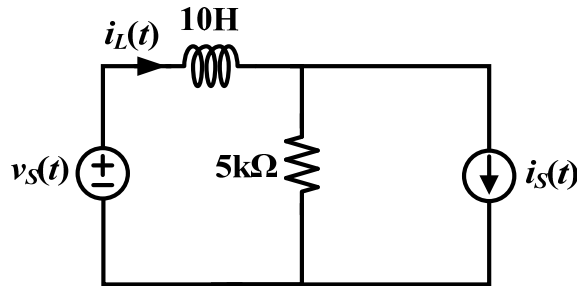


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Using superposition, determine the current $i_L(t)$ for the following circuit. Assume $v_S(t) = 10u(t)$ V and $i_S(t) = 2u(t)$ mA, find $i_L(0^+)$, $i_L(\infty)$, the time constant (τ), and the response $i_L(t)$. Sketch the response $i_L(t)$ for $t \geq 0$. (Label the key values in your sketch.)



Solutions:

The inductor first acts as an open circuit and eventually becomes a wire:

When $t \geq 0$,

Initial: $i_L(0^+) = i_L(0^-) = 0$

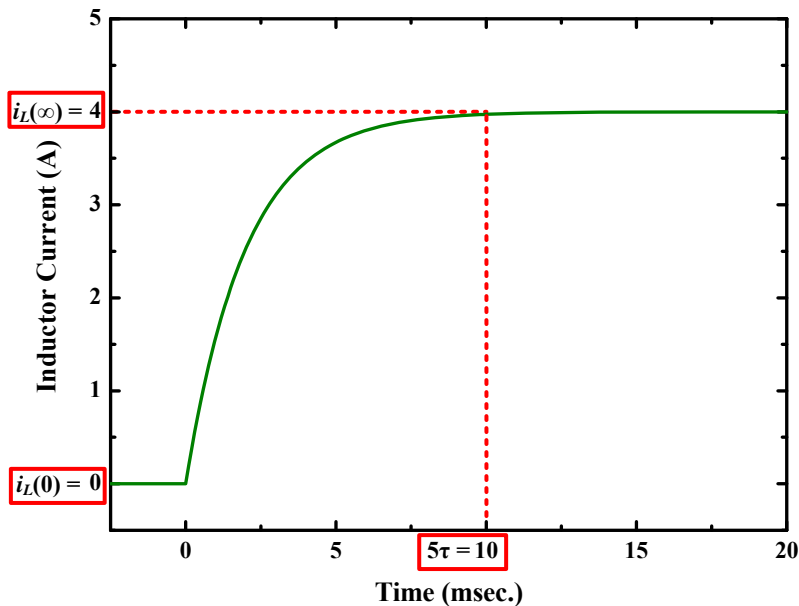
Final: $i_L(\infty) = \frac{v_S(\infty)}{5k\Omega} + i_S(\infty) = \frac{10V}{5k\Omega} + 2mA = 4mA$

Time constant: $\tau = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{10}{5k} = 2msec.$

Then $i_L(t)$ can be written by intuitive method,

$$i_L(t) = \text{Initial value}(e^{-t/\tau}) + \text{Final value}(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

$$= 4(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \text{ mA where } \tau = 2msec.$$



$i_L(0^+) = \underline{\quad 0A \quad}$, $i_L(\infty) = \underline{\quad 4mA \quad}$, Time constant (τ) = $\underline{\quad 2msec. \quad}$,

$i_L(t) = 4(1 - e^{-t/\tau})mA$ where $\tau = 2msec$,

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

