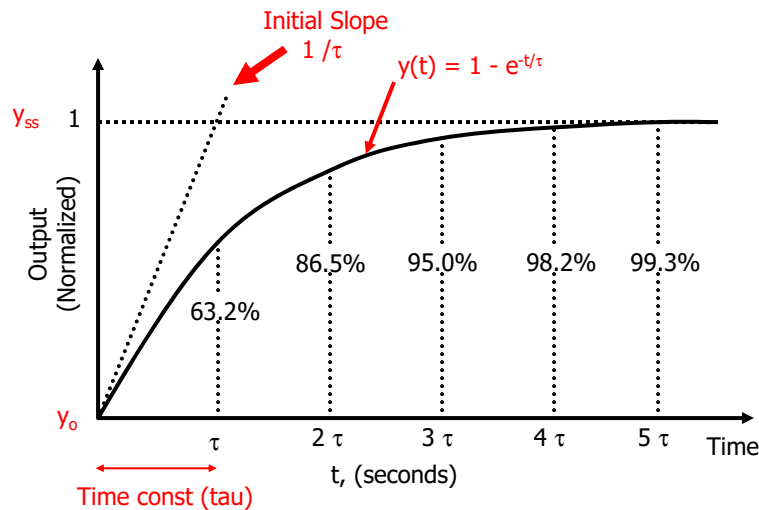


3.3 Normalized First Order Step Response

Response of system to a step input



Non-normalized: $y(t) = y_{ss} + (y_0 - y_{ss})e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$

3.3 RC Circuit Model Specifics

i.e., step input of 10 volts at time = 0

- If we closed a switch at $t = 0$ with $V_{in} = 10$ volts and $R = 1k\Omega$, $C = 1mF$

➤ Draw plot of V_{in} and V_c with respect to time from -1 sec to 10 sec

○ x axis: time

○ y axis: voltage

$$V_{in} - V_R - V_C = 0$$

$$V_R = R I$$

$$I = C \frac{dV_C}{dt}$$

$$RC \frac{dV_C}{dt} + V_C = V_{in}$$

$$V_C(t) = 10(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

General Parameters:

τ dc/dt + c = Unit step input

Output = $c(t) = 1 - e^{-t/\tau}$

Time Constant = $\tau = RC$

➤ Time constant $\tau = 1$ second ($R \cdot C = 1$)

➤ $V_0 = 0$ volts, $V_{ss} = 10$ volts

➤ At $t = 1$ sec, $V_c = 6.3$ volts; $t = 3$ sec, $V_c = 9.5$ volts, etc.

