

# SECTION-C

## **Time and Frequency Domain Analysis of Systems**

# Introduction

- So far we have looked at the behaviour of systems in response to:
  - fixed DC signals
  - constant AC signals
- We now turn our attention to the operation of circuits before they reach steady-state conditions
  - this is referred to as the **transient response**
- We will begin by looking at simple *RC* and *RL* circuits

# Charging Capacitors and Energising Inductors

## Capacitor Charging

- Consider the circuit shown here
  - Applying Kirchhoff's voltage law

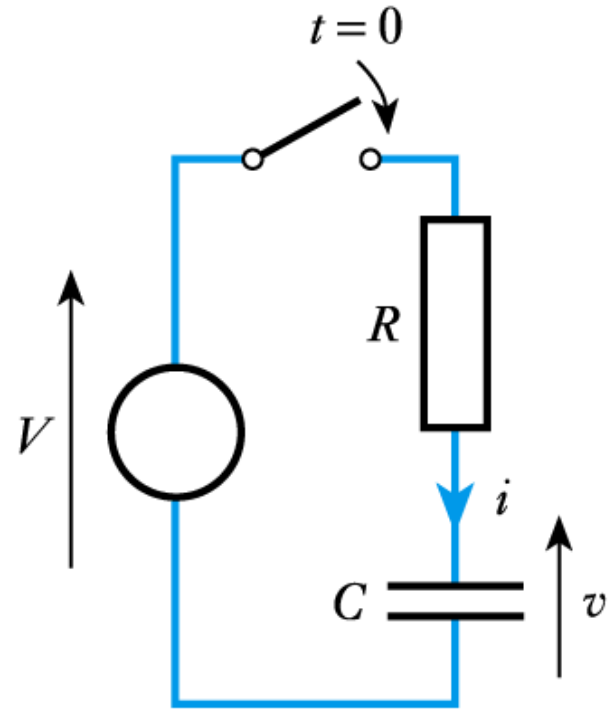
$$iR + v = V$$

- Now, in a capacitor

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

- which substituting gives

$$CR \frac{dv}{dt} + v = V$$



- The above is a first-order differential equation with constant coefficients
- Assuming  $V_C = 0$  at  $t = 0$ , this can be solved to give

$$v = V(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{CR}}) = V(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T}})$$

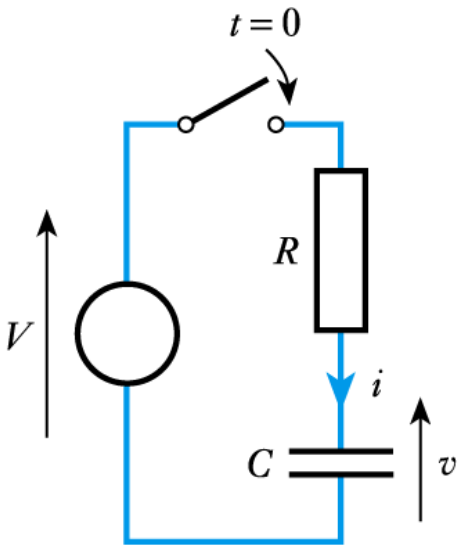
– see **Section 18.2.1** of the course text for this analysis

- Since  $i = Cdv/dt$  this gives (assuming  $V_C = 0$  at  $t = 0$ )

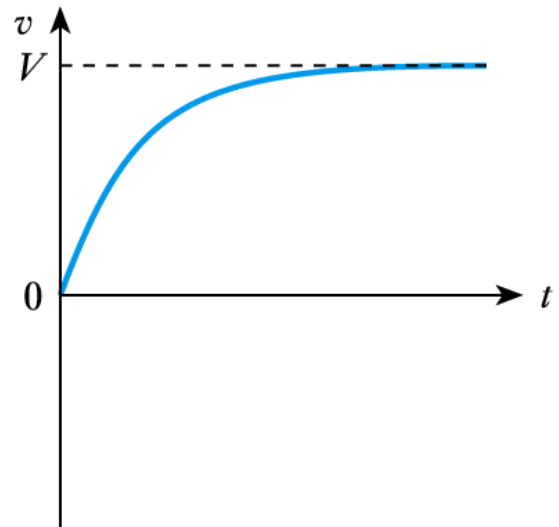
$$i = Ie^{-\frac{t}{CR}} = Ie^{-\frac{t}{T}}$$

– where  $I = V/R$

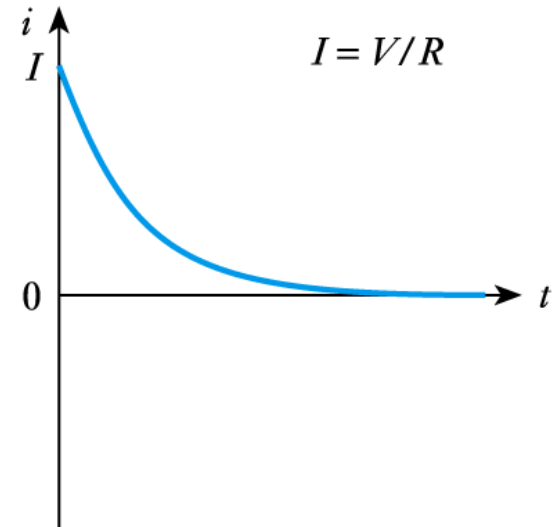
- Thus both the voltage and current have an exponential form



(a)



(b)



(c)

## Inductor energising

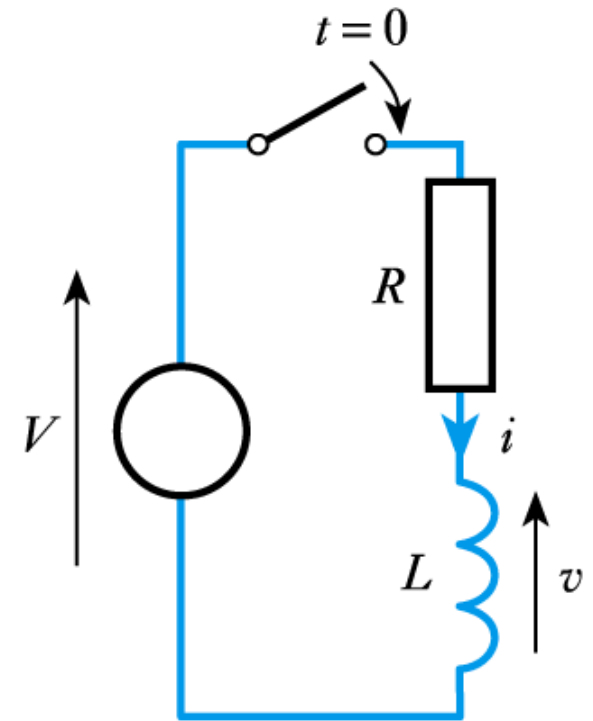
- A similar analysis of this circuit gives

$$v = Ve^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} = Ve^{-\frac{t}{T}}$$

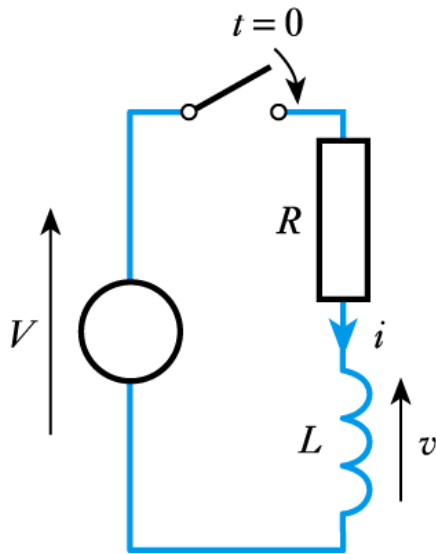
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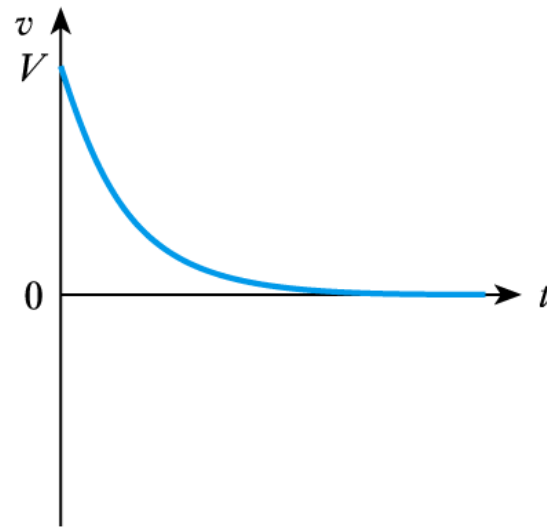
– see **Section 18.2.2** for this analysis



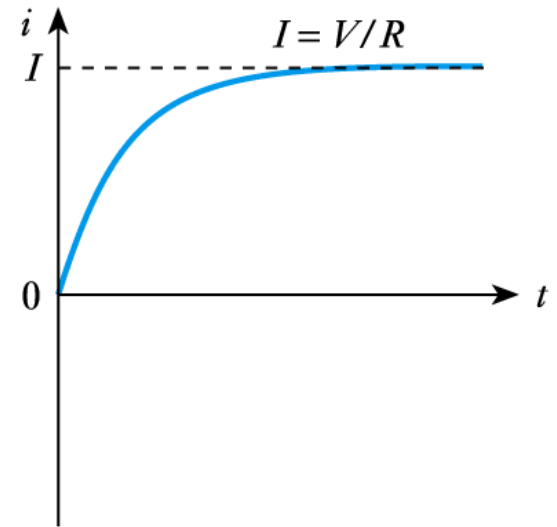
- Thus, again, both the voltage and current have an exponential form



(a)



(b)



(c)

# Discharging Capacitors and De-energising Inductors

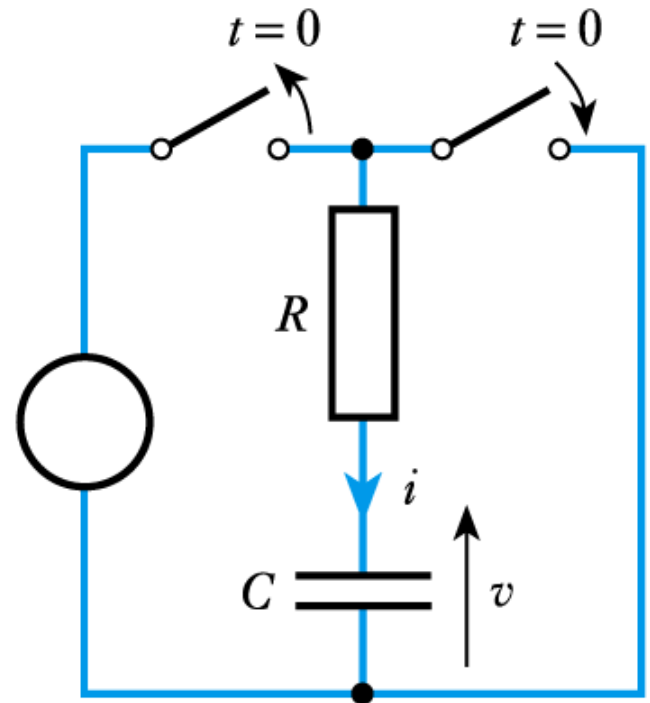
## Capacitor discharging

- Consider this circuit for discharging a capacitor

– At  $t = 0$ ,  $V_C = V$

– From Kirchhoff's voltage law  $V$

– giving  $CR \frac{dv}{dt} + v = 0$





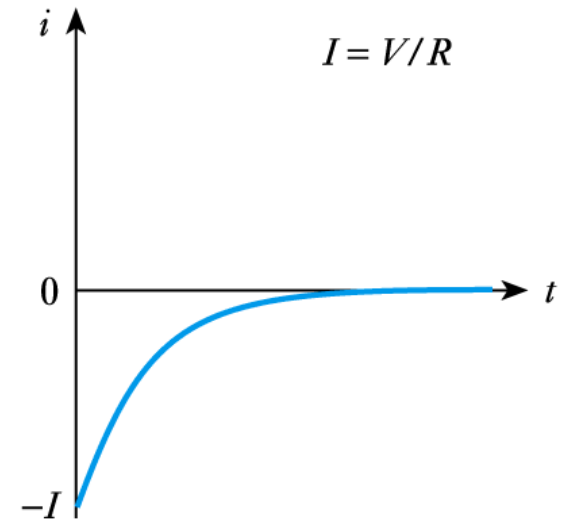
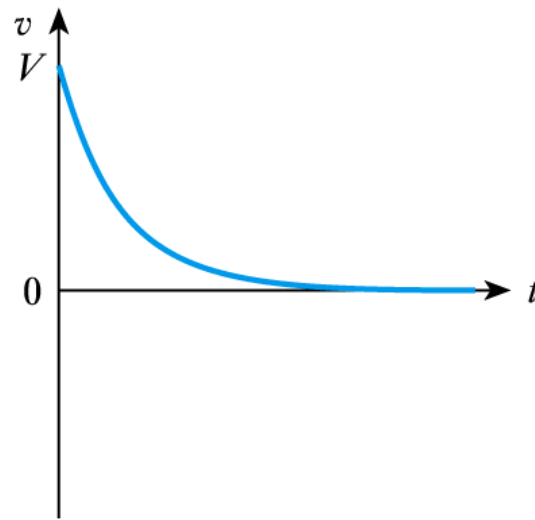
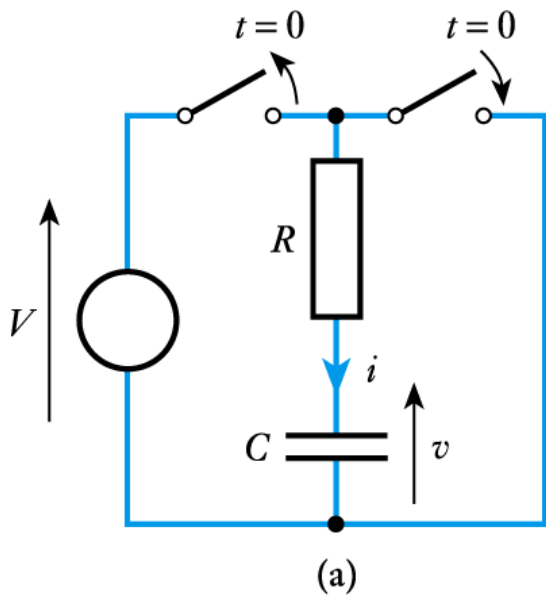
- Solving this as before gives

$$v = Ve^{-\frac{t}{CR}} = Ve^{-\frac{t}{T}}$$

$$i = -Ie^{-\frac{t}{CR}} = -Ie^{-\frac{t}{T}}$$

- where  $I = V/R$
- see **Section 18.3.1** for this analysis

- In this case, both the voltage and the current take the form of decaying exponentials



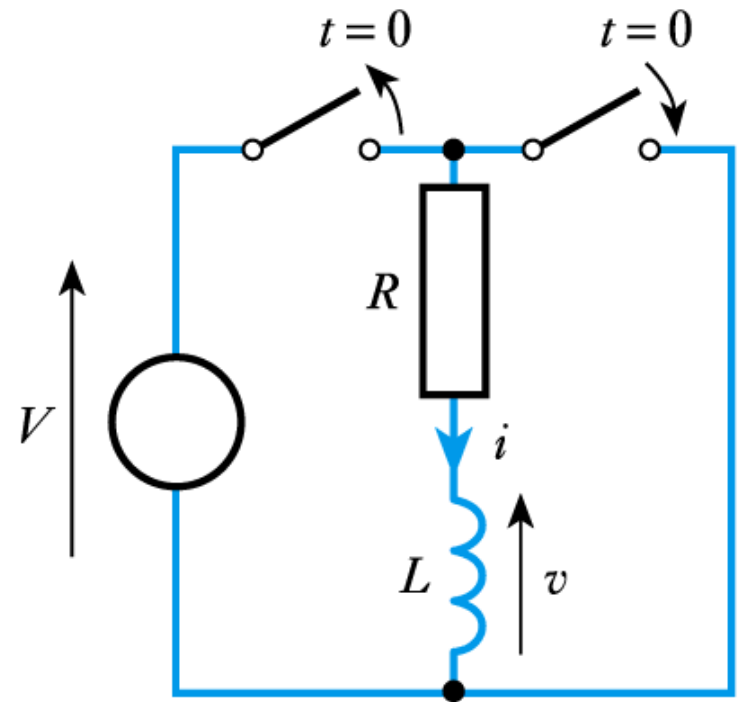
# Inductor de-energising

- A similar analysis of this circuit gives

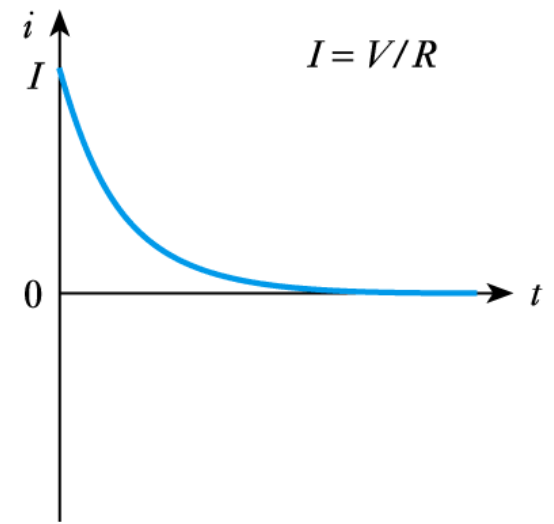
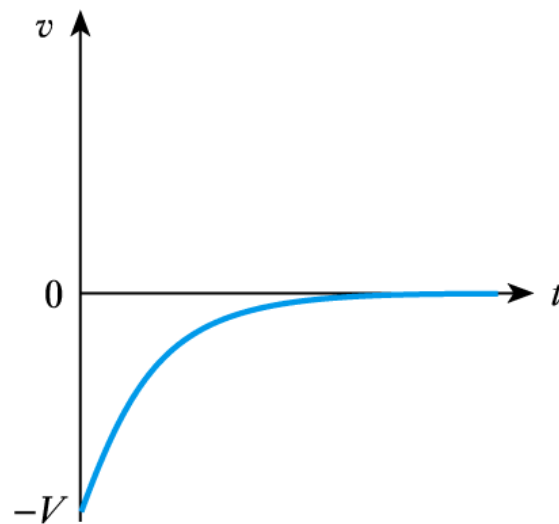
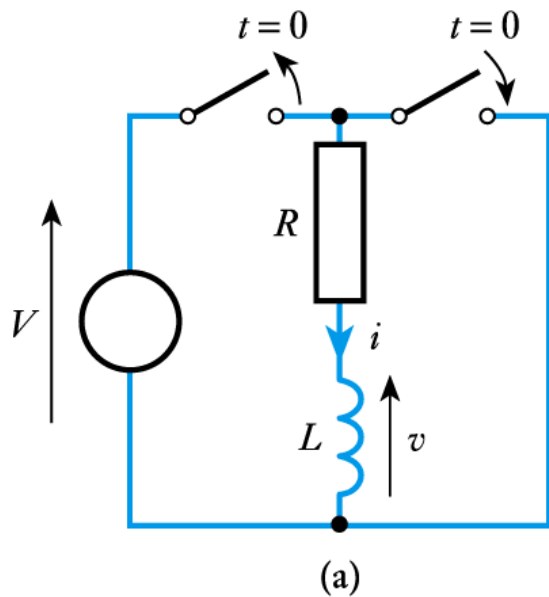
$$v = -Ve^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} = -Ve^{-\frac{t}{T}}$$

$$i = Ie^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} = Ie^{-\frac{t}{T}}$$

- where  $I = V/R$
- see **Section 18.3.1** for this analysis



- And once again, both the voltage and the current take the form of decaying exponentials



# A comparison of the four circuits

