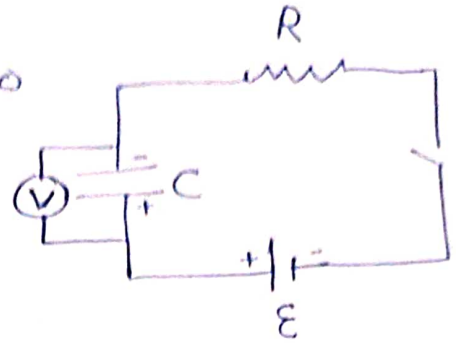


Exp 9: RC Circuit:

Uncharged capacitor: at $t=0$, $Q_0=0$



Part A: Charging

$$\varepsilon - V_c = 0$$

$$\varepsilon - IR - \frac{Q}{C} = 0$$

$$V_R = IR$$

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

$$\text{but, } I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

$$\varepsilon - R \frac{dQ}{dt} - \frac{Q}{C} = 0$$

$$Q(t) = \varepsilon C (1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$$\Rightarrow V_c(t) = \frac{Q(t)}{C} = \varepsilon (1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

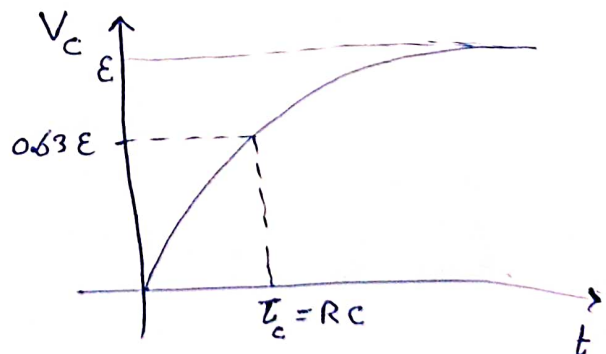
$$\leftarrow \text{at } t=0 \Rightarrow V_c(0) = \varepsilon (1 - e^0) = 0$$

$$\leftarrow \text{at } t=\infty \text{ (long time)} \Rightarrow V_c(\infty) = \varepsilon (1 - e^{-\infty}) = \varepsilon$$

$$\leftarrow \text{at } t=RC \text{ (time const } \tau)$$

$$\Rightarrow V_c(\tau) = \varepsilon (1 - e^{-1})$$

$$V_c(\tau) = 0.63 \varepsilon$$



The time const. of the circuit is the time needed for the potential difference on the capacitor to reach 0.63 of the max. voltage (ϵ). [Its indication of how fast the charging is]

* part B: Discharging.

$$\sum V_i = 0$$

$$-IR - \frac{Q}{C} = 0$$

$$-R \frac{dQ}{dt} - \frac{Q}{C} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Q(t) = Q_0 e^{-t/RC} = \epsilon C e^{-t/RC}$$

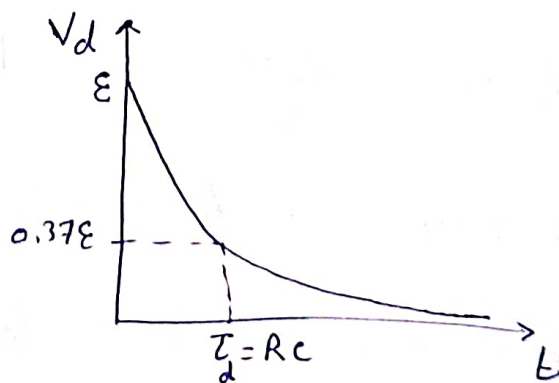
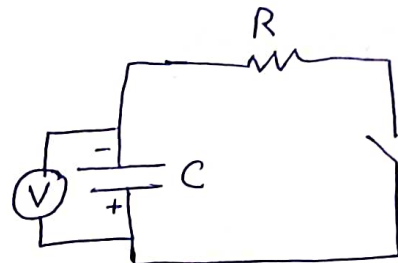
$$V_d(t) = \epsilon e^{-t/RC}$$

* at $t=0 \Rightarrow V_d(0) = \epsilon e^0 = \epsilon$

* at $t=\infty \Rightarrow V_d(\infty) = \epsilon e^{-\infty} = 0$

* at $t=RC$ (time const.)

$$V_d(\tau) = \epsilon e^{-1} = 0.37\epsilon$$



$V_d(t) = \epsilon e^{-t/RC} \Rightarrow$ if we take ~~ln~~ natural logarithm of both sides

$$\ln V_d(t) = \ln(\epsilon e^{-t/RC})$$

$$\ln V_d(t) = \ln \epsilon + \ln(e^{-t/RC})$$

$$\ln V_d(t) = \ln \epsilon - \frac{t}{RC}$$

$$\text{let } y = \ln V_d(t)$$

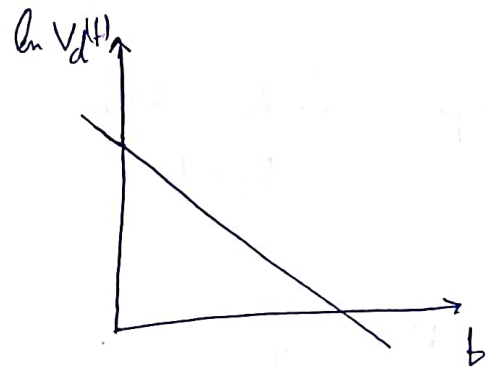
$$x = t$$

$$y = mx + y_{\text{int}}$$

if we plot " $\ln V_d(t)$ vs t "

$$\Rightarrow \text{slope} = \frac{-1}{RC} = -\frac{1}{\tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau = \frac{-1}{\text{slope}}$$



$$y_{\text{int}} = \ln \epsilon$$

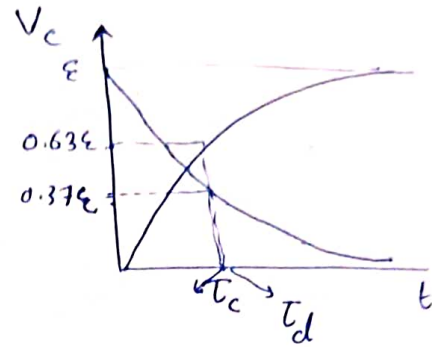
* we have three values of " τ ": τ_c , τ_d , τ_s

$$\bar{\tau} = RC \quad (\text{unknown } C)$$

$$C = \frac{\bar{\tau}}{R}$$

$$\frac{\Delta C}{C} = \frac{\Delta \bar{\tau}}{\bar{\tau}} + \frac{\Delta R}{R}, \quad \Delta \bar{\tau} = \Delta_m(\tau)$$

① plot $V_c(t)$ vs. t , Find τ_c

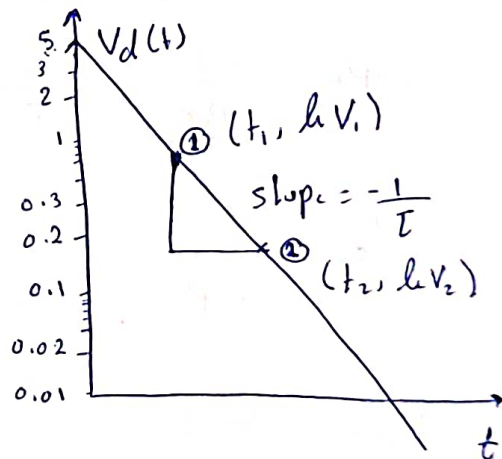


② plot $V_d(t)$ vs. t , Find τ_d

③ on a semi-log graph paper , plot $V_d(t)$ vs. t
[instead of $\ln V_d(t)$ vs. t]

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\ln V_2 - \ln V_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$

$$\text{slope} = -\frac{1}{\tau}$$



4) ~~R~~ $R \pm DR$ from the color code.

5) C_{Theo} (from the picture)