

# 18-100 Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering

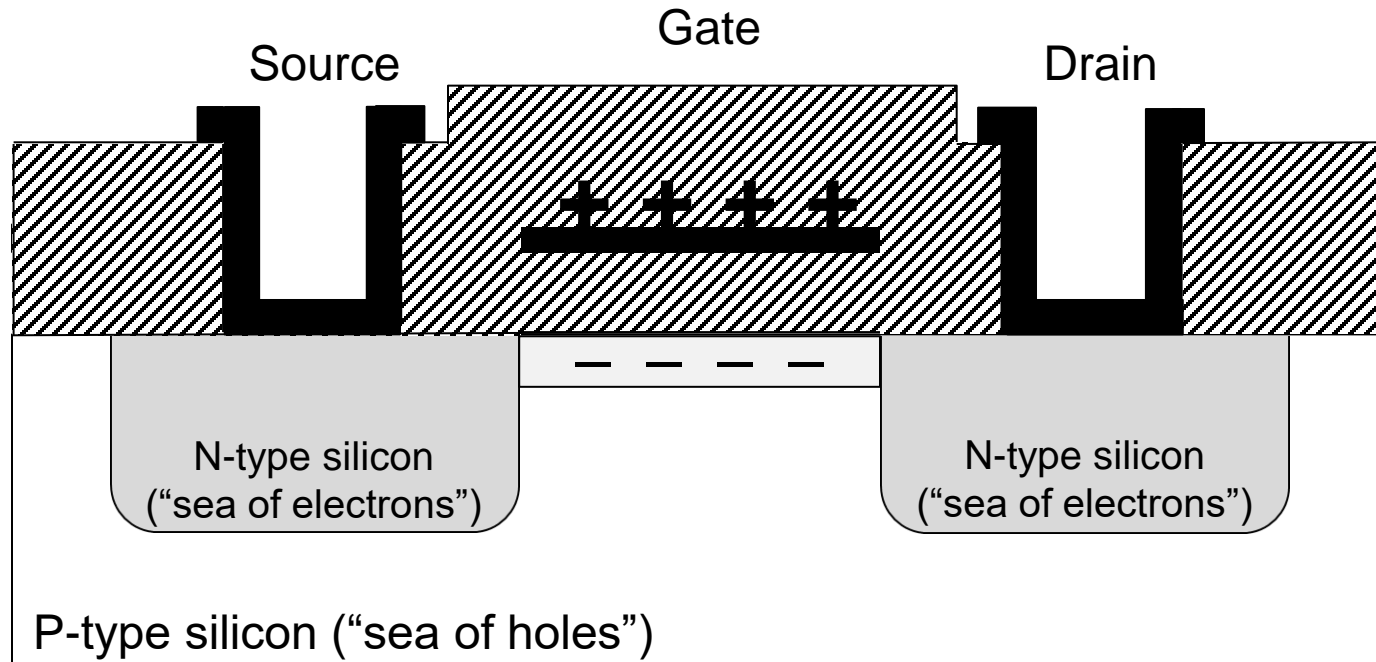
## Lecture 07 Capacitors

| Week | Date   | Day | Lecture Topic   | Lab Out         |  | Lecturer      |
|------|--------|-----|---|-----------------|--|---------------|
| 1    | 13-Jan | M   | L01: Intro, Physics, EM, Leveling Students                          |                 |  | Greg and Mark |
|      | 15-Jan | W   | L02: Circuits Basics  | Lab1 : Circuits |  | Mark          |
| 2    | 20-Jan | M   | Martin Luther King Celebration (No Lecture)                         |                 |  |               |
|      | 22-Jan | W   | L03: Equivalent Circuits  | Pause for MLK   |  | Mark          |
| 3    | 27-Jan | M   | L04: Semiconductors, Diodes, LEDs                                   |                 |  | Mark          |
|      | 29-Jan | W   | L05: MOSFETs to Simple Gates  | Lab2:Adder      |  | Mark          |
| 4    | 3-Feb  | M   | L06: Professional Identity, Professional Responsibility, and Ethics |                 |  | Greg          |
|      | 5-Feb  | W   | Exam 1  | Pause for exam  |  | N/A           |
| 5    | 10-Feb | M   | L07: Capacitors, RC Time Constants, RC Circuits                     |                 |  | Mark          |
|      | 12-Feb | W   | L08: Inductors, RL Time Constants, 555                              | Lab3 : MOSFETs  |  | Mark          |
| 6    | 17-Feb | M   | L09: Binary, Logic Gates, Boolean Logic                             |                 |  | Greg          |
|      | 19-Feb | W   | L10: Latches, Registers, RAM, Flip-Flops                            | Lab4: Timer Lab |  | Greg          |
| 7    | 24-Feb | M   | L11: Computers  |                 |  | Greg          |
|      | 26-Feb | W   | L12: Op Amps  | Lab5: Op Amps   |  | Mark          |
|      | 3-Mar  | M   | SPRING BREAK  |                 |  |               |
|      | 5-Mar  | W   | SPRING BREAK  | Pause for break |  |               |
| 8    | 10-Mar | M   | L13: Arduino Programming Case Study                                 |                 |  | Greg          |
|      | 12-Mar | W   | L14: Serial Communication Protocols                                 | Lab 6: I2C      |  | Greg          |
| 9    | 17-Mar | M   | L15: Analog-to-Digital (ADC) and Digital-to-Analog (DAC) Conversion |                 |  | Greg          |
|      | 19-Mar | W   | L16: Time Varying Signals and Spectra (Trig)                        | Lab7: ADC       |  | Mark          |
| 10   | 24-Mar | M   | L17: Wireless Communication: Modulation to Protocols                |                 |  | Mark          |
|      | 26-Mar | W   | L18: Review/Exam Preview  | Pause for exam  |  | Greg          |
| 11   | 31-Mar | M   | Exam 2  |                 |  |               |

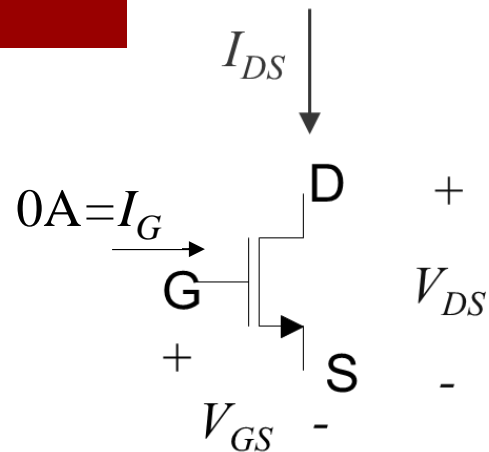
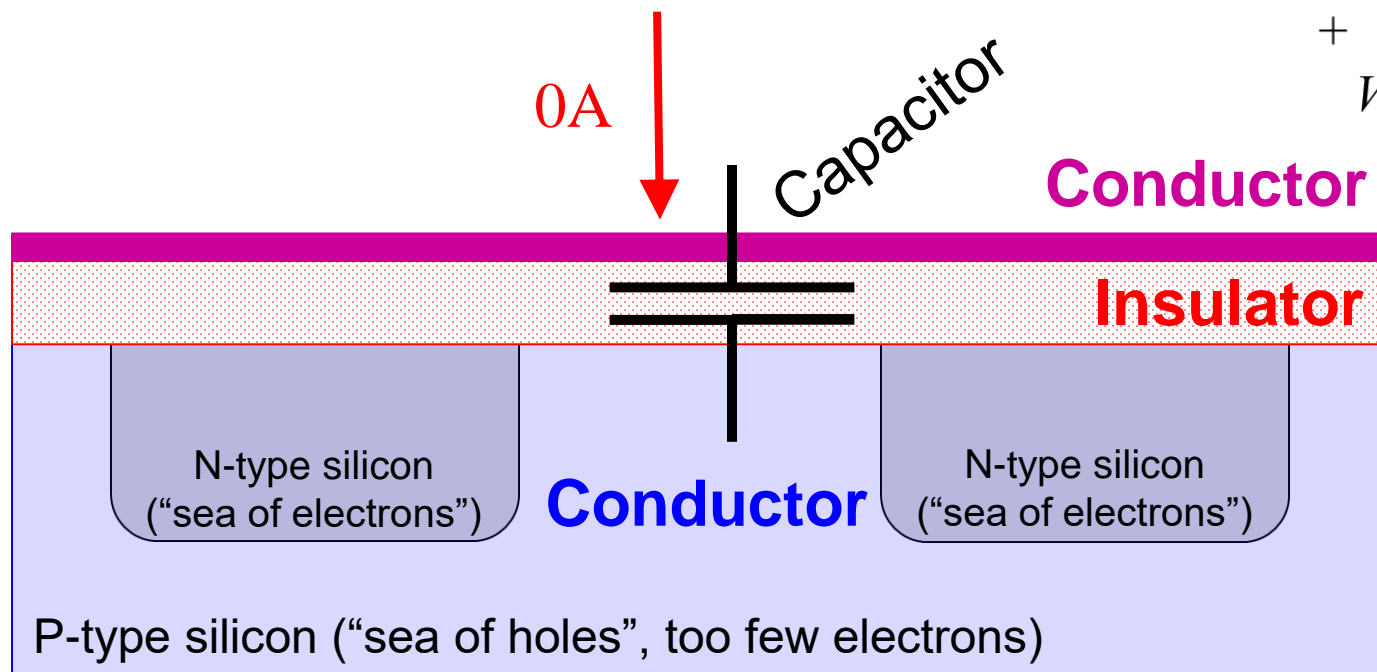
# Objectives of this Lecture

- MOSFETs Have Capacitance
- What Is Capacitance?
- Charging and Discharging Capacitors
- Implications of Output Capacitance on Logic Gates

# NMOSFET: Conducts Current for $V_{GS} > V_{THN}$

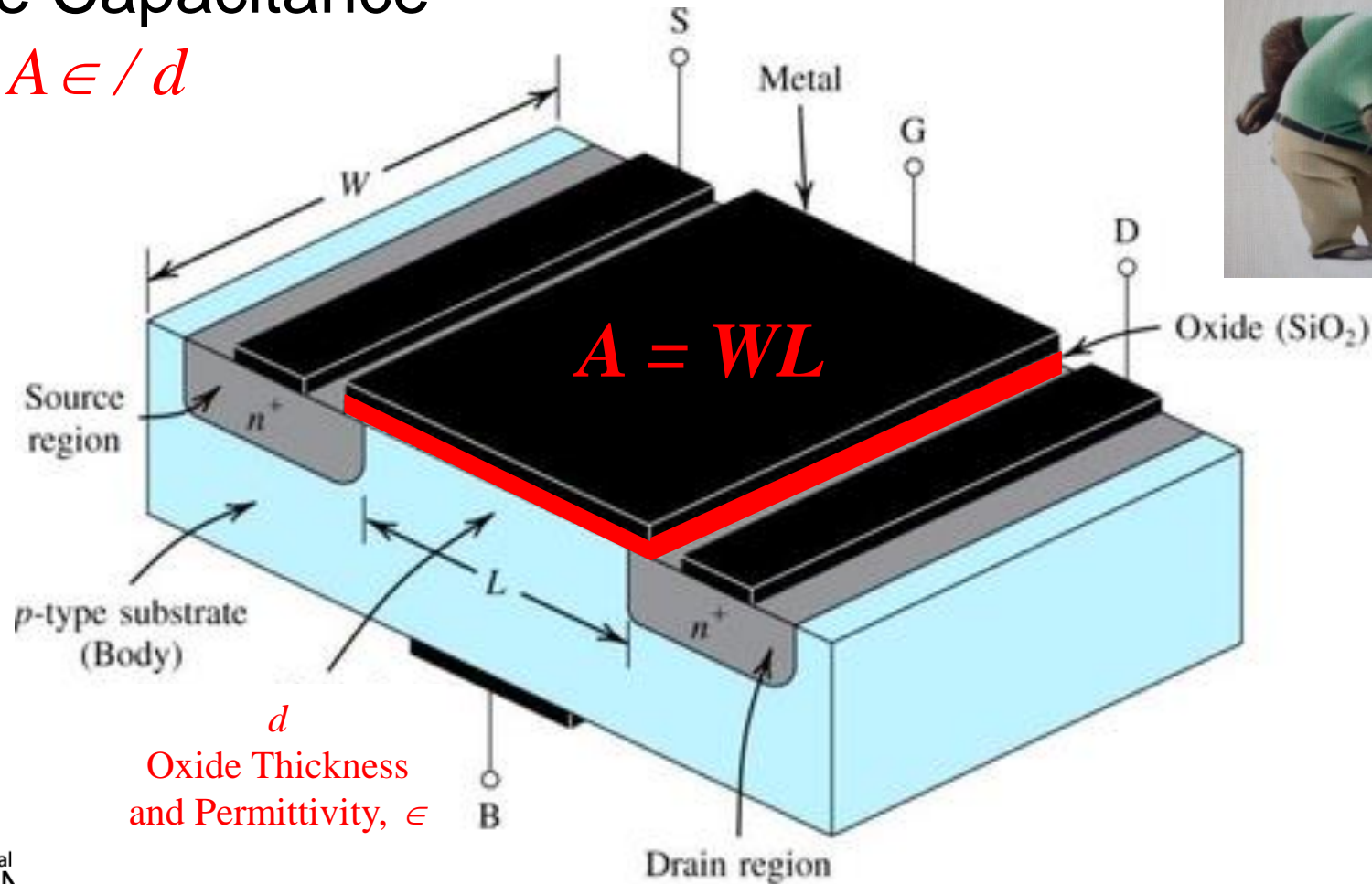
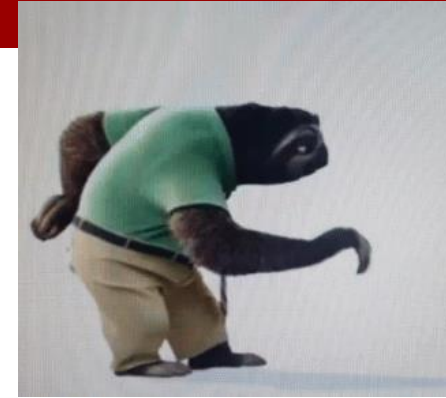


# MOSFET: “Metal” Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor

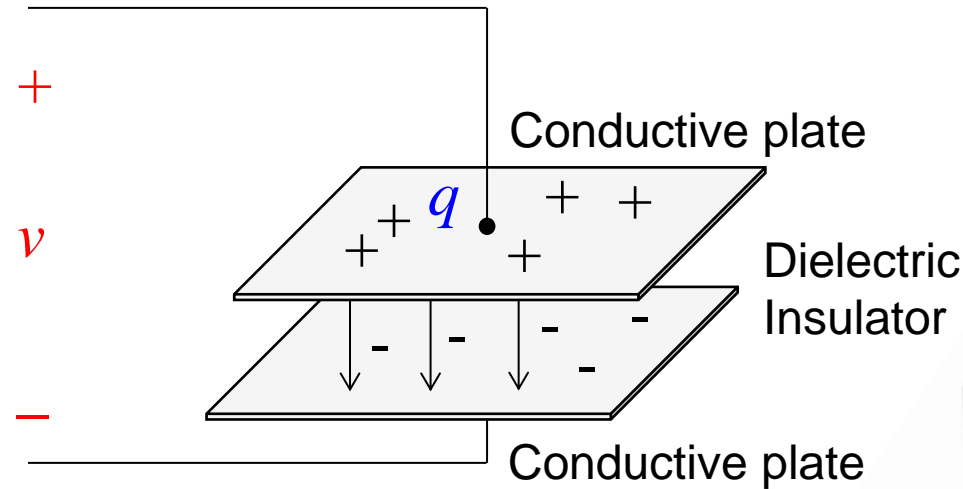
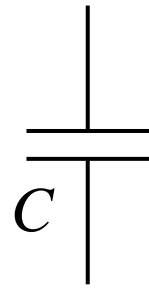


# Gate Capacitance

$$C = A\epsilon / d$$



Capacitor:  $C = A\epsilon / d$   
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 Electrostatic Potential



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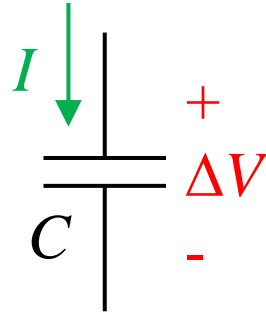
- If I put  $1C$  of charge on  $C_1$ ,  
 $v_1 = 1V$
- If I want  $V_{Gate} = 5V$ ,  
 how much **charge** do I need  
 on  $C_1$ ? ( $5C$ )

$$2N7000 \text{ MOSFET, } C_{Gate} = 60\text{pF}$$

- How much **charge** do I need  
 to raise  $V_{Gate}$  to  $5V$ ?
- $q = (60\text{pF})(5V) = 300\text{pC}$



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- So, how do we put charge on a capacitor?
- **Current!** ( $1\text{A} = 1\text{Coulomb/second}$ )
- $300\text{pC} = 300 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Coulombs}$
- Charge with  $1\text{nA} = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Amperes}$
- time =  $300\text{pC} / 1\text{nA} = 300\text{ms!}$
- **Cannot charge / discharge instantly!!!**

$$C_1 = 1\text{F}$$

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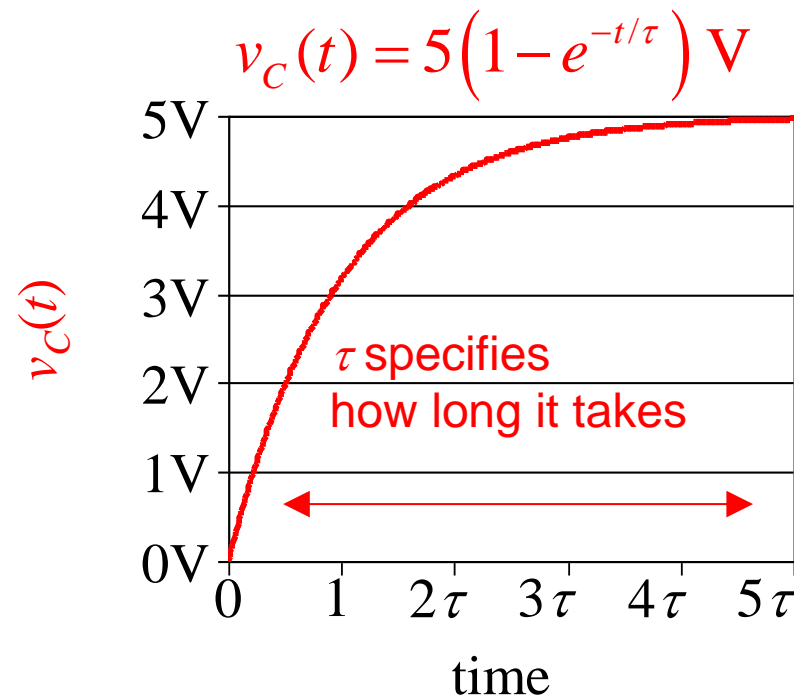
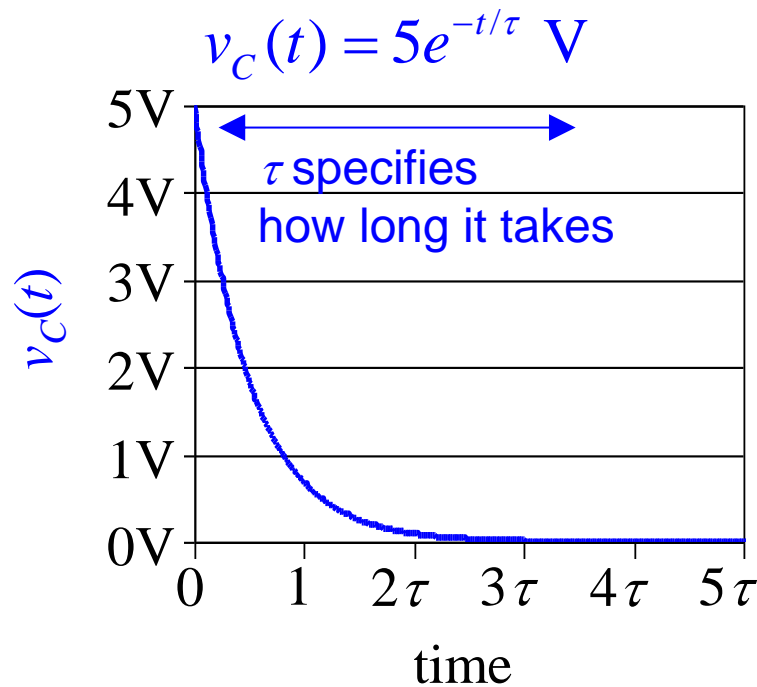


# 18-001: Capacitors for ECEs

- The voltage across a capacitor cannot change instantly:  
 $v_C(t = 0^-) = v_C(t = 0^+)$
- When current first starts to flow through a capacitor, it acts like a short circuit
- If nothing is changing in your circuit, after a long time (steady state), the capacitor will act like an open circuit

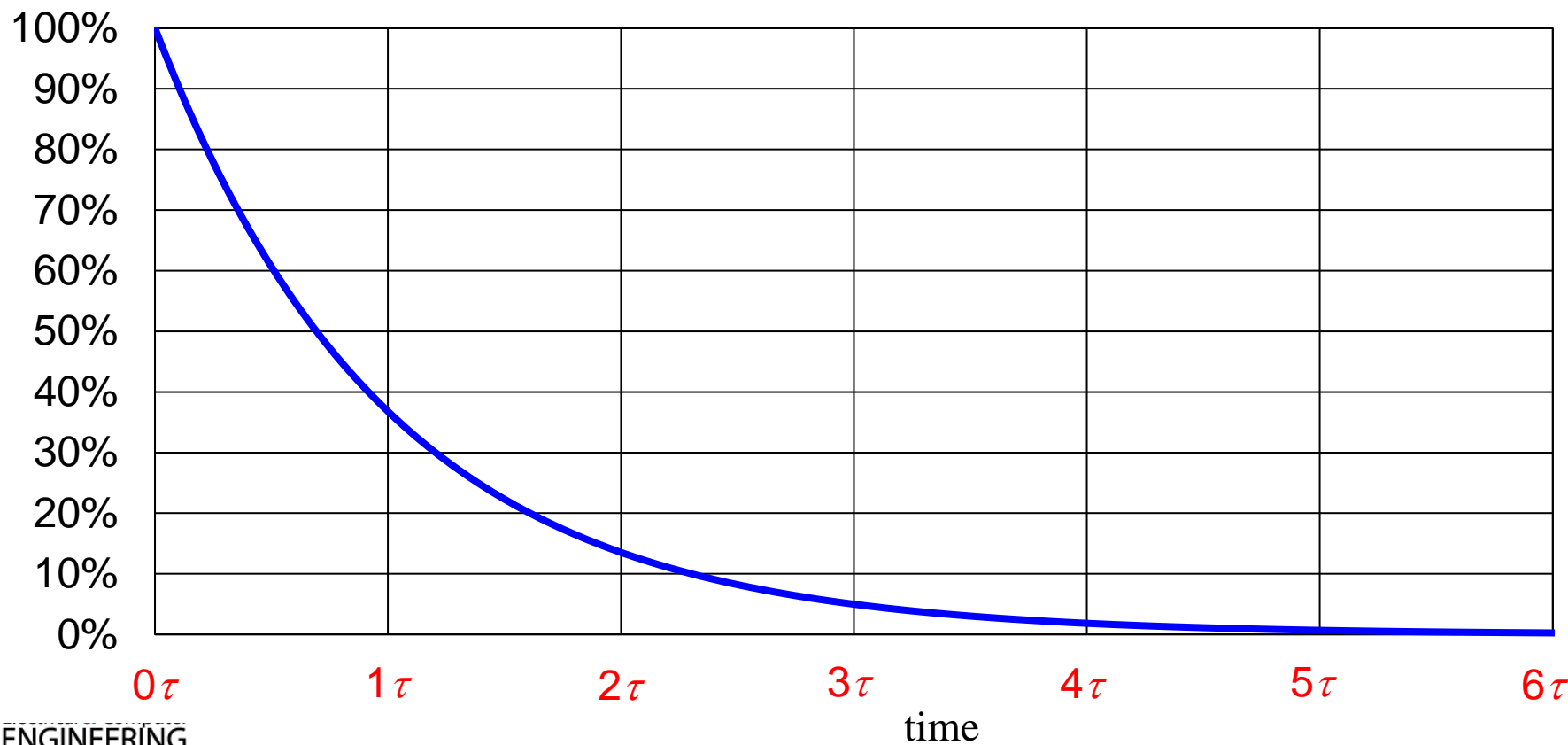
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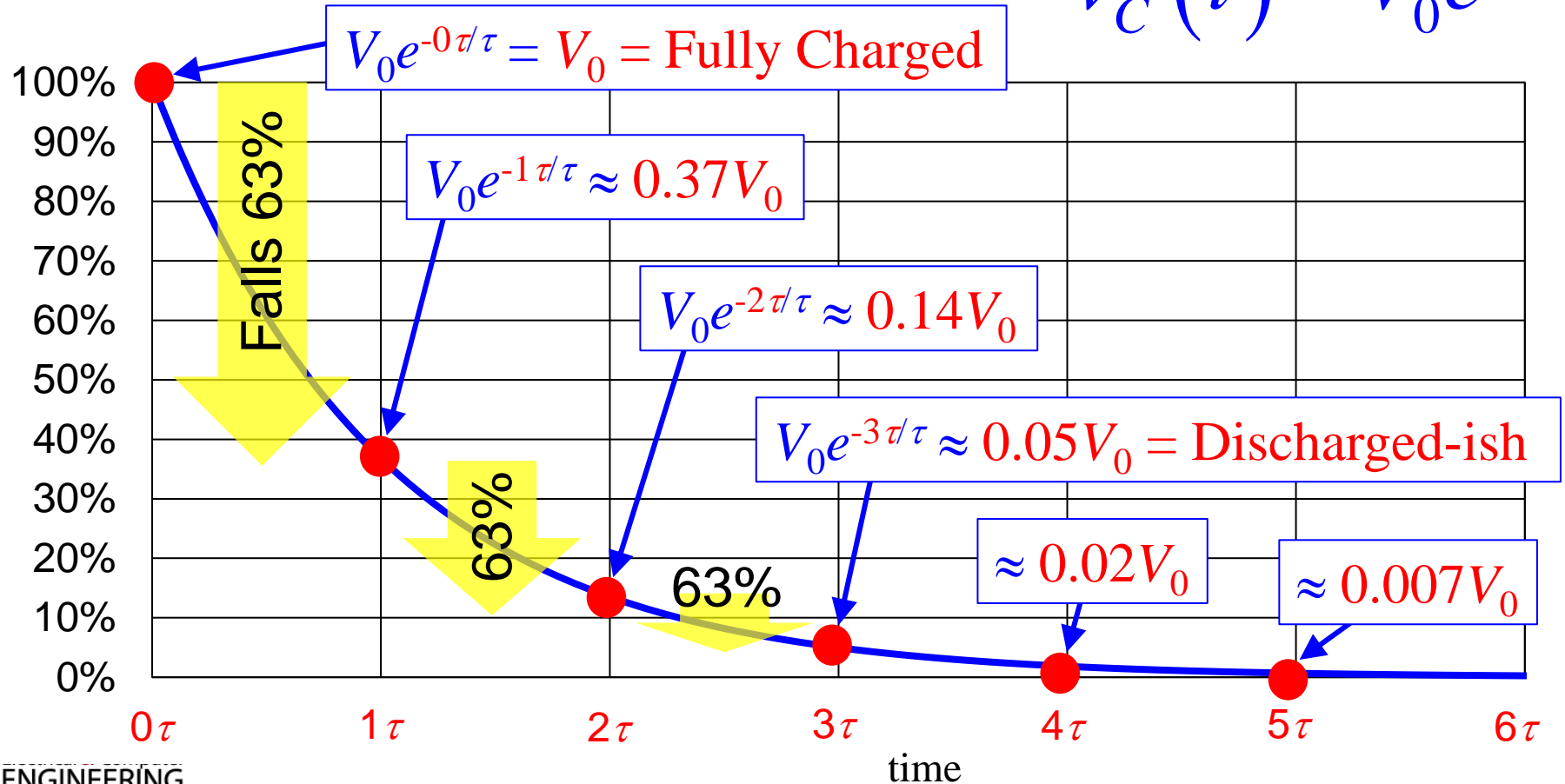
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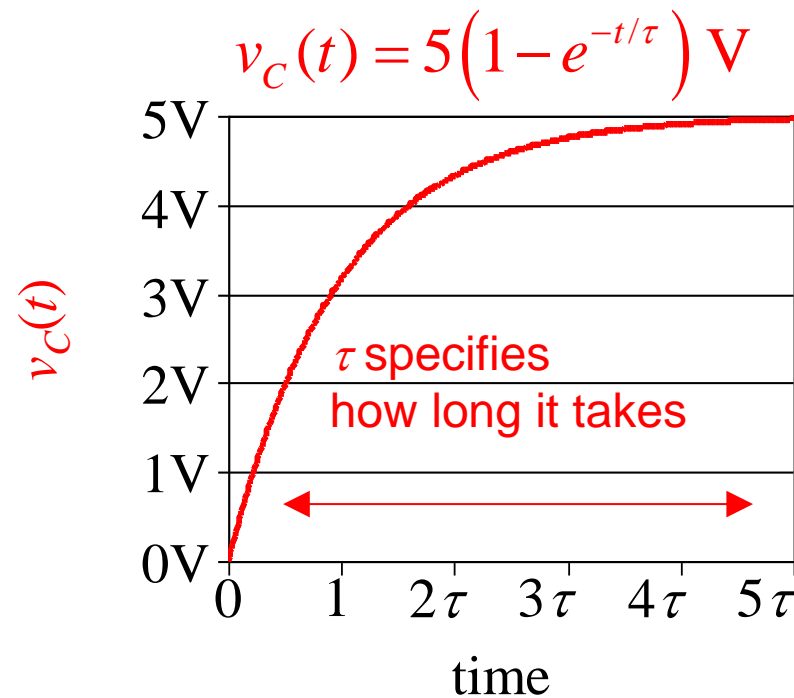
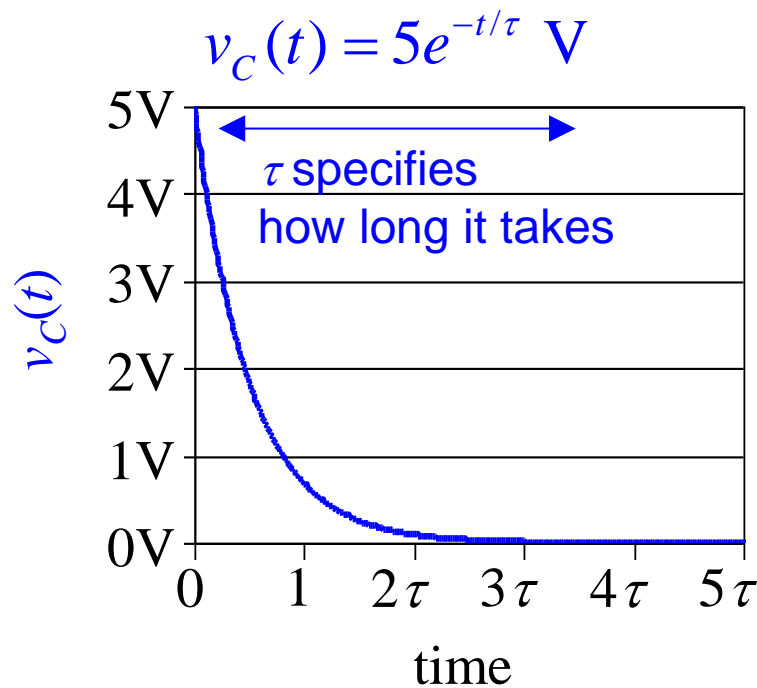
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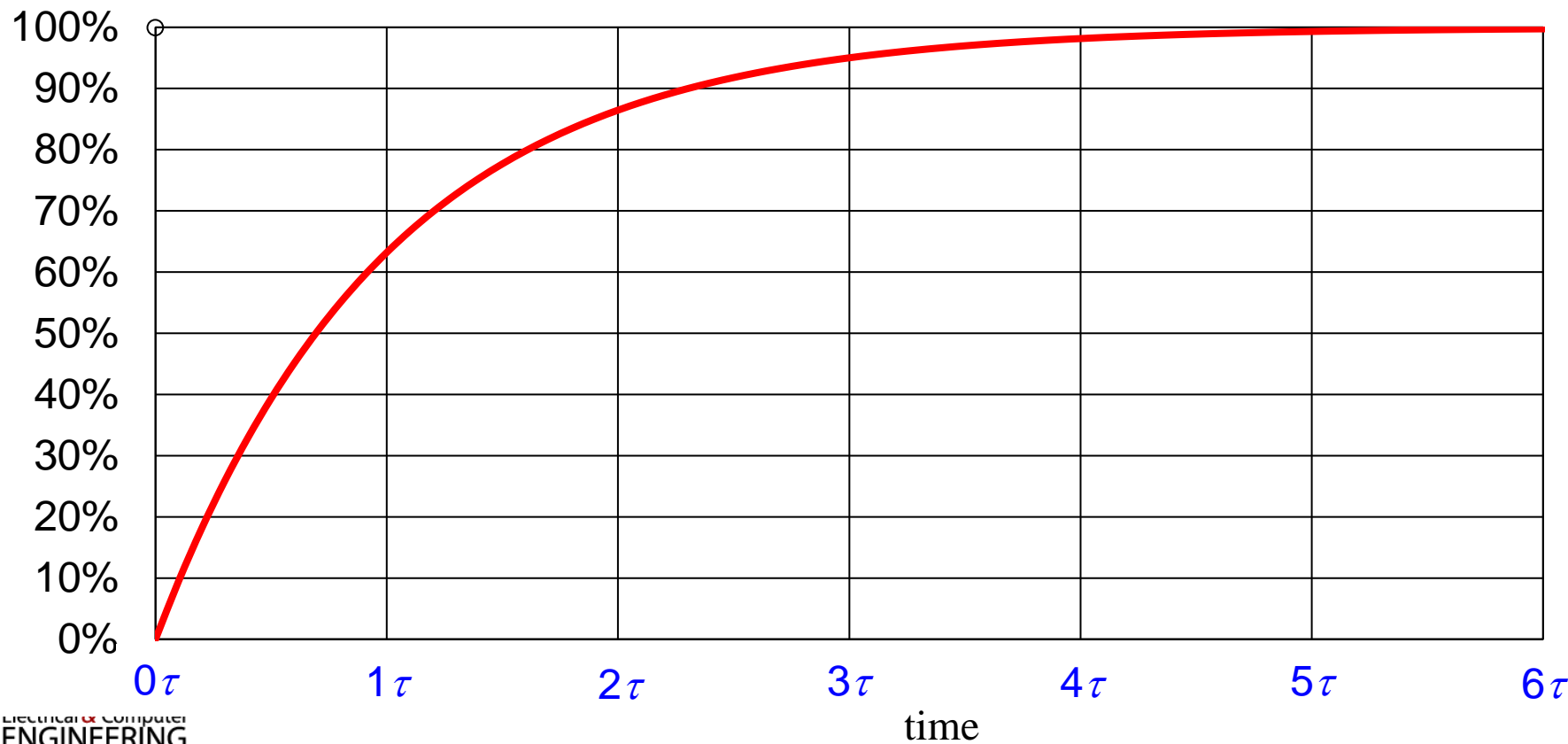
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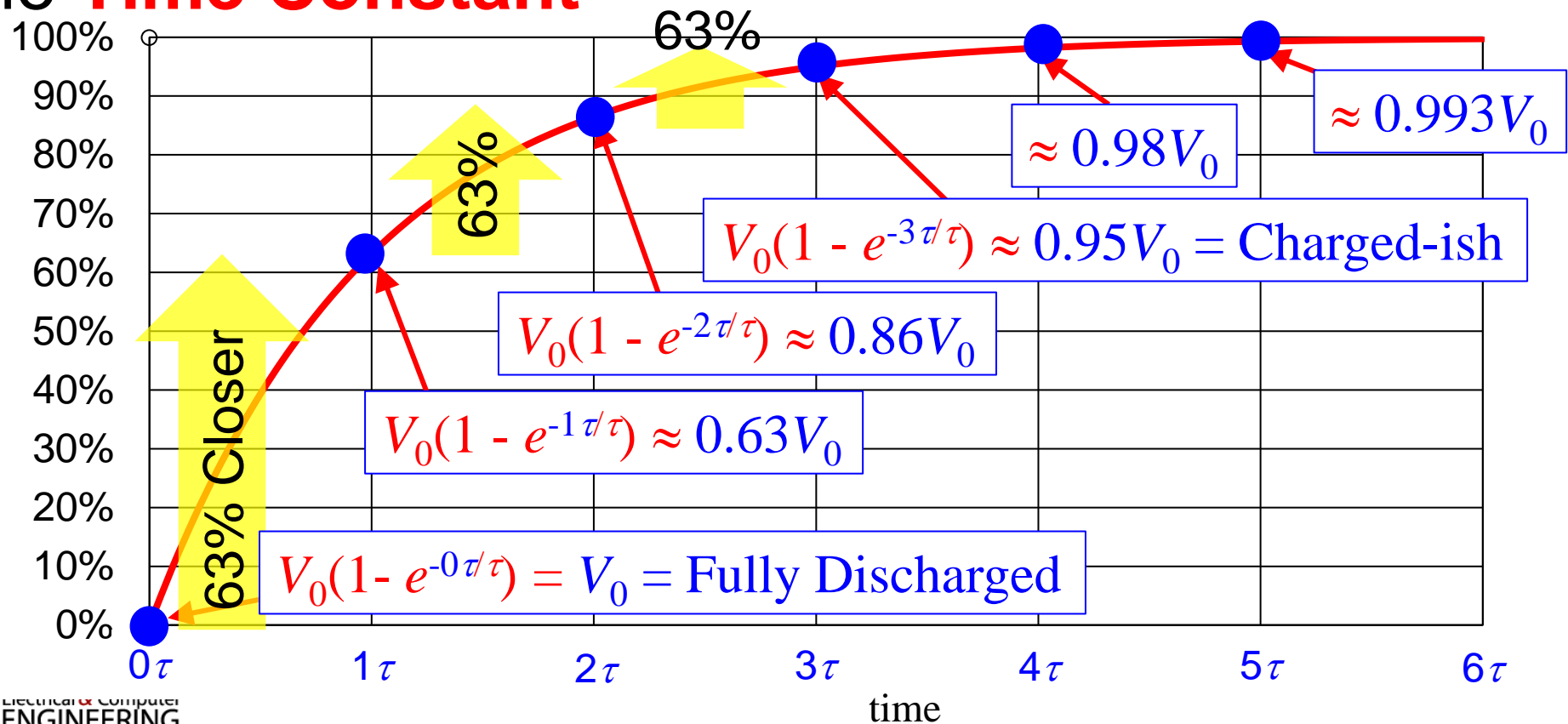
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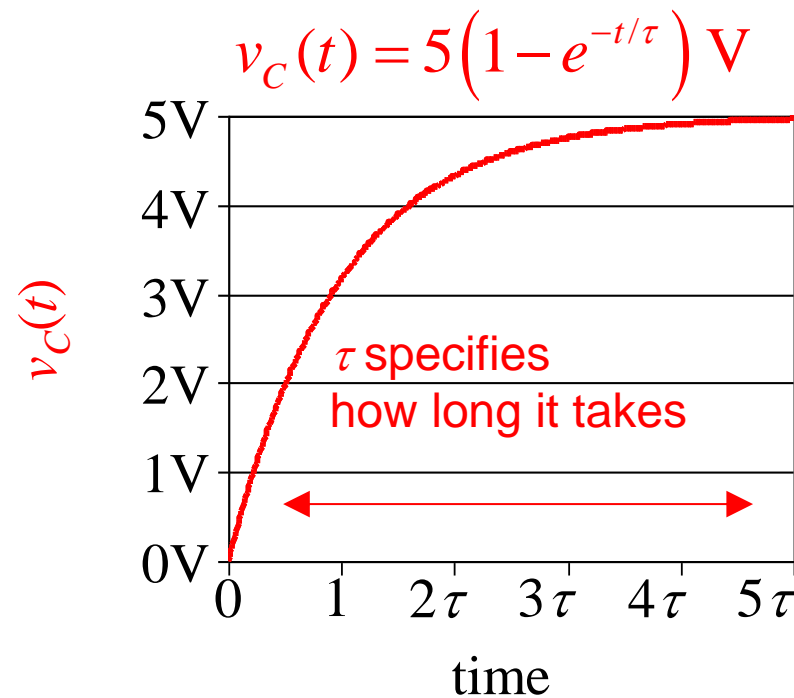
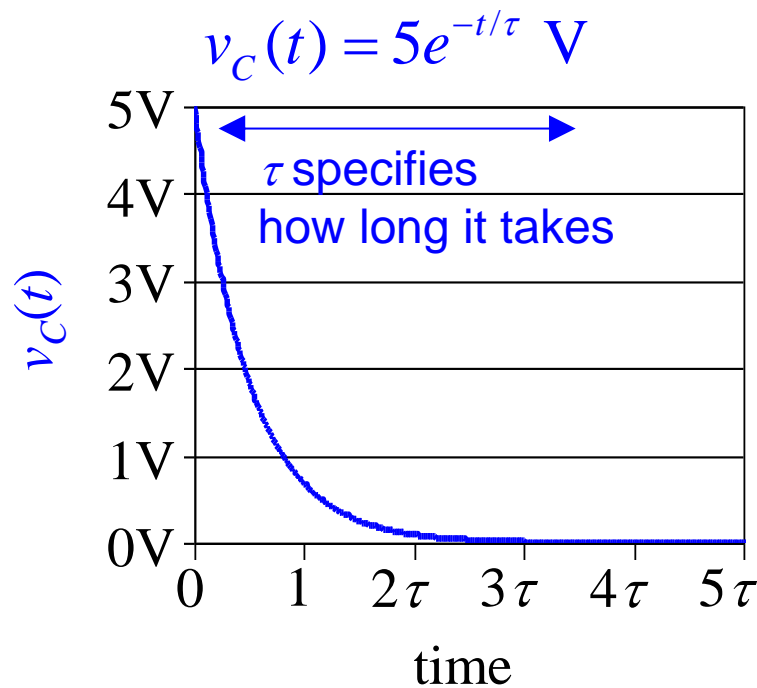
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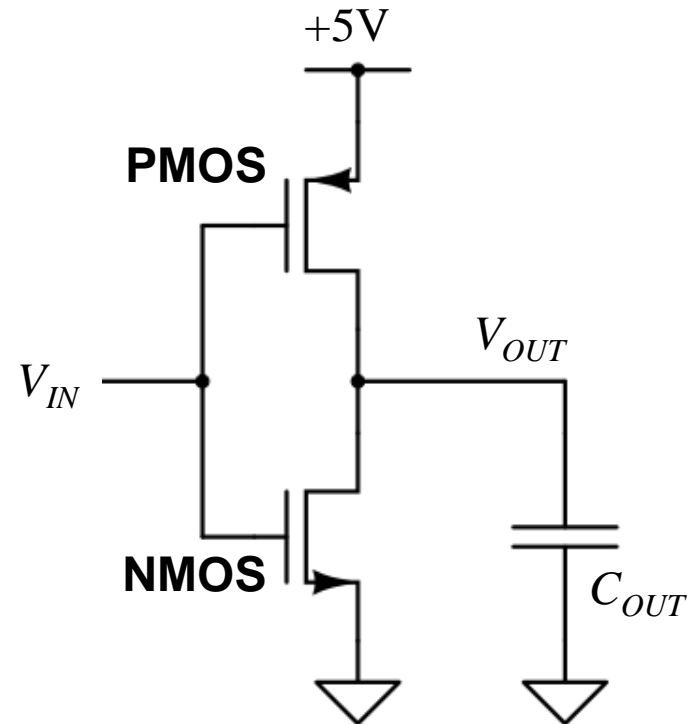
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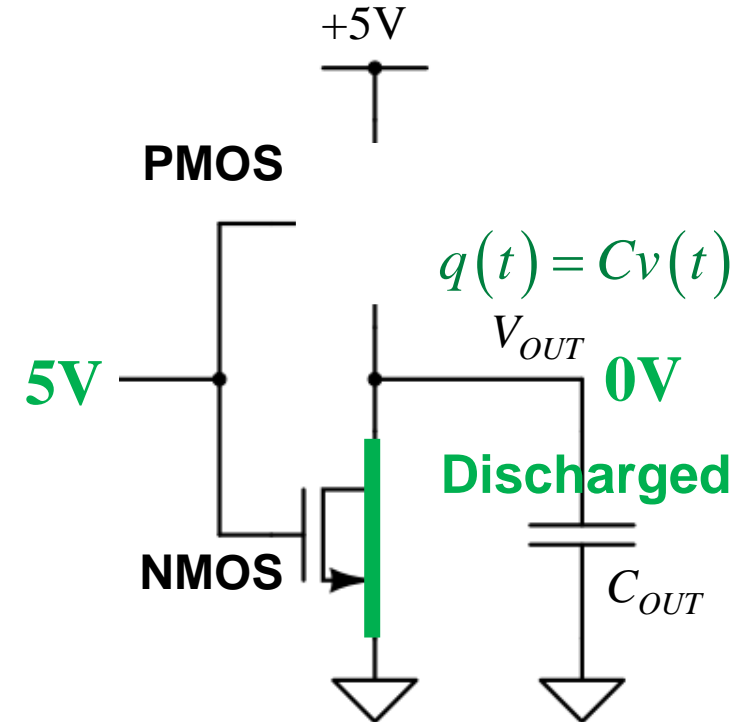
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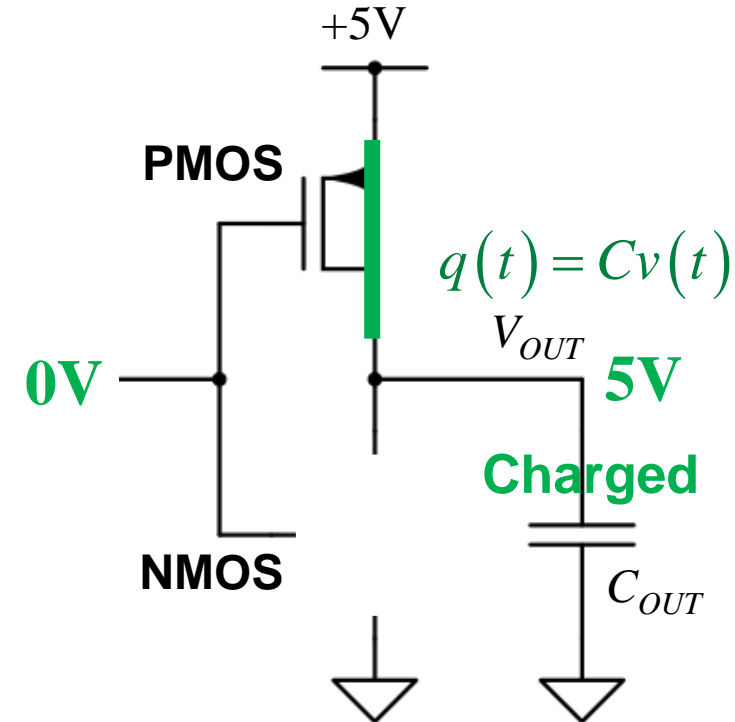
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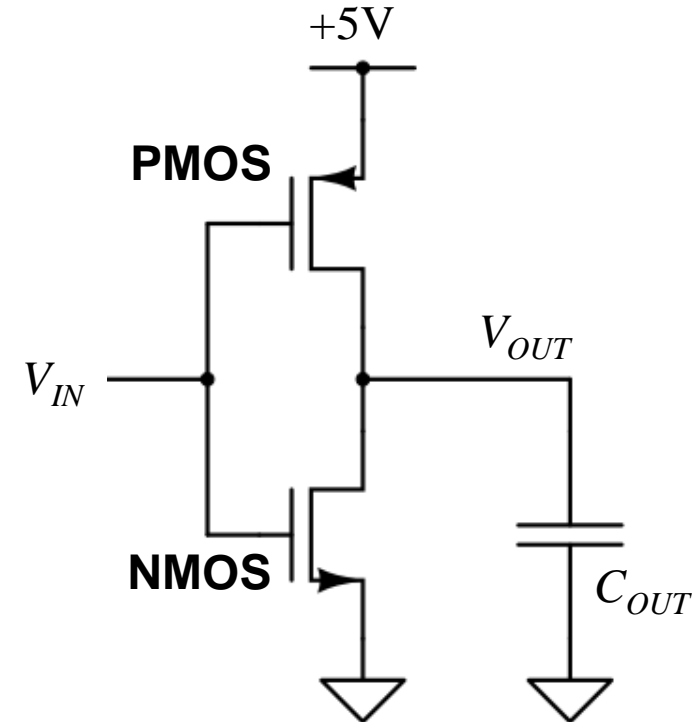
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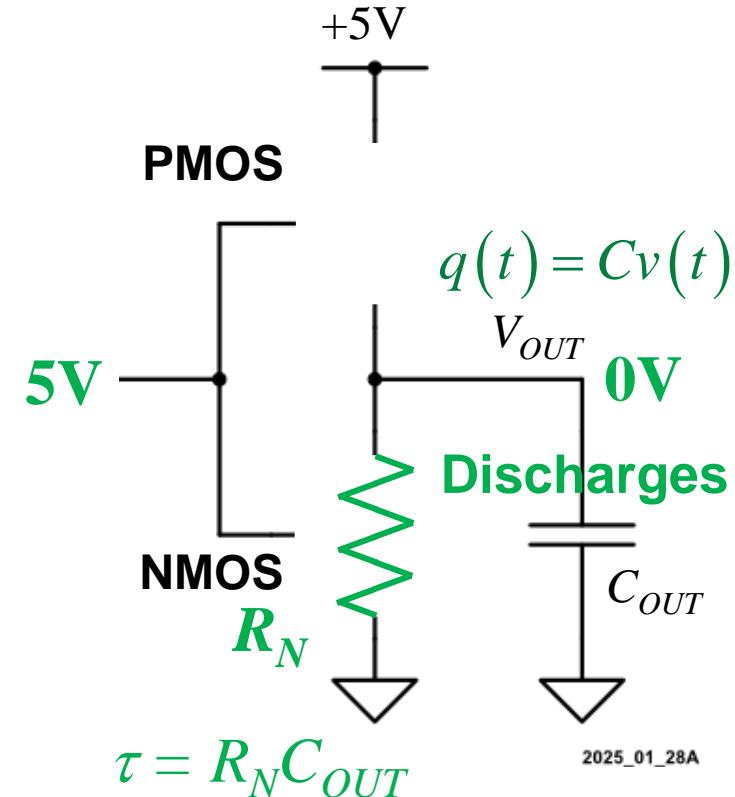
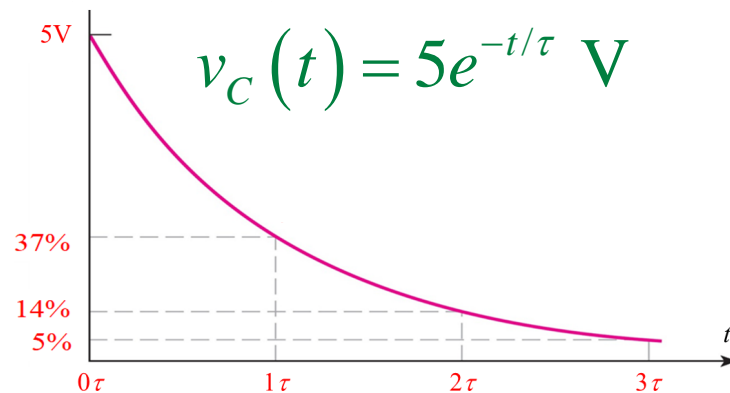
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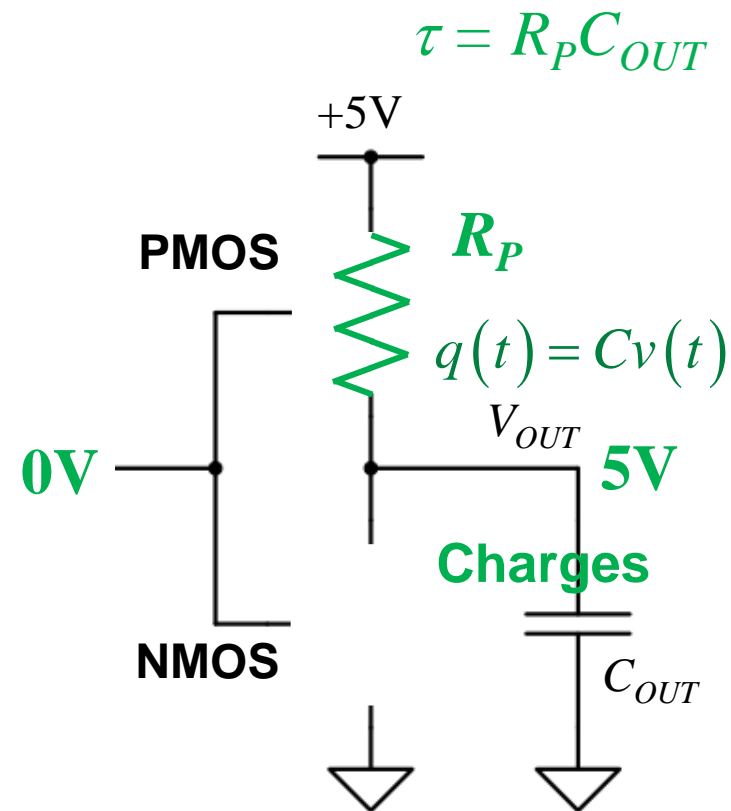
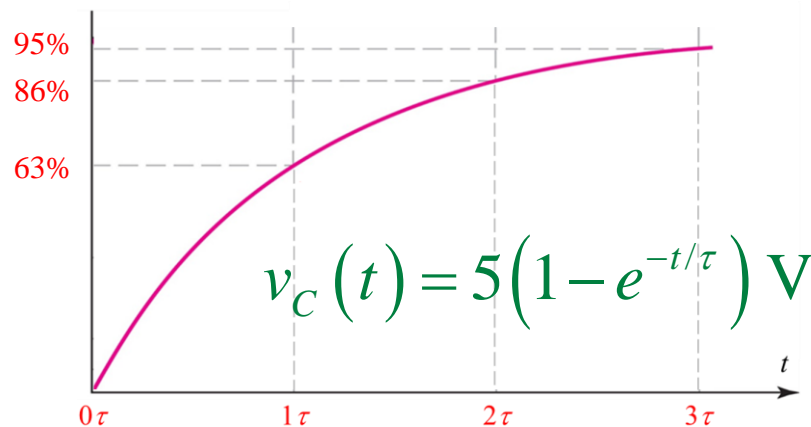
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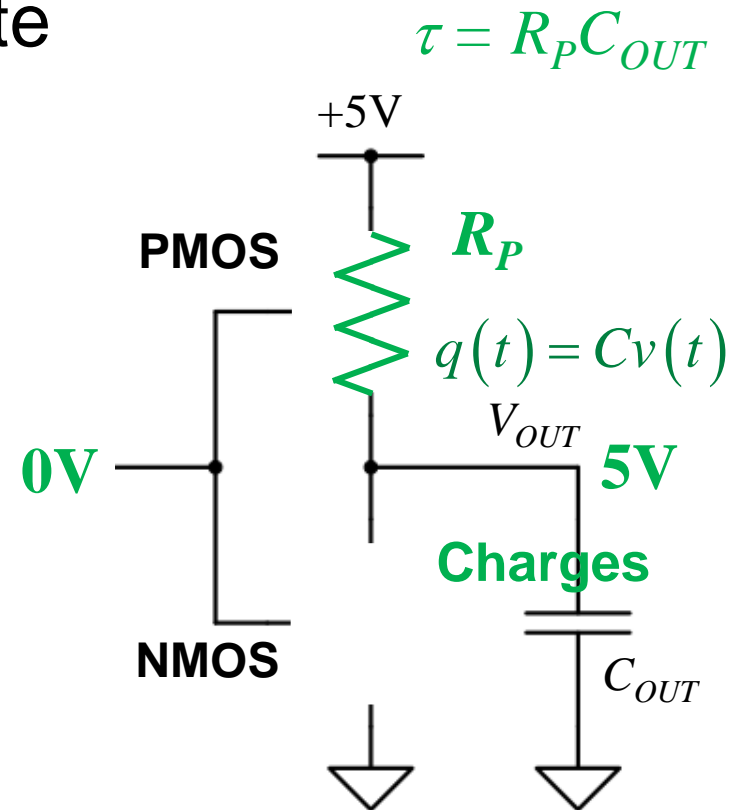
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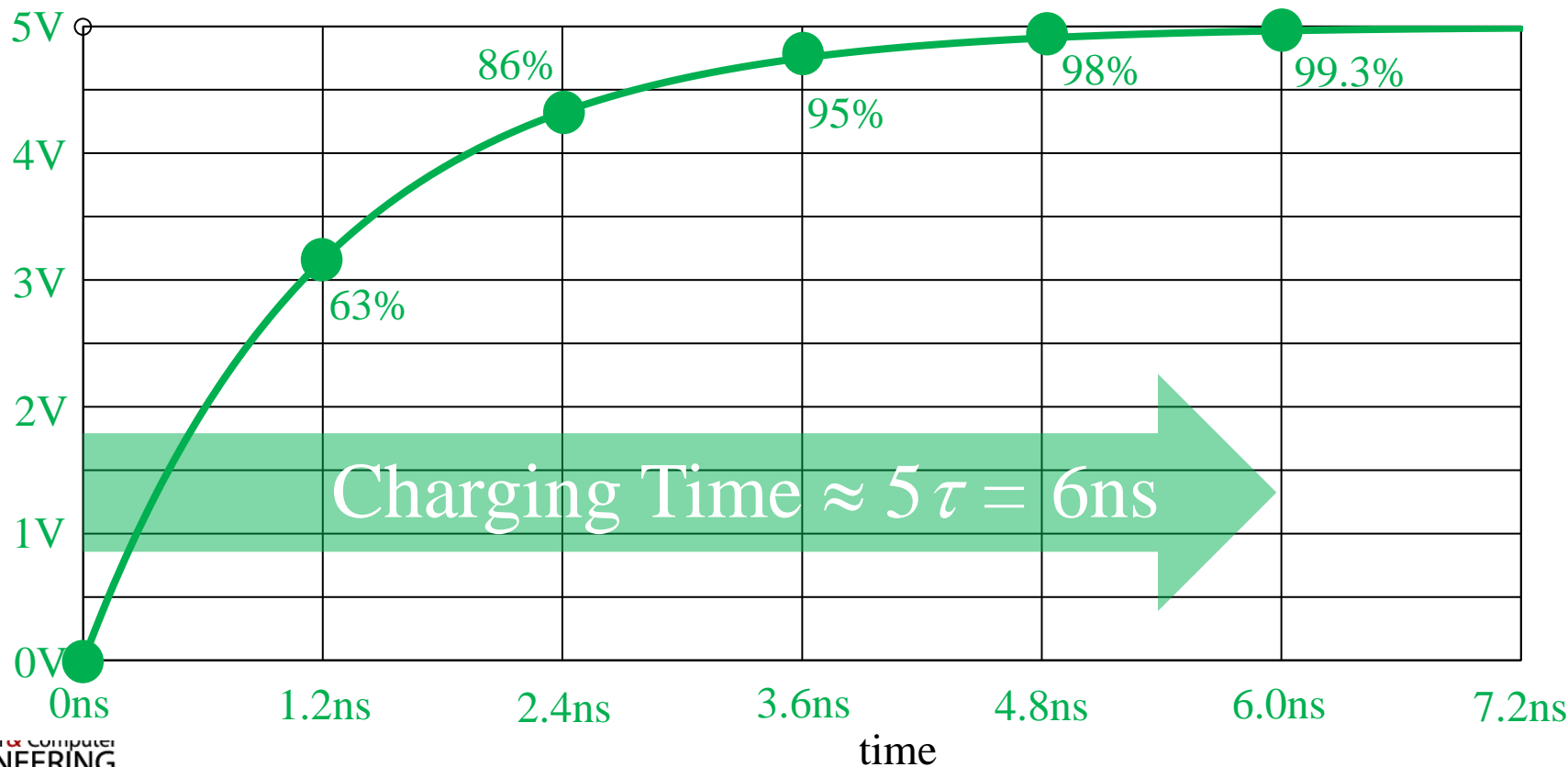
Charging:  $\tau = R_P C_{OUT} = (20\Omega)(60\text{ps}) = 1.2\text{ns}$

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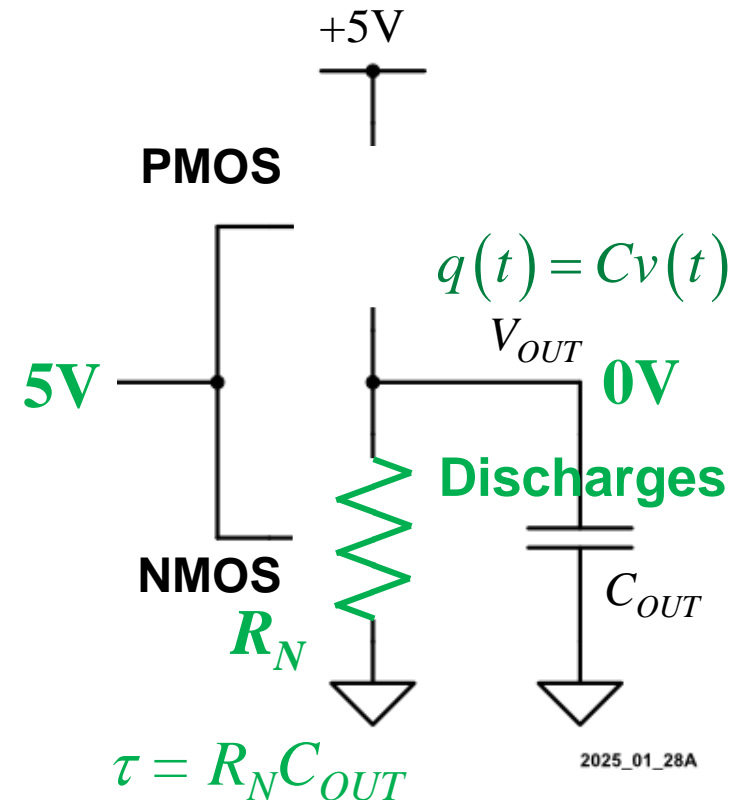
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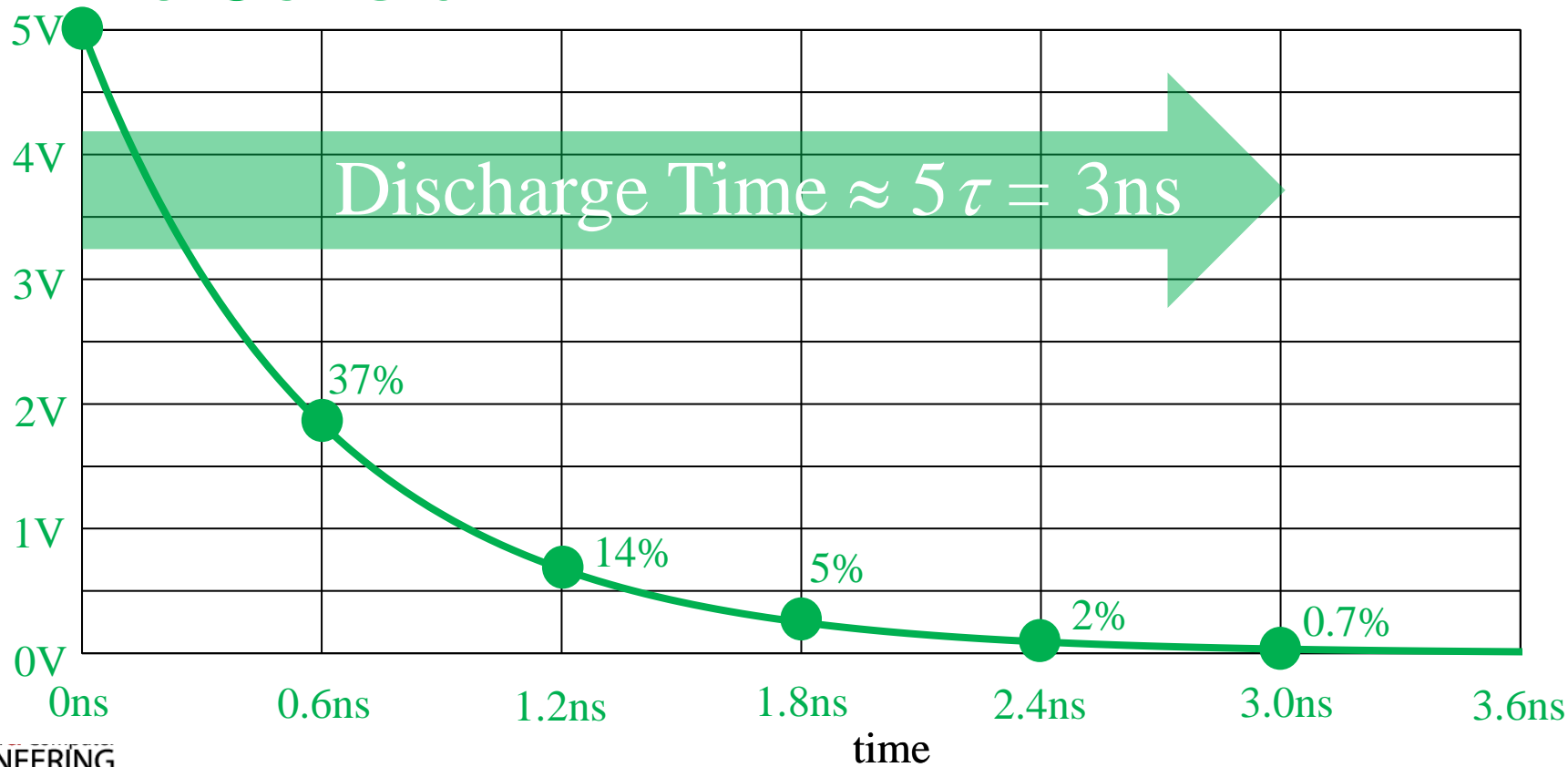
Discharging:  $\tau = R_N C_{OUT} = (10\Omega)(60\text{ps}) = 0.6\text{ns}$

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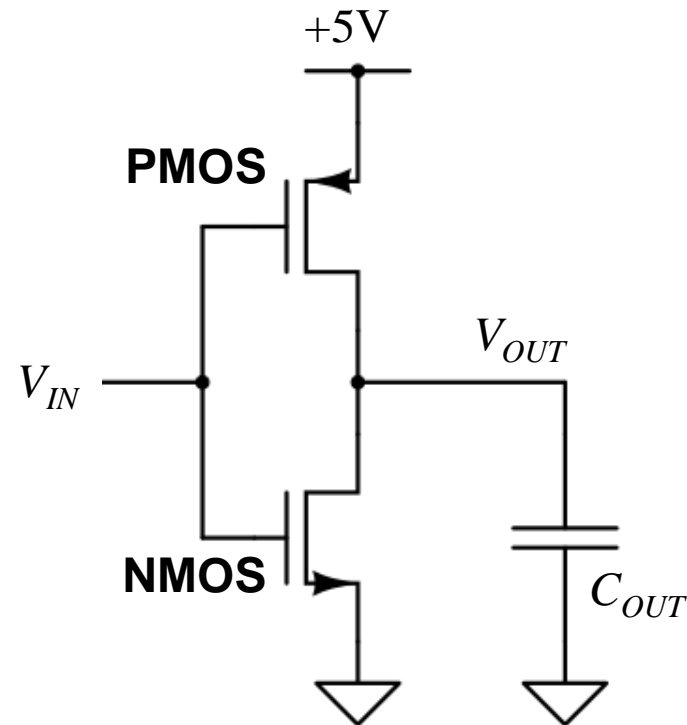
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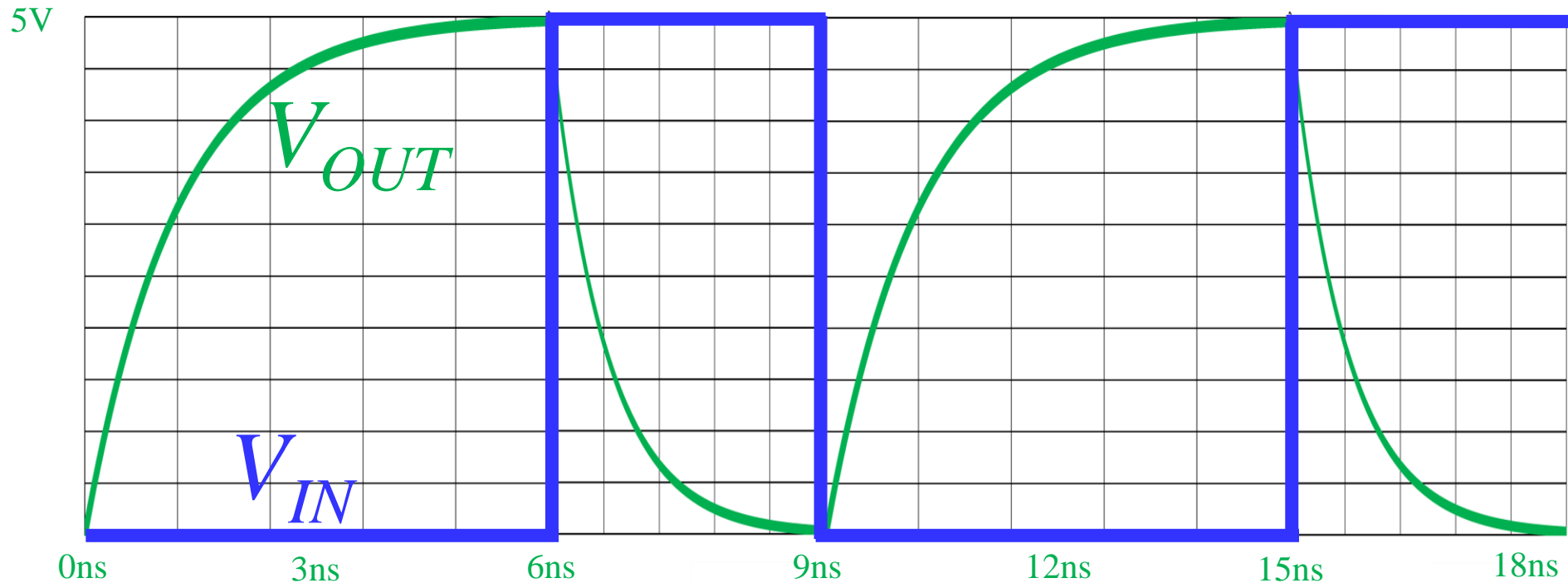
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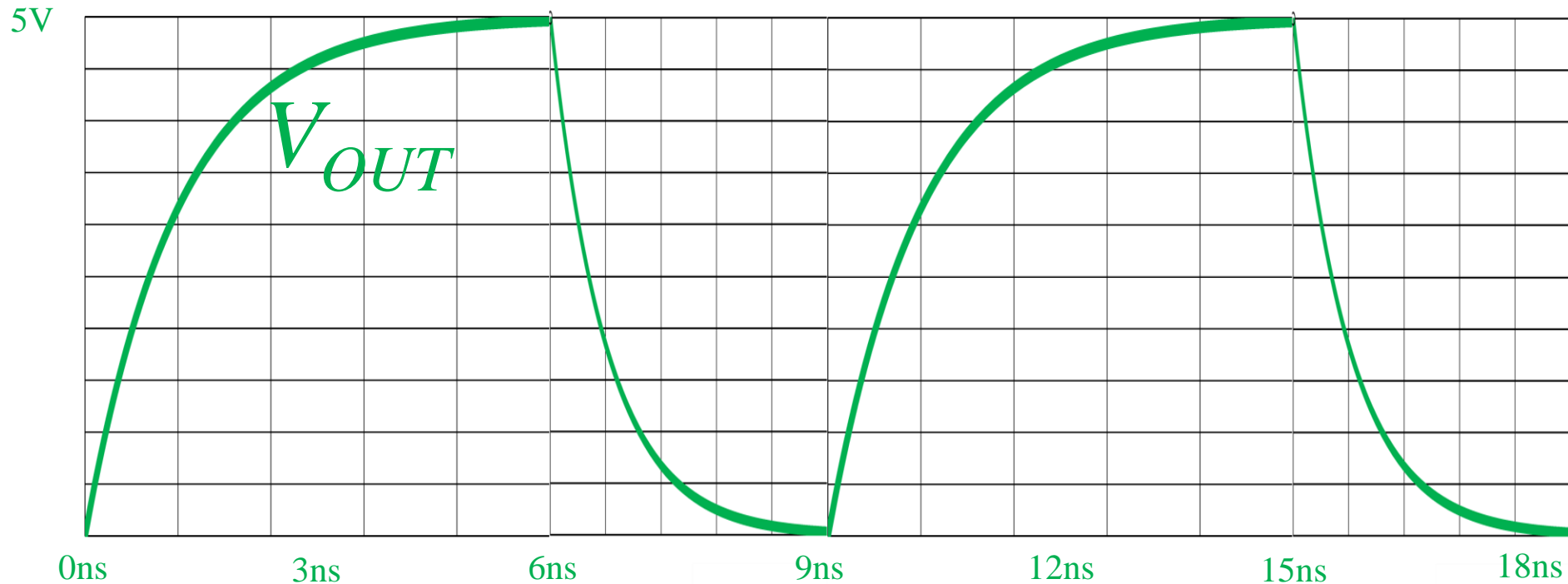
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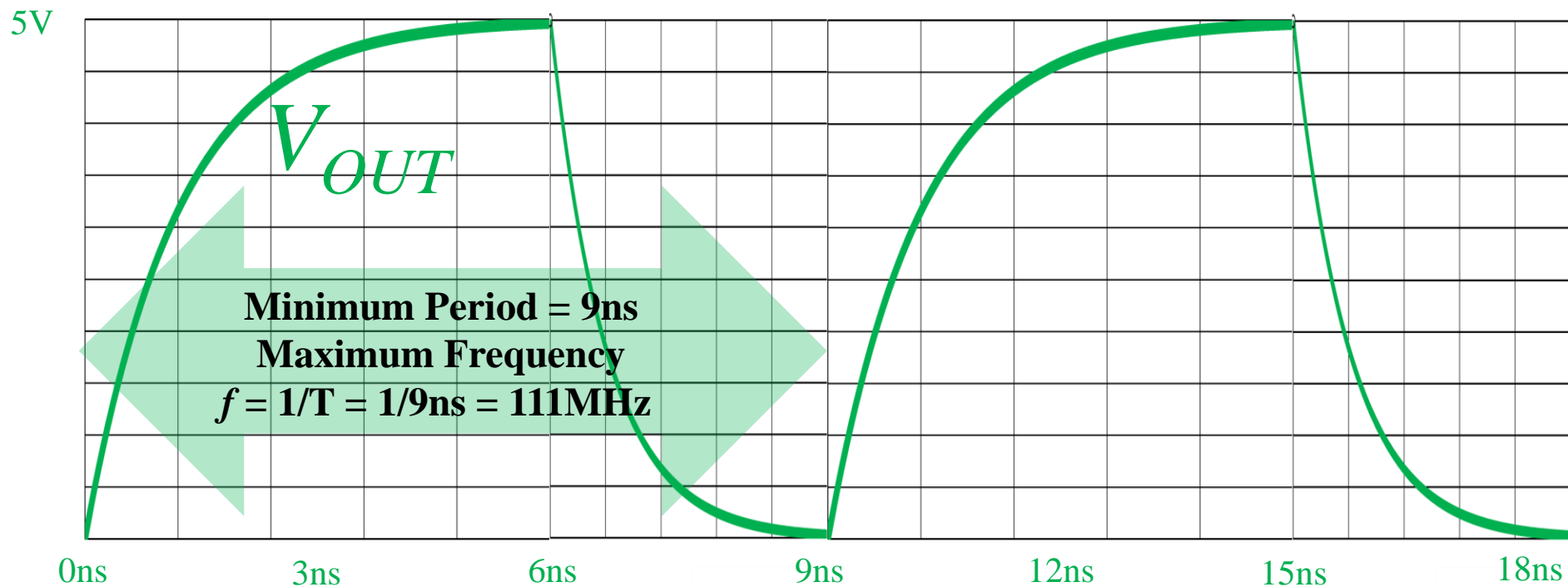
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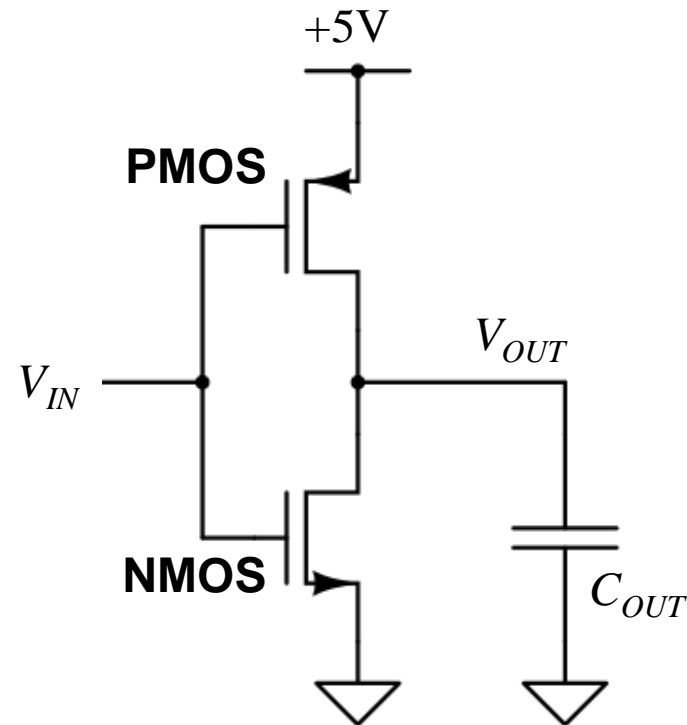
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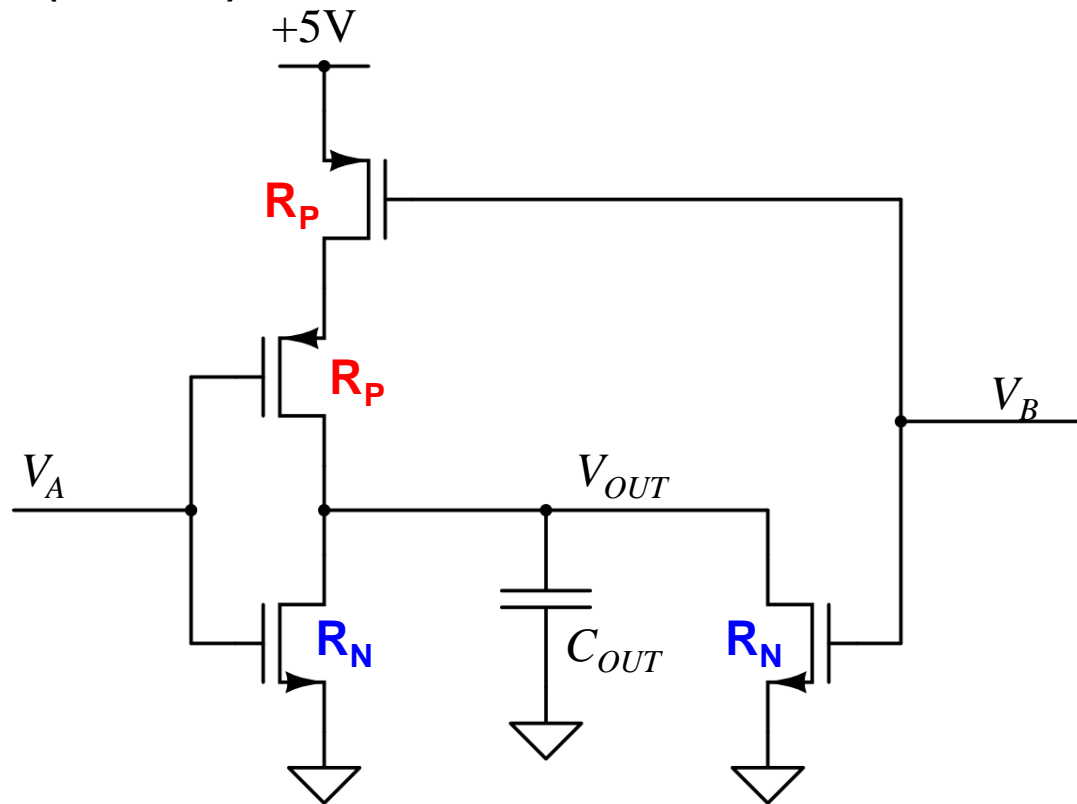
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$$\begin{aligned} f_{Max} &= 1 / T = 1 / (6\text{ns} + 3\text{ns}) \\ &= 111\text{MHz} \end{aligned}$$



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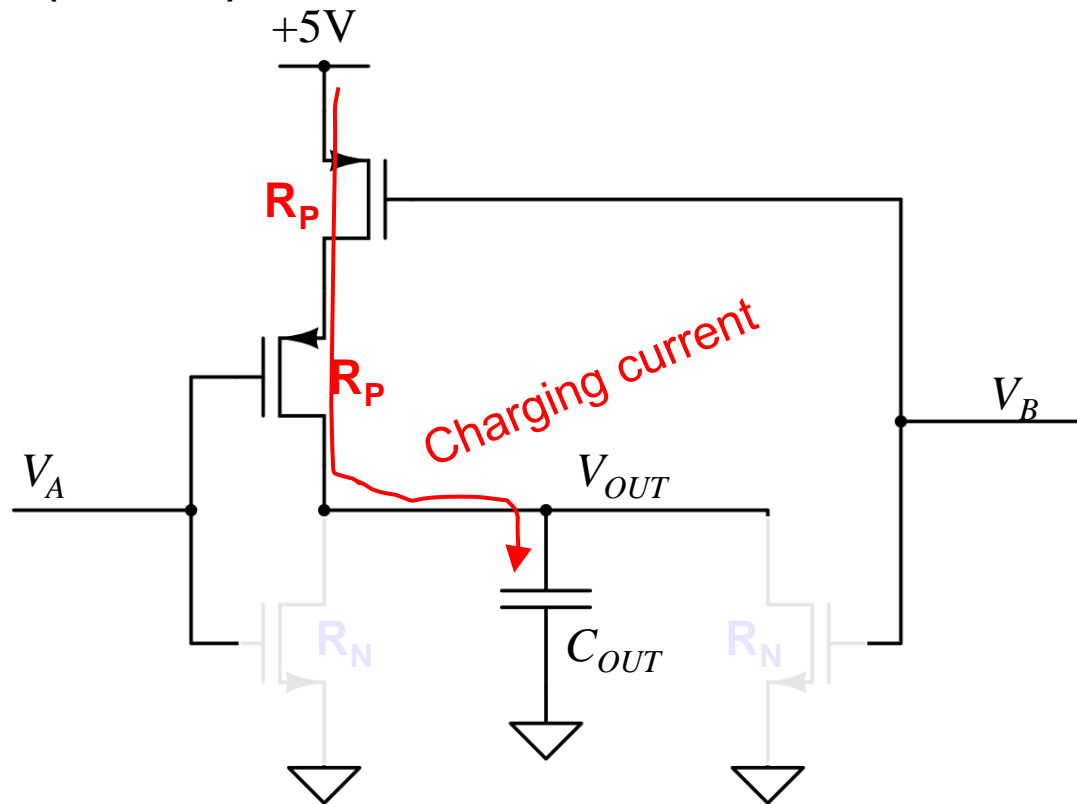
| $V_A$ | $V_B$ | $V_{OUT}$ | Time Constant, $\tau$ |
|-------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|
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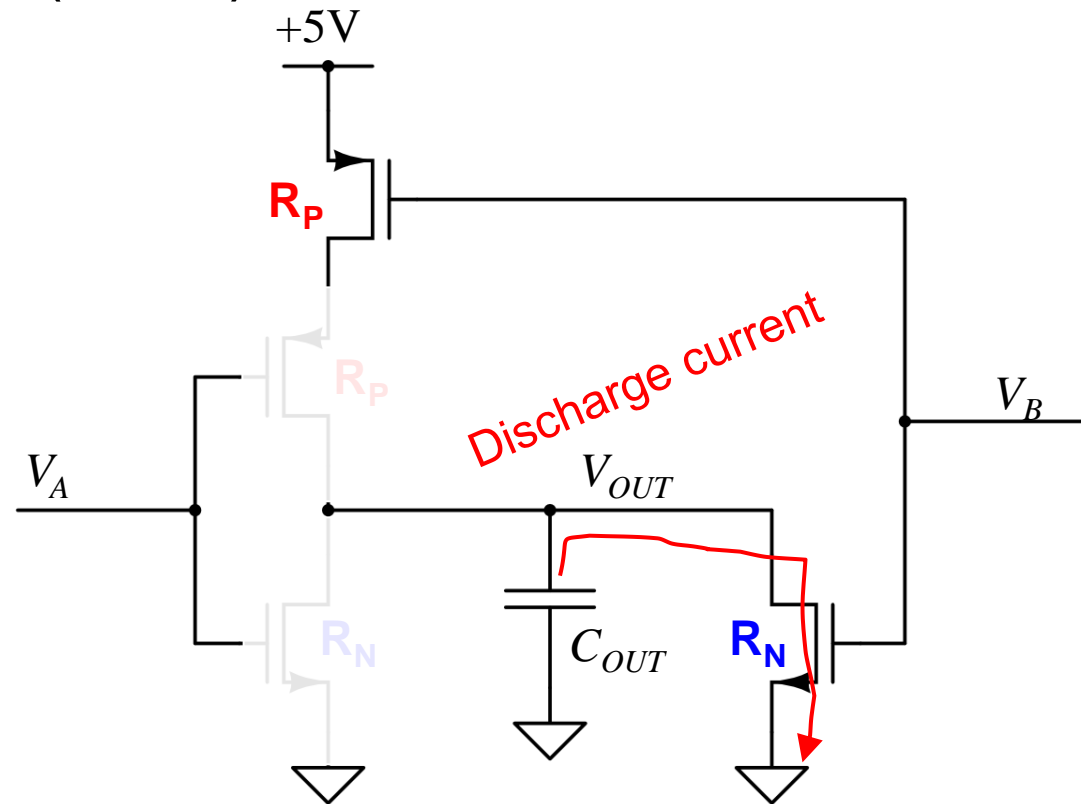
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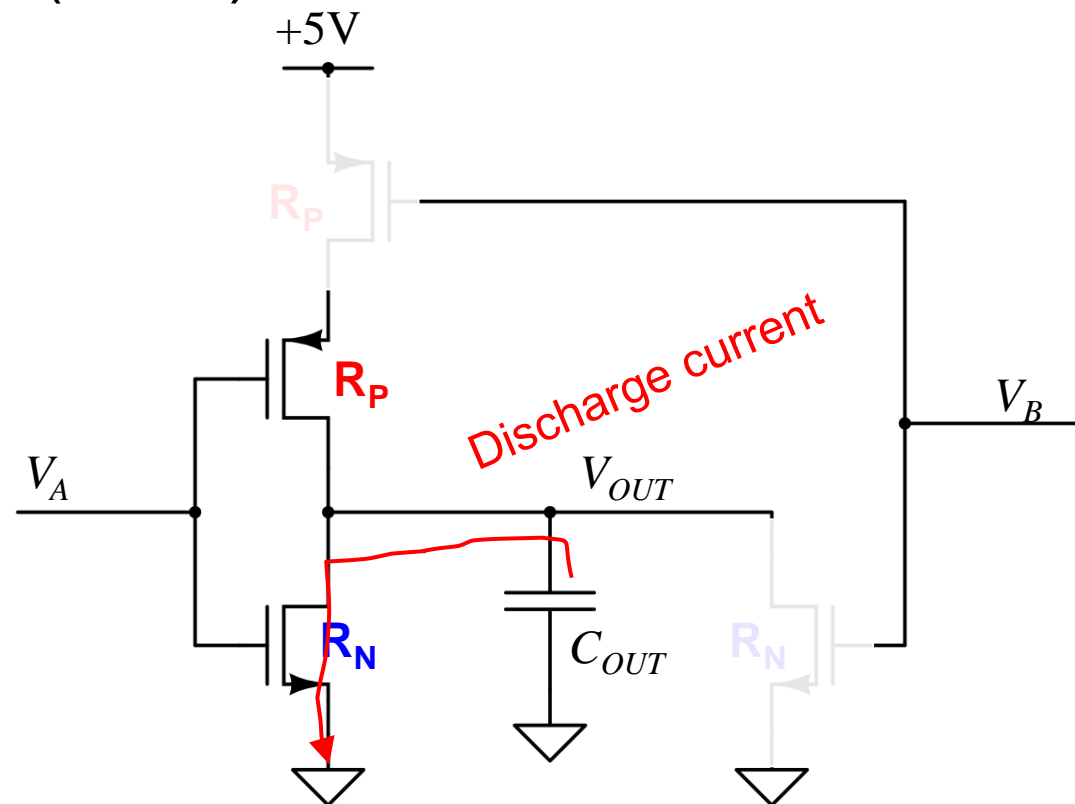
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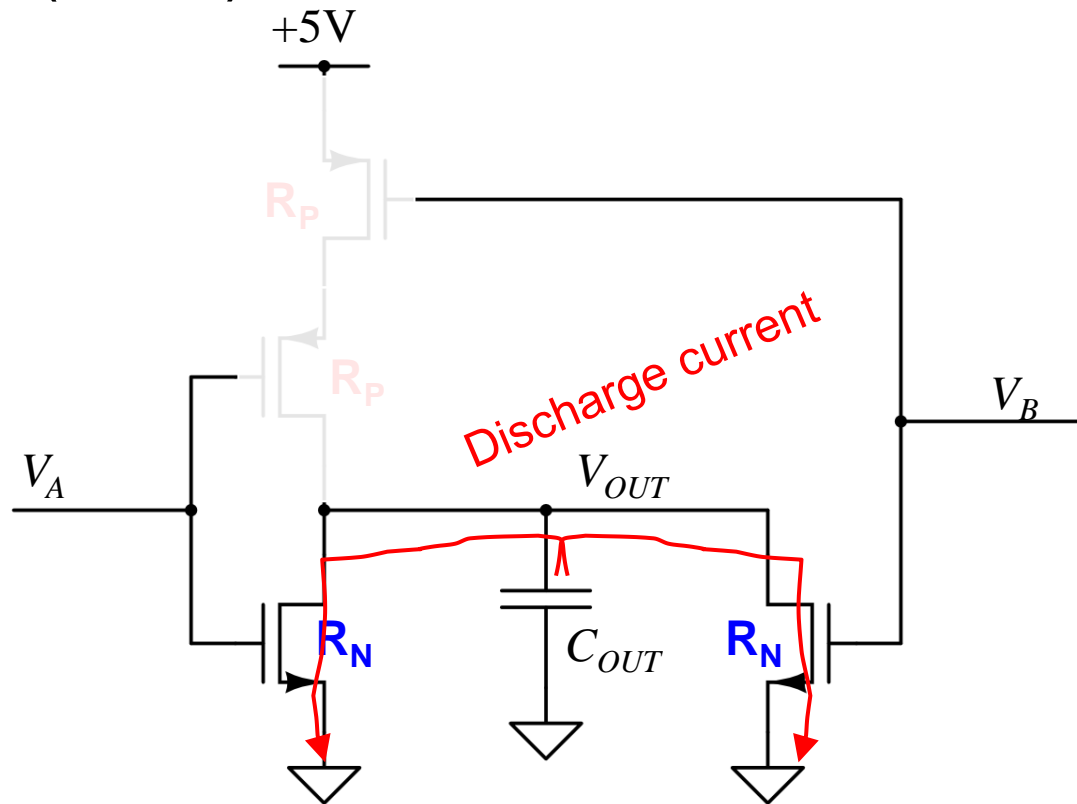
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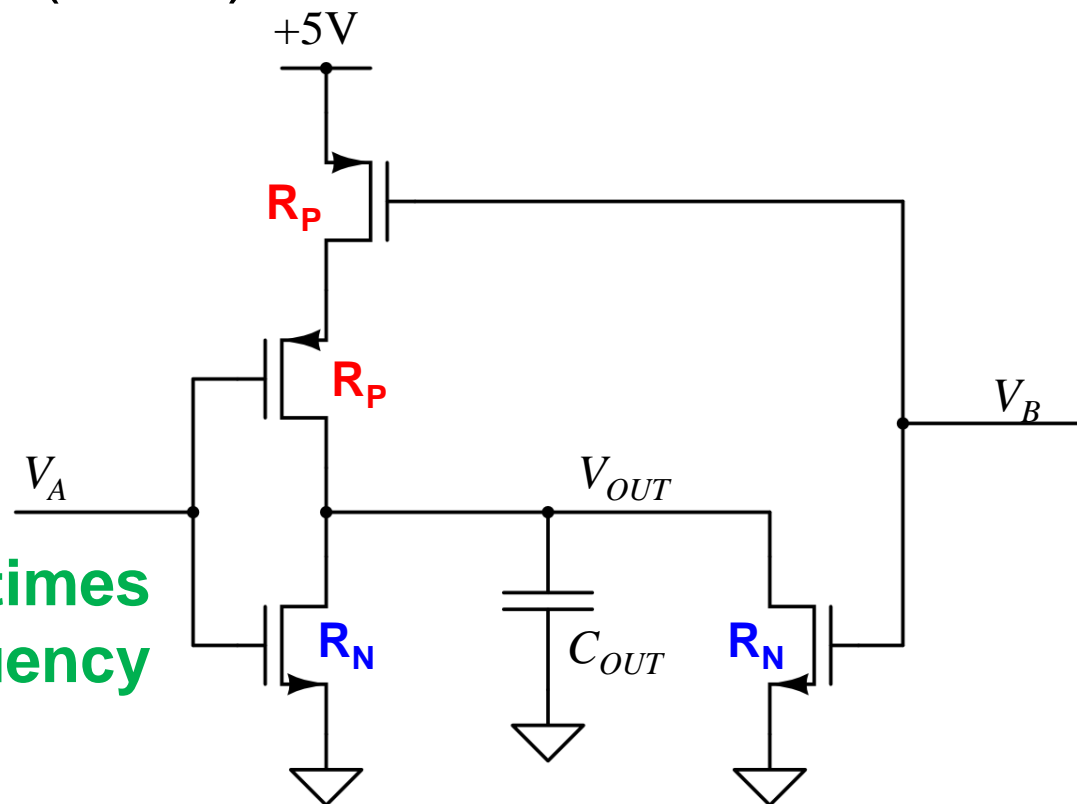
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Asymmetric switching times  
Reduced maximum frequency



# Budnik's Home Cooking Recipes for Solving $RC$ Circuits

## RC Circuits with No Sources

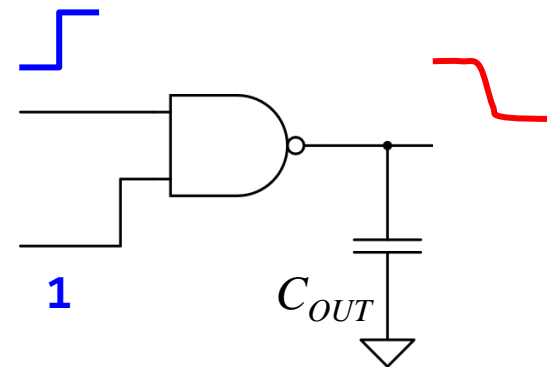
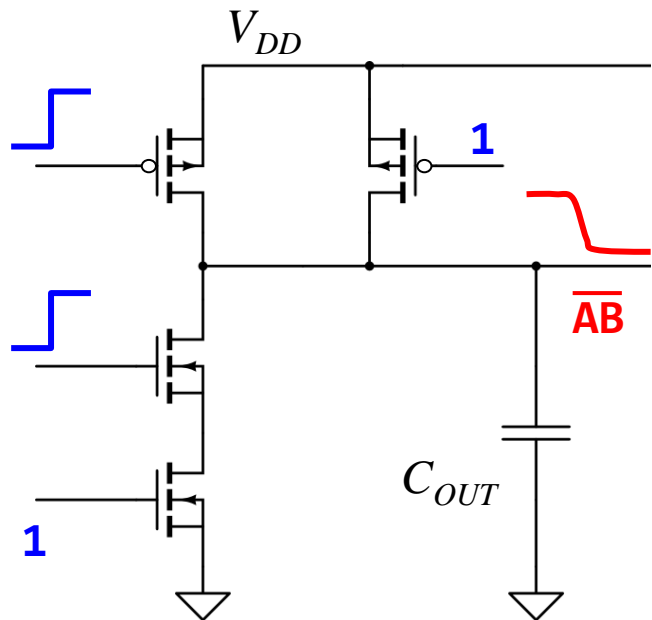
1. You are given  $v_C(t=0^-)$
2. Capacitor voltage cannot change instantly:  $v_C(t=0^+) = v_C(t=0^-) = V_0$
3. If necessary, find the current  $i_C(t=0^+)$  based on  $V_0$
4. Without an external source:  $i_C(t=\infty) = 0A$  and  $v_C(t=\infty) = 0V$
5. Find time constant:  $\tau = RC$
6. Both the current and voltage equations will have the form of:  
 $i_C(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$  and  $v_C(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau}$

## RC Circuits with Constant Sources

1. Calculate  $v_C(t=0^-)$  as if capacitor is an open circuit
2. Capacitor voltage cannot change instantly:  $v_C(t=0^+) = v_C(t=0^-) = V_0$
3. Eventually, capacitor looks like an open again, find  $v_C(t=\infty)$
4. If necessary, find the current  $i_C(t=0^+)$  and  $i_C(t=\infty)$
5. To find the time constant, zero out all sources (0V and 0A):  $\tau = RC$
6. Current and voltage each could be the form of:  $v_C(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau}$  or  
 $v_C(t) = (V_{HI} - V_{LO})(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) + V_{LO}$

# Switched Resistor Model

## NAND Gate

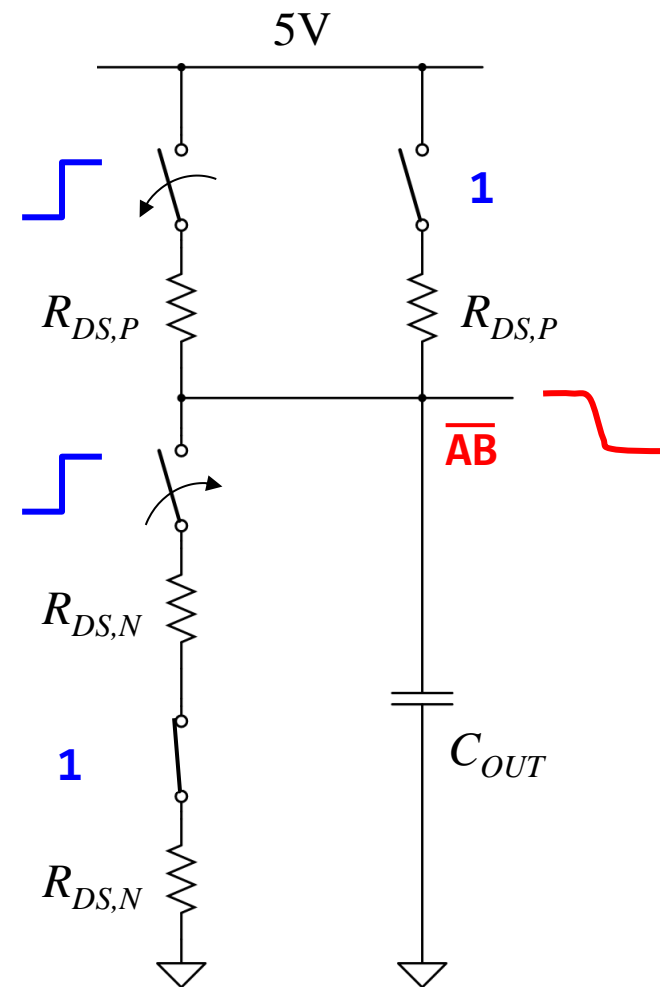


# Switched Resistor Model

## NAND Gate

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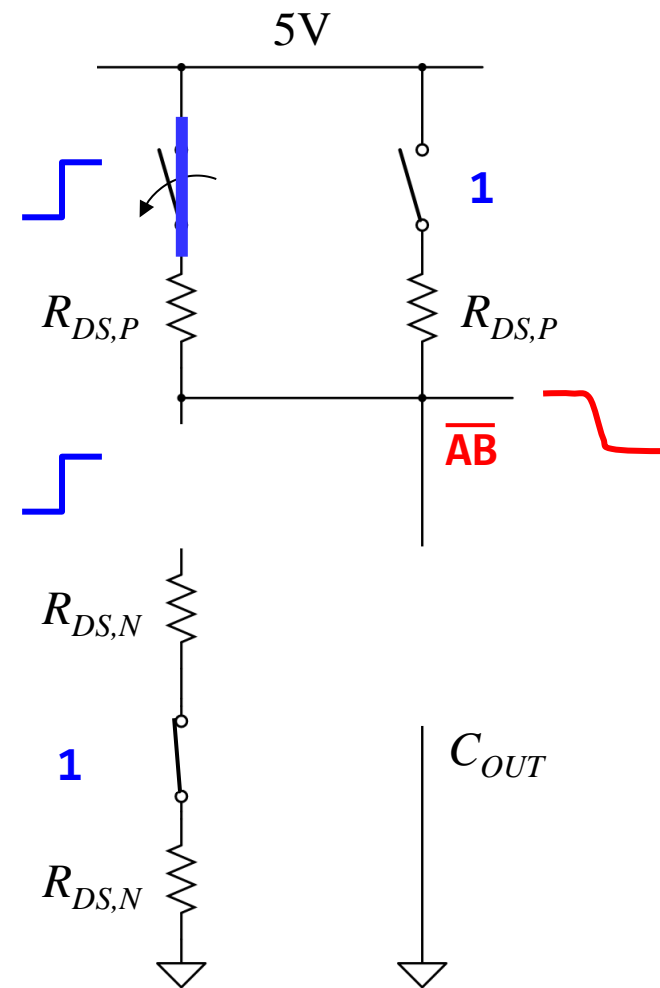
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## NAND Gate

### RC Circuits with Constant Sources

1. Calculate  $v_C(t=0^-)$  as if capacitor is an open circuit

$$v_C(t=0^-) = 5V$$



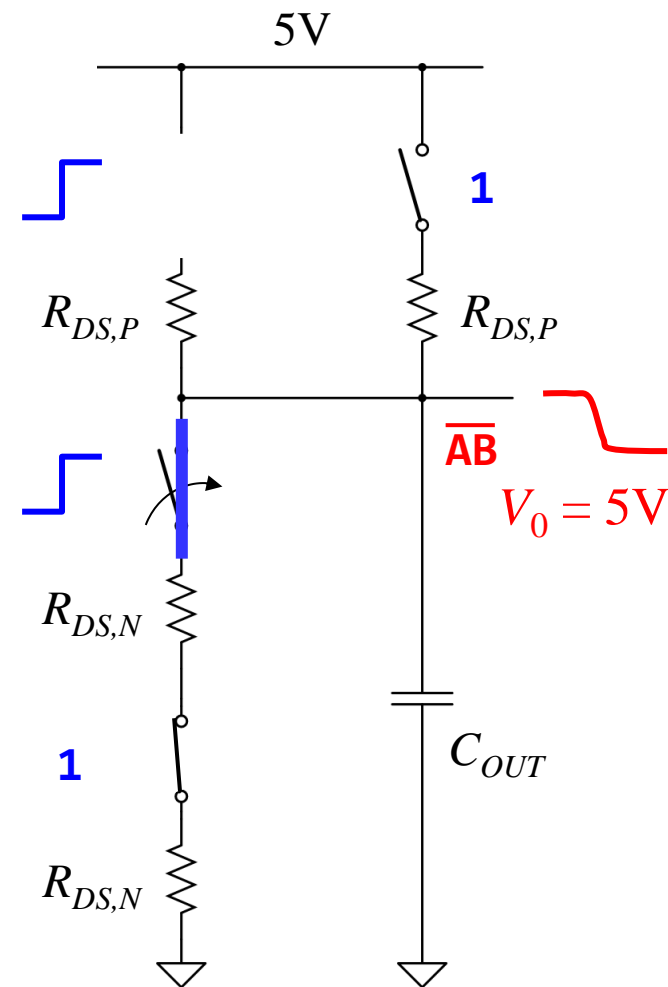
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## NAND Gate

### RC Circuits with Constant Sources

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$$v_C(t=0^-) = 5V = v_C(t=0^+) = V_0$$



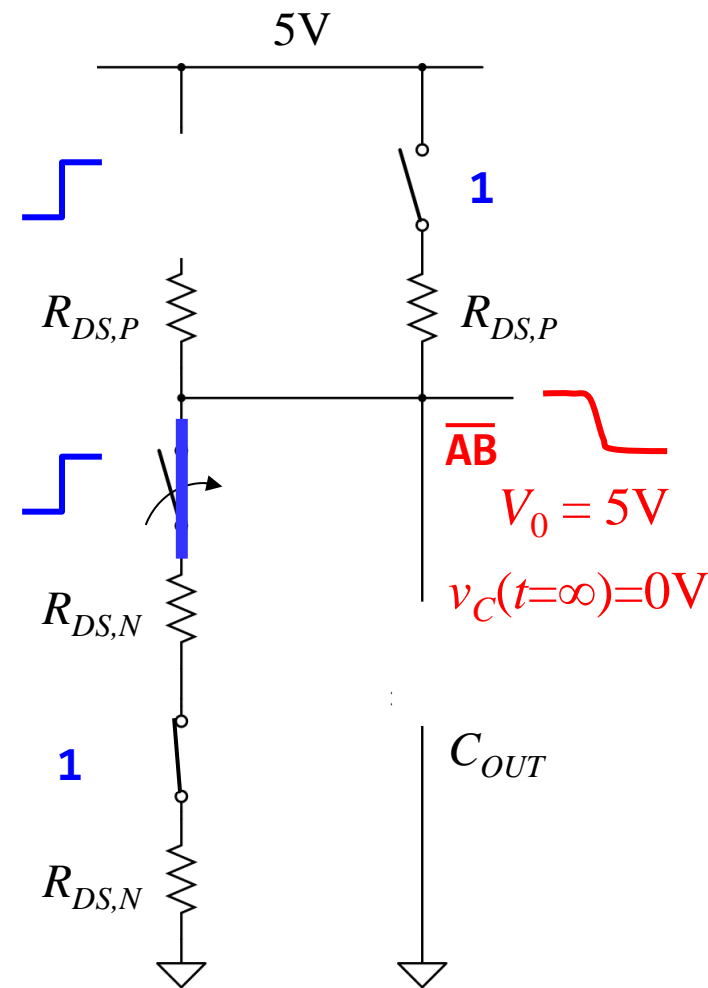
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## NAND Gate

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$$v_C(t = \infty) = 0V$$



# Switched Resistor Model

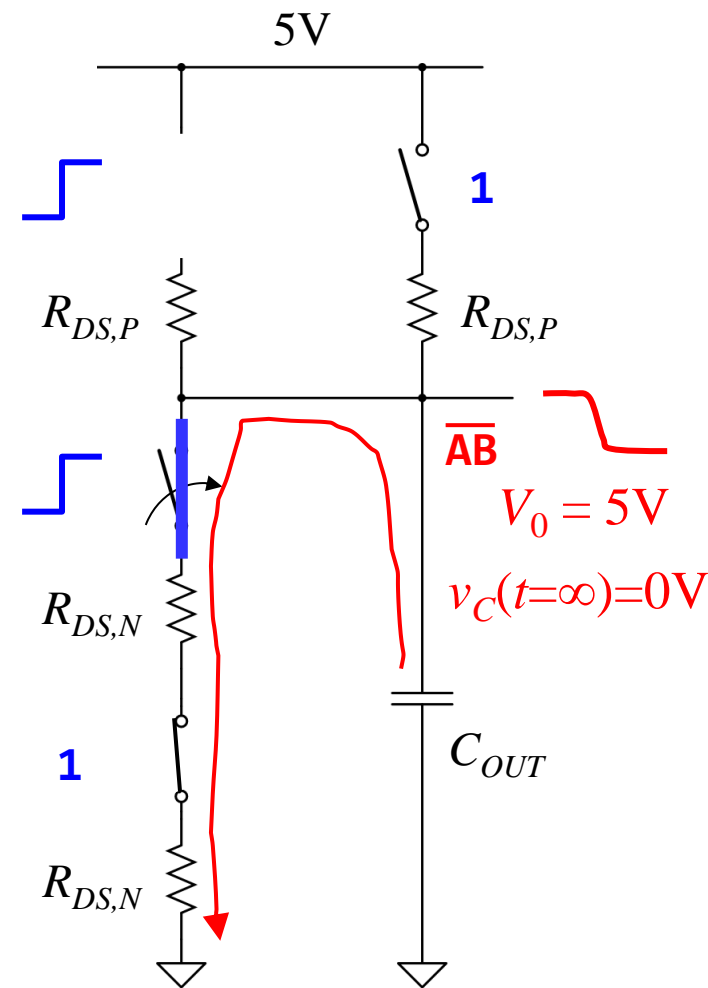
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$$i_C(t=0^+) = 5V / 2R_{DS,N}$$

$$i_C(t=\infty) = 0V / 2R_{DS,N} = 0A$$



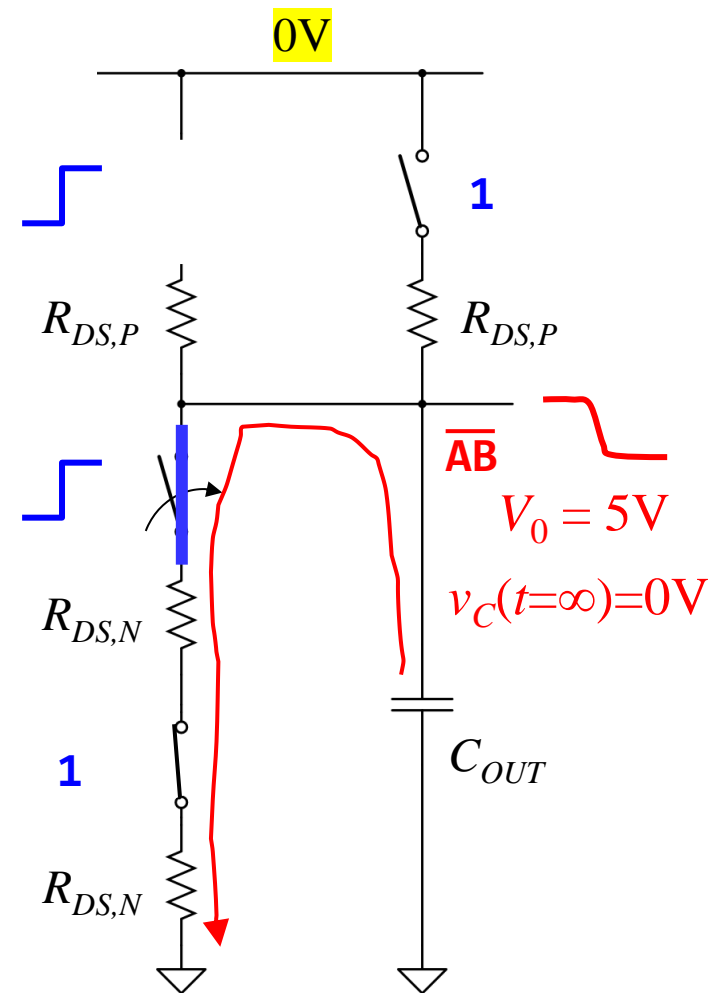
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$$\tau = 2R_{DS,N} C_{OUT}$$



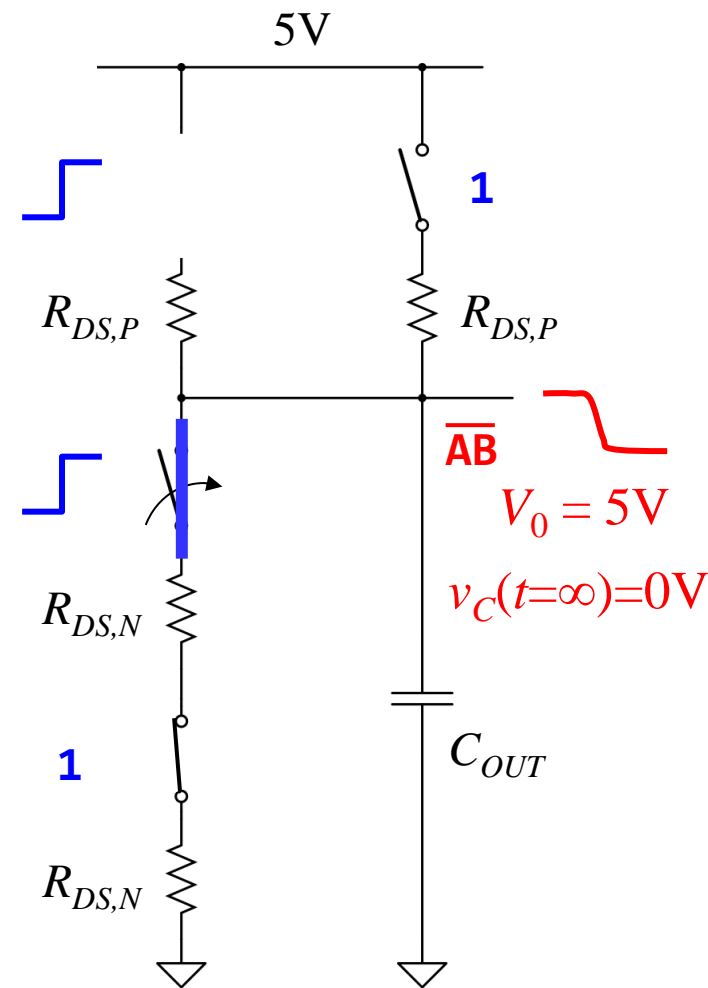
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## NAND Gate

### RC Circuits with Constant Sources

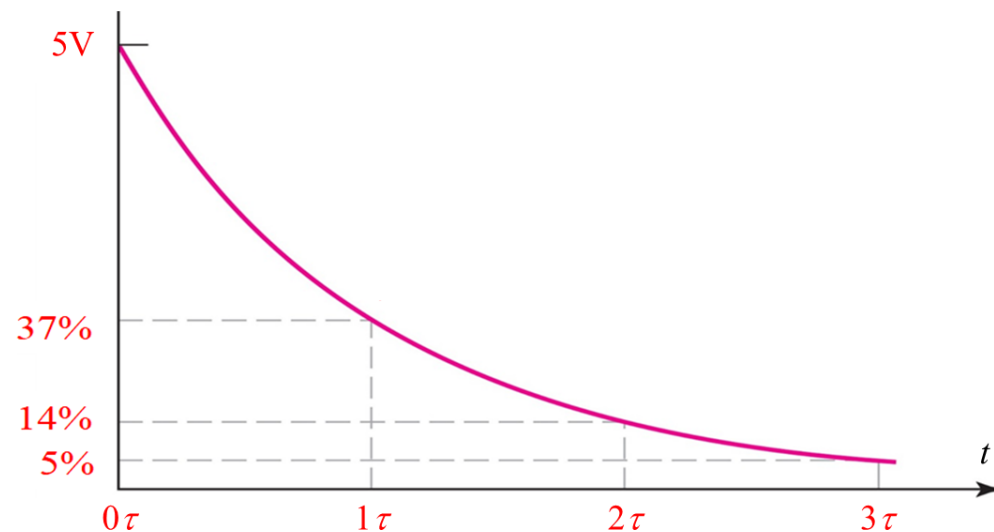
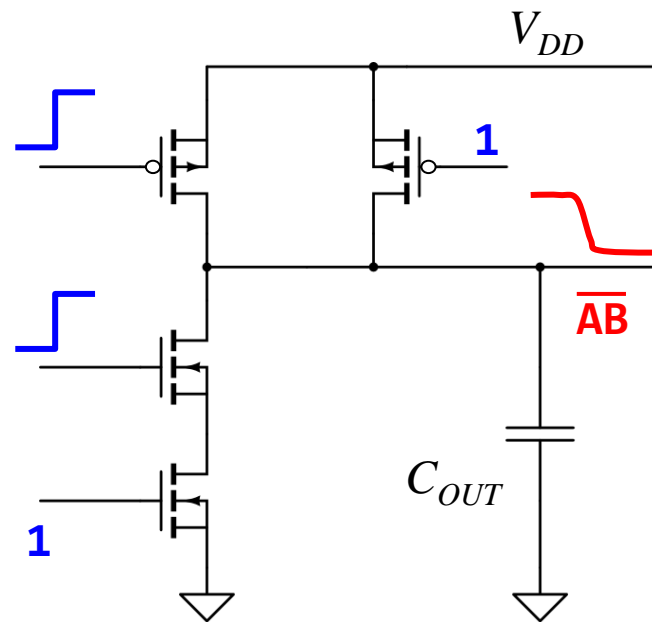
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$$v_C(t \geq 0) = 5e^{-t/(2R_{DS,N}C_{OUT})} \text{ V}$$

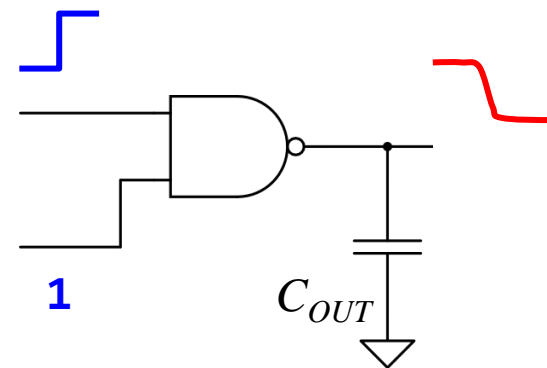


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## NAND Gate



$$v_C(t \geq 0) = 5e^{-t/(2R_{DS,N}C_{OUT})} V$$



# Capacitors Can Store Energy:

- Previous Example (2N7000):  $E_C = \frac{1}{2}(60\text{ pF})(5\text{ V})^2 = 750\text{ pJ}$

$$E_C = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$$

- Super Capacitor Example:

$$E_C = \frac{1}{2}(220\text{ mF})(5\text{ V})^2 = 2.75\text{ J}$$



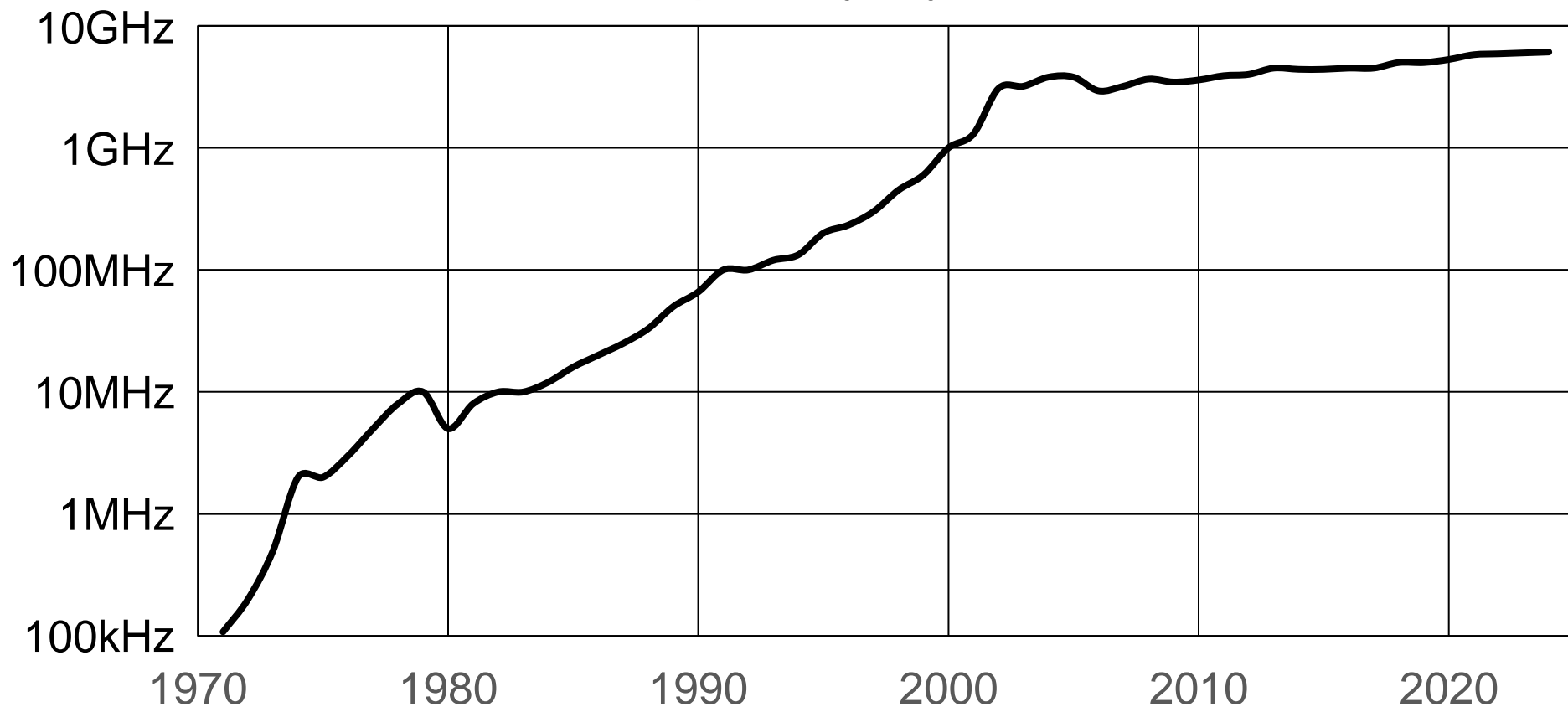


# Charging and Discharging Logic Gates Takes Power

$$P = CV^2 f = (0.5)(60 pF)(5V)^2 (100 MHz) = 75 mW$$

$$P_{1M\ Gates} = (75 mW)(1,000,000) = 75,000 W$$

# Maximum Processor Frequency by Year



# Inductors and Capacitors Are Opposites....

Inductors



Capacitors



Cannot Change  
Instantly

Current

$$i_L(t = 0^-) = i_L(t = 0^+)$$

Voltage

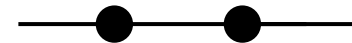
$$v_C(t = 0^-) = v_C(t = 0^+)$$

Initially, When Current  
First Starts to Flow,  
It Looks Like a ....

Open

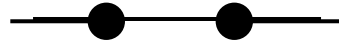


Short



Eventually, It Gets Fully  
Charged Up, and  
It Looks Like a ....

Short



Open



# Inductors and Capacitors Are Opposites....

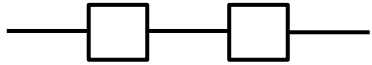
Inductors



Capacitors



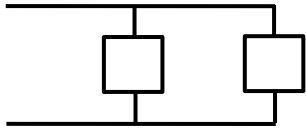
Series Equivalence



$$L_{eq} = L_1 + L_2 + \dots + L_N$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{C_N}$$

Parallel Equivalence



$$\frac{1}{L_{eq}} = \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{L_N}$$

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_N$$

Time Constant

$$\tau = L/R$$

$$\tau = RC$$

# What Do You Need to Do Next?

1. Take the **Lecture 7 Quiz** on canvas!
2. Check out Piazza and Gradescope

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