

First Order RC Circuits

Capacitor and Inductor

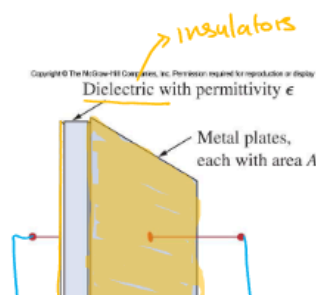
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- Linear circuit elements:
 - Capacitor
 - Inductor
- Unlike resistors, these elements do not dissipate energy, they instead store energy

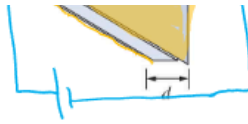
Capacitors

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- A capacitor is a passive element that stores energy in its electric field
- It consists of two conducting plates separated by an insulator (or dielectric)



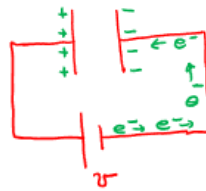
- The plates are typically aluminum foil
- The dielectric is often air, ceramic, paper, plastic, or mica



Capacitors

- When a voltage source v is connected to the capacitor, the source deposits a positive charge q on one plate and a negative charge $-q$ on the other
- The charges will be equal in magnitude
- The amount of charge is proportional to the voltage: $q \propto v$

$$q = Cv$$



- Where C is the capacitance
- The unit of capacitance is the Farad (F)
- One Farad is 1 Coulomb/Volt

$$\frac{q}{v} = C \Rightarrow 1 \frac{\text{Coulomb}}{\text{Volt}} = 1 \text{ Farad}$$

Capacitors – Stored Charge

$$dt \times \frac{1}{C} \times i = \frac{e dv}{dt} \times \frac{1}{C} \times dt \Rightarrow \int_{v(t_0)}^{v(t)} dv = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{C} i dt$$

- Similarly, the voltage current relationship is:

$$v(t) - v(t_0) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{t_0}^t i dt$$

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{t_0}^t i dt + v(t_0)$$

Diagram of a capacitor with current i and voltage v . The voltage is labeled as $0 + v -$ and $non-zero$.

- This shows the capacitor has a memory
- The instantaneous power delivered to the capacitor is:

$$p = vi = Cv \frac{dv}{dt} = v \left(C \frac{dv}{dt} \right) = Cv \frac{dv}{dt}$$

- The energy stored in a capacitor is:

$$dw = p dt = Cv dv$$

$$W = \int Cv dv = C \frac{v^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} Cv^2$$

Diagram of a capacitor with voltage v and energy W . The energy is labeled as $Joules$.

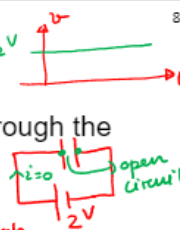
Properties of Capacitors

- Ideal capacitors all have these characteristics:

- When the voltage is not changing, the current through the capacitor is zero

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0 A$$

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$



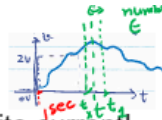
- This means that with DC applied to the terminals no current will flow

A Fully charged capacitor \rightarrow open circuit

very small

- The voltage on the capacitor's plates can't change instantaneously

$$i = C \frac{(2-0)}{(1-1)} = C \frac{2}{0} = \infty$$



- An abrupt change in voltage would require an infinite current!
- This means if the voltage on the cap does not equal the applied voltage, charge will flow and the voltage will finally reach the applied voltage
- An ideal Capacitor do not dissipate energy, stored energy can be retrieved later

Parallel Capacitors

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- Starting with N parallel capacitors, one can note that the voltages on all the caps are the same
- Applying KCL:

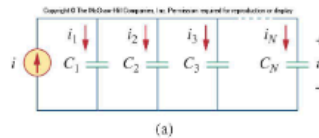
$$i = i_1 + i_2 + i_3 + \dots + i_N$$

$$i = C_1 \frac{dv}{dt} + C_2 \frac{dv}{dt} + C_3 \frac{dv}{dt} + \dots + C_N \frac{dv}{dt}$$

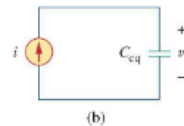
$$= \left(\sum_{k=1}^N C_k \right) \frac{dv}{dt} = C_{eq} \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots + C_N$$

Parallel capacitors combine as the sum of all capacitance



(a)



(b)

Series Capacitors

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- Each capacitor shares the same current.
- Applying KVL to the loop:

$$v = v_1 + v_2 + v_3 + \dots + v_N$$

- Now apply the voltage current relationship

$$v = \frac{1}{C_1} \int_{t_0}^t i(\tau) d\tau + v_1(t_0) + \frac{1}{C_2} \int_{t_0}^t i(\tau) d\tau + v_2(t_0) + \dots + \frac{1}{C_N} \int_{t_0}^t i(\tau) d\tau + v_N(t_0)$$

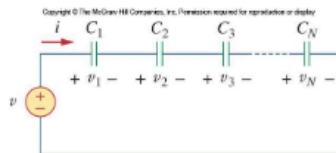
$$= \left(\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{C_N} \right) \int_{t_0}^t i(\tau) d\tau + v_1(t_0) + v_2(t_0) + v_3(t_0) + \dots + v_N(t_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{C_{eq}} \int_{t_0}^t i(\tau) d\tau + v(t_0)$$

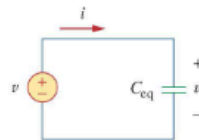
$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{C_N}$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{C_N}}$$

Series combination of capacitors resembles the parallel combination of resistors



(a)



(b)

Series and Parallel Capacitors

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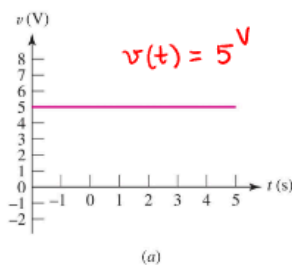
- Another way to think about the combinations of capacitors is this:

- Combining capacitors in parallel is equivalent to increasing the surface area of the capacitors
- This would lead to an increased overall capacitance (as is observed)
- A series combination can be seen as increasing the total plate separation
- This would result in a decrease in capacitance (as is observed)

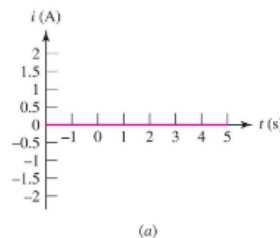
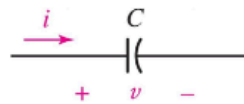
Example: Capacitor i - v Curves

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Find $i(t)$ for the voltages shown, if $C = 2$ F.

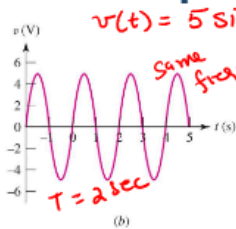


$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt} = 2 \frac{d}{dt}(5) = 2 \times 0 = 0 \text{ A}$$

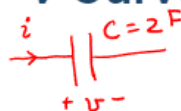


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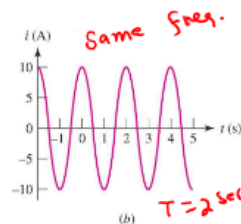
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$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$



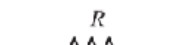
$$\begin{aligned} i &= 2 \frac{d}{dt} (5 \sin \omega t) \\ &= 2 \times 5 \frac{d}{dt} (\sin \omega t) \quad \text{assume: } \omega = 1 \text{ rad/sec} \\ i &= 10 \cos(\omega t) \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

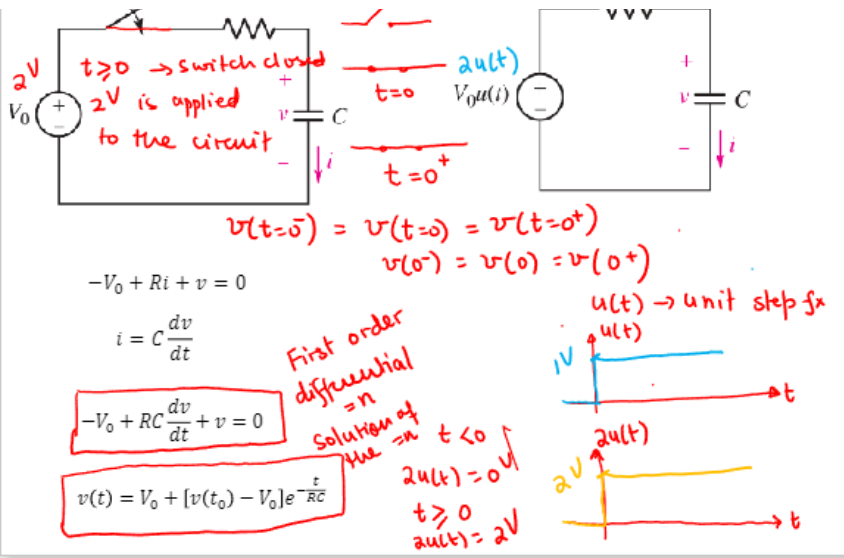


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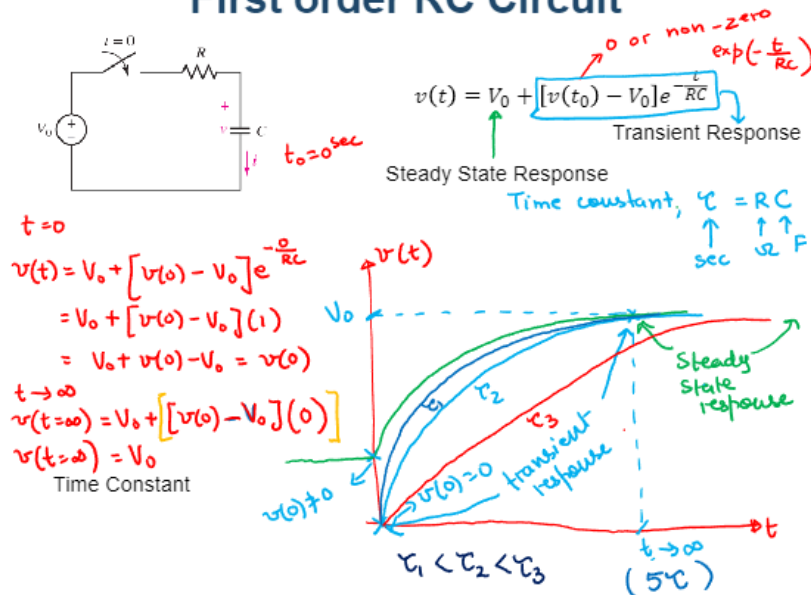
$t < 0 \rightarrow$ switch open
0 voltage applied to the circuit
 $t = 0$





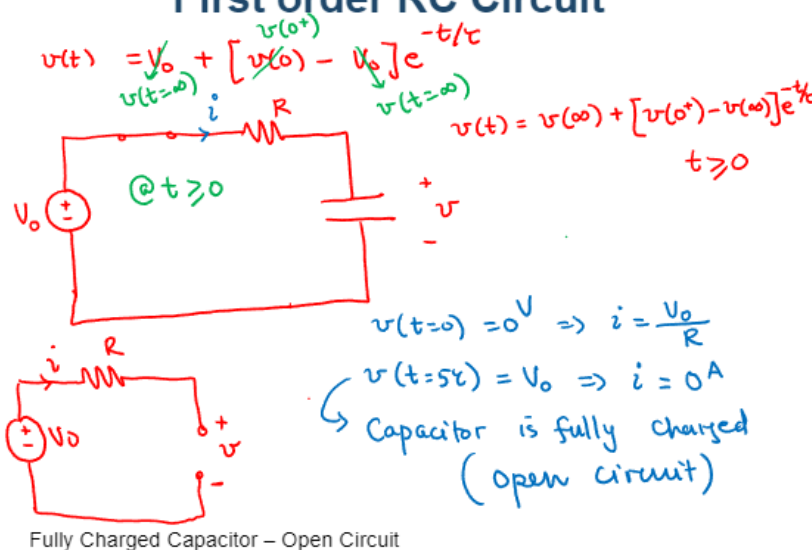
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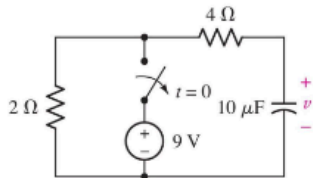
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1. Draw the circuit with initial position of the switch
2. Find the voltage of the capacitor, $v_C(0^-)$
3. $v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-)$
4. Draw the circuit with final position of the switch
5. open capacitor at $t = \infty$ and find $v_C(\infty)$
6. Calculate $\tau = R_{eq}C$, for finding R_{eq} turn OFF all independent sources
 Voltage source OFF: replace with a short
 open current source OFF: replace with an open
7.
$$v_C(t) = v_C(\infty) + [v_C(0^+) - v_C(\infty)]e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

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

Exercise - First order RC Circuit

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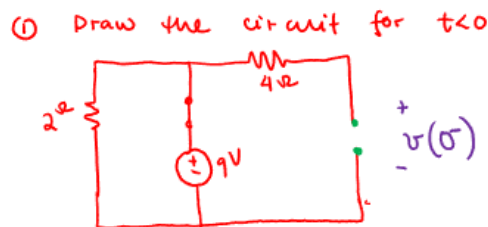


The switch stays in the closed position for a long time before it is opened at $t = 0$.

1. Determine an expression for $v(t)$ for $t > 0$
2. Show that the voltage $v(t)$ is 321 mV at $t = 200 \mu s$.
3. Determine an expression for $i(t)$ for $t > 0$

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

$t < 0$ closed $t = 0$ open $t > 0$ open



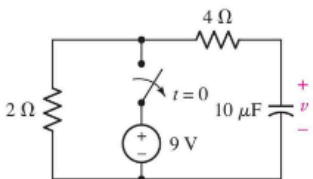
$$v(0^-) = 9V$$

③ $v(0^+) = v(0^-) = 9V$

② Capacitor is fully charged open circuit

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⑤ $t \rightarrow \infty$

④ circuit @ $t > 0$: switch \rightarrow open

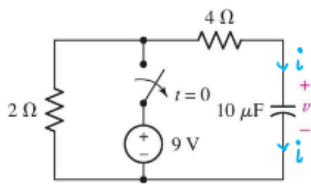
capacitor is fully discharged
 $v(\infty) = 0V$



capacitor is discharging

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⑥ circuit $t > 0$
 $\tau = RC$



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

$$\tau = 6 \times 10 \times 10^{-6} = 60 \mu\text{sec}$$

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⑦ $v(t) = 0 + [9 - 0]e^{-\frac{t}{60 \times 10^{-6}}}$

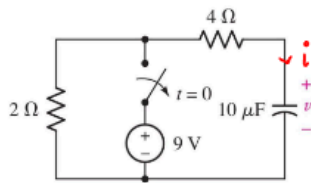
$$v(t) = 9e^{-\frac{t}{60 \times 10^{-6}}} \text{ Volts}$$

part 2 $v(200 \mu\text{sec}) = 9e^{-\frac{200}{60}} = 0.321 \text{ V} = 321 \text{ mV}$

$$v(t) = 9e^{-t/60 \times 10^{-6}} \text{ V}$$

Exercise - First order RC Circuit

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

part 3

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$= 10 \times 10^{-6} \frac{d}{dt} \left(9e^{-\frac{t}{60 \times 10^{-6}}} \right)$$

$$= 10 \times 10^{-6} \times 9 \times \left(-\frac{1}{60 \times 10^{-6}} \right) e^{-\frac{t}{60 \times 10^{-6}}}$$

$$i(t) = -1.5e^{-\frac{t}{60 \times 10^{-6}}} \text{ A}$$

$$v(t) = 9e^{-t/60 \times 10^{-6}} \text{ V}$$

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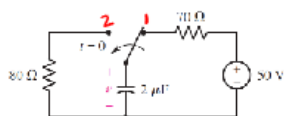


FIGURE 8.18

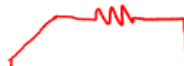
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2. Calculate the value of $v(t)$ at $t = 0$ sec and at $t = 160 \mu\text{s}$.

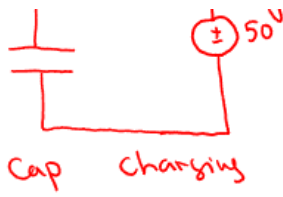
$$v(t) = v(\infty) + [v(0^+) - v(\infty)]e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

① circuit @ $t < 0$



$t < 0$ position 1
 $t = 0$ position 2
 $t > 0$ position 2





$v(0^-) = 50V$
 $v(0^+) = v(0^-) = 50V$
 (3)

Exercise - First order RC Circuit

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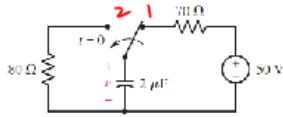


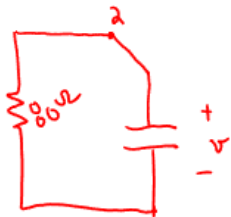
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$$v(t) = v(\infty) + [v(0^+) - v(\infty)]e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

(4) circuit for $t > 0$



Cap is discharging

(5) Fully discharged
 $v(\infty) = 0$

(6) $\tau = 80 \times 2 \times 10^{-6} = 160 \mu sec$

$$v(t) = 50 e^{-\frac{t}{160 \times 10^{-6}}} \text{ Volts } t > 0$$

part 2

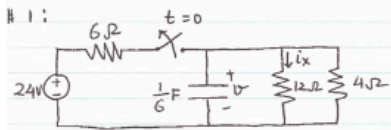
$$v(t=0) = 50V$$

$$v(t=160 \mu sec) = 50 e^{-\frac{160}{160}} = 50 e^{-1} = 18.39V$$

50 V; 18.39 V

Exercise - First order RC Circuit

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The switch stays closed for a long time before it is opened at $t = 0$.

- Determine an expression for $v(t)$ for $t > 0$
- Determine an expression for $i_x(t)$ for $t > 0$
- Calculate the energy stored in the capacitor at $t = 0$ (5.33 J)

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

$$\frac{1}{2} C v^2$$

