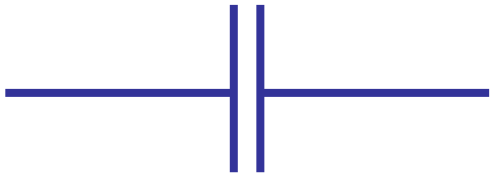
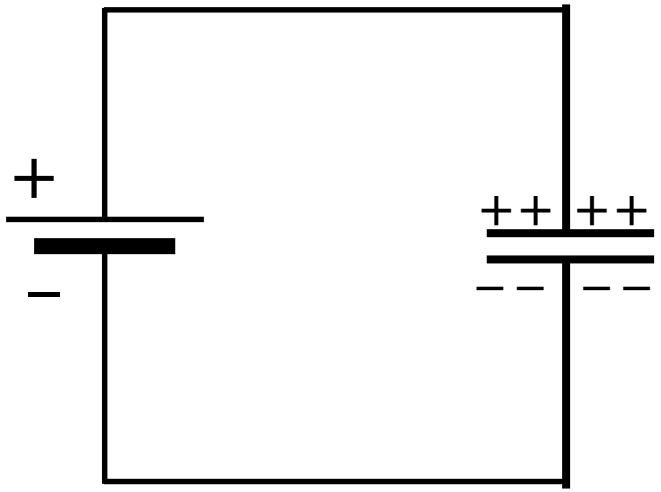
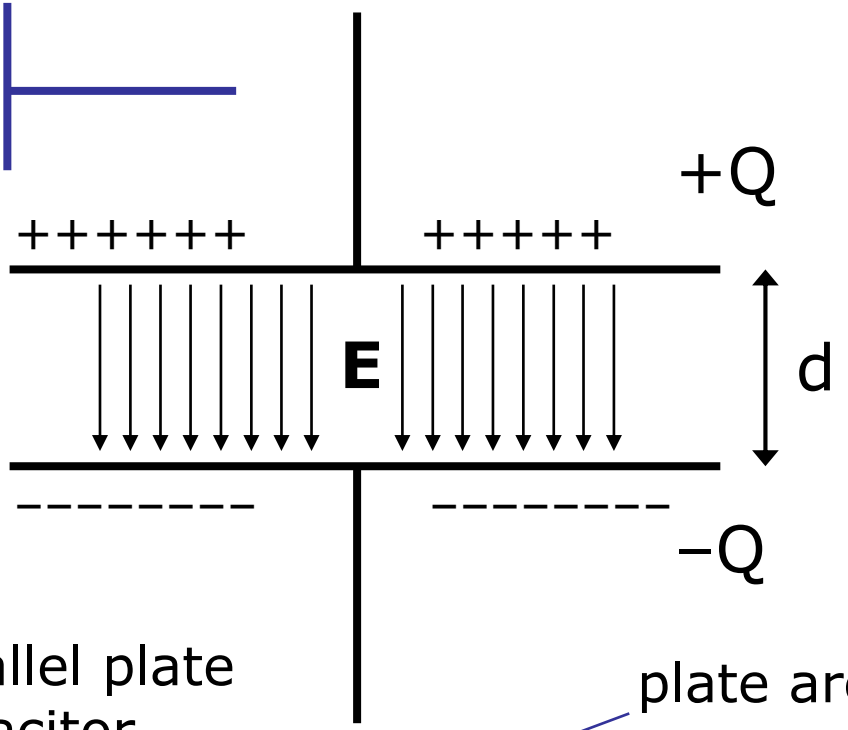
# Capacitors



## Capacitors store charge




Parallel plate capacitor

plate area

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

$$Q = CV \qquad E = \frac{V}{d}$$

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} \longrightarrow I = C\frac{dV}{dt}$$

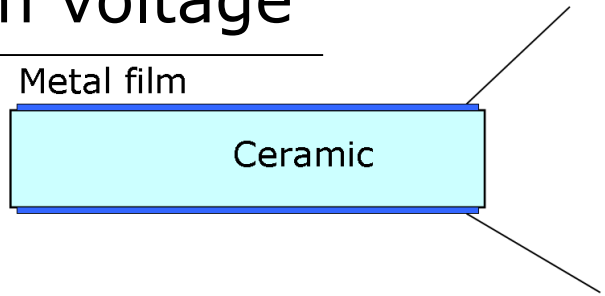
Dielectric permittivity $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0$

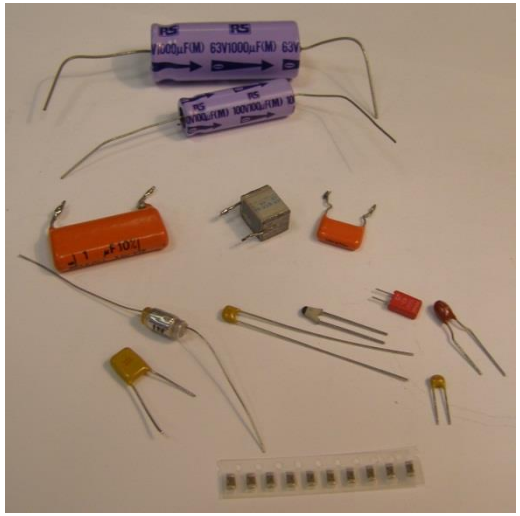
$$\varepsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} CV^{-1}m^{-1}$$

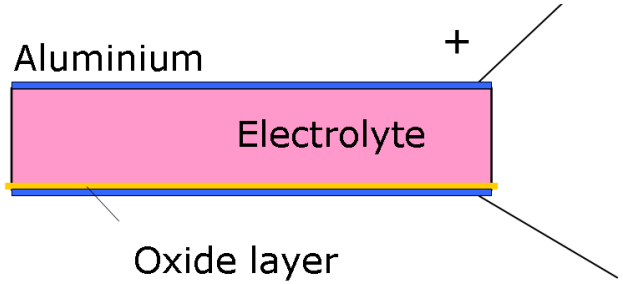
Units: farad [F]=[AsV$^{-1}$] more usually μF, nF, pF

# Capacitor types

| | Range | Maximum voltage | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ceramic | 1pF–1μF | 30kV | |
| Mica | 1pF–10nF | 500V | (very stable) |
| Plastic | 100pF–10μF | 1kV | |
| Electrolytic | 0.1μF–0.1F | 500V | |
| Parasitic | ~pF | | |



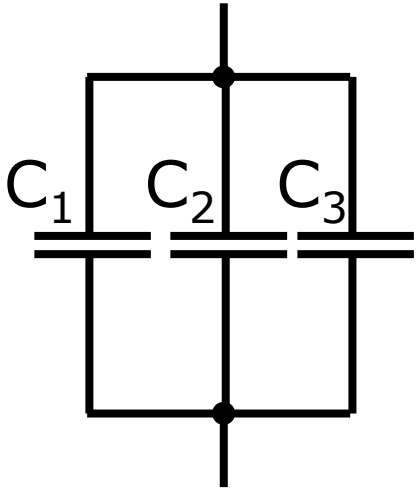



Polarised

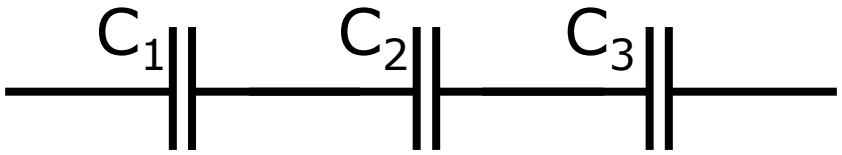
# Capacitors

Capacitors in parallel:

$$C_{Total} = \sum_n C_n = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \ldots$$

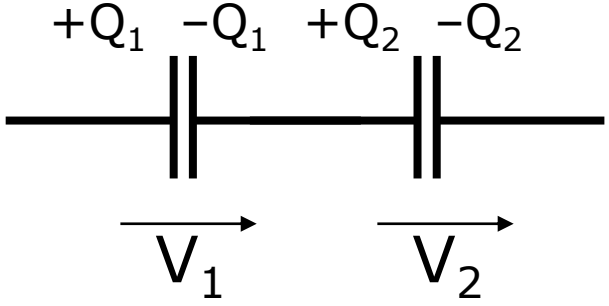



Capacitors in series:




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

$Q_1 = Q_2$




$$V = \frac{Q}{C_T} = \underbrace{\frac{Q_1}{C_1}}_{V_1} + \underbrace{\frac{Q_2}{C_2}}_{V_2} + \ldots$$

# Capacitors – energy stored

$$W = \int_0^t P(t')dt' = \int_0^t I(t')V(t')dt' = \int_0^t C\frac{dV(t')}{dt'}V(t')dt'$$

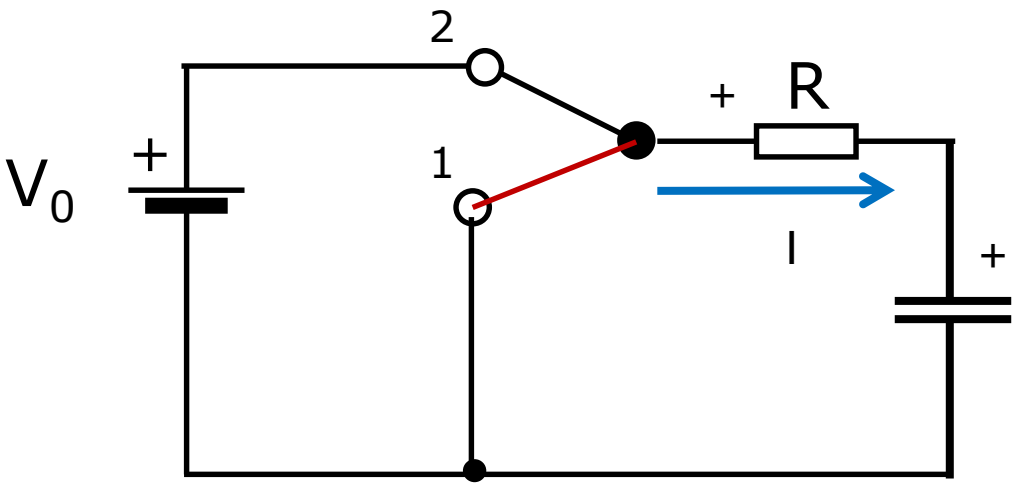
$$= C\int_0^V V'\,dV' = \tfrac{1}{2}CV^2$$

$$W = \tfrac{1}{2}CV^2 = \tfrac{1}{2}QV = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

Energy stored as electric field

# RC circuits

1 Initially $V_R=0$ $V_C=0$




Switch in Position “1” for a long time.

Then instantly flips at time t = 0.

Capacitor has a derivative!
How do we analyse this?

There are some tricks…

**ALWAYS start by asking these three questions:**

1.) What does the Circuit do up until the switch flips?
(Switch has been at pos. 1 for a VERY long time. easy)

2). What does the circuit do a VERY long time AFTER the switch flips? (easy)

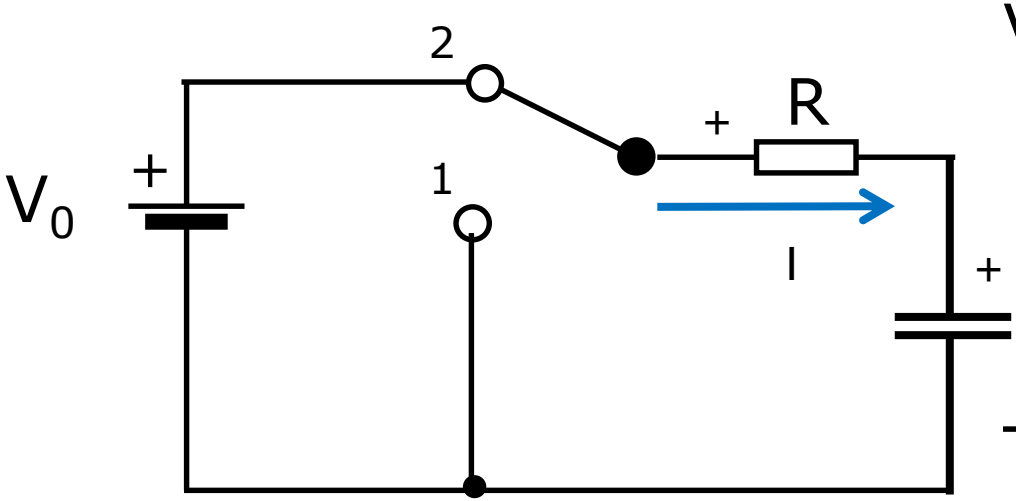
3). What can we say about the INSTANT after switch flips? (easy if you know trick)

# The Trick!!

- Remember → $I = C\frac{dV}{dt}$
- Suppose the voltage on a 1 farad Capacitor changes by 1 volt in 1 second.
  - What is the current?
  - What if the same change in V happens in 1 microsecond?
  - So…What if the same change in V happens instantly?
- Rule: It is impossible to change the voltage on a capacitor instantly!
  - Another way to say it:
    The voltage at t = 0-$\varepsilon$ is the same as at t = 0+$\varepsilon$.

Note for Todd : Put problem on board and work through these points!

# RC circuits




1 Initially at t = $0^-$
$V_R=0$ $V_C=0$ I=0

2
$$-V_0+V_R+V_C=0$$

$$V_0=V_R+V_C$$

$$=IR+\frac{Q}{C}$$

differentiate wrt t

$$0=R\frac{dI}{dt}+\frac{I}{C}$$

Then at t = $0^+$
Must be that $V_C=0$

If $V_C=0$ then KVL says $V_R=V_0$ and $I=V_0/R$.
Capacitor is acting like a short-circuit.

Finally at t = $+\infty$
$V_R=0$ $V_C=V_0$ I=0

$$0 = R\frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{I}{C}$$

$$\frac{-I}{RC} = \frac{dI}{dt}$$

$$\int \frac{-1}{RC}\,dt = \int \frac{1}{I}\,dI$$

$$\frac{-t}{RC} = \ln I + a$$

'a' is for 'arbitrary constant'
So I can do anything I want to it.
Like pretend that 'a' is the log of 'b',
a different but also arbitrary constant.

$$= \ln I + \ln b$$

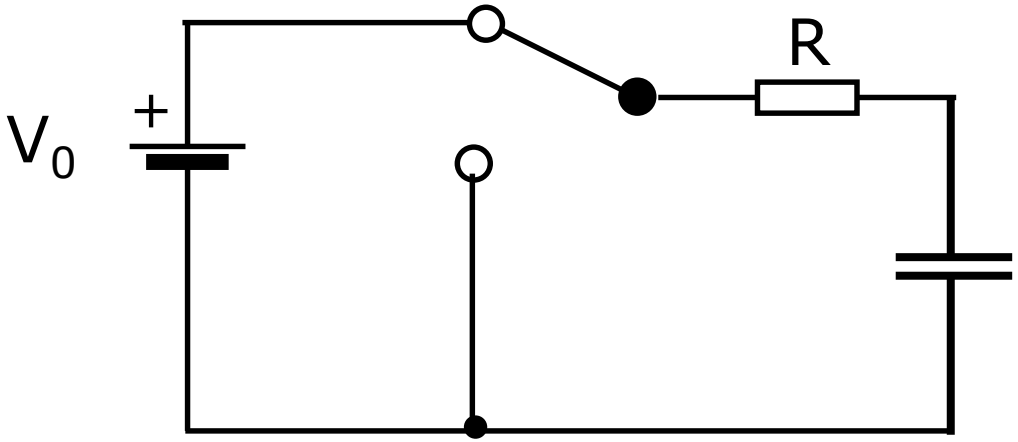
$$= \ln(bI)$$

$$e^{\left(\frac{-t}{RC}\right)} = bI$$

$$I = \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)e^{\left(\frac{-t}{RC}\right)}$$

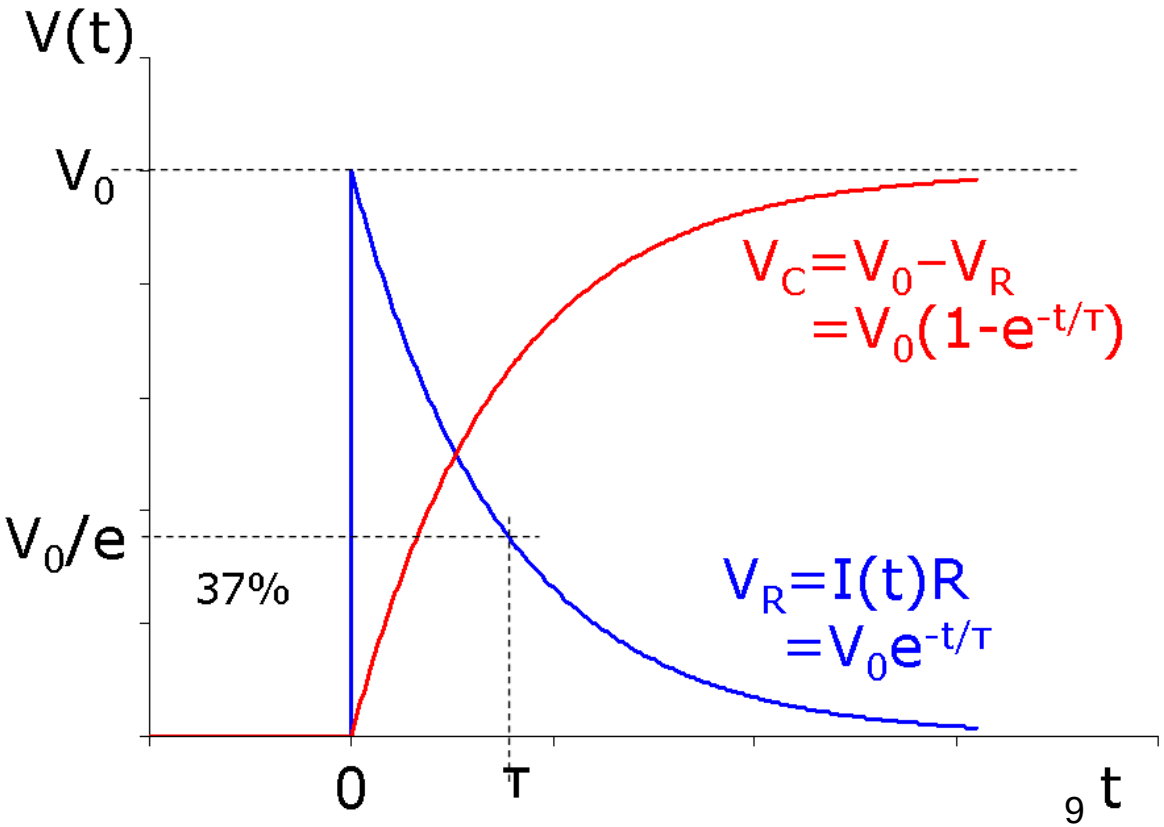
$$= I_0 e^{\left(\frac{-t}{RC}\right)}$$

Need to use Initial Conditions – current at $t = 0^+$



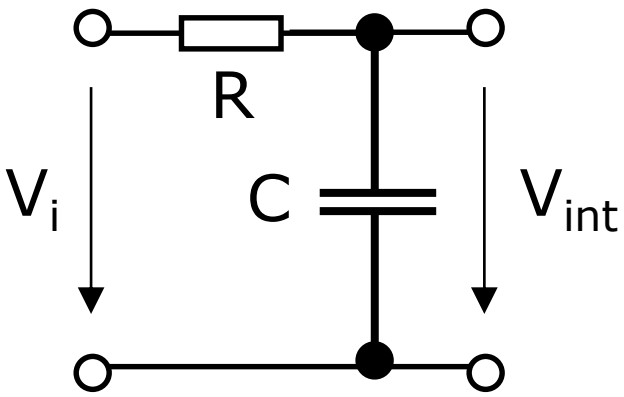

$$I(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\tau = RC$$



# Integrator

## Capacitor as integrator




$$V_{int} = V_C = \frac{1}{C}\int_0^t I dt'$$

$$V_C = \frac{1}{C}\int_0^t \frac{V_i - V_C}{R} dt'$$

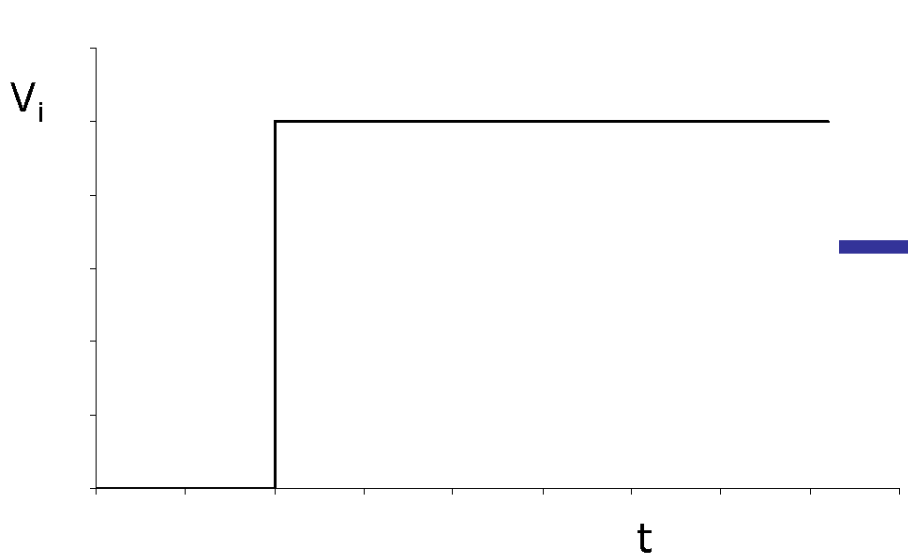
$$\approx \frac{1}{RC}\int_0^t V_i dt'$$

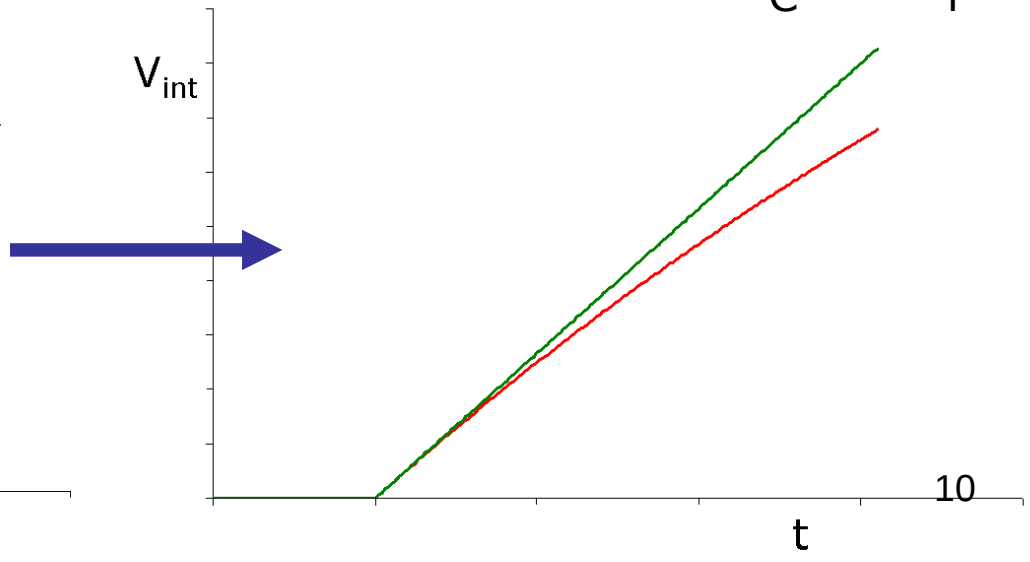
$$I = V_R/R$$

$$I = V_i - V_c/R$$

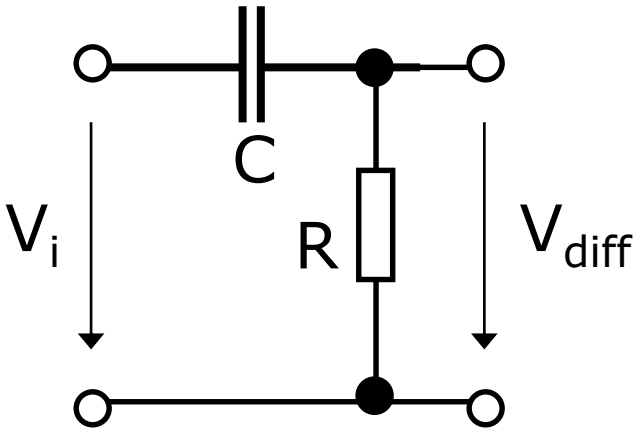
If $RC >> t$

$V_C << V_i$



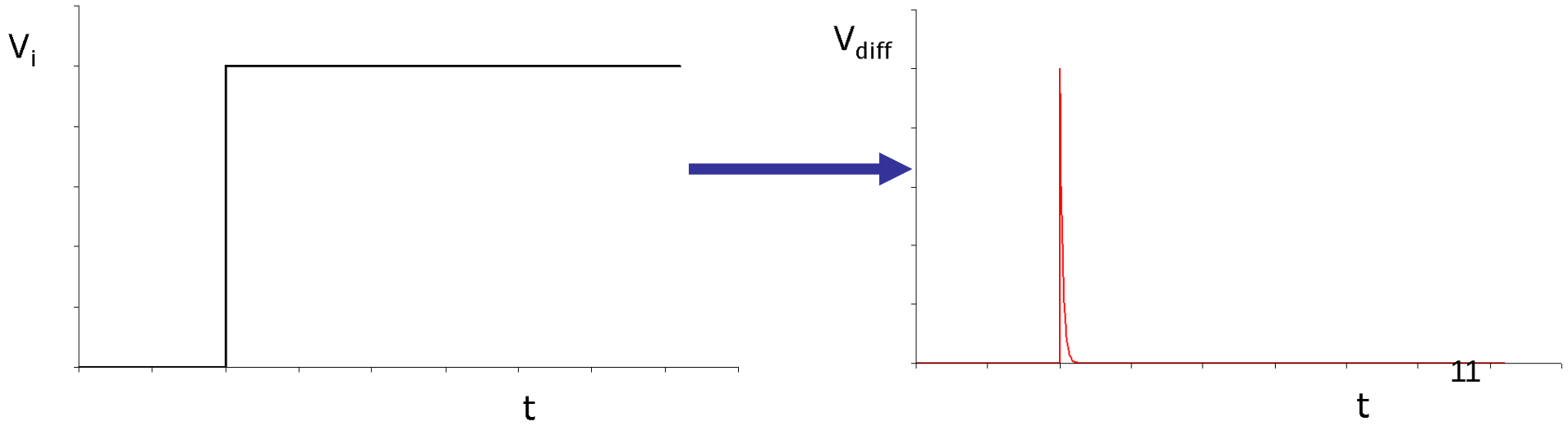



# Differentiation




$$V_{diff} = V_R = RI = RC\left(\frac{dV_i}{dt} - \frac{dV_R}{dt}\right)$$

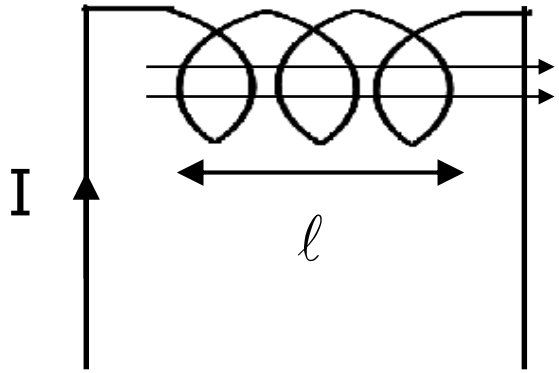
$$V_{diff} \approx RC\frac{dV_i}{dt}$$



# Inductors



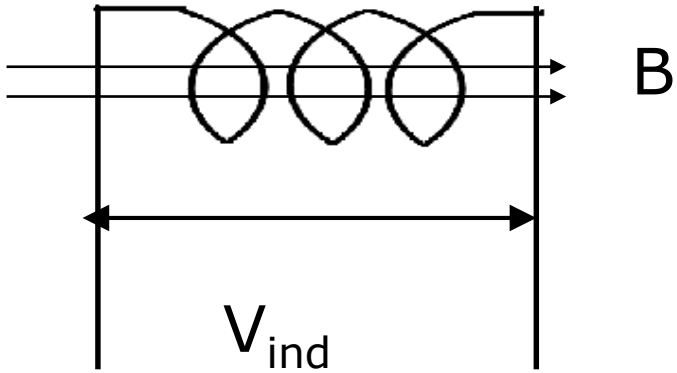
Solenoid N turns




$$B = \frac{\mu_0 N I}{\ell}$$

$$V_{ind} = -\underbrace{\mu_0 A \frac{N_1}{\ell} N_2}_{\text{Inductance}} \frac{dI}{dt}$$

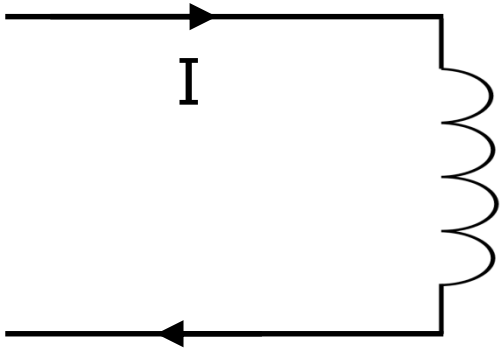
Electromagnetic induction




$$V_{ind} = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt}$$

$$\text{Magnetic flux } \Phi = \int B dA$$

## Self Inductance

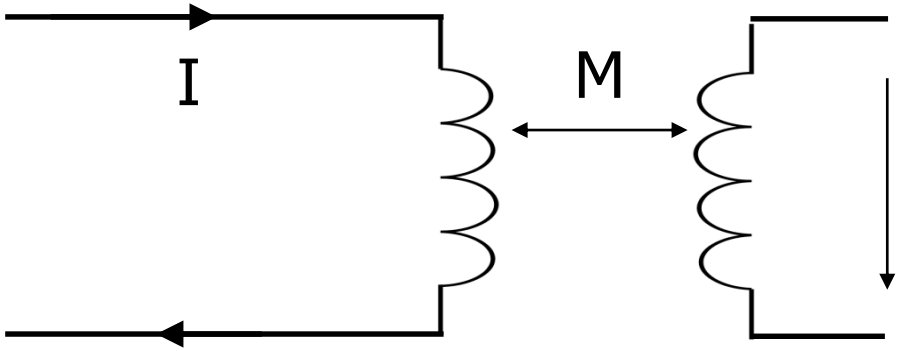



$$V = L\frac{dI}{dt}$$

$$L = \mu_0 A\frac{N^2}{\ell}$$

for solenoid

## Mutual Inductance




$$V = M\frac{dI}{dt}$$

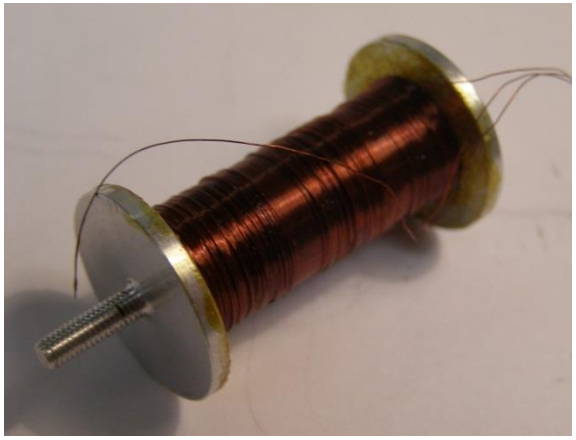
Units: henrys [H] = [$VsA^{-1}$]

$$M = \mu_0 A\frac{N_1 N_2}{\ell}$$

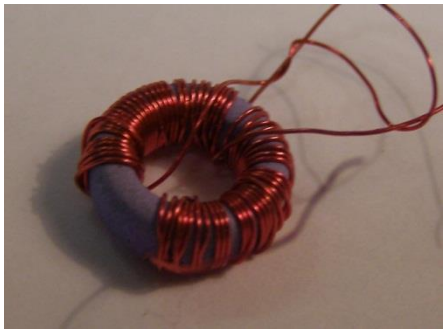
# Inductors

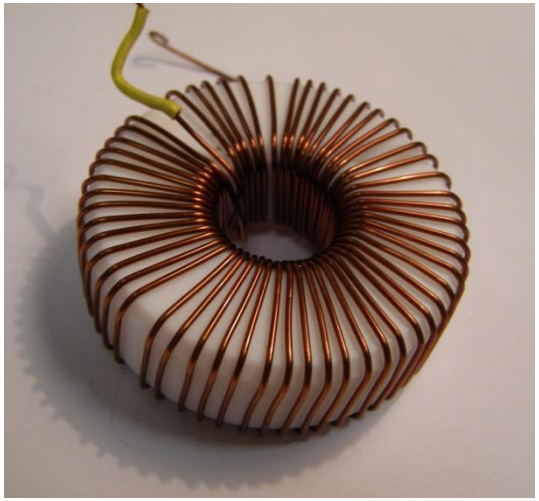
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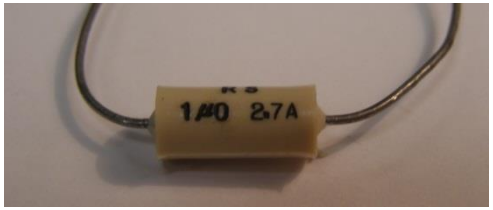
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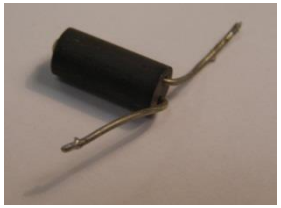






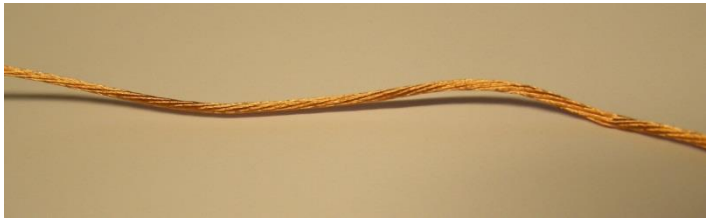




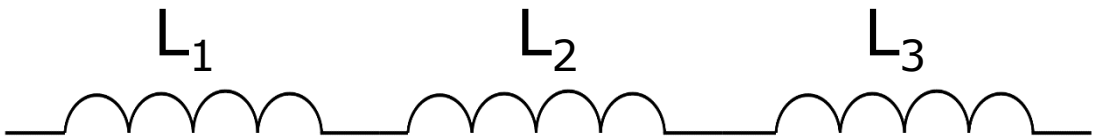
Wire loops

Straight wire





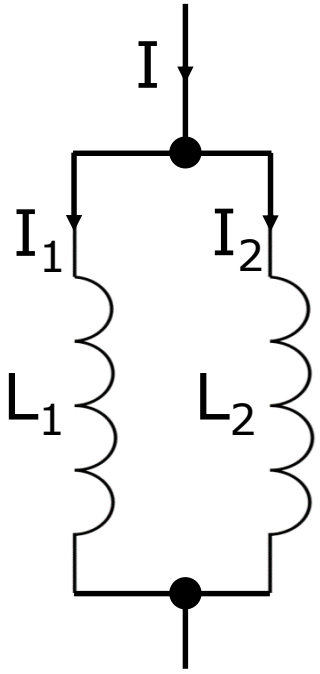
# Series / parallel circuits




$$L_T = \sum_n L_n$$

$$V = L_1 \frac{dI}{dt} + L_2 \frac{dI}{dt} + L_3 \frac{dI}{dt}$$

Inductors in series: $L_{Total} = L_1 + L_2 + L_3 \ldots$




$$I = I_1 + I_2$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{dI_1}{dt} + \frac{dI_2}{dt}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{dt}{V}}_{\frac{V}{L}} \quad \underbrace{\frac{dt}{V}}_{\frac{V}{L_1}} \quad \underbrace{\frac{dt}{V}}_{\frac{V}{L_2}}$$

Inductors in parallel

$$\frac{1}{L_T} = \sum_n \frac{1}{L_n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2} + \ldots$$

# Inductors – energy stored

$$W = \int_0^t P(t')dt'$$

$$= \int_0^t I(t')V(t')dt'$$

$$= \int_0^t I(t')L\frac{dI(t')}{dt}dt'$$

$$= L\int_0^I I dI'$$

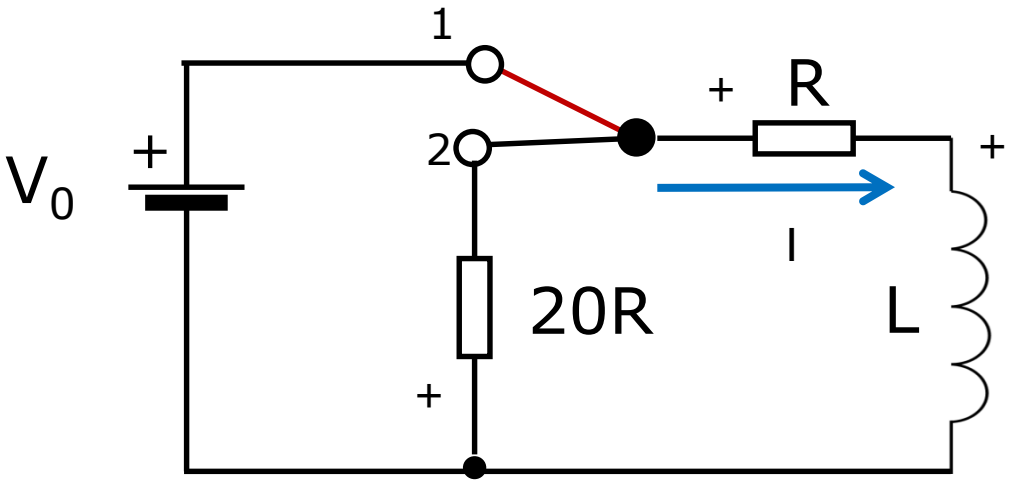
$$= \tfrac{1}{2}LI^2$$

Energy stored as magnetic field

# The Next Trick!!

- Remember → $V = L\frac{dI}{dt}$
- Suppose the current on a 1 henry Inductor changes by 1 amp in 1 second.
  - What is the voltage?
  - What if the same change in I happens in 1 microsecond?
  - So…What if the same change in I happens instantly?
- Rule: It is impossible to change the current on an inductor instantly!
  - Another way to say it:
    The current at t = 0-$\varepsilon$ is the same as at t = 0+$\varepsilon$.
  - Does all this seem familiar? It is the concept of "duality".

# RL circuits




Initially $t=0^-$
$V_R=V_0$ $V_L=0$ $I=V_0/R$

At $t=0^+$ → Current in L MUST be the same
$I=V_0/R$ So…

$V_R=V_0$ $V_{R20}=20V_0$
and $V_L = -21V_0$ !!!

**For times t > 0**

$$0 = V_{R20} + V_R + V_L$$

$$0 = 20IR + IR + L\frac{dI}{dt}$$

$$0 = 21IR + L\frac{dI}{dt}$$

And at $t=\infty$ (Pos. "2")
$V_R=0$ $V_L=0$ $I=0$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{21R}{L} I = 0$$

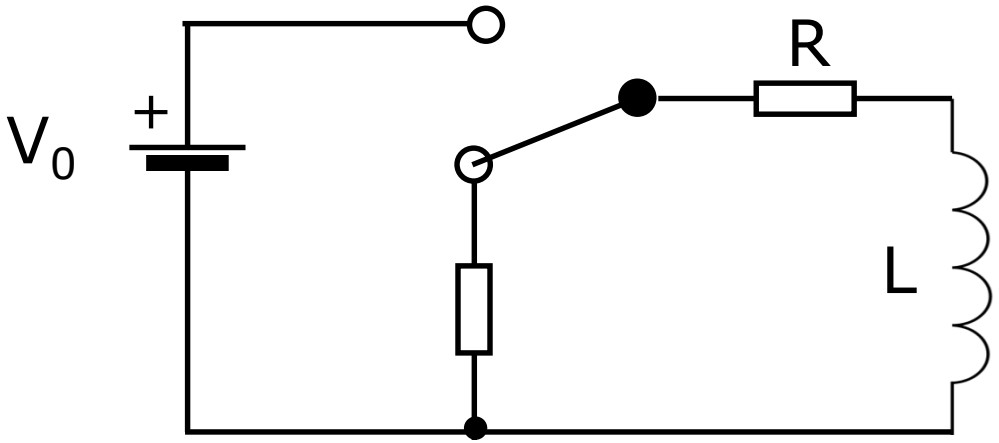
$$\int_{I(0)}^{I(t)} \frac{dI}{I} = -\int_0^t \frac{dt}{\tau} \qquad \tau = \frac{L}{21R}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{\mathrm{I(t)}}{\mathrm{I(0)}}\right) = -\frac{\mathrm{t}}{\tau}$$

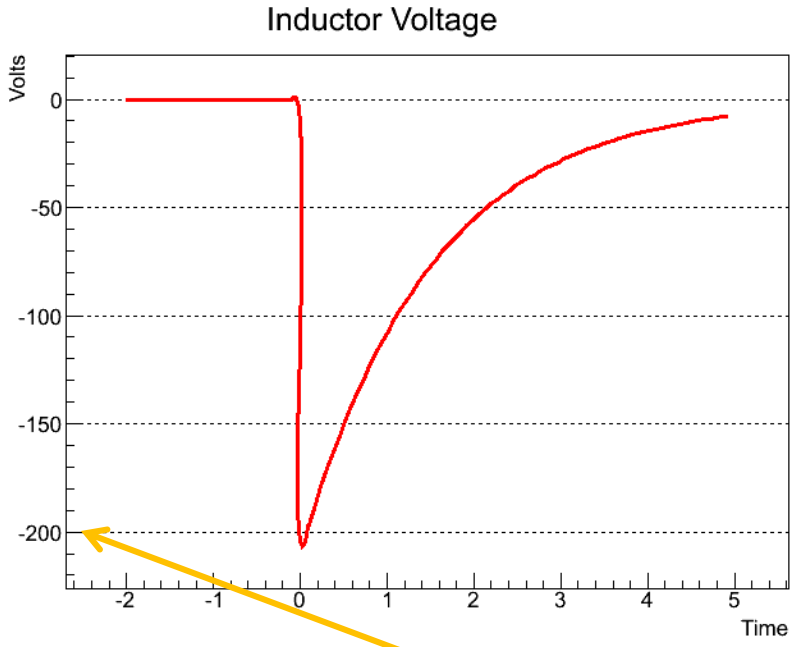
$$\mathrm{I(t)} = \mathrm{I(0)}\exp\left(-\frac{\mathrm{t}}{\tau}\right)$$

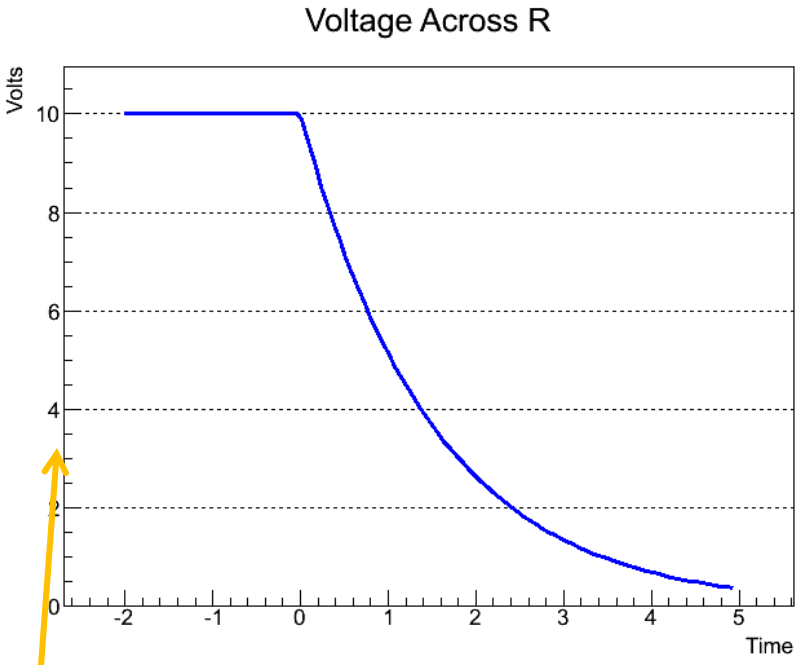
$$\mathrm{I(t=0)} = 0 \longrightarrow \qquad I(0) = \frac{V_0}{R}$$

$$I(t>0) = \frac{V_0}{R}\exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \qquad I(t \le 0) = \frac{V_0}{R}$$

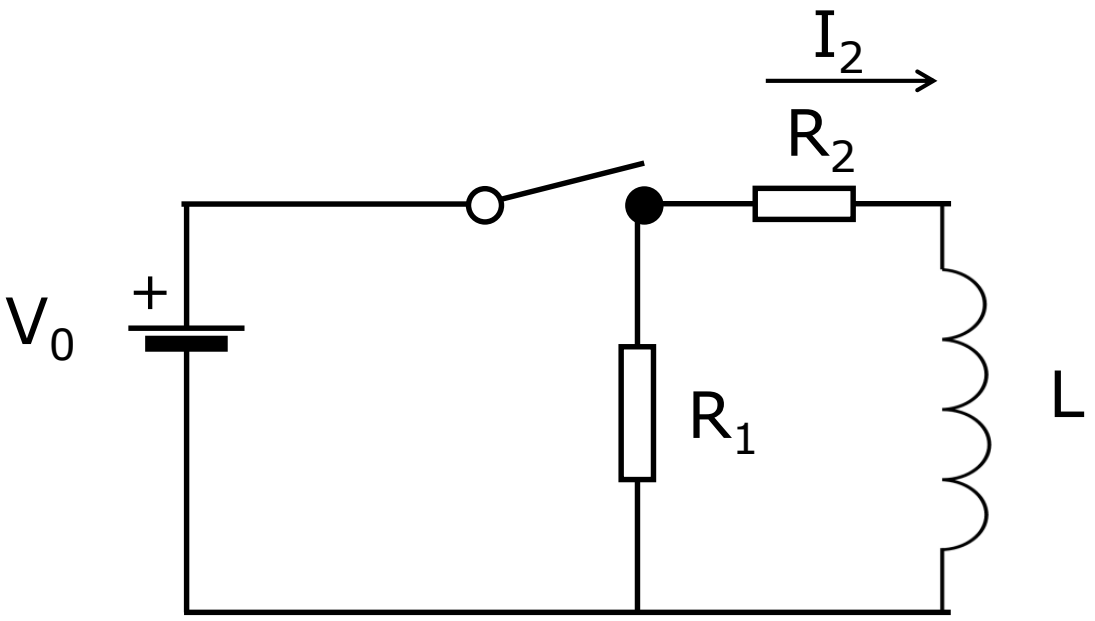



$$I(t) = \frac{V_0}{R}\left(\exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right)\right)$$




Notice Difference in Scale!



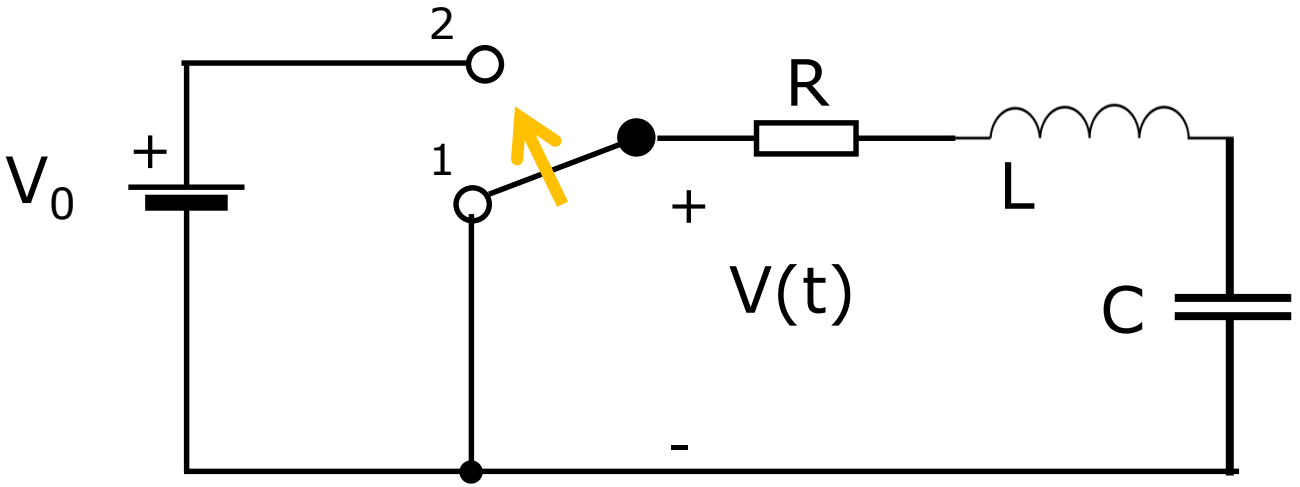

t<0 switch closed $I_2$=?
t=0 switch opened
t>0 $I_2(t)$=?

voltage across $R_1$=?
Let $R_1$ get very large:
What happens to $V_L$?

**Write this problem down and DO attempt it at home**

# LCR circuit

$$V(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t < 0 \\ V_0 & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$




$I(t)=0$ for $t<0$

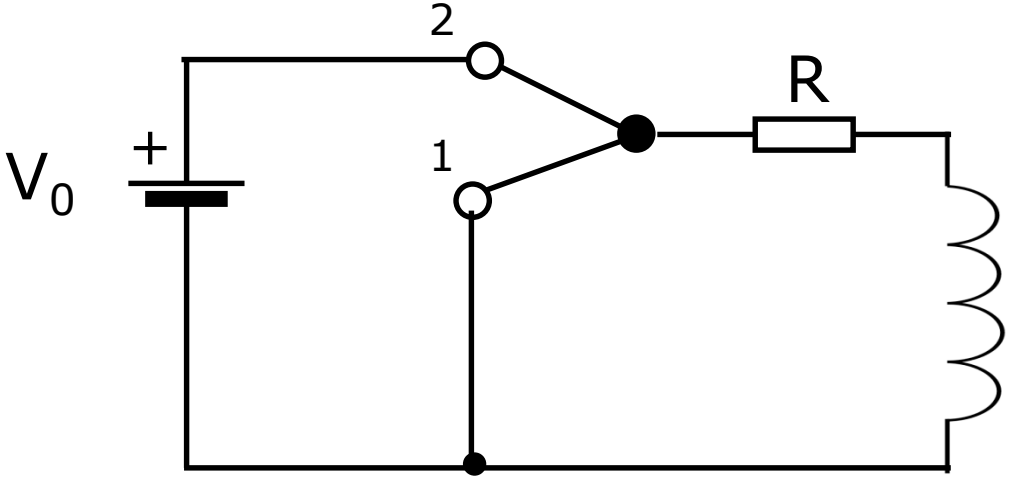
$t \geq 0$

KVL $\quad V_R + V_L + V_C = V_0$

Component Laws $\quad IR + L\dfrac{dI}{dt} + \dfrac{Q}{C} = V_0$

Get Rid of "Q" $\quad \dfrac{d^2I}{dt^2} + \dfrac{R}{L}\dfrac{dI}{dt} + \dfrac{1}{LC}I = 0$

# RL circuits




$$\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L} i = 0$$

$$\int_{I(0)}^{I(t)} \frac{di}{i} = -\int_0^t \frac{dt}{\tau} \qquad \tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{I(t)}{I(0)}\right) = -\frac{t}{\tau}$$

$$I(t) = I(0)\exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$$

1 Initially $V_R = 0 \quad V_L = 0$

2 $$V_0 = V_R + V_L$$

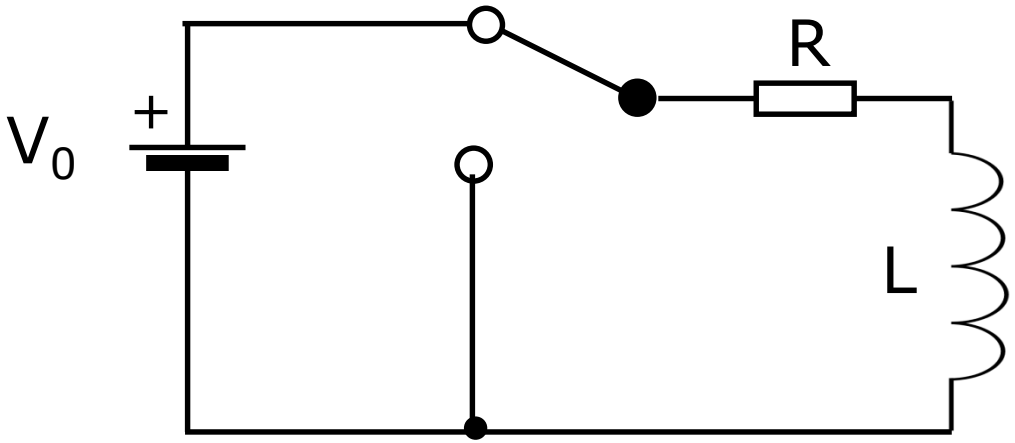
$$= iR + L\frac{di}{dt}$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L} i = \frac{V_0}{L}$$

$$I(t) = I(0)\exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) + \frac{V_0}{R}$$

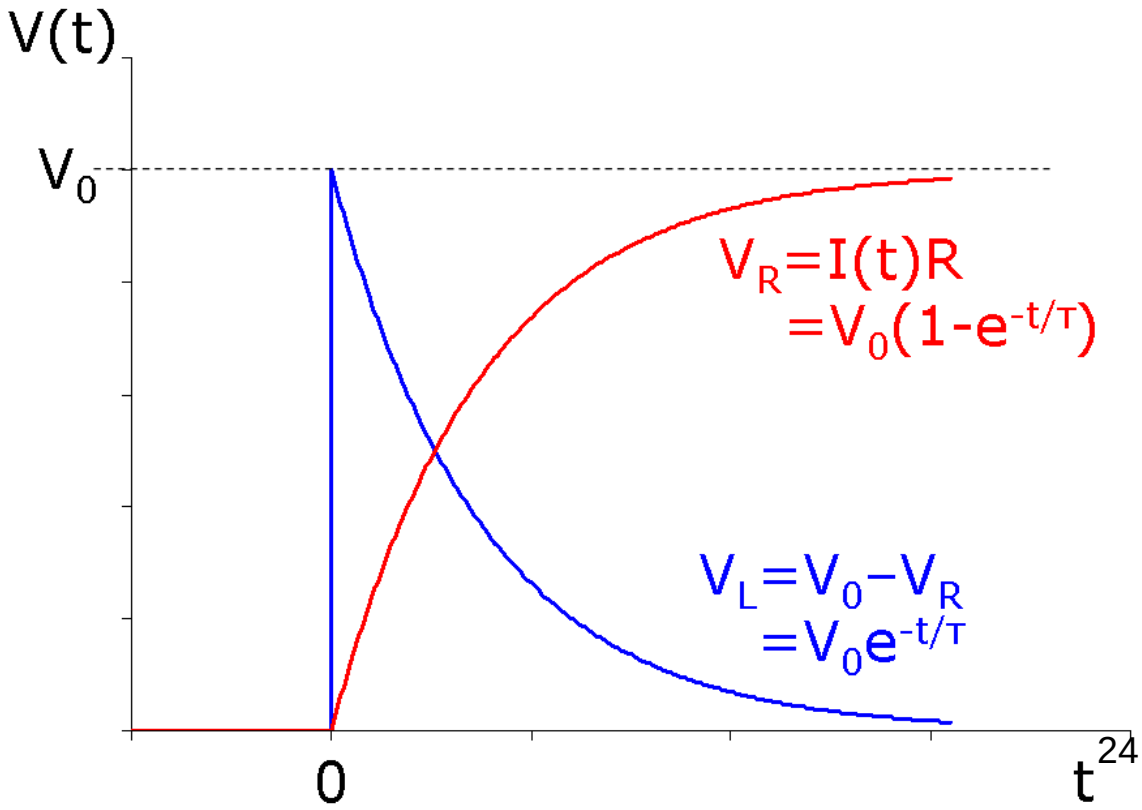
$$I(t = 0) = 0 \longrightarrow I(0) = \frac{-V_0}{R}$$

$$I(t) = \frac{V_0}{R}\left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right)\right)$$




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$$\tau = \frac{L}{R}$$



# R, L, C circuits

- What if we have more than just one of each?
- What if we don't have switches but have some other input instead?
  - Power from the wall socket comes as a sinusoid, wouldn't it be good to solve such problems?
- **Yes! There is a much better way!**
  - **Stay Tuned for the Unexpected!**

The Spanish Inquisition
(not unexpected)

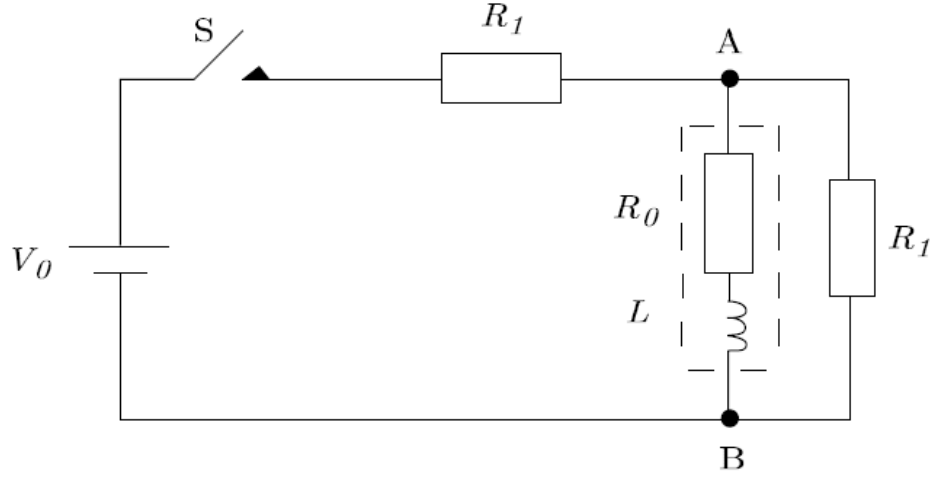


# BACKUP SLIDES

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**Notes for Todd:**
Try to do it; consult the backup slides if you run into trouble.

6.




The circuit shown contains a commercial inductor which can be represented by a resistor $R_0$ in series with an inductance $L$. Identical resistors $R_1$ are connected in parallel and in series with the inductor as shown in the circuit diagram. At time $t = 0$ the switch $S$ is closed so that current flows from the battery.

(i) Show that the current, $I$, flowing through the inductor is given by the equation

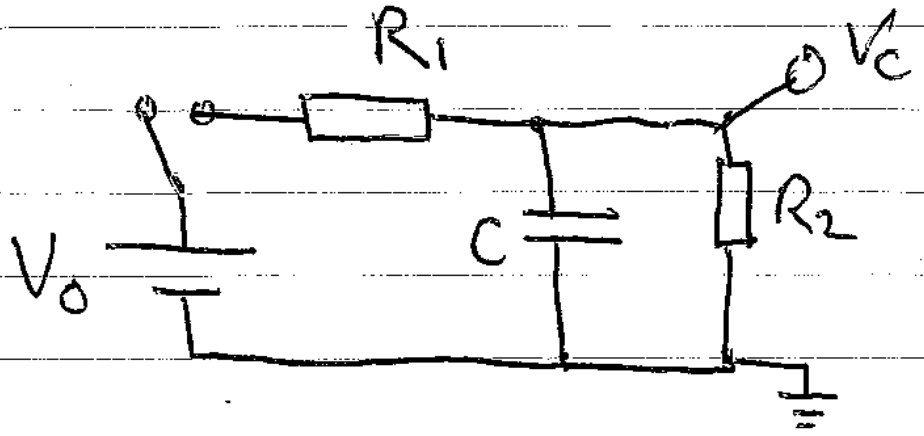
$$\frac{V_0}{2} = \left(\frac{R_1}{2} + R_0\right) I + L\frac{dI}{dt}$$

where $V_0$ is the battery voltage. [11]

(ii) Obtain an expression for the current $I$ as a function of time and sketch a graph of the result. [8]

(iii) Calculate the potential difference $V_{AB}$ when

$$t = \left(\frac{2L}{2R_0 + R_1}\right).$$ [6]




$t = 0$

$V_c = 0$

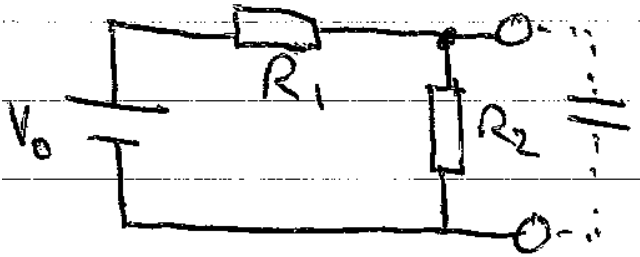
Voltage across capacitor $V_c$

$$I_0 = I_C + I_R$$

$$\frac{V_0 - V_c}{R_1} = C\frac{dV_c}{dt} + \frac{V_c}{R_2}$$

$$\frac{V_0}{R_1} = C\frac{dV_c}{dt} + V_c\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)$$

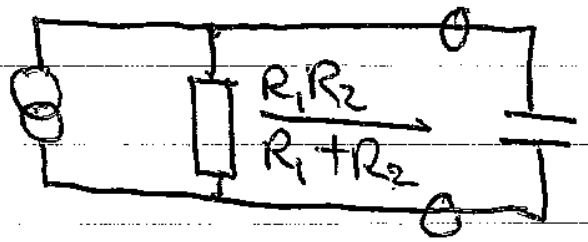
# Norton equivalent circuit




output shorted $\rightarrow I_{equiv} = \frac{V_0}{R_1}$

voltage source shorted $\rightarrow R_{equiv} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$

$\equiv$




$$\frac{V_0}{R_1} - \frac{V_c (R_1 + R_2)}{R_1 R_2} = C \frac{dV_c}{dt}$$

$$\int dt = \int \frac{C}{\frac{V_0}{R_1} - V_C \frac{(R_1+R_2)}{R_1 R_2}} dV_C$$

$$= \int \frac{C}{I_0 - \frac{V_C}{R_x}} dV_C$$

$$R_x = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$I_0 = \frac{V_0}{R_1}$$

$$t = -R_x C \ln\left(I_0 - \frac{V_C}{R_x}\right) + \text{const.}$$

$$\frac{-t}{R_x C} = \ln\left(I_0 - \frac{V_C}{R_x}\right) - \ln K$$

$$K e^{-t/R_x C} = I_0 - \frac{V_C}{R_x}$$

$$V_C = I_0 R_x - K e^{-t/R_x C}$$

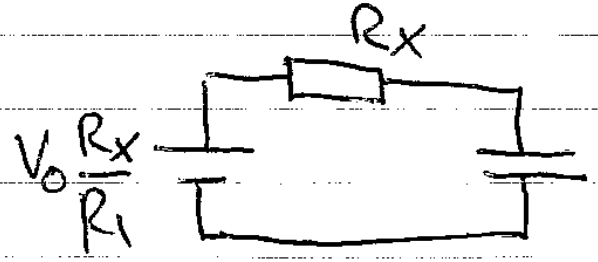
$t=0 \quad V_c = 0 \longrightarrow K = I_0 R_x$

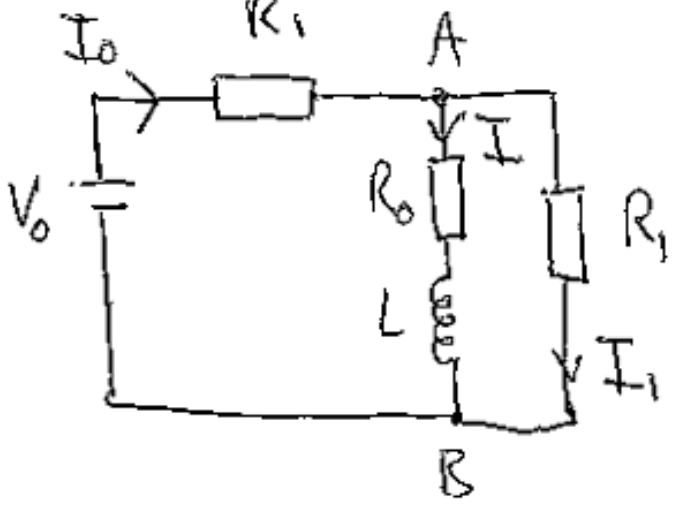
$$V_c = I_0 R_x \left(1 - e^{-t/R_x C}\right)$$

$$= V_0 \frac{R_x}{R_1}\left(1 - e^{-t/R_x C}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{R_x} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

Thevenin equivalent circuit






$$I_0 = I + I_1 = \frac{V_0 - V_{AB}}{R_1}$$

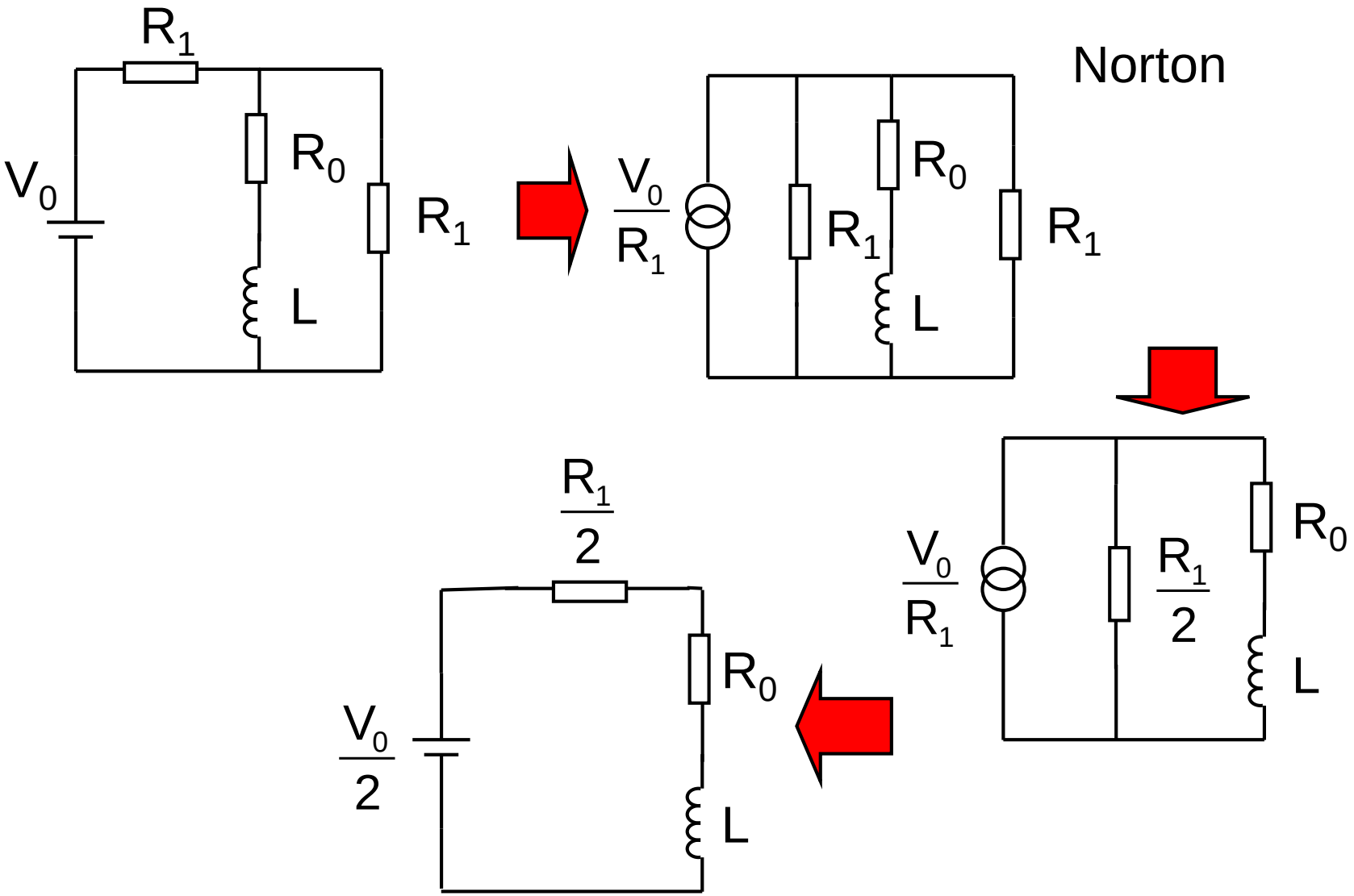
$$V_{AB} = I\,R_0 + L\frac{dI}{dt}$$

$$= I_1 R_1$$

$$\frac{1}{R_1}\left(V_0 - \left(IR_0 + L\frac{dI}{dt}\right)\right) = \frac{1}{R_1}\left(IR_0 + L\frac{dI}{dt}\right) + I$$

$$\frac{V_0}{R_1} = \frac{2}{R_1}\left(IR_0 + L\frac{dI}{dt}\right) + I$$

$$\frac{V_0}{2} = I\left(\frac{R_1}{2} + R_0\right) + L\frac{dI}{dt}$$




$$\frac{V_0}{2} = I\left(\frac{R_1}{2} + R_0\right) + L\frac{dI}{dt}$$

ii) Solve for I

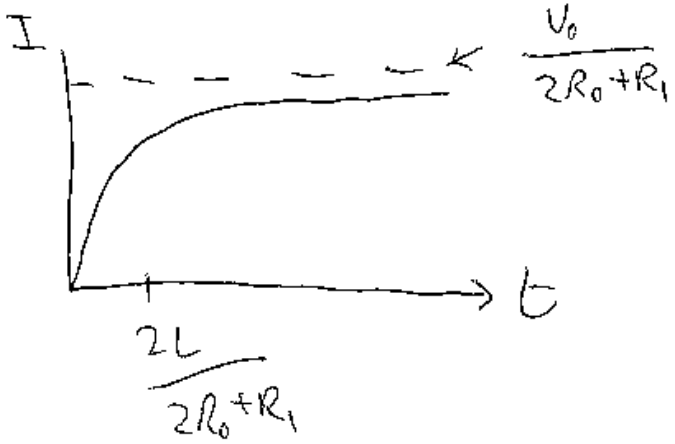
$$\frac{V_0}{2} = I\left(\frac{R_1}{2} + R_0\right) + L\frac{dI}{dt}$$

$$\int_0^I \frac{dI}{\frac{V_0}{2} - I\left(\frac{R_1}{2} + R_0\right)} = \frac{1}{L}\int_0^t dt$$

$$-\left[\ln\left(\frac{V_0}{2} - I\left(\frac{R_1}{2} + R_0\right)\right)\right]_0^I \frac{1}{\frac{R_1}{2} + R_0} = \frac{t}{L}$$

$$\left[\frac{V_0}{2} - I\left(\frac{R_1}{2} + R_0\right)\right] \frac{1}{\frac{V_0}{2}} = \exp\left(-\frac{(R_1 + 2R_0)}{2L}t\right)$$

$$I = \frac{V_0}{2R_0 + R_1}\left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{2R_0 + R_1}{2L}\right)t\right]$$



iii) $V_{AB}$ at $t = \frac{2L}{2R_0 + R_1}$ ?

$$V_{AB} = I R_0 + L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{V_0 R_0}{2R_0 + R_1} \left[ 1 - \exp\left( - \frac{2R_0 + R_1}{2L} t \right) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{V_0}{2} \exp\left[ - \frac{2R_0 + R_1}{2L} t \right]$$

$$V_{AB}\left(t = \frac{2L}{2R_0 + R_1}\right) = \frac{V_0 R_0}{2R_0 + R_1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{e}\right) + \frac{V_0}{2e}$$

# Energy stored per unit volume

## Inductor

$$W = \tfrac{1}{2} L I^2$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{2} A \frac{N^2}{\ell} I_0^2$$

$$= \tfrac{1}{2} \mu_0 A \ell H^2$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{2} H^2 \cdot \text{Vol}$$

$$H = \frac{B}{\mu_0} = \frac{NI}{\ell}$$

## Capacitor

$$W = \tfrac{1}{2} C V^2$$

$$= \tfrac{1}{2} \frac{\varepsilon_0 A}{d} V^2$$

$$= \frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} E^2 \cdot \text{Vol}$$

$$\left[ C = \frac{\varepsilon_0 A}{d} \right]$$

$$\left[ E = \frac{V}{d} \right]$$