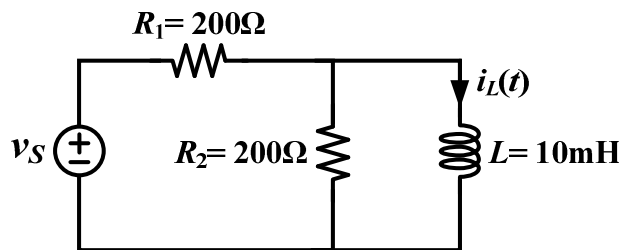


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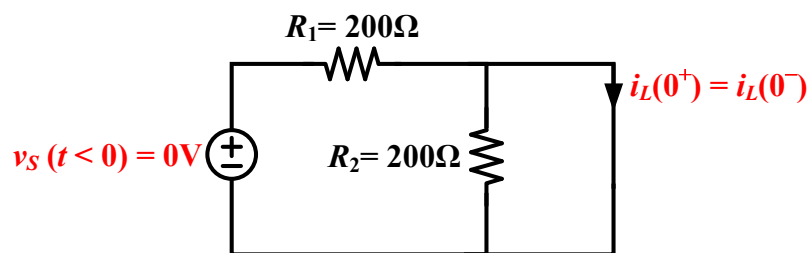
For the circuit as shown, assume v_S is a 10V step at $t = 0$, i.e. $v_S(t) = 10V u(t)$, find $i_L(0^+)$, $i_L(\infty)$, the time constant (τ), and the zero state response $i_L(t)$. Sketch the zero state response $i_L(t)$ for $t \geq 0$.



Solution:

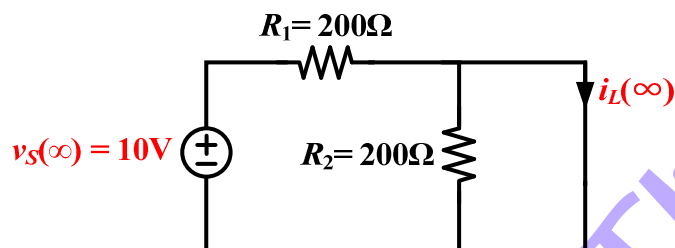
We can find the zero state response for $i_L(t)$ with the following steps.

1. Find the initial value (at $t = 0$), the inductor should be regarded as a short circuit with a stable 0V voltage input signal that is applied at $t < 0$.



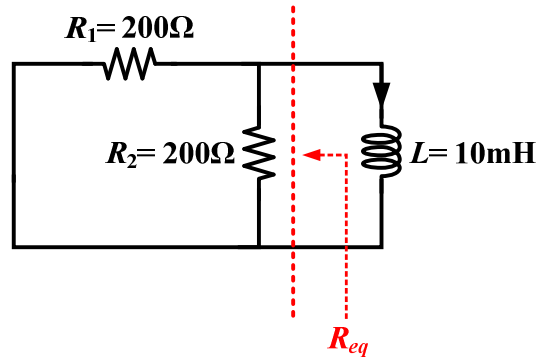
$$\Rightarrow i_L(0^+) = i_L(0^-) = \frac{v_S(t < 0)}{R_1} = \frac{0}{200} = 0A.$$

2. To find the final value (at $t = \infty$), the inductor should be regarded as a short circuit with a stable 10V voltage input signal.



$$\Rightarrow i_L(\infty) = \frac{v_S(\infty)}{R_1} = \frac{10}{200} = 50mA.$$

3. Before determining the time constant, we need to set the independent source to zero, and find the equivalent resistance (R_{eq}) connected with the inductor's terminal.



$$\Rightarrow \tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq} = (R_1 \parallel R_2)} = \frac{10\text{m}}{100} = 10^{-4}(\text{sec})$$

4. Finally, we can get the complete response for $i_L(t)$ by intuitive method.

$$i_L(t) = 50(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{10^{-4}}})\text{mA}.$$

$$i_L(0^+) = \underline{\quad 0 \quad}, i_L(\infty) = \underline{\quad 50\text{mA} \quad}, \text{Time constant } (\tau) = \underline{\quad 10^{-4}\text{sec} \quad},$$

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Sketch the zero state response $i_L(t)$ for $t > 0$:

