

# Electrical Engineering 1

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Chapter 7

First-Order Circuits

## Learning Objectives

*By using the information and exercises in this chapter you will be able to:*

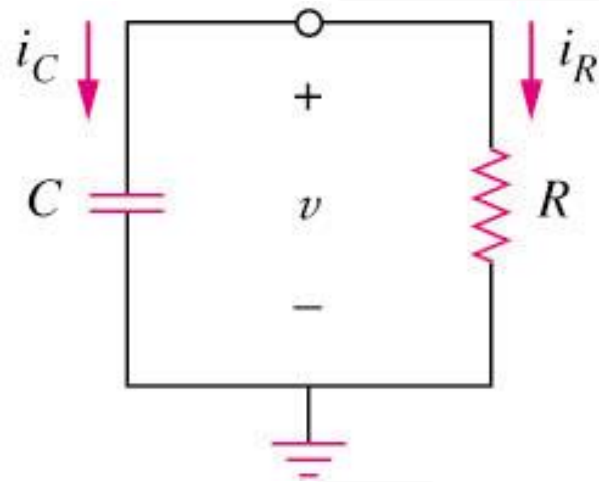
1. Understand solutions to unforced, first-order linear differential equations.
2. Comprehend singularity equations and know their importance in solving linear differential equations.
3. Understand the effect of unit step sources on first-order linear differential equations.
4. Explain how dependent sources and op amps influence simple first-order linear differential equations.
5. Use *PSpice* to solve simple transient circuits with an inductor or a capacitor.

# First-Order Circuits

- 7.1 The Source-Free RC Circuit (วงจร RC ที่ไม่มีแหล่งจ่าย)
- 7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit (วงจร RL ที่ไม่มีแหล่งจ่าย)
- 7.3 Unit-step Function ✓
- 7.4 Step Response of an RC Circuit (วงจร RC ที่มีแหล่งจ่าย)
- 7.5 Step Response of an RL Circuit (วงจร RL ที่มีแหล่งจ่าย)

# 7.1 The Source-Free RC Circuit (1)

A first-order circuit is characterized by a first-order differential equation.



By KCL

$$i_R + i_C = 0$$

$$\frac{v}{R} + C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$$

Ohms law

Capacitor law

$$\frac{dv}{v} = -\frac{dt}{RC}$$

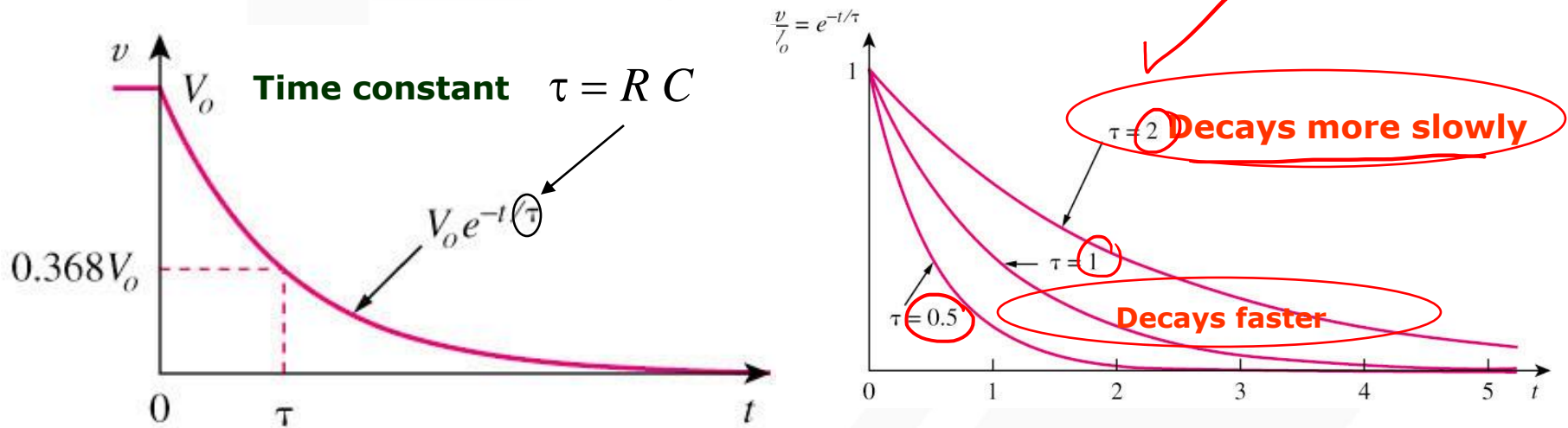
$$\ln(v) = -\frac{t}{RC} + Cont$$

$$v = e^{\left(-\frac{t}{RC} + Cont\right)} = V_o e^{\left(-\frac{t}{RC}\right)}$$

- Apply Kirchhoff's laws to purely resistive circuit results in algebraic equations.
- Apply the laws to RC and RL circuits produces differential equations.

# 7.1 The Source-Free RC Circuit (2)

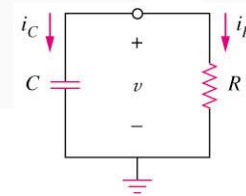
- The natural response of a circuit refers to the behavior (in terms of voltages and currents) of the circuit itself, with no external sources of excitation.



- The time constant  $\tau$  of a circuit is the time required for the response to decay by a factor of  $1/e$  or 36.8% of its initial value.
- $v$  decays **faster for small  $\tau$**  and **slower for large  $\tau$** .

# 7.1 The Source-Free RC Circuit (3)

The key to working with a source-free RC circuit is finding:



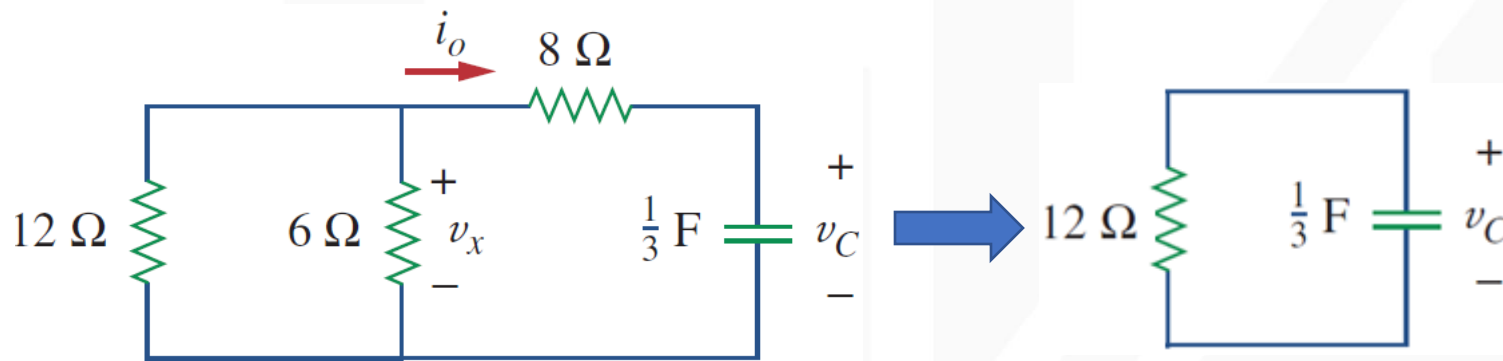
$$v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{where} \quad \tau = RC$$

1. The initial voltage  $v(0) = V_0$  across the capacitor.
2.  $\tau = RC$ .

# 7.1 The Source-Free RC Circuit (4)

## Example 1

Refer to the circuit below, determine  $v_C$ ,  $v_x$ , and  $i_o$  for  $t \geq 0$ . Assume that  $v_C(0) = 60$  V.



$$v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau} = 60 e^{-t/4}$$

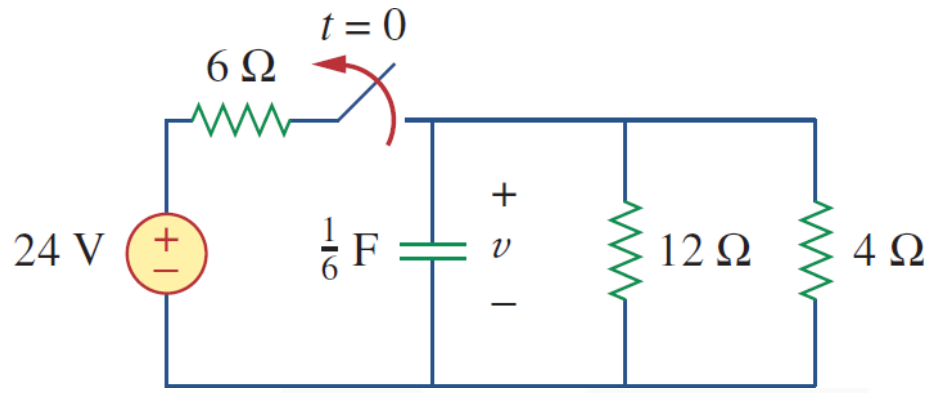
$$v_x(t) = \left( \frac{4}{4+8} \right) v_C(t) = 20 e^{-t/4}$$

$$i_o(t) = C \frac{dv_C}{dt} = -5 e^{-t/4}$$

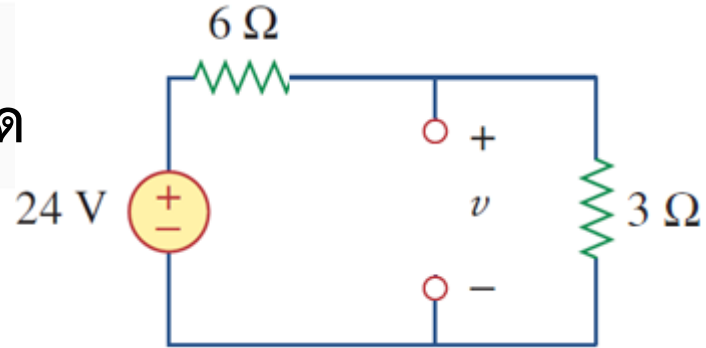
**Answer:**  $v_C = 60e^{-0.25t}$  V ;  $v_x = 20e^{-0.25t}$  V ;  $i_o = -5e^{-0.25t}$  A

# 7.1 The Source-Free RC Circuit (5)

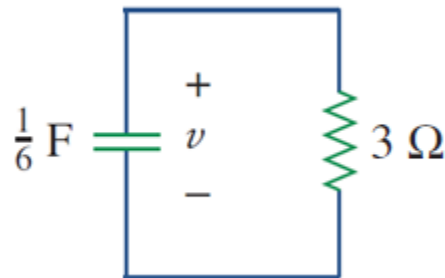
Example 2 The switch is opened at  $t = 0$ , find  $v(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .



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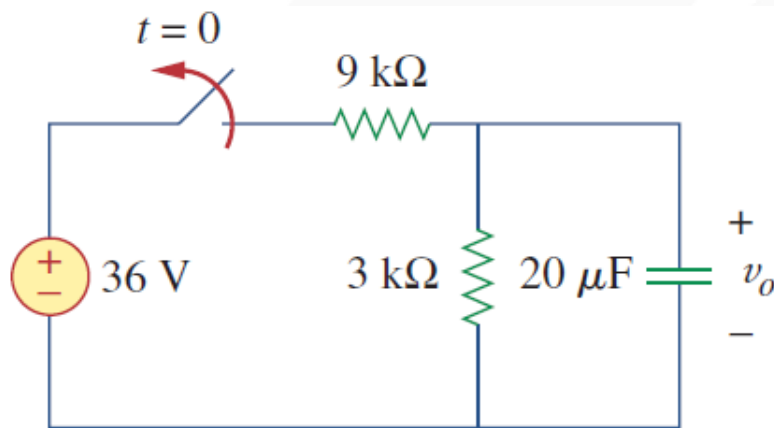
$$v(0) = V_0 = ? \rightarrow v(0) = \left(\frac{3}{3+6}\right) 24 = 8 \text{ V}$$

Answer:  $v(t) = 8e^{-2t} \text{ V}$

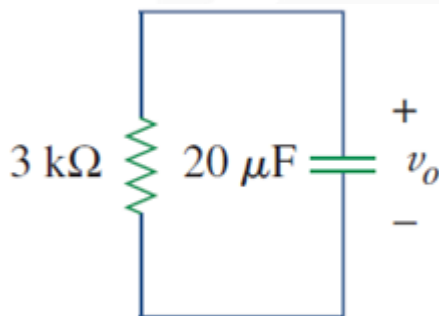


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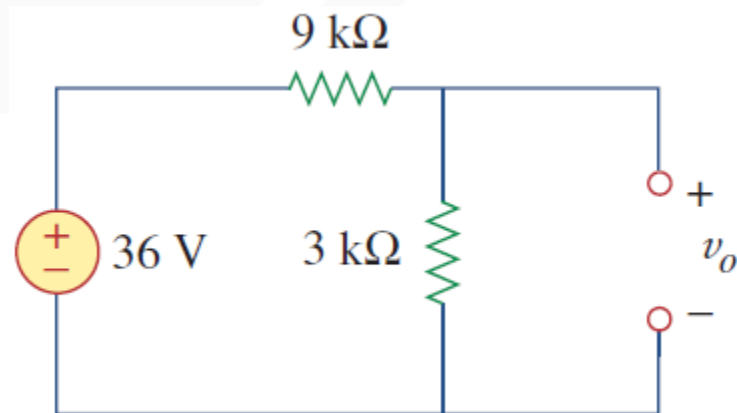
Example 3 Find for  $v_o(t)$  for  $t > 0$ . Determine the time for the capacitor voltage to decay to one-third of its value at  $t = 0$



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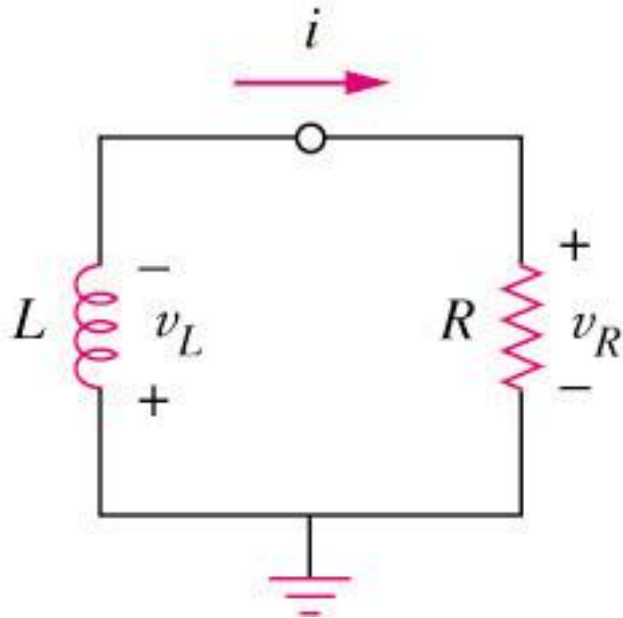
$$v(0) = V_0 = ? \rightarrow v(0) = \left(\frac{3}{3+9}\right) 36 = 9 \text{ V}$$

$$9/3 = 3 = 9e^{-t/0.06}; t = -0.06 \times \ln(3/9) = 0.066 \text{ s}$$

**Answer:**  $v(t) = 9e^{-t/0.06} \text{ V}; t = 0.066 \text{ s}$

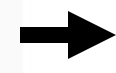
# 7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit (1)

- A first-order RL circuit consists of L and R (or their equivalent)



By KVL

$$v_L + v_R = 0$$



$$L \frac{di}{dt} + iR = 0$$

Inductors law

Ohms law

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1<sup>st</sup> order dif eq

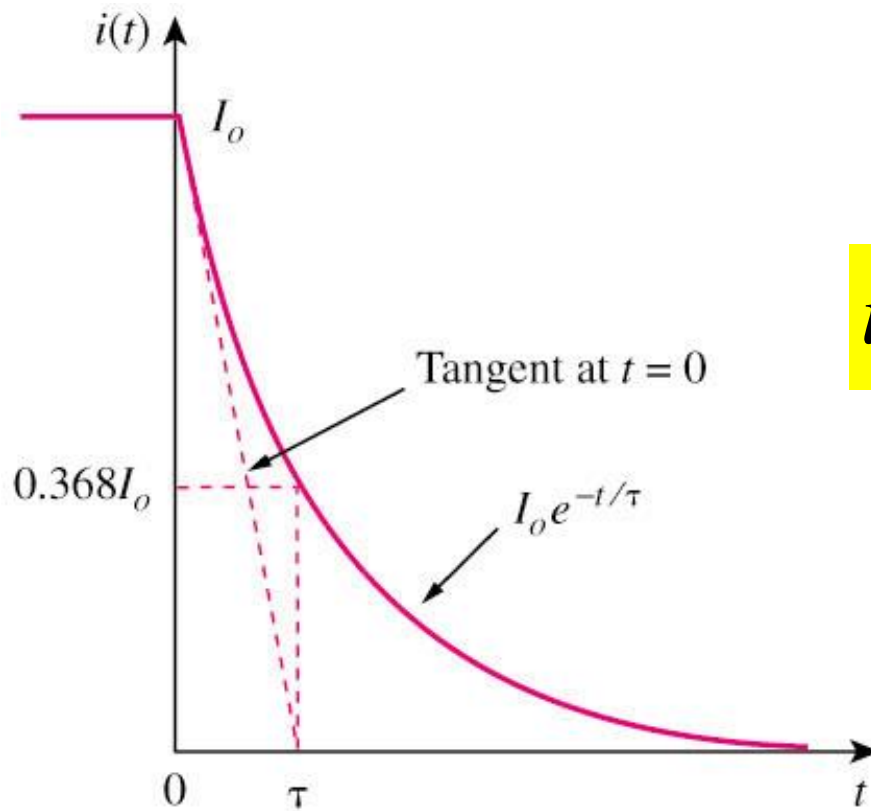


$$\frac{di}{i} = -\frac{R}{L} dt$$



$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-\left(\frac{R}{L}t\right)}$$

# 7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit (2)



A general form representing RL

$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

where

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

- The **time constant**  $\tau$  of a circuit is the time required for the response to decay by a factor of  **$1/e$  or 36.8%** of its initial value.
- $i(t)$  decays **faster for small  $t$**  and **slower for large  $t$** .
- The general form is **very similar** to a RC source-free circuit.

# 7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit (3)

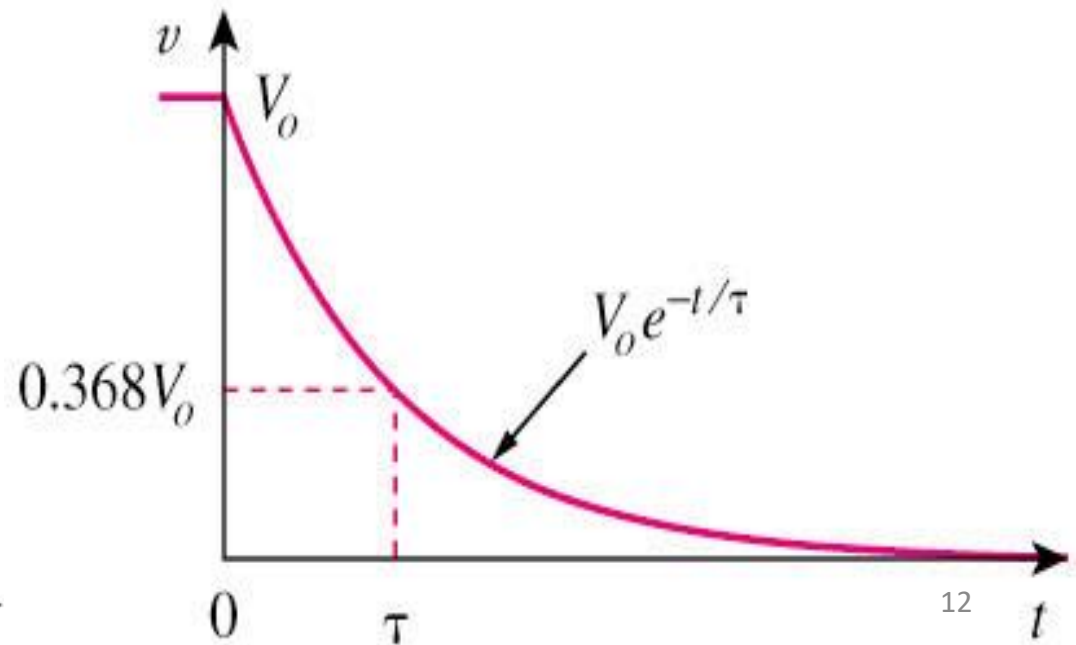
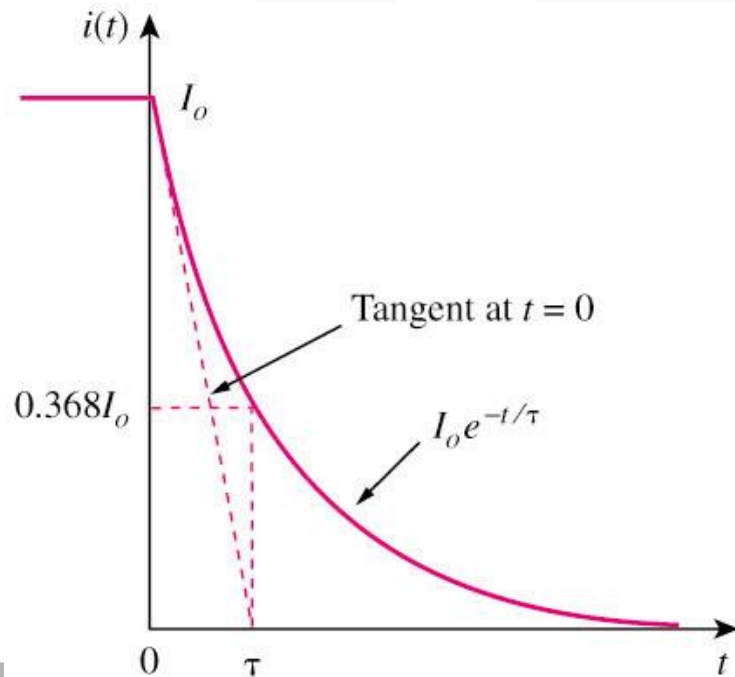
## Comparison between RL and RC circuit

RL source-free circuit

$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{where} \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

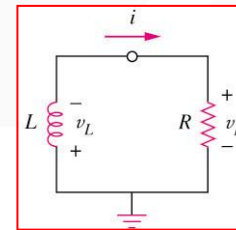
RC source-free circuit

$$v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{where} \quad \tau = RC$$



# 7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit (4)

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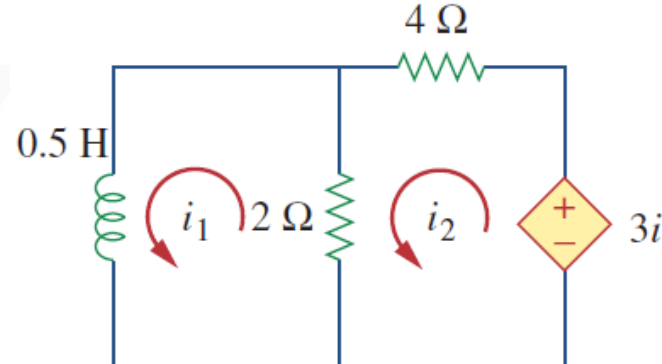
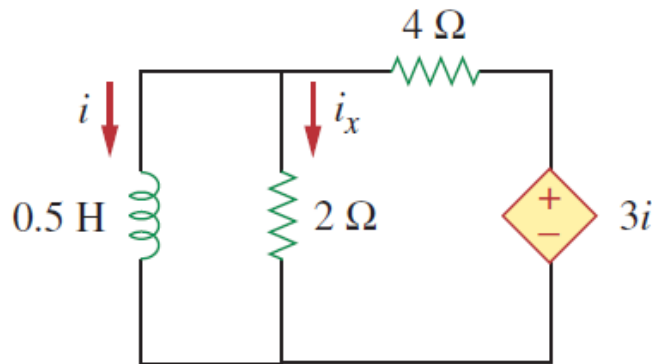


$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{where} \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

1. The initial current  $i(0) = I_0$  through the inductor.
2. The time constant  $\tau = L/R$ .

# 7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit (5)

Example 4 Assume that  $i(0) = 10$  A. Find  $i(t)$  and  $i_x(t)$ .



loop 1,  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{di_1}{dt} + 2(i_1 - i_2) = 0$

loop 2,  $6i_2 - 2i_1 - 3i_1 = 0 \Rightarrow i_2 = \frac{5}{6}i_1$

$\frac{di_1}{dt} + \frac{2}{3}i_1 = 0$  Since  $i_1 = i$

$i(t) = i(0)e^{-(2/3)t} = 10e^{-(2/3)t}$  A,  $t > 0$

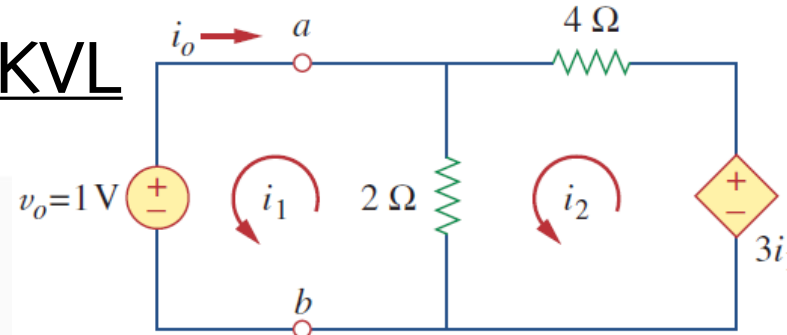
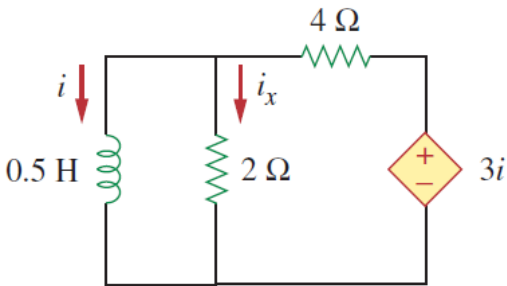
$i_x(t) = i_2 - i_1 = -1.6667e^{-(2/3)t}$  A,  $t > 0$

วิธีที่ 1 ใช้ KVL

**Answer:**  $i(t) = 10 e^{-2t/3}$  A;  $i_x(t) = -1.6667 e^{-2t/3}$  A

# 7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit (5)

วิธีที่ 2 ใช้  $R_{eq}$  และ KVL



$$2(i_1 - i_2) + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow i_1 - i_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$6i_2 - 2i_1 - 3i_1 = 0 \Rightarrow i_2 = \frac{5}{6}i_1$$

$$i_1 = -3 \text{ A}, \quad i_o = -i_1 = 3 \text{ A}$$

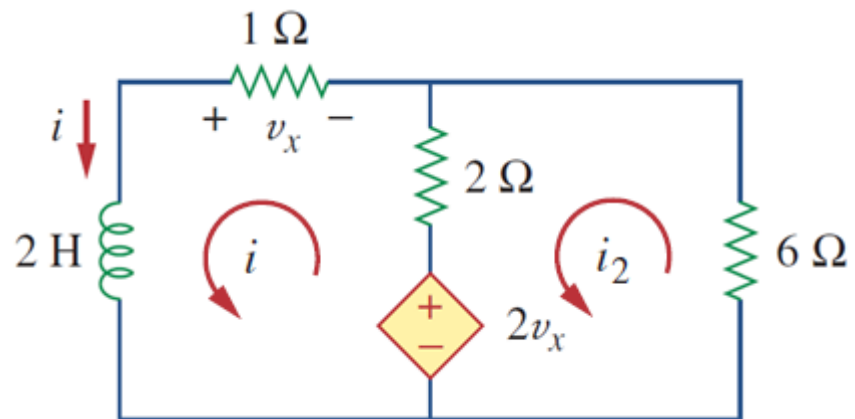
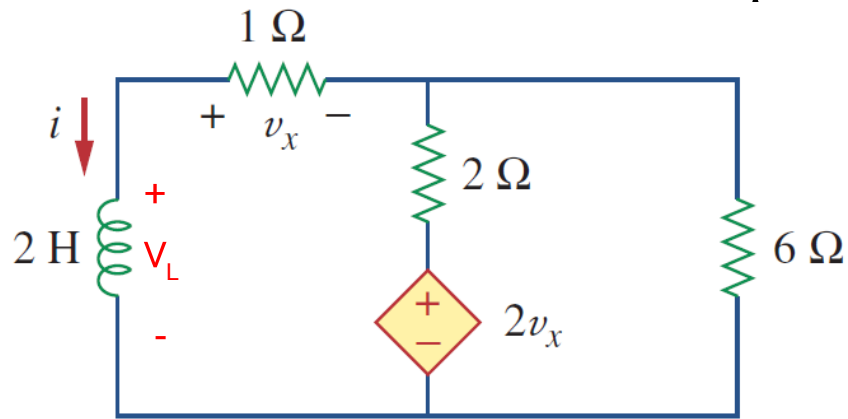
$$R_{eq} = R_{Th} = \frac{v_o}{i_o} = \frac{1}{3} \Omega \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{2} \text{ s}$$

$$i(t) = i(0)e^{-(2/3)t} = 10e^{-(2/3)t} \text{ A}, \quad t > 0$$

$$i_x(t) = \frac{v}{2} = -1.6667e^{-(2/3)t} \text{ A}, \quad t > 0$$

# 7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit (5)

**Example 5** Find  $i$  and  $v_x$ . Assume that  $i(0) = 12$  A.



$$\text{loop 1, } 2 \frac{di}{dt} + 2(i - i_2) - 3v_x = 0$$

$$v_x = -i$$

$$\text{loop 2, } 8i_2 - 2i + 2v_x = 0 \quad , \quad 8i_2 + 4v_x = 0 \quad , \quad i_2 = -0.5 v_x = 0.5i$$

$$2 \frac{di}{dt} + 2(i - 0.5i) + 3i = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2 \frac{di}{dt} + 4i = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{di}{dt} + 2i = 0$$

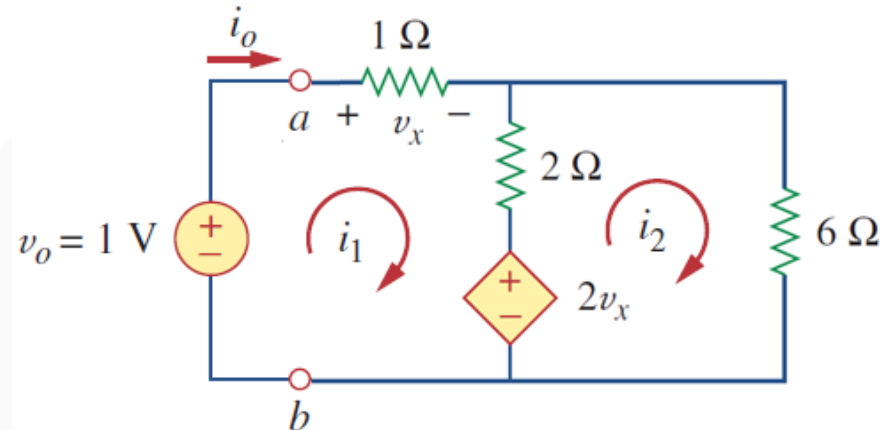
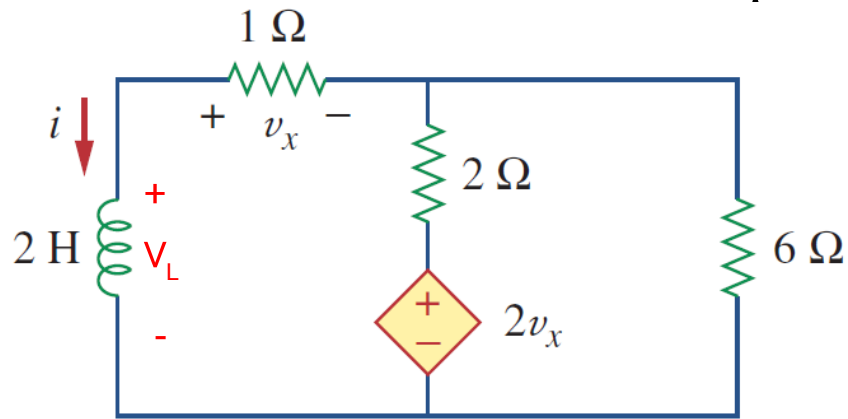
$$\frac{di}{i} = -2dt \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ln(i) = -2t \quad \Rightarrow \quad i = I_o e^{-2t}$$

**Answer:**  $i(t) = 12 e^{-2t}$  A;  $v_x(t) = -i(t) = -12 e^{-2t}$  V



# 7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit (5)

**Example 5** Find  $i$  and  $v_x$ . Assume that  $i(0) = 12$  A.



$$\text{loop 1, } 3i_1 - 2i_2 + 2i_1 = 5i_1 - 2i_2 = 1$$

$$\text{loop 2, } 2i_1 = -2i_1 + 8i_2 \quad i_1 = 2i_2$$

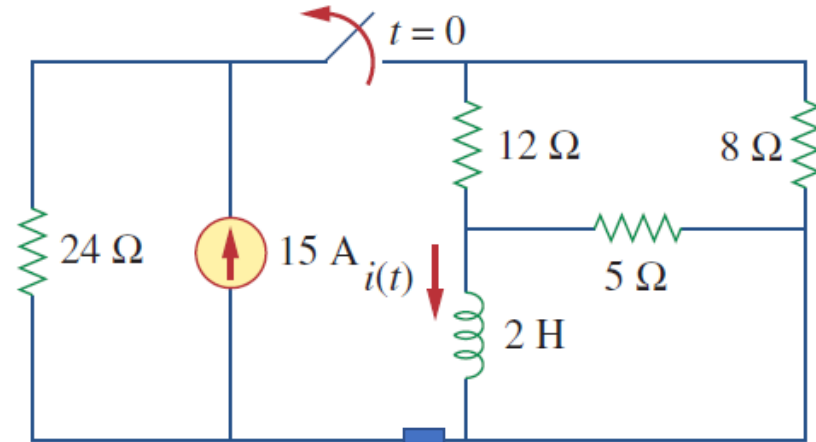
$$i_2 = \frac{1}{8}, i_1 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{v_o}{i_o} = 4\Omega, \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq}} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

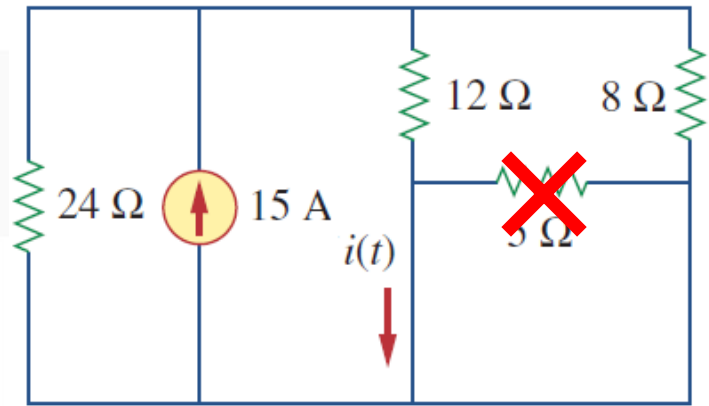
**Answer:**  $i(t) = 12 e^{-2t}$  A;  $v_x(t) = -i(t) = -12 e^{-2t}$  V

# 7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit (6)

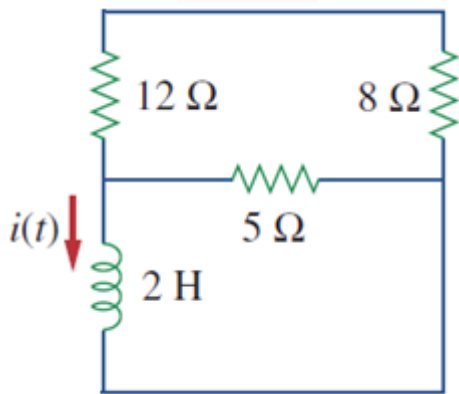
Example 6 For the circuit, find  $i(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .



$t < 0$



$t > 0$



$$i(0) = I_0 = ? \rightarrow i(0) = \left( \frac{24 // 8}{(24 // 8) + 12} \right) 15 = 5 \text{ A}$$

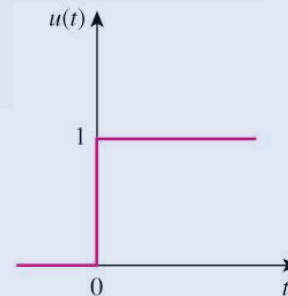
$$R_{eq} = (12 + 8) // 5 = 4$$

Answer:  $i(t) = 5e^{-2t} \text{ A}, t > 0$

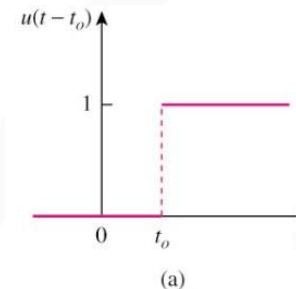
# 7.3 Unit-Step Function (1)

- The *unit step function*  $u(t)$  is 0 for negative values of  $t$  and 1 for positive values of  $t$ .

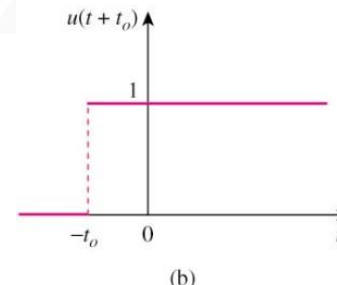
$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t > 0 \end{cases}$$



$$u(t - t_o) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < t_o \\ 1, & t > t_o \end{cases}$$



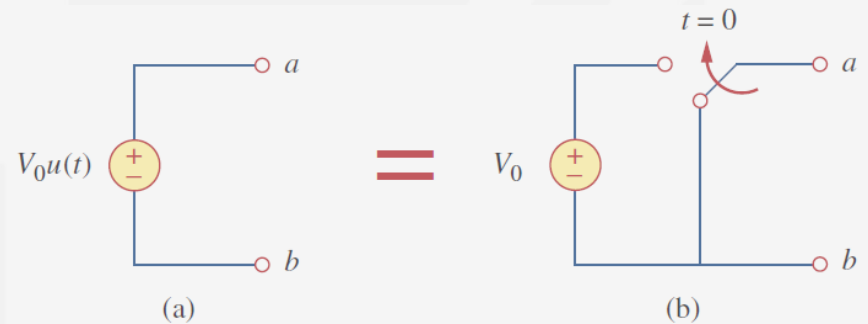
$$u(t + t_o) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < -t_o \\ 1, & t > -t_o \end{cases}$$



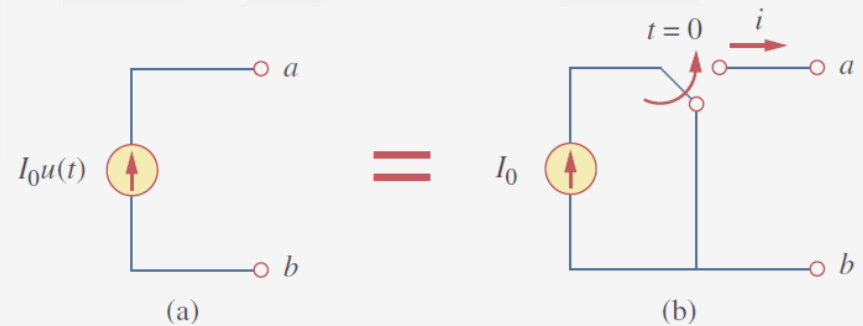
# 7.3 Unit-Step Function (2)

Represent an abrupt change for:

1. voltage source:

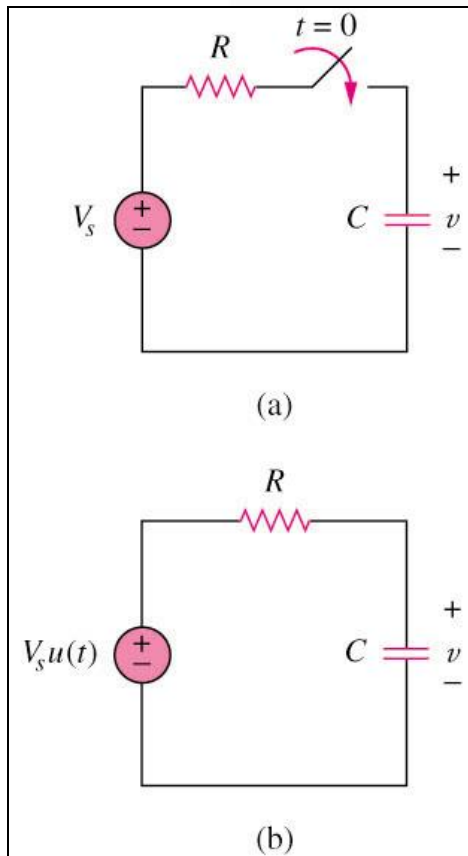


2. current source:



# 7.4 The Step-Response of a RC Circuit (1)

- The step response of a circuit is its behavior when the excitation is the step function, which may be a voltage or a current source.



- Initial condition:  $v(0^-) = v(0^+) = V_0$

- Applying KCL,  $C \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{v - V_s u(t)}{R} = 0$

or

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = - \frac{v - V_s u(t)}{RC}$$

- Where  $u(t)$  is the unit-step function

$$\int \frac{dv}{v - V_s} = - \int \frac{dt}{RC}$$

$$\ln(v - V_s) \Big|_{V_0}^{v(t)} = - \frac{t}{RC} \Big|_0^t$$

# 7.4 The Step-Response of a RC Circuit (1)

$$\ln(v - V_s) \Big|_{V_0}^{v(t)} = - \frac{t}{RC} \Big|_0^t$$

$$\ln(v(t) - V_s) - \ln(V_0 - V_s) = - \frac{t}{RC}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{v(t) - V_s}{V_0 - V_s}\right) = - \frac{t}{RC}$$

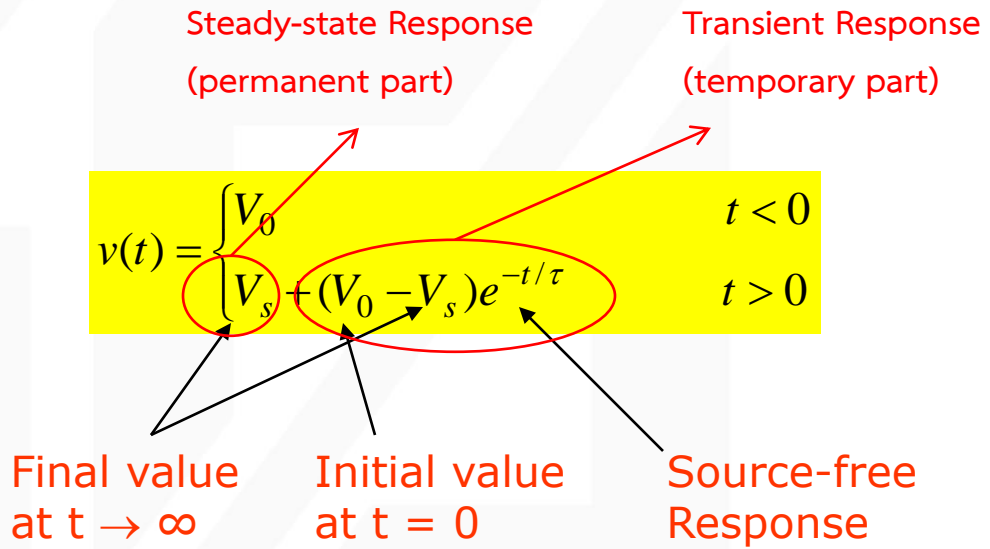
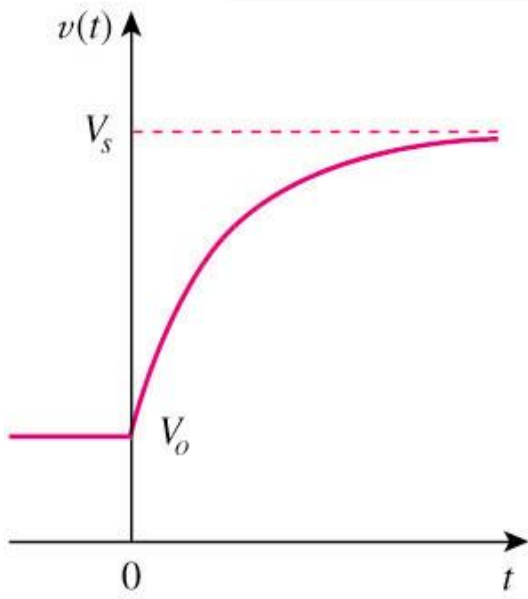
$$\frac{v(t) - V_s}{V_0 - V_s} = e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$v(t) = V_s + (V_0 - V_s)e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$v(t) = v(\infty) + (v(0) - v(\infty))e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

# 7.4 The Step-Response of a RC Circuit (2)

- Integrating both sides and considering the initial conditions, the solution of the equation is:



Complete Response = Natural response + Forced Response  
 (stored energy) (independent source)  
 (เกิดจาก no source) (เกิดจาก source)

$$V_o e^{-t/\tau} + V_s (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

# 7.4 The Step-Response of a RC Circuit (3)

3 steps to find out the **step response of an RC circuit**:

1. Initial capacitor voltage  $v(0)$ .
2. Final capacitor voltage  $v(\infty)$  — DC voltage across C.
3. Time constant  $\tau$ .

$$v(t) = v(\infty) + [v(0^+) - v(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau}$$

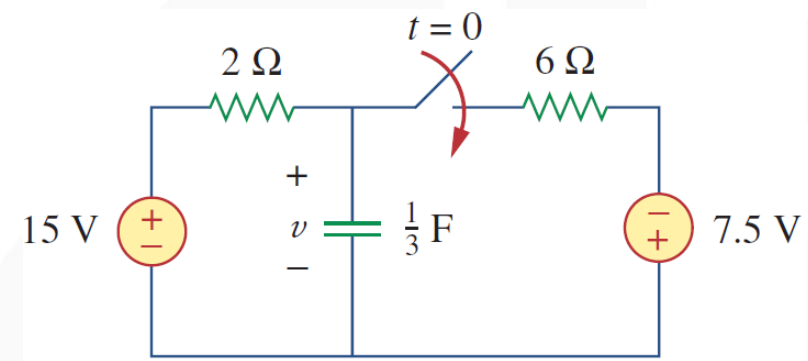
Note: The above method is a **short-cut method**. You may also determine the solution by setting up the circuit formula directly using KCL, KVL, ohms law, capacitor and inductor VI laws.



# 7.4 The Step-Response of a RC Circuit (4)

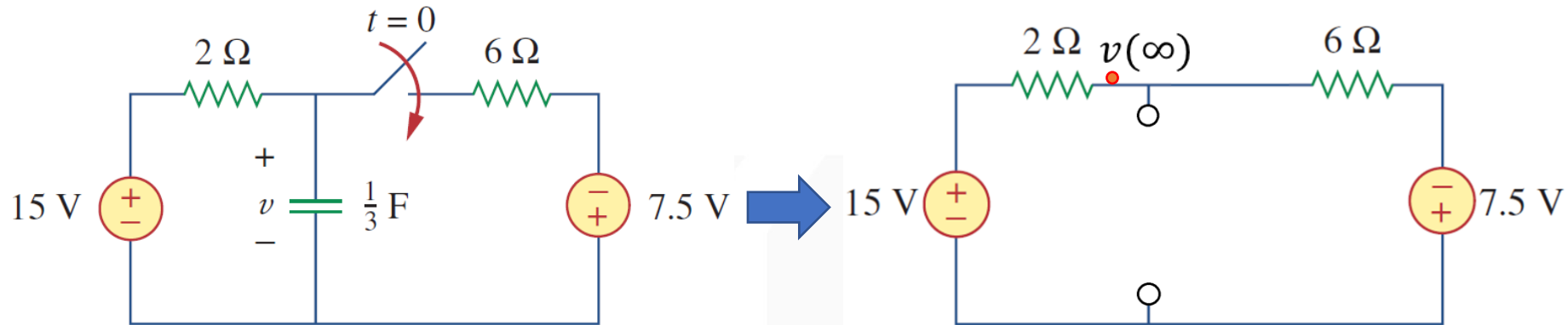
## Example 7

Find  $v(t)$  for  $t > 0$  in the circuit in below. Assume the switch has been open for a long time and is closed at  $t = 0$ . Calculate  $v(t)$  at  $t = 0.5$ .



**Answer:**  $v(t) = (5.625e^{-2t} + 9.375)V$  for  $t > 0$ ,  $v(0.5) = 11.44 V$

# 7.4 The Step-Response of a RC Circuit (5)



$$v(t) = v(\infty) + [v(0^+) - v(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$v(0^-) = v(0^+) = 15 \text{ โวลต์}$$

$$v(\infty) = v(0^+) = 9.375 \text{ โวลต์}$$

$$i = \left( \frac{22.5}{6 + 2} \right), \quad v(\infty) = 15 - \left( \frac{22.5}{6 + 2} \right) 2 = 9.375 \text{ โวลต์}$$

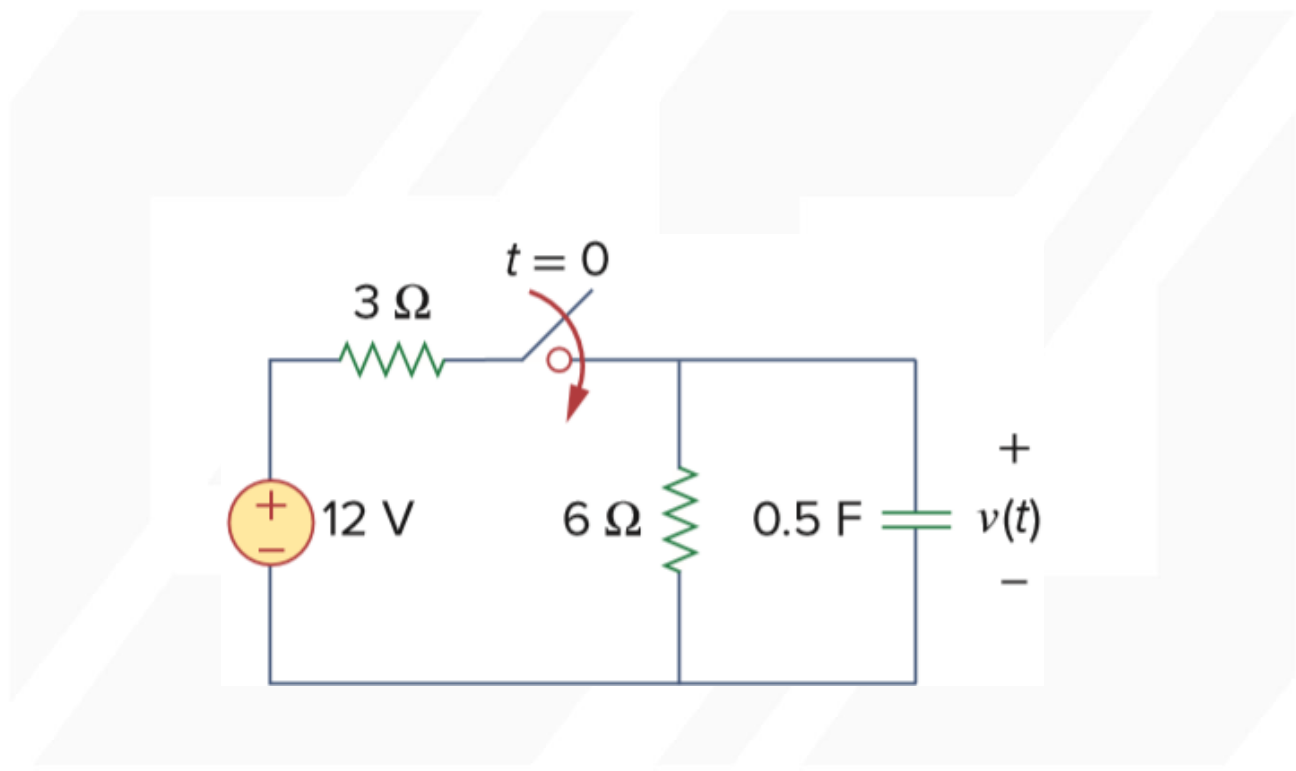
$$R = 2 // 6 = \frac{3}{2} \Omega, \quad C = \frac{1}{3}, \quad RC = \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{t}{\tau} = -\frac{t}{RC} = -2t$$

**Answer:**  $v(t) = (5.625e^{-2t} + 9.375)V$  เมื่อ  $t > 0$ ,  $v(0.5) = 11.44 V$

# 7.4 The Step-Response of a RC Circuit (6)

## Example 8

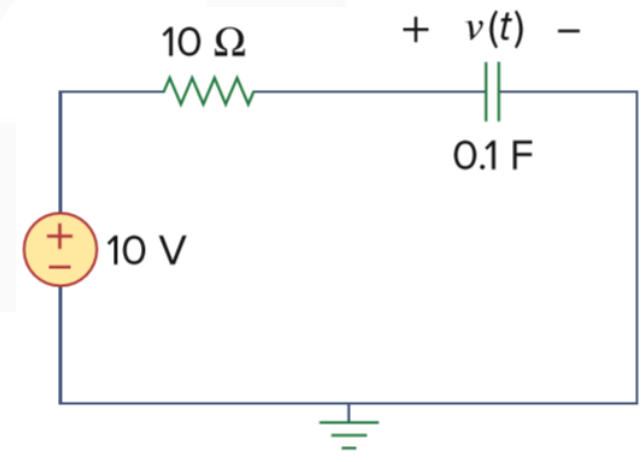
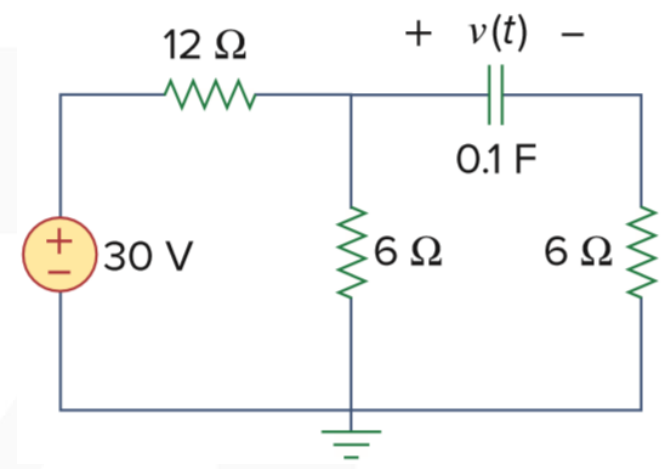
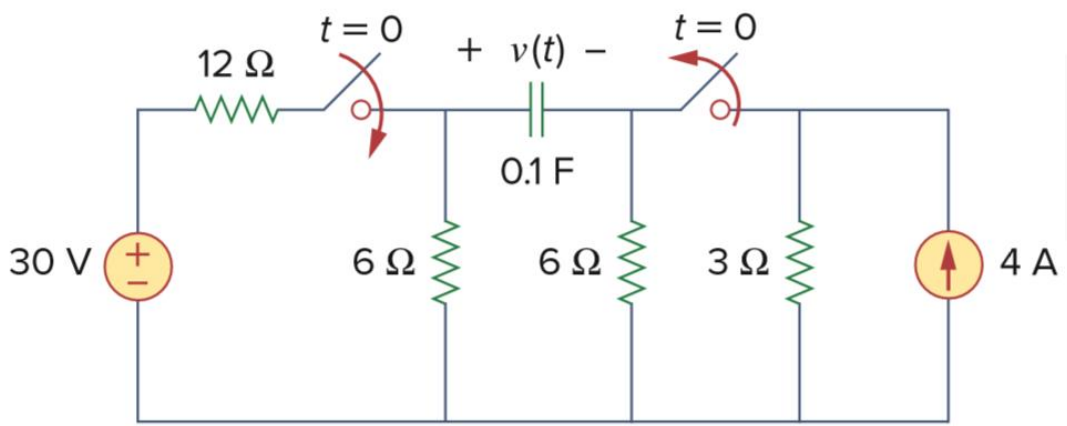
Find  $v(t)$  for  $t > 0$  in the circuit in below. Assume the switch has been open for a long time and is closed at  $t = 0$ .



Answer :  $v(t) = 8(1 - e^{-t}) \text{ V}, t > 0.$

# 7.4 The Step-Response of a RC Circuit

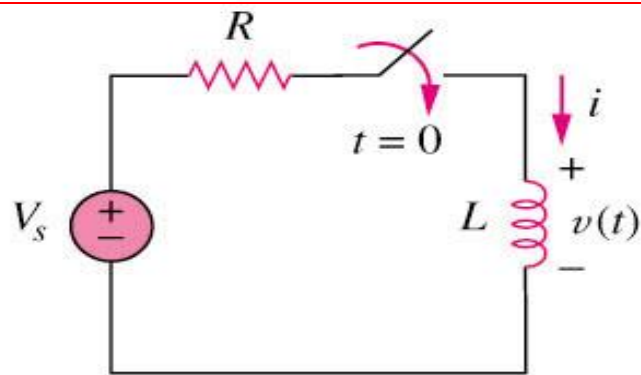
Example 9 Find  $v(t)$  for  $t > 0$  in the circuit in below.



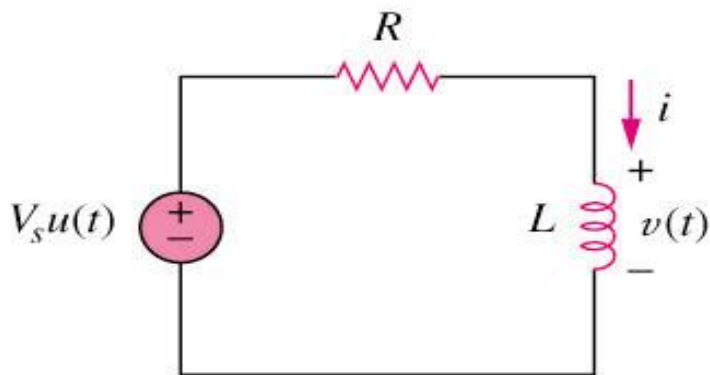
Answer :  $v(t) = 10 - 18e^{-t} \text{ V}$

# 7.5 The Step-response of a RL Circuit (1)

- The **step response** of a circuit is its behavior **when the excitation is the step function**, which may be a voltage or a current source.



(a)



(b)

- Initial current  $i(0^-) = i(0^+) = I_0$
- Final inductor current
 
$$i(\infty) = V_s / R$$
- Time constant  $\tau = L / R$

$$i(t) = \frac{V_s}{R} + \left( I_0 - \frac{V_s}{R} \right) e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$i(t) = i(\infty) + \left( i(0^+) - i(\infty) \right) e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

# 7.5 The Step-Response of a RL Circuit (2)

3 steps to find out the step response of an RL circuit:

1. Initial inductor current  $i(0)$  at  $t = 0^+$ .
2. Final inductor current  $i(\infty)$ .
3. Time constant  $\tau$ .

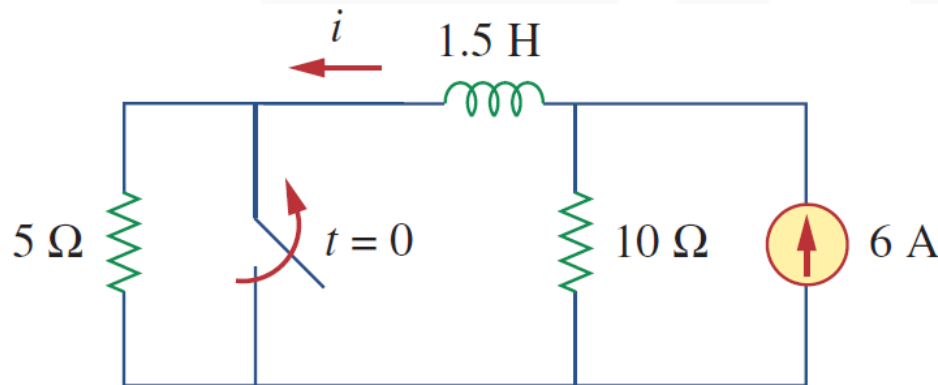
$$i(t) = i(\infty) + [i(0+) - i(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau}$$

Note: The above method is a short-cut method. You may also determine the solution by setting up the circuit formula directly using KCL, KVL, ohms law, capacitor and inductor VI laws.

# 7.5 The Step-Response of a RL Circuit (3)

## Example 10

The switch in the circuit shown below has been closed for a long time. It opens at  $t = 0$ . Find  $i(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .



$$i(0) = \left( \frac{10}{10+0} \right) 6 = 6 \text{ A}$$

$$i(\infty) = \left( \frac{10}{5+10} \right) 6 = 4 \text{ A}$$

$$R_{eq} = 5 + 10 = 15 \Omega \quad ; \quad \tau = \left( \frac{L}{R_{eq}} \right) = \frac{1.5}{15} = \frac{1}{10}$$

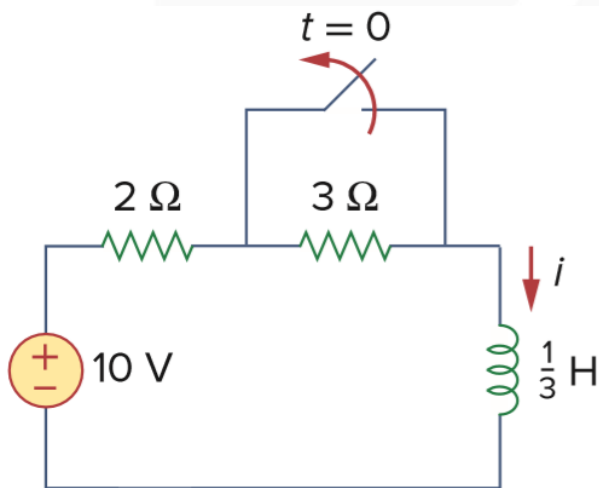
$$i(t) = i(\infty) + [i(0+) - i(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau} = 4 + (6 - 4)e^{-10t} = 4 + 2e^{-10t}$$

**Answer:**  $i(t) = 4 + 2e^{-10t}$

# 7.5 The Step-Response of a RL Circuit (4)

## Example 11

The switch in the circuit shown below has been closed for a long time. It opens at  $t = 0$ . Find  $i(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .



$$i(0^-) = \frac{10}{2} = 5 \text{ A} \quad i(\infty) = \frac{10}{2 + 3} = 2 \text{ A}$$

$$R_{\text{Th}} = 2 + 3 = 5 \text{ } \Omega \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R_{\text{Th}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{5} = \frac{1}{15} \text{ s}$$

$$i(t) = i(\infty) + [i(0) - i(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}$$

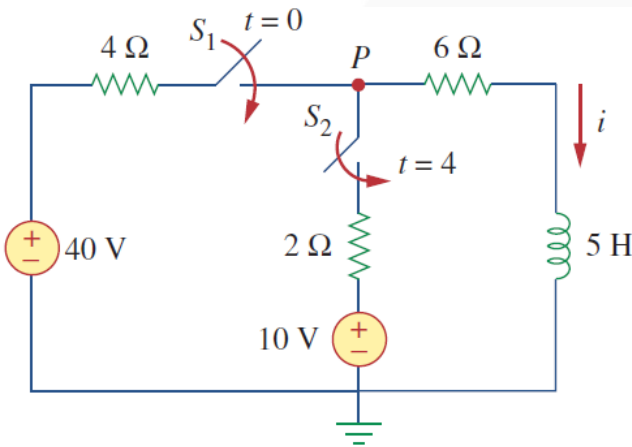
$$= 2 + (5 - 2)e^{-15t} = 2 + 3e^{-15t} \text{ A,}$$

**Answer:**  $i(t) = 2 + 3e^{-15t} \text{ A}$



# 7.5 The Step-Response of a RL Circuit (5)

**Example 12** At  $t=0$  switch 1 is closed, and switch 2 is closed 4 s later. Find  $i(t)$  for  $t>0$ . Calculate  $i$  for  $t=2$  s and  $t=5$  s.



three time intervals  $t < 0$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 4$ ,  $t > 4$

$$t < 0: \quad i(0^-) = i(0^+) = 0$$

$$0 \leq t \leq 4: \quad i(\infty) = \frac{40}{4+6} = 4, \quad R_{eq} = 10\Omega$$

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ s}$$

$$i(t) = i(\infty) + [i(0^+) - i(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau} = 4 + (0 - 4)e^{-2t} = 4(1 - e^{-2t})$$

$$t > 4: \quad i(4) = i(4^-) = 4(1 - e^{-8}) \approx 4 \text{ A}$$

$$\text{KCL at node P: } \frac{40-v}{4} + \frac{10-v}{2} = \frac{v}{6} \rightarrow v = \frac{180}{11}$$

$$i(\infty) = \frac{v}{6} = \frac{30}{11} = 2.727 \text{ A}, \quad R_{eq} = (4 \parallel 2) + 6 = \frac{22}{3} \Omega, \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq}} = \frac{15}{22} \text{ s}$$

$$i(t) = i(\infty) + [i(4) - i(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau} = 2.727 + (4 - 2.727)e^{-(t-4)/\tau} = 2.727 + 1.273e^{-1.4667(t-4)}$$

$$\text{Answer: } i(2) = 4(1 - e^{-4}) = 3.93 \text{ A}, \quad i(5) = 2.727 + 1.273e^{-1.4667} = 3.02 \text{ A}$$