

- 6 A capacitor of capacitance  $C$  and a resistor of resistance  $R$  are connected as shown in Fig. 6.1.

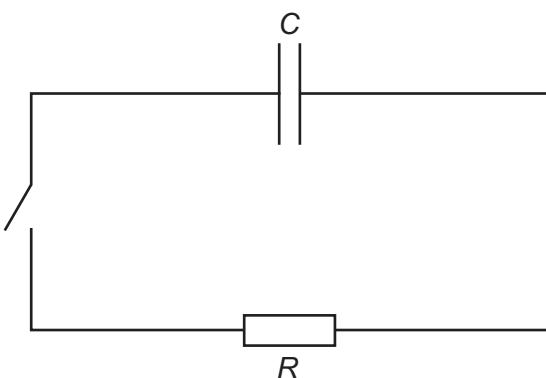


Fig. 6.1

Initially, the capacitor is charged and the switch is open.

The switch is closed at time  $t = 0$ .

Fig. 6.2 and Fig. 6.3 show, respectively, the variations with  $t$  of the charge  $Q$  on the capacitor and the potential difference (p.d.)  $V$  across the resistor.

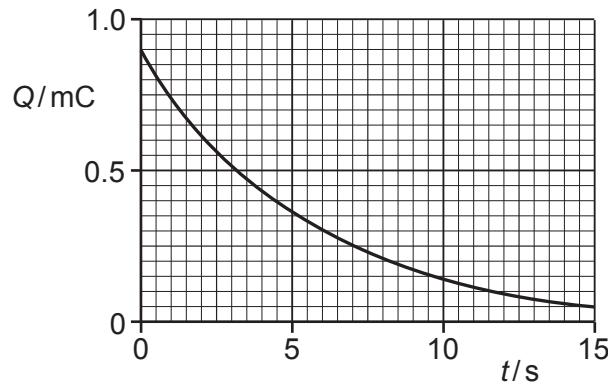


Fig. 6.2

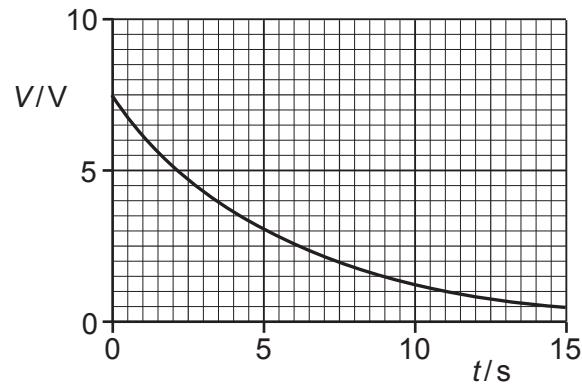


Fig. 6.3

- (a) Explain the shape of the line in Fig. 6.3 representing the variation of  $V$  with  $t$ .

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(b) Use Fig. 6.2 to show that the time constant of the circuit in Fig. 6.1 is 5.5 s.

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(c) Use Fig. 6.2, Fig. 6.3 and the information in (b) to determine:

(i) capacitance  $C$ , in  $\mu\text{F}$

$$C = \dots \mu\text{F} [2]$$

(ii) resistance  $R$ , in  $\text{k}\Omega$ .

$$R = \dots \text{k}\Omega [2]$$