



Step 2: Homogeneous Solution

- v_{CH} : solution to the homogeneous equation (set input drive to zero).

$$\checkmark RC \frac{dv_{CH}}{dt} + v_{CH} = 0$$

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

$$v_I(t) = \underline{V_I} \text{ for } t \geq t_0$$

$$RC \frac{dv_C}{dt} + v_C = V_I$$

- Guess v_{CH} is in the form of $v_{CH} = A \cdot e^{st}$

- Discard the trivial solution of $v_{CH} = 0$

$$RC \cdot \frac{d(Ae^{st})}{dt} + Ae^{st} = 0 \Rightarrow RC \cdot A \cdot s e^{st} + A e^{st} = 0 \Rightarrow (RCs + 1) \cdot A e^{st} = 0$$

$$(A \neq 0 \text{ for non-trivial solution}), \quad RCs + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow s = -\frac{1}{RC}, \quad v_{CH} = A e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$



Step 3: Total Solution

- The total solution is the sum of the particular and homogeneous solutions.
- Find remaining unknowns from initial condition.

$$v_c = v_{cp} + v_{ch} = v_I + \underbrace{A e^{-t/RC}}_{\text{homogeneous}}, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$v_c(t=0) = v_0 = v_I + A \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = v_0 - v_I$$

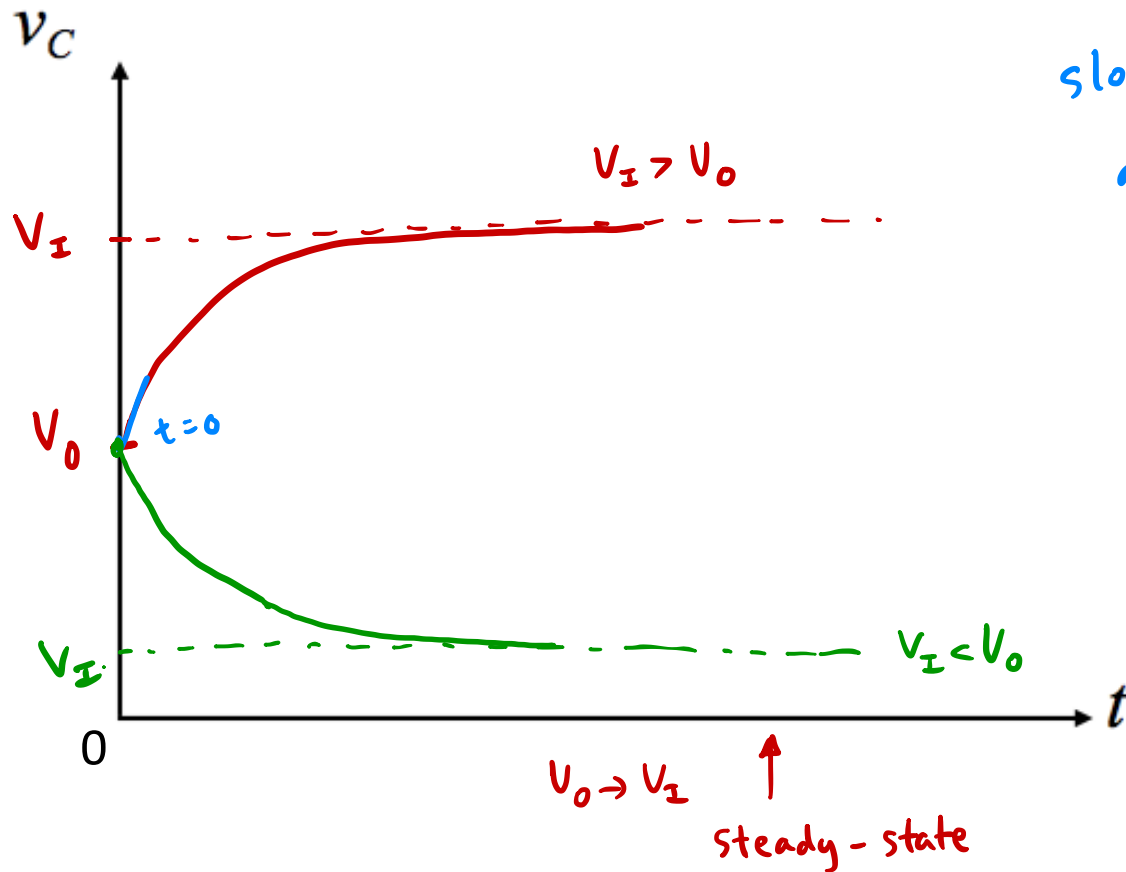
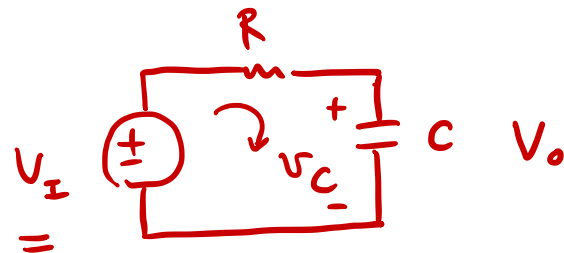
$$\Rightarrow v_c = v_I + (v_0 - v_I) \cdot e^{-t/RC}, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$i_c = C \frac{dv_c}{dt} = \frac{-1}{R} (v_0 - v_I) \cdot e^{-t/RC}, \quad t \geq 0$$



Plot Solution

$$V_C = V_I + (V_0 - V_I) \cdot e^{-t/RC}$$



slope at $t=0$

$$\left. \frac{dV_C}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \frac{V_I - V_0}{RC} \cdot e^{-t/RC} \Big|_{t=0}$$
$$= \frac{V_I - V_0}{RC}$$



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 of the linear non-homogeneous differential equation is the sum of a general solution of the corresponding homogeneous solution and an arbitrary particular solution.

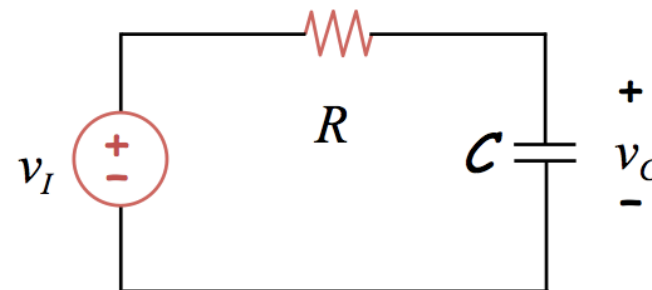
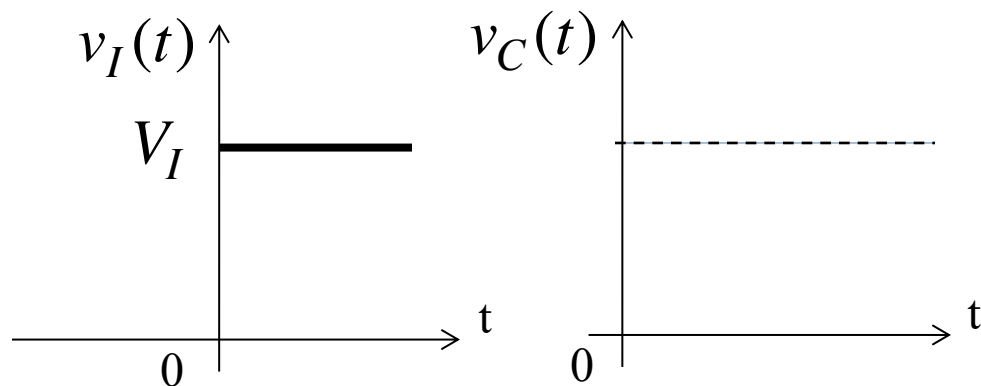


Natural Response

- 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
 - Parameters of circuit components.
 - Initial conditions of energy storage components within the circuit.
- The natural response of a first order circuit can be described by a homogeneous first order differential equation.



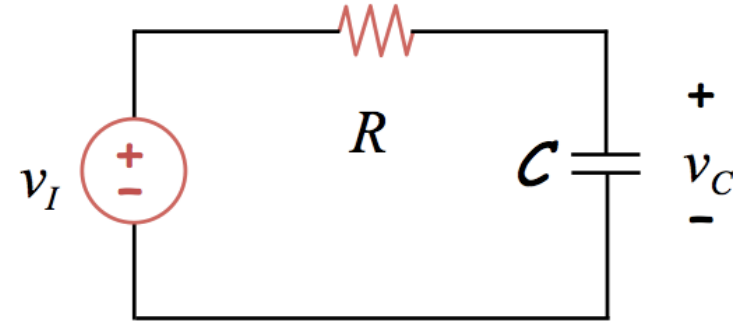
For the RC Circuit in the Previous Slide



- Notice that the capacitor voltage v_C
 - Independent of the form of the input voltage before $t = 0$
- Instead, it depends only on
 - The capacitor voltage at $t = 0$
 - The input voltage for $t \geq 0$

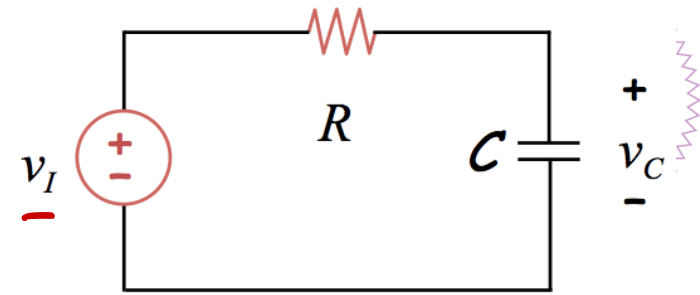
State

- From our simple RC circuit



- State: summary of past inputs relevant to predicting the future.
- Actually, the state variable is Q
- For linear capacitor $Q = C \cdot v$
 - Capacitor voltage v_C is also state variable

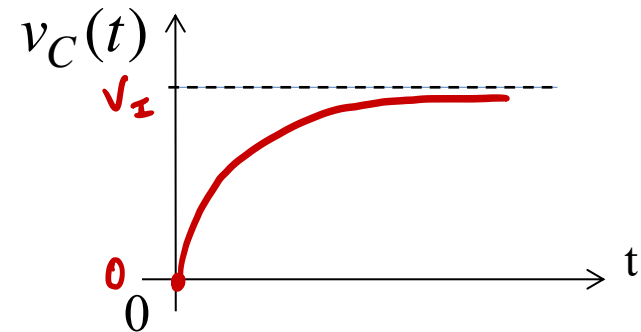
ZIR and ZSR



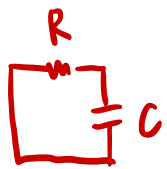
□ We are often interested in circuit response for

- Zero state: zero-state response (ZSR) with $V_0 = 0$

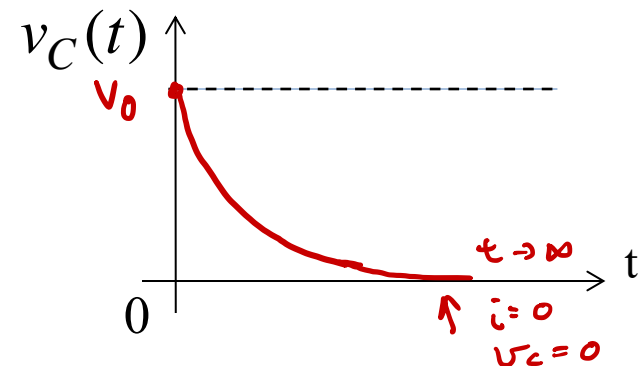
$$v_C = V_I (1 - e^{-t/RC}), \quad t \geq 0$$



- Zero input: zero-input response (ZIR) with $V_I = 0$



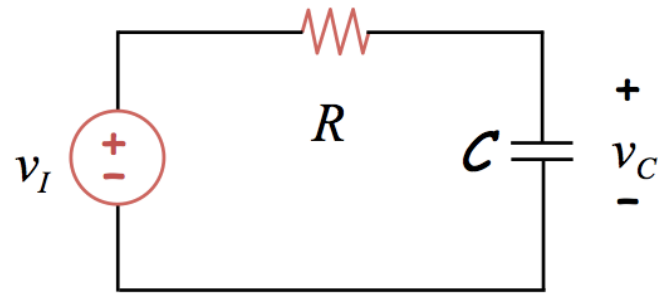
$$v_C = V_0 \cdot e^{-t/RC}, \quad t \geq 0$$



• Total response = ZIR + ZSR

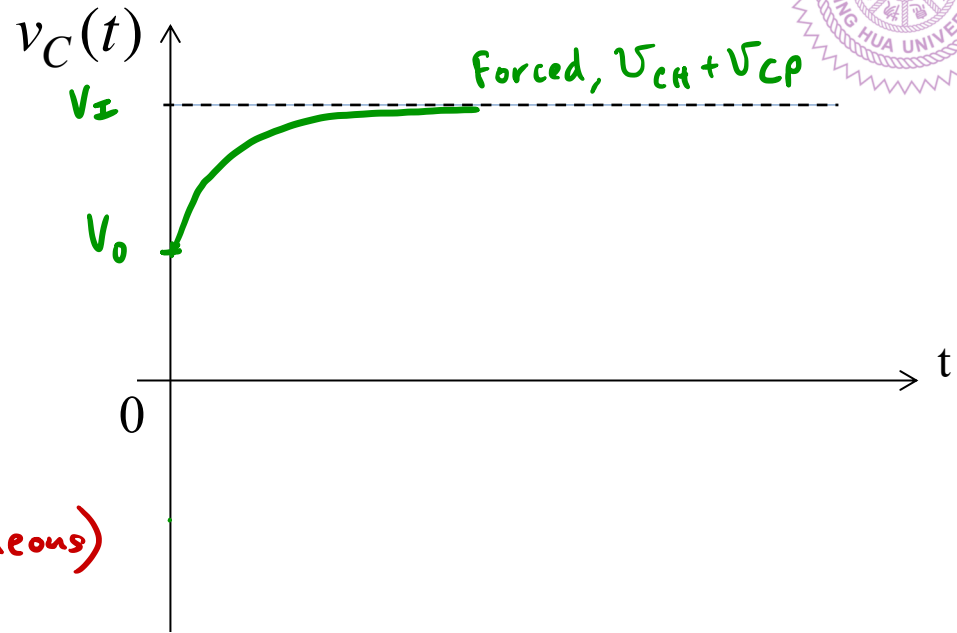


RC Circuit Response

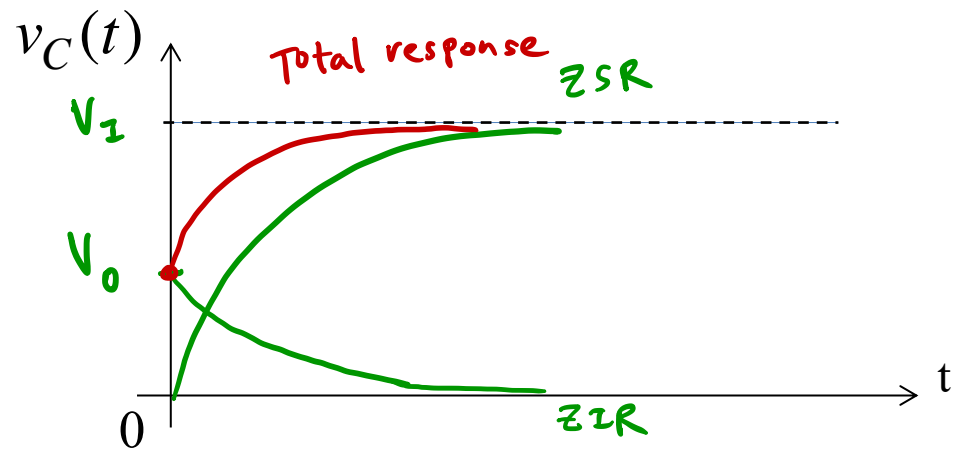


with $v_I(t) = V_I$ for $t \geq 0$ and $v_C(0)$

- ~~Forced~~ response
particular
+ natural response (*homogeneous*)

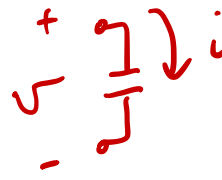


- Zero-state response
+ zero-input response





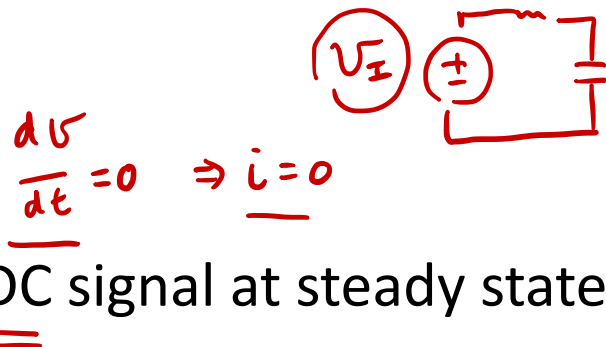
Capacitor $i-v$ Behaviors

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$


- Its current i depends on the time-varying rate of voltage v .

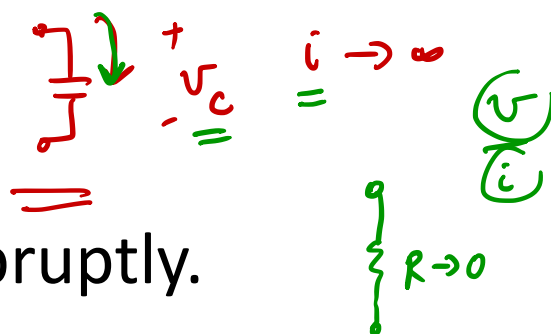
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- Steady state characteristics



- The capacitor is an open circuit to DC signal at steady state.

- The capacitor is a short circuit to high frequency signals at steady state.

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt} \quad i \rightarrow \infty \quad v_c = A \cdot \sin \omega_0 t \quad C \frac{dv_c}{dt} = C \cdot \omega_0 \cdot A \cdot \cos \omega_0 t \rightarrow \infty$$


$i \rightarrow \infty$

$R \rightarrow 0$

- Capacitor voltage v does not change abruptly.

- It requires an infinite current.