tau}}$$

Time constant

The final value of
the variable

The initial value of
the variable

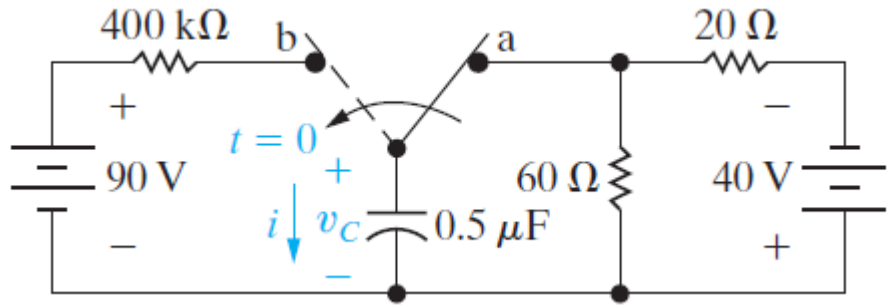
The final value of
the variable

General Solution for Step and Natural Responses

- 1) Identify the variable of interest for the circuit. For RC circuits, it is most convenient to choose the capacitive voltage; for RL circuits, it is best to choose the inductive current.
- 2) Determine the initial value of the variable, which is its value at t_0 .
- 3) Calculate the final value of the variable, which is its value as $t \rightarrow \infty$.
- 4) Calculate the time constant for the circuit.

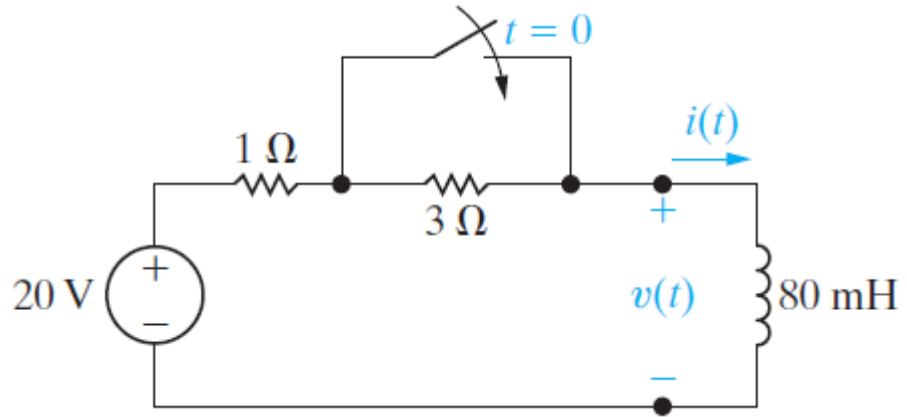
Example 7.8

a) $v_c(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ + and b) $i(t)$ for $t \geq 0$



Example 7.9

a) $i(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ and b) $v(t)$ for $t \geq 0+$



Summary (Part 4)

- Natural Response of an RL Circuit
- Natural Response of an RC Circuit
- Step Response of an RL and RC Circuits
- General Solution for Step and Natural Responses

The unknown variables as a function of time

$$x(t) = x_f + [x(t_0) - x_f] e^{-\frac{(t-t_0)}{\tau}}$$

Time constant

The final value of the variable

The initial value of the variable

The final value of the variable