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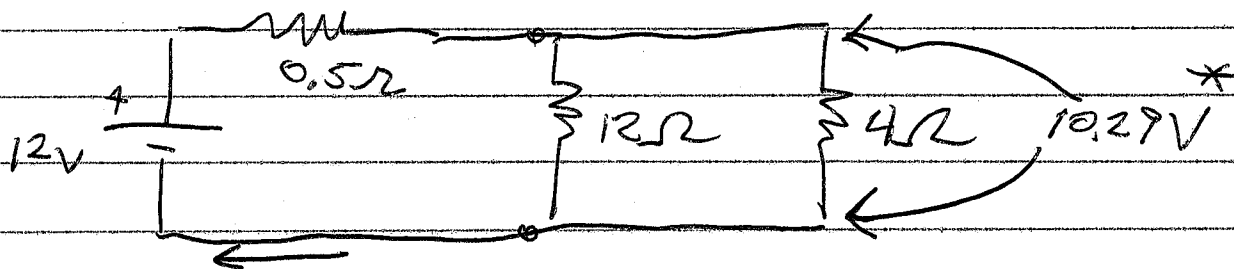
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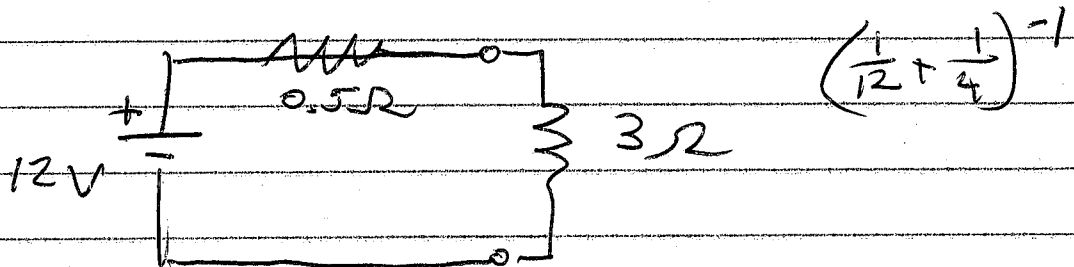
Exam 1 Next tue 9/29

Practice Exam coming soon.



$$* I = 3.43 \text{ A}$$

↓ Parallel Equiv.



straight Series circuit.

$$R_{\text{tot}} = 3.5 \Omega$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{12 \text{ V}}{3.5 \Omega} = 3.43 \text{ A}$$

$$V_{0.5} = IR = (3.43 \text{ A})(0.5 \Omega) = 1.71 \text{ V}$$

$$V_3 = 12 - 1.71 = 10.29 \text{ V}$$

\* Transfer Values

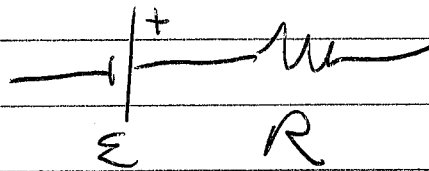
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Equiv R Method Fails For:

- Multiple Batteries
- Complex meshes of elements  
(Wheatstone Bridge)

Thevenin Equivalent

- Separate part of circuit w/ 2-wire terminal
- Find "open circuit voltage" =  $V_o$
- Find "short circuit current" =  $I_s$
- Substitute  $\mathcal{E} = V_o$   
 $R = \mathcal{E} / I_s$



Kirchoff's Laws

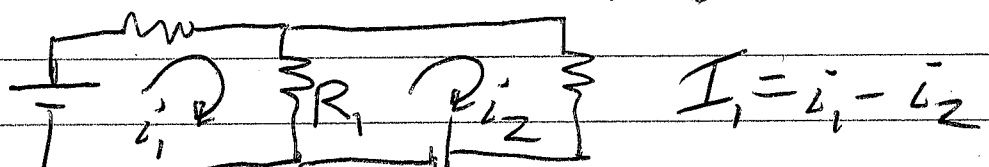
At a junction:  $\sum I_{in} = \sum I_{out}$

Around a loop:  $\sum V_{rises} = \sum V_{drops}$

Analytical Methods

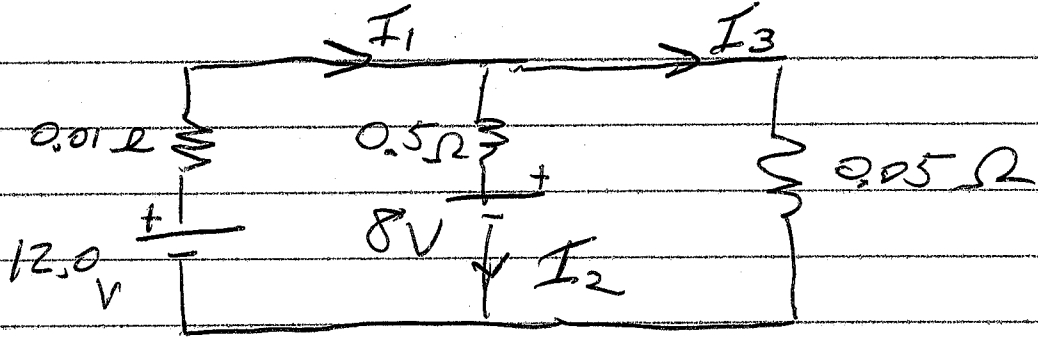
- Node Voltages - solve for  $V_a, V_b, \dots$   
 $\Delta V = V_b - V_a$ , etc.

- Mesh Currents - let  $i_1, i_2, i_3$  be currents in small loops.



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Standard Unknown Current method



Good  
Batt

Dead  
Batt

Starter

- Choose measurable currents
- Build Current Egn.

$$I_1 = I_2 + I_3$$

- Build Loop Eqns. (Hint: Follow the currents)

Outer Loop:

$12V$

$V_{rise} = 12V$

$0.01\Omega$

$V_{drop} = 0.01 I_1$

$0.05\Omega$

$V_{drop} = 0.05 I_3$

$$12 = 0.01 I_1 + 0.05 I_3$$

Left Loop  $(12.0) - (8.0) = 0.01 I_1 + 0.5 I_2$

Backward ↻

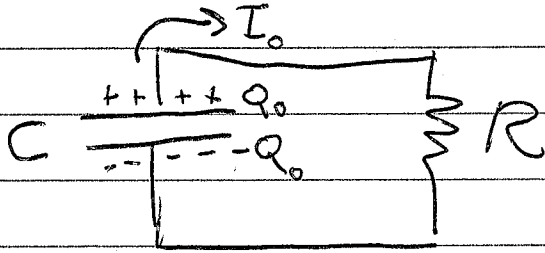
$I_1 = 203 A$

$I_2 = 4 A$

$I_3 = 199 A$

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## Discharging a Capacitor



$$Q = CV_c$$
$$I = V_R / R$$

$I$  is "draining"  $Q$

$$I = -\frac{dQ}{dt}$$

$$\frac{V}{R} = -\frac{dQ}{dt}$$

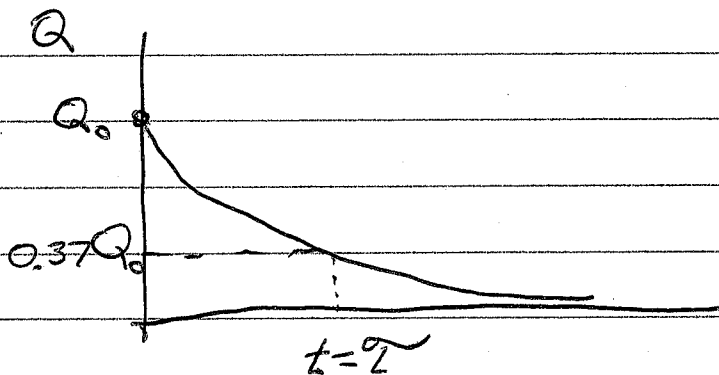
$$\frac{Q}{RC} = -\frac{dQ}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC} Q$$

Solution:  $Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = Q_0 \left( e^{-t/RC} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{RC} \right)$$

Time Constant  $\tau = RC$



$e^{-t/\tau}$  is fraction of process to go.

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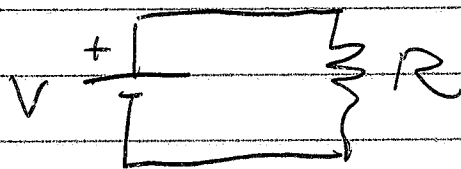
When Discharging all dynamic variables  
"go as  $e^{-t/\tau}$ "

Charge  $Q = Q_0 e^{-t/\tau}$

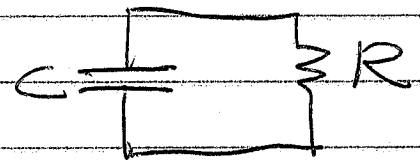
Current  $I = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$

Voltage  $V = V_0 e^{-t/\tau}$

Compare Battery to Capacitor



$V = \text{const}$   
 $I = \text{const}$



$V$  decays  
 $I$  decays

Battery acts like capacitor that self-charges.

Like a faucet.

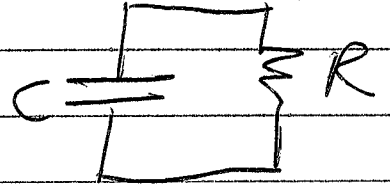
Like a bucket.

Like an air compressor.

Like a portable  
tank/Balloon.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex: } V &= 12.0 \text{ V} \\ C &= 5.0 \mu\text{F} \\ R &= 800 \text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Initial Current } I_0 = \frac{V_0}{R} = \frac{12}{8 \times 10^5} = 15 \mu\text{A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time Constant } \tau &= RC = (800 \times 10^3)(5 \times 10^{-6}) \\ &= 4.0 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

Time to drain to 6.0 V? (Half-Life)

$$V = V_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\frac{V}{V_0} = 0.5 = e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\ln(0.5) = -t/\tau$$

$$-0.693 = -t/\tau$$

$$t = 0.693 \tau$$

After 0.693 time constants, the capacitor is halfway drained.

$$t = 0.693 \tau$$

$$\text{In this case, } t = (0.693)(4.0 \text{ s})$$

$$t = 2.77 \text{ s}$$