Physics 158 Written Homework 1

Problem 1

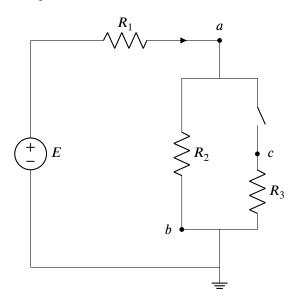
Difficulty: ★☆☆
If the switch is open,

a) Find all currents and potentials at the labelled points.

If the switch is then closed,

b) Find all currents and potentials at the labelled points.

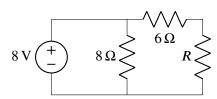
$$E=12\,{\rm V},\,R_1=7\,\Omega,\,R_2=4\,\Omega,\,R_3=10\,\Omega$$



Problem 2

Difficulty: ★☆☆

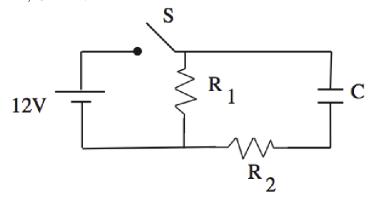
If the total power dissipated in the circuit is 15W, what is the value of R?



Problem 3

Difficulty: ★★☆

In the circuit shown below the switch has been open for a long time and there is no charge on the capacitor. Take $R_1 = 2\Omega$, $R_2 = 4\Omega$, C = 2 F.

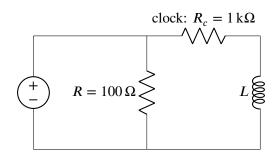


- a) The switch S is now closed. Find all currents just after the switch is closed.
- b) Find all currents after the switch has been closed for a very long time.
- c) After the switch has been closed for a very long time it is reopened. Calculate the current through R_2 as a function of time.

Problem 4

Difficulty: ★★☆

Using their newfound knowledge of LR circuits, a Phys 158 student came up with a clever idea for a prank. They want to design an alarm clock that will continue to ring for 10 seconds after the battery is removed. The alarm clock can be thought of as a $1\,\mathrm{k}\Omega$ resistor which requires at least 1 Watt to operate. They designed the following circuit to achieve this.

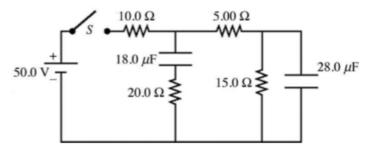


- a) What value should the battery be such that the power supplied to the alarm clock does not exceed 3 Watts?
- b) What value of inductor should they use so that the alarm clock remains on for 10 seconds after the battery is disconnected?

Problem 5

Difficulty: ★★☆

The circuit shown below initially has no charge on the capacitors and the switch S is originally open.

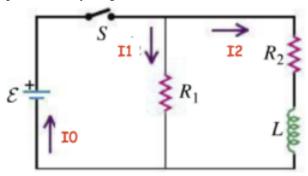


- a) Just after closing the switch S, find all the currents.
- b) After the switch has been closed for a very long time, find all the currents.
- c) After the switch S has been closed for a very long time, find the potential difference across the $28.0 \,\mu\text{F}$ capacitor.

Problem 6

Difficulty: ★★☆

The circuit below has been open for a very long time and then the switch is closed at t = 0.



- a) Find all of the currents at $t = 0^+$.
- b) Find all of the currents after a very long time.
- c) Find all of the currents as a function of time