

# PHYSICS PRACTICAL SHEETS

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Set:

DETERMINATION OF CAPACITANCE OF GIVEN CAPACITOR BY CHARGING AND DISCHARGING OF CAPACITOR

Apparatus Required:

- i) Capacitor
- ii) Resistor
- iii) Ammeter
- iv) Battery (DC source)

Theory:

If the key is closed in the circuit of fig. 1, the dc emf source will charge the capacitor through the resistance. Then charge in capacitor at any instance is given by

$$Q = Q_0 (1 - e^{-t/RC}) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

where,  $Q_0$  = maximum charge stored in capacitor

$R$  = resistance

$C$  = capacitance

Then, differentiating (i), charging current is obtained as,

$$I = I_0 e^{-t/RC} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Now, if source is disconnected and points A and B are connected, the capacitor will discharge through the resistor. Then charge in the capacitor at any instance during discharge is given as,

$$Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

and discharging current is given by

$$I = I_0 e^{-t/RC} \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

Note: Discharging current is in opposite direction than charging current.

Here, if a graph is drawn bet<sup>n</sup> 'I' versus 't' for (ii) & (iv), exponentially decaying curves obtained. Then taking logarithm of eq<sup>n</sup> (ii) and (iv)

$$\ln I = \ln I_0 - \frac{t}{RC} \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

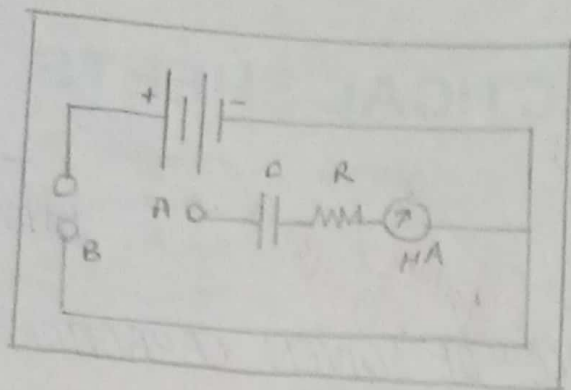
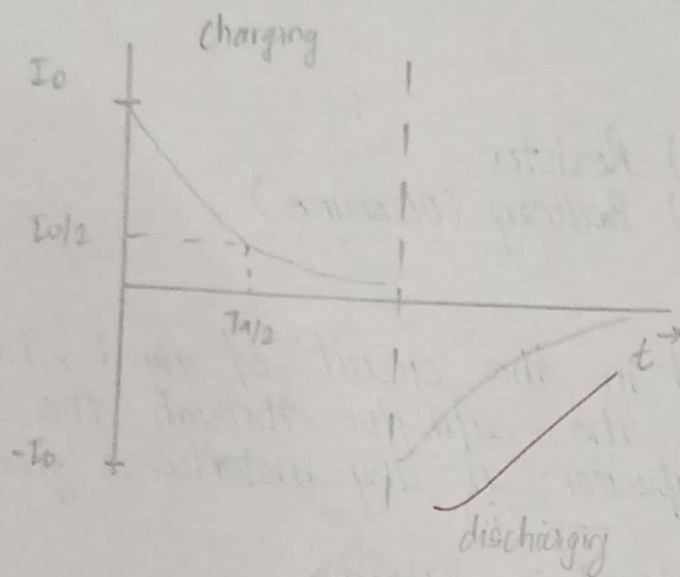
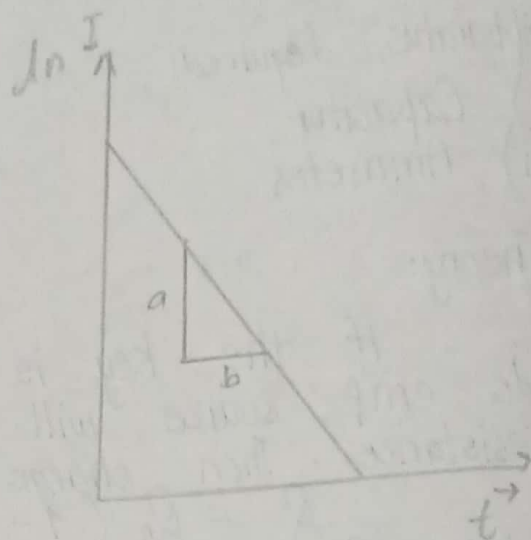


Fig: 1



Graph 1



Graph 2



If a graph is plotted between ' $\ln I$ ' and ' $t$ ', a straight line with slope  $-1/RC$  is obtained.

If a point where  $I = I_0/2$  is considered, eq<sup>n</sup>(5) becomes

$$\ln \frac{I}{2} = \frac{T_{1/2}}{RC} \quad \text{or, } C = \frac{T_{1/2}}{R \cdot \ln 2} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Similarly, if slope of the straight line in graph 2,

$$m = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{1}{RC}.$$

$$\text{or, } C = \frac{1}{R \cdot m} \quad \text{--- (7)}.$$

Observations:

10 division of microammeter = 0.5 mA

1 division of microammeter = 0.05 mA = 50  $\mu$ A

→ for  $R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega = 10000 \Omega$

Charging

Discharging

No. of obs	Time (s)	Current ( $\mu$ A)	$\ln I$	No. of obs	Time (s)	Current ( $\mu$ A)	$\ln I$
1	0	800	6.68	14	50.74	100	4.60
2	3.41	700	6.65	15	68.40	50	3.91
3	5.55	600	6.47	16	124.77	0	
4	6.09	600	6.39				
5	8.46	550	6.30				
6	11.24	500	6.21				
7	13.35	450	6.10				
8	15.75	400	5.99				
9	18.96	350	5.86				
10	23.59	300	5.70				
11	27.97	250	5.52				
12	32.90	200	5.29				
13	40.16	150	5.09				

Discharging:

No. of obs	Time (s)	Current ( $\mu A$ )	$\ln I$	No. of obs	Time (s)	Current ( $\mu A$ )	$\ln I$
1	0	800	6.68	9	20.27	350	5.86
2	4.09	700	6.55	10	23.86	300	5.70
3	6.12	650	6.47	11	27.49	250	5.52
4	8.31	600	6.39	12	33.52	200	5.29
5	10.52	550	6.30	13	40.96	150	5.01
6	12.24	500	6.21	14	48.87	100	4.60
7	14.62	450	6.10	15	68.59	50	3.91
8	16.06	400	5.99	16	146.58	0	

For  $R = 15 k\Omega = 15000 \Omega$

Charging

No. of obs	Time (s)	Current ( $\mu A$ )	$\ln I$
1	0	525	6.26
2	7.15	450	6.10
3	11.27	400	5.99
4	14.49	350	5.86
5	20.43	300	5.70
6	26.98	250	5.52
7	32.65	200	5.29
8	42.96	150	5.01
9	57.98	100	4.60
10	82.64	50	3.91
11	143.71	0	

Discharging

No. of obs	Time (s)	Current ( $\mu A$ )	$\ln I$
1	0	525	6.26
2	7.62	450	6.10
3	11.59	400	5.99
4	15.74	350	5.86
5	20.75	300	5.70
6	26.34	250	5.52
7	34.32	200	5.29
8	45.55	150	5.01
9	59.87	100	4.60
10	67.28	50	3.91
11	193.27	0	

Calculations:

For  $10 k\Omega$ ,



for  $10\text{ k}\Omega$ , the value of capacitance from

Eq<sup>n</sup> (6) is

$$C = \frac{1}{R_m} = \frac{1}{10 \times 10^3 \times 1.8/40} = 2220 \mu\text{F}$$

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$$C = \frac{T_{1/2}}{R \cdot \ln 2} = \frac{15}{10 \times 10^3 \times \ln 2} = 2170 \mu\text{F}$$

for  $15\text{ k}\Omega$ , the value of capacitance from.

Eq<sup>n</sup> (7) is

$$C = \frac{1}{R_m} = \frac{1}{15 \times 10^3 \times 1.6/56} = 2330 \mu\text{F}$$

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$$C = \frac{T_{1/2}}{R \cdot \ln 2} = \frac{24}{15 \times 10^3 \times \ln 2} = 2320 \mu\text{F}$$

Result:

The value of mean capacitance is found to be  $2260 \mu\text{F}$ .

% Error

Standard value of capacitance =  $2220 \mu\text{F}$

Obtained value of capacitance =  $2260 \mu\text{F}$

$$\therefore \% \text{ Error} = \left| \frac{2260 - 2220}{2220} \right| \times 100\% = 1.8\%$$

Conclusion:

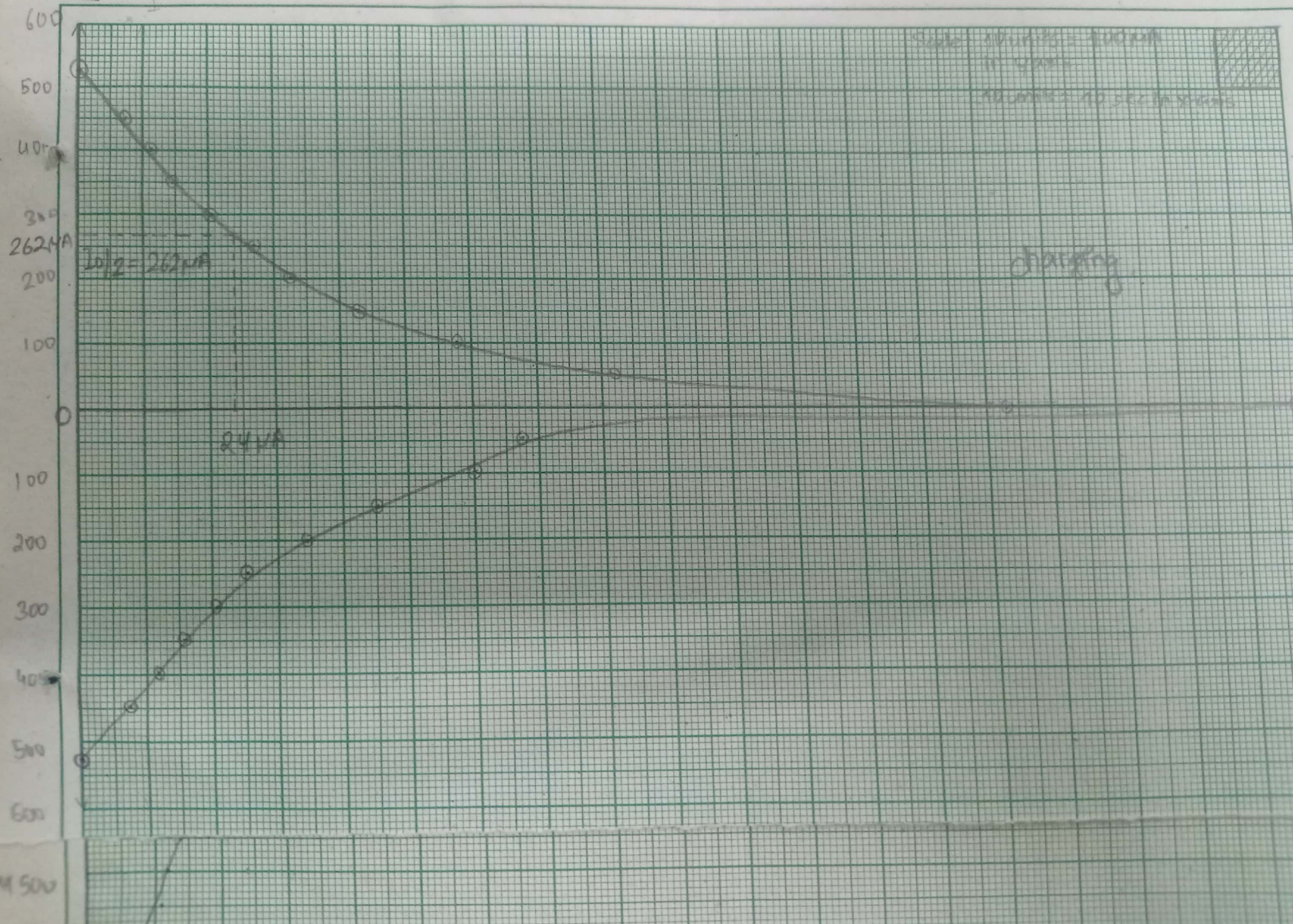
The capacitance of capacitor was obtained with an error of  $1.8\%$ .



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For  $15\text{ k}\Omega$

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For 45 L<sub>2</sub>R<sub>1</sub>

Scale 10 units = 1 in 1 in

Y-axis

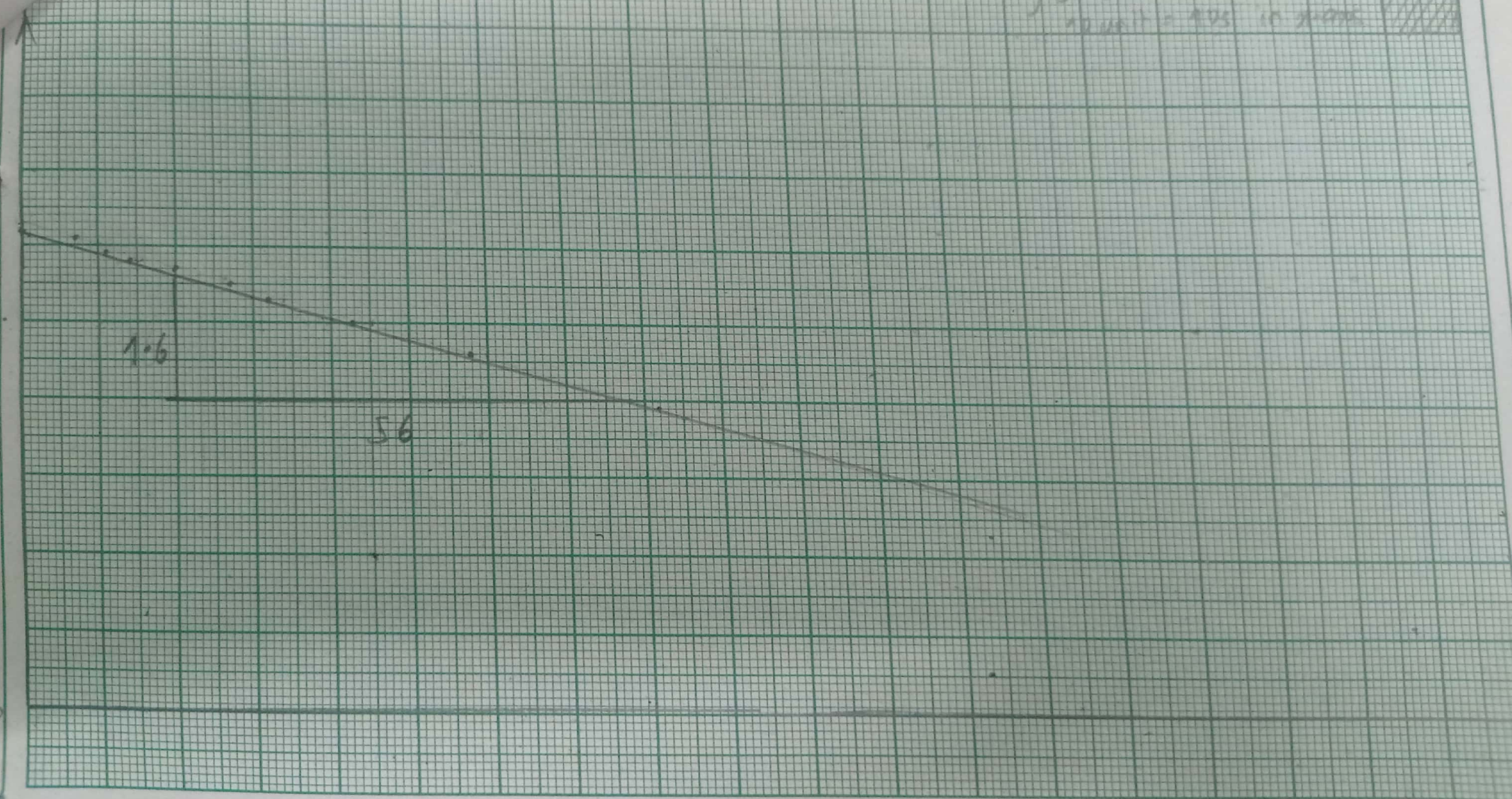
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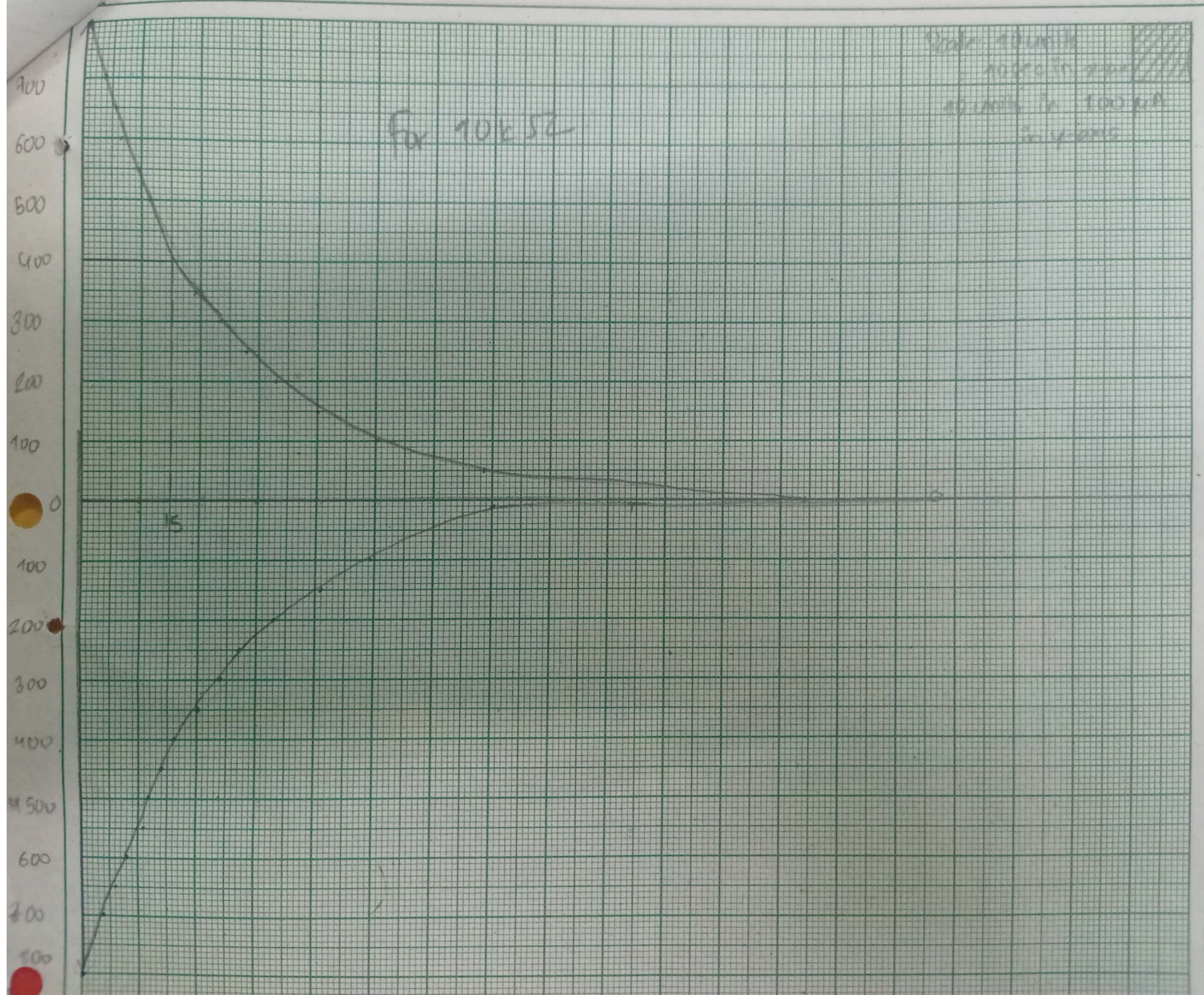
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For  $10k\Omega$

Scale: 10 units in 1 on  
x-axis  
10 sec on y-axis

