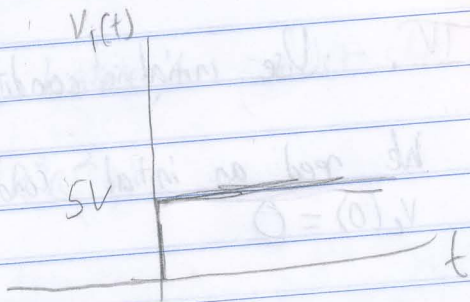


A more typical source is a step input, $V_i(t)$

Think of as a source being switched on or a battery suddenly connected



Try the exercise we just did, but now with the source above assuming $V_c(0) = 0$

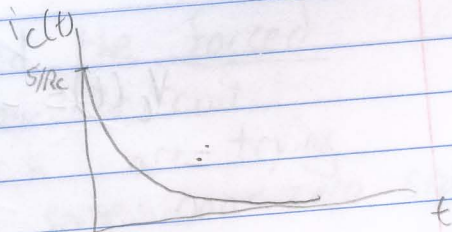
You should get: $V_c(t) = 5 - 5e^{-t/RC}$

At $t=0$ $V_c(0) = 0$
 $t=\infty$ $V_c(\infty) = 5$



$i_c(t) = C \cdot V_c'(t) = \frac{5}{RC} e^{-t/RC}$

$i_c(0) = 5/RC$
 $i_c(\infty) = 0$

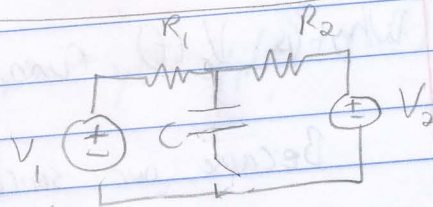


Acts like a short at $t=0$, open at $t=\infty$

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Warm up: How would you solve?

Assume $V_1 = V_2 = 50$, $t < 0$
 $V_c = 0$, $t > 0$

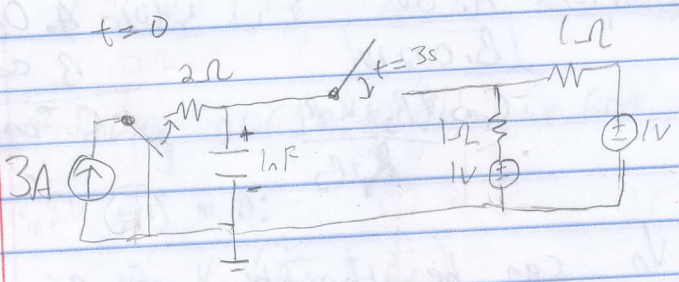


Node voltage: $\frac{V_c - V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_c - V_2}{R_2} + C \frac{dV_c(t)}{dt} = 0$

$V_c(0) = 0$

Standard Form: $V_c' = V_c \left(\frac{1}{RC} + \frac{1}{R_2 C} \right) + \frac{V_1}{CR_1} + \frac{V_2}{CR_2}$

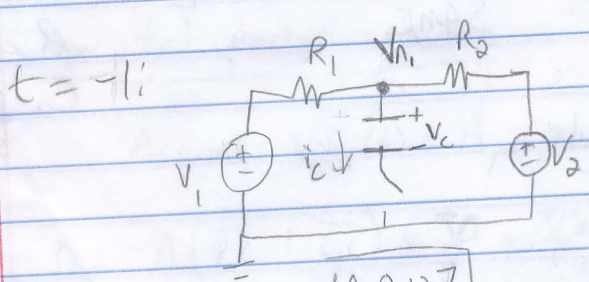
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$$i = C \frac{dV}{dt}$$

Find $V_c(t)$, if $V_c(t) = 0$ if $t < 0$.

Before we go through and solve this ODE let's think about what happens to V_c, i_c at $t = -1, t = 0$, and $t = \infty$



At $t = -1$ and indeed all times before time 0, no current can flow through C. Thus V_c must be constant!

Q: What is $V_c(-1)$?
 A. 0.127
 B. 0V
 C. some other value
 $V_c(t) = V_c(-1) = 0.127$

But wait! Won't V_n be some value other than 0.127?

Yes, but the bottom side of the capacitor is not ground, so V_c is not same as V_n !

Since V_n is an interesting quantity, let's consider it, too, in addition to V_c, i_c .

Q: What is $V_n(-1)$?
 A. $\frac{V_1 R_2 + V_2 R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$
 B. $\frac{V_1 R_1 + V_2 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$

Q: Now what are $V_c(0)$, $i_c(0)$, and $V_n(0)$?

- $V_c(0)$: A. 0V
 B. 0.127V
 C. $\frac{V_1 R_2 + V_2 R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$

- $V_n(0)$: A. 0V
 B. 0.127V
 C. $\frac{V_1 R_2 + V_2 R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$

- $i_c(0)$: A. 0A
 B. ∞ A
 C. Something in between

The sudden drop in V_n can be thought of as a sudden pressure drop due to a hole in a pipe when the capacitor appears and starts sucking up charge.

What are $V_c(\infty)$, $i_c(\infty)$, and $V_n(\infty)$?

- $V_c(\infty)$: A. 0V
 B. 0.127V
 C. $\frac{V_1 R_2 + V_2 R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$
 D. Need to solve ODE

$V_n(\infty)$: SAME

- $i_c(\infty)$: A. 0A
 B. ∞ A
 C. Need to solve ODEs

$$V_I = 0.127A$$

$$V_F = \frac{V_1 R_2 + V_2 R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

What happens in between will require ODEs.

$$0. \quad v_c' = v_c \left(\frac{1}{R_1 C} + \frac{1}{R_2 C} \right) + \frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2} \quad \text{the SFODE}$$

I. Following our algorithm, we first find homogeneous solution

Set $f(t)$ to 0:

$$v_c' = -v_c \left(\frac{1}{R_1 C} + \frac{1}{R_2 C} \right)$$

$$s = - \left(\frac{1}{R_1 C} + \frac{1}{R_2 C} \right)$$

Homogeneous solution:

(also known as natural response)

$$v_{c,h}(t) = k_1 e^{st} = k_1 e^{-(\frac{1}{R_1 C} + \frac{1}{R_2 C})t}$$

Note that the natural response is just the equation for voltage decay

II. Now find particular solution

Assume $v_{c,p}(t) = A$, plug into SFODE.

$$0 = -A \left(\frac{1}{R_1 C} + \frac{1}{R_2 C} \right) + \frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2}$$

$$A = \frac{\frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2}}{\frac{1}{R_1 C} + \frac{1}{R_2 C}} = \frac{\frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2}}{\frac{R_2 + R_1}{R_1 R_2 C}} = \frac{R_2 V_1 + R_1 V_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Note that the forced response is just the steady state voltage

Particular solution

$$A = \frac{R_2 V_1 + R_1 V_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$\text{III. } v_c(t) = k_1 e^{-(\frac{1}{R_1 C} + \frac{1}{R_2 C})t} + \frac{R_2 V_1 + R_1 V_2}{R_1 + R_2} \quad \text{(Complete solution)}$$

$$\text{IV. } v_c(0) = 0.127 \Rightarrow k_1 = - \frac{R_2 V_1 + R_1 V_2}{R_1 + R_2} + 0.127$$

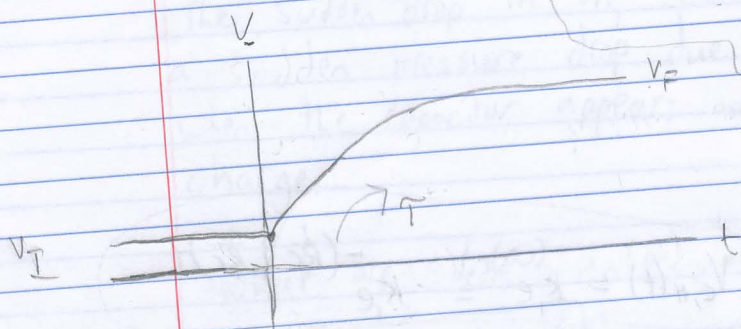
(Find unknown constant k_1)

Creating variables

$$V_F = \frac{(R_2 V_1 + R_1 V_2)}{R_1 + R_2} \quad \tau = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{RC} + \frac{1}{R_0}\right)}$$

$$V_I = 0.127$$

$$V_C(t) = \underbrace{(V_I - V_F)e^{-t/\tau}}_{\text{natural response}} + \underbrace{V_F}_{\text{forced response}}$$



We refer to τ as the "time constant". It tells us how slow the system changes. If τ is large, then the capacitor will take a very long time to charge (and discharge).

Physically, it represents the time it takes for the exponential to reach 63.2% ($1 - 1/e$) of its final value. So if the capacitor were charging from 0V to 1000V, it would take τ seconds to reach 632V (assuming we're measuring time in seconds).

It's identical to the concept of half-life, except it's 63.2% instead of 50%.

τ depends on the circuit that the element with memory sees. For an RC circuit, τ will just be $\tau = \frac{1}{R_{eq}C}$ where

R_{eq} is the resistance of the circuit looking out from the capacitor terminals (not source terminals).

For an RL circuit, it's just $\tau = L/R$

This brings us to the ultra-fast way of doing 1st order circuits, which the book calls "the intuitive method."

You may have noticed a pattern in the 3 problems we've done so far, when solving for a capacitor voltage in an RC circuit, if we have only DC sources (constant sources), then:

$$V_c(t) = (V_I - V_F) e^{-t/\tau} + V_F$$

pretty easy to prove.

When $t=0$ $V_c(0) = (V_I - V_F) + V_F = V_I$

" $t=\infty$ $V_c(\infty) = (V_I - V_F) \cdot 0 + V_F = V_F$

Where $V_I = V_c(0)$, $V_F = V_c(\infty)$, $\tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq}}$

For an RL circuit, it's just:

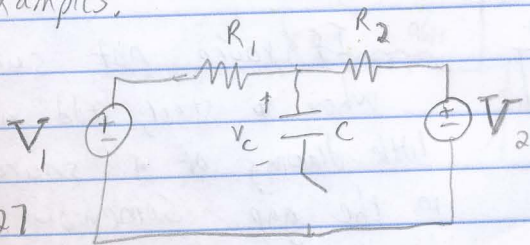
$$i_L(t) = (i_I - i_F) e^{-t/\tau} + i_F$$

$$i_I = i_L(0)$$

$$i_F = i_L(\infty)$$

$$\tau = L/R_{eq}$$

Examples:

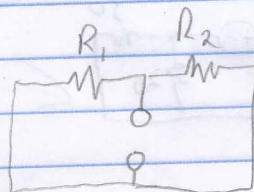


$$V_c(0) = 0.127$$

We know from iClicker questions that $V_I = 0.127$

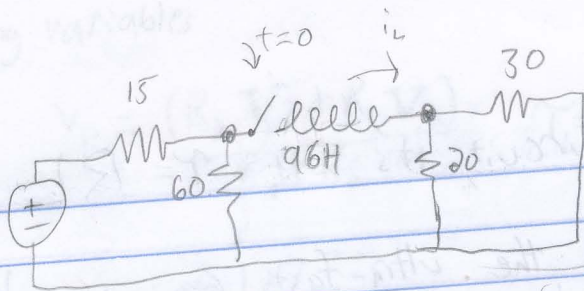
$$V_F = \frac{V_1 R_2 + V_2 R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

To find R at Cap terminals, we:



$$\tau = \frac{L}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Done in 30 seconds by inspection!

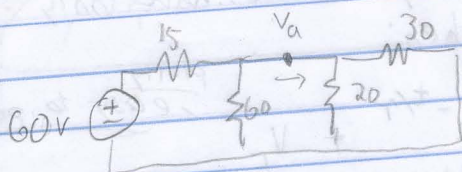


What is $i_L(0)$?

$$i_L(0) = 0A$$

What is $i_L(\infty)$?

Well after a long time, v_L will be 0 (acts like a short), so:



$$V_a = \frac{(30 \parallel 20 \parallel 60)}{(30 \parallel 20 \parallel 60) + 15} \cdot 60V$$

$$\frac{30 \cdot 20}{30 + 20} = \frac{600}{50} = 12 \Rightarrow \frac{12 \cdot 60}{12 + 60} = \frac{720}{72} = 10 \Omega$$

$$= \frac{10 \Omega}{10 \Omega + 15 \Omega} \cdot 60V$$

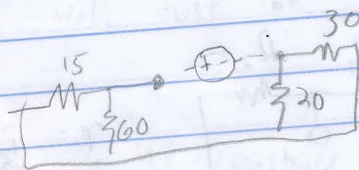
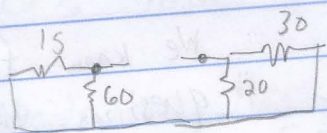
$$= \frac{2}{5} \cdot 60V = 24V$$

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$$i_F = \frac{24V}{30 \parallel 20 \Omega} = \frac{24V}{12 \Omega} = 2A$$

What is τ ? It's $\tau = L/R_{eq}$ where R_{eq} is equivalent resistance seen by inductor.



If you're not sure where to start, add a little drawing of a source in the gap... Somehow this kicks our pattern recognition algorithm in our brain into gear.

clearly R_{eq} is just $(15 \parallel 60) + (20 \parallel 30) = \frac{900}{75} + \frac{600}{50} = 12 + 12 = 24 \Omega$

thus τ is just

$$\tau = \frac{96 \text{ H}}{24 \Omega} = 4 \text{ s}$$

Giving us: $i_L(t) = (i_F - i_F) e^{-t/4} + i_F = -2e^{-t/4} + 2$

No homogeneous solutions, no particular solutions, just some relatively fast circuit analysis and you're done.

Q: How long does it take to reach 86.5% of 2A?

$$0.865 \cdot 2 = -2e^{-t/4} + 2$$

$$0.865 = -e^{-t/4} + 1$$

$$-0.135 = e^{-t/4}$$

$$\ln(-0.135) = -t/4$$

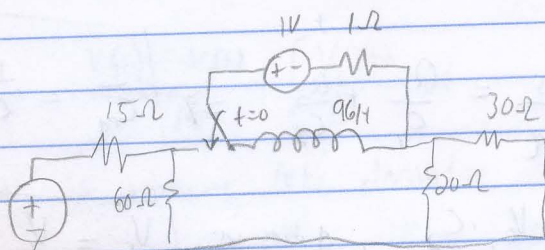
$$-4 \ln(-0.135) = t$$

$$-4 \cdot (-2) = t$$

$$t = 8 \text{ s} \quad (2 \text{ time constants})$$

Q: How would you change the circuit so that the only difference was $i_L(0) = 1 \text{ A}$?

Hint: you can have two switches if you want.



$$i_L(t) = -e^{-t/4} + 2$$

$$\int_0^t x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^t \Rightarrow \frac{t^3}{3}$$

Capacitors in series: $\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{C_n}$

$$\int_0^t \sin(x) dx = -\cos(x) \Big|_0^t = -\cos(t) + 1$$

" in parallel: $C_{eq} = C_1 + \dots + C_n$

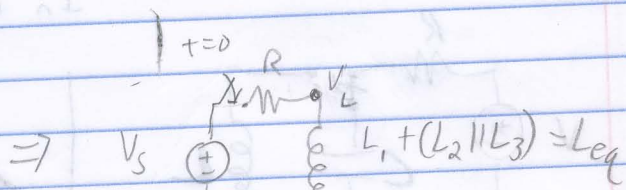
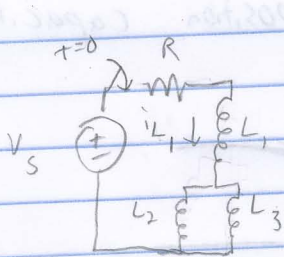
$$\int_0^t \sin(x) dx = -\cos(x) \Big|_0^t = -\cos(t) + 1$$

Inductors in series: $L_{eq} = L_1 + \dots + L_n$

" in parallel: $\frac{1}{L_{eq}} = \frac{1}{L_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{L_n}$

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Example: Write SODE for inductor current below:



$$V_L = L \frac{di_L}{dt}$$

easy way KVL $-V_s(t) + i_L(t) \cdot R + L i_L'(t) = 0$

$$i_L'(t) = \frac{-i_L(t) \cdot R + V_s(t)}{L}$$

Or node voltage:

$$\frac{V_L(t) - V_s(t)}{R} + \int_0^t \frac{V_L(t)}{L} dt = 0$$

$$V_s' = 0$$

Integral is annoying, let's derivative it away:

$$\frac{V_L'(t) - V_s'(t)}{R} + \frac{V_L(t)}{L} = 0$$

$$i_L = \frac{V_s - V_L}{R}$$

$$V_L'(t) = \frac{-V_L(t) \cdot R + V_s'(t)}{L} = \frac{V_s - V_L}{R}$$

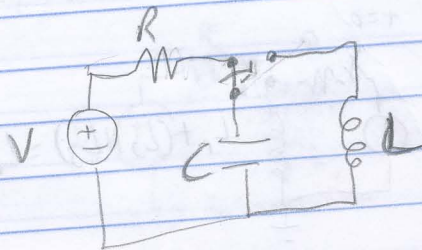
$$V_L = V_S - R i_L \quad V_L' = V_S' - R i_L'$$

$$\cancel{V_S'(t)} - R i_L' = \frac{-R(V_S - R i_L(t))}{L} + \cancel{V_S'(t)}$$

$$i_L' = -\frac{R}{L} i_L(t) + \frac{V_S(t)}{L}$$

LC circuits

In left position capacitor charged.



In the right position, we have to do some work.

Node voltage gives us:

$$i = C V_c' \quad V_L = L i_L'$$

$$i_L = \int \frac{V_L}{L}$$

$$C V_c' + \int \frac{V_L}{L} = 0$$

$$C V_c'' + \frac{V_L}{L} = 0$$

Note $V_L = V_c$
(parallel)

$$C V_c'' + \frac{V_c}{L} = 0$$

How do we solve? Well, this is a 2nd order ODE so we use a new procedure (see handout).