## **MEMORANDUM**



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**RE:** ME 405-01 Mecha-02

$$V_{out} = V_{in} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right) \tag{1}$$

$$\ln\left(1 - \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}\right) = -\frac{t}{RC} \tag{2}$$

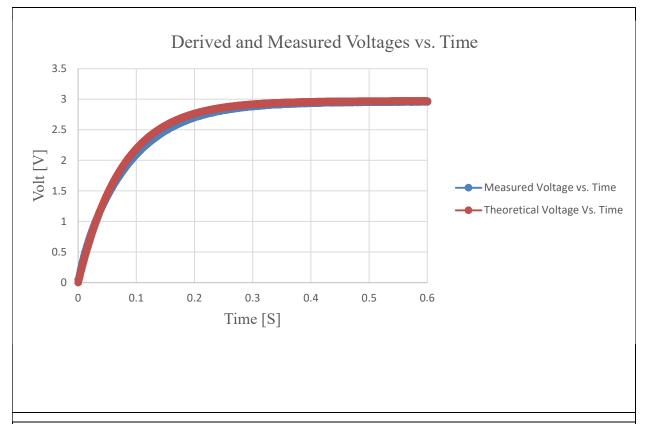


Figure 1. This figure shows the charging curve for the RC circuit used in this lab. The Measured charging curve was plotted using ADC data from the nucleo. The Theoretical curve was plotted using a derived time constant from component values and equation [1]. [1]

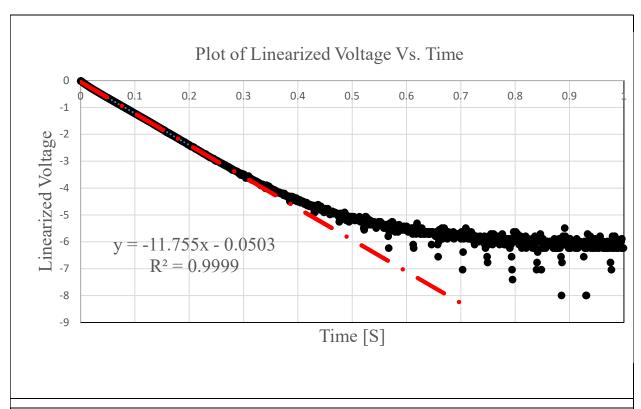


Figure 2. The figure shows the linearized data which is plotted using the ADC data and equation [2].[1] The trendline shown was made using the first 200 values in the data set to capture the slope of the linear region. The slope of -11.755 corresponds to a time constant of .0851

When comparing the time constant derived from the linearized charging curve .0851 with the theoretical time constant of .0749 we find that there is an 11.97% Error. This is to be expected because the components themselves have a tolerance between 5%-10%.

[1] Charlie Refvem, Lab 0x00 Notes.

## Attachments (1)

```
from pyb import ADC, Pin, Timer, ExtInt
from array import array
import time
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Assignment Description:
Notes: Resistor: 20.13 k Ohm
       Capacitor: 3.72 uF
       Resistor to Nucleo input: 6.10 k Ohm
       Signal Goes to PC0
       Step output goes to PC1
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def tim_cb(tim):
    Call back func that triggers input to RC circut and collects data
for 5X as long as
    Tau.
    Trigger output on call back
    after that never drop it
    record for 5Tau
    append data to array
    global data
    global i
     #Activating the step response on second run through callback
function.
    if i==1:
        PC1.high()
    if i<1000:
        data[i]= adc.read()
        i=i+1
    else:
        tim.callback(None)
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def Publish():
    loop through the data array and push it to the putty terminal
    global data
    global i
    idx=0
    print(data)
    for idx, value in enumerate(data):
       print(f"{idx}, {value}")
    data= 1000*[0]
    i=0
def ExecuteSequence():
      # Assign the callback function
    tim7.callback(tim cb)
    time.sleep ms(1000)
    #tim7.callback(None) # disable the callback
    PC1.low()
    Publish()
def FlipFlag( ):
    global Execute
    if Execute:
        Execute=False
    else:
       Execute=True
if name ==' main ':
    #Pre allocating array for data storage
    # H is used to represent data type sint..
    data = array('H', 1000*[0])
    Execute=False
    #Creating timer object for Timer number 7
    tim7 = Timer(7, freq=1000)
    #Config PC1 as digital output (Step input)
    PC1 = Pin(Pin.cpu.C1, mode=Pin.OUT_PP)
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