

task_tb6pi8dgh0m2e2pw_with_calculation

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Exercise E1 Charging Capacitors

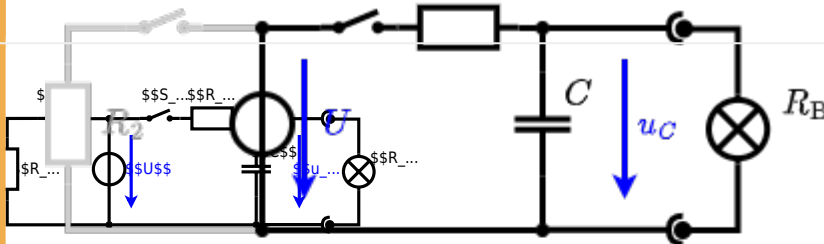
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The circuit (with the real solution) is in the picture of the RC circuit. The capacitor is initially uncharged. At the moment $t_0 = 0 \text{ s}$ when the switch S_1 is closed. Calculate the voltage $u_c(t_2)$ across the capacitor at $t_2 = 1 \text{ ms}$ after closing the switch.

Solution
 To solve this, first create an equivalent linear voltage source from U , R_1 , and R_B .

The equivalent voltage source is $U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B} = 12 \text{ V} \cdot \frac{20 \text{ } \Omega}{20 \text{ } \Omega + 20 \text{ } \Omega} = 6 \text{ V}$. The internal resistance is $R_{int} = R_1 \parallel R_B = 10 \text{ } \Omega$.

On an alternative view, one can try to create an equivalent linear voltage source again. Then, the internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source is again short-circuiting R_1 .



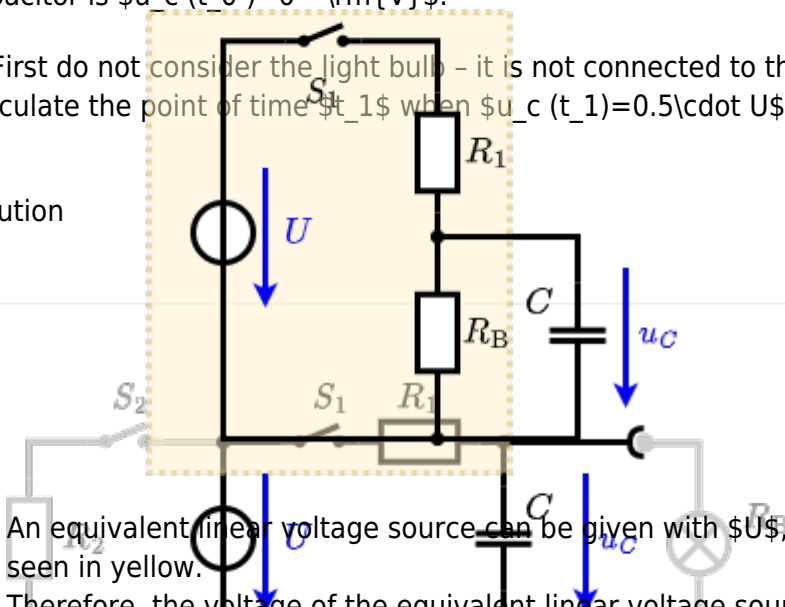
The circuit contains a voltage source $U = 12 \text{ V}$, a switch S_1 , a resistor of $R_1 = 20 \text{ } \Omega$ and a capacitor of $C = 100 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$.

The switch S_2 to an additional consumer R_2 will be considered to be open for the first asks. At the moment $t_0 = 0 \text{ s}$ the switch S_1 is closed, the voltage across the capacitor is $u_c(t_0) = 0 \text{ V}$.

First do not consider the light bulb - it is not connected to the RC circuit.

Calculate the point of time t_1 when $u_c(t_1) = 0.5 \cdot U$.

Solution



An equivalent linear voltage source can be given with U_s , R_1 , and R_B as seen in yellow.

Therefore, the voltage of the equivalent linear voltage source is: $U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B} = 1/2 \cdot U$. The internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source with its resistance ($= 0 \text{ } \Omega$, short-circuit).

$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= R_2 \\ \tau &= RC \end{aligned}$

The following formula describes the current $i(t)$ in a circuit with a resistor R and a capacitor C in series. It has to be rearranged to $(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) = 0.5$ $\Rightarrow t/\tau = \ln(0.5)$ $\Rightarrow t = \tau \cdot \ln(0.5)$ $\Rightarrow t = RC \cdot \ln(0.5)$

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