

$q(t)$   
TIME CONST.

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# PHD ON RC CIRCUIT

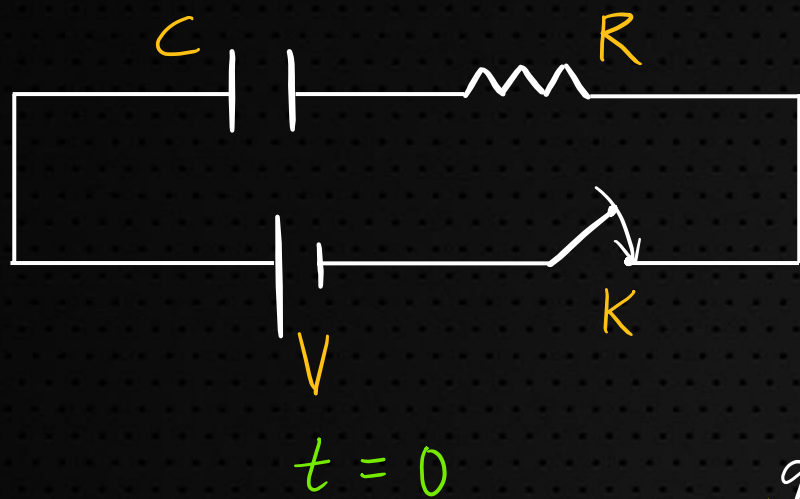
## CHARGING & DISCHARGING

## TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

1. Charging of Capacitor (*Initially capacitor is uncharged*)
2. Charging of Capacitor (*Initially capacitor is charged*)
3. Questions on Charging
4. Discharging of Capacitor
5. Trick for finding Time Constant & Charging Equation
6. Question on finding Time Constant
7. Question on Steady State Circuit

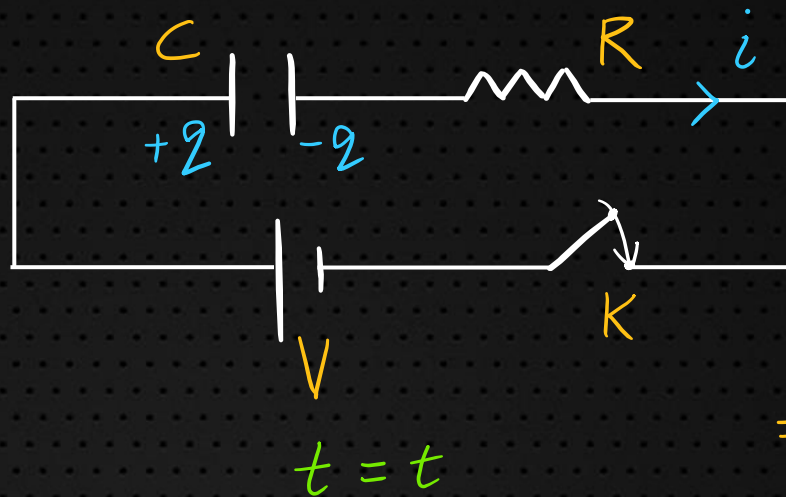


# 1. Charging of Capacitor (at $t=0$ , capacitor is uncharged)



$t=0$

$\Rightarrow$



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$$V = \frac{q}{C} + iR$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{q}{C} + R \frac{dq}{dt}$$

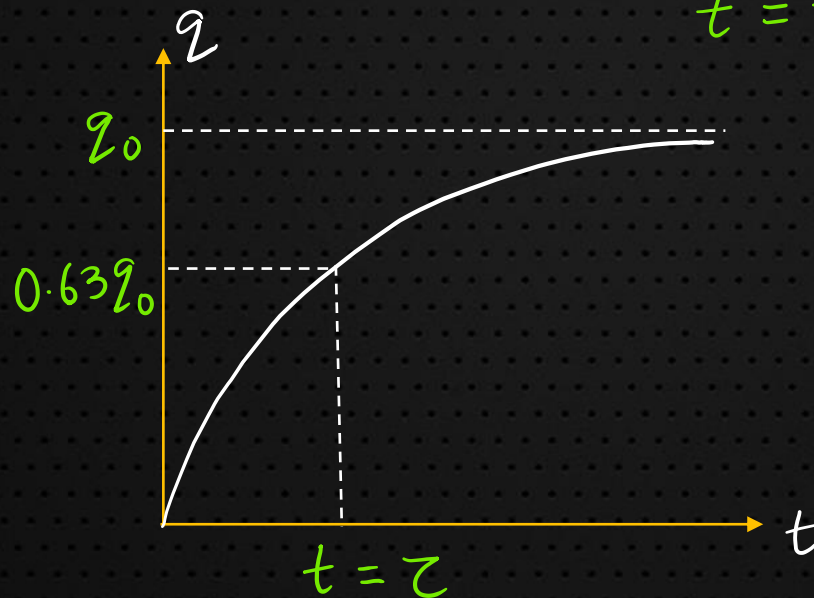
$$\Rightarrow \frac{CV - q}{C} = R \frac{dq}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^q \frac{dq}{CV - q} = \int_0^t \frac{dt}{RC}$$

$$\therefore q = CV(1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$\hookrightarrow CV : q_0$

$\hookrightarrow$  Time Constant  $\tau = RC$



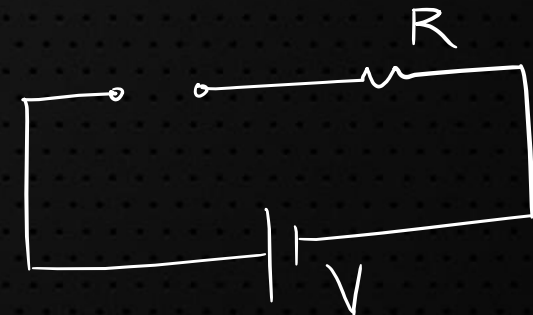
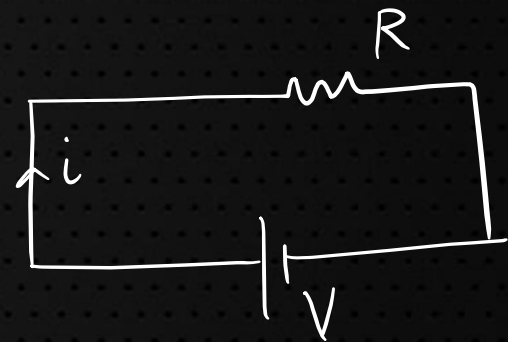
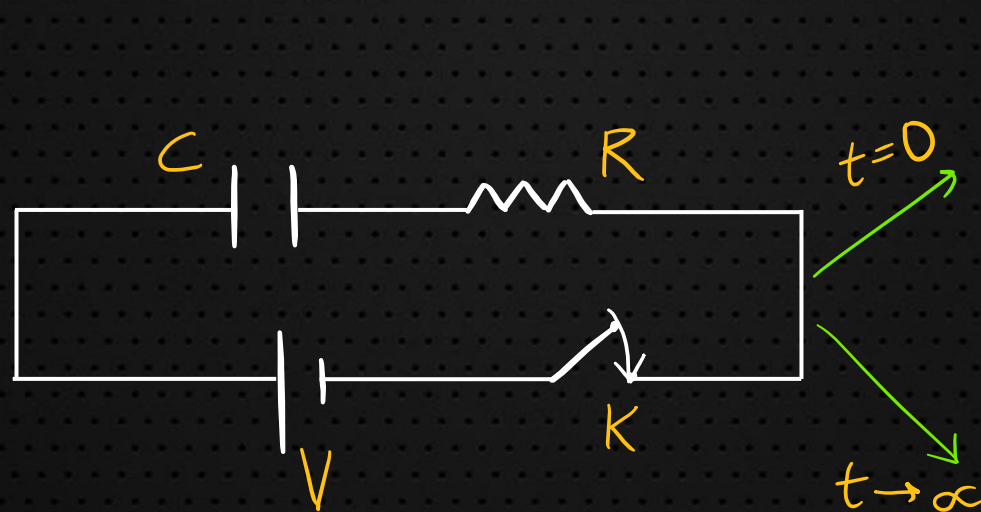


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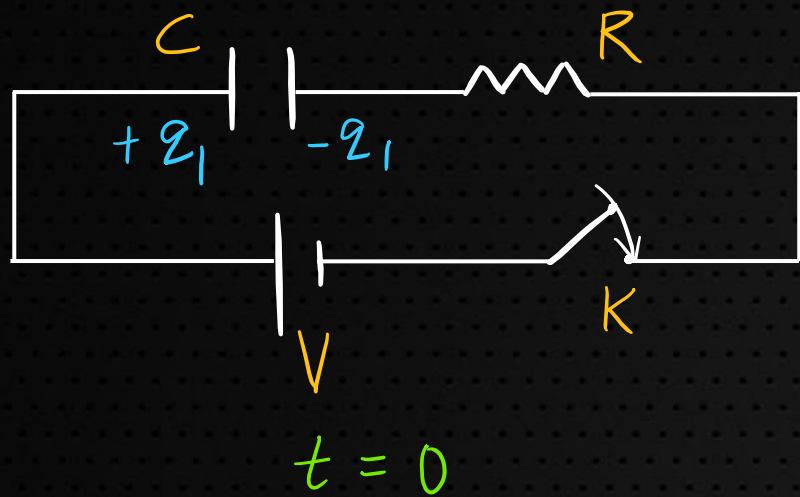
(i)  $q = CV(1 - e^{-t/RC})$  → Transient state eq<sup>n</sup>  
 → for  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $q = CV$  (steady state when  $q_{\max}$  on capacitor)

(ii)  $i = \frac{dq}{dt} \Rightarrow i = \frac{V}{R} e^{-t/RC}$  → at  $t=0$ ,  $i = \frac{V}{R}$  (as if Capacitor is not there)

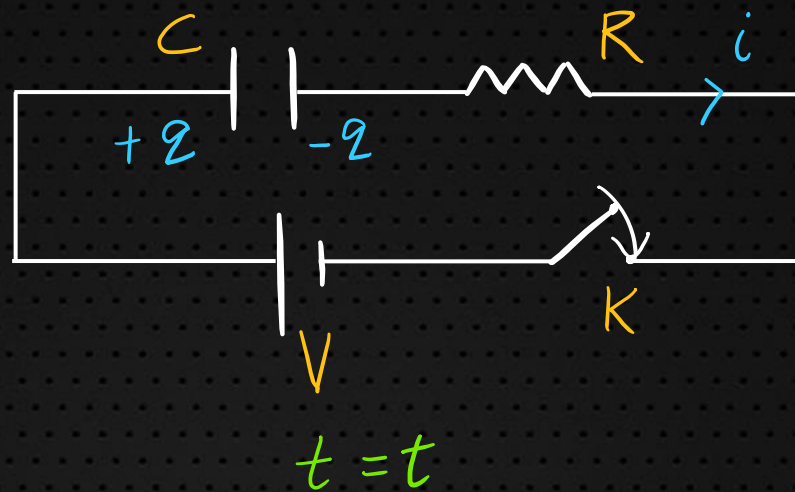
→ at  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $i=0$  (C acts as open circuit)



## 2. Charging of Capacitor (at $t=0$ , capacitor has charge $q_1$ )



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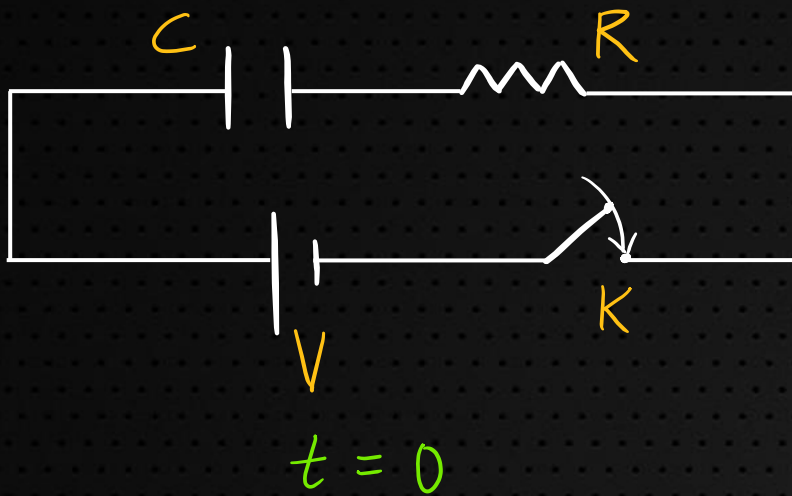
$$\Rightarrow \int_{q_1}^q \frac{dq}{CV - q} = \int_0^t \frac{dt}{RC}$$

$$\therefore q = CV - (CV - q_1)e^{-t/RC}$$



### 3. Question on Charging

Ex 1.



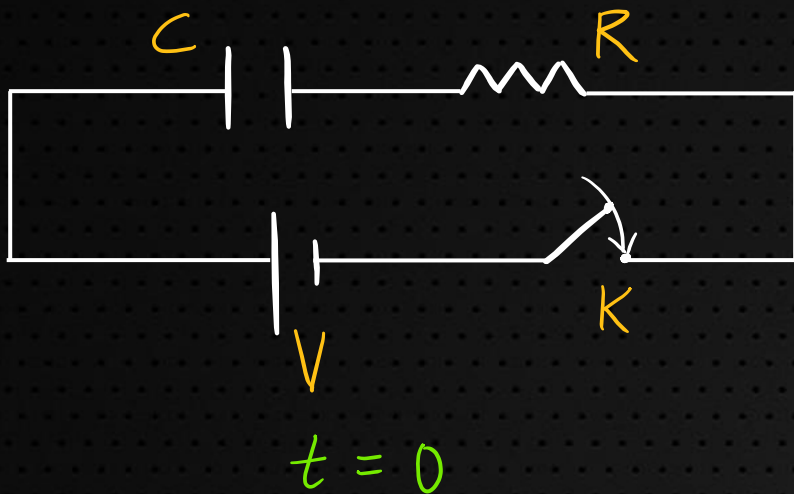
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So<sup>n</sup>:  $q = q_0(1 - e^{-t/RC})$ ,  $q_0$  is  $q_{\max}$  on C.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q^2}{2C} = \frac{q_0^2}{2C} (1 - e^{-t/RC})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow U = U_0 (1 - e^{-t/RC})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{U_0}{4} = U_0 (1 - e^{-t/RC})^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = 1 - e^{-t/RC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{-t/RC} \quad \therefore \boxed{t = RC \ln 2}$$



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- Ex 2. A  $4\mu\text{F}$  capacitor and a resistance of  $2.5\text{ M}\Omega$  are in series with  $12\text{ V}$  battery. Find the time after which the potential difference across the capacitor is 3 times the potential difference across the resistor. [Given,  $\ln(2) = 0.693$ ]  
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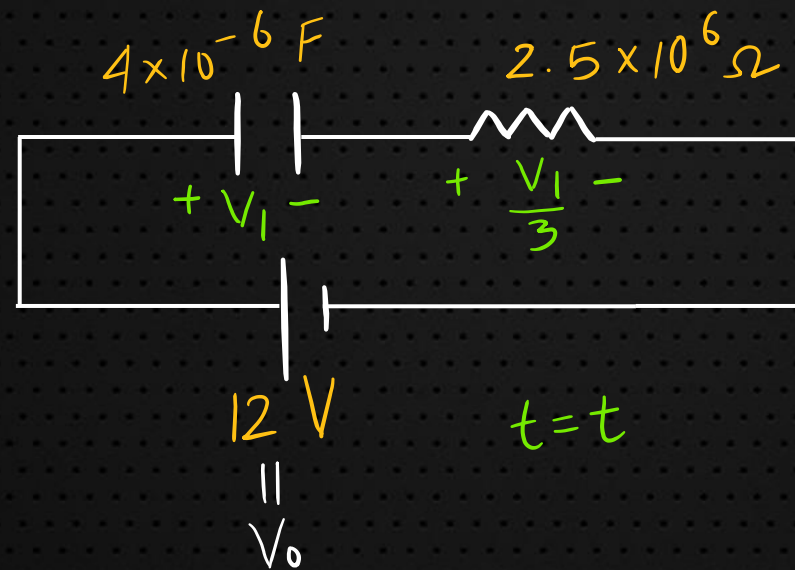


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$$\text{Sol}^n: V_1 + \frac{V_1}{3} = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow V_1 = 9\text{ V}$$

$$Q = CV_0(1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$\therefore$  p.d across Capacitor is  $Q/C$

$$\Rightarrow V_C = V_0(1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

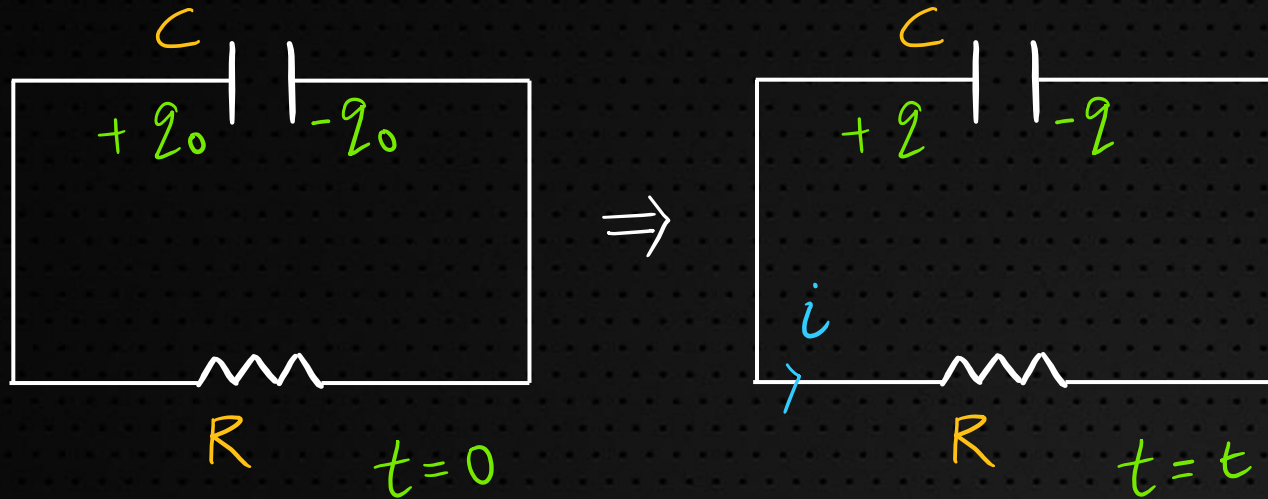
$$\Rightarrow 9 = 12(1 - e^{-t/10})$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{4} = e^{-t/10}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 20 \ln 2 = 20 \times 0.693 = \boxed{13.86\text{ s}}$$



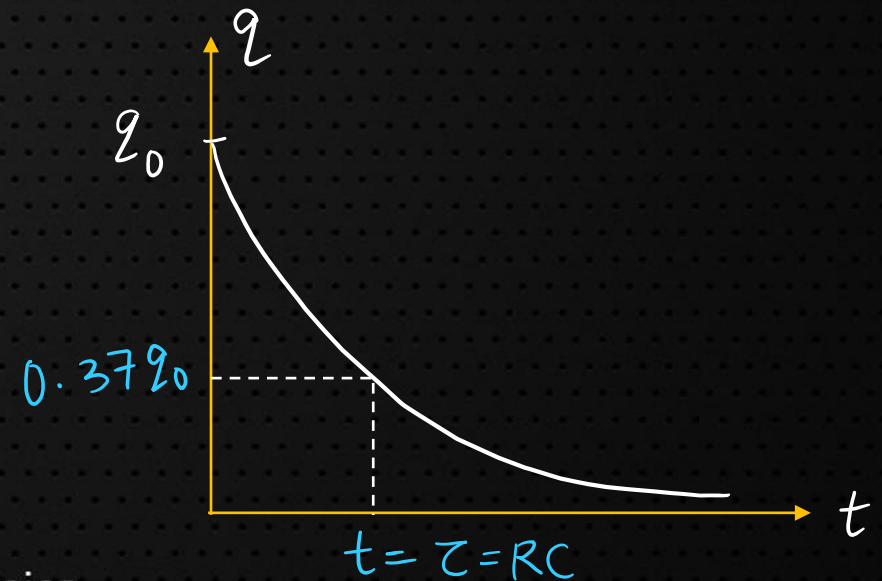
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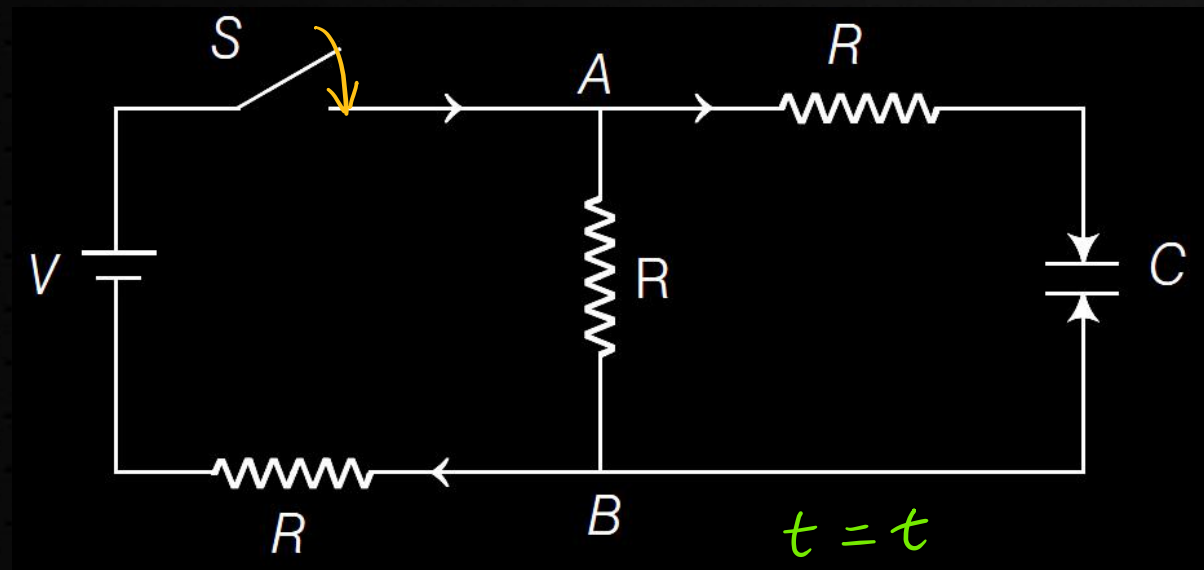
$$\frac{q}{C} = iR \Rightarrow \frac{q}{C} = R \left( -\frac{dq}{dt} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{q_0}^q \frac{dq}{q} = - \int_0^t \frac{dt}{RC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{q}{q_0}\right) = -\frac{t}{RC} \Rightarrow \boxed{q = q_0 e^{-t/RC}}$$



# 5. Trick to find Time Constant & charging Eqn

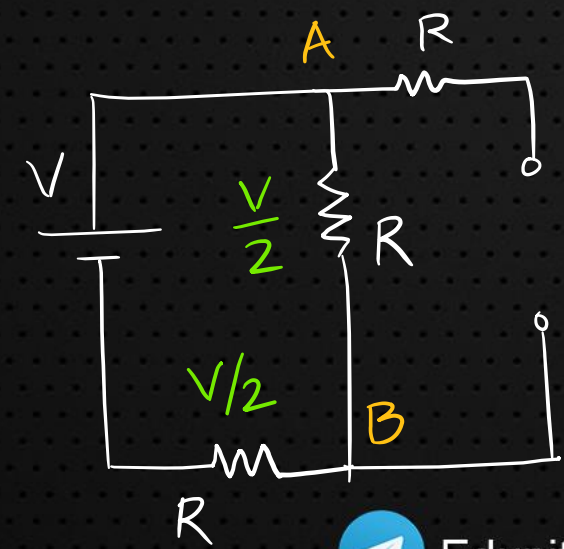


Here charging eqn is

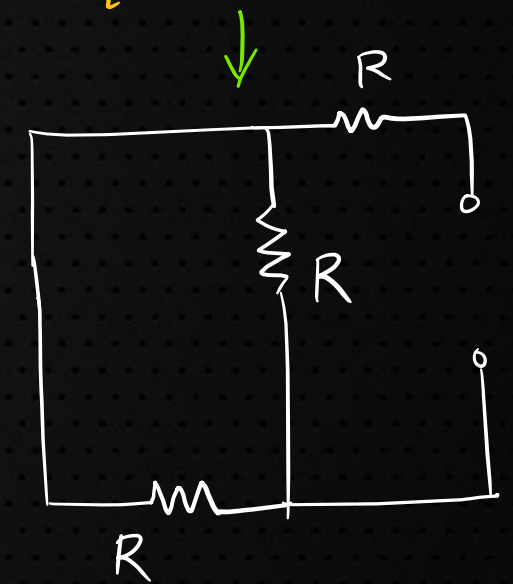
$$Q = Q_{max} (1 - e^{-t/ReqC})$$

charge on  $C$  at steady state

Replace cell by wire & find  $R_{eq}$  across  $C$ .



$$\therefore Q_{max} = \frac{CV}{2}$$

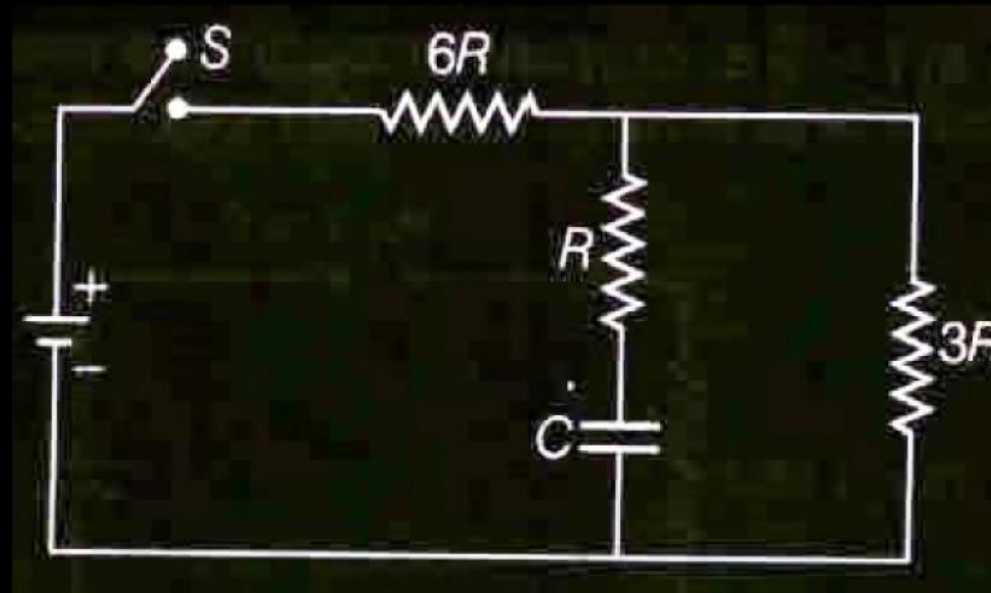


$$R_{eq} = \frac{R}{2} + R = \frac{3R}{2}$$



## 6. Question to find Time Constant ( $\tau = R_{eq}C$ )

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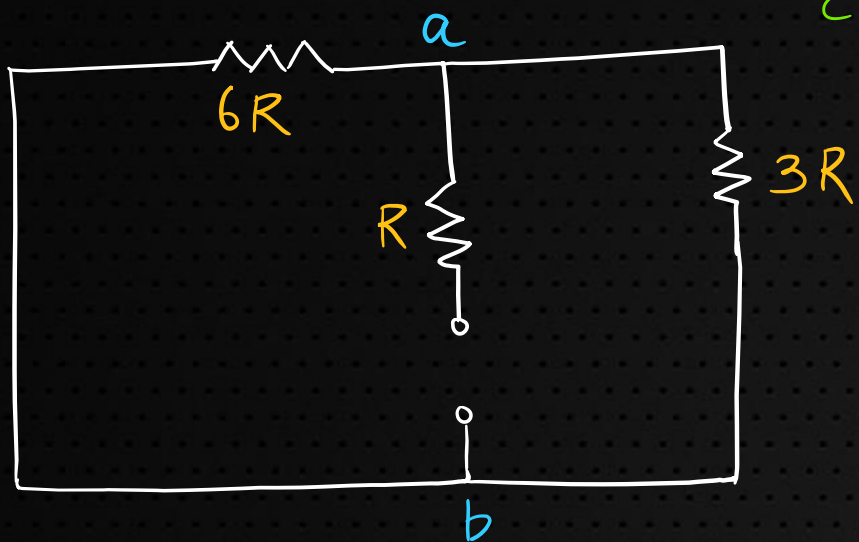
(b)  $\tau = 2.1RC$

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(d)  $\tau = 3RC$

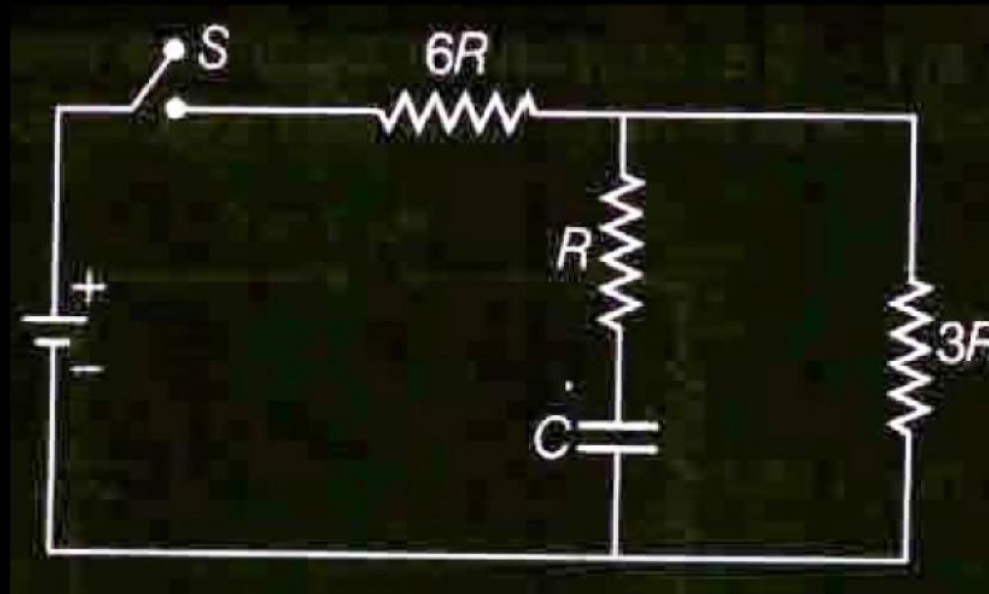


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Sol<sup>n</sup>

$$R_{eq} = \frac{3R \times 6R}{3R + 6R} + R = 3R$$

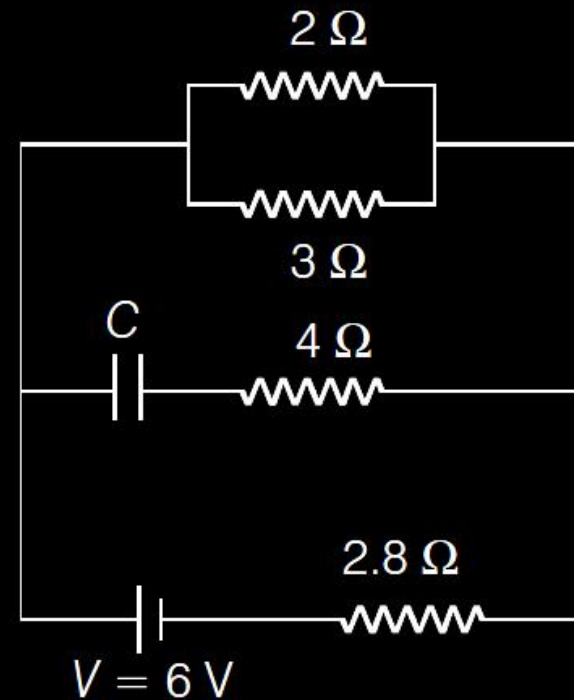
$$\therefore \tau = 3RC$$



## 7. Question on steady state

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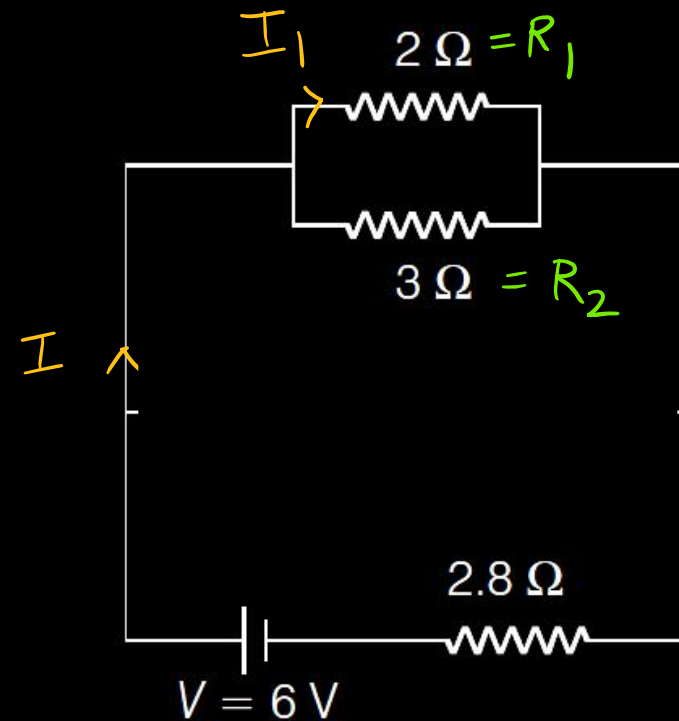
Ex 4.

$$R_{eq} = \frac{2 \times 3}{2+3} + 2.8 = 4 \Omega$$

$$\therefore I = V/R_{eq} = 6/4 = 1.5 \text{ A}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_1 = \frac{IR_2}{R_1+R_2} = \frac{1.5 \times 3}{5} = \boxed{0.9 \text{ A}} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

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