

First Order Circuits

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Overview

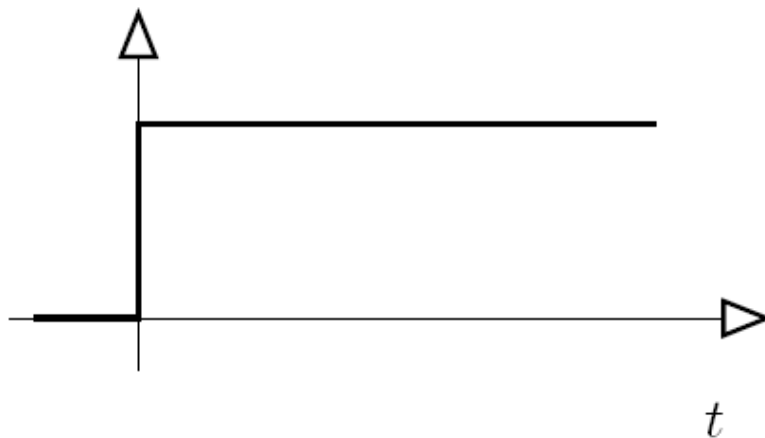


- Excitations
- First order circuits are characterized by first order differential equations.
- Natural response of first order circuits:
 - $R - C$ circuit;
 - $R - L$ circuit.
- Forced response of first order circuits:
 - $R - C$ circuit;
 - $R - L$ circuit.
- Intuitive Method
- State and Memory.

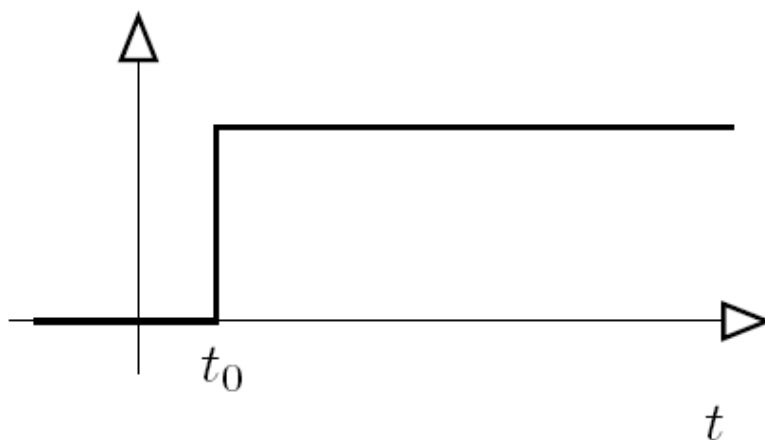
Excitations



- Step function;



$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

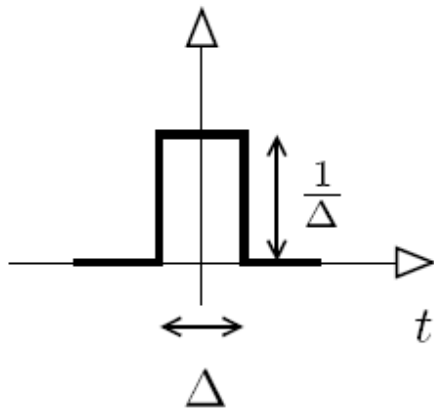


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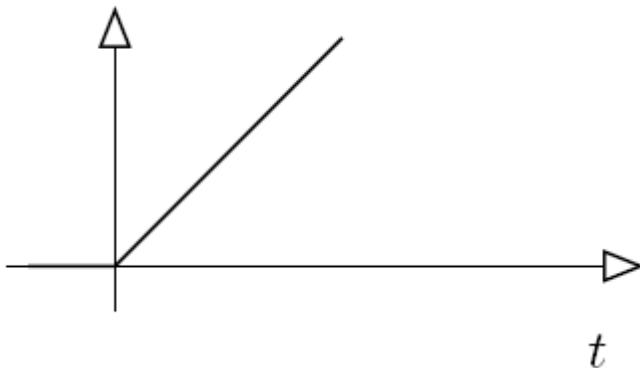
- Impulse function



$$\delta(t) = \frac{du(t)}{dt} = \begin{cases} 0 & t > \frac{\Delta}{2}, t < -\frac{\Delta}{2}, \Delta \rightarrow 0. \\ \frac{1}{\Delta} & -\frac{\Delta}{2} < t < \frac{\Delta}{2}, \Delta \rightarrow 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-\frac{\Delta}{2}}^{\frac{\Delta}{2}} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

- Ramp function



$$r(t) = \int u(t) dt = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 0 \\ t & \text{if } t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

RC Circuit



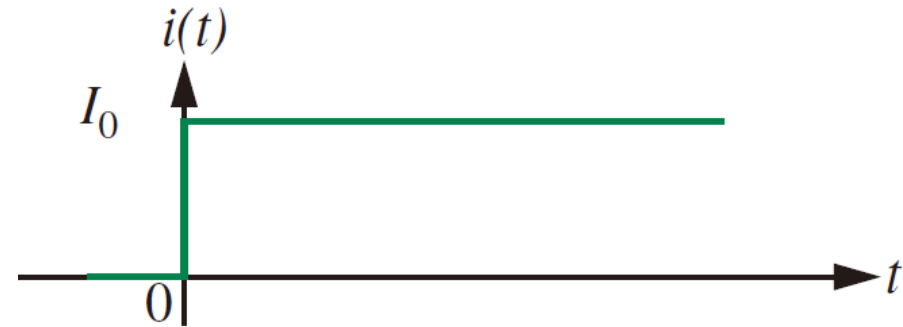
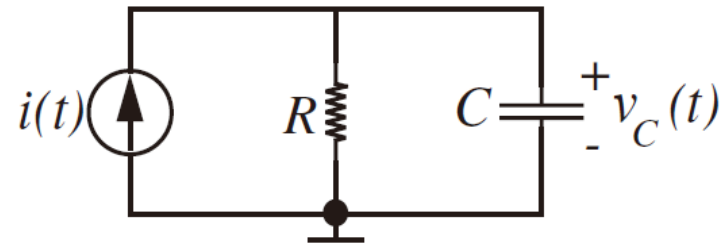
- Apply node method:

$$i(t) = \frac{v_C}{R} + C \frac{dv_C}{dt}$$

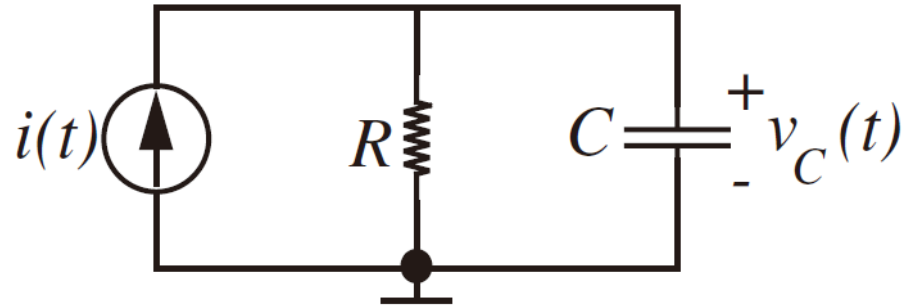
$$\frac{dv_C}{dt} + \frac{v_C}{RC} = \frac{i(t)}{C}$$

$$i(t) = I_0 u(t)$$

$$\frac{dv_C}{dt} + \frac{v_C}{RC} = \frac{I_0}{C} \text{ for } t \geq 0$$



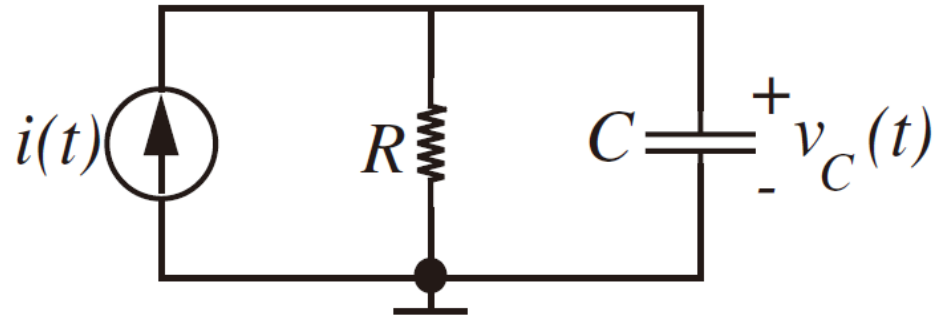
Method of homogeneous and particular solutions



$$\frac{dv_C}{dt} + \frac{v_C}{RC} = \frac{I_0}{C} \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

- Find the particular solution, v_{CP} .
- Find the homogeneous solution, v_{CH} .
- The total solution is the sum of the particular and homogeneous solutions, $v_C = v_{CP} + v_{CH}$.
- Use the initial conditions to solve for the remaining constants.

The Particular solution



$$\frac{dv_C}{dt} + \frac{v_C}{RC} = \frac{I_0}{C} \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

- The particular v_{CP} solution is also called the *forced response* or the forced solution because it depends on the external inputs to the circuit.

- Find the particular solution, $\frac{dv_{CP}}{dt} + \frac{v_{CP}}{RC} = \frac{I_0}{C}$
- v_{CP} : any solution that satisfies the above equation.
- Use trial and error : Try $v_{CP} = K$, .

$$\frac{dK}{dt} + \frac{K}{RC} = \frac{I_0}{C} \Rightarrow 0 + \frac{K}{RC} = \frac{I_0}{C} \Rightarrow K = I_0 R \Rightarrow v_{CP} = I_0 R$$

Forced Response



- The forced response of a circuit is its behavior (in terms of voltages and currents) under external sources of excitation .
- The forced response of a circuit depends on:
 - Parameters of circuit components ;
 - Initial conditions of energy storage components within the circuit;
 - Forms of external excitations.
- The forced response of a circuit can be described by a non-homogeneous differential equation.
- A general solution $y(x)$ of the linear non-homogeneous differential equation is the sum of a general solution of the corresponding homogeneous solution and an arbitrary particular solution.

The Homogeneous Solution



- The homogeneous solution, v_{CH} , is also called the *natural response* of the circuit because it depends only on the internal energy storage properties of the circuit and not on external inputs.

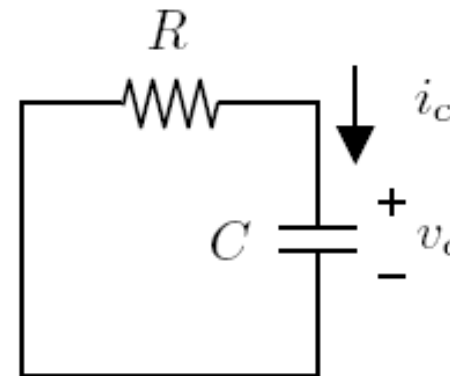
- Find the homogeneous solution, v_{CH} .
$$\frac{dv_{CH}}{dt} + \frac{v_{CH}}{RC} = 0$$
- Assume solution is of this form: $v_{CH} = Ae^{st}$

$$\frac{dAe^{st}}{dt} + \frac{Ae^{st}}{RC} = 0 \Rightarrow sAe^{st} + \frac{Ae^{st}}{RC} = 0 \Rightarrow s + \frac{1}{RC} = 0 \Rightarrow RCs + 1 = 0$$

- Characteristic equation: $RCs + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow s = -\frac{1}{RC} = -\frac{1}{\tau}$
- The homogeneous solution, v_{CH} :

$$v_{CH} = Ae^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

- RC is called time constant τ .

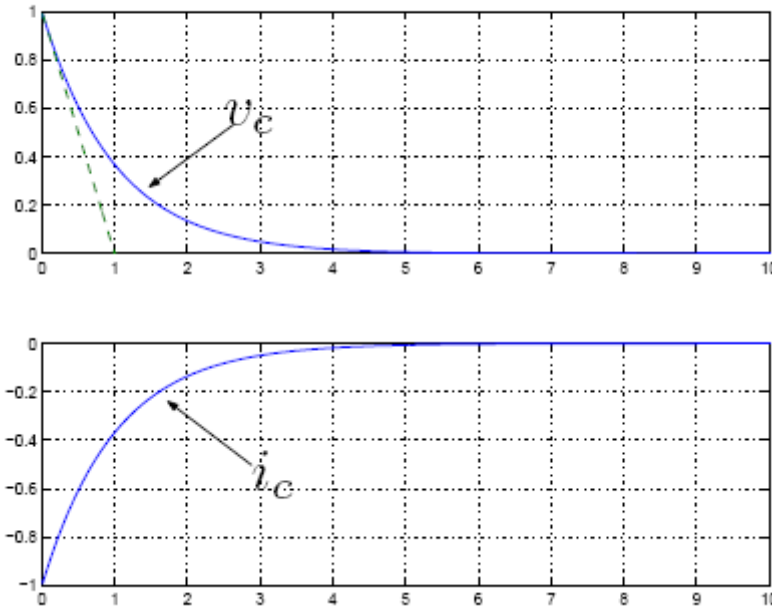


Natural response



- The natural response of a circuit is the behavior (in terms of voltages and currents) of the circuit itself, with no external sources of excitation ;
- The natural response depends on:
 - Component parameters of the circuit;
 - Initial conditions of the energy storage components within the circuit.
- The natural response of a first order circuit can be described by a homogeneous first order differential equation.

Natural response of RC circuit



$$v_C = V_0 e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

$$i_C = C \frac{dv_C}{dt} = -\frac{V_0}{R} e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

$$P_R = v_C \cdot (-i_C) = \frac{V_0^2}{R} e^{-\frac{1}{RC}2t}$$

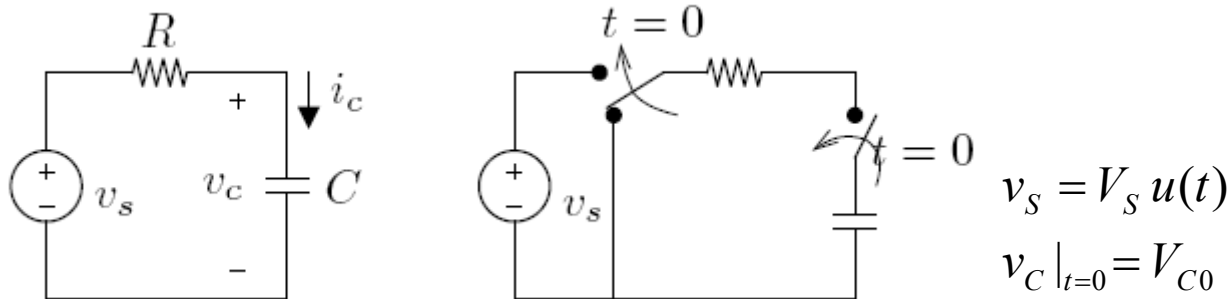
$$W_R = \int P_R dt = \frac{1}{2} C V_0^2 (1 - e^{-\frac{2t}{RC}})$$

$$R = 1.0 \Omega; C = 1.0 F; V_0 = 1.0 V$$

- Time constant $\tau = RC$ indicates the speed of the decay.
- v_c decays to 36.8% of its initial value V_{c0} at $t = \tau$.
- Tangent of v_c at $t = 0$ intersects the time axis at $t = \tau$. $\left. \frac{dv_C}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = -\frac{V_0}{\tau}$
- Because $e^{-5} = 0.0067$, it is common to assume that the system reaches steady state after $t = 5 \tau$.



Step Response; RC circuit



By KVL, $v_s = Ri + v_c = RC \frac{dv_c}{dt} + v_c \rightarrow \frac{dv_c}{dt} + \frac{v_c}{RC} = \frac{v_s}{RC}$

Homogeneous solution :

$$v_{CH} = \underline{Ae^{-\frac{t}{RC}}}$$

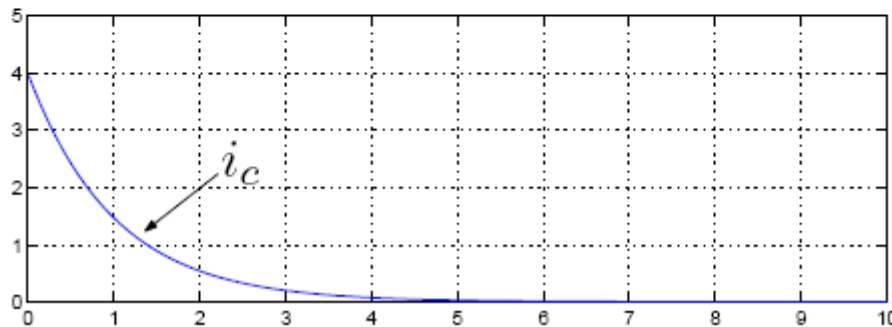
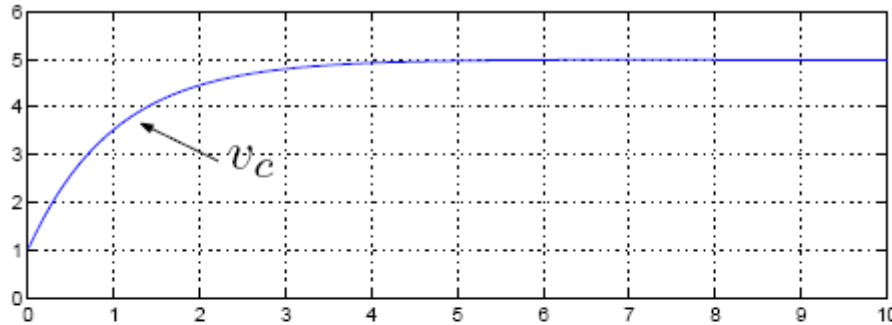
Particular solution :

$$v_{CP} = \underline{V_S}$$

Total solution :

$$v_C = v_{CH} + v_{CP} = V_S + Ae^{-\frac{t}{RC}}; \quad v_C|_{t=0} = \underline{V_S + A} = \underline{V_{C0}} \rightarrow A = \underline{V_{C0} - V_S}$$
$$\rightarrow v_C = \underline{V_S + (V_{C0} - V_S)e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}}$$

Step Response; RC circuit



$$v_c = V_s + (V_{c0} - V_s) e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$i_c = C \frac{dv_c}{dt} = -\frac{(V_{c0} - V_s)}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$R = 1.0 \Omega; \quad C = 1.0 \text{ F};$$

$$v_c|_{t=0} = V_{c0} = 1.0 \text{ V}; \quad V_s = 5 \text{ V}$$

The Total solution



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

$$v_C = v_{CP} + v_{CH} = I_0 R + A e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

- Use the initial conditions:

$$v_C(0^+) = 0 \text{ V}$$

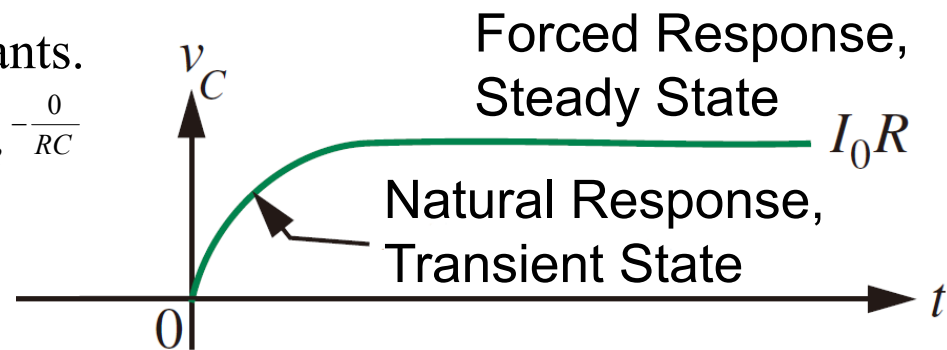
to solve for the remaining constants.

$$V_0 = 0 = I_0 R + A e^{-\frac{0}{RC}} = I_0 R + A e^{-\frac{0}{RC}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 0 - I_0 R = -I_0 R$$

- The total solution v_C :

$$v_C = I_0 R - I_0 R e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} = I_0 R \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right)$$



RL Circuit



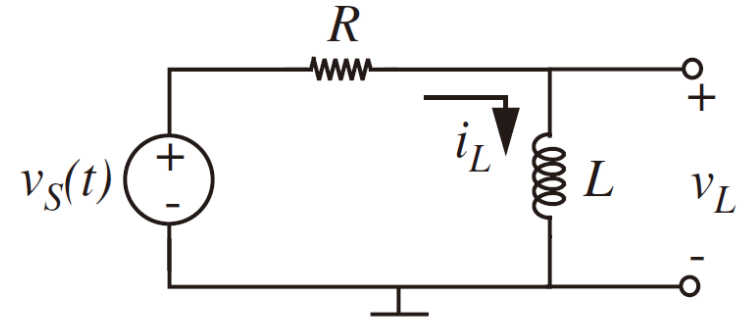
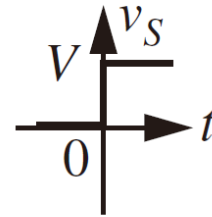
• Apply KVL:

$$-v_S(t) + Ri_L + L \frac{di_L}{dt} = 0$$

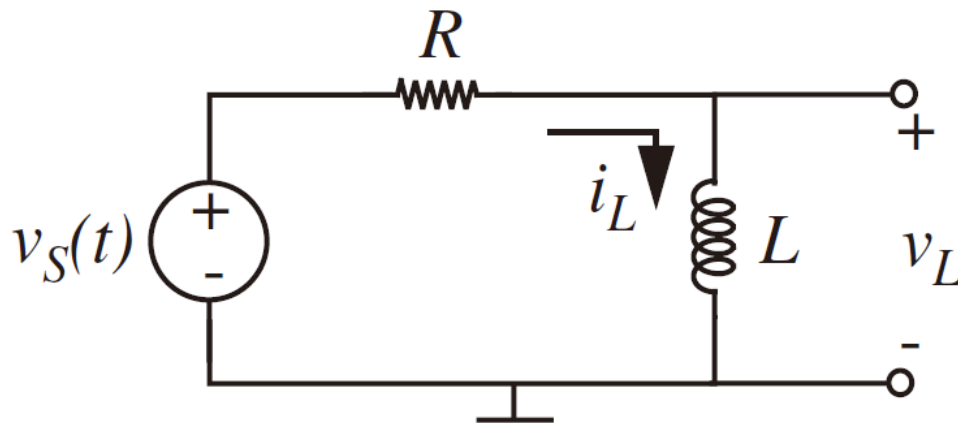
$$\frac{di_L}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i_L = \frac{v_S(t)}{L}$$

$$v_S(t) = Vu(t)$$

$$\frac{di_L}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i_L = \frac{V}{L} \text{ for } t \geq 0$$



The Particular solution



$$\frac{di_L}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i_L = \frac{V}{L} \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

- The particular i_{LP} solution is also called the *forced response* or the forced solution because it depends on the external inputs to the circuit.

- To find the particular solution, $\frac{di_L}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i_L = \frac{V}{L}$

- i_{LP} : any solution that satisfies the above equation.

- Use trial and error : Try $i_{LP} = K$, .

$$\frac{dK}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}K = \frac{V}{L} \Rightarrow 0 + \frac{R}{L}K = \frac{V}{L} \Rightarrow K = \frac{V}{R} \Rightarrow i_{LP} = \frac{V}{R}$$

The Homogeneous Solution



- The homogeneous solution, i_{LH} , is also called the *natural response* of the circuit because it depends only on the internal energy storage properties of the circuit and not on external inputs.

- Find the homogeneous solution, v_{CH} . $\frac{di_{LH}}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i_{LH} = 0$

- Assume solution is of this form: $i_{LH} = Ae^{st}$

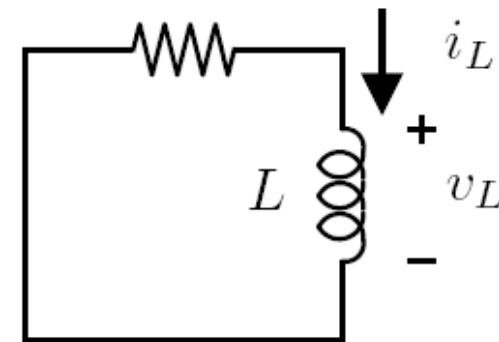
$$\frac{dAe^{st}}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}Ae^{st} = 0 \Rightarrow sAe^{st} + \frac{R}{L}Ae^{st} = 0 \Rightarrow s + \frac{R}{L} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{L}{R}s + 1 = 0$$

- Characteristic equation: $\frac{L}{R}s + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow s = -\frac{R}{L} = -\frac{1}{\tau}$

- The homogeneous solution, i_{LH} :

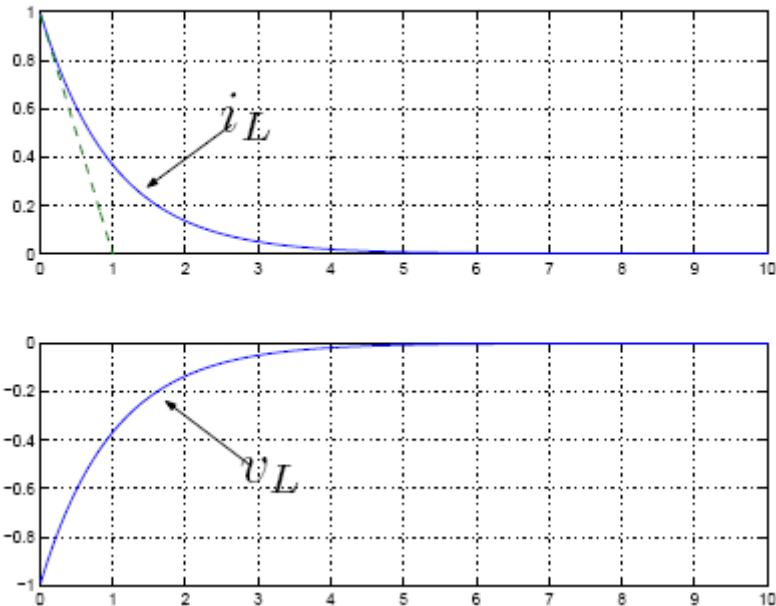
$$i_{LH} = Ae^{-\frac{R}{L}t}$$

- L/R is called time constant τ .





Natural response; RL circuit



$$i_L = I_{L0} e^{-\frac{1}{(L/R)}t}$$

$$v_L = L \frac{di_L}{dt} = -I_{L0} R e^{-\frac{1}{(L/R)}t}$$

$$P_R = I_{L0}^2 R e^{-\frac{2t}{(L/R)}}$$

$$W_R = \frac{1}{2} L I_{L0}^2 (1 - e^{-\frac{2t}{(L/R)}})$$

$$R = 1.0 \Omega ; L = 1.0 \text{H} ; I_{L0} = 1.0 \text{A}$$

- Time constant $\tau = L/R$ indicates the speed of the decay.
- i_L decays to 36.8% of its initial value I_{L0} at $t = \tau$.
- Tangent of i_L at $t = 0$ intersects the time axis at $t = \tau$.
- i_L reaches steady state after $t = 5 \tau$.

The Total solution



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

$$i_L = i_{LP} + i_{LH} = \frac{V}{R} + Ae^{-\frac{R}{L}t}$$

- Use the initial conditions:

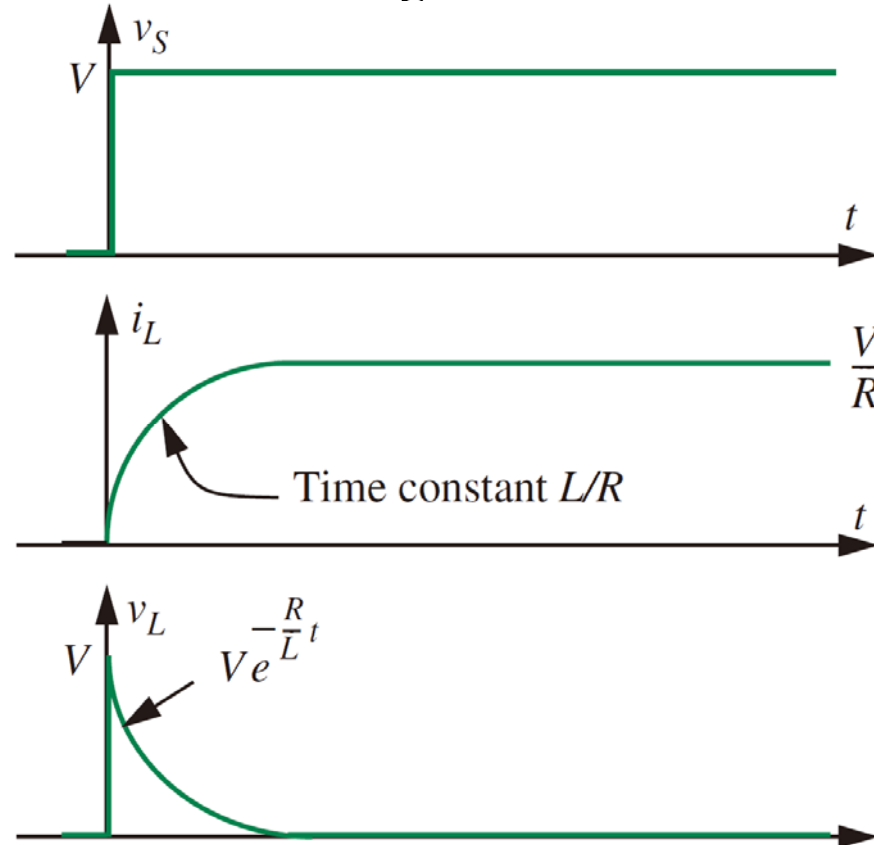
$$i_L(0^+) = 0 \text{ A}$$

to solve for the remaining constants.

$$0 = \frac{V}{R} + Ae^{-\frac{R}{L} \cdot 0} \Rightarrow A = -\frac{V}{R}$$

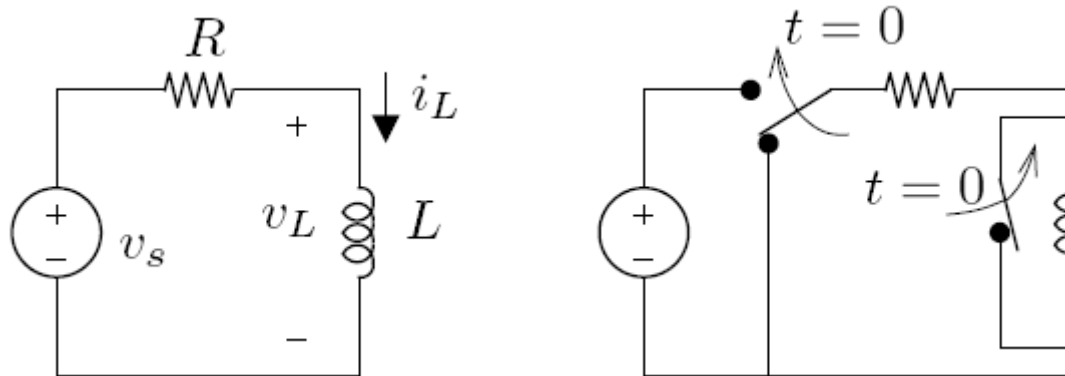
- The total solution i_L (and v_L):

$$i_L = \frac{V}{R} - \frac{V}{R} e^{-\frac{R}{L}t} = I_0 R \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right) \quad v_L = L \frac{di_L}{dt} = V e^{-\frac{R}{L}t}$$





Step Response; RL circuit



$$v_s = V_s u(t)$$

$$i_L|_{t=0} = I_{L0}$$

$$\text{By KVL, } v_s = Ri + v_L = Ri + L \frac{di_L}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{di_L}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i = \frac{v_s}{L}$$

Homogeneous solution :

$$i_{LH} = Ae^{-\frac{t}{L/R}}$$

Particular solution :

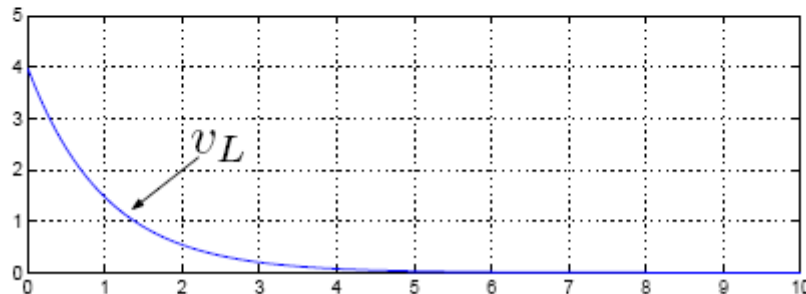
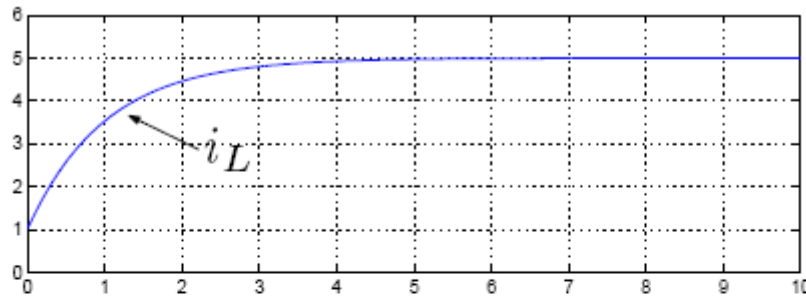
$$i_{LP} = \frac{V_S}{R}$$

Total solution :

$$i_L = i_{LP} + i_{LH} = \frac{V_S}{R} + Ae^{-\frac{t}{L/R}}; \quad i_L|_{t=0} = \frac{V_S}{R} + A = I_{L0} \rightarrow A = I_{L0} - \frac{V_S}{R}$$

$$\rightarrow i_L = \frac{V_S}{R} + \left(I_{L0} - \frac{V_S}{R}\right)e^{-\frac{t}{L/R}}$$

Step Response; RL circuit



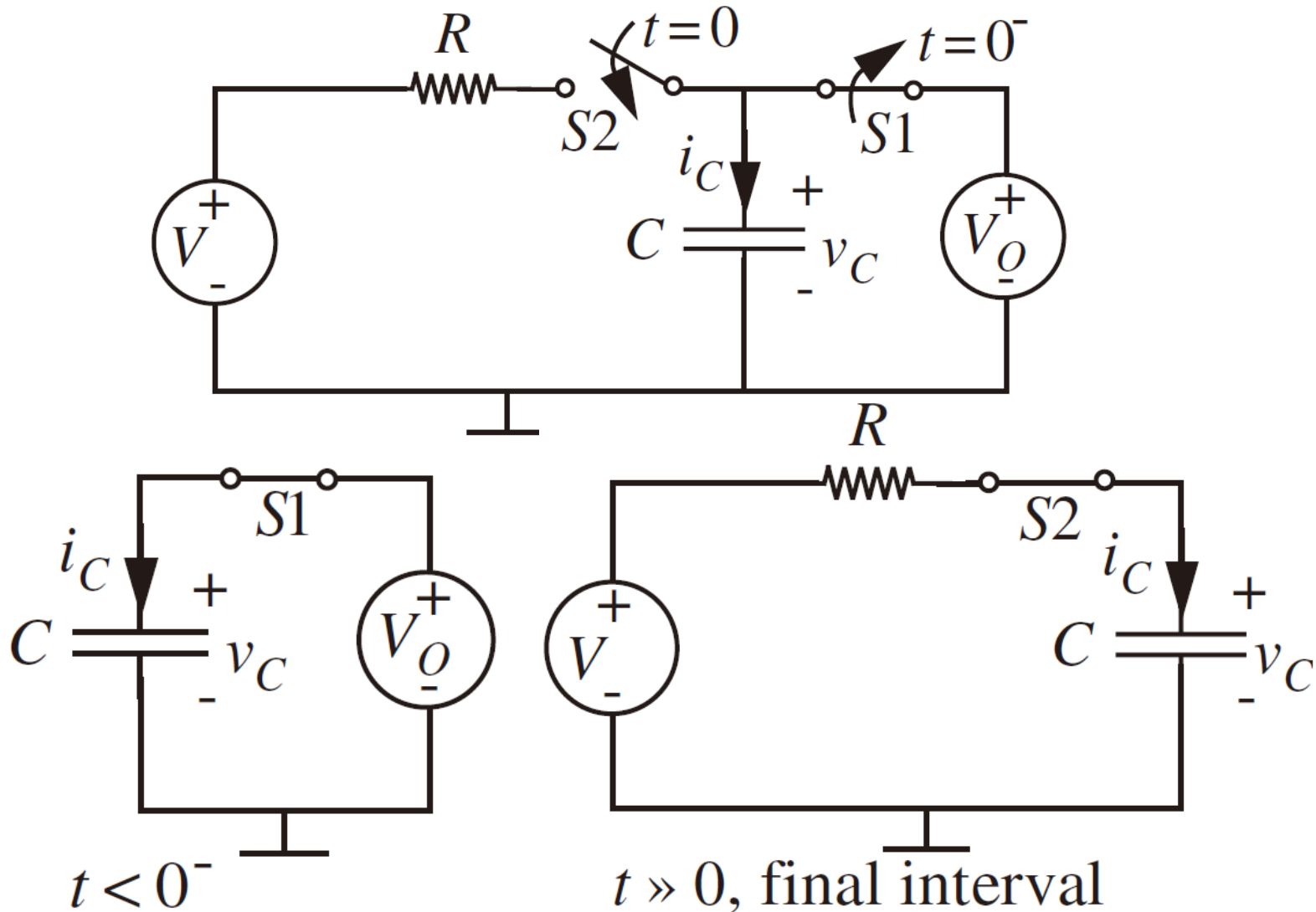
$$i_L = \frac{V}{R} + \left(I_{L0} - \frac{V}{R}\right)e^{-\frac{t}{L/R}}$$

$$v_L = L \frac{di_L}{dt} = (-R)\left(I_{L0} - \frac{V}{R}\right)e^{-\frac{t}{L/R}}$$

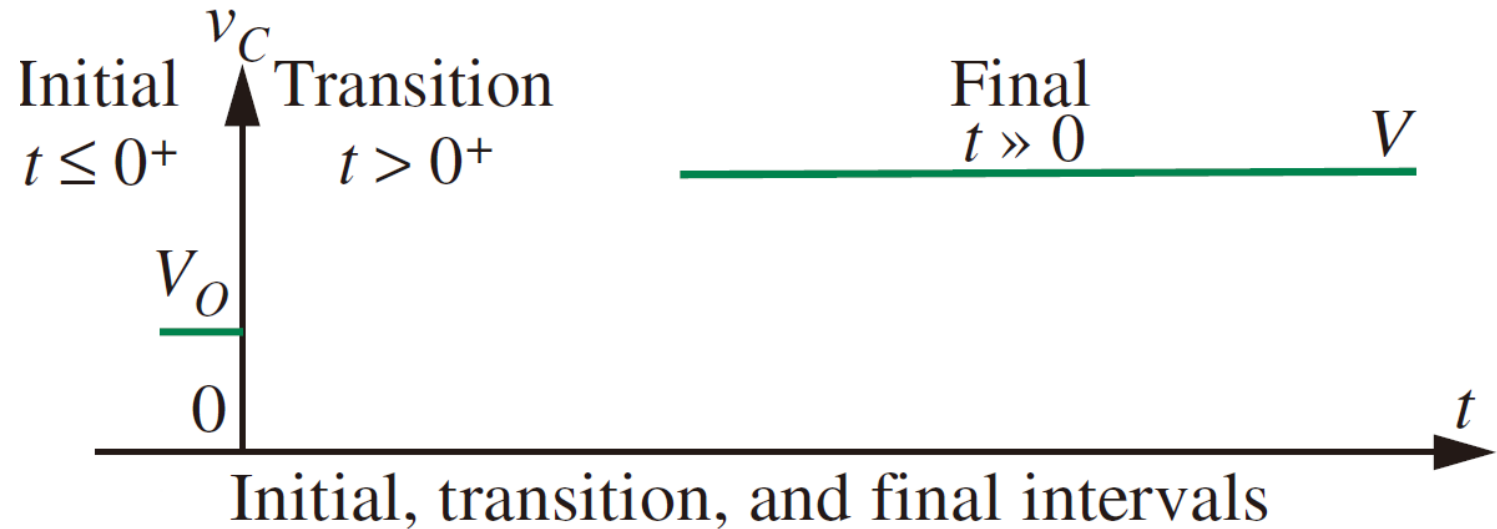
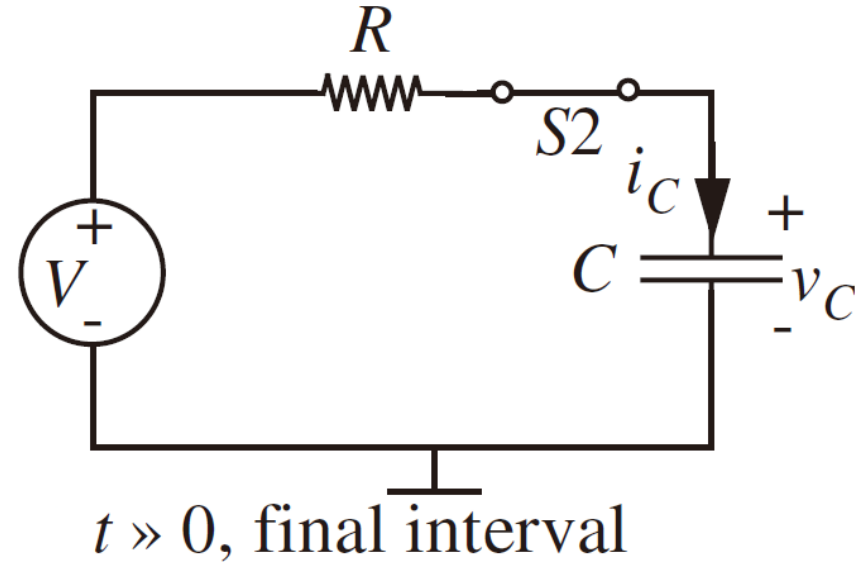
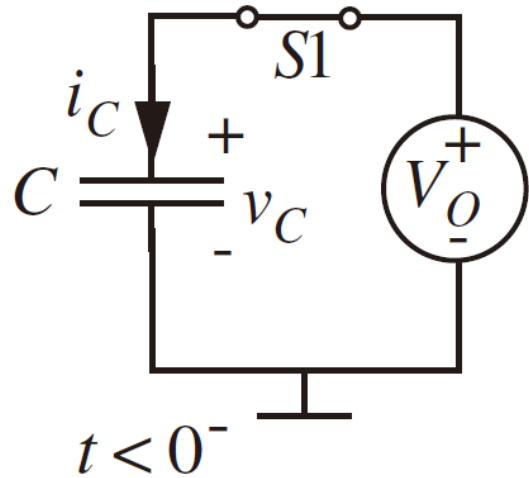
$$R = 1.0 \Omega; \quad L = 1.0 \text{ H};$$

$$i_L|_{t=0} = I_{L0} = 1.0 \text{ A}; \quad V = 5 \text{ V}$$

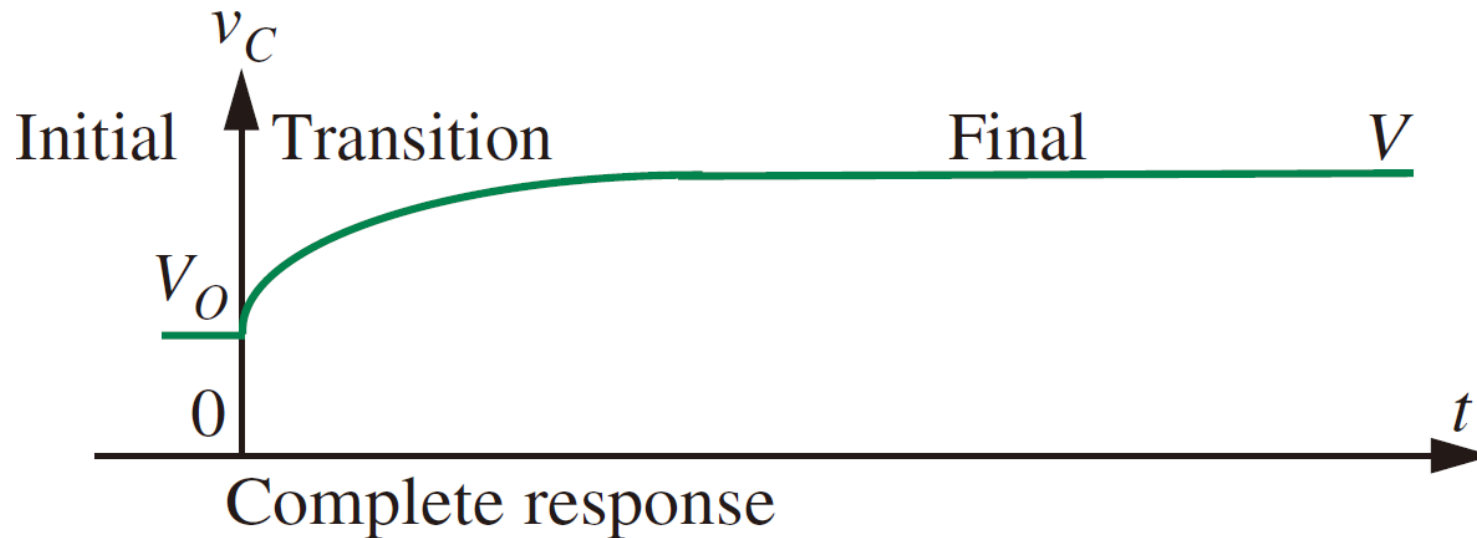
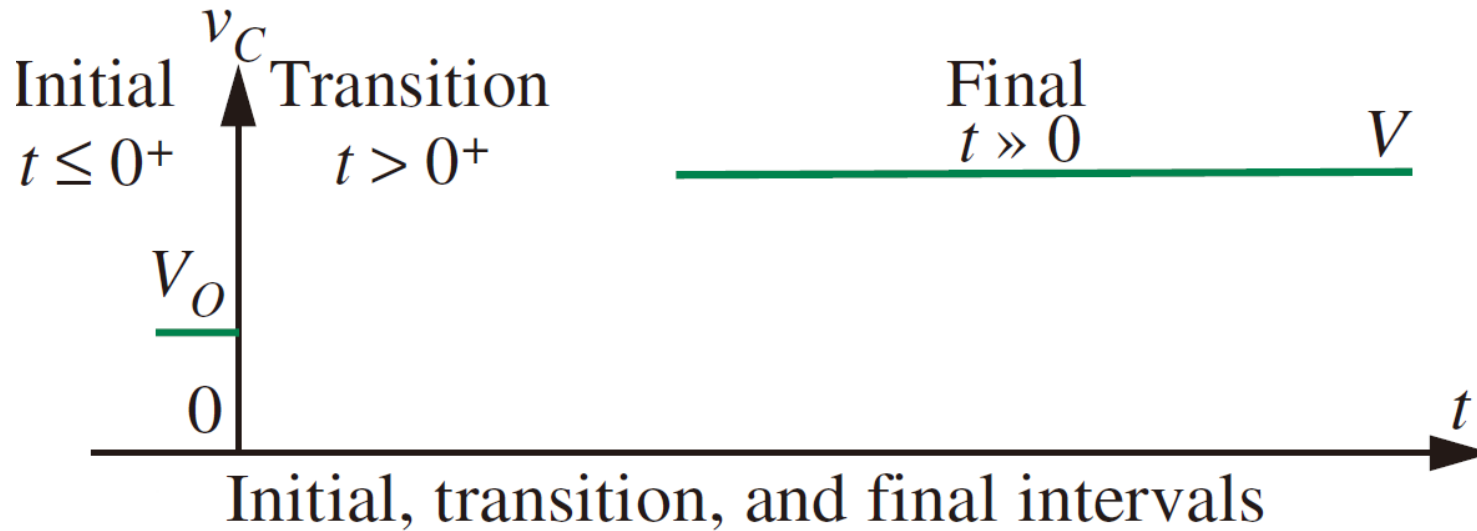
Intuitive Method



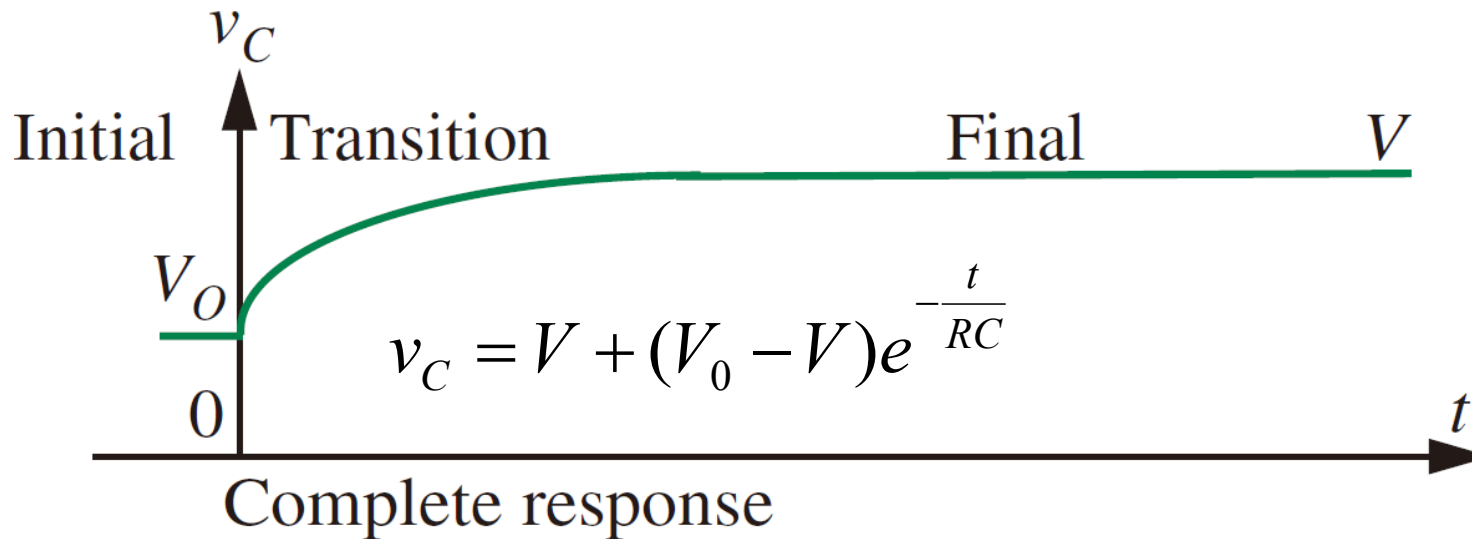
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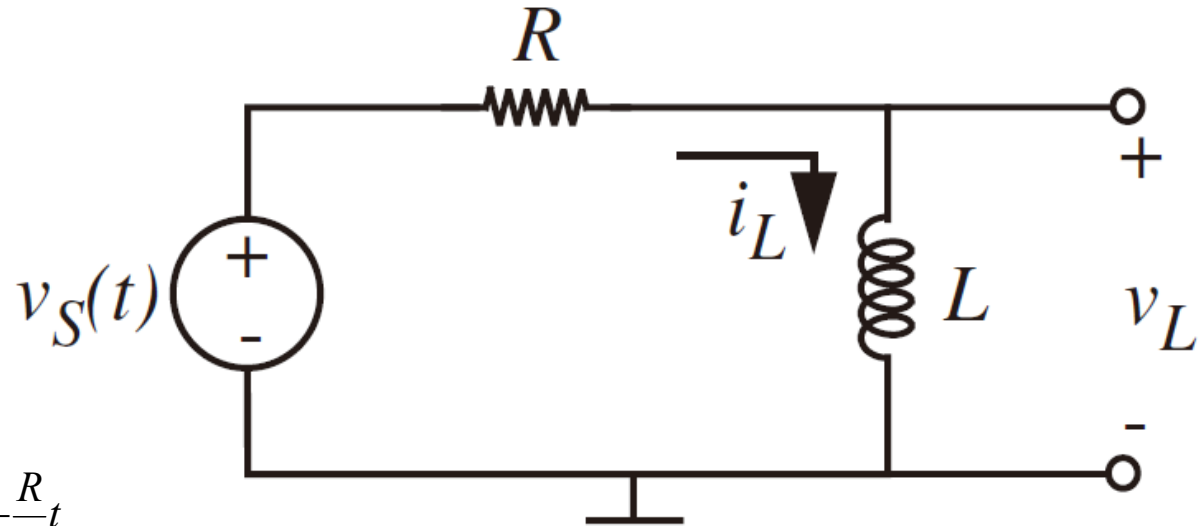
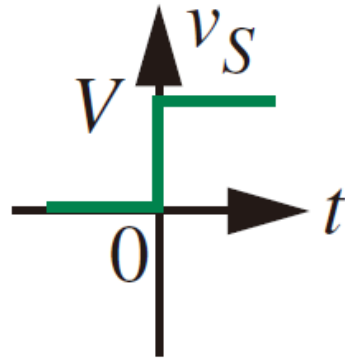
Intuitive Method



$$v = \text{Final Value} + (\text{Initial Value} - \text{Final Value})e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

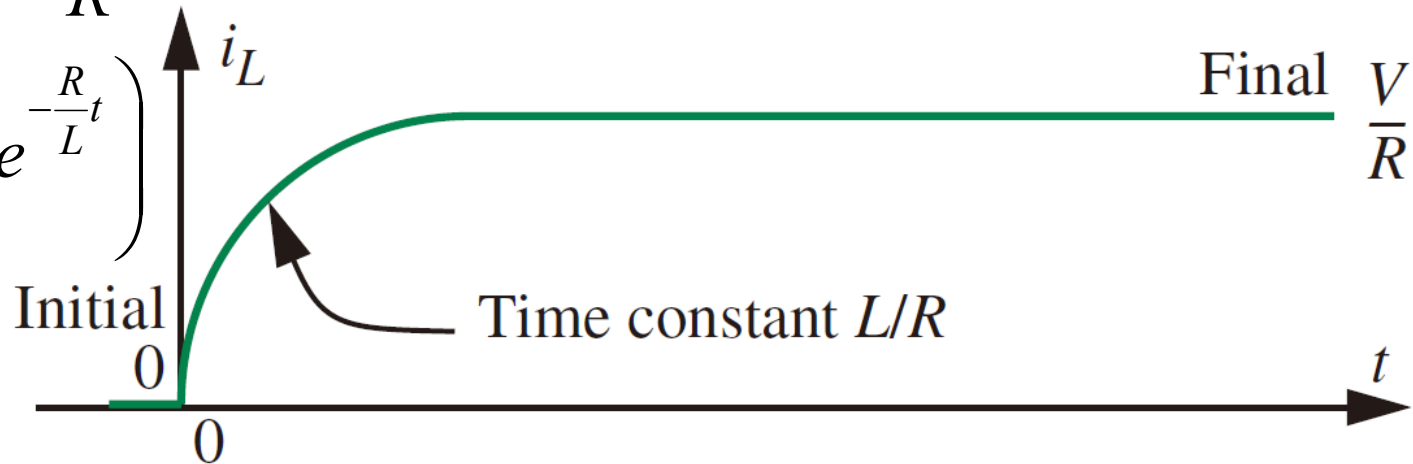
$$v = (\text{Initial Value})e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} + \text{Final Value}(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}})$$

Example



$$i_L = \frac{V}{R} + \left(0 - \frac{V}{R}\right)e^{-\frac{R}{L}t}$$

$$i_L = \frac{V}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{R}{L}t}\right)$$



The RC Circuit

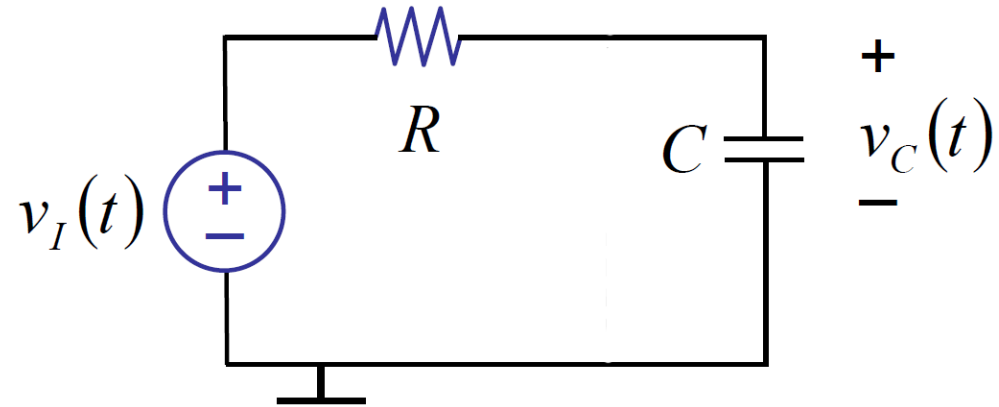


$$\frac{v_C - v_I}{R} + C \frac{dv_C}{dt} = 0$$

Given:

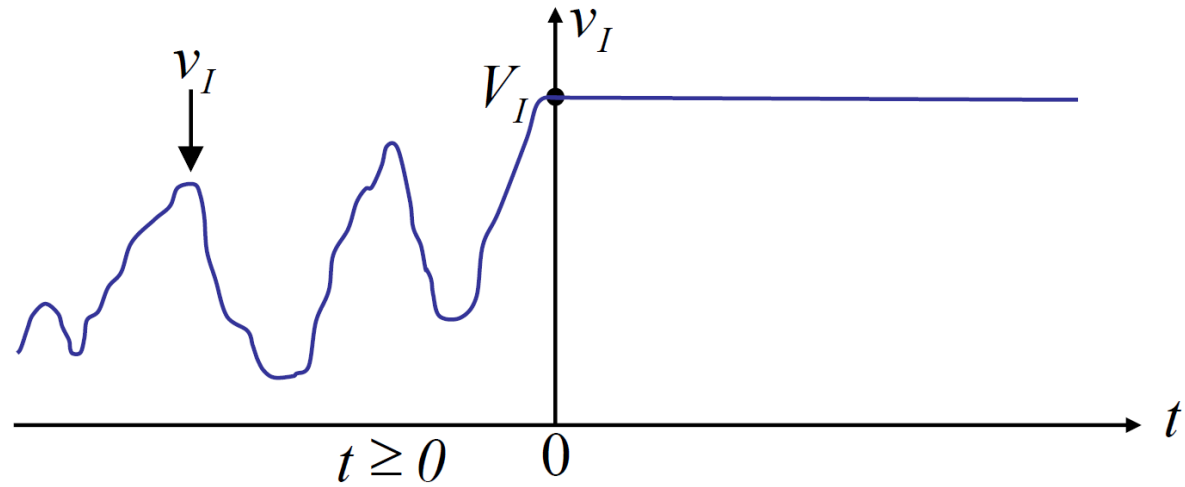
$$v_I(t) = V_I = 5 \text{ V for } t \geq 0$$

$$v_C(0) = V_0 = 0 \text{ V}$$



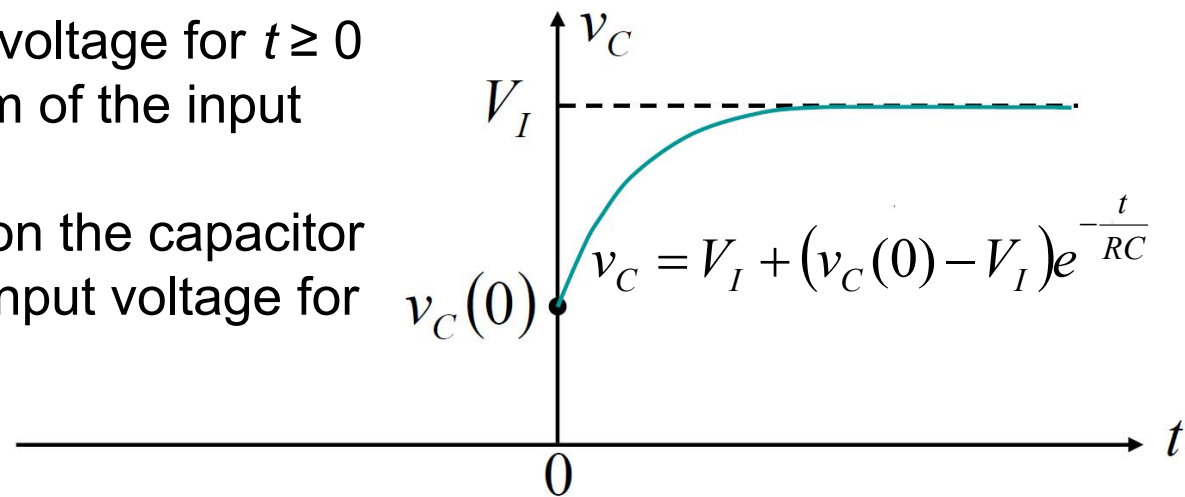
$$v_C = V_I + (V_0 - V_I)e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

The RC Circuit



Notice that the capacitor voltage for $t \geq 0$ is independent of the form of the input voltage before $t = 0$.

Instead, it depends only on the capacitor voltage at $t = 0$, and the input voltage for $t \geq 0$.



State



- **State**: summary of past inputs relevant to predicting the future State.

Actually, State variable is q .

$q = Cv$

For linear capacitors, capacitor voltage v is also state variable

- Back to the simple RC circuit

$$v_C = f(v_C(0), v_I(t))$$

$$v_C = V_I + (v_C(0) - V_I)e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

Summarizes the past input relevant to predicting future behavior.

State



- Let's Rearrange the total responses

$$v_C = V_I + (v_C(0) - V_I)e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

Forced response Natural response

- To the following form

$$v_C = V_I \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right) + v_C(0) e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

Zero state response (ZSR) Zero input response (ZIR)

- Zero state means $v_C(0) = 0$ and zero input means $v_I(t) = 0$.

$$v_C(t) = V_I(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) + v_C(0)e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \quad (t \geq 0)$$

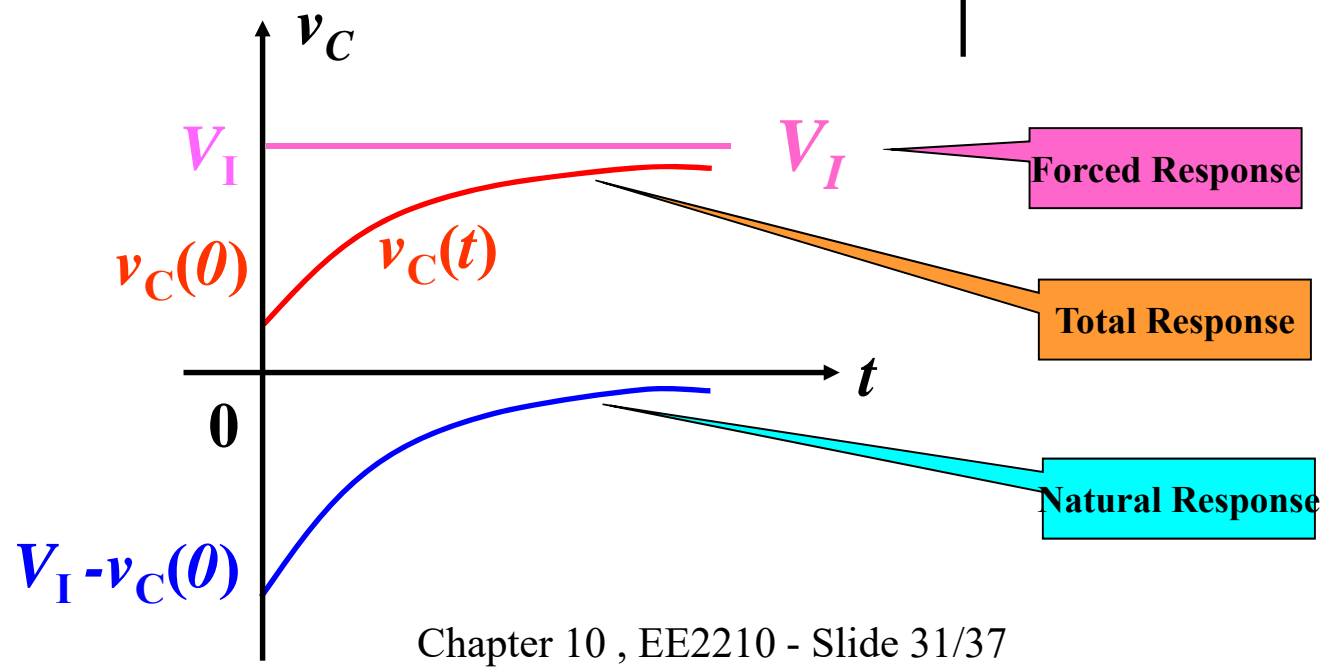
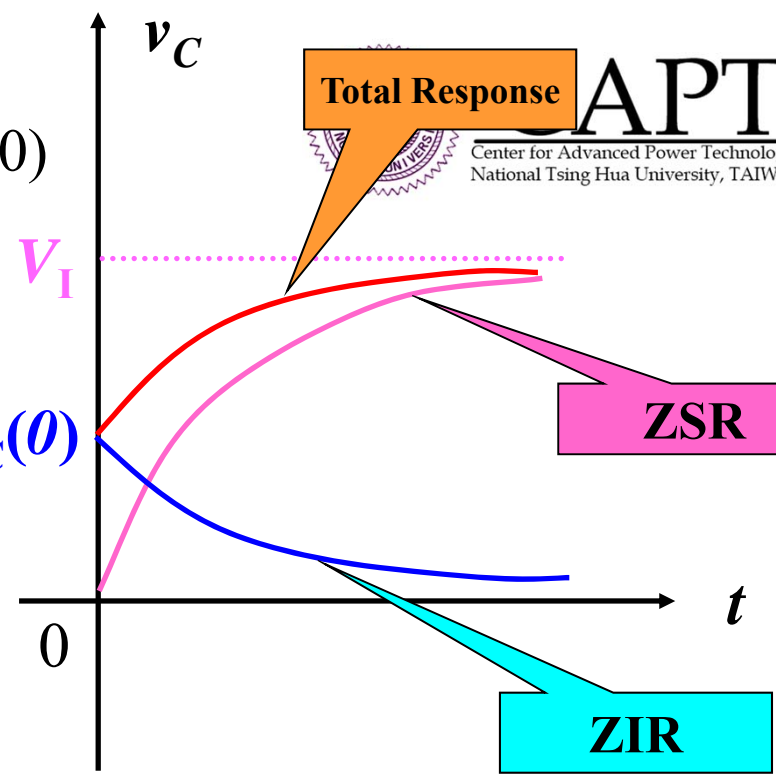
ZSR

ZIR

$$v_C(t) = V_I + (v_C(0) - V_I)e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \quad (t \geq 0)$$

Forced Response

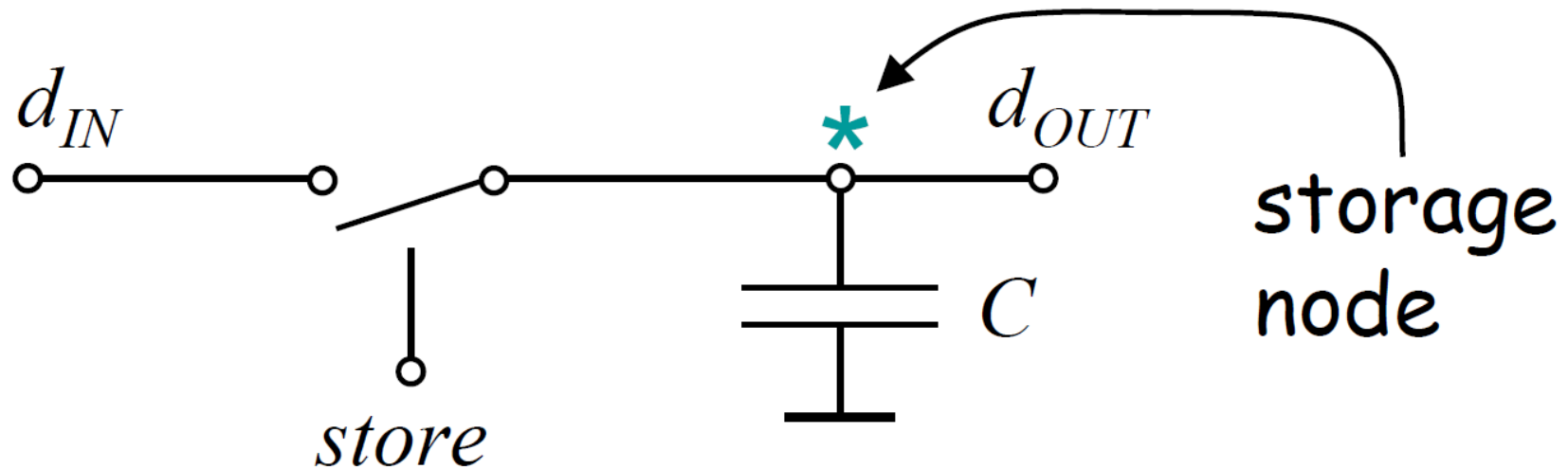
Natural Response



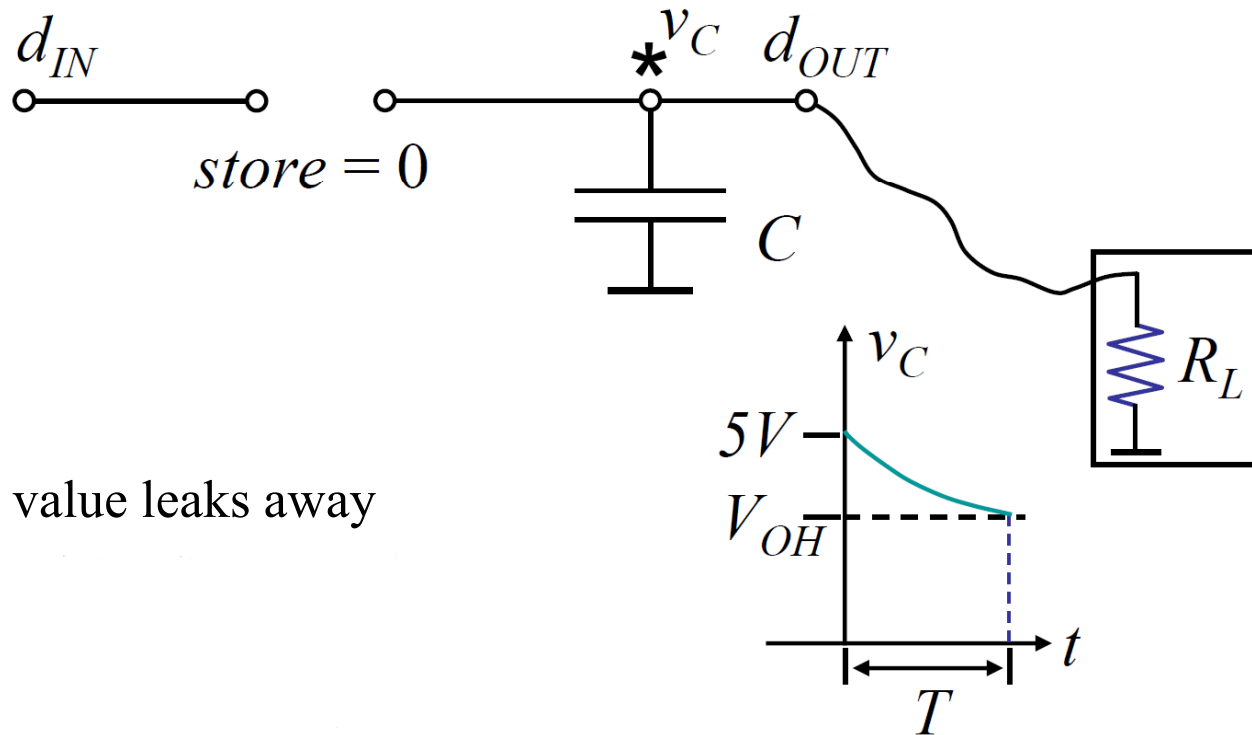
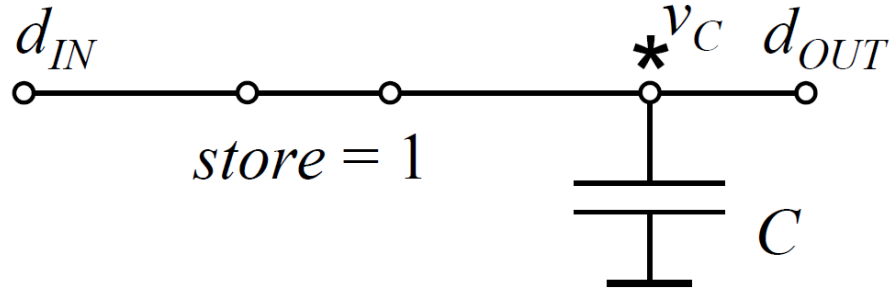
Memory



- Building a memory element (1st attempt)



Building Memory 1st attempt

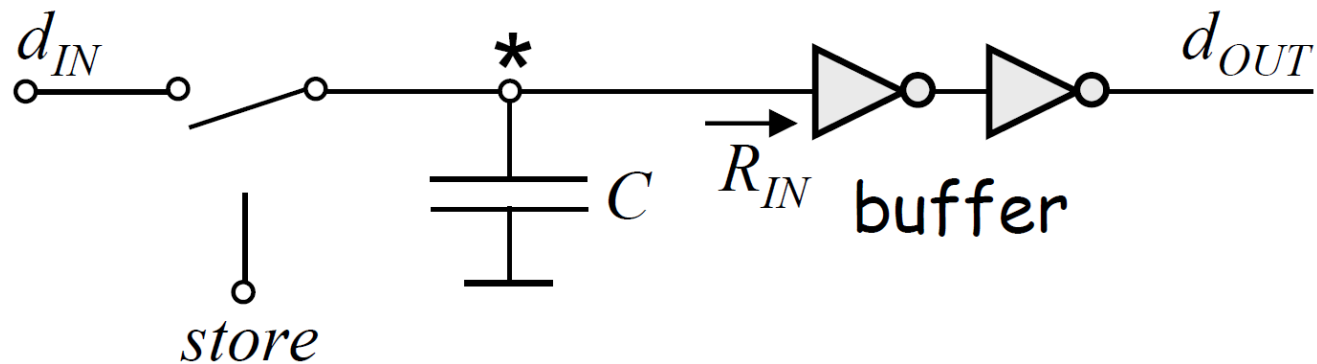


- Stored value leaks away

Building Memory 2nd attempt



- Using a buffer stage to increase the input resistance seen from the storage node.

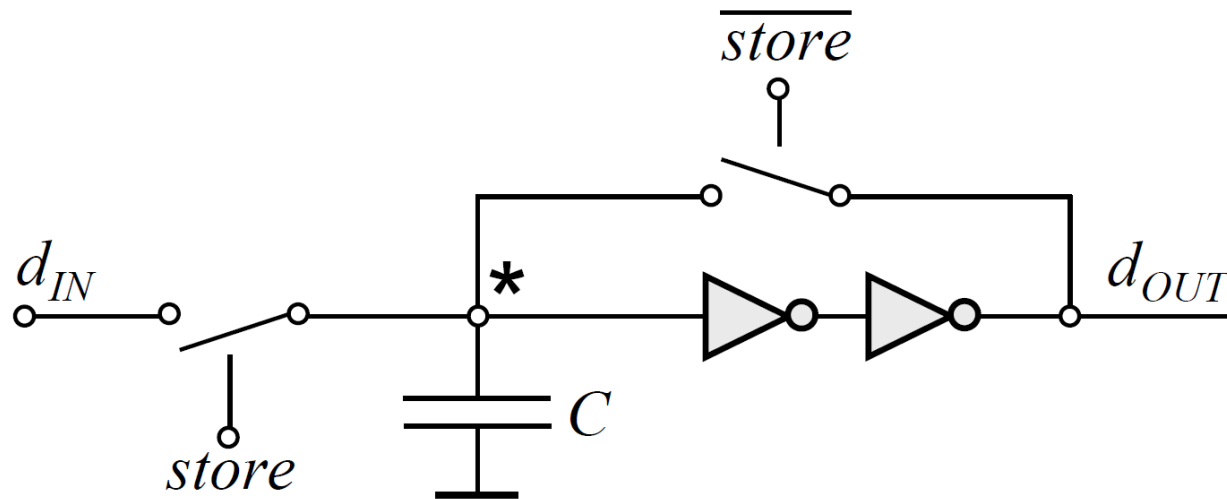


- Better, but still not perfect.

Building Memory 3rd attempt



- Using a buffer stage to increase the input resistance seen from the storage node and a refresh stage to restore the data.

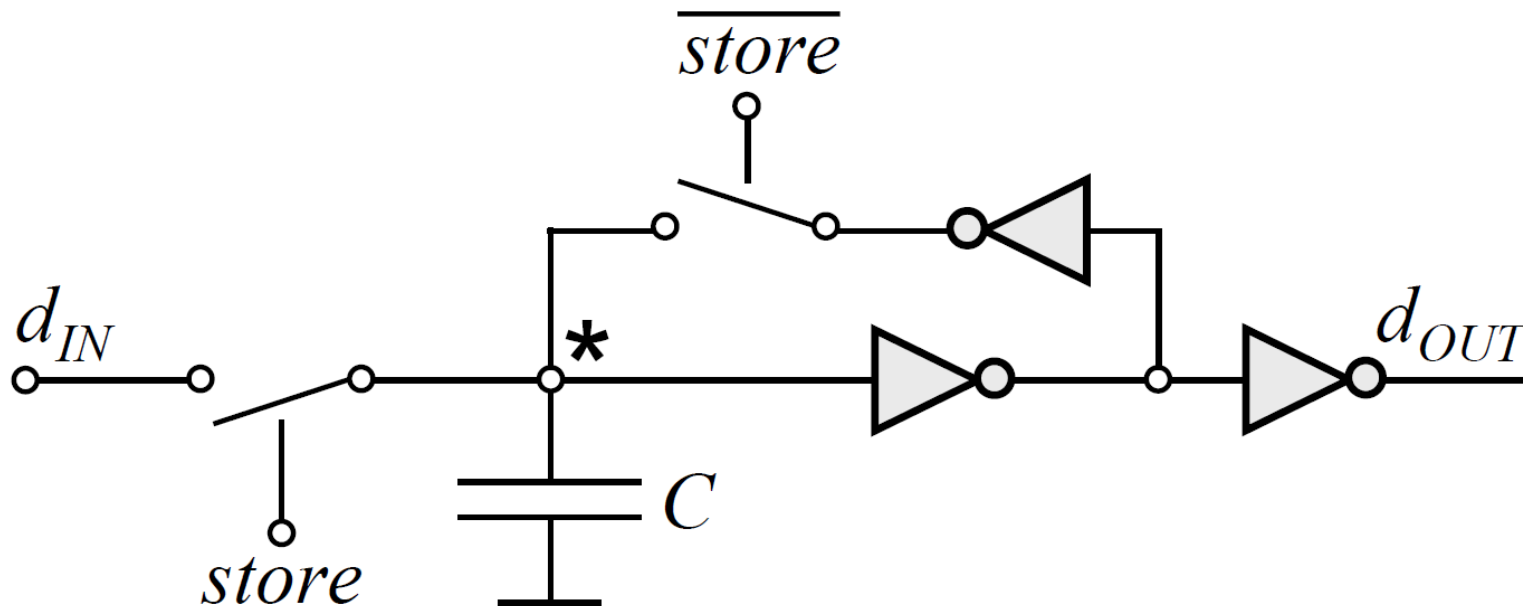


- Does this work?
- No, external value can still influence storage node.

Building Memory 4th attempt



- Using a buffer stage to increase the input resistance seen from the storage node and a decoupled refresh stage to restore the data.



- Works!!

Summary



- First Order Circuits are modeled by first order differential equations.
 - Homogeneous solution \iff Natural response;
 - Non-homogeneous solution \iff Forced response.
- Natural Response depends on circuit parameters and the initial conditions of energy storage elements;
- Forced Response depends circuit parameters, initial conditions, and forms of external excitations.
- The Intuitive Method
- State and Memory
 - ZSR;
 - ZIR.