

# Chapter 10

**EMT1150**

## **Introduction to Circuit Analysis**

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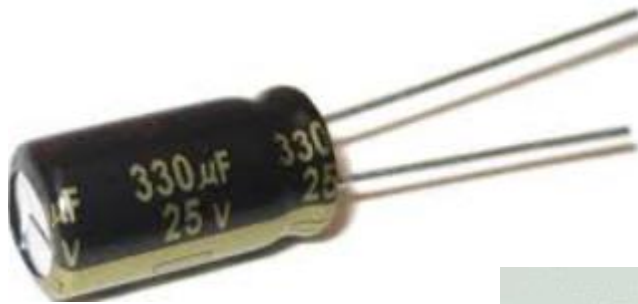
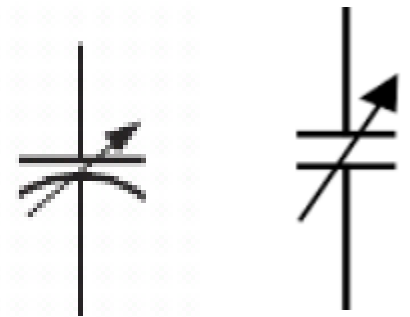
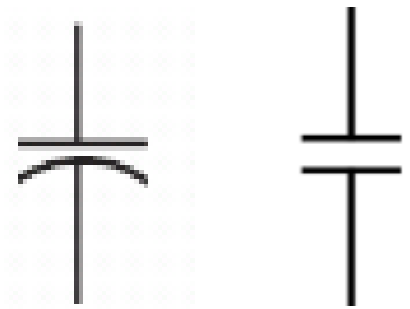
# Chapter10 Capacitors

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- Introduction to Capacitors
- The Electric Field
- Capacitance
- Capacitors in Series and Parallel
- Transients in Capacitive Networks

# Introduction

- Always compare with resistors
- Two-terminal device
- Symbol





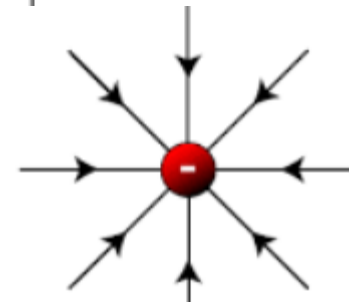
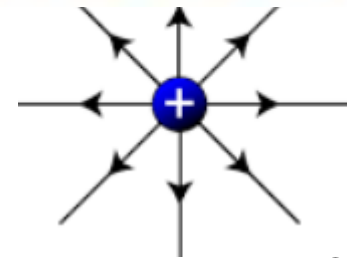
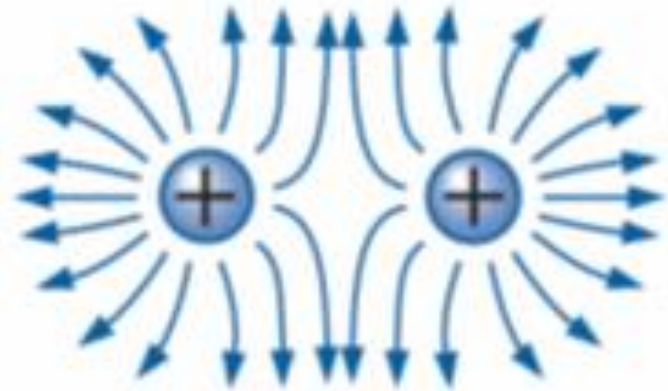
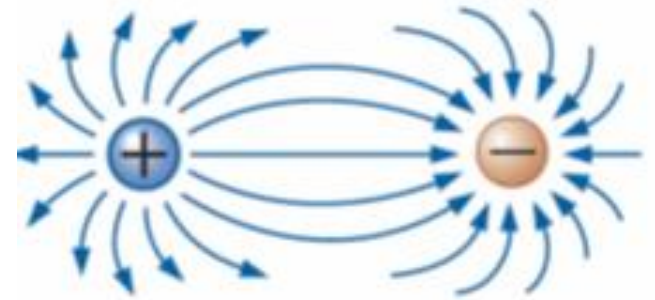
# Intro CNTD..

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- Capacitor **does not dissipate energy** as does the resistor but **store it**.
- Capacitor displays its true characteristics only when a change in the voltage or current is made in the network.

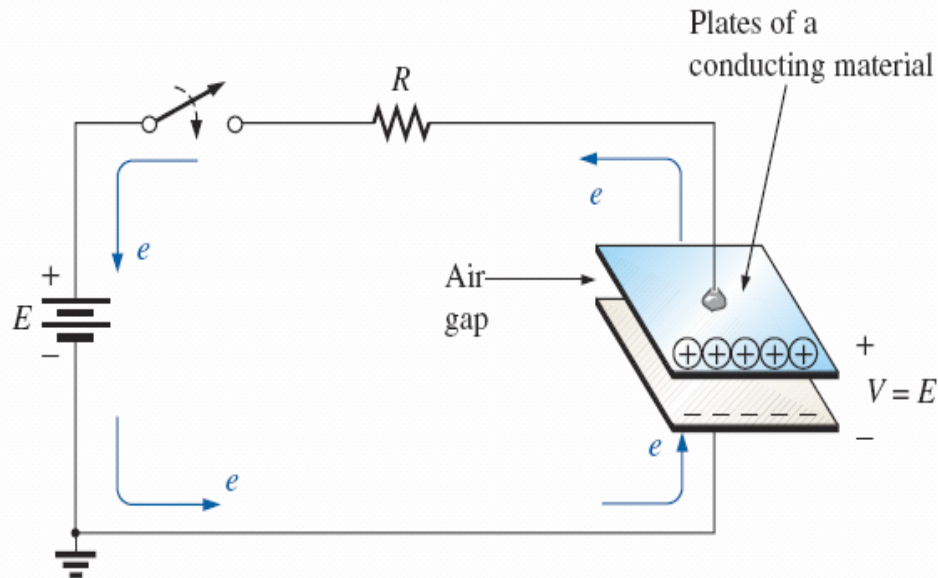
# Electric field

- Electric field/electrostatic field is a field of force generated by the electrical charges.
- It is represented by **electric flux lines**, which indicate the strength of the electric field at any point around any charged body.
- The denser the lines of flux, the stronger is the electric field.



# Capacitor

- A *capacitor* is constructed simply of two parallel conducting plates separated by insulating material.
- Insulating material is called dielectric material.

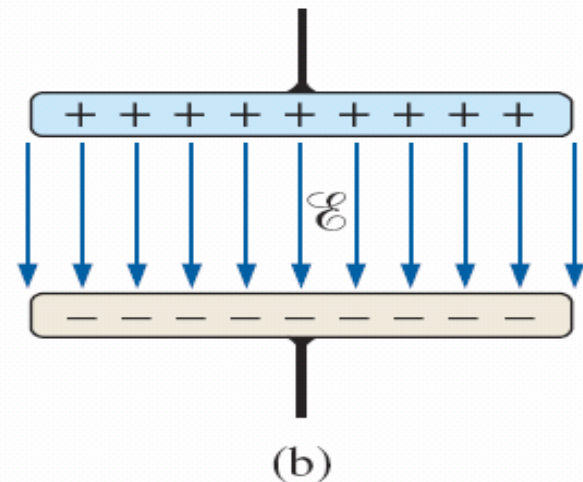
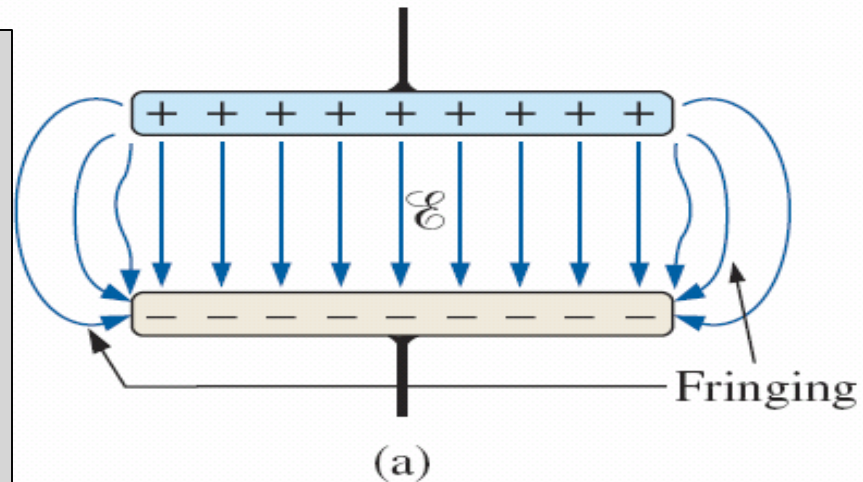


# Electric field in capacitor

Note the fringing that occurs at the edges as the flux lines originating from the points farthest away from the negative plate strive to complete the connection

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{V}{d}$$

$\mathcal{E}$ : Volt/m  
V: Volt  
d: m



*Capacitance* is a measure of a capacitor's ability to store charge on its plates.

Unit: **Farad** (F)

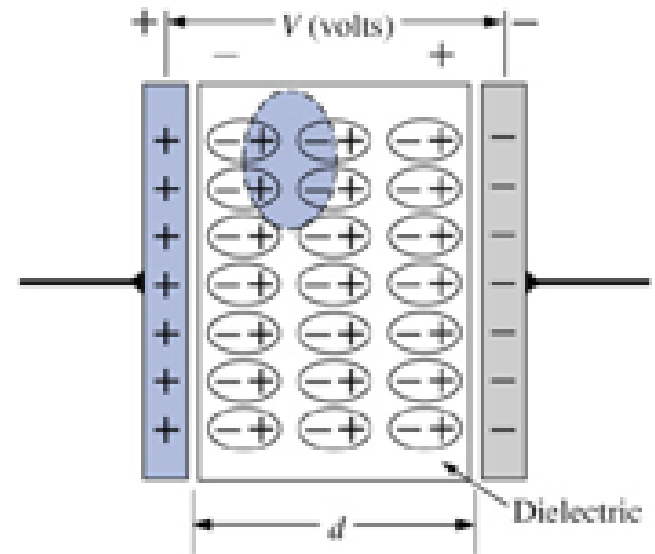
*A capacitor has a capacitance of 1 farad if 1 coulomb of charge is deposited on the plates by a potential difference of 1 volt cross the plates.*

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$

C = farad (F)

Q = coulombs (C)

V = volts (V)





**Example1:** If 40V are applied across a 470 $\mu$ F capacitor, find the charge on the plates.

$$Q = CV = (470\mu F)(40V) = 18.8 (mC)$$



# Capacitance

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- The capacitance of any capacitor is due primarily to three factors:
  - Permittivity (Dielectric material)
  - Distance
  - Area

$$C = \varepsilon \frac{A}{d}$$

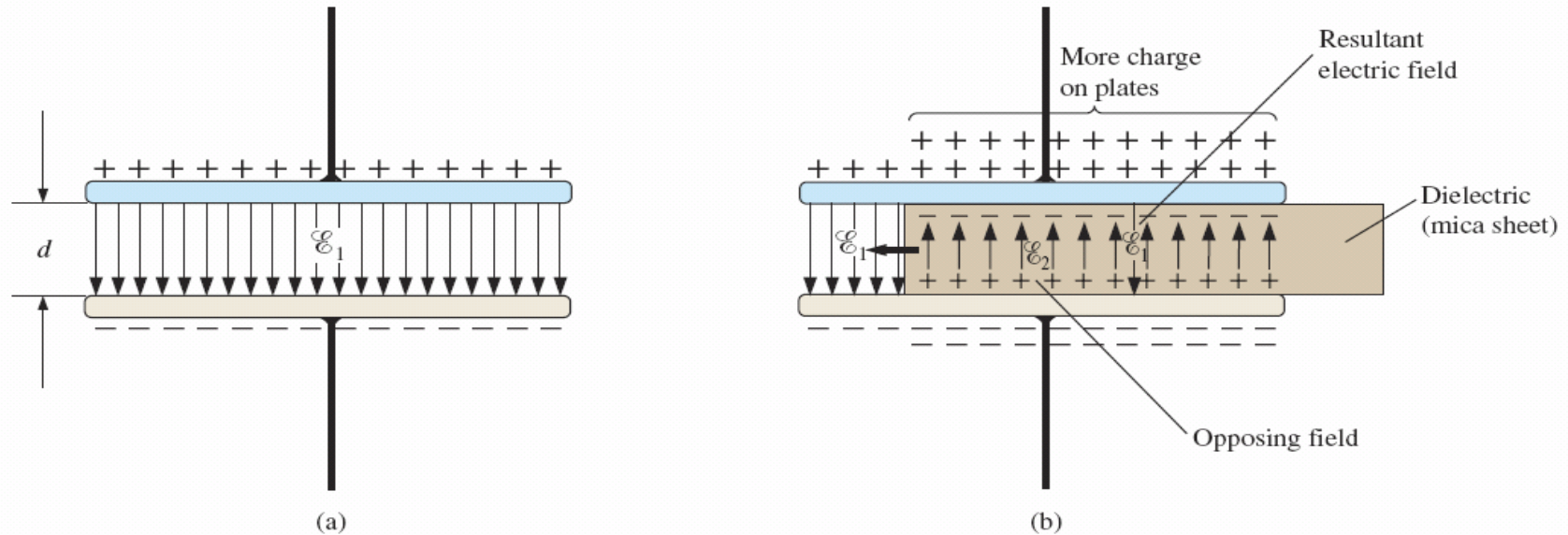
C: Farad (F)

$\varepsilon$  : Permittivity (F/m)

A: m<sup>2</sup>

d: m

- **Permittivity** is the measure of the resistance that is encountered when forming an electric field in a medium.



- In general, permittivity of other materials can compare to the permittivity of vacuum.

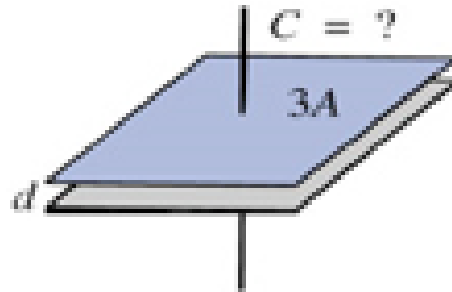
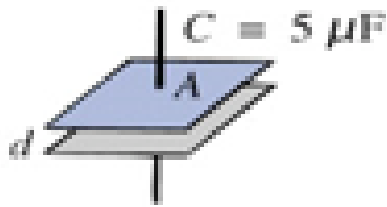
$$\epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$$


$$\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$$

Dielectric	$\epsilon_r$ (Average value)
Vacuum	1.0
Air	1.0006
Teflon	2.0
Rubber	3.0
Oil	4.0
Mica	5.0
Ceramics	20-7500

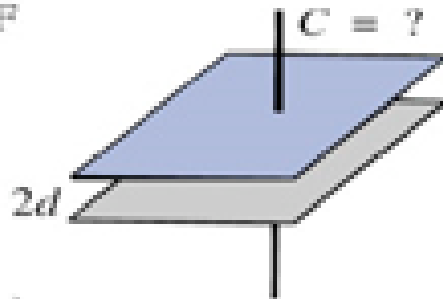
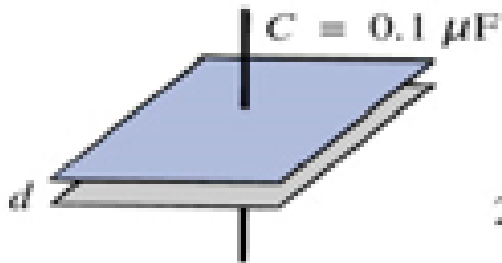
$$C = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \frac{A}{d}$$

**Example 2:** Determine the capacitance of each capacitor on the right side.



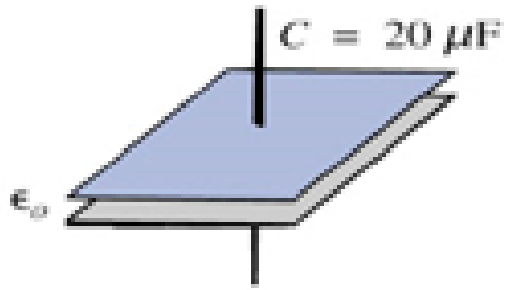
(a)

$$(a) \quad C = 3(5\mu\text{F}) \\ = 15 (\mu\text{F})$$

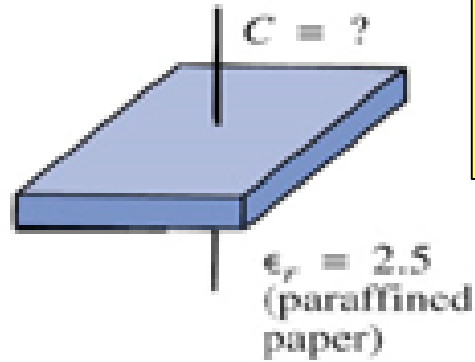


(b)

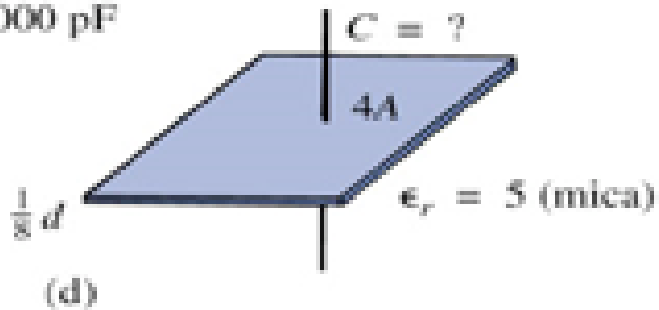
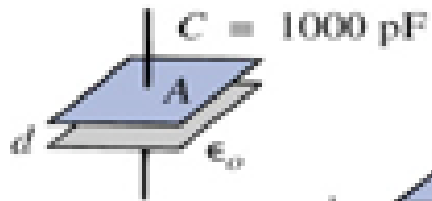
$$(b) \quad C = (0.1\mu\text{F})/2 \\ = 0.05 (\mu\text{F})$$



(c)



$$(c) \quad C = 2.5 \times (20 \mu\text{F}) = 50 (\mu\text{F})$$



(d)

$$(d) \quad C = 4 \times 5 \times (1000 \text{ pF}) / (1/8) = 0.16 (\mu\text{F})$$

**Example3:**For the capacitor in the figure:

a. Determine the capacitance.

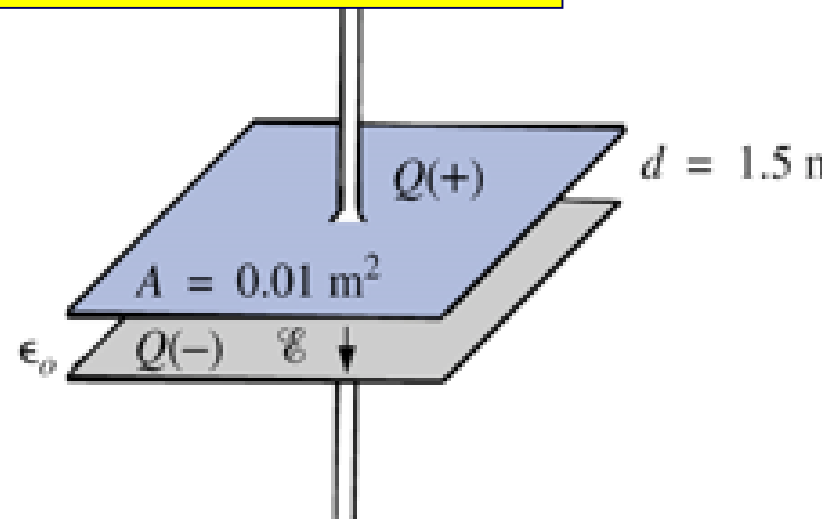
b. Determine the electric field strength between the plates if 450 V are applied across the plates.

c. Find the resulting charge on each plate.

$$(a).C_o = \frac{\epsilon_o A}{d} = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F / m})(0.01 \text{ m}^2)}{1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}} = 59.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

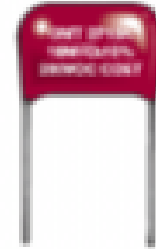
$$(b).\epsilon = \frac{V}{d} = \frac{450 \text{ V}}{1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}} \cong 300 \times 10^3 \text{ V / m}$$

$$(d).C = \frac{Q}{V}$$
$$Q = CV = (59.0 \times 10^{-12})(450 \text{ V})$$
$$= 26.550 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C} = 26.55 \text{ nC}$$



# Type of capacitors

- Fixed capacitor
  - *Electrolytic capacitors*
  - *Ceramic (disc) capacitor*
  - *Film/foil polyester capacitor*
  - *Mica capacitors*
  - *Oil-filled capacitor*
- Variable capacitor





# Capacitors in Series

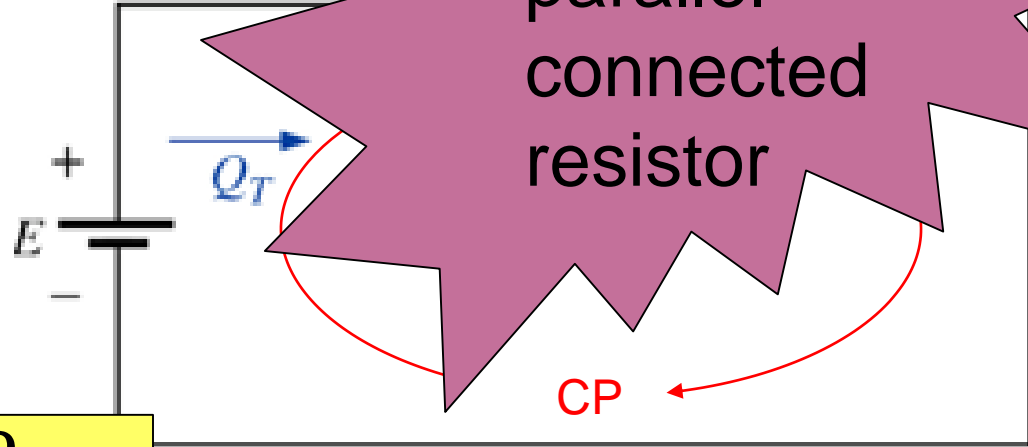
Apply KVL to CP

$$E = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{C}$$

$$\frac{Q_T}{C_T} = \frac{Q_1}{C_1} + \frac{Q_2}{C_2} + \frac{Q_3}{C_3}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$



$$Q_T = Q_1 = Q_2 = Q_3$$

$$C_T = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

# Capacitors in parallel

Apply KVL to CPs

$$E = V_1 = V_2 = V_3$$

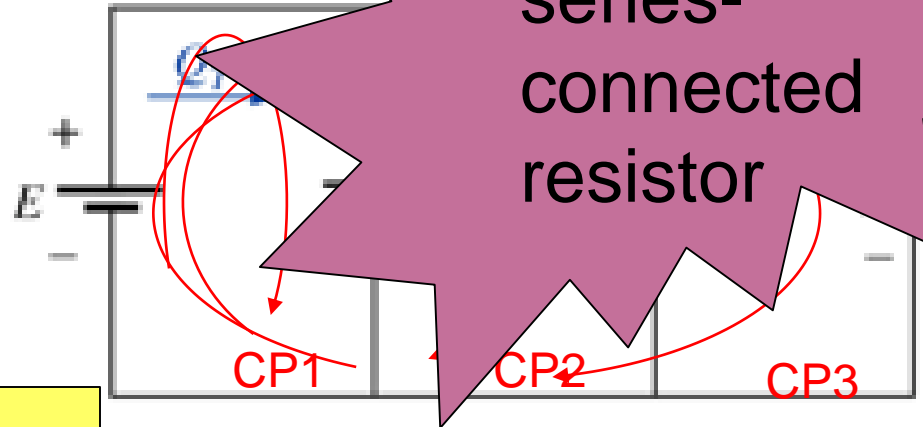
$$V = \frac{Q}{C}$$

$$\frac{Q_T}{C_T} = \frac{Q_1}{C_1} = \frac{Q_2}{C_2} = \frac{Q_3}{C_3}$$

$$Q = CV$$

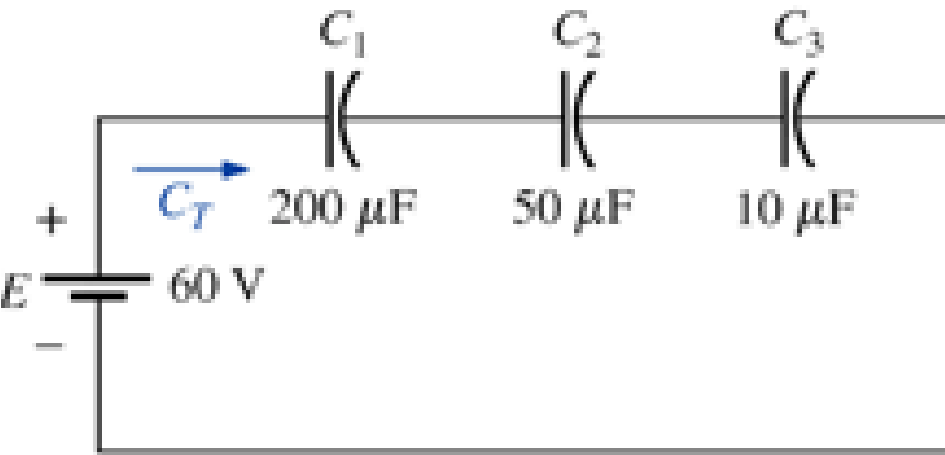
$$C_T E = C_1 V_1 + C_2 V_2 + C_3 V_3$$

$$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$



$$Q_T = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$$

- Example 4:** a. Find the total capacitance.  
 b. Determine the charge on each plate.  
 c. Find the voltage across each capacitor.



$$\begin{aligned}
 a. \quad \frac{1}{C_T} &= \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \\
 &= \frac{1}{200 \times 10^{-6}\text{ F}} + \frac{1}{50 \times 10^{-6}\text{ F}} + \frac{1}{10 \times 10^{-6}\text{ F}} \\
 &= 0.125 \times 10^6 \\
 C_T &= \frac{1}{0.125 \times 10^6} = 8\ \mu\text{F}
 \end{aligned}$$

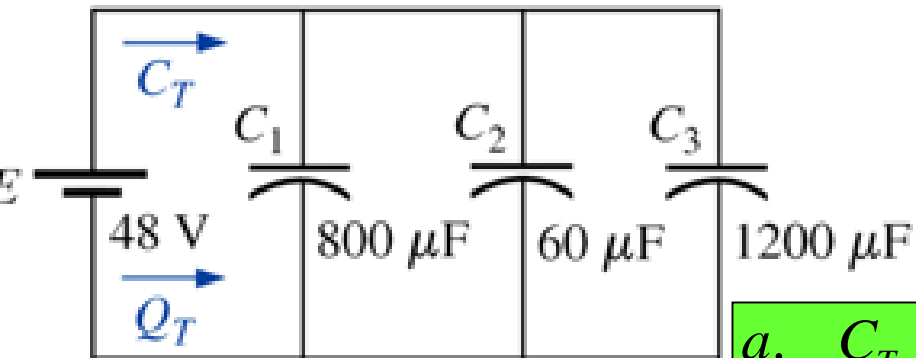
$$\begin{aligned}
 b. \quad Q_T &= Q_1 = Q_2 = Q_3 \\
 &= C_T E = (8 \times 10^{-6}\text{ F})(60\text{ V}) \\
 &= 480\ \mu\text{C}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c. \quad V_1 &= \frac{Q_1}{C_1} = \frac{480 \times 10^{-6}\text{ C}}{200 \times 10^{-6}\text{ F}} = 2.4\text{ V} \\
 V_2 &= \frac{Q_2}{C_2} = \frac{480 \times 10^{-6}\text{ C}}{50 \times 10^{-6}\text{ F}} = 9.6\text{ V} \\
 V_3 &= \frac{Q_3}{C_3} = \frac{480 \times 10^{-6}\text{ C}}{100 \times 10^{-6}\text{ F}} = 48.0\text{ V} \\
 \text{and } E &= V_1 + V_2 + V_3 = 60\text{ V}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 5:** a. Find the total capacitance.

b. Determine the charge on each plate.

c. Find the total charges.



$$\begin{aligned} a. \quad C_T &= C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \\ &= 800 \mu\text{F} + 60 \mu\text{F} + 1200 \mu\text{F} \\ &= 2060 \mu\text{F} \end{aligned}$$

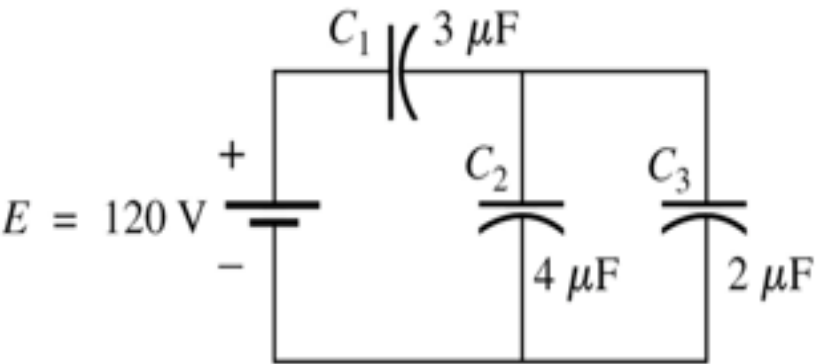
$$b. \quad Q_1 = C_1 E = (800 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(48\text{V}) = 38.4 \text{ mC}$$

$$Q_2 = C_2 E = (60 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(48\text{V}) = 2.88 \text{ mC}$$

$$Q_3 = C_3 E = (1200 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(48\text{V}) = 57.6 \text{ mC}$$

$$c. \quad Q_T = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 = 98.88 \text{ mC}$$

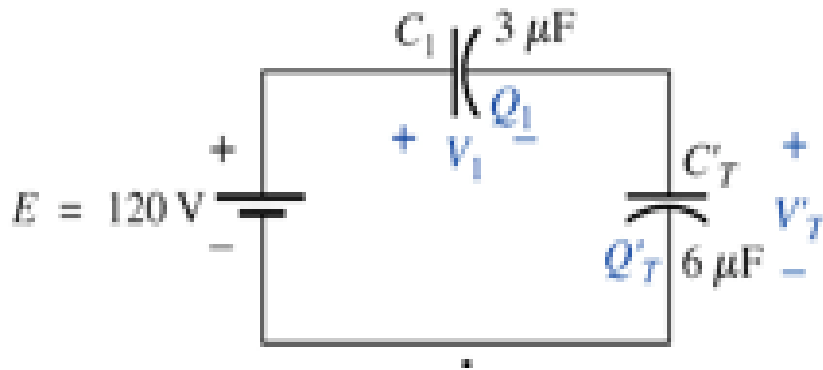
**Example 6:** Find the voltage across and charge on each capacitor for the network



$$C'_T = C_2 + C_3 = 4 \mu\text{F} + 2 \mu\text{F} = 6 \mu\text{F}$$

$$C_T = \frac{C_1 C'_T}{C_1 + C'_T} = \frac{(3 \mu\text{F})(6 \mu\text{F})}{3 \mu\text{F} + 6 \mu\text{F}} = 2 \mu\text{F}$$

$$Q_T = C_T E = (2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(120 \text{ V}) = 240 \mu\text{C}$$

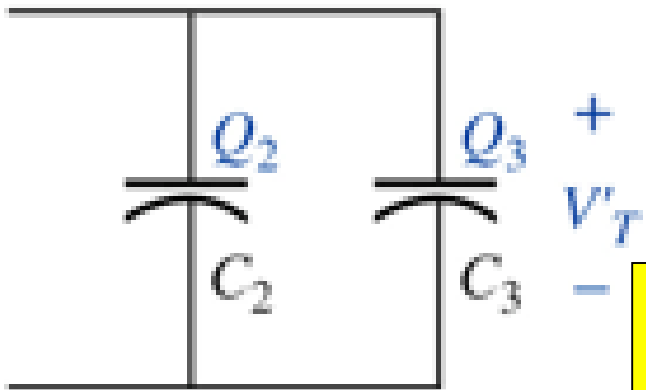


$$Q_T = Q_1 = Q'_T$$

$$Q_1 = 240 \mu\text{C}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{Q_1}{C_1} = \frac{240 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}} = 80 \text{ V}$$

$$Q'_T = 240 \mu\text{C}$$

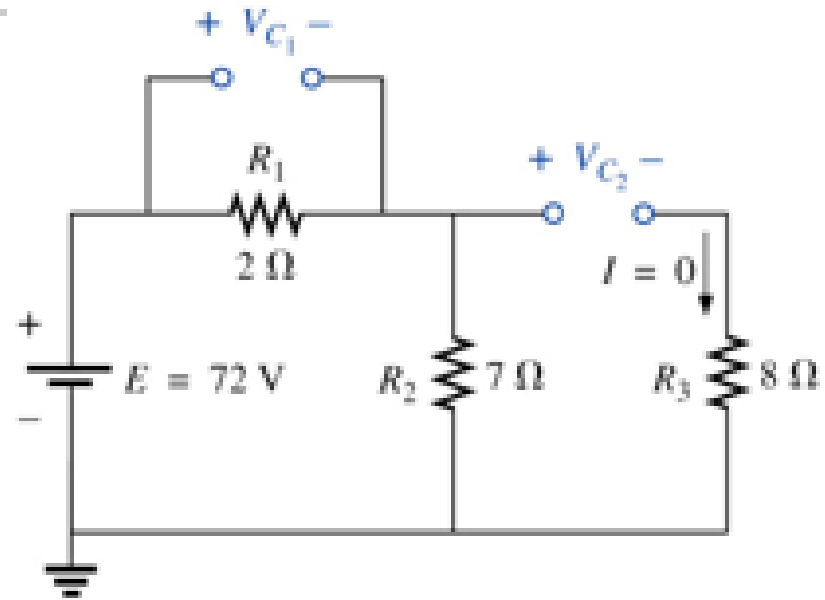
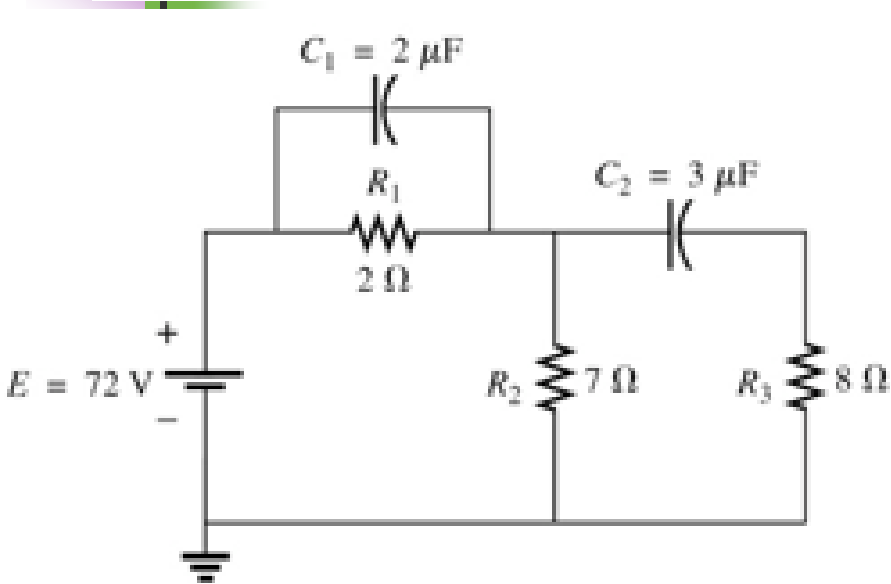


$$V_T' = \frac{Q_T'}{C_T'} = \frac{240 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}} = 40 \text{ V}$$

$$Q_2 = C_2 V_T' = (4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(40 \text{ V}) = 160 \mu\text{C}$$

$$Q_3 = C_3 V_T' = (2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(40 \text{ V}) = 80 \mu\text{C}$$

**Example7:** Find the voltage across and charge on each capacitor for the network, after each has charged up to its final value



$$V_{C_2} = \frac{(7\ \Omega)(72\text{V})}{7\ \Omega + 2\ \Omega} = 56\text{(V)}$$

$$V_{C_1} = \frac{(2\ \Omega)(72\text{V})}{7\ \Omega + 2\ \Omega} = 16\text{(V)}$$

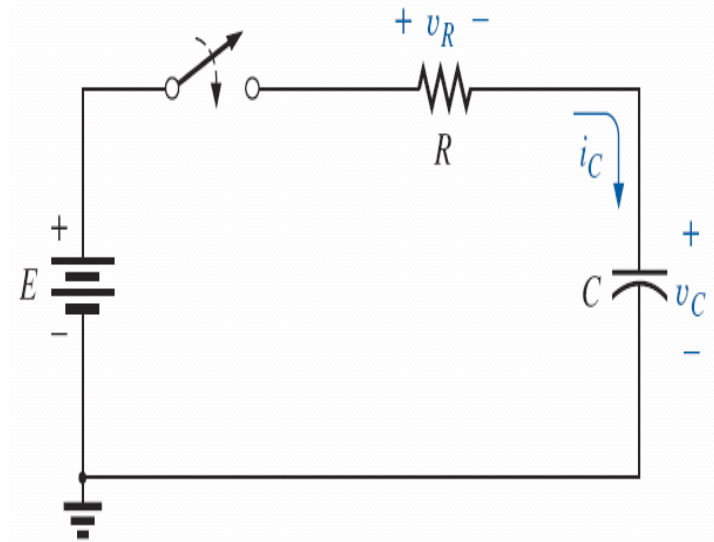
$$Q_1 = C_1 V_{C_1} = (2 \times 10^{-6}\text{ F})(16\text{V}) = 32\ \mu\text{C}$$

$$Q_2 = C_2 V_{C_2} = (3 \times 10^{-6}\text{ F})(56\text{V}) = 168\ \mu\text{C}$$

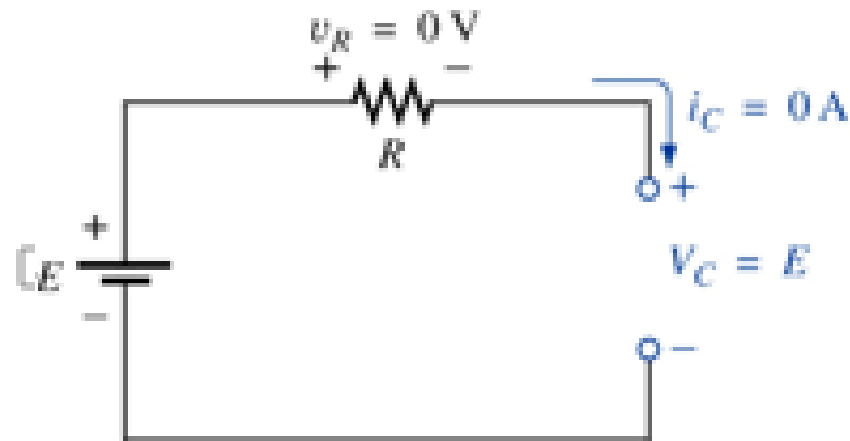
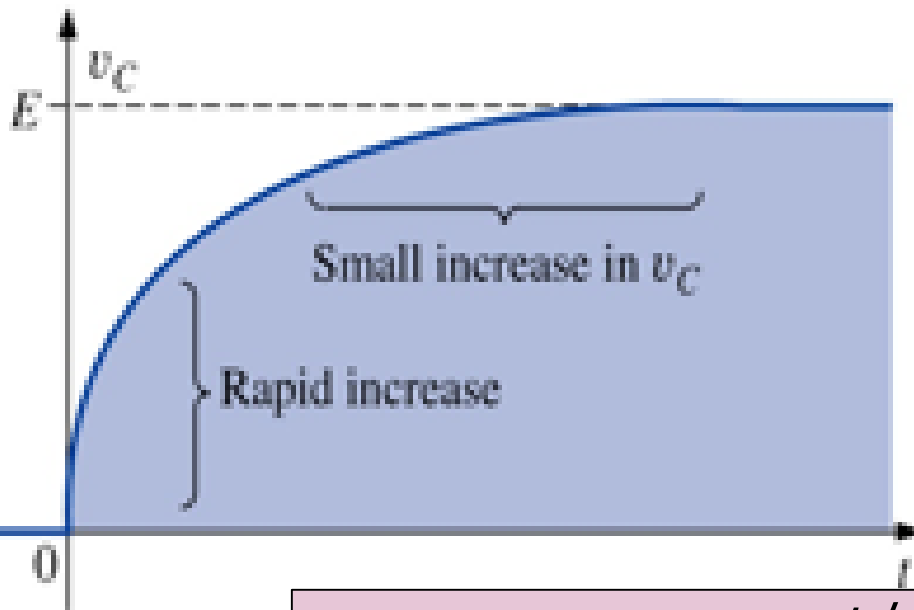
# Transients in Capacitive Networks

## ■ Charging phase

- The placement of charge on the plates of a capacitor does not occur instantaneously.
- Instead, it occurs over a period of time determined by the components of the network.

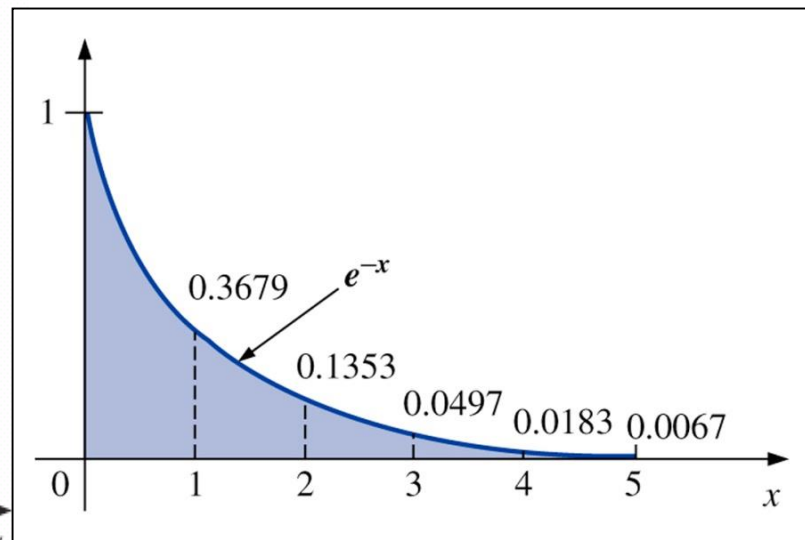
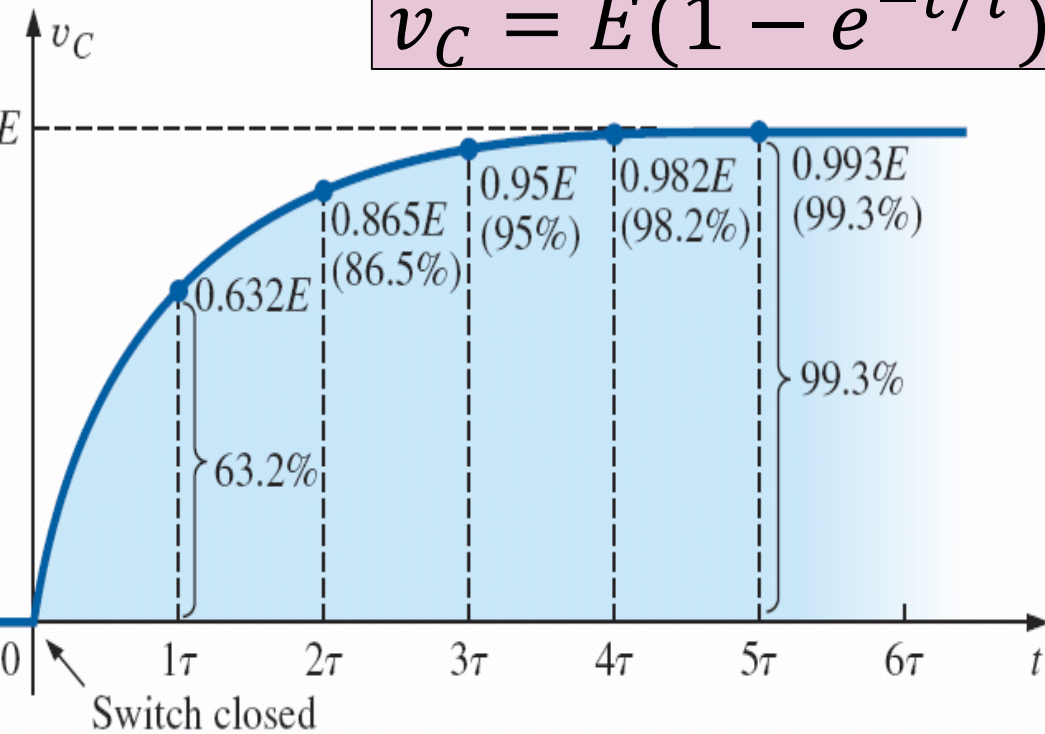


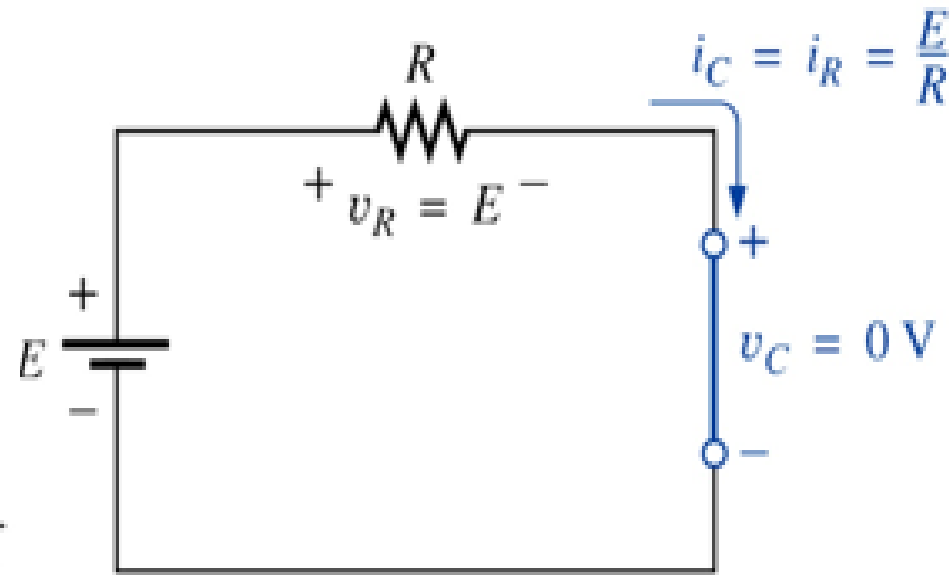
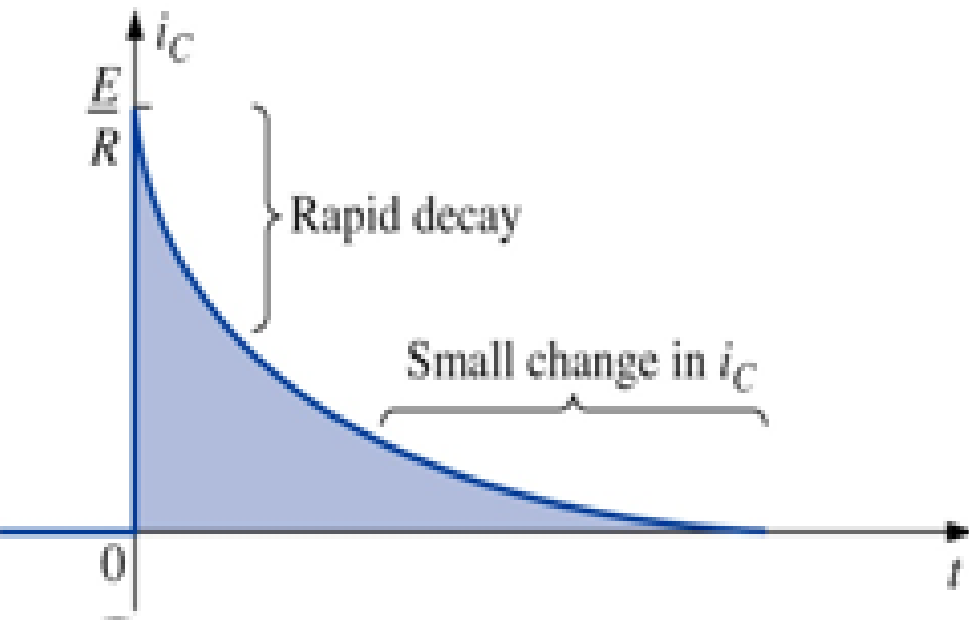




$$v_C = E(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

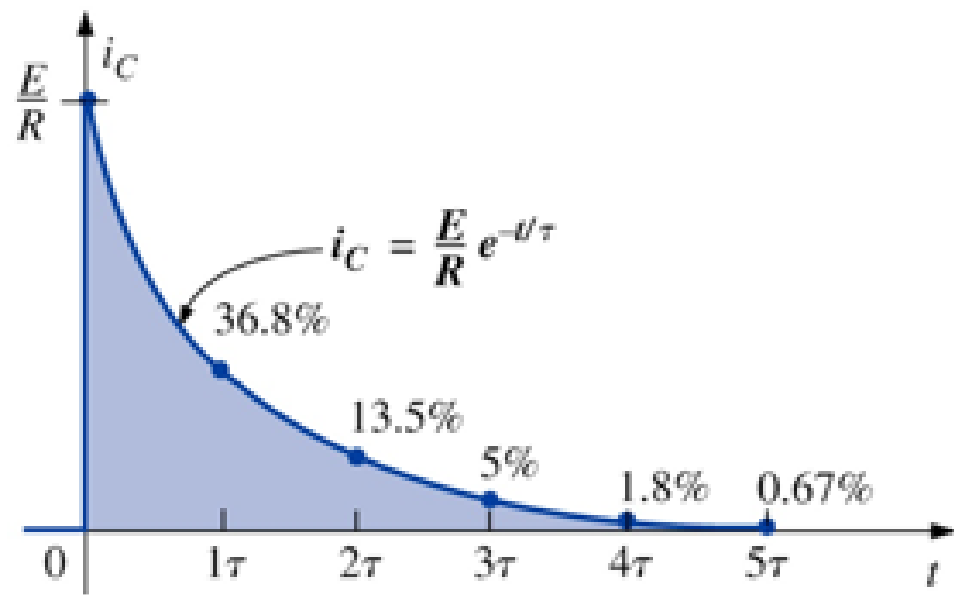
$$\tau = RC$$



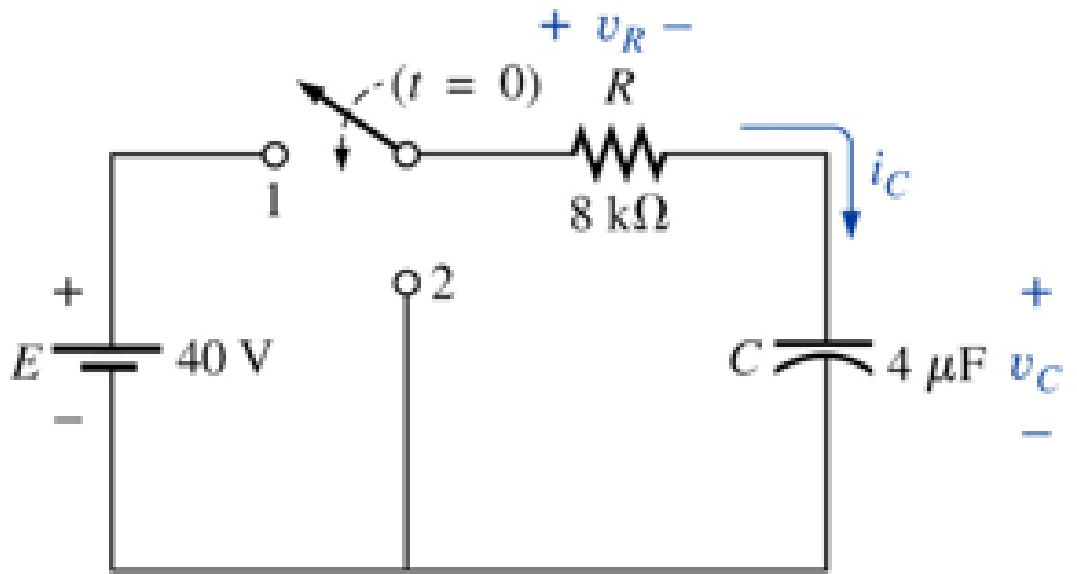


$$i_C = \frac{E}{R} e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\tau = RC$$



- Example 8:** (a) Find the mathematical expressions for the transient behavior of  $v_C$ ,  $i_C$ , and  $v_R$  for the circuit when the switch is moved to position 1. Plot the curves of  $v_C$ ,  $i_C$ , and  $v_R$ .
- b. How much time must pass before it can be assumed, for all practical purposes, that  $i_C \approx 0$  A and  $v_C \approx E$  volt?



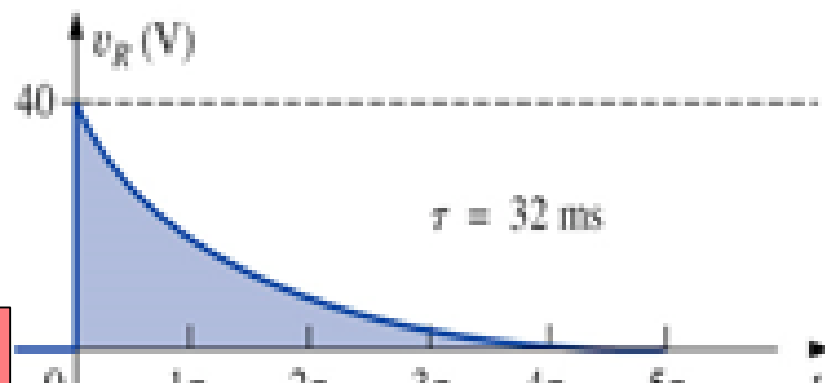
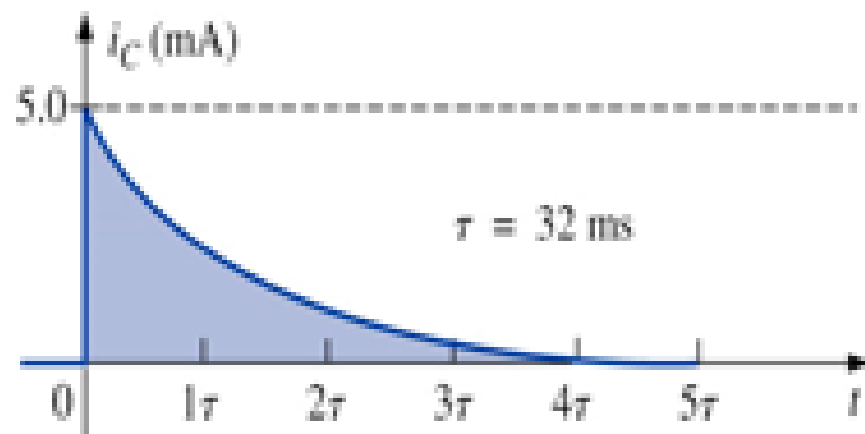
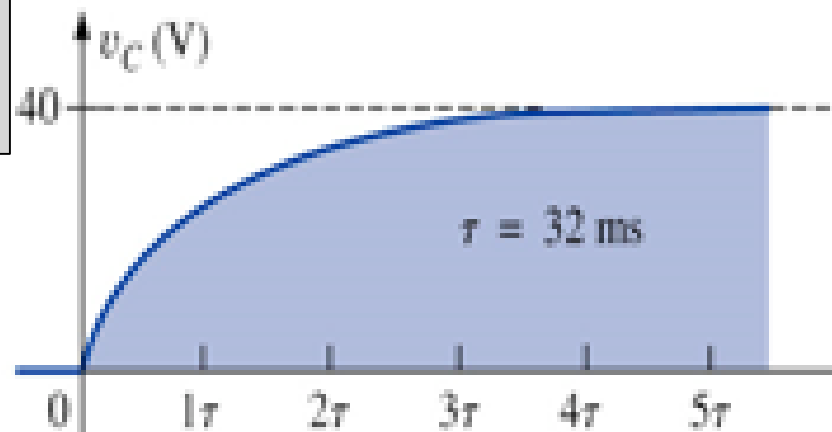
$$(a). \tau = RC = (8 \times 10^3 \Omega)(4 \times 10^{-6} F) \\ = 32 \times 10^{-3} s = 32ms$$

$$v_C = E \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}\right) \\ = 40 \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{32 \times 10^{-3}}}\right) V$$

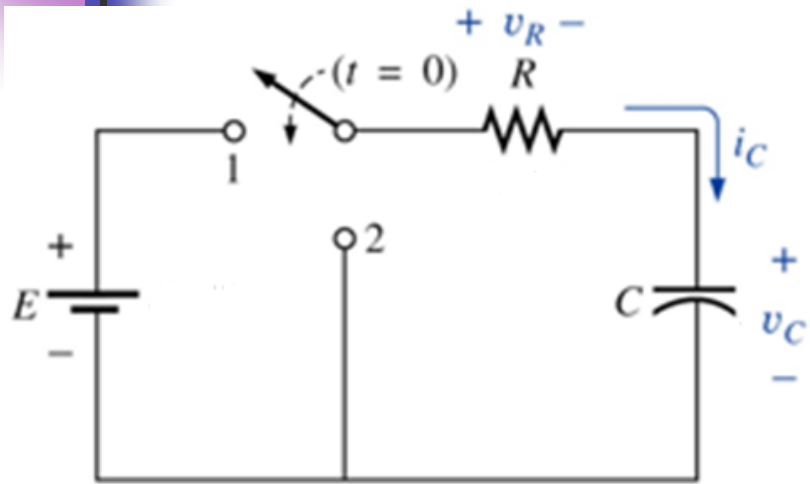
$$i_C = \frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \\ = \frac{40V}{8k\Omega} e^{-\frac{t}{32 \times 10^{-3}}} \\ = 5mA e^{-\frac{t}{32ms}}$$

$$v_R = E e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = 40 e^{-\frac{t}{32ms}} V$$

$$(b). 5\tau = 5 \times 32ms = 160ms$$

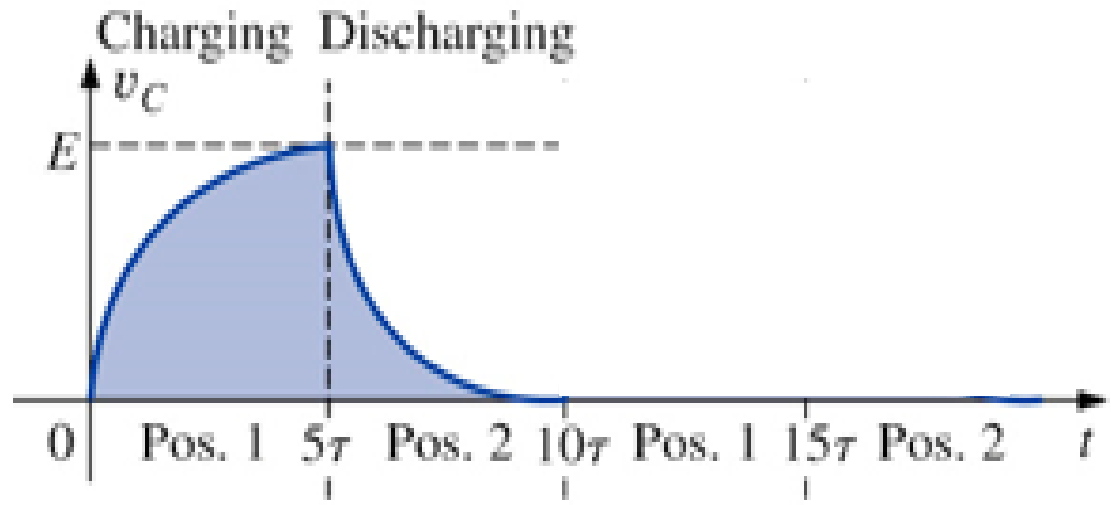
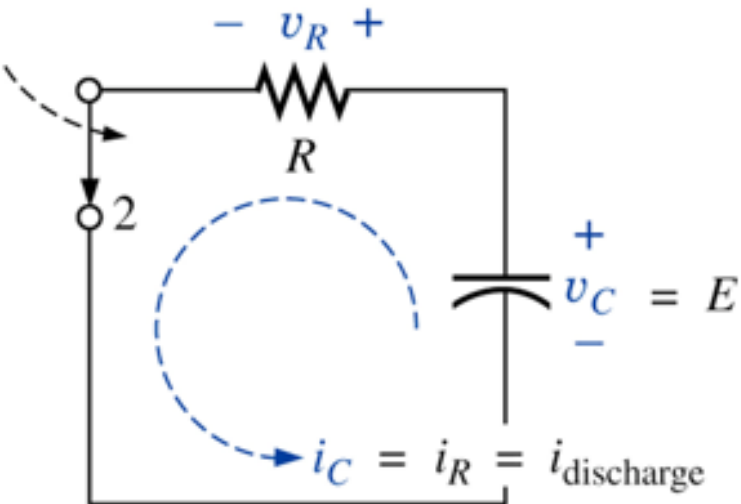


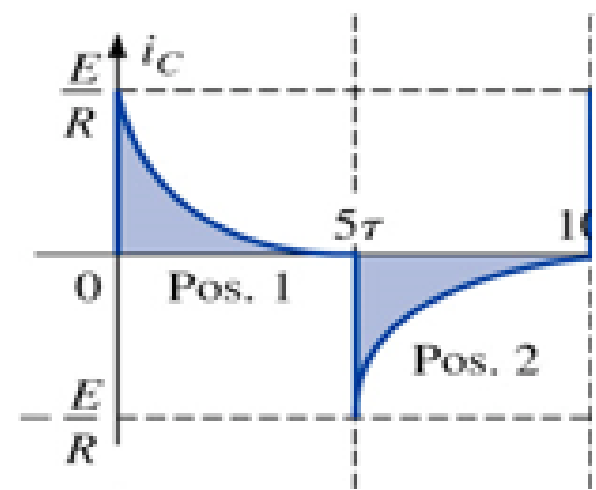
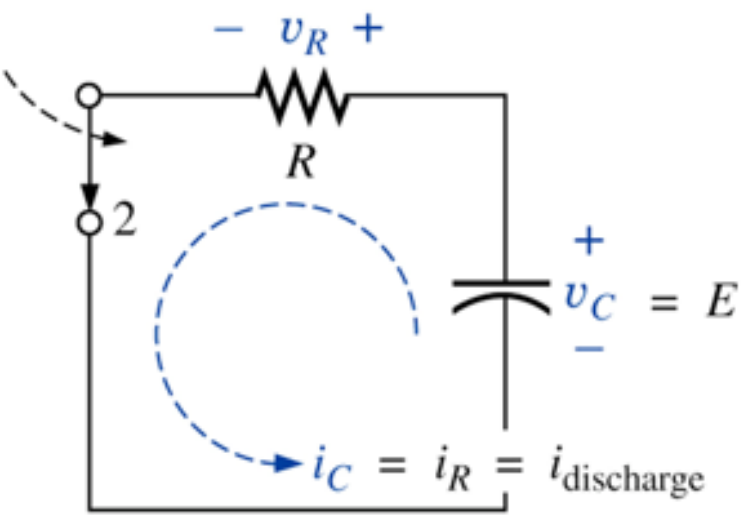
# Discharging phase



$$v_C = E e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$\tau = RC$$

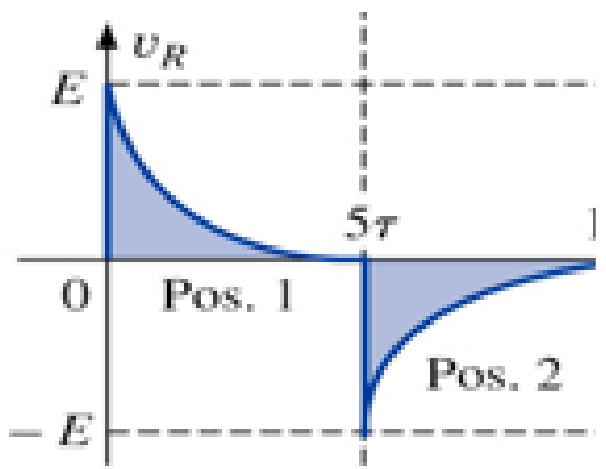


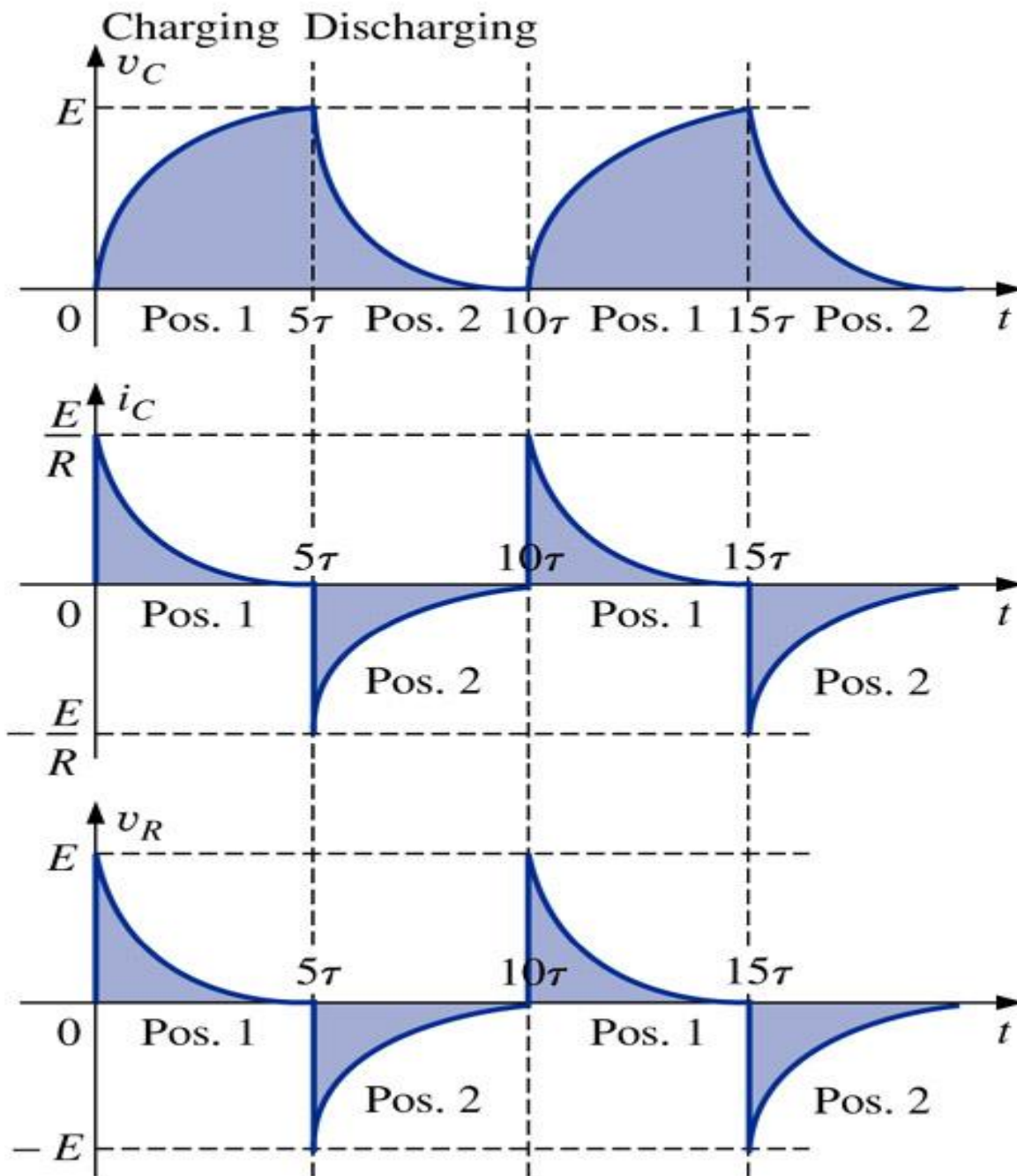


$$i_C = -\frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

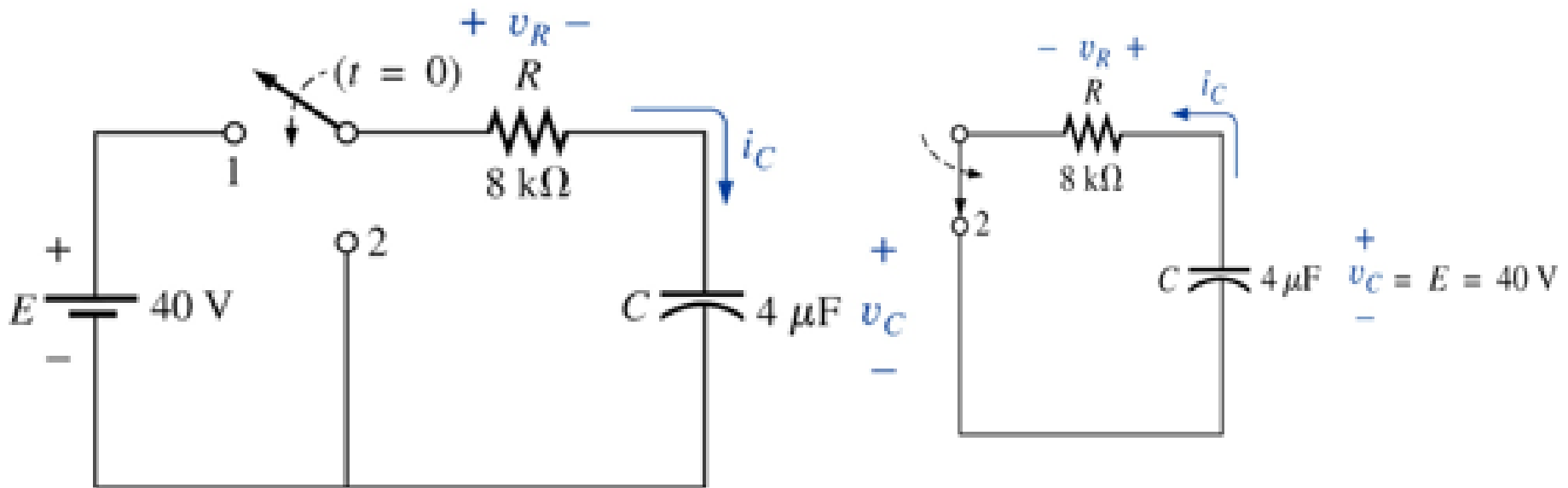
$$\tau = RC$$

$$v_R = -E e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$





**Example 9:** After  $v_C$  in Example 8 has reached its final value of 40 V, the switch is shown into position 2. Find the mathematical expressions for the transient behavior of  $v_C$ ,  $i_C$ , and  $v_R$  after the closing of the switch. Plot the curves for  $v_C$ ,  $i_C$ , and  $v_R$  using the defined directions and polarities in example 8. Assume that  $t = 0$  when the switch is moved to position 2.



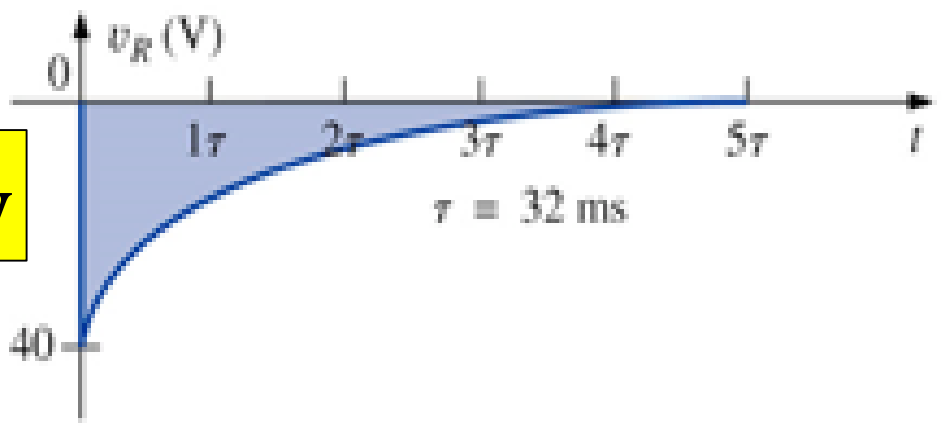
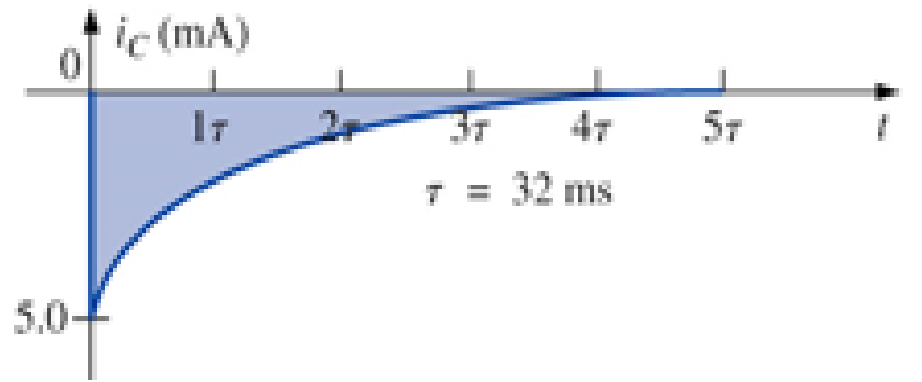
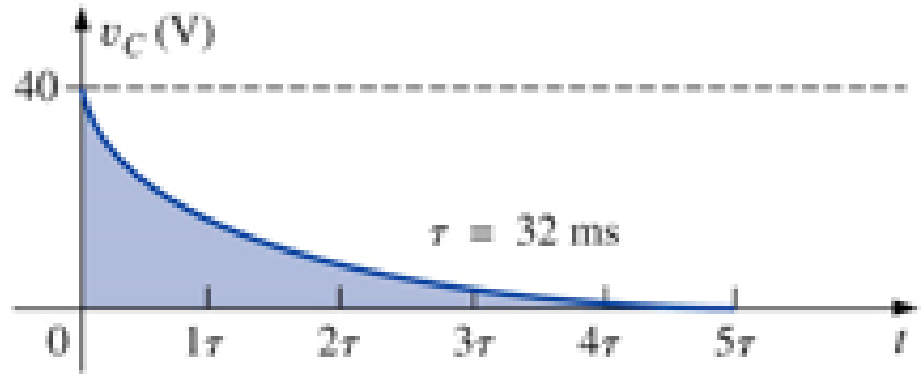


$$\tau = RC = 32ms$$

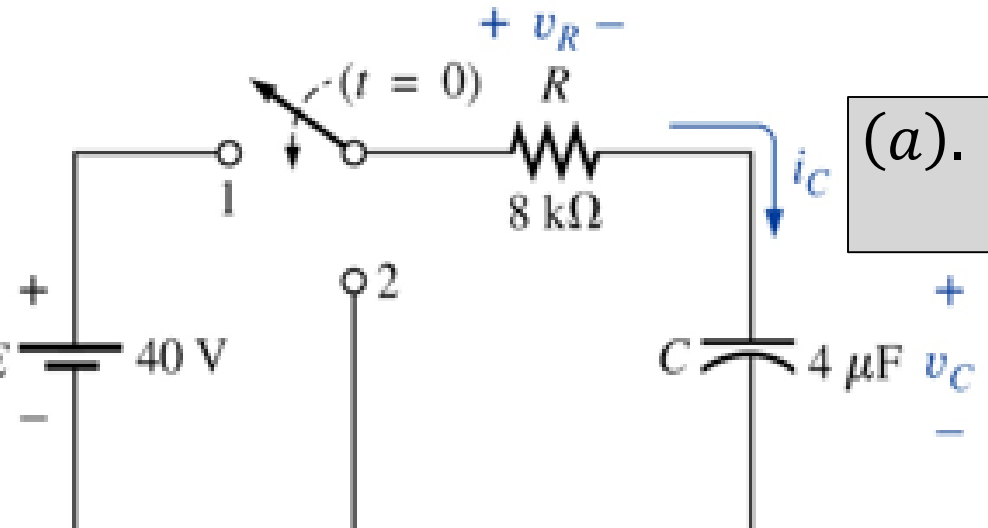
$$v_C = E e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$
$$= 40 e^{-\frac{t}{32ms}} V$$

$$i_C = -\frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$
$$= 5mA e^{-\frac{t}{32ms}}$$

$$v_R = -E e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = -40 e^{-\frac{t}{32ms}} V$$



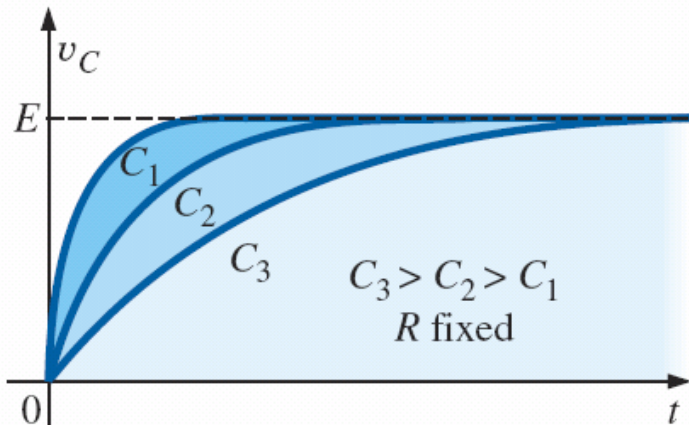
**Example 10:** Find the mathematical expressions for the transient behavior of  $v_C$  for the circuit when the switch is moved to position 1 when  $C=4\mu\text{F}$ ,  $40\mu\text{F}$ , and  $100\mu\text{F}$ . Plot the curve  $v_C$



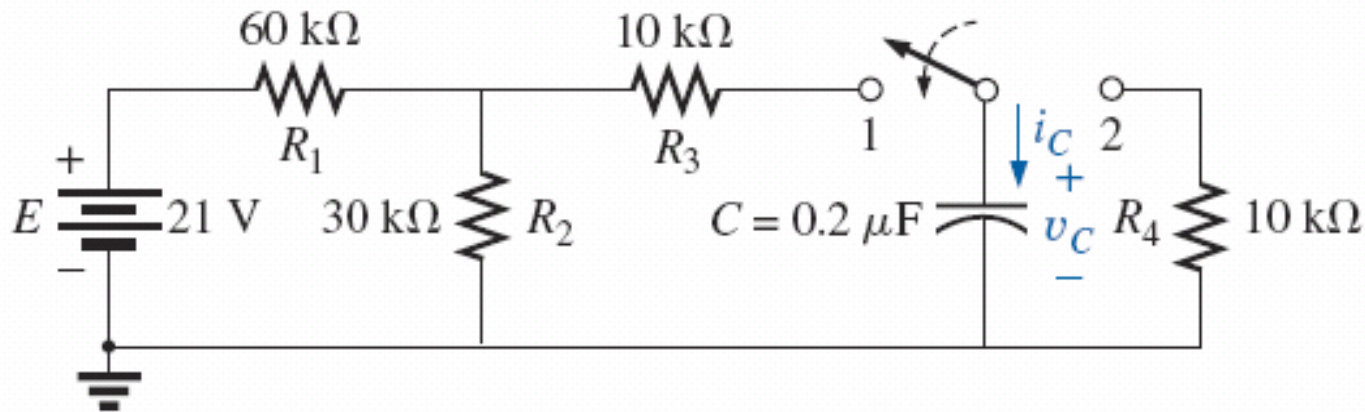
$$(a). \tau = RC_1 = (8 \times 10^3 \Omega)(4 \times 10^{-6} F) \\ = 32 \times 10^{-3} s = 32ms$$

$$\tau = RC_2 \\ = (8 \times 10^3 \Omega)(40 \times 10^{-6} F) \\ = 320 \times 10^{-3} s = 320ms$$

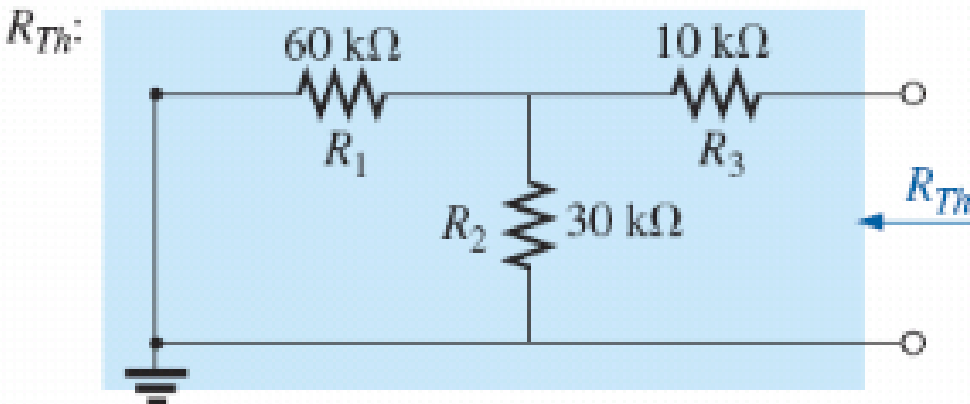
$$\tau = RC_3 \\ = (8 \times 10^3 \Omega)(100 \times 10^{-6} F) \\ = 0.8s$$



**Example 11:** Find the mathematical expressions for the transient behavior of  $v_C$  and  $i_C$  for the circuit when the switch is closed position 1 at  $t = 0$ s.

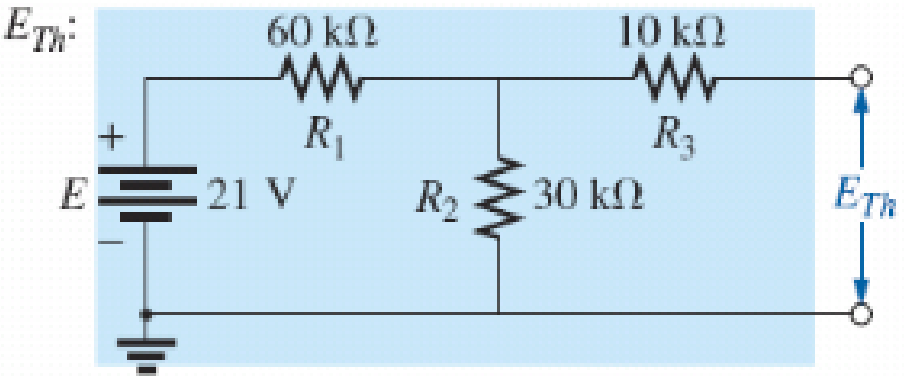


Find the Thevenin equivalent circuit without the capacitor.



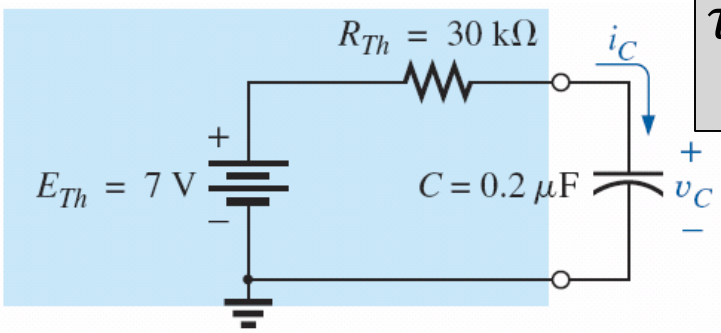
$$R_{Th} = (R_1 // R_2) + R_3$$

$$= \frac{(60k\Omega)(30k\Omega)}{60k\Omega + 30k\Omega} = 30(k\Omega)$$



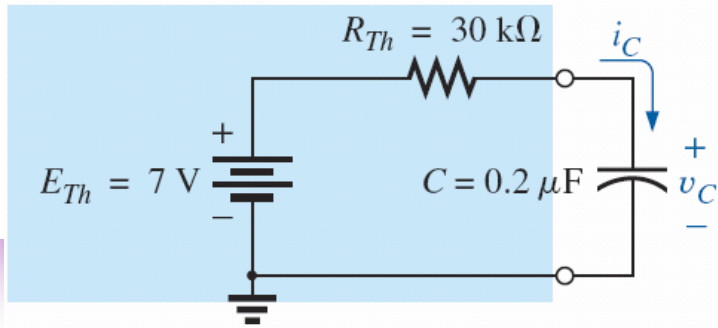
$$E_{Th} = \frac{ER_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$= \frac{(21V)(30k\Omega)}{60k\Omega + 30k\Omega} = 7(V)$$



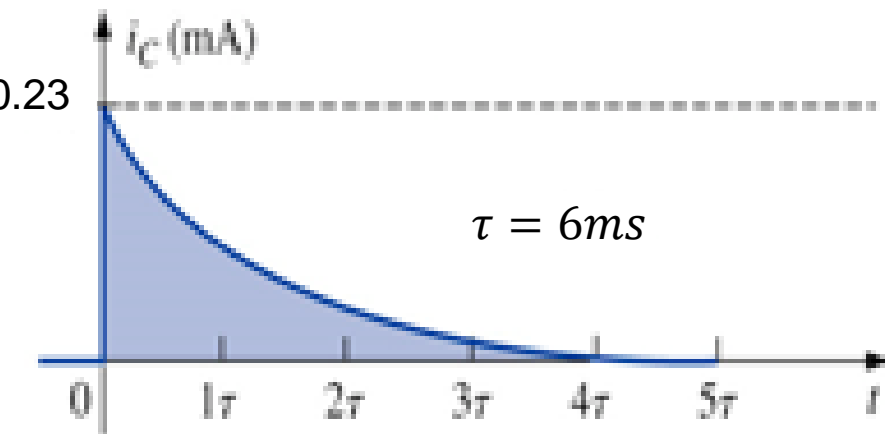
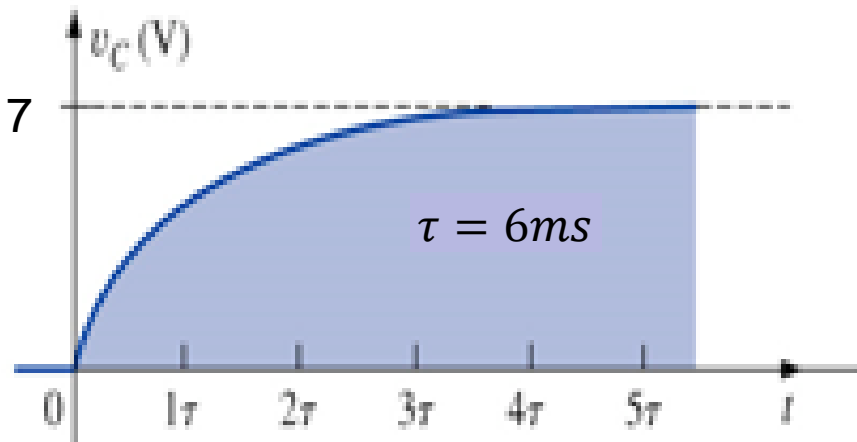
$$\tau = R_{Th}C = (30k\Omega)(0.2 \times 10^{-6}F)$$

$$= 6 \times 10^{-3}s = 6ms$$



$$\tau = R_{Th}C = (30k\Omega)(0.2 \times 10^{-6}F) = 6 \times 10^{-3}s = 6ms$$

$$v_C = 7(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}) = 7(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{6ms}})V$$



$$i_C = \frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = \frac{7V}{30k\Omega} e^{-\frac{t}{6 \times 10^{-3}}} = 0.23mA e^{-\frac{t}{6ms}}$$