# RC Circuit

# 1 Problem 1 - Discharging Capacity

Let's find a solution of  $u_C$  in RC circuit in Fig. 1.

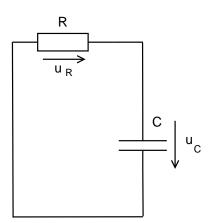


Figure 1: RC Circuit

 $u_{R} = Ri \dots \text{Ohm's law}$   $u_{C} + Ri = u_{C} + u'_{C}RC = 0 \dots 2. \text{ Kirchhoff's law}$   $u'_{C} = \frac{i}{C} \Rightarrow i = u'_{C}C$   $u_{C} + RCu'_{C} = 0$ 

$$u'_C + \frac{u_C}{RC} = 0, \quad u_C(0) = u_{C_0} \tag{1}$$

# 1.1 Analytic solution

Finding solution of homogenous differential equation

$$u_C' + \frac{1}{RC} \cdot u_C = 0$$

that leads to characteristic equation

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \lambda + \frac{1}{RC} & = & 0 \\ \lambda & = & -\frac{1}{RC} \end{array}$$

General solution of homogenous differential equation

$$u_C = K(t)e^{\lambda t} \Rightarrow u_C = K(t)e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

We have to find K(t) = ??? so we must derive  $u_C$ 

$$u'_{C} = K'(t)e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} - K(t)\frac{1}{RC}e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

and substitute  $u_C$  and  $u'_C$  into (1)

$$K'(t)e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} - K(t)\frac{1}{RC}e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} + \frac{1}{RC}e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} = 0$$
$$K'(t)e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} = 0$$

to obtain K(t) we have to integrate :-(

$$\int K'(t) = \int 0 K(t) = k \dots$$
 constant of integration

**General solution** of homogenous differential Eq. (1)

$$u_C = k e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

Substituting initial value  $u_C(0) = u_{C_0}$ 

$$\begin{array}{rcl} u_{C0} & = & k e^{-\frac{1}{RC} \cdot 0} \\ k & = & u_{C_0} \end{array}$$

we obtain **particular solution** 

$$u_C = u_{C_0} e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$
 (2)

#### 1.2 TKSL

```
var ur, uc, ucanal;
const dt=0.1, eps=1e-10, tmax=10, C=1e-3, R=1000, uc0=10;
system
  uc'= (-1/(R*C))*uc &uc0;
  ur = -uc;
  ucanal = uc0*exp(-(1/(R*C))*t);
sysend.
```

#### 1.3 Homework

Compare analytic solution (2) with numerical computation of differential equation  $u'_{C}$  in TKSL 386.

# 2 Problem - Charging of Capacitance

Let's find a solution of  $u_C$  in RC circuit in Fig. 2.

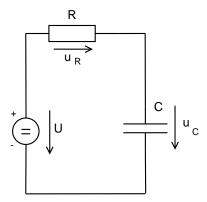


Figure 2: RC Circuit with Supply Voltage U

$$u_R = Ri \dots$$
 Ohm's law  
 $u_C + Ri = u_C + u'_C RC = U \dots 2.$  Kirchhoff's law  
 $u'_C = \frac{i}{C} \Rightarrow i = u'_C C$ 

$$u_C + RCu'_C = U$$

$$u'_{C} + \frac{u_{C}}{RC} = \frac{U}{RC}, \quad u_{C}(0) = u_{C_{0}}$$
(3)

# 2.1 Analytic solution

Finding solution of non-homogenous differential equation

$$u_C' + \frac{1}{RC} \cdot u_C = \frac{1}{RC}U$$

that leads to  ${\bf characteristic}$  equation

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \lambda + \frac{1}{RC} & = & 0 \\ \lambda & = & -\frac{1}{RC} \end{array}$$

General solution of homogenous differential equation

$$u_C = K(t)e^{\lambda t} \Rightarrow u_C = K(t)e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

We have to find K(t) = ??? so we must derive  $u_C$ 

$$u'_{C} = K'(t)e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} - K(t)\frac{1}{RC}e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

and substitute  $u_C$  and  $u'_C$  into (3)

$$\begin{split} K'(t)e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} - K(t)\frac{1}{RC}e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} + \frac{1}{RC}e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} &= \frac{1}{RC}U\\ K'(t)e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} &= \frac{1}{RC}U \end{split}$$

to obtain K(t) we have to integrate :-(

$$\int K'(t) = \int \frac{1}{RC} U \cdot e^{\frac{1}{RC}t} K(t) = U e^{\frac{1}{RC}t} + k \quad \dots \quad \text{constant of integration}$$

**General solution** of homogenous differential Eq. (3)

$$u_C = (Ue^{\frac{1}{RC}t} + k)e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$
$$u_C = U + ke^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

Substituting initial value  $u_C(0) = u_{C_0}$ 

$$u_{C0} = U + ke^{-\frac{1}{RC}0} = U + k$$
  

$$k = u_{C_0} - U$$

we obtain  $\ensuremath{\textbf{particular solution}}$ 

$$u_{C} = (Ue^{\frac{1}{RC}t} + u_{C_{0}} - U) \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$
  

$$u_{C} = U + (u_{C_{0}} - U)e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$
(4)

### 2.2 TKSL

```
var u, ur, uc, ucanal;
const dt=0.1, eps=1e-10, tmax=10, C=1e-3, R=1000;
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```
system
```

```
u = 1;
uc'= (u-uc)*(1/(R*C)) &0;
ur = u-uc;
ucanal = u-u*exp(-(1/(R*C))*t);
sysend.
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### 2.3 Homework

Compare analytic solution (4) with numerical computation of differential equation  $u'_C$  in TKSL 386.