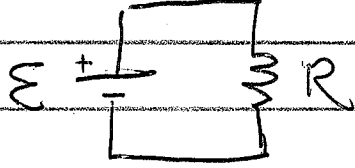
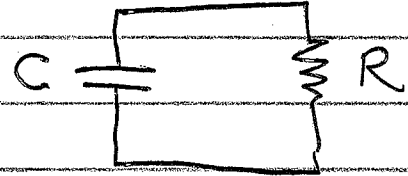


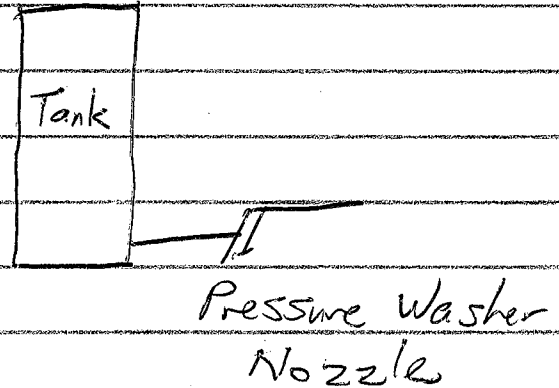
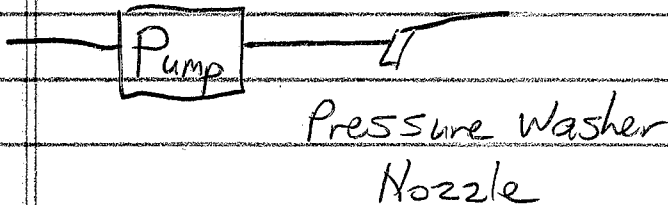
Battery Circuit



Capacitor Circuit?



Analogy:



Available Voltage:

$$\Delta V = \mathcal{E}$$

Current:

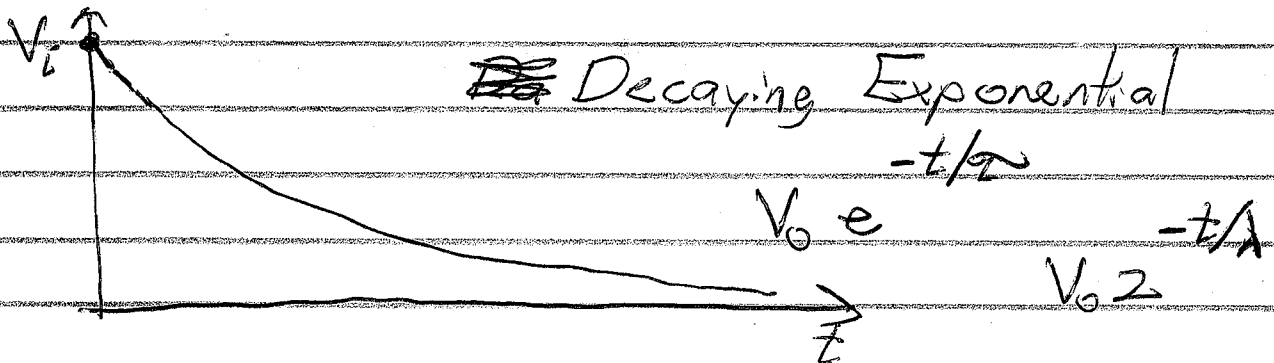
$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$\Delta V = Q/C$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$I = -\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$$

The current drains the capacitor.



$V_0$  = initial value

$\tau$  = time constant

$\lambda$  = half life

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What is  $e^{-t/\tau} = 2^{-t/\lambda}$  ?

Exponential Function.

Proportion of remaining voltage, charge, or current.

| $t/\tau$ | $e^{-t/\tau}$     |      |
|----------|-------------------|------|
| 0        | 1.0               | 100% |
| 1.0      | 0.37              | 37%  |
| 2.0      | $0.14 = (0.37)^2$ | 14%  |
| 3.0      | $0.05 = (0.37)^3$ | 5%   |
| 4.0      |                   | 2%   |
| 5.0      |                   | 1%   |

After 5 time constants, the capacitor is 99% drained.

$e^x = \exp(x)$        $e = 2.718$   
 Euler constant

At what time does the capacitor reach 50% of the original charge?

$e^{-t/\tau} = 0.5$        $\ln()$  both sides  
 $-t/\tau = \ln(0.5)$   
 $-t/\tau = -0.693$   
 $t = 0.693 \tau$

$2^{-t/\lambda} = 0.5 = 2^{-1}$   
 $-t/\lambda = -1 \Rightarrow t = \lambda$

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The time constant comes from the circuit.

$$\tau = RC$$
$$(1.0 \text{ s}) = (1.0 \Omega)(1.0 \text{ F})$$

Capacitance (C) is measured in farads (F).

Bigger Capacitor  $\rightarrow$  Drains "slower"  
Bigger Resistor  $\rightarrow$

Batteries:  $1 \text{ A}\cdot\text{h} = (1 \text{ C/s})(3600 \text{ s}) = 3600 \text{ C}$

Typical smartphone

$$3 \text{ A}\cdot\text{h} \approx 10000 \text{ C}$$

$$\Delta V = 4.5 \text{ V}$$

Equivalent Capacitor =

$$Q = C \Delta V$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} = \frac{10000 \text{ C}}{4.5 \text{ V}}$$

$$C = 2222 \text{ F}$$

In RC Draining, many quantities decay exponentially:

$$V_c = V_0 \exp(-t/\tau)$$

$$Q = Q_0 \exp(-t/\tau)$$

$$I = I_0 \exp(-t/\tau)$$

constant

Ohm's Law applies to resistor:

$$V = IR$$

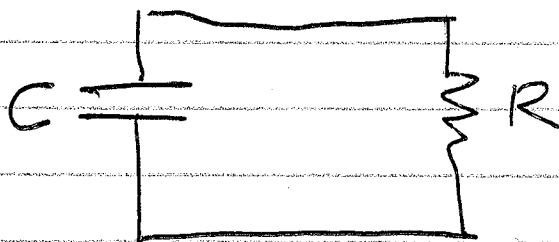
Capacitor voltage is

$$Q = CV$$

constant

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RC Circuit set up for discharge



$$\text{Initial voltage} = 8.0 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Resistance} = 500 \Omega$$

After 2.0 s, we measure

$$I = 0.010 \text{ A}$$

What is  $C$ ?

$$\text{Goal: Use } \tau = RC$$

Try to use

$$V = V_0 \exp(-t/\tau)$$

$$(5.0 \text{ V}) = (8.0 \text{ V}) \exp(-(2.0 \text{ s})/\tau)$$

↑

$$V = IR = (0.010 \text{ A})(500 \Omega) = 5.0 \text{ V}$$

$$\frac{5.0 \text{ V}}{8.0 \text{ V}} = 0.625 = \exp(-t/\tau)$$

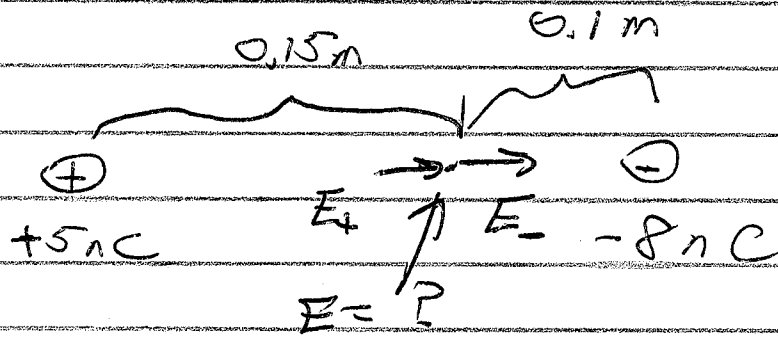
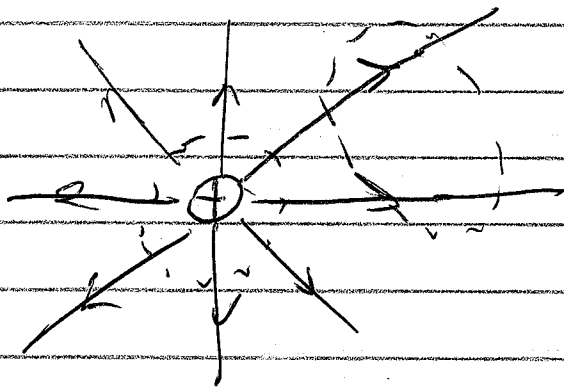
$$\ln(0.625) = -(2.0 \text{ s})/\tau$$

$$-0.47 = -2.0 \text{ s}/\tau$$

$$\tau = (2.0 \text{ s})/0.47 = 4.26 \text{ s}$$

$$(4.26 \text{ s}) = (500 \Omega) C \rightarrow C = \frac{4.26}{500} = 0.00851 \text{ F} = 8510 \mu\text{F}$$

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$$E_+ = \frac{k(5 \text{ nC})}{(0.15)^2} = (2000 \text{ N/C}) \text{ (Rightward)}$$

$$E_- = \frac{k(8 \text{ nC})}{(0.10)^2} = (7200 \text{ N/C}) \text{ (Rightward)}$$

Total is 9200 N/C Rightward

IF 8 nC was (+)

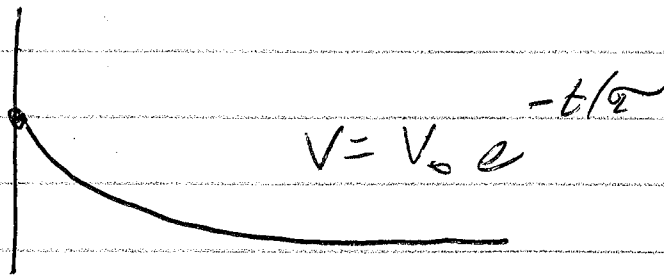
$$E_5 = 2000 \text{ N/C} \text{ Right}$$

$$E_8 = 7200 \text{ N/C} \text{ Left}$$

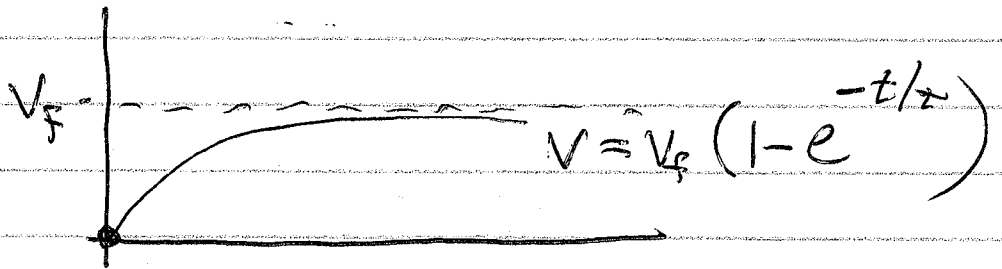
$$E_{\text{net}} = 5200 \text{ N/C} \text{ Left}$$

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Discharge



Charge



Exponentially approaching a limit.