

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

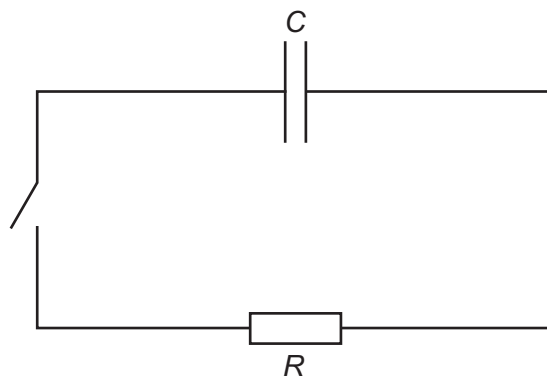


Fig. 6.1

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.

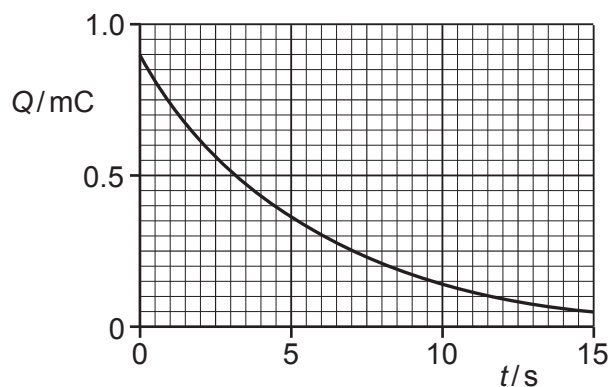


Fig. 6.2

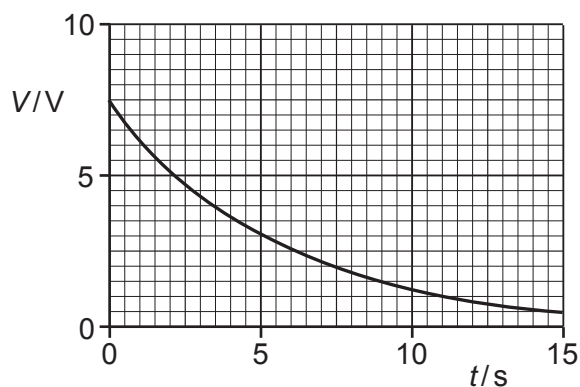


Fig. 6.3

- (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 μF

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

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

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