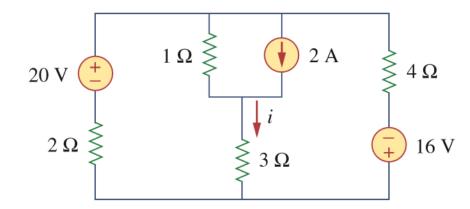
#### **Weeks 1-4 Revision**

#### Basis methods for circuit analysis

- Ohm's Law
- Voltage/Current Division Laws
- Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL)
- Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL)
- Nodal Analysis
- Mesh Analysis
- Superposition
- Source Transformation
- Thévenin's Theorem
- Norton's Theorem
- Maximum Power Transfer





### Indicative Course Structure

Wk. No	Summary of Lecture Program
1	Introduction, Circuit Basics Overview + Lab Safety.
2	Kirchhoff's laws - Resistive circuits, Series & Parallel circuits, Power & Energy
3	Node Equations & Circuit analysis
4	Circuit theorems – Thévenin, Norton, Superposition Theorems, MPT
5	Energy storage elements - inductors and capacitors, energy storage
6	First order circuits – RL & RC circuits, transient responses
7	Introduction to AC/sinusoidal analysis, phasors & phasor diagrams
8	Sinusoidal steady-state analysis, AC circuit analysis, AC power analysis
9	Transformers and voltage shaping circuits
10	Operational amplifiers
11	Digital systems, number representation
12	Combination logic, digital circuit analysis

#### **Weeks 5-12 Contents**

#### Other electrical/electronic elements

- Capacitor
- Inductor
- OpAmp
- Transformers

# $20 \text{ V} \qquad 1 \Omega \qquad 2 \text{ A} \qquad 4 \Omega$ $2 \Omega \qquad 3 \Omega \qquad 16 \text{ V}$

#### AC signals (sinusoid signal)

- Phasor
- AC Power

#### Combination logic, digital circuit analysis

The basic laws & analysis methods in weeks 1-4 can be applied in all electrical circuits and will be used in the rest of semester





## Lecture 7: Capacitors and RC Transients

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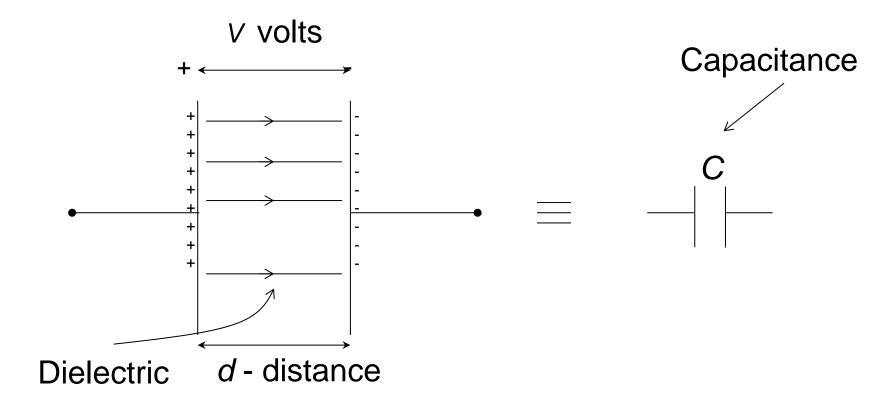
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#### **Capacitors**

Capacitor: Constructed using two parallel conducting plates separated by an insulating material (e.g. air)



 <u>Capacitance</u> is a measure of capacitor's ability to store charge on its plates. (i.e. its storage capacity)



- A capacitor has a capacitance of 1 farad if 1 coulomb of charge is deposited on the plates by a potential difference of 1 volt across the plates.
- Expressed as an equation, the capacitance is determined by

$$C = \text{farads (F)}$$
 $C = \frac{Q}{V}$ 
 $Q = \text{coulombs (C)}$ 
 $V = \text{volts (V)}$ 

Note: 
$$C = 4 F$$

$$C = 6 \mu F \text{ (microfarad)} = 6 \times 10^{-6} F$$

$$C = 2 \text{ nF (nano farad)} = 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ F}$$

$$C = 3 \text{ pF (pico farad)} = 3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$



$$E = \frac{V}{d}$$
 Potential difference distance between the plates (volts/metres)

$$C=\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{A}$$
 area of the plates 
$$\uparrow d \leftarrow \text{distance between the plates})$$
 dielectric constant or relative permittivity

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r$$

permittivity for vacuum [8.85 x 10<sup>-12</sup> F/m]

 $\varepsilon_r = 1$  for vacuum

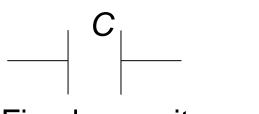
= 7 for glass

= 2 for nylon

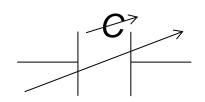


Breakdown Voltage: The maximum voltage that can be applied across a capacitor is known as the breakdown voltage.

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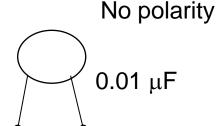


Fixed capacitor



Variable capacitor

Standard values of capacitor: 10pF, ..., 0.01μF, 0.1μF, 0.22μF, 0.33μF, .....> 1μF, 2.2μF, 3.3μF, 4.7μF, .....

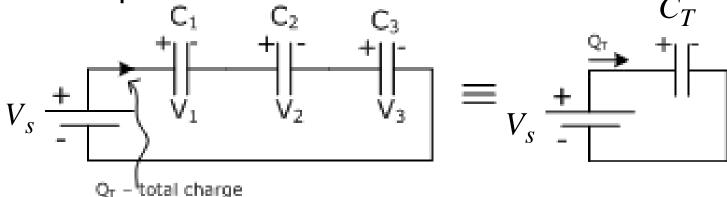


polarity is important  $0.01 \mu F$ 



#### **Capacitors in Series and Parallel**

- Capacitors, like resistors, can be placed in series and in parallel.
- Capacitors in Series: the charge is the same on each capacitor.



$$V_{S} = V_{1} + V_{2} + V_{3}$$

$$\frac{Q_{T}}{C_{T}} = \frac{Q_{T}}{C_{1}} + \frac{Q_{T}}{C_{2}} + \frac{Q_{T}}{C_{3}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$



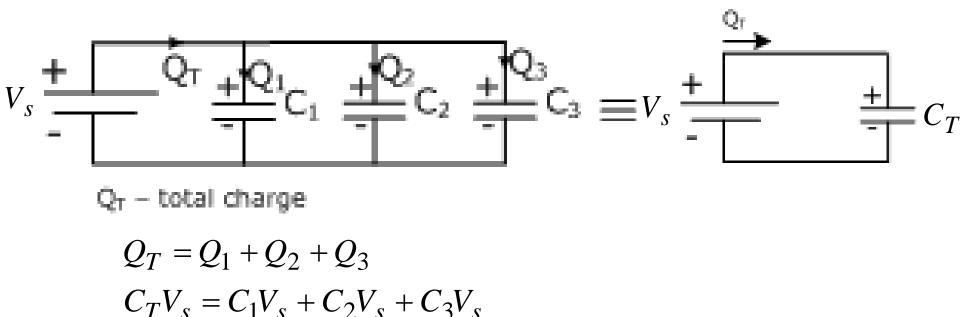
The total capacitance of two capacitors in series is

$$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}$$

$$\therefore C_T = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

#### **Capacitors in Parallel**

For capacitors in parallel, the voltage is the same across each capacitor, and the total charge is the sum of that on each capacitor.



$$\therefore C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$



For the circuit shown below,

(a) Find the total capacitance

 $=5.88 \mu F$ 

- (b) Determine the charge on each plate
- (c) Find the voltage across each capacitor

(a) 
$$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{20 \times 10^{-6}} + \frac{1}{50 \times 10^{-6}} + \frac{1}{10 \times 10^{-6}}$$

$$= 0.05 \times 10^6 + 0.02 \times 10^6 + 0.1 \times 10^6$$

$$\frac{1}{C_T} = 0.17 \times 10^6$$

$$\therefore C_T = \frac{1}{2.17 \times 10^6}$$



 $C_3=10\mu F$ 

(b) 
$$Q_T = C_T V_s = 5.88 \mu F \times 60 = 352.8 \mu C$$

$$V_{S} = 60V$$
 $C_{1} = 20\mu F$ 
 $C_{2} = 50\mu F$ 
 $C_{3} = 10\mu F$ 
 $C_{2} = 50\mu F$ 

(c) 
$$V_1 = \frac{Q_T}{C_1} = \frac{352.8 \times 10^{-6} C}{20 \times 10^{-6} F} = 17.64 V$$

$$V_2 = \frac{Q_T}{C_2} = \frac{352.8 \times 10^{-6} C}{50 \times 10^{-6} F} = 7.056 V$$

$$V_3 = \frac{Q_T}{C_2} = \frac{352.8 \times 10^{-6} C}{10 \times 10^{-6} F} = 35.28 V$$

and 
$$V_s = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$
  
= 60V



For the network shown below,

- (a) Find the total capacitance
- (b) Determine the charge on each plate
- (c) Find the total charge

$$V_s = 48V - \frac{1}{C_1} \frac{Q_1}{800\mu F} + \frac{Q_2}{C_2} \frac{1}{60\mu F} \frac{Q_3}{C_3} \frac{Q_3}{200\mu F}$$

(a) 
$$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$
  
=  $800 \mu F + 60 \mu F + 200 \mu F$   
=  $1060 \mu F$ 



$$V_s = 48V + Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$$
(b)
$$V_s = 48V - C_1 = 800 \mu F + C_2 = 60 \mu F + C_3 = 200 \mu F$$

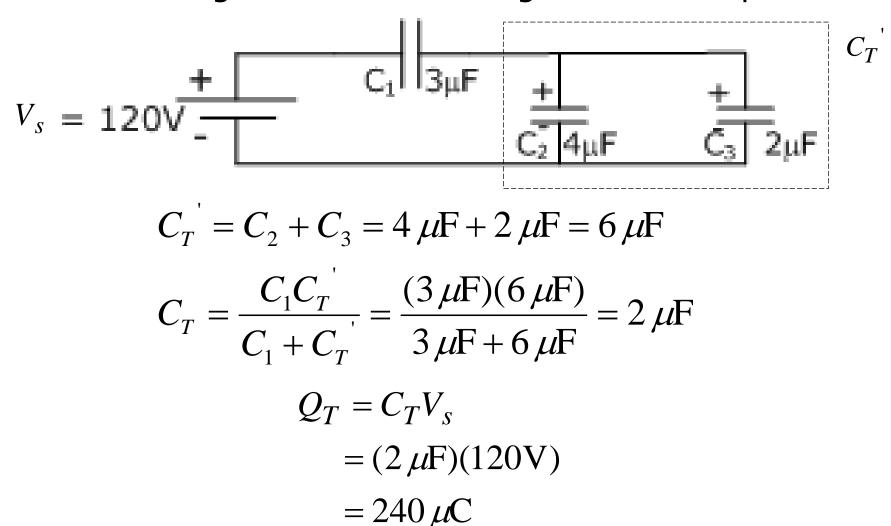
$$Q_1 = C_1 V_s = (800 \times 10^{-6} \ F)(48 \text{V}) = 38.4 \text{mC}$$
  
 $Q_2 = C_2 V_s = (60 \times 10^{-6} \ F)(48 \text{V}) = 2.88 \text{mC}$   
 $Q_3 = C_3 V_s = (200 \times 10^{-6} \ F)(48 \text{V}) = 9.6 \text{mC}$ 

(c) 
$$Q_T = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$$
  
=  $38.4 \text{ mC} + 2.88 \text{ mC} + 9.6 \text{ mC}$   
=  $50.88 \text{ mC}$ 



#### **Example**

Find the voltage across and charge on each capacitor.





$$V_{s} = 120V + V_{1} + V_{1} + C_{T}' = 6\mu F V_{T}' + C_{2} + V_{2} + C_{3} + V_{3}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{Q_T}{C_1} = \frac{240 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}}{3 \times 10^{-6} \text{F}} = 80 \text{V}$$

$$V_T' = \frac{Q_T}{C_T'} = \frac{240 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}} = 40 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore Q_2 = C_2 V_2 = C_2 V_T = (4 \times 10^{-6} \,\mathrm{F})(40 \,\mathrm{V}) = 160 \,\mu\mathrm{C}$$

$$Q_3 = C_3 V_3 = C_3 V_T = (2 \times 10^{-6} \,\mathrm{F})(40 \,\mathrm{V}) = 80 \,\mu\mathrm{C}$$



#### **Energy stored by a capacitor**

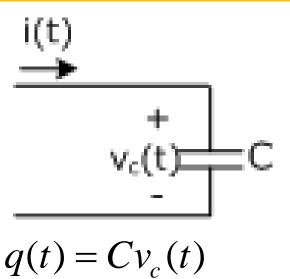
- An ideal capacitor stores the energy in the form of an electric field between the capacitor plates.
- Energy stored

$$W_c = \frac{1}{2}CV^2 \quad \text{Joules}$$
$$= \frac{Q^2}{2C} \quad \text{(J)}$$

✓ V is the steady-state voltage across the capacitor.



#### Instantaneous current, voltage, charge on a capacitor



$$i(t)$$
 – instantaneous current

$$v_c(t)$$
 – instantaneous voltage across the capacitor

$$\frac{dq(t)}{dt} = C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt}$$

q(t) – instantaneous charge on the capacitor

$$i(t) = C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt}$$

$$i(t) = C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} \implies v_c(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(t)dt$$

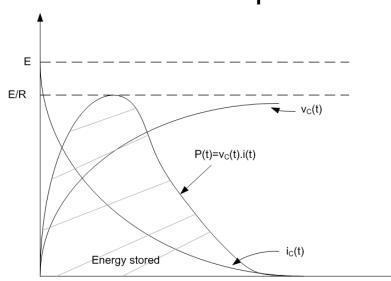


Instantaneous power delivered to the capacitor

$$p(t) = v_c(t)i(t)$$

$$= v_c(t)C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt}$$

$$= Cv_c(t) \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt}$$



The energy stored in the capacitor

$$w_c(t) = \int_0^t p(t)dt$$

$$= \int_0^t v_c(t)C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt}dt$$

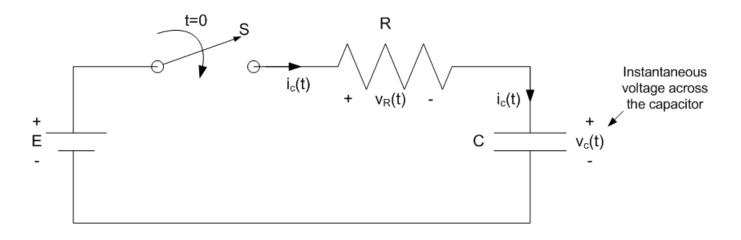
$$w_c(t) = C \int_0^t v_c(t)dv_c(t)$$

$$w_c(t) = \frac{1}{2}Cv^2(t)$$

Reference(s): Introductory Circuit Analysis – Boylestad, Prentice Hall, 2000



RC circuit: Charging Phase



when the switch **s** is closed at t = 0,  $i_c(t)$  is the changing current, t is time

$$i_c(t) = C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} \qquad = RC \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} + v_c(t) \qquad \therefore \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{RC} v_c(t) = \frac{E}{RC}$$



RC circuit: Charging Phase

$$\frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{RC} [E - v_c(t)]$$

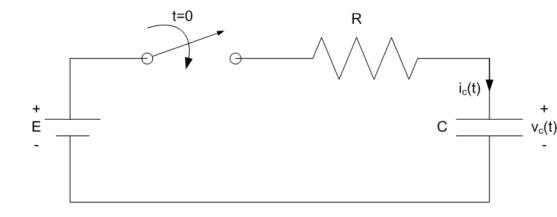
$$\therefore \int_0^t \frac{dv_c(t)}{E - v_c(t)} = \frac{1}{RC} \int_0^t dt$$

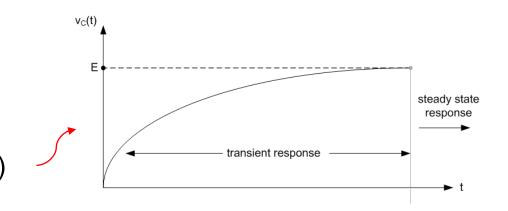
$$\therefore \frac{t}{RC} = -\left[\ln(E - v_c(t))\right]_0^t$$

$$-\frac{t}{RC} = \ln\left[\frac{E - v_c(t)}{E}\right]$$

$$\frac{E - v_c(t)}{E} = e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$v_C(t) = E\left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}\right) \tag{1}$$





RC circuit: Charging Phase

$$v_C(t) = E\left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}\right)$$

$$i_{c}(t) = C \frac{dv_{c}(t)}{dt}$$

$$= C \cdot E \left[ 0 - \left( -\frac{1}{RC} \right) \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right]$$

$$i_c(t) = \frac{E}{R}e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \tag{2}$$

$$v_R(t) = i_c(t)R$$

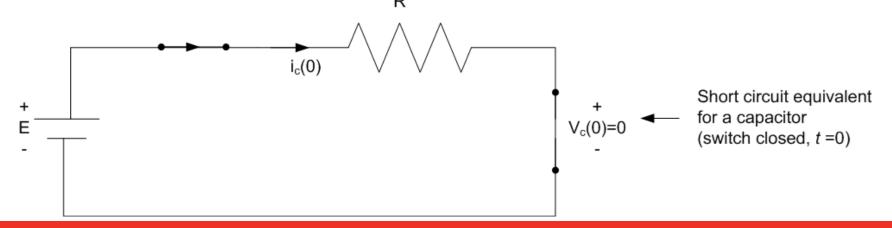
$$= Ee^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$
(3)



RC circuit: Charging Phase

#### Current $i_c(t)$

- ✓ When the switch is closed at t = 0 sec, the current jumps to a value limited by the resistance of the RC circuit and then decays to zero as the capacitor is charged.
- ✓ At the instant the switch is closed, the capacitor behaves as a short circuit



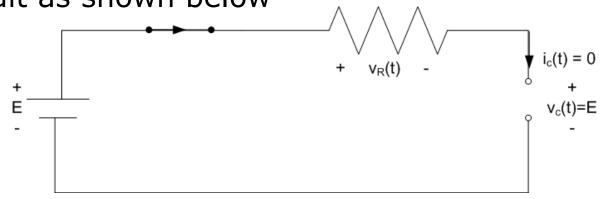


RC circuit: Charging Phase

#### Voltage $v_c(t)$

✓ When the switch is closed at t = 0, the voltage across the capacitor is zero [assuming no initial charge on the plates of the capacitor]. As the current  $i_c(t)$  decreases, the voltage  $v_c(t)$  increases. Eventually the current  $i_c(t)$  will be zero and the voltage  $v_c(t)$  will be E.

✓ At this point, a capacitor can be replaced by an open circuit as shown below



[as  $t \to \infty$ ]



✓ The factor RC in the following capacitor charging phase equations

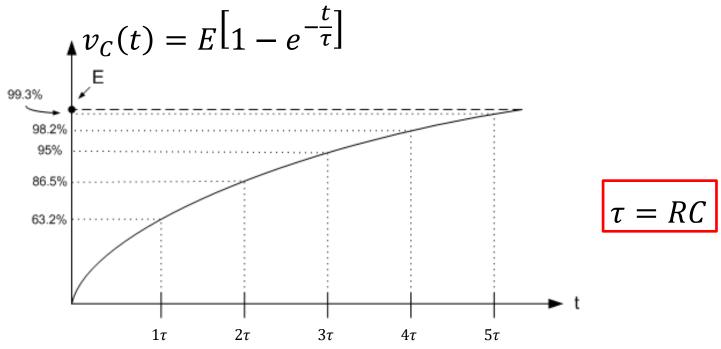
$$\begin{bmatrix} V_C(t) = E \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right] \\ i_C(t) = \frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \end{bmatrix}$$

is called the **time constant**. Its symbol is  $\tau$  (tau) and its unit of measure is seconds.

$$\tau = RC \text{ seconds}$$

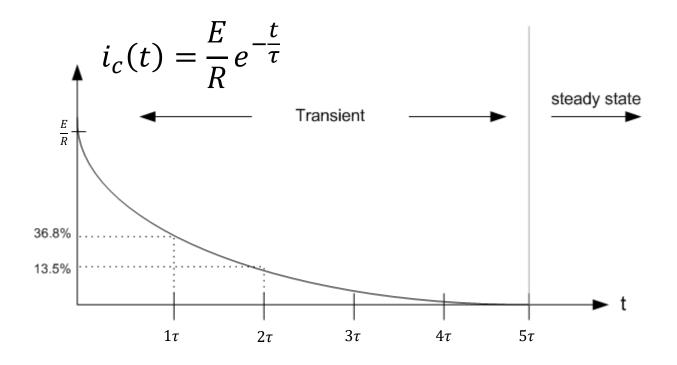
$$\vdots \begin{bmatrix} V_C(t) = E \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right] \\ i_C(t) = \frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \end{bmatrix}$$





The voltage across a capacitor cannot change instantaneously. The voltage across the capacitor is approximately equal to the supply voltage after five time constants,  $5\tau$ , of the charging phase have passed.

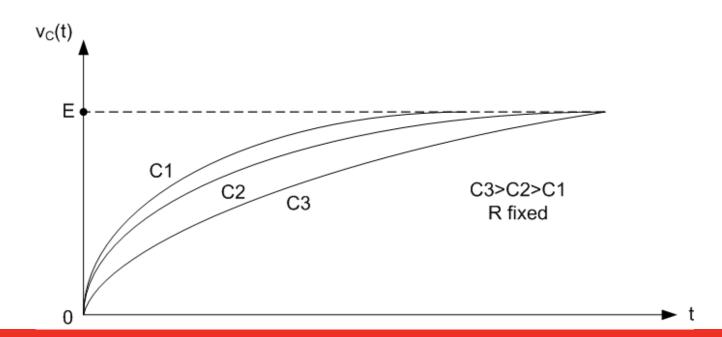




The current  $i_c(t)$  of a capacitive network is approximately zero after five time constants of the charging phase have passed in a DC circuit.



- ✓ The capacitance of a DC (assuming R is fixed) circuit is also a measure of how quickly the capacitor could be charged.
- ✓ The larger the capacitance, the larger the time constant, and longer it takes to charge up to its fixed value

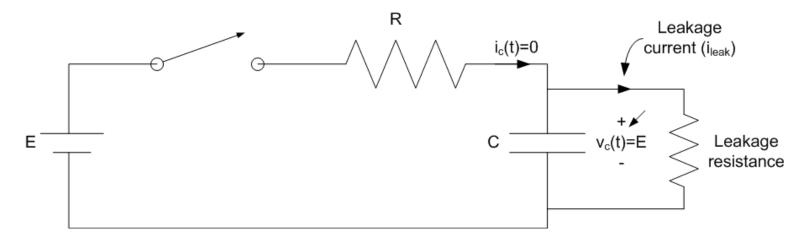




- ✓ A smaller capacitance would permit the voltage to build up more quickly since the time constant is smaller
- ✓ Once the voltage across the capacitor has reached the input voltage E, the capacitor is fully charged



✓ If the switch is opened (after fully charging the capacitor) see figure below

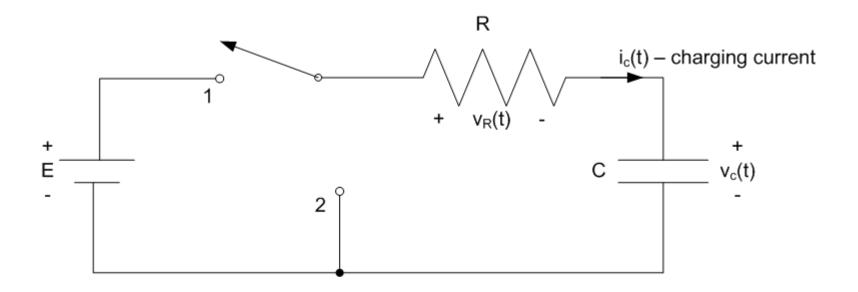


- ✓ The capacitance will retain its charge for a period of time determined by its leakage current.
- ✓ For capacitors such as the mica and ceramic, the leakage current is very small, enabling the capacitor to retain its charge for a long time.

- ✓ For electrolytic capacitors, which have a very high leakage currents, the capacitor will discharge more rapidly
- ✓ Note: a charged capacitor should be completely discharged by a lead (connecting both terminals) before they are handled



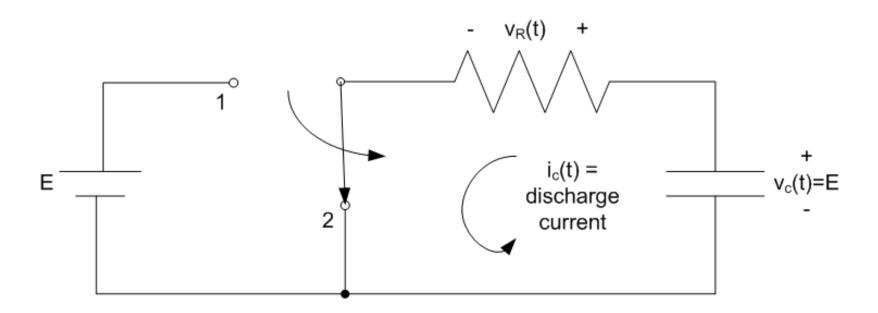
✓ The circuit below is designed to both charge and discharge the capacitor



When the switch is placed in position 1, the capacitor will charge toward the supply voltage.



If the capacitor is charged to the full battery voltage and then the switch is moved to position 2, the capacitor will begin to discharge at a rate sensitive to the same time constant,  $\tau = RC$ .



Discharging behaviour of a capacitor circuit



### **RC circuit: Discharge Phase**

### The voltage

$$v_{c}(t) = v_{R}(t)$$

$$v_{c}(t) = i_{R}(t) \cdot R$$

$$v_{c}(t) = R \left\{ -C \frac{dv_{c}(t)}{dt} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-1}{RC} \int_{0}^{t} dt = \int_{0}^{t} \frac{dv_{c}(t)}{v_{c}(t)}$$

$$\frac{-t}{RC} = [\ln v_{c}(t)]_{0}^{t} \leftarrow v_{c}(t) = E$$

$$\frac{-t}{RC} = \ln \frac{v_{c}(t)}{E}$$

$$\therefore v_{c}(t) = E e^{\frac{-t}{RC}}$$

$$v_c(t) = E e^{\frac{-t}{RC}}$$

$$i_c(t) = -C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt}$$
$$= -C \cdot \left(\frac{-E}{RC}\right) e^{\frac{-t}{RC}}$$

$$i_c(t) = \frac{E}{R} e^{\frac{-t}{RC}}$$

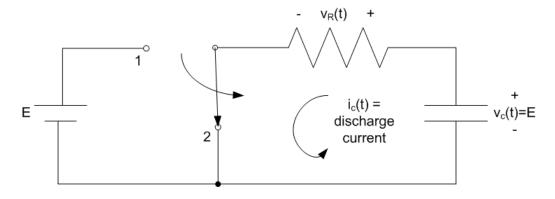
$$v_R(t) = v_C(t) = Ee^{\frac{-t}{RC}}$$

### **Charging current**

$$i_c(t) = C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt}$$

$$i_c(t) = -C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt}$$

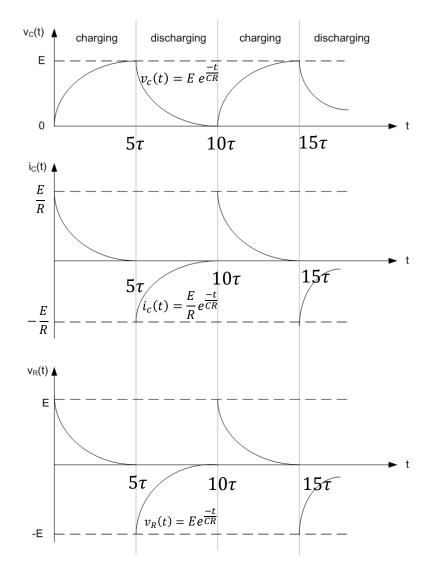
# discharging current

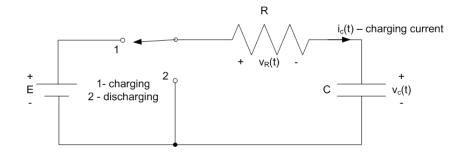


The complete discharge will occur for all practical purposes, in about five time constants.

### **RC circuit: Discharge Phase**

If the switch is moved to between terminals 1 and 2 every five time constants, sketch  $v_c(t)$ ,  $i_c(t)$ ,  $v_R(t)$ 





- ✓ Since the polarity of  $v_c(t)$  is the same for both the charging and discharging phases  $v_c(t)$  is always above the t-axis.
- ✓ The current  $i_c(t)$  reverse direction during the charging and discharging phase, producing a negative pulse for both the current and the voltage  $v_R(t)$

(a) Find the mathematical expressions for the transient behaviour of  $v_c(t)$ ,  $i_c(t)$ ,  $v_R(t)$  for the circuit below when the switch is moved to position 1. Plot the curves  $v_c(t)$ ,  $i_c(t)$ ,  $v_R(t)$ .

(a) Time constant  $(\tau) = RC$   $\begin{array}{c} & & & & \\ & \downarrow & & \\ & \downarrow & & \\ & & \downarrow & \\ &$ 

$$\tau = 8 \times 10^3 \times 4 \times 10^{-6} = 32 \text{ms}$$

$$v_c(t) = E\left[1 - e^{\frac{-t}{\tau}}\right] = 40 \left[1 - e^{\frac{-t}{(32 \times 10^{-3})}}\right]$$

$$i_c(t) = \frac{E}{R}e^{\frac{-t}{\tau}} = \frac{40}{8 \times 10^{-3}}e^{-\frac{t}{(32 \times 10^{-3})}}v_R(t) = Ee^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = 40e^{-\frac{t}{(32 \times 10^{-3})}}$$

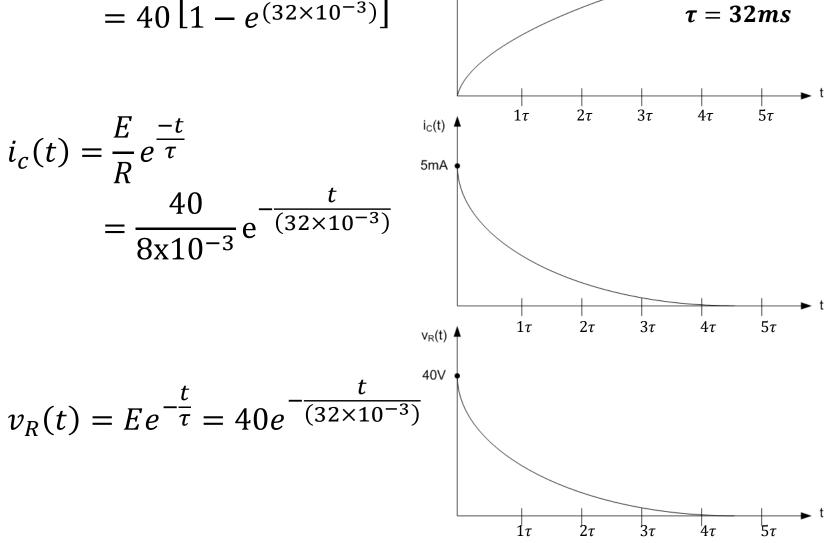


 $v_C(t)$ 

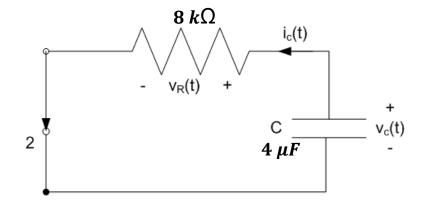
$$v_c(t) = E \left[ 1 - e^{\frac{-t}{\tau}} \right]$$
$$= 40 \left[ 1 - e^{\frac{-t}{(32 \times 10^{-3})}} \right]$$

$$i_c(t) = \frac{E}{R} e^{\frac{-t}{\tau}}$$

$$= \frac{40}{8 \times 10^{-3}} e^{-\frac{t}{(32 \times 10^{-3})}}$$



(b) After  $v_c(t)$  has reached its final value of 40V, the switch is thrown into position 2 (see diagram below) assume that when t = 0, the switch is moved to position 2. Plot the curves  $v_c(t)$ ,  $i_c(t)$ ,  $v_R(t)$ .

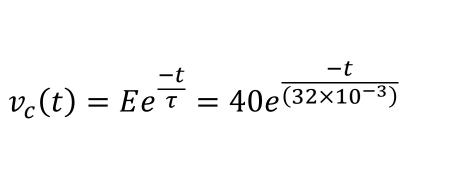


 $\tau = 32 \text{ms}$ 

$$v_c(t) = Ee^{\frac{-t}{\tau}} = 40e^{\frac{-t}{(32 \times 10^{-3})}}$$
  $v_R(t) = -Ee^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = -40e^{-\frac{t}{(32 \times 10^{-3})}}$ 

$$i_c(t) = -\frac{E}{R}e^{\frac{-t}{\tau}} = -(5 \times 10^{-3})e^{-\frac{t}{(32 \times 10^{-3})}}$$

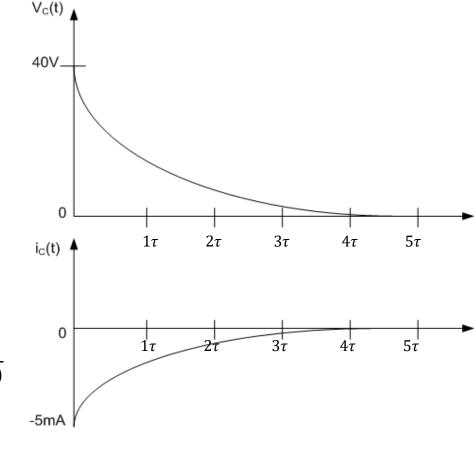


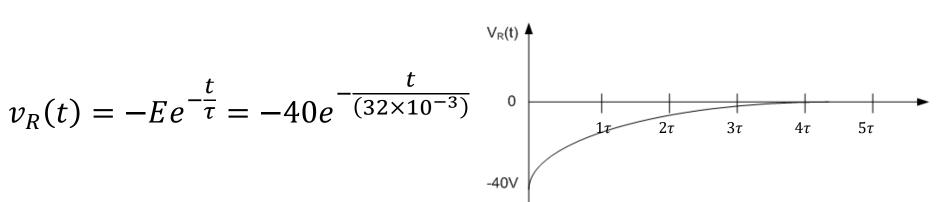


$$v_c(t) = Ee^{\frac{-t}{\tau}} = 40e^{\frac{-t}{(32 \times 10^{-3})}}$$

$$i_c(t) = -\frac{E}{R}e^{\frac{-t}{\tau}}$$

$$= -(5 \times 10^{-3})e^{\frac{t}{(32 \times 10^{-3})}}$$





#### **Initial Value**

In the previous sections, it was assumed that the capacitor was uncharged before the switch was thrown (i.e. the initial charge in the capacitor = 0).

We will now examine the effect of a charge (i.e. a voltage  $V = \frac{Q}{c}$ ) on the plates at the instant the switch action takes place.

v<sub>c</sub>(t)

E

steady state response

transient response

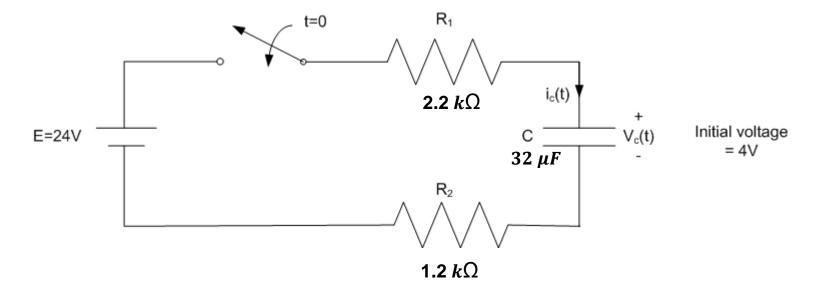
Initial voltage

$$v_c(t) = V_i + (E - V_i) \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}\right)$$
  
$$\therefore v_c(t) = E + (V_i - E) e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

If the capacitor is uncharged initially  $V_i = 0$  then we get

$$v_c(t) = E\left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}\right)$$

Suppose a capacitor has an initial voltage of 4V



- (a) Find the voltage  $v_c(t)$  across the capacitor once the switch is closed
- (b) Find the current  $i_c(t)$  during the transient period
- (c) Sketch  $v_c(t)$  and  $i_c(t)$



# (a) The time constant

$$\tau = (R_1 + R_2)C$$

$$= (2.2 + 1.2)k\Omega \times 3.3\mu F$$

$$= 11.22$$
ms and  $5\tau = 56.1$ ms

$$v_c(t) = E + (V_i - E) e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$= 24 + (4 - 24)e^{-\frac{t}{11.22ms}}$$

$$=24-20e^{-\frac{t}{11.22\times10^{-3}}}$$

(b) At the instant the switch is closed, the voltage across the resistive elements is (24V - 4V) = 20V.

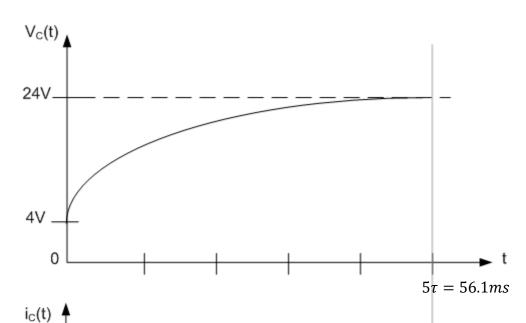
∴ The peak current is 
$$I_{max} = \frac{20}{R_1 + R_2} = 5.88mA$$

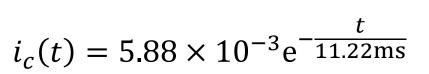
$$i_c(t) = 5.88 \times 10^{-3} e^{-\frac{t}{11.22ms}}$$

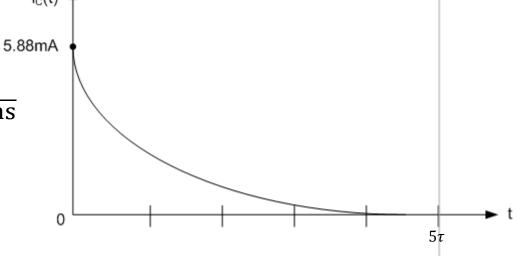
$$i_C(t) = C \frac{dv_C}{dt}$$



$$v_c(t) = 24 - 20e^{-\frac{t}{11.22 \times 10^{-3}}}$$



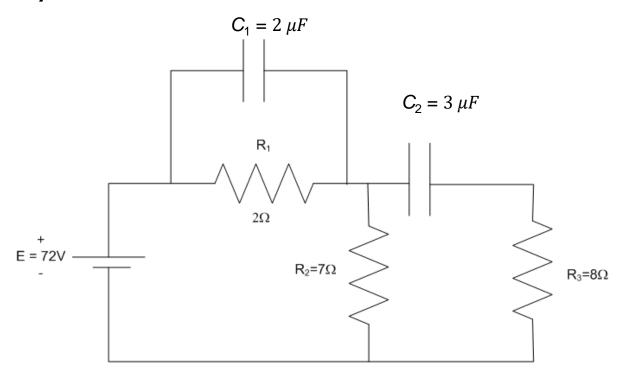






# **Example (Steady State)**

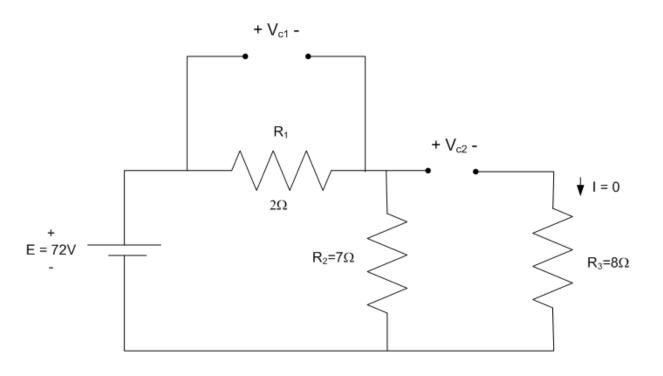
Find the voltage across and charge on each capacitor of the circuit given below after each has charged up to its steady state value



Note: a capacitor can be replaced by an open-circuit equivalent once it has been charged up to its full value



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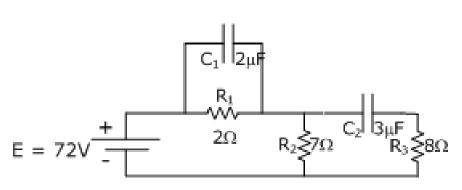
$$V_{c2} = \frac{7}{7+2} \times 72 = 56V$$

$$V_{c1} = \frac{2}{7+2} \times 72 = 16V$$

$$Q_1 = C_1 V_{c1} = (2 \times 10^{-6} \text{F})(16V) = 32\mu\text{C}$$

$$Q_2 = C_2 V_{c2} = (3 \times 10^{-6} \text{F})(56V) = 168\mu\text{C}$$

Also determine the energy stored by each capacitor.



$$V_{C_2} = 7 \times \frac{72}{7+2} = 56V$$

$$V_{C_1} = 2 \times \frac{72}{7+2} = 16V$$
For  $C_1$ ,
$$w_C = \frac{1}{2} C_1 V_{C_1}^2 = \frac{1}{2} (2 \times 10^{-6} (16V)^2)$$

$$= 256 \mu J$$

For 
$$C_2$$
,  

$$w_C = \frac{1}{2}C_2V_{C_2}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(3\times10^{-6}(56\text{V})^2)$$

$$= 4704\mu\text{J}$$



Reference: Introductory Circuit Analysis – Boylestad, Prentice Hall, 2000

