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Experiment 5: RL SERIES CIRCUIT

1. Objective:

- 1) To observe the rise and decay characteristic of an inductor using an oscilloscope.
- 2) To verify the time constant of an RL circuit.

2. Background:

An inductor is a passive electronic component that stores energy in the form of a magnetic field. In its simplest form, an inductor consists of a wire loop or coil. If a source emf is introduced in a circuit containing an inductor and a resistor, an induced emf (\mathcal{E}_L) will be observed across the inductor while there is a change in the current (like switch 'on' or 'off'), written below:

$$\mathcal{E}_L = -L \frac{di}{dt} \quad (1)$$

It follows the **Faraday's law of induction**. The "minus" sign in the equation 1 indicates that \mathcal{E}_L is opposes the change in current, explained by the **Lenz's Law**.

In this experiment we will observe the decay (positive to zero and negative to zero) of voltage across the inductor in an exponential fashion, like we observed in the *RC* circuit experiment. However, there is no such terms as "charging" and "discharging" in an inductor.

If a constant emf V_0 is introduced in a circuit containing R and L , when the current rises exponentially to $\frac{V_0}{R}$, and because of this change the voltage across the inductor will decay exponentially (positive to zero) (see equation 1), written as,

$$V_L(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad (2) \quad 36.8\% \text{ 1 time}$$

Where τ_L is the inductive time constant of the inductor measured in terms of second, given by

$$\tau = L/R. \quad 10^{-3} L (\text{henry}) (H) \quad (3) \quad 63.2\% \text{ 2 time const} \quad \tau = 1.02 \times 10^{-4} L$$

Similarly, if the constant emf V_0 is withdrawn, current decays exponentially and the voltage across the inductor also decay exponentially (negative to zero), written as,

$$V_L(t) = -V_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad (4)$$

In figure 2 both current and voltage waveforms are given schematically with respect to time.

Here the inductive time constant, τ is the time required to decay the inductor, through the resistor, 37% of its initial voltage.

For this experiment we will use the circuit in figure 1.

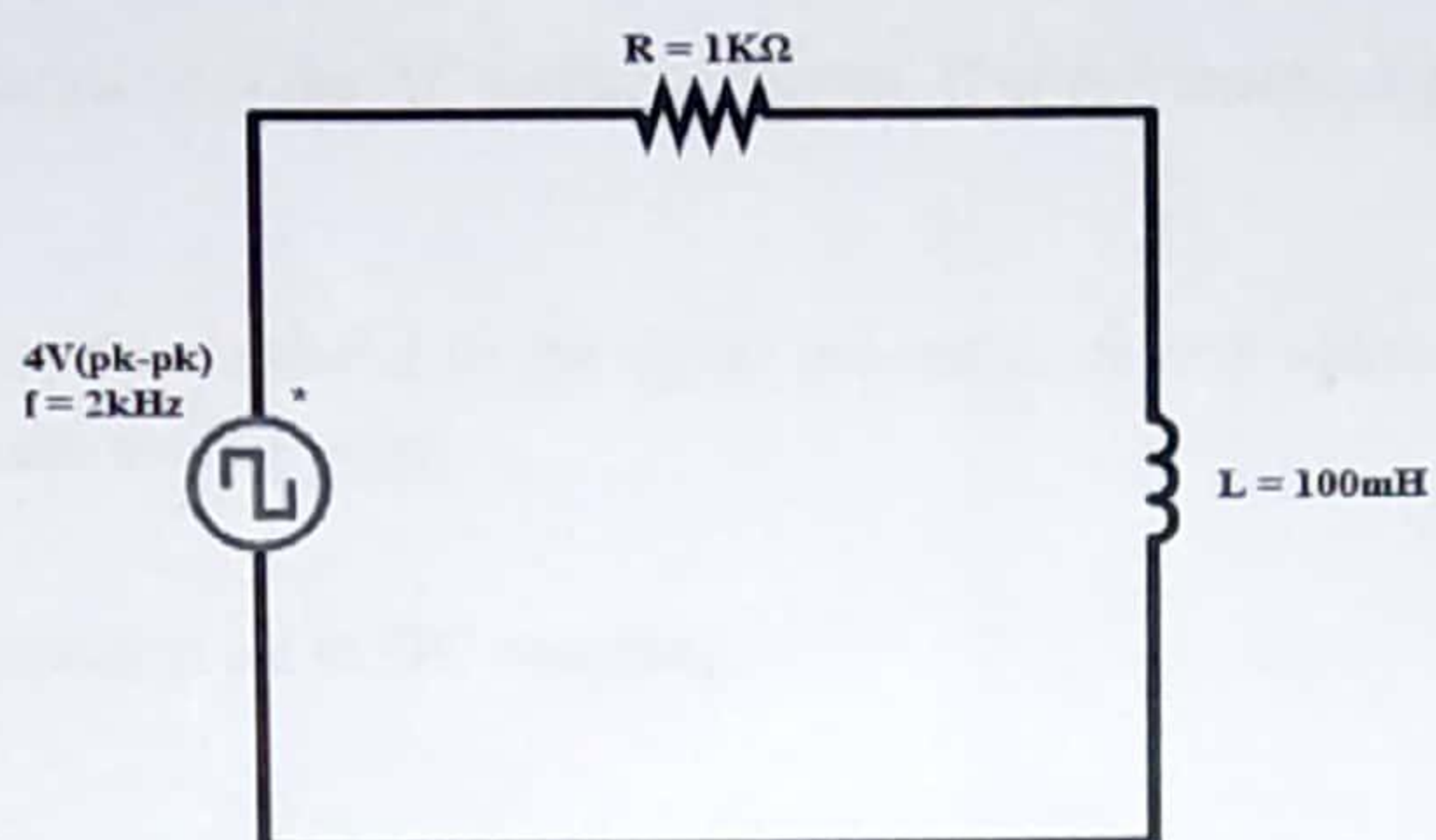


Figure 1: RL Series Circuit

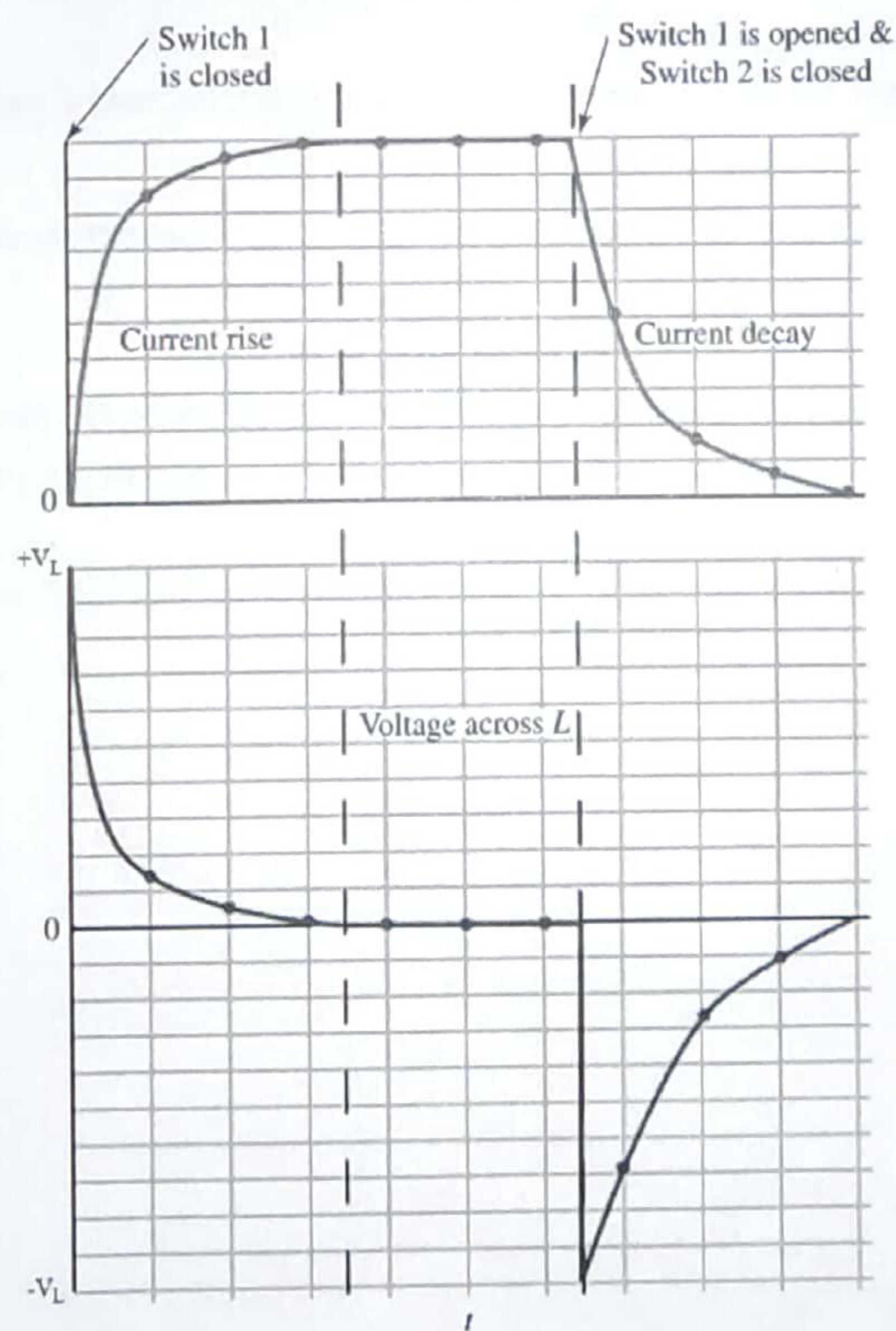


Figure 2: Current and voltage waveform with respect to time

3. Procedures and Observations:

- a) Measure the value of the resistor, $R_{measured} =$
- b) Connect R and L in series with the AC signal generator. (For reference, please see the circuit given above in figure 1).
- c) Connect the oscilloscope's channel 1 to the signal generator, choose **square wave** as an input signal and observe the signal on the oscilloscope.
- d) Make sure that the channel is set to **DC coupling**.
- e) Measure the amplitude and period of the input signal and make sure that the amplitude is set to $4V_{p-p}$ and the frequency to 2 kHz with 50% duty cycle.
- f) Use the offset knob to raise the signal by 2V so that the base of the signal is set at 0 V.
- g) Connect the oscilloscope's channel 2 across the inductor and observe the output.
- h) Measure the voltage across the inductor at 20 μs (approximately) interval and record the data in the following table.
- i) For calculation of inductor voltage during decay, measure the maximum inductor voltage during charging and use it as V_o in Eqn. 1.
- j) Measure the inductor voltage and record in the following table.

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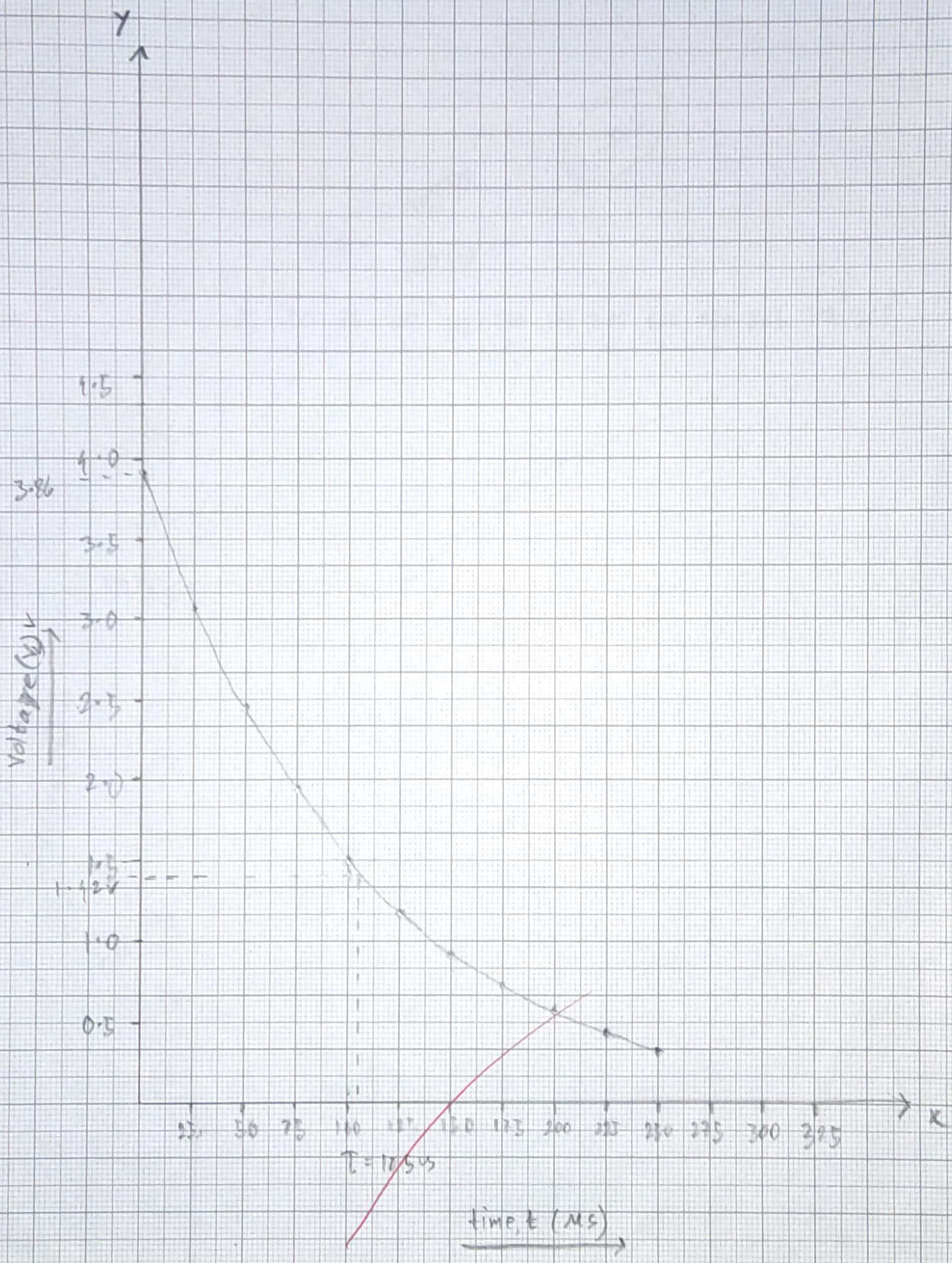
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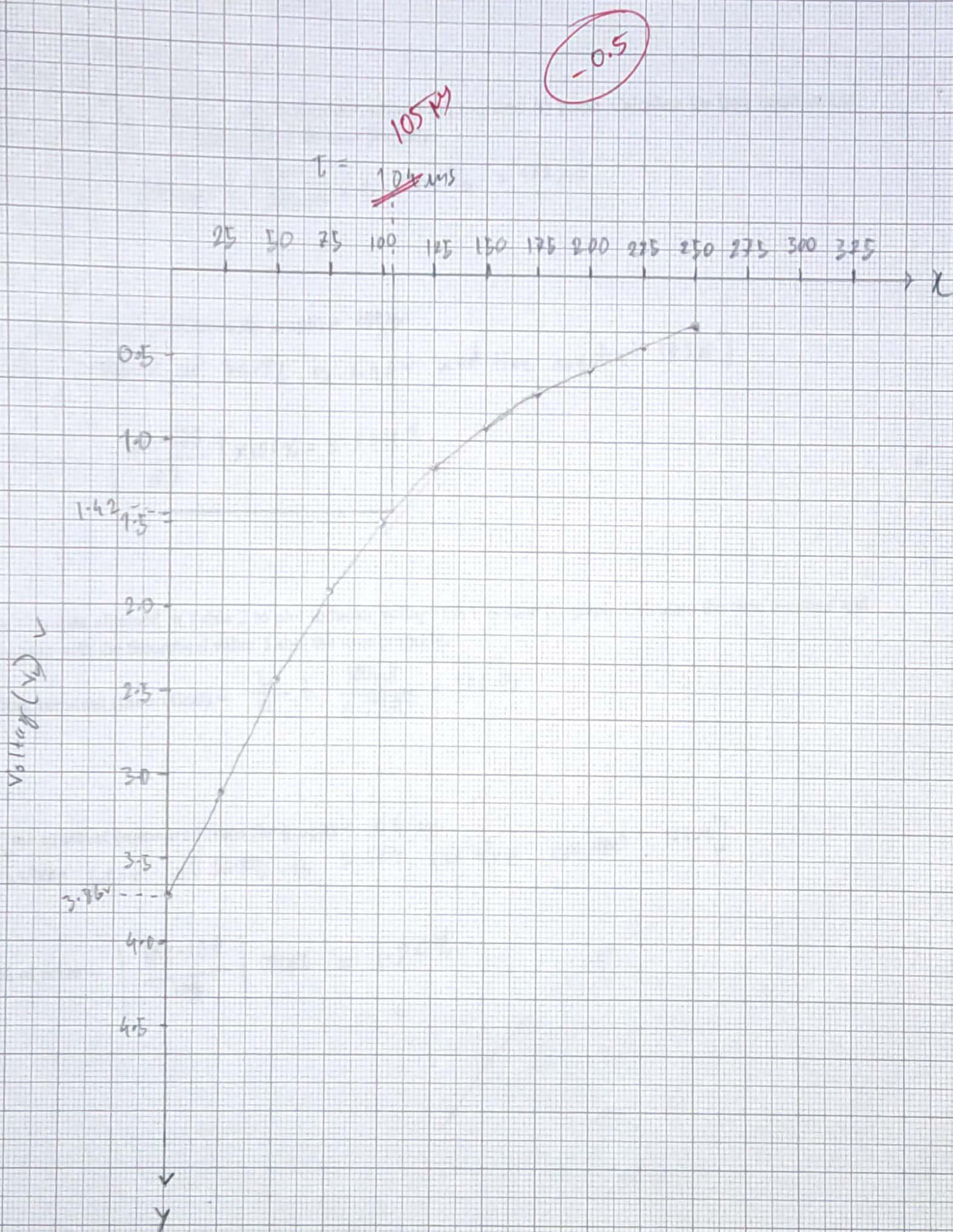
Table 1: Time dependent for the voltage decay (positive to zero) of an inductor

Time (μ s)	Calculated V_L (positive to zero)	Measured V_L	Time (μ s)	Calculated V_L (positive to zero)	Measured V_L
0	4 V	3.86 V	175 μ s	0.71 V	960 mV
25 μ s	3.13 V	3.06 V	200 μ s	0.56 V	860 mV
30 μ s	2.45 V	2.46 V	225 μ s	0.44 V	740 mV
75 μ s	1.91 V	1.90 V	250 μ s	0.34 V	680 mV
100 μ s	1.5 V	1.60 V	275 μ s		
125 μ s	1.17 V	1.34 V	300 μ s		
150 μ s	0.91 V	1.1 V	325 μ s		

Table 2: Time dependent for the voltage decay (**negative to zero**) of an inductor

Time (μs)	Calculated V_L (negative to zero)	Measured V_L	Time (μs)	Calculated V_L (negative to zero)	Measured V_L
0	-4 ✓	-3.86 ✓	175 μs	-0.71 ✓	-2.26 ✓
25 μs	-3.13 ✓	-3.18 ✓	200 μs	-0.56 ✓	-1.88 ✓
30 μs	-2.45 ✓	-3.19 ✓	225 μs	-0.44 ✓	-1.48 ✓
75 μs	-1.91 ✓	-3.00 ✓	250 μs	-0.34 ✓	-82 mV
100 μs	-1.5 ✓	-2.9 ✓	275 μs		
125 μs	-1.17 ✓	-2.74 ✓	300 μs		
150 μs	-0.91 ✓	-2.58 ✓	325 μs		





Tasks and Questions:

#1: Use data obtained in Table 1 to plot inductor voltage (V_L) vs time (t) graph. Calculate the time constant and compare with the theoretical value. Label the axes properly.

$$\text{Time constant (theoretical)} = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{100\text{mH}}{0.98\text{A}} = 1.02 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s} = 102 \mu\text{s}$$

$$\text{Time constant (measured from the graph)} = 105 \mu\text{s}$$

where 3.88 V of 36.8% is 1.42V and time constant 105 μs

$$\% \text{ of error} = \left| \frac{102 - 105}{102} \right| \times 100\% = 2.9411\%$$

#2: Use data obtained in Table 2 to plot inductor voltage (V_L) vs time (t) graph. Calculate the time constant and compare with the theoretical value. Label the axes properly.

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$$\text{Time constant (measured from the graph)} = 104 \mu\text{s}$$

[where 3.86V of 36.8% is 1.42V and time constant 104 μs]

$$\% \text{ of error} = \left| \frac{102 - 104}{102} \right| \times 100\% = 1.96\%$$

Results: For table 1, where $R = 0.98 \text{ k}\Omega$, $\tau = 1.02 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}$

for $100 \mu\text{s}$, calculated $V_L = V_0 e^{-t/\tau} = 4 \times e^{\frac{-100 \times 10^{-6}}{1.02 \times 10^{-4}}} = 1.5 \text{ V}$

For table 2, where $R = 0.98 \text{ k}\Omega$, $\tau = 1.02 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}$

for $50 \mu\text{s}$, calculated $V_L = -4 \times e^{\frac{50 \times 10^{-6}}{1.02 \times 10^{-4}}} = -2.45 \text{ V}$

Discussion:

This lab was about RL series circuit, for this lab

we used wire, breadboard, AC signal generator, oscilloscope, inductor, resistor, then we constructed the circuit. After constructing the circuit, following the procedure we measured value of V_R to for time status from 0 to $325 \mu\text{s}$ for both ^{positive} ~~negative~~ to zero and ~~negative~~ to zero of an inductor. Our measured values followed theoretical concept, Thus our experiment got verified

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$$R = 0.9815$$

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Table 2: Time dependent for the voltage decay (negative to zero) of an inductor

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