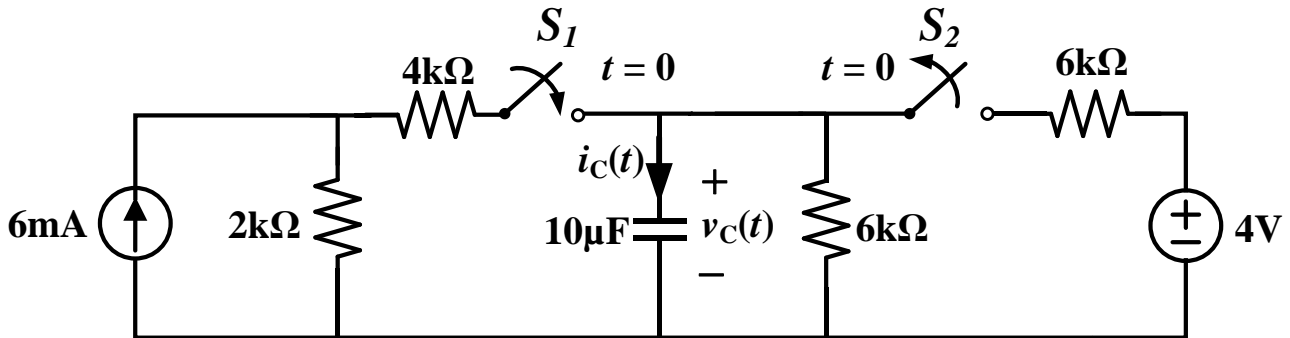


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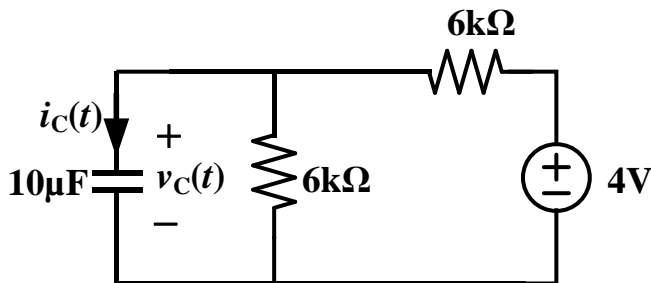
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For the circuit as shown in the following figure, the switch S_1 has been opened for a long time before it is closed at $t = 0$ and the switch S_2 has been closed for a long time before it is opened at $t = 0$. Find the v_C , i_C , the v_C , i_C , the time constant (τ). Write down and sketch the $v_C(t)$ for $t > 0^+$.



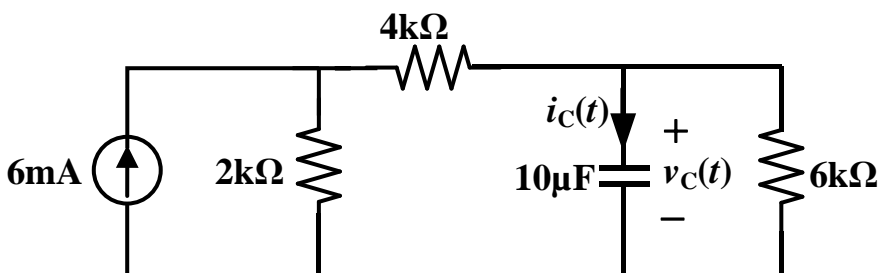
Solutions:

Because the switch S_2 has been closed for a long time before $t = 0$, the capacitor can be regarded as opened terminal, the equivalent circuit is

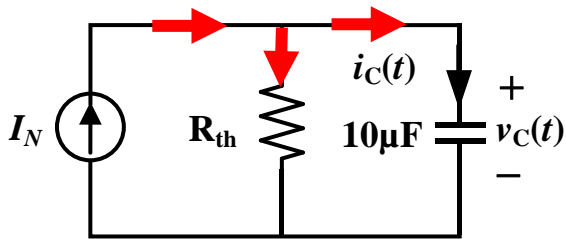


$$v_{C,initial} = v_C(0^+) = 4 \times \frac{6}{6+6} = 2V$$

After the switch S_1 is closed at $t = 0$, and switch S_2 is opened, the equivalent circuit is



The Norton equivalent circuit of this circuit network can be drawn as follows:



Find the Norton equivalent resistance I_N and R_{th}

$$i_N = 2mA$$

$$R_{th} = 3K\Omega$$

Apply node method:

$$i_N = i_{th} + i_C$$

$$\Rightarrow i_N = \frac{v_C}{R_{th}} + C \frac{dv_C}{dt}$$

Differential equation for v_C

$$\frac{dv_C}{dt} + \frac{v_C}{R_{th}C} = \frac{i_N}{C}$$

Find the particular solution:

$$\frac{dv_{CP}}{dt} + \frac{v_{CP}}{R_{th}C} = \frac{i_N}{C}$$

Assume $V_{CP} = K$ solution that satisfies the above equation

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dK}{dt} + \frac{K}{R_{th}C} = \frac{i_N}{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + \frac{K}{R_{th}C} = \frac{i_N}{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = i_N R_{th}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{CP} = i_N R_{th} = 2mA \times 3K\Omega = 6V$$

$$v_{C,final} = v_{CP} = 2mA \times 3K\Omega = 6V$$

Find the homogeneous solution:

Assume solution is of this form $V_{CH} = Ae^{st}$

$$\frac{dv_{CH}}{dt} + \frac{v_{CH}}{R_{th}C} = \frac{i_N}{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow sAe^{st} + \frac{Ae^{st}}{R_{th}C} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s + \frac{1}{R_{th}C} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s = -\frac{1}{R_{th}C} = -\frac{1}{\tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{CH} = Ae^{-\frac{t}{R_{th}C}}$$

$$\text{Time constant } \tau = R_{th}C = 3K\Omega \times 10\mu F = 30m(\text{sec}) = 0.03(\text{sec})$$

The total solution is the sum of the particular and homogeneous solutions:

$$v_C = v_{CH} + v_{CP}$$

$$v_C = I_N R_{th} + Ae^{-\frac{t}{R_{th}C}}$$

Use the initial conditions:

$$v_C(0^+) = 2V$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = I_N R_{th} + Ae^{-\frac{0}{(R_1+R_2)C}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 2 - I_N R_{th}$$

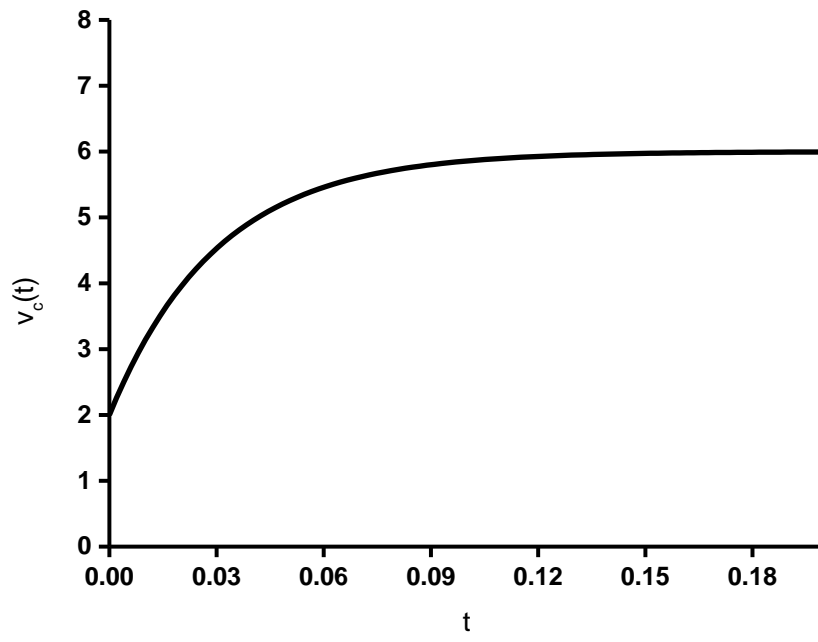
$$v_C = I_N R_{th} + (2 - I_N R_{th})e^{-\frac{t}{R_{th}C}}$$

$$v_C = v_{C,final} + (v_{C,initial} - v_{C,final})e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_C(t) = 6 + (2 - 6)e^{-\frac{t}{30ms}} = 6 - 4e^{-\frac{t}{30ms}}$$

$$v_{C,initial} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} 2V \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, (20\%) \quad v_{C,final} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} 6V \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, (20\%)$$

$$\text{Time constant } (\tau) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} 30m(\text{sec}) \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, (20\%) \quad v_C(t), t > 0^+ = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} 6 - 4e^{-\frac{t}{30ms}} \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, (20\%)$$



(20%)