

## (Chapter-07) First order circuits

### Solution for Practice Problems

#### The Source-Free RC Circuit

Q1.

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

where  $R_{th}$  is the Thevenin equivalent at the capacitor terminals.

$$R_{th} = 120 \parallel 80 + 12 = 60 \Omega$$

$$\tau = 60 \times 200 \times 10^{-3} = \mathbf{12 \text{ s.}}$$

Q2.

For  $t < 0$ ,  $v(0^-) = 40 \text{ V}$ .

For  $t > 0$ , we have a source-free RC circuit.

$$\tau = RC = 2 \times 10^3 \times 10 \times 10^{-6} = 0.02$$

$$v(t) = v(0)e^{-t/\tau} = \underline{40e^{-50t} \text{ V}}$$

Q3.

(a)  $\tau = RC = 1/200$

For the resistor,  $V = iR = 56e^{-200t} = 8Re^{-200t} \times 10^{-3} \longrightarrow R = \frac{56}{8} = \underline{7 \text{ k}\Omega}$

$$C = \frac{1}{200R} = \frac{1}{200 \times 7 \times 10^3} = \underline{0.7143 \mu F}$$

(b)  $\tau = 1/200 = \mathbf{5 \text{ ms}}$

(c) If value of the voltage at  $t = 0$  is 56.

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 56 = 56e^{-200t} \longrightarrow e^{200t} = 2$$

$$200t_o = \ln 2 \longrightarrow t_o = \frac{1}{200} \ln 2 = \underline{3.466 \text{ ms}}$$

Q4.

$$\text{For } t < 0, \quad v(0^-) = \frac{3}{3+9}(36\text{V}) = \underline{9\text{ V}}$$

For  $t > 0$ , we have a source-free RC circuit

$$\tau = RC = 3 \times 10^3 \times 20 \times 10^{-6} = 0.06\text{s}$$

$$v_o(t) = \underline{9e^{-16.667t}\text{ V}}$$

Let the time be  $t_o$ .

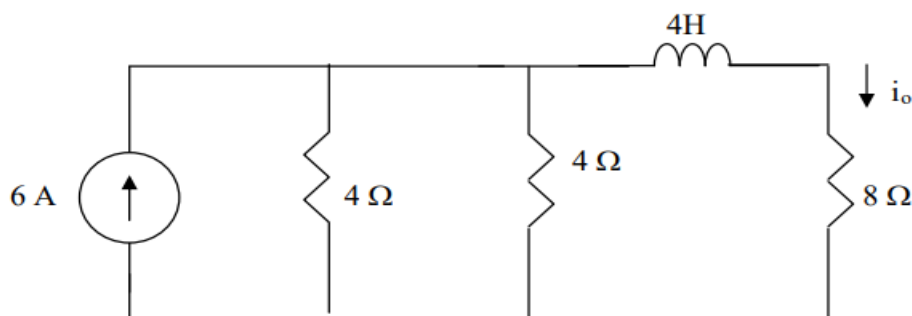
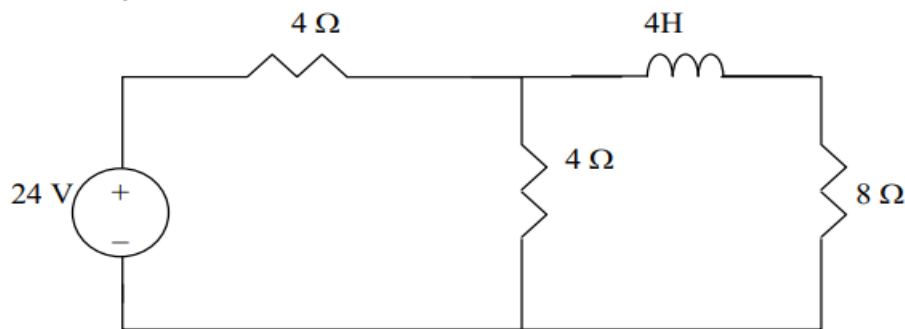
$$3 = 9e^{-16.667t_o} \quad \text{or} \quad e^{16.667t_o} = 9/3 = 3$$

$$t_o = \ln(3)/16.667 = \underline{65.92\text{ ms.}}$$

## The Source-Free RC Circuit

Q1.

For  $t < 0$ , we have the circuit shown below.



$$4 \parallel 4 = 4 \times 4 / 8 = 2$$

$$i_o(0^-) = [2/(2+8)]6 = 1.2\text{ A}$$

For  $t > 0$ , we have a source-free RL circuit.

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{4}{4+8} = 1/3 \text{ thus,}$$

$$i_o(t) = \underline{1.2e^{-3t}\text{ A.}}$$

Q2.

$$\tau = \frac{L_{eq}}{R_{eq}}$$

$$(a) \quad L_{eq} = L \text{ and } R_{eq} = R_2 + \frac{R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_3} = \frac{R_2(R_1 + R_3) + R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_3}$$

$$\tau = \frac{L(R_1 + R_3)}{R_2(R_1 + R_3) + R_1 R_3}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{where } L_{eq} = \frac{L_1 L_2}{L_1 + L_2} \text{ and } R_{eq} = R_3 + \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{R_3(R_1 + R_2) + R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$\tau = \frac{L_1 L_2 (R_1 + R_2)}{(L_1 + L_2)(R_3(R_1 + R_2) + R_1 R_2)}$$

Q3.

$$(a) \quad \tau = \frac{1}{10^3} = \underline{1 \text{ ms.}}$$

$$v(t) = i(t)R = 80e^{-1000t} \text{ V} = R5e^{-1000t} \times 10^{-3} \text{ or } R = 80,000/5 = \underline{16 \text{ k}\Omega}.$$

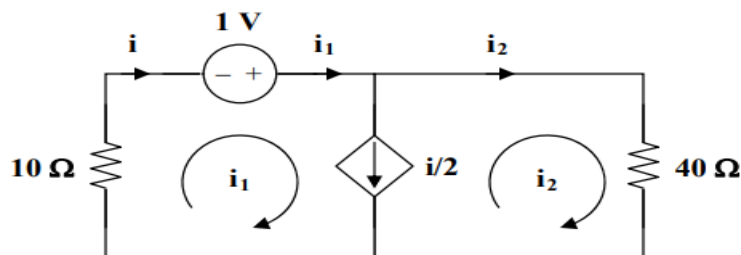
$$\text{But } \tau = L/R = 1/10^3 \text{ or } L = 16 \times 10^3/10^3 = \underline{16 \text{ H.}}$$

(b) The energy dissipated in the resistor is

$$W = \int_0^{\infty} p dt = \int_0^{\infty} 0.4 e^{-2000t} dt = -\frac{0.4}{2000} e^{-2000t} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 200(1 - e^{-1}) \times 10^{-6} = \underline{126.42 \mu\text{J.}}$$

$$(a) \quad \underline{16 \text{ k}\Omega, 16 \text{ H, 1 ms}} \quad (b) \quad \underline{126.42 \mu\text{J}}$$

Q4.



To find  $R_{th}$  we replace the inductor by a 1-V voltage source as shown above.

$$10i_1 - 1 + 40i_2 = 0$$

$$\text{But } i = i_2 + i/2 \quad \text{and} \quad i = i_1$$

$$\text{i.e. } i_1 = 2i_2 = i$$

$$10i - 1 + 20i = 0 \longrightarrow i = \frac{1}{30}$$

$$R_{th} = \frac{1}{i} = 30 \Omega$$

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R_{th}} = \frac{6}{30} = 0.2 \text{ s}$$

$$i(t) = 6e^{-5t} u(t) \text{ A}$$

## Step Response of an RC Circuit

Q1.

- (a) Before  $t = 0$ ,

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{4+1}(20) = 4 \text{ V}$$

After  $t = 0$ ,

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

$$\tau = RC = (4)(2) = 8, \quad v(0) = 4, \quad v(\infty) = 20$$

$$v(t) = 20 + (4 - 20)e^{-t/8}$$

$$v(t) = 20 - 16e^{-t/8} \text{ V}$$

- (b) Before  $t = 0$ ,  $v = v_1 + v_2$ , where  $v_1$  is due to the 12-V source and  $v_2$  is due to the 2-A source.

$$v_1 = 12 \text{ V}$$

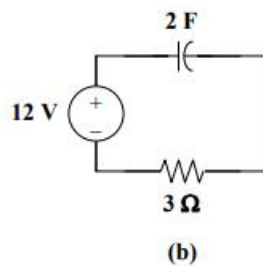
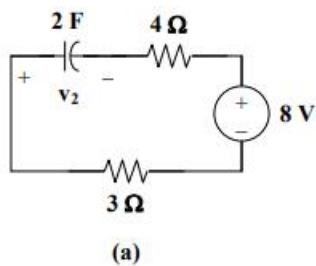
To get  $v_2$ , transform the current source as shown in Fig. (a).

$$v_2 = -8 \text{ V}$$

Thus,

$$v = 12 - 8 = 4 \text{ V}$$

After  $t = 0$ , the circuit becomes that shown in Fig. (b).



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

$$v(\infty) = 12, \quad v(0) = 4, \quad \tau = RC = (2)(3) = 6$$

$$v(t) = 12 + (4 - 12)e^{-t/6}$$

$$v(t) = 12 - 8e^{-t/6} \text{ V}$$

Q2.

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

$$v_o(0) = 0, \quad v_o(\infty) = \frac{4}{4+2}(12) = 8$$

$$\tau = R_{eq} C_{eq}, \quad R_{eq} = 2 \parallel 4 = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\tau = \frac{4}{3}(3) = 4$$

$$v_o(t) = 8 - 8e^{-t/4}$$

$$v_o(t) = 8(1 - e^{-0.25t}) \text{ V}$$

- (b) For this case,  $v_o(\infty) = 0$  so that

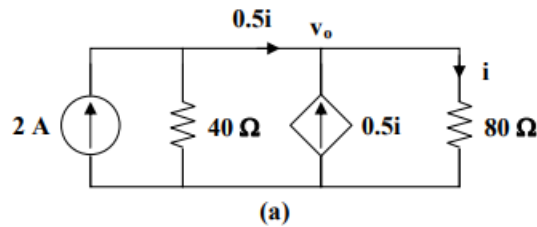
$$v_o(t) = v_o(0) e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$v_o(0) = \frac{4}{4+2}(12) = 8, \quad \tau = RC = (4)(3) = 12$$

$$v_o(t) = 8e^{-t/12} \text{ V}$$

Q3.

Before  $t = 0$ , the circuit has reached steady state so that the capacitor acts like an open circuit. The circuit is equivalent to that shown in Fig. (a) after transforming the voltage source.

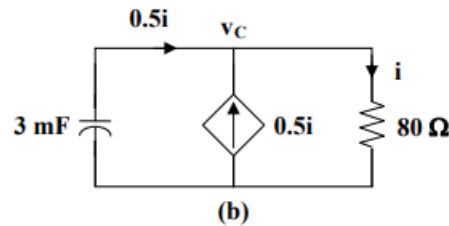


$$0.5i = 2 - \frac{v_o}{40}, \quad i = \frac{v_o}{80}$$

Hence,  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{v_o}{80} = 2 - \frac{v_o}{40} \longrightarrow v_o = \frac{320}{5} = 64$

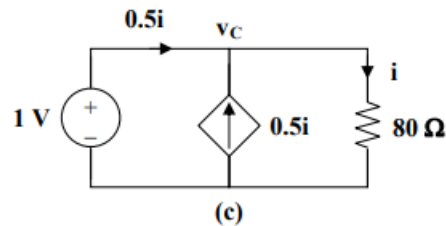
$$i = \frac{v_o}{80} = \underline{\underline{0.8 \text{ A}}}$$

After  $t = 0$ , the circuit is as shown in Fig. (b).



$$v_C(t) = v_C(0)e^{-t/\tau}, \quad \tau = R_{th}C$$

To find  $R_{th}$ , we replace the capacitor with a 1-V voltage source as shown in Fig. (c).



$$i = \frac{v_C}{80} = \frac{1}{80}, \quad i_o = 0.5i = \frac{0.5}{80}$$

$$R_{th} = \frac{1}{i_o} = \frac{80}{0.5} = 160 \Omega, \quad \tau = R_{th}C = 480$$

$$v_C(0) = 64 \text{ V}$$

$$v_C(t) = 64e^{-t/480}$$

$$0.5i = -i_C = -C \frac{dv_C}{dt} = -3 \left( \frac{1}{480} \right) 64e^{-t/480}$$

$$i(t) = \underline{\underline{800e^{-t/480} \text{ mA}}}$$

Q4.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } 0 < t < 1, \quad v(0) &= 0, \quad v(\infty) = (2)(4) = 8 \\ R_{eq} &= 4 + 6 = 10, \quad \tau = R_{eq}C = (10)(0.5) = 5 \\ v(t) &= v(\infty) + [v(0) - v(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau} \\ v(t) &= 8(1 - e^{-t/5}) \text{ V}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } t > 1, \quad v(1) &= 8(1 - e^{-0.2}) = 1.45, \quad v(\infty) = 0 \\ v(t) &= v(\infty) + [v(1) - v(\infty)] e^{-(t-1)/\tau} \\ v(t) &= 1.45 e^{-(t-1)/5} \text{ V}\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$v(t) = \begin{cases} 8(1 - e^{-t/5}) \text{ V}, & 0 < t < 1 \\ 1.45 e^{-(t-1)/5} \text{ V}, & t > 1 \end{cases}$$

## Step Response of an RL Circuit

Q1.

(a) Before  $t = 0$ ,  $i$  is obtained by current division or

$$i(t) = \frac{4}{4+4} (2) = 1 \text{ A}$$

After  $t = 0$ ,

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

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq}}, \quad R_{eq} = 4 + (4 \parallel 12) = 7 \Omega$$

$$\tau = \frac{3.5}{7} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$i(0) = 1, \quad i(\infty) = \frac{(4 \parallel 12)}{4 + (4 \parallel 12)} (2) = \frac{3}{4+3} (2) = \frac{6}{7}$$

$$i(t) = \frac{6}{7} + \left(1 - \frac{6}{7}\right) e^{-2t}$$

$$i(t) = \frac{1}{7} (6 - e^{-2t}) \text{ A}$$

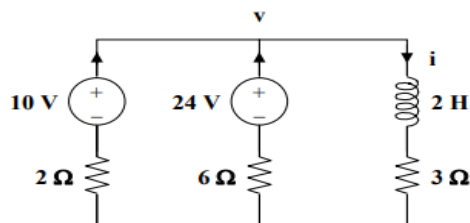
(b) Before  $t = 0$ ,  $i(t) = \frac{10}{2+3} = 2 \text{ A}$

After  $t = 0$ ,  $R_{eq} = 3 + (6 \parallel 2) = 4.5$

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq}} = \frac{2}{4.5} = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$i(0) = 2$$

To find  $i(\infty)$ , consider the circuit below, at  $t = \infty$  when the inductor becomes a short circuit,



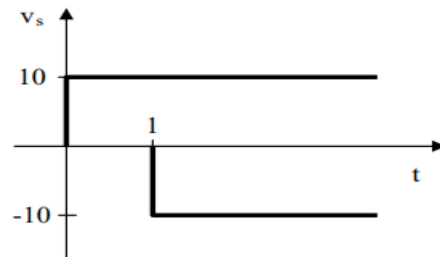
$$\frac{10-v}{2} + \frac{24-v}{6} = \frac{v}{3} \longrightarrow v = 9 \quad i(\infty) = \frac{v}{3} = 3 \text{ A and}$$

$$i(t) = 3 + (2-3) e^{-9t/4}$$

$$i(t) = 3 - e^{-9t/4} \text{ A}$$

Q2.

Since  $v_s = 10[u(t) - u(t-1)]$ , this is the same as saying that a 10 V source is turned on at  $t = 0$  and a -10 V source is turned on later at  $t = 1$ . This is shown in the figure below.



For  $0 < t < 1$ ,  $i(0) = 0$ ,  $i(\infty) = \frac{10}{5} = 2$

$$R_{th} = 5 \parallel 20 = 4, \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R_{th}} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$i(t) = 2(1 - e^{-2t}) \text{ A}$$

$$i(1) = 2(1 - e^{-2}) = 1.729$$

For  $t > 1$ ,  $i(\infty) = 0$  since  $v_s = 0$

$$i(t) = i(1) e^{-(t-1)/\tau}$$

$$i(t) = 1.729 e^{-2(t-1)} \text{ A}$$

Thus,

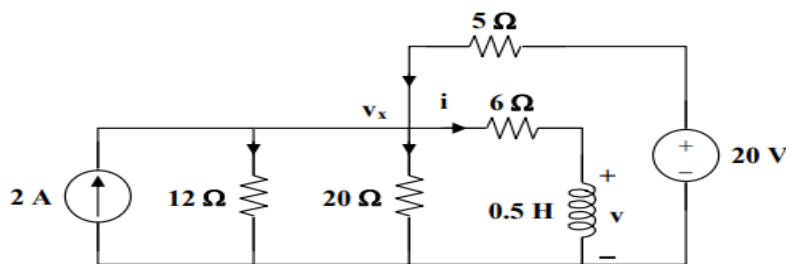
$$i(t) = \begin{cases} 2(1 - e^{-2t}) \text{ A} & 0 < t < 1 \\ 1.729 e^{-2(t-1)} \text{ A} & t > 1 \end{cases}$$

Q3.

$$R_{eq} = 6 + 20 \parallel 5 = 10 \Omega, \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R} = 0.05$$

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

$i(0)$  is found by applying nodal analysis to the following circuit.



$$2 + \frac{20 - v_x}{5} = \frac{v_x}{12} + \frac{v_x}{20} + \frac{v_x}{6} \longrightarrow v_x = 12$$

$$i(0) = \frac{v_x}{6} = 2 \text{ A}$$

Since  $20 \parallel 5 = 4$ ,

$$i(\infty) = \frac{4}{4 + 6} (4) = 1.6$$

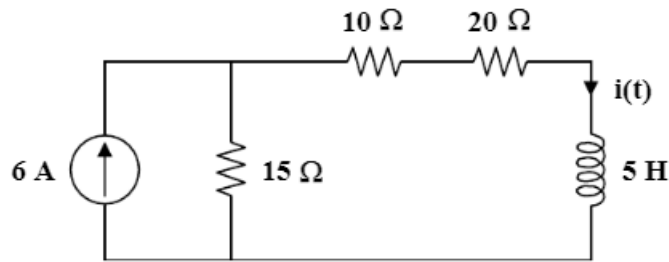
$$i(t) = 1.6 + (2 - 1.6) e^{-t/0.05} = 1.6 + 0.4 e^{-20t}$$

$$v(t) = L \frac{di}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} (0.4) (-20) e^{-20t}$$

$$v(t) = -4 e^{-20t} \text{ V}$$

Q4.

For  $0 < t < 2$ , the given circuit is equivalent to that shown below.



Since switch  $S_1$  is open at  $t = 0^-$ ,  $i(0^-) = 0$ . Also, since  $i$  cannot jump,  $i(0) = i(0^-) = 0$ .

$$i(\infty) = \frac{90}{15 + 10 + 20} = 2 \text{ A}$$

$$R_{th} = 45 \Omega, \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R_{th}} = \frac{5}{45} = \frac{1}{9}$$

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

$$i(t) = 2 + (0 - 2) e^{-9t}$$

$$i(t) = 2(1 - e^{-9t}) \text{ A}$$

When switch  $S_2$  is closed, the 20 ohm resistor is short-circuited.

$$i(2^+) = i(2^-) = 2(1 - e^{-18}) \cong 2$$

This will be the initial current

$$i(\infty) = \frac{90}{15 + 10} = 3.6 \text{ A}$$

$$R_{th} = 25 \Omega, \quad \tau = \frac{5}{25} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$i(t) = i(\infty) + [i(2^+) - i(\infty)] e^{-(t-2)/\tau}$$

$$i(t) = 3.6 + (2 - 3.6) e^{-5(t-2)}$$

$$i(t) = 3.6 - 1.6 e^{-5(t-2)}$$

$$\text{Thus, } i(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 2(1 - e^{-9t}) \text{ A} & 0 < t < 2 \\ 3.6 - 1.6 e^{-5(t-2)} \text{ A} & t > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{At } t = 1, \quad i(1) = 2(1 - e^{-9}) = \underline{1.9997 \text{ A}}$$

$$\text{At } t = 3, \quad i(3) = 3.6 - 1.6 e^{-5} = \underline{3.589 \text{ A}}$$