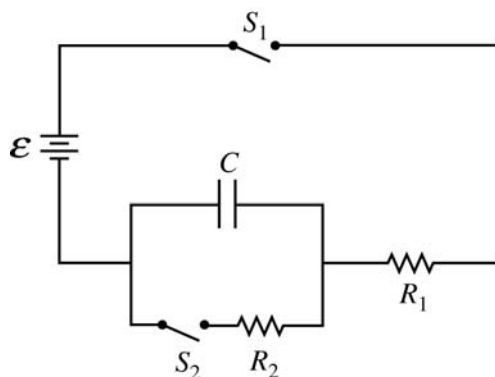


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E&M 2.

The circuit above contains a capacitor of capacitance  $C$ , a power supply of emf  $\mathcal{E}$ , two resistors of resistances  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , and two switches,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . Initially, the capacitor is uncharged and both switches are open. Switch  $S_1$  then gets closed at time  $t = 0$ .

- Write a differential equation that can be solved to obtain the charge on the capacitor as a function of time  $t$ .
- Solve the differential equation in part (a) to determine the charge on the capacitor as a function of time  $t$ .

Numerical values for the components are given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E} &= 12 \text{ V} \\ C &= 0.060 \text{ F} \\ R_1 &= R_2 = 4700 \, \Omega\end{aligned}$$

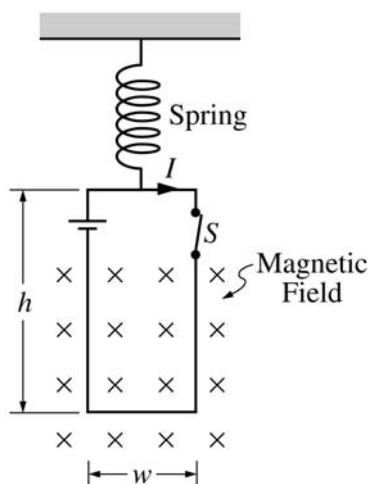
- Determine the time at which the capacitor has a voltage 4.0 V across it.

After switch  $S_1$  has been closed for a long time, switch  $S_2$  gets closed at a new time  $t = 0$ .

- On the axes below, sketch graphs of the current  $I_1$  in  $R_1$  versus time and of the current  $I_2$  in  $R_2$  versus time, beginning when switch  $S_2$  is closed at new time  $t = 0$ . Clearly label which graph is  $I_1$  and which is  $I_2$ .



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E&M 3.

A loop of wire of width  $w$  and height  $h$  contains a switch and a battery and is connected to a spring of force constant  $k$ , as shown above. The loop carries a current  $I$  in a clockwise direction, and its bottom is in a constant, uniform magnetic field directed into the plane of the page.

- (a) On the diagram of the loop below, indicate the directions of the magnetic forces, if any, that act on each side of the loop.



- (b) The switch  $S$  is opened, and the loop eventually comes to rest at a new equilibrium position that is a distance  $x$  from its former position. Derive an expression for the magnitude  $B_0$  of the uniform magnetic field in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.

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**Question 2**

**15 points total**

**Distribution  
of points**

(a) 4 points

From Kirchhoff's loop rule, the sum of the potential differences around the circuit is zero.

For any statement of the loop rule

1 point

$$\mathcal{E} - V_R - V_C = 0$$

For correct substitution of the potential differences across both resistor and capacitor

1 point

$$\mathcal{E} - iR_1 - \frac{q}{C} = 0$$

For substituting the differential definition of current

1 point

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

For a correct answer including correct signs (a correct answer with no supporting work was awarded full credit)

1 point

$$\mathcal{E} - R_1 \frac{dq}{dt} - \frac{q}{C} = 0$$

*Alternate solution*

*Alternate points*

*For a correct exponential expression for current as a function of time*

*1 point*

$$I = I_0 e^{-t/R_1 C}$$

*For applying Ohm's law to determine the initial current*

*1 point*

$$I_0 = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R_1}$$

*For substituting the differential definition of current*

*1 point*

$$I = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

*For a correct answer (a correct answer with no supporting work was awarded full credit)*

*1 point*

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R_1} e^{-t/R_1 C}$$

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**Question 2 (continued)**

**Distribution  
of points**

(b) 3 points

Using the differential equation from part (a)

$$\mathcal{E} - \frac{dq}{dt}R_1 - \frac{q}{C} = 0$$

For separating the variables of the differential equation

1 point

$$\frac{dq}{\mathcal{E}C - q} = \frac{dt}{R_1C}$$

$$\int_0^q \frac{dq}{q - \mathcal{E}C} = \int_0^t -\frac{dt}{R_1C}$$

For integrating the expression

1 point

$$\ln(q - \mathcal{E}C)|_0^q = -\frac{t}{R_1C} \Big|_0^t$$

$$\ln(q - \mathcal{E}C) - \ln(-\mathcal{E}C) = \ln \frac{q - \mathcal{E}C}{-\mathcal{E}C} = -\frac{1}{R_1C}(t - 0)$$

$$\frac{q - \mathcal{E}C}{-\mathcal{E}C} = e^{-t/R_1C}$$

$$q - \mathcal{E}C = -\mathcal{E}C e^{-t/R_1C}$$

For a correct answer (a correct answer without supporting work in parts (a) or (b) was awarded 1 point)

1 point

$$q = \mathcal{E}C(1 - e^{-t/R_1C})$$

*Alternate solution*

*Alternate points*

*Using the differential equation from part (a) (alternate)*

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R_1} e^{-t/R_1C}$$

*For separating the variables of the differential equation*

*1 point*

$$dq = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R_1} e^{-t/R_1C} dt$$

$$\int_0^q dq = \int_0^t \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R_1} e^{-t/R_1C} dt$$

*For integrating the expression*

*1 point*

$$q|_0^q = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R_1} (-R_1C e^{-t/R_1C}) \Big|_0^t$$

$$q = -R_1C \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R_1} e^{-t/R_1C} - \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R_1} \right)$$

*For a correct answer (a correct answer without supporting work in parts (a) or (b) was awarded 1 point)*

*1 point*

$$q = \mathcal{E}C(1 - e^{-t/R_1C})$$