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Assignment - 1

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Q1: What Percent of a capacitor's total charge is stored after 1 time constant and discharge after one time constant? Explain with graph.

Ans. :

A capacitor charges gradually, not instantly. So after 1 time constant (τ), the capacitor stores about 63% of its maximum charge. Because the capacitor follows an exponential charging curve at 1 time constant:

$$Q = Q_{\max} \times (1 - e^{-1})$$

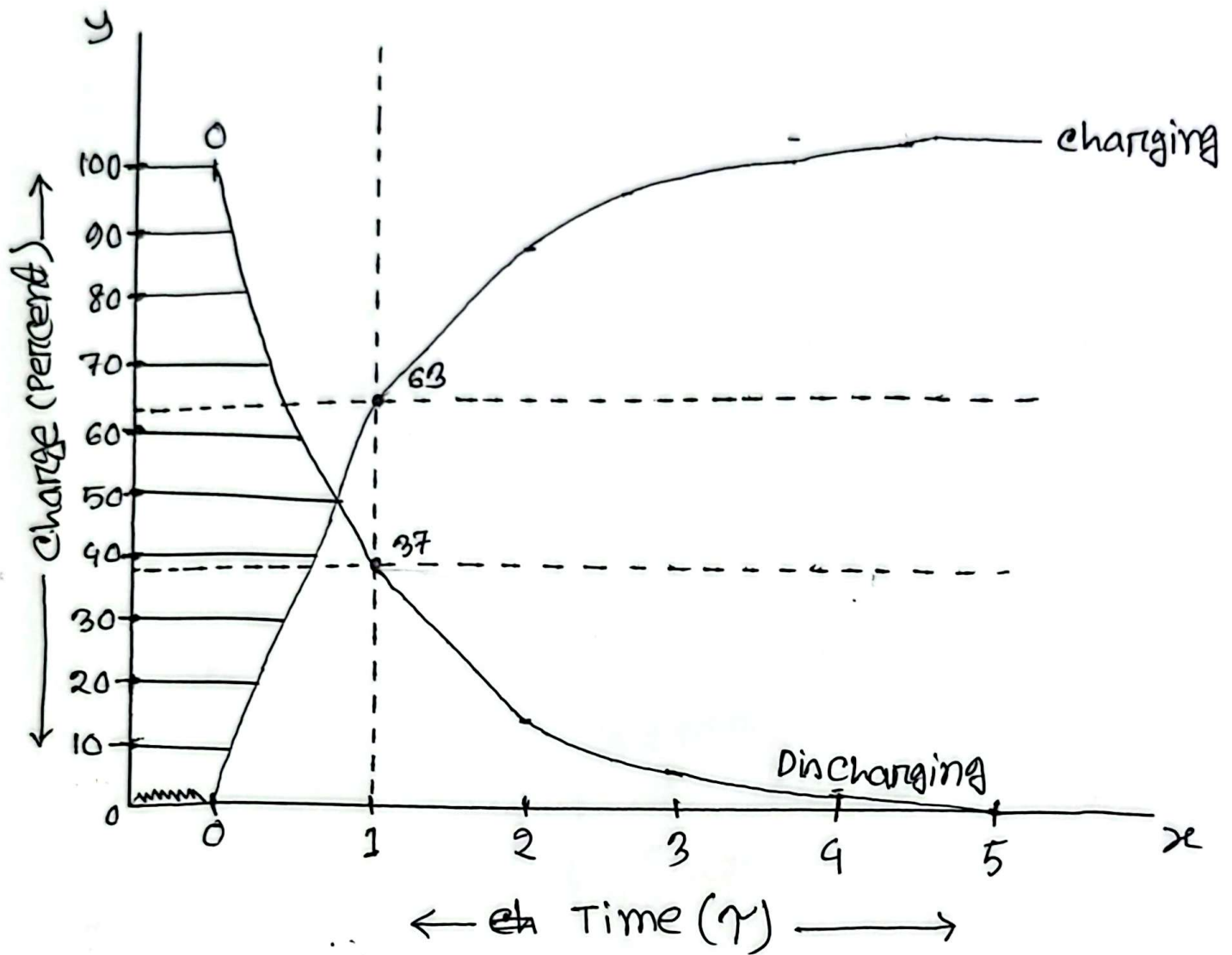
$$\approx Q_{\max} \times 0.63$$

A discharging capacitor also loses charge gradually. After 1 time constant (τ), about 37% of the original charge remains, which means it has discharged about 63%.

$$Q = Q_{\text{initial}} \times e^{-1}$$

$$\approx Q_{\text{initial}} \times 0.37$$

Graph:



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The x axis is time and y axis is charge.

The curve starts at 0 and rises towards 100%. (Max charge). At 1τ , the charge is 63%.

The curve starts at 100 and drops down. At 1τ , only 37% charge remains.

Q2: How would you design a smart energy management system for a commercial building using appropriate microcontrollers, sensors and actuators to monitor and optimize energy consumption? The system should track occupancy, lighting, HVAC (Heating, ventilation and Air conditioning) usage and power loads from various appliances, automatically adjusting based on occupancy and time of the day. It should also trigger alerts, when energy usage exceeds certain limits or when equipment failures are detected. Develop a schematic of the system and provide a comprehensive list of required components.

Ans.:

According to the scenario, we can divide the system in 4 parts.

Brain: central microcontroller coordinating task and logic.

Sensors: Detect occupancy, light levels, temperature and appliance status.

Actuators: switch or modulate lights, HVAC.

Alerts: Dashboard + Notification for threshold.

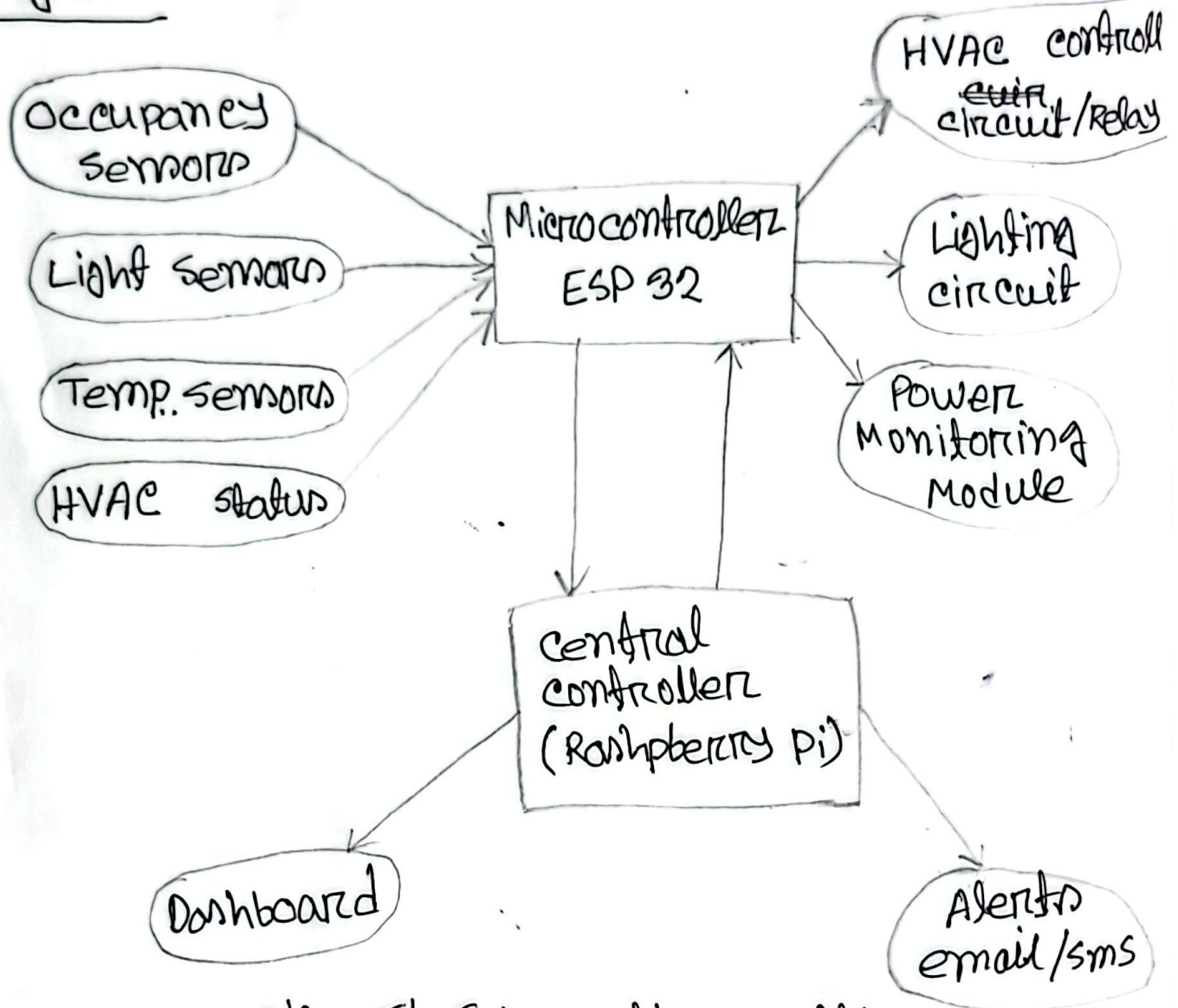
Diagram :

Fig: Sh Schematic outline

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For Data aggregation, ~~we can~~ UI, scheduling, analytic we can use Raspberry PI.

For WIFI communication and sensor interfacing we can use ESP 32 (Microcontroller).

For motion detection in rooms and hall ways we can use PIR sensor.

For detected ambient light we can use LDR.
For switch lighting circuits we can use SSR.

For HVAC power control we can use relay+SSR.
For measure zones we can use Temperature sensors.

For power monitoring clamp-on CT sensors can measure current of major loads.

ADC modules can read CT outputs.

Energy-monitoring board will also help.

For communication and Hub ESP32 and Pi will connect wifi network and MQTT broker can handle lightweight message.

For store data we can use SQLite and we can also integrate web UI for Dashboard.

For Notification SMTP + SMS API will help so send emails and text sms.

Buzzer and LED Panel will help for on site alerts.