



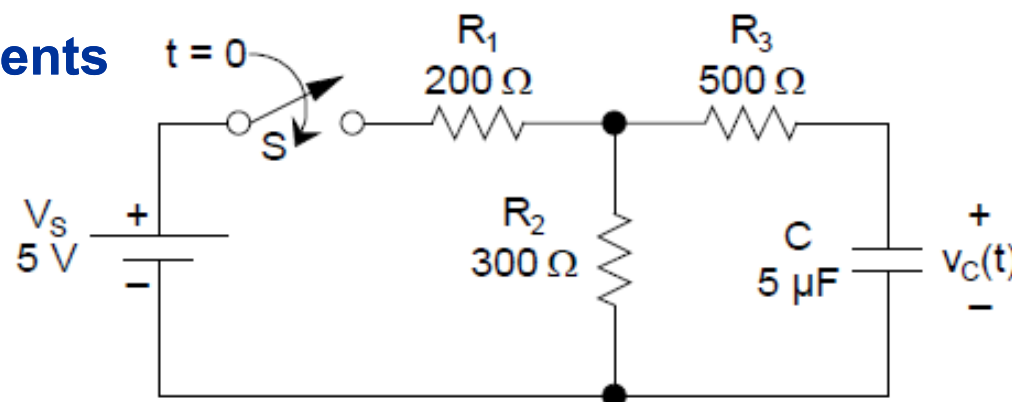
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Example I-from A. K. Dutta

S was open for a long time, closes at $t=0$, and opens again at $t=5$ ms.

Sketch $v_c(t)$. **C** will get completely discharged through R_2 & R_3 .

Given : $v_c(0^-)=0$, At $t=0$, **S** closes, however, capacitor voltage cannot change instantly hence $v(0^+)=v(0^-)=0$.



$$v_c(\infty) = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_S = \frac{300 \times 5}{200 + 300} = 3V$$

For $t > 0$, the capacitor voltage would grow exponentially.

The problem has *two part transients* : one between 0 and 5ms, and the other beyond 5ms.

For t between 0 and 5 ms:

Need to find $v(\infty)$ and (time constant) τ_1

Since the capacitor would behave like an open-circuit.

For τ_1 find R_{eff1} , i.e. the Thevenin resistance seen by **C** by observation is:

$$R_{eff1} = R_3 + R_1 || R_2 = 500 + 200 || 300 = 620\Omega$$



$$\tau_1 = R_{eff1} C = (620\Omega) \times (5\mu F) = 3.1ms \quad \text{OR} \quad v_c(t) = v_c(\infty) + [v_c(0) - v_c(\infty)] \cdot e^{-t/\tau_1} = 3 + (0 - 3)e^{-t/3.1m}$$

$$= 3[1 - e^{-t/3.1m}], \quad \text{Therefore at } t=5ms, v_c(5ms) = 2.4V.$$



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For $t > 5 \text{ ms}$:

S opens again at $t=5 \text{ ms}$, thus removing the source V_s from the circuit. Hence,

C would now start to discharge and eventually as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $V_c(t) \rightarrow 0$.

For this part of the transient,

let $t=5 \text{ ms}$ be time $t'=0$, i.e. new reference of time,

$v_c(0) = 2.4 \text{ V}$ and $v_c(\infty) = 0$

The effective resistance seen by C for this case is $R_{\text{eff}2} = R_2 + R_3 = 800 \Omega$.

Since R_1 gets open-circuited time constant $\tau_2 = R_{\text{eff}2}C = 800 \times 5 \mu\text{F} = 4 \text{ ms}$

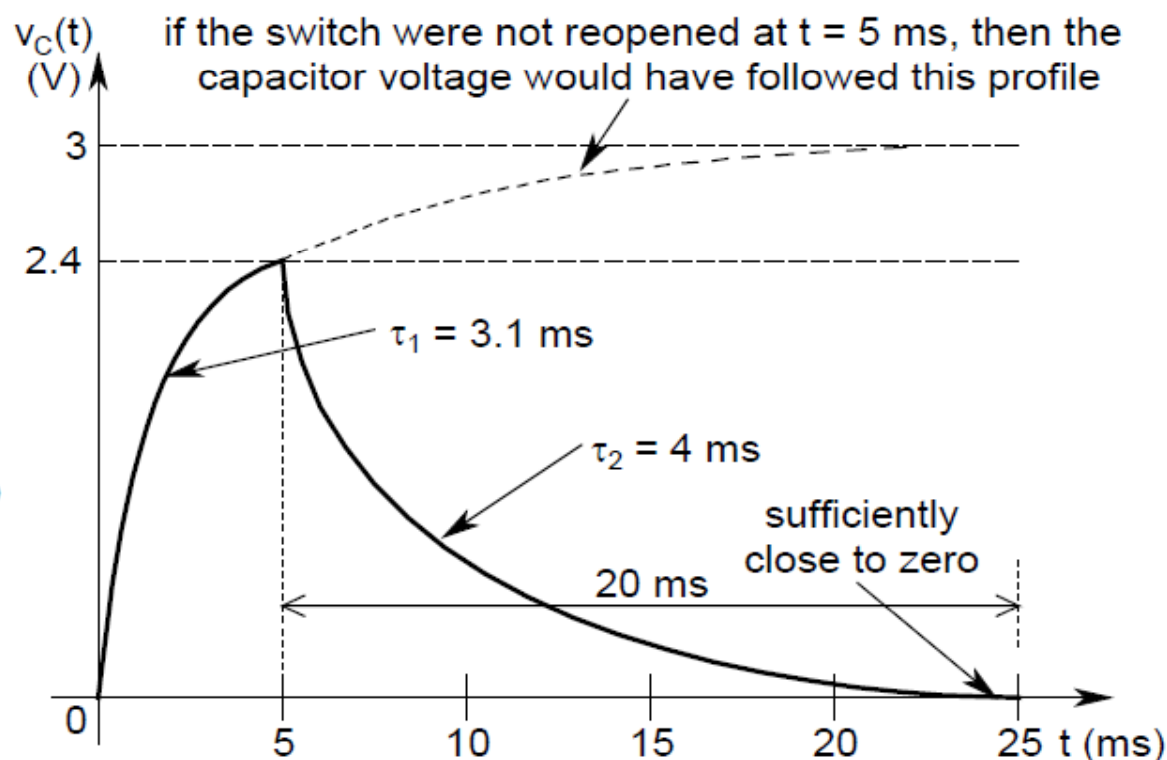
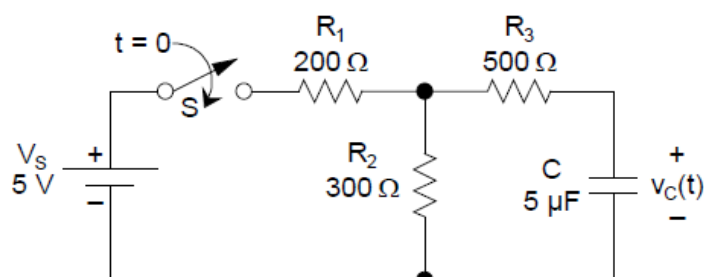
$v_c(t) = v_c(\infty) + [v_c(0) - v_c(\infty)] \cdot e^{-t'/\tau_2}$

$= 2.4e^{-t'/4 \text{ ms}} = 2.4e^{-(t-5 \text{ ms})/4 \text{ ms}}$

At $t' = 5\tau_2$,

$v_c(t) = 0.7\% \text{ of } v_c(0)$,

quite small.





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Example 2

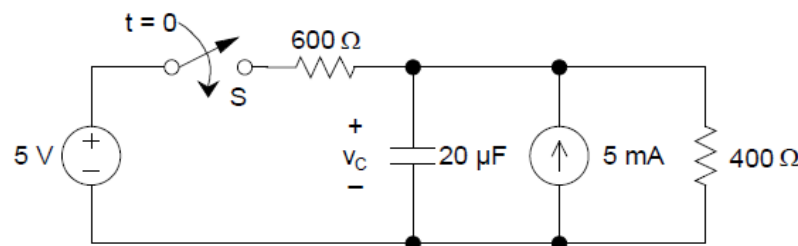
S was open for a long time, and closes at $t = 0$.

Find v_C for $t = 0^-$, 0^+ , ∞ , and 10 ms.

With **S** open, 5 V source was disconnected from the circuit, and only 5mA source was active

$$v_C(0^-) = v_C(0^+) = 5\text{mA} \times 400\Omega = 2\text{V}$$

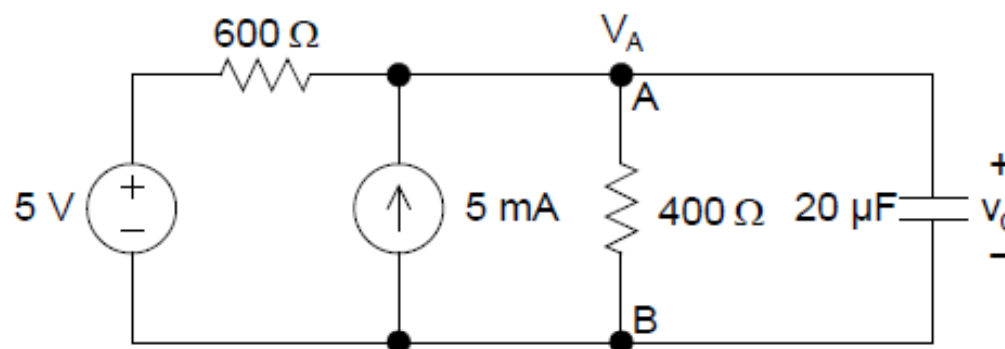
With **S** closed at $t = 0$, we redraw the circuit :



Thevenin's equivalent at A-B after removing Capacitor. Taking B as the reference potential (ground),

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$$\frac{5 - V_A}{600} + 5\text{m} = \frac{V_A}{400}$$



$$V_A = V_{OC} = V_{Th} = 3.2\text{ V and } R_{Th} = 600 \parallel 400 = 240\Omega.$$

$$\text{Time constant } \tau = R_{Th}C = 240\Omega \times 20\mu\text{F} = 4.8\text{ms}.$$

$$v_C(\infty) = 3.2\text{V}, v_C(0) = 2\text{V},$$

$$v_C(t) = v_C(\infty) + [v_C(0) - v_C(\infty)] \cdot e^{-t/\tau} = 3.2 + (2 - 3.2) \cdot e^{-t/4.8\text{m}} = 3.2 - 1.2e^{-t/4.8\text{m}}$$

$$\text{Or } v_C(10\text{ms}) = 3.05\text{V}.$$

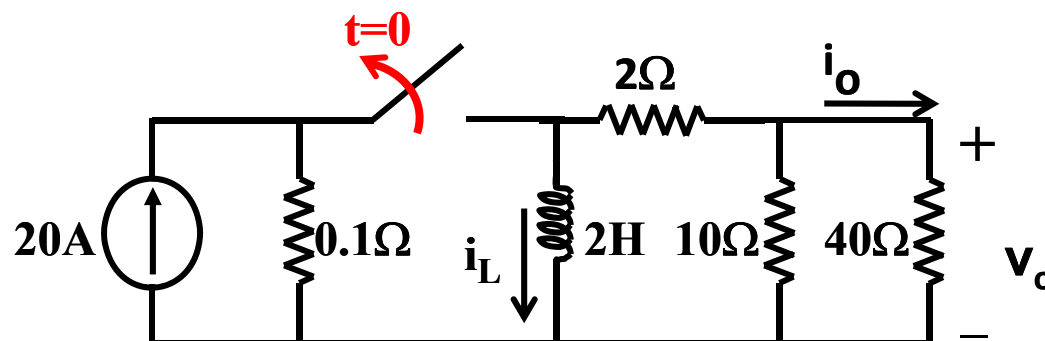


Example 3

As the switch has been closed for a long time, for $t < 0$ the voltage across the inductor must be $V_L = 0$

$V_L(0^-) = 0$, therefore $i_L(0^-) = 20\text{A}$

As the current through the inductor cannot change instantaneously, $i_L(0^+) = 20\text{A}$.



At $t=0$ when the switch opens, the equivalent resistance across the inductor is:

$$R_{eq} = 2 + 10 \parallel 40 = 10\Omega. \text{ Or } \tau = L/R_{eq} = 2/10 = 0.2\text{s}$$

$$i_L(t) = i_L(\infty) + \{i_L(0) - i_L(\infty)\} e^{-\frac{t}{L/R_{eq}}} \quad I_L(0) = 20\text{A}.$$

and at $t = 0$ or > 0

$i_L(\infty) = 0$ as all the magnetic energy will dissipate in the resistors. Hence $i_L(t) = 20e^{-5t}\text{A}$.

By current division then for $t \geq 0$, $i_o(t) = -[i_L(t)] \times 10/(10+40)$. So $i_o(t)$ changes instantaneously from $i_o(0^-) = 0$ to $i_o(0^+) = -0.2 \times 20\text{A} = -4\text{A}$.

And $i_o(t \geq 0^+) = -0.2i_L(t) = -4e^{-5t}\text{A}$

Hence $v_o(t) = 40i_o = -160e^{-5t}\text{V}$ for $t \geq 0^+$

The power dissipated in the 40Ω load is

$$W_{10\Omega} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{v_o^2}{40} dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(-160)^2 e^{-10t}}{40} dt = \int_0^{\infty} 640 e^{-10t} dt = \frac{640}{-10} \left[e^{-10t} \right]_0^{\infty} = 64\text{J}$$



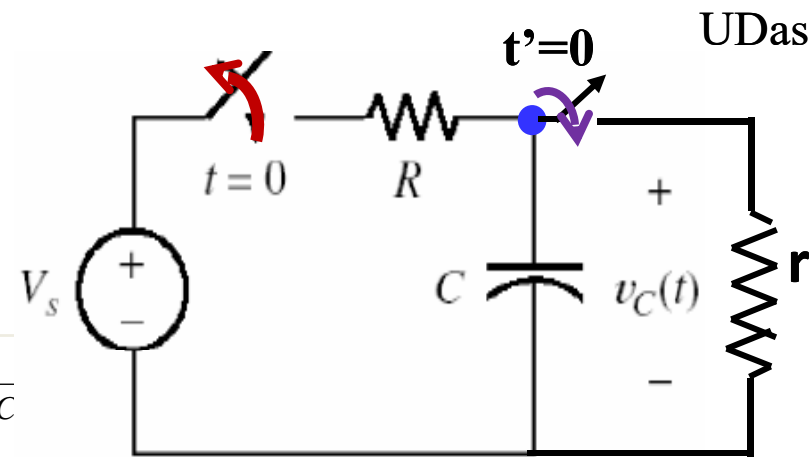
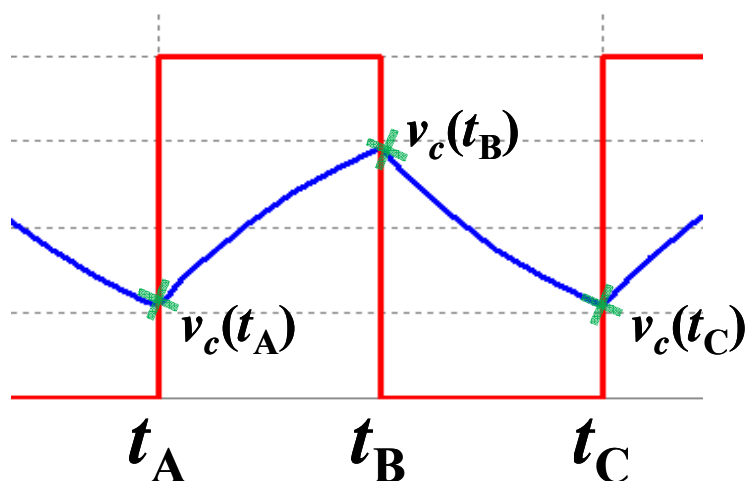
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$$v_c(t) = v_c(\infty) + [v_c(0) - v_c(\infty)] \cdot e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$v_c(t) = v_c(\infty) + \{v_c(0^+) - v_c(\infty)\} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$v_c(t_B) = V_{\max} + [v_c(t_A) - V_{\max}] e^{-\frac{(t_B - t_A)}{\tau}}$$

$$v_c(t_C) = V_{\min} + [v_c(t_B) - V_{\min}] e^{-\frac{(t_C - t_B)}{\tau}} = v_c(t_A)$$



$$(t_B - t_A) = (t_C - t_B) = \frac{T}{2}$$

Determine $v_c(t_A)$ and $v_c(t_B)$ in terms of V_{\max} and V_{\min}

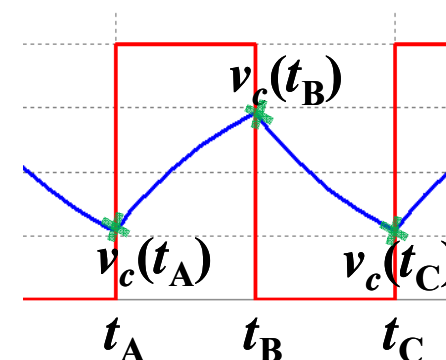


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$$v_c(t_B) = v_c(t_A)e^{-\frac{(t_B - t_A)}{\tau}} + V_{\max}[1 - e^{-\frac{(t_B - t_A)}{\tau}}]$$

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x^1}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots, e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$



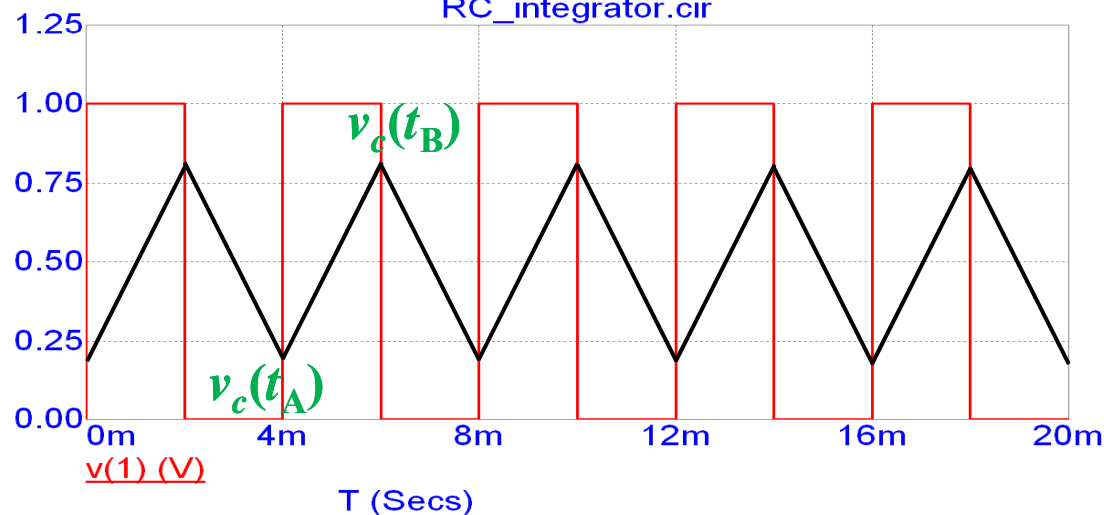
When $RC = \tau \gg (t_B - t_A)$, $x \ll 1$

$$v_c(t_B) = v_c(t_A)[1 - 1 + \frac{(t_B - t_A)}{\tau}] + V_{\max}[1 - 1 + \frac{(t_B - t_A)}{\tau}]$$

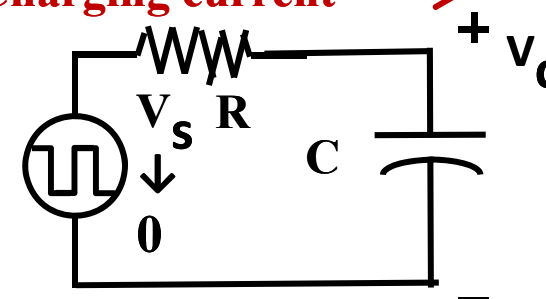
$$v_c(t_B) \cong v_c(t_A) + V_{\max}[\frac{(t_B - t_A)}{\tau}] \quad v_c(t_A) \ll V_{\max}$$

Linear variation with time

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RC_integrator.cir



← Discharging current
Charging current →



$$\int_{t_A}^{t_B} v_c(t_A) dt = v_c(t_A)t \Big|_{t_A}^{t_B}$$

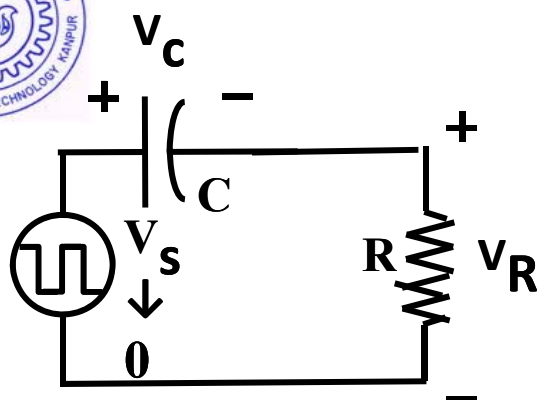
$$= v_c(t_A)[t_B - t_A]$$

The circuit performs as an integrator



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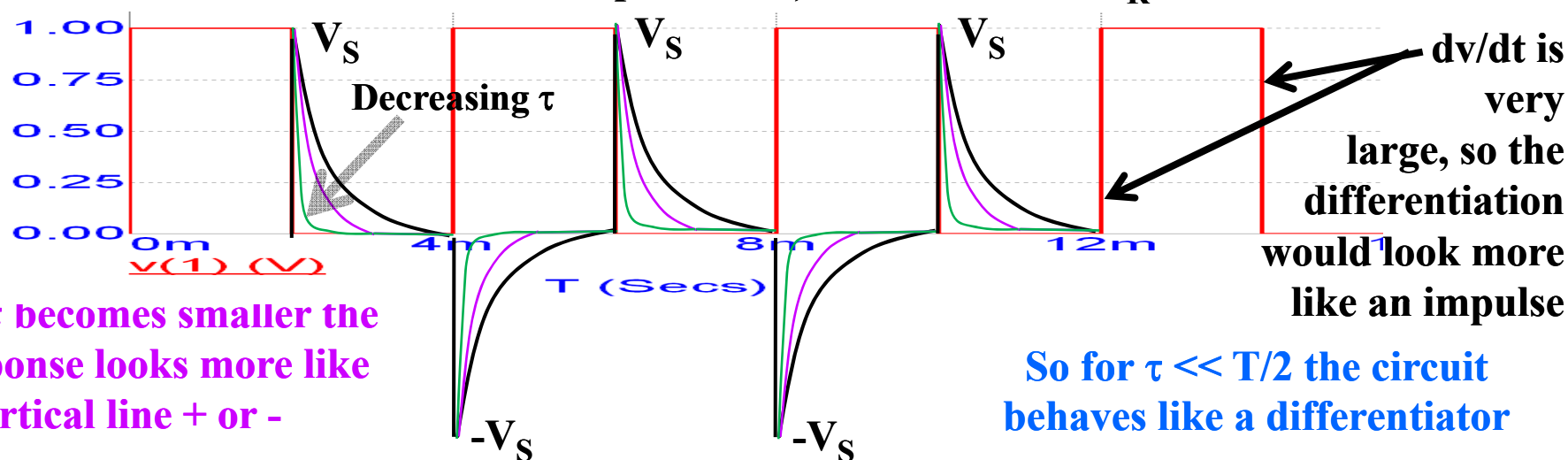


When the source voltage goes from 0 to V_S , the voltage across the capacitor cannot change instantaneously, so

$$V_C(0^+) = V_C(0^-) = 0$$

$$\text{Or } V_R(0^+) = V_S.$$

As time progresses the source is at V_S , C would charge as $\sim (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$ to finally to a voltage V_S , thus decreasing the current to zero (given sufficient time, i.e. T is large compared to τ). Which means $V_R \rightarrow 0$



As τ becomes smaller the response looks more like a vertical line + or -

When the source remains constant at V_S , V_R still remains at 0. But, when the source switches from V_S to 0, the source is shorted but V_C remains at V_S , and V_R is now $-V_S$. As C discharges through R exponentially, the voltage V_R has to come to 0. It remains at 0 till the supply remains at 0 and the same process repeats itself, when the supply again goes from 0 to V_S .

A similar exercise of differentiator/integrator can also be done for R-L circuits, however, in practical inductors it is avoided as losses are higher in real R-L circuits