

# Kirchhoff's laws for AC circuit

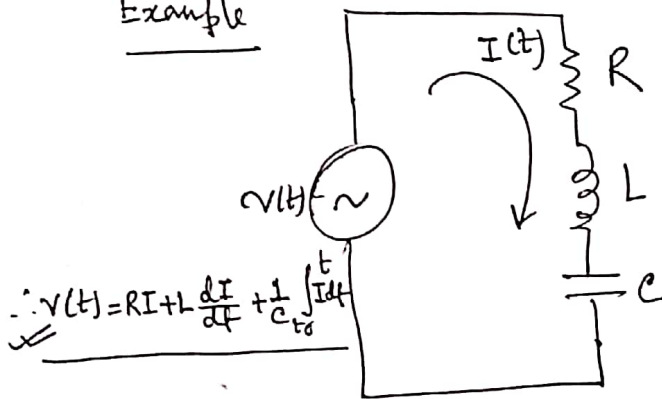
Kirchhoff's 1<sup>st</sup> law:- The algebraic sum of the instantaneous currents flowing towards a junction is zero.

Kirchhoff's 2<sup>nd</sup> law:- The algebraic sum of the instantaneous applied voltages in a closed loop equals the algebraic sum of the instantaneous counter voltages in the loop.

Meaning of Kirchhoff's 1<sup>st</sup> law is if currents directed towards a junction are called positive, then those oppositely ~~directed~~ directed should be called negative, and the law says that as much current enters the junction as leaves it.

Kirchhoff's 2<sup>nd</sup> law represents the integral of the electric field around the loop. However, it is necessary to establish a sign convention. The sign convention to which we will adhere is best explained in terms of a single simple mesh.

Example



$$\therefore v(t) = RI + L \frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int_{t_0}^t I dt$$

$v(t)$  is connected in series with resistance 'R', inductance 'L' and capacitance 'C'

The arrow labeled  $I(t)$  has been drawn to indicate the assumed (arbitrary) +ve dir<sup>n</sup> of current. All signs are referring to this dir<sup>n</sup>.

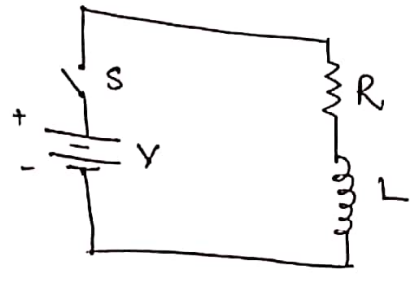
✓  $v(t)$  is +ve if it tends to cause current to move in assumed direction, i.e. if top terminal is +ve with respect to bottom terminal.

✓ Resistive counter voltage is ' $IR$ ', same as DC.

✓ If  $\left(\frac{dI}{dt}\right) > 0$  an emf will be induced in inductance that tends to cause a current in opposite dir<sup>n</sup> to that assumed for 'I' — i.e. upper terminal of L must be +ve with respect to lower terminal, i.e. induced emf =  $-L \left(\frac{dI}{dt}\right)$ , but being emf it would normally be written on other side of eqn. from counter voltages. Thus no inconsistency in writing  $+L \left(\frac{dI}{dt}\right)$  for counter voltage.

✓ Capacitive counter voltage depends on charge on capacitor  $Q = \int_0^t I(t) dt$

Transient Behavior (L-R) [Growth in L-R ckt]



$$V = RI + L \left( \frac{dI}{dt} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \left( \frac{dI}{dt} \right) + \frac{R}{L} I = \frac{V}{L}$$

$$I.F = e^{+\int \frac{R}{L} dt} = e^{+Rt/L}$$

$$\therefore \int d(I e^{+Rt/L}) = \int \frac{V}{L} e^{+Rt/L} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow I e^{+Rt/L} = + \frac{V}{L} \times \frac{L}{R} \cdot e^{+Rt/L} + C$$

At  $t = t_0$ ,  $I = 0$

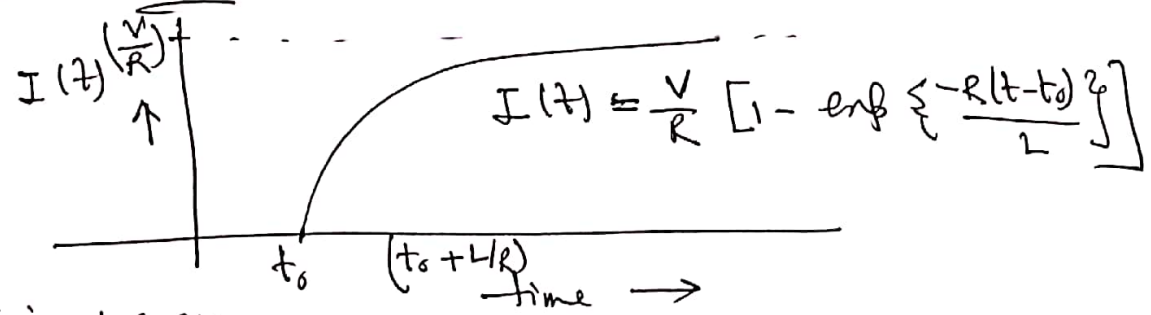
$$\therefore C = - \frac{V}{R} \exp(+Rt_0/L)$$

$$\therefore I(t) = + \frac{V}{R} \cdot \cancel{e^{+Rt/L}} \cdot \frac{V}{R} \cdot \exp(+Rt_0/L) \cdot \exp(-Rt/L)$$

$$\therefore I(t) = \frac{V}{R} \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{R(t-t_0)}{L}} \right] \checkmark$$

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'L/R' has dimension of "time" called time constant.  
 Since,  $1/e \cong 0.368$ , i.e. time constant is time required for current to reach 0.632 times final value.



Decay in L-R ckt

Here,  $RI + L \frac{dI}{dt} = 0$  i.e. 'voltage source' V removed i.e.  $V=0$

$$\therefore \int \frac{dI}{I} = \int -\frac{R}{L} dt$$

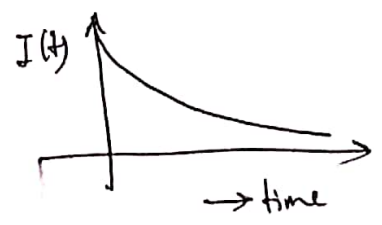
$$\therefore \ln(I/I_0) = -Rt/L$$

$$\text{or } \ln(I) = -\frac{Rt}{L} + C$$

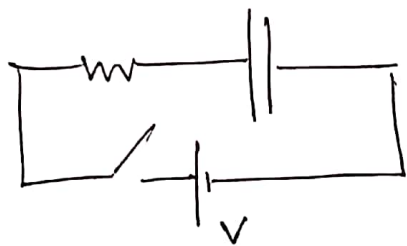
$$\therefore I = I_0 \exp(-Rt/L)$$

at  $t=0$ ,  $I = I_0$

$$\therefore C = \ln(I_0)$$



# C-R circuit (charging)



Let steady potential 'V' applied to ckt., 'i' be instantaneous value of current through 'R', potential at +ve plate of Condenser will be  
 $= (V - Ri)$

If 'q' is instantaneous charge on plate.

$$V = iR + \frac{dq}{C}$$

or  $\left(\frac{dq}{dt}\right) + \frac{q}{CR} = \frac{V}{R}$

Integrating factor  $= e^{\int \frac{dt}{CR}} = e^{t/CR}$

$\int d(q e^{t/CR}) = \int \frac{V}{R} e^{t/CR} dt$

$\Rightarrow q e^{t/CR} = \frac{V}{R} \times CR e^{t/CR} + K$  (Integration Constant)

at  $t=0, q=0$

$\therefore K = -VC$

$q e^{t/CR} = CV e^{t/CR} - VC$

$\therefore q = CV - VC e^{-t/CR}$

$q = CV(1 - e^{-t/CR})$  ✓  
 $= q_0(1 - e^{-t/CR})$

Similarly, (Discharging)

$$\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{CR} = 0$$

$$\therefore \int \frac{dq}{q} = \int -\frac{dt}{CR}$$

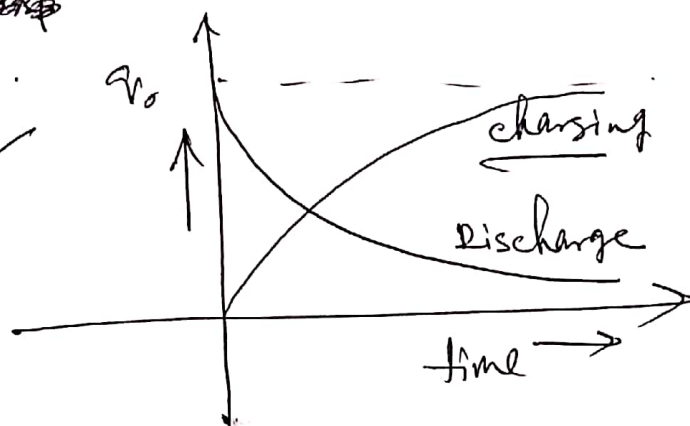
$\Rightarrow \ln q = -t/CR + K_1$

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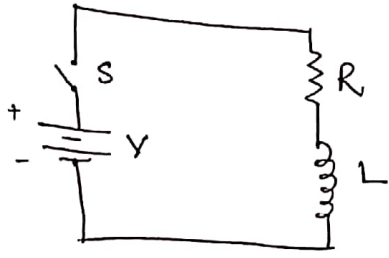
$\therefore K_1 = \ln(q_0)$

$\therefore \ln(q/q_0) = -t/CR$

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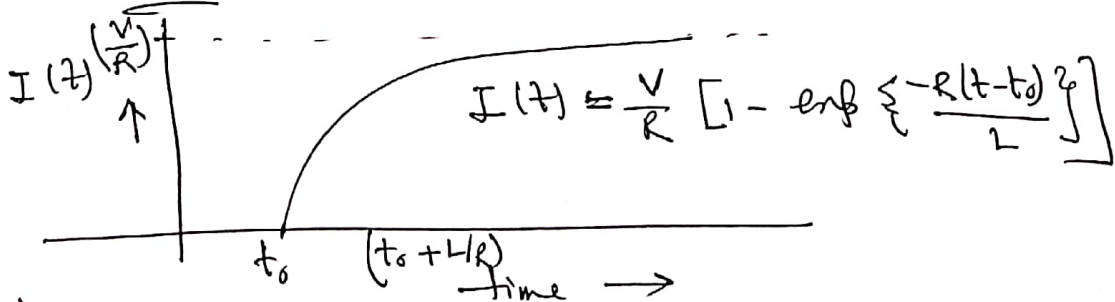
$\rightarrow \therefore I(t) = +\frac{V}{R} \cdot \cancel{e^{+Rt/L}} - \frac{V}{R} \cdot \exp(+Rt_0/L) \cdot \exp(-\frac{Rt}{L})$

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