

task_tb6pi8dgh0m2e2pw_with_calculation

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Exercise E1 Charging Capacitors

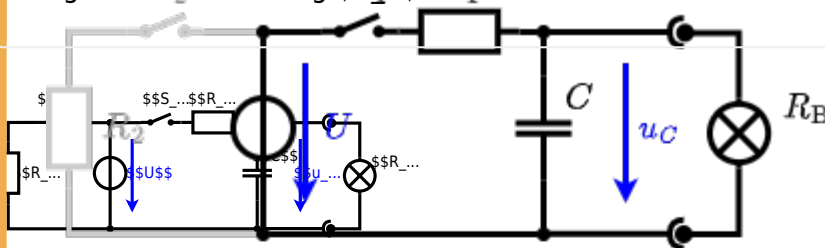
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The circuit (without the calculation) is in the picture of R_1 and R_2 changing the capacitor C is grounded. Result: $u_C(t_2) = 0$ V. The voltage across the capacitor is again 0 V at the moment $t_0 = 0$ s when the switch S_1 is closed. Calculate the voltage $u_C(t_2)$ across the capacitor at $t_2 = 1$ ms after closing the switch.

Solution
Hint: To solve this, first create an equivalent linear voltage source from U , R_1 , and R_2 .
$$U_{\text{eq}} = \frac{U \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Solution
The circuit contains a voltage source $U = 12$ V, a switch S_1 , a resistor of $R_1 = 20$ Ω and a capacitor of $C = 100$ μF .
The switch S_2 to an additional consumer R_2 will be considered to be open for the first tasks. At the moment $t_0 = 0$ s the switch S_1 is closed, the voltage across the capacitor is $u_C(t_0) = 0$ V.

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 .



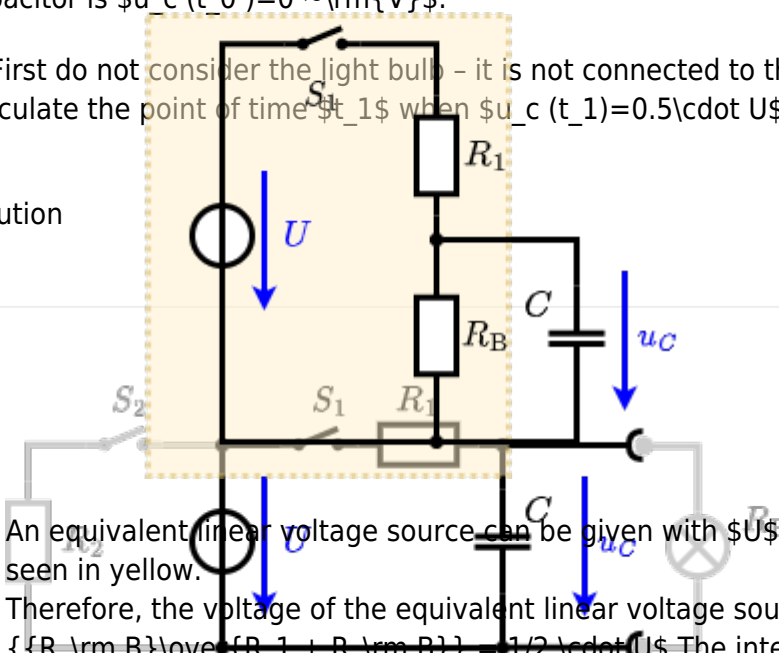
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.. First do not consider the light bulb - it is not connected to the RC circuit.

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 , R_1 , and R_2 as seen in yellow.

Therefore, the voltage of the equivalent linear voltage source is: $U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 4 \text{ V}$. The internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source with its resistance ($R = 0$ Ω , short-circuit).

So, if only R_1 is given, then the constant Ω can be determined.

The following formula describes the time course of the voltage $U(t)$ which has $\{1 \text{ V}\}$ at $t=0$. It has to be rearranged to $(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) = 0.5$ $\Leftrightarrow e^{-t/\tau} = 0.5$ $\Leftrightarrow -t/\tau = \ln(0.5)$ $\Leftrightarrow t = -\tau \cdot \ln(0.5)$ $\Leftrightarrow \tau = -t / \ln(0.5)$ $\Leftrightarrow \tau = R_1 \cdot C$

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