



# ELL100: INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRICAL ENGG.

## **Natural Response : First Order Circuits**

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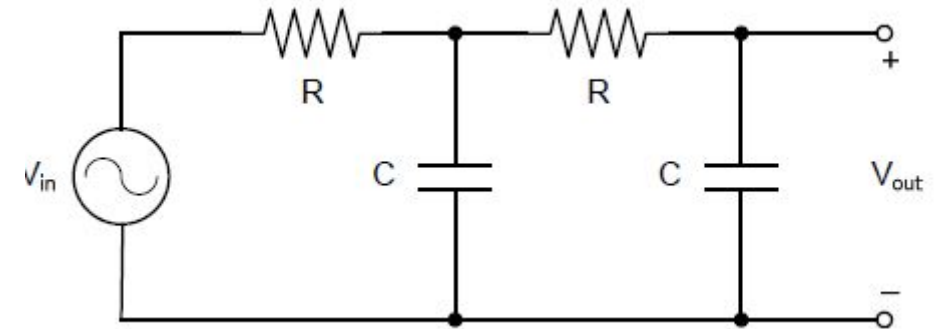
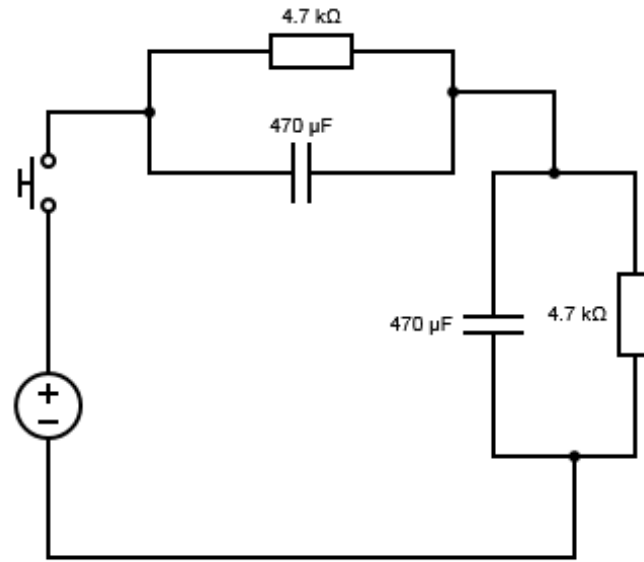
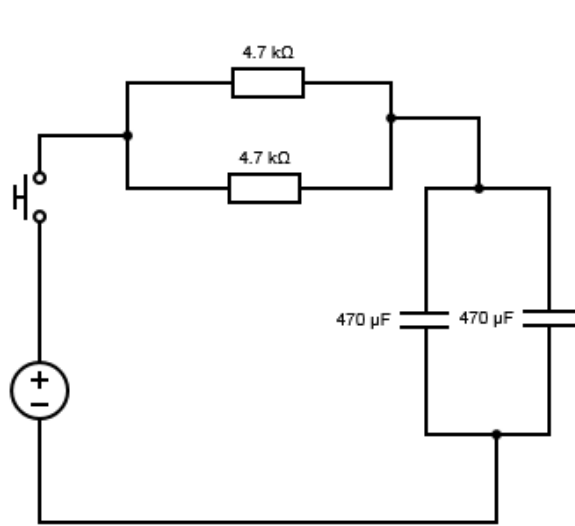
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- Typically, the circuit is energized for some time and then let go to observe how it settles **naturally**.
- It is also called **free/unforced response**
- **Forced response** : Part of response solely due to external input.

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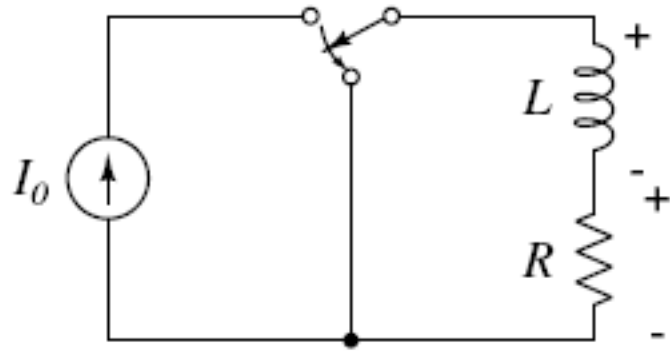
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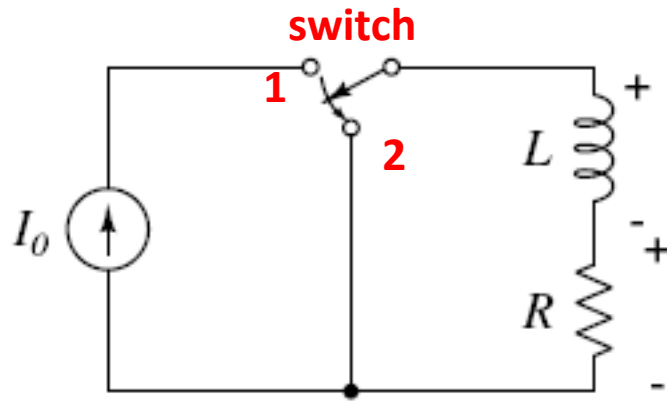
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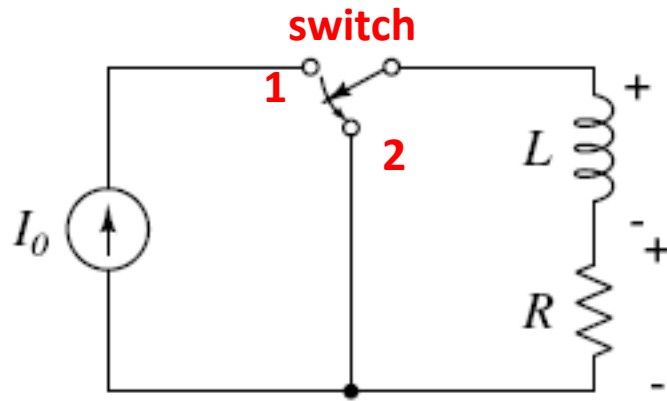


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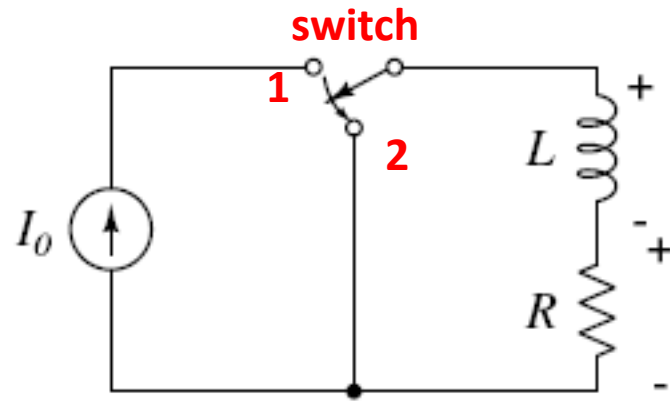
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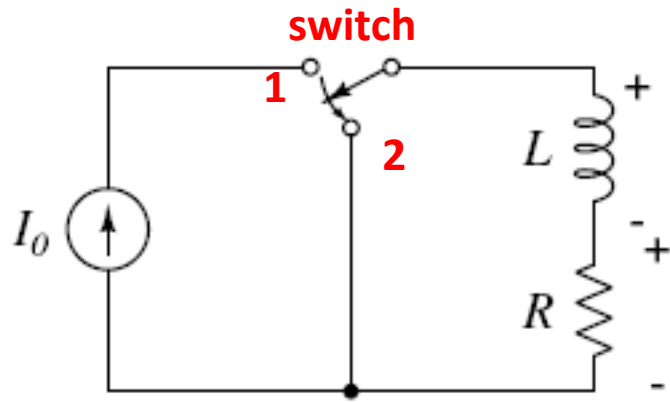


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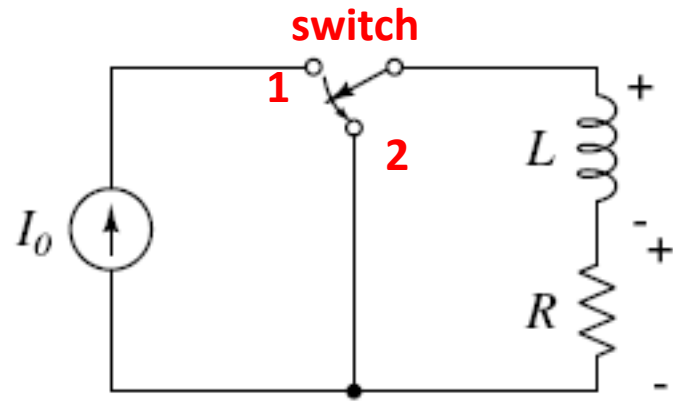
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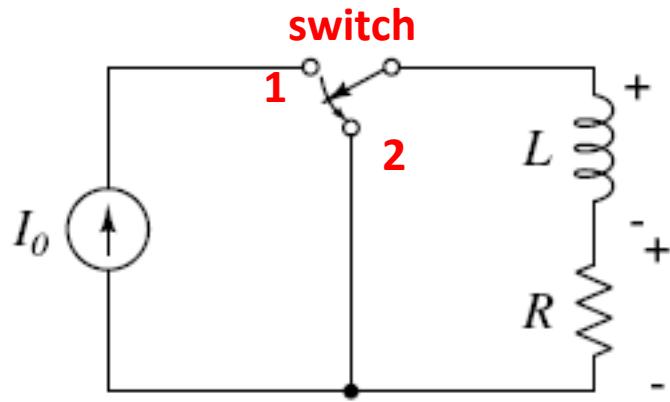
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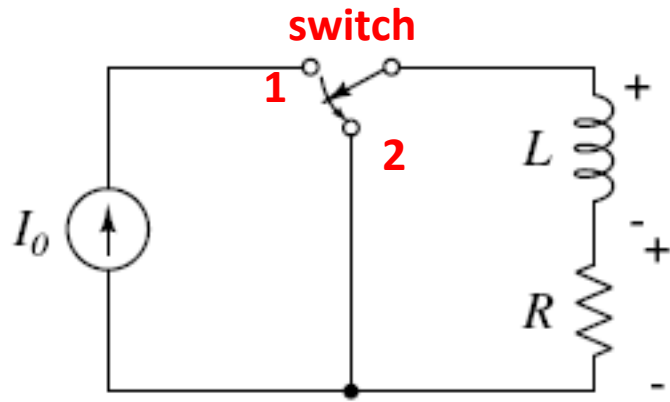
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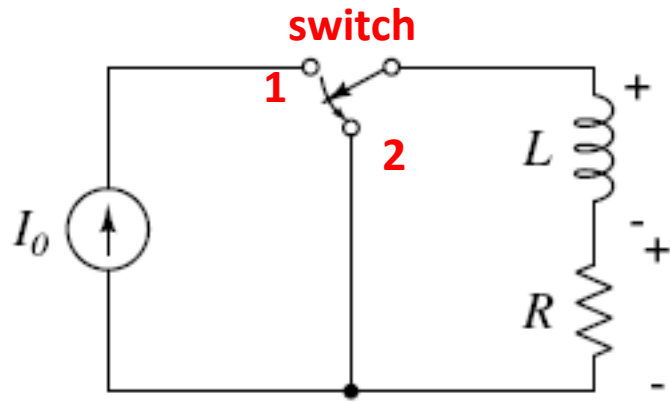


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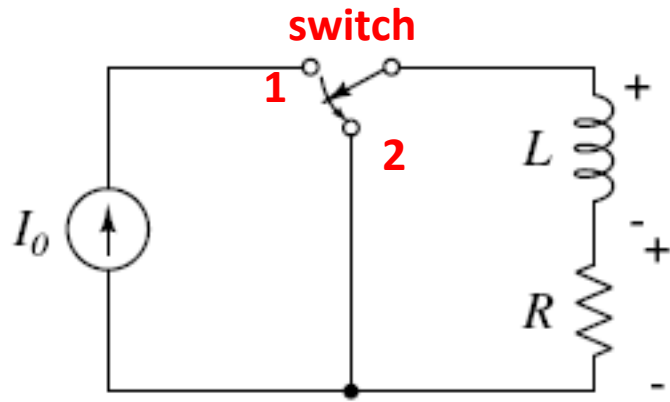
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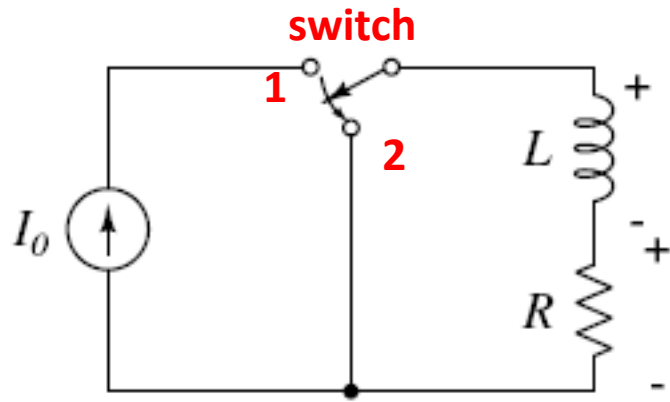
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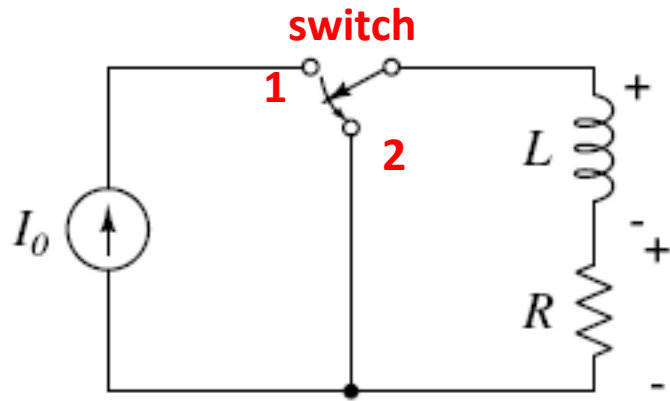
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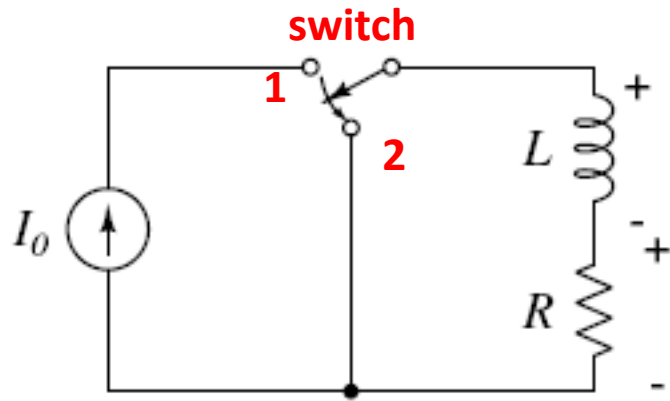
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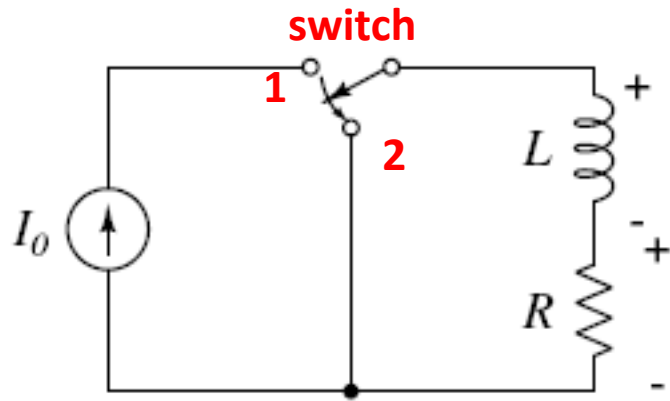
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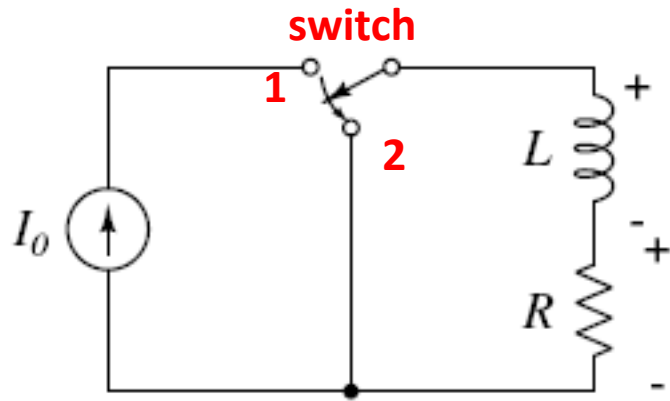
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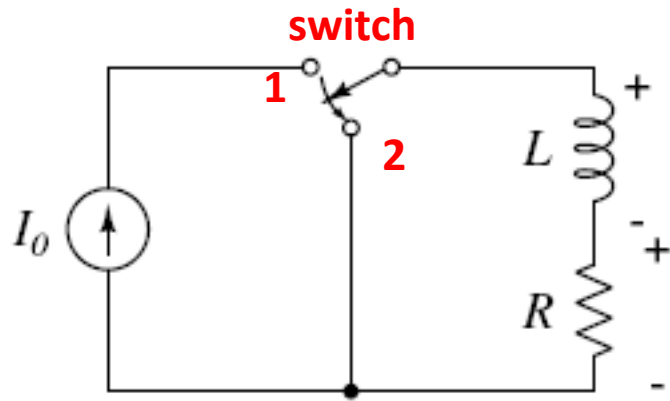
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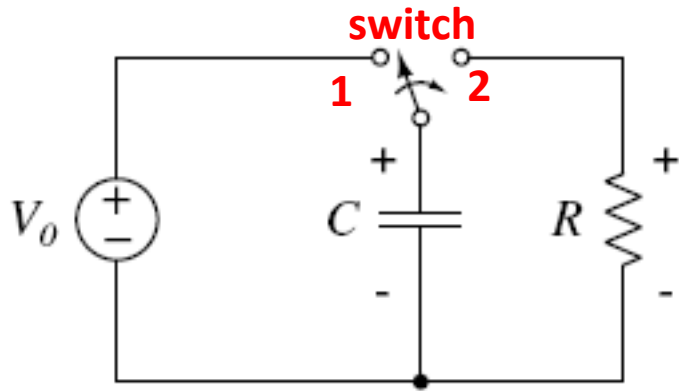
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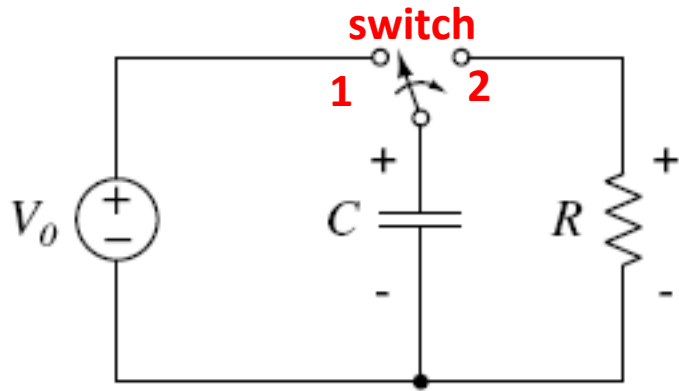
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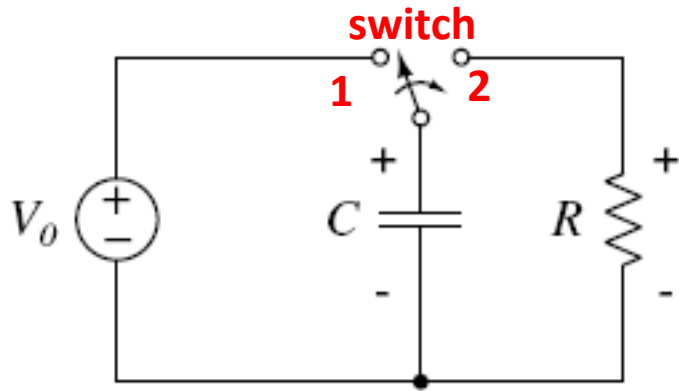
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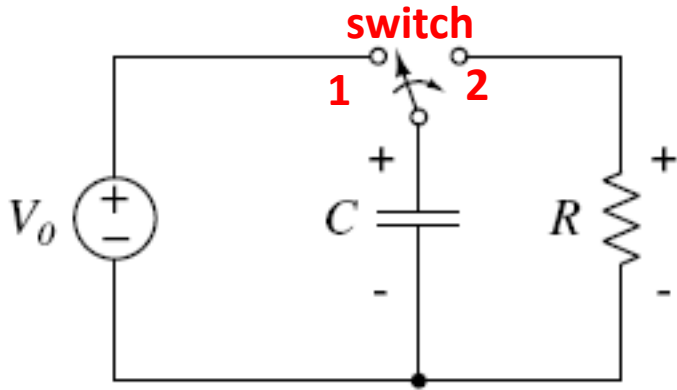


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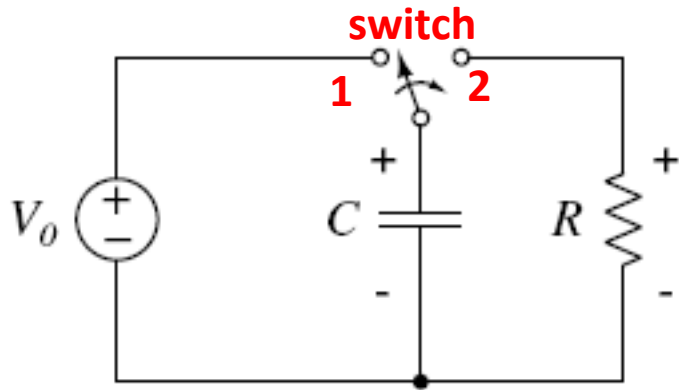
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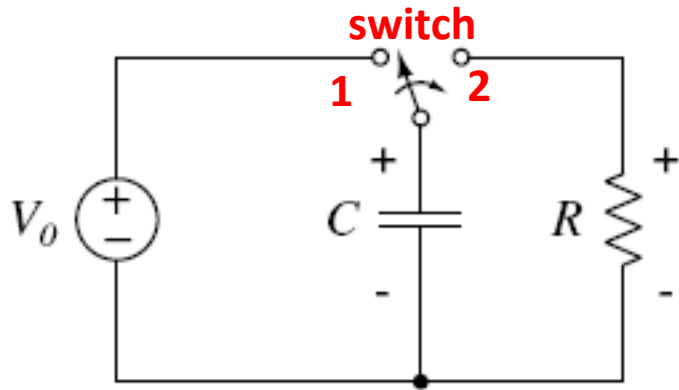
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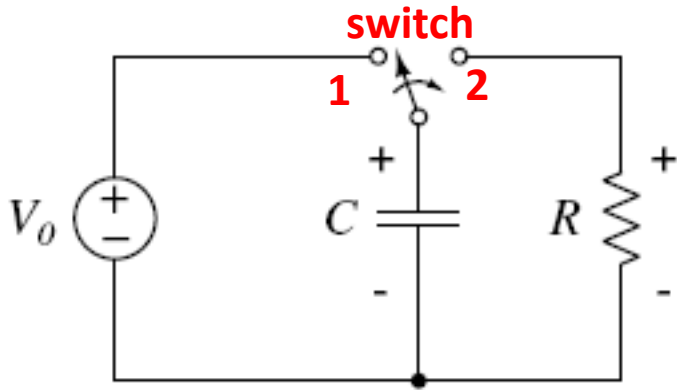
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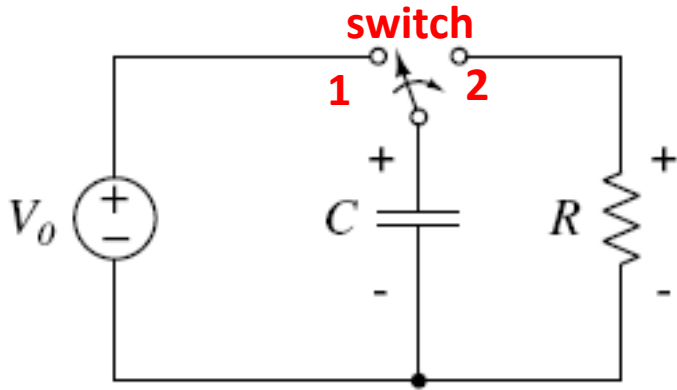
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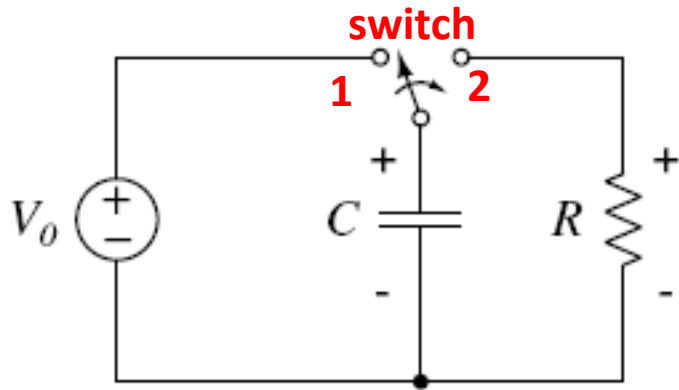


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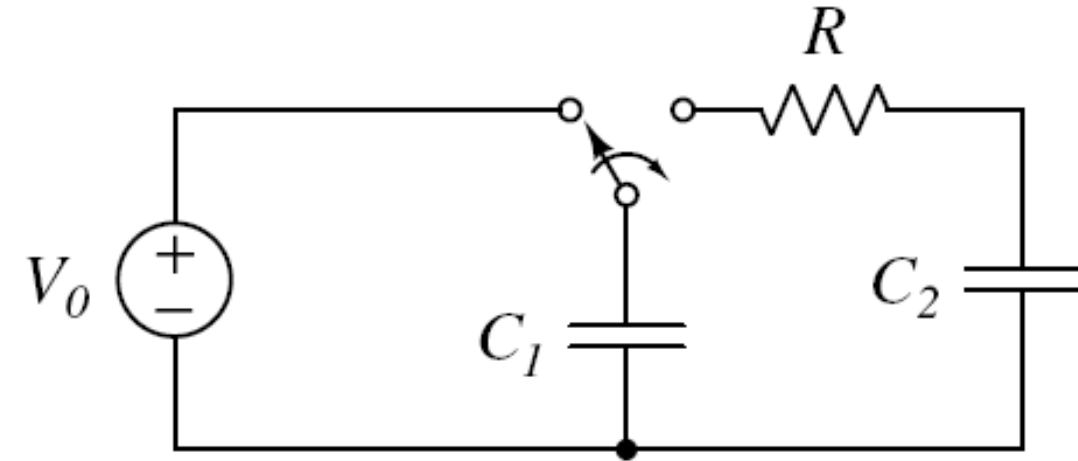
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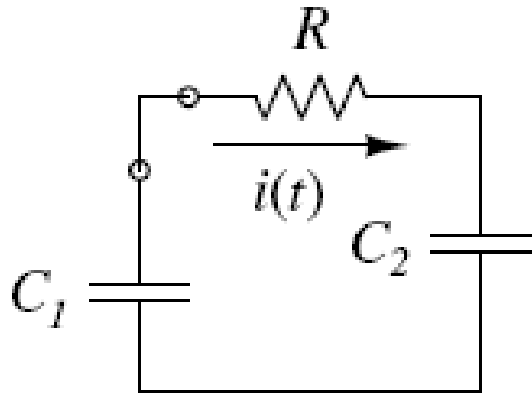
Initially, capacitor  $C_1$  is charged till  $t=0^-$  from the voltage source  $V_0$

$C_2$  is uncharged

Switch is toggled at  $t=0$ .

Determine the voltage across and current through  $C_2$ .

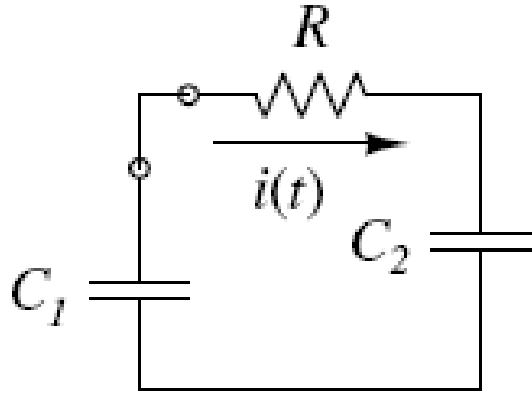
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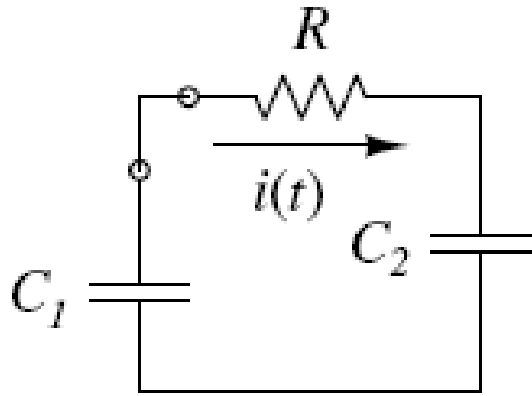
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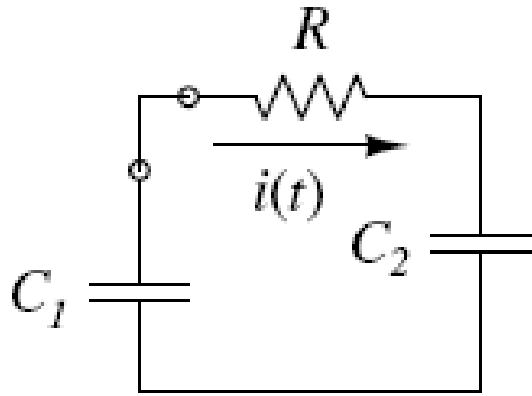
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$$Ae^{st}|_{t=0^+} = A = \frac{V_0}{R}$$
$$i(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} e^{-\frac{C_1 + C_2}{RC_1 C_2} t}$$

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- Integrating  $i(t)$ , to obtain  $v_2(t)$

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# General Procedure for First order Circuits

- **General procedure to solution :**
  - Write governing equations with KVL/KCL
  - Reduce to a **homogenous** differential equation
  - Assume solution as  $Ae^{st}$
  - Plug in to the homogenous differential equation to get s.
  - Plug in initial condition in the solution to get A.