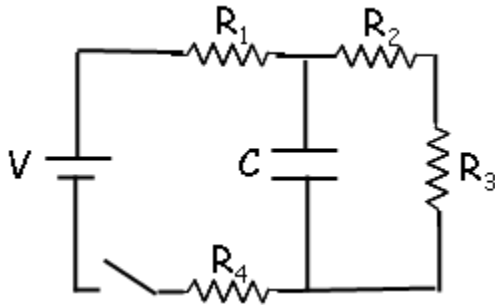


A circuit is constructed with four resistors, one capacitor, one battery and a switch as shown. The values for the resistors are:  $R_1 = R_2 = 54 \, \Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 83 \, \Omega$  and  $R_4 = 70 \, \Omega$ . The capacitance is  $C = 78 \, \mu\text{F}$  and the battery voltage is  $V = 24 \, \text{V}$ .



- 1) The switch has been open for a long time when at time  $t = 0$ , the switch is closed. What is  $I_1(0)$ , the magnitude of the current through the resistor  $R_1$  just after the switch is closed?

$$I_1(0) = \frac{V}{R_1 + R_4}$$

$$I_1(0) = 24 \, \text{V} / (54 + 70) \, \Omega = .19 \, \text{A}$$

- 2) What is  $I_1(\infty)$ , the magnitude of the current that flows through the resistor  $R_1$  a very long time after the switch has been closed?

$$I_1(\infty) = \frac{V}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4}$$

$$I_1 = 24 \, \text{V} / (54 + 54 + 83 + 70) \, \Omega = .0919 \, \text{A}$$

- 3) What is  $Q(\infty)$ , the charge on the capacitor after the switch has been closed for a very long time?

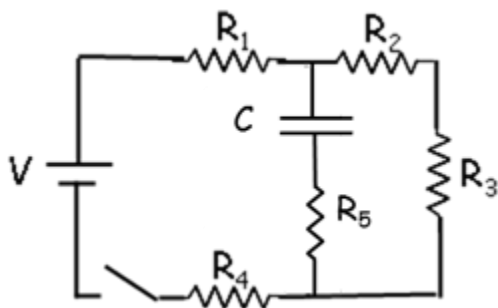
1. A current loop equation to find the voltage across the capacitor,  $V_c$   
First note  $I_1 = I_4$  at  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$V - I_1 R_1 - V_c - I_4 R_4 = 0 \text{ so } V_c = V - I_1 R_1 - I_4 R_4 = 24 - 54(.0919) - 70(.0919) = 12.607 \, \text{V}$$

2. Now use  $Q = VC$

$$Q = V_c C = 12.607 \, \text{V} (78 \, \text{F}) \times 10^{-6} = 983.346 \, \mu\text{C}$$

4)



Consider the circuit above, with  $R_5 = 60 \, \Omega$  in series with the capacitor. Once again, the switch has been open for a long time when at time  $t = 0$ , the switch is closed. What is  $I_1(0)$ , the magnitude of the current through the resistor  $R_1$  just after the switch is closed?

At  $t=0$

$V = IR_1 + IR_{235} + IR_4$ , where  $R_{235}$  is the equivalent resistance you get when you collapse  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_5$  into a single resistor.  $R_{23} = R_2 + R_3 = 137 \, \Omega$  and  $1/R_{235} = 1/R_{23} + 1/R_5 = (.007 + .0167) 1/\Omega$  so that  $R_{235} = 42.25 \, \Omega$

So  $I = V / (R_1 + R_{235} + R_4) = 24 \, \text{V} / (42.25 \, \Omega + 54 \, \Omega + 70 \, \Omega) = .144 \, \text{A}$

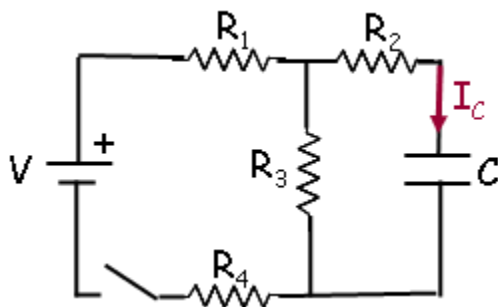
- 4) Continuing with the new circuit, what is  $Q(\infty)$ , the charge on the capacitor after the switch has been closed for a very long time?

Find  $I$  at a very long time.  $V = I(R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4)$ ,  $I = 24/261 = .09 \, \text{A}$

Find  $V$  across  $C$ :  $V = IR_{23} = 12.59 \, \text{V}$

Use  $Q = VC = (12.5 \, \text{V})(78 \, \mu\text{F}) = 982 \, \mu\text{C}$

A circuit is constructed with four resistors, one capacitor, one battery and a switch as shown. The values for the resistors are:  $R_1 = R_2 = 57 \, \Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 81 \, \Omega$  and  $R_4 = 123 \, \Omega$ . The capacitance is  $C = 38 \, \mu\text{F}$  and the battery voltage is  $V = 12 \, \text{V}$ . The positive terminal of the battery is indicated with a + sign.



- 1) The switch has been open for a long time when at time  $t = 0$ , the switch is closed. What is  $I_4(0)$ , the magnitude of the current through the resistor  $R_4$  just after the switch is closed?

$$R_{equiv}(0) = R_1 + R_4 + \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3} \Rightarrow I_4(0) = \frac{V}{R_{equiv}(0)}$$

$$R_{equiv} = 213.24 \, \Omega$$

$$I_4(0) = 12 \, \text{V} / (R_{equiv}) = .056 \, \text{A}$$

- 2) What is  $Q(\infty)$ , the charge on the capacitor after the switch has been closed for a very long time?

$$Q(\infty) = I(\infty) R_3 C = CV \frac{R_3}{R_1 + R_3 + R_4}$$

$$Q = 12 \, \text{V} \cdot 38 \, \mu\text{F} \cdot 81 \, \Omega / (57 + 81 + 123) \, \Omega = 141 \, \mu\text{C}$$

- 3) After the switch has been closed for a very long time, it is then opened. What is  $Q(t_{open})$ , the charge on the capacitor at a time  $t_{open} = 729 \, \mu\text{s}$  after the switch was opened?

$$\tau = (R_2 + R_3)C \Rightarrow Q(t_{open}) = Q(\infty)e^{-t_{open}/\tau}$$

$$T = (R_2 + R_3)C = 5244 \, \mu\text{s}$$


$$Q(729 \, \mu\text{s}) = 141 \, \mu\text{C} \exp(-729 \, \mu\text{s} / T) = 123 \, \mu\text{C}$$

- 4) What is  $I_{C,max}(\text{closed})$ , the current that flows through the capacitor whose magnitude is maximum during the time when the switch is closed? A positive value for the current is defined to be in the direction of the arrow shown.

$$V_3(0) = V - I_4(0)(R_1 + R_4) \Rightarrow I_{C,max}(0) = \frac{V_3(0)}{R_2} = \frac{V - I_4(0)(R_1 + R_4)}{R_2}$$

$$I_C = .033 \, \text{A}$$

- 5) What is  $I_{C,\max}(\text{open})$ , the current that flows through the capacitor whose magnitude is maximum during the time when the switch is open? A positive value for the current is defined to be in the direction of the arrow shown.

$$I(t_{\text{open}}) = \frac{dQ(t_{\text{open}})}{dt_{\text{open}}} = -\frac{Q(\infty)}{\tau} e^{-t_{\text{open}}/\tau}$$


$$I_{C,\max}(0, \text{open}) = -\frac{Q(\infty)}{\tau} = -\frac{Q(\infty)}{(R_2 + R_3)C}$$

$$I_C = -.026 \text{ A}$$