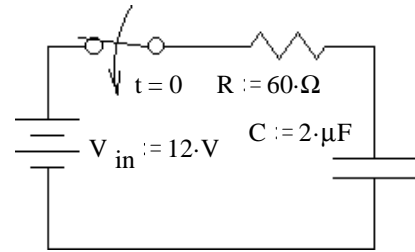


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1. A 10-microfarad capacitor has been charged to a potential of 150 volts. A resistor of 25Ω is then connected across the capacitor through a switch. When the switch has been closed for 10 time constants the total energy dissipated by the resistor is most nearly (An FE style problem)

- (A) 1.0×10^{-7} joules
- (B) 1.1×10^{-1} joules
- (C) 9.0×10^1 joules
- (D) 1.1×10^3 joules
- (E) 9.0×10^3 joules

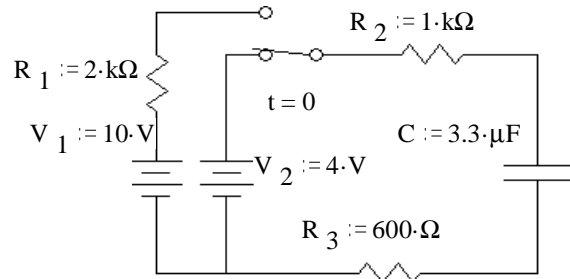
2. a) The switch is closed at time $t = 0$ and $v_C(0) = 0V$, find $v_C(t)$.



- b) What is the value of the voltage across C at $t := 40\mu s$

3. In the circuit shown, the switch has been in the upper position for a long time and is switched down at time $t = 0$.
a) Find the initial and final capacitor voltages.

$$v_C(0) = ? \quad v_C(\infty) = ?$$



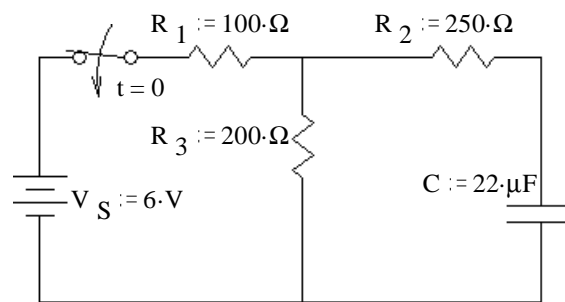
- b) Find the time constant.
(after $t = 0$)

3. continued c) Find $v_C(t)$. (always after $t = 0$)

d) At what time is $v_C = 5$ V?

4. a) What will be the final value of v_C ? $v_C(\infty) = ?$

Hint: Use a Thevenin equivalent circuit.



b) What is the time constant of this circuit?

c) Find $v_C(t)$. The switch had been open for a long time before $t = 0$.

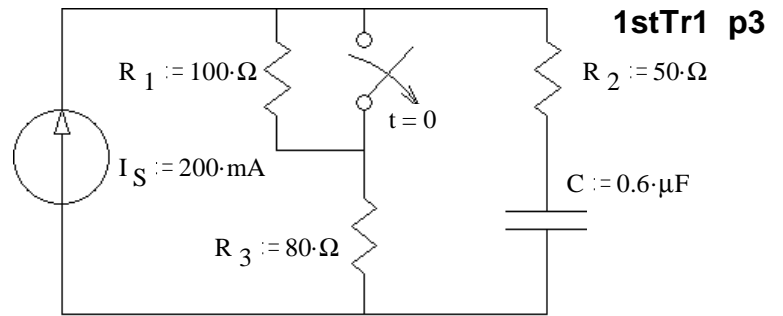
Answers

1. B 2.a) $12 \cdot V - 12 \cdot V \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{0.12 \cdot \text{ms}}}$ b) 3.4 V 3. a) 10 V 4 V b) 5.28 ms c) $4 \cdot V + 6 \cdot V \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{5.28 \cdot \text{ms}}}$ d) 9.46 ms

4. a) 4 V b) 6.97 ms c) $4 \cdot V - 4 \cdot V \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{6.97 \cdot \text{ms}}}$ 5. a) $36 \cdot V - 20 \cdot V \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{138 \cdot \mu\text{s}}}$ b) 27 V c) $16 \cdot V + 11 \cdot V \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{78 \cdot \mu\text{s}}}$

6.a) $\tau = R \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}\right)}$ b) $i(t) = 45 \cdot \text{mA} \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{3.2 \cdot \text{ms}}}$ c) $12 \cdot V - 12 \cdot V \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{3.2 \cdot \text{ms}}}$ d) 1.3 mJ dissipated in resistor **1stTr1 p2**

5. The switch has been closed for a long time and is opened (as shown) at time $t = 0$.
- a) Find the initial and final conditions and write the full expression for $v_C(t)$, including all the constants that you find.



b) What is v_C when $t = 0.8\tau$? $v_C(0.8\cdot\tau) = ?$

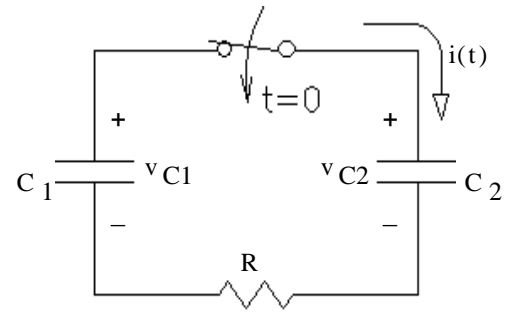
c) At time $t = 0.8\tau$ the switch is closed again. Find the complete expression for $v_C(t')$, where t' starts when the switch closes. Be sure to clearly show the time constant.

6. In a circuit with two capacitors, the left capacitor (C_1) has an initial charge and the right capacitor (C_2) does not. When the switch is closed at time $t = 0$, current $i(t)$ flows, discharging C_1 and charging C_2 .

a) Derive the differential equation for $i(t)$. Hint: write an equation in terms of i and integrals of i , then differentiate the whole equation.

Write your DE in this form: $\text{Constant} = x(t) + \tau \frac{d}{dt}x(t)$

What is the time constant (τ)?



b) Find $i(t)$ given $C_1 := 24 \cdot \mu\text{F}$ $C_2 := 12 \cdot \mu\text{F}$ $R := 400 \cdot \Omega$ $v_{C1}(0) = 18 \cdot \text{V}$ $v_{C2}(0) = 0 \cdot \text{V}$

c) Find $v_{C2}(t)$ for the same values. Hint: The trick here will be finding the final condition. Realize that charge will be conserved. If C_1 discharges x coulombs, then C_2 will charge x coulombs. Charges will stop flowing when $v_{C1} = v_{C2}$. It may help to think of two water tanks, one with half the cross-sectional area of the other.

$$v = \frac{Q}{C}$$

d) Find the initial and final stored energy of the system ($W_{C1} + W_{C2}$) to find the total "loss".
What happened to that energy?