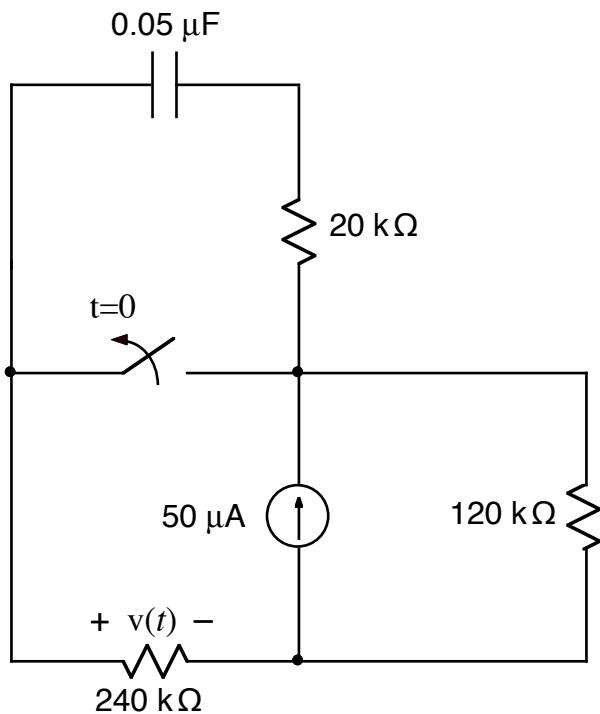


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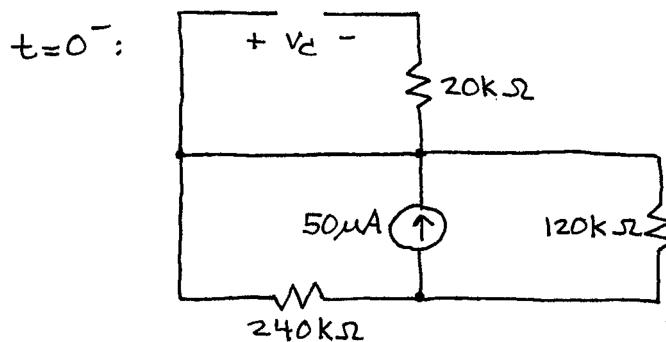


Calculate the energy stored on the capacitor at $t = 0^+$.

$$\text{Sol'n: Energy } w_C = \frac{1}{2} C V_C^2 (t = 0^+)$$

Since capacitor voltage cannot change instantly, $V_C(0^+) = V_C(0^-)$.

At $t = 0^-$, C acts like open circuit and switch is closed.



The short created by the switch creates a voltage loop on top left with 0V across C and across the 20k Ω resistor.

Thus $v_C(0^-) = 0V = v_C(0^+)$.

$$\therefore w_C(0^+) = 0 \text{ J}$$

Note: The units for energy are Joules.