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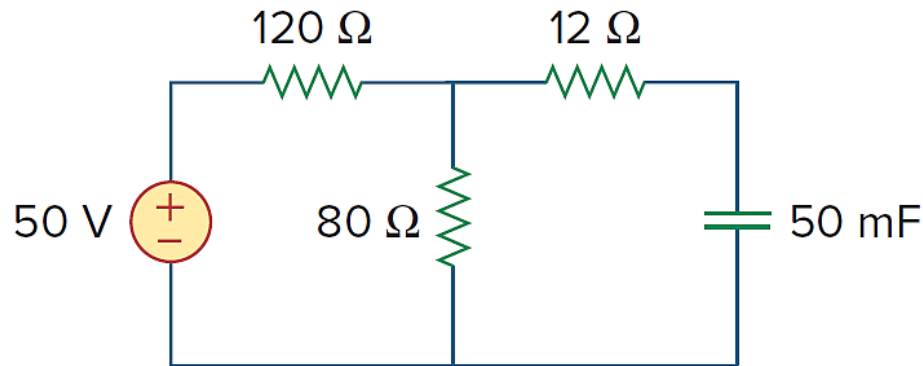
Tutorial 4

First Order Circuits

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Problem 1

Find the time constant for the RC circuit.

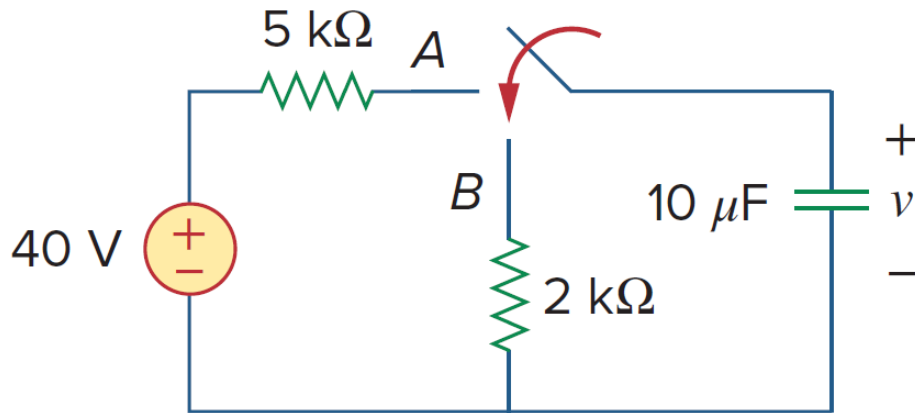


$$R_{th} = 12 + (120 \parallel 80) = 60$$

$$T = 60 \text{ Ohm} \times 50 \text{ mF} = 3 \text{ ms}$$

Problem 2

The switch in Fig. has been in position A for a long time. Assume the switch moves instantaneously from A to B at $t = 0$. Find v for $t > 0$.



$$V(0) = 40 \text{ V}$$

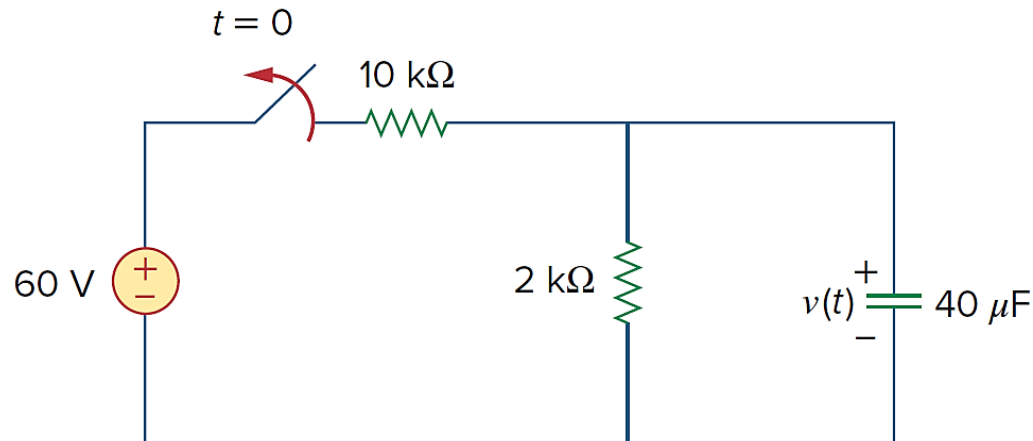
$$T = 2 \text{ k}\Omega \times 10 \mu\text{F} = 20 \text{ ms}$$

$$1/T = 1/20 \text{ ms} = 50 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Ans: } v(t) = 40e^{-50t} \text{ V}$$

Problem 3

The switch in Fig. has been closed for a long time, and it opens at $t = 0$. Find $v(t)$ for $t \geq 0$.



$$V(0) = \frac{60 * 2}{2 + 10} = 10 \text{ V}$$

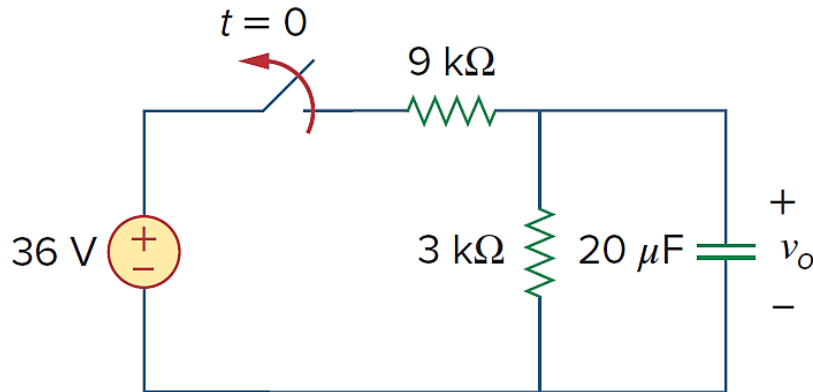
$$T = 2 \text{ k}\Omega \times 40 \mu\text{F} = 80 \text{ ms}$$

$$1/T = 1/80 \text{ ms} = 12.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Ans: } v(t) = 10e^{-12.5t} \text{ V}$$

Problem 4

For the circuit in Fig., find $v_o(t)$ for $t > 0$. Determine the time necessary for the capacitor voltage to decay to one-third of its value at $t = 0$.



$$V(0) = \frac{36 * 3}{9 + 3} = 9\text{ V}$$

$$T = 3\text{ k}\Omega \times 20\text{ }\mu\text{F} = 60\text{ ms}$$

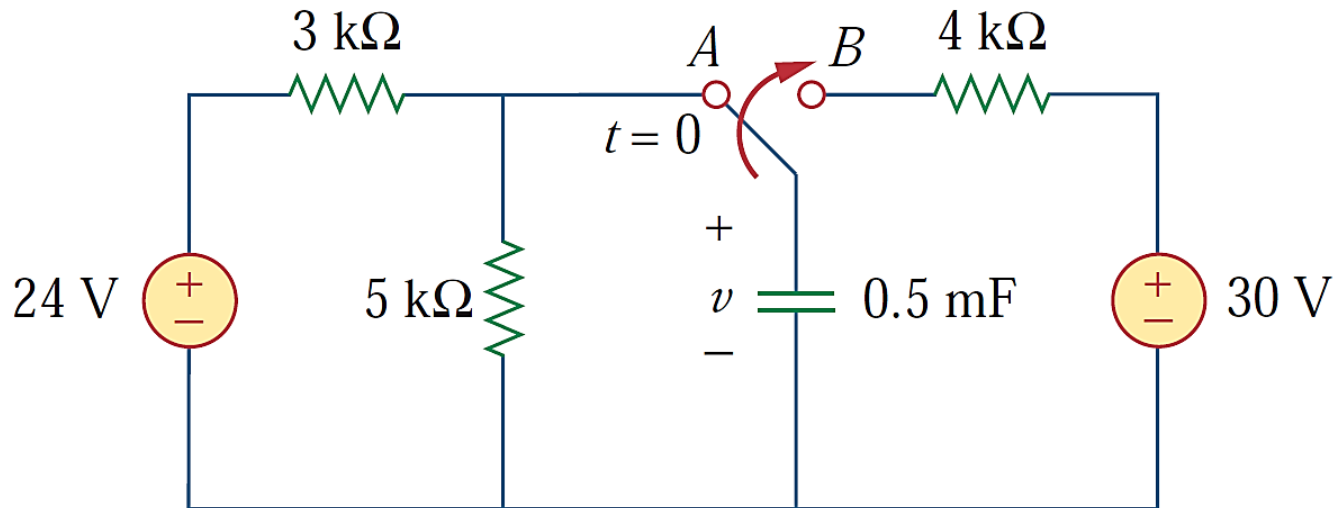
$$1/T = 1/60\text{ ms} = 16.67\text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Ans: } v_o(t) = 9e^{-16.67t}\text{ V}$$
$$t = 65.92\text{ ms}$$

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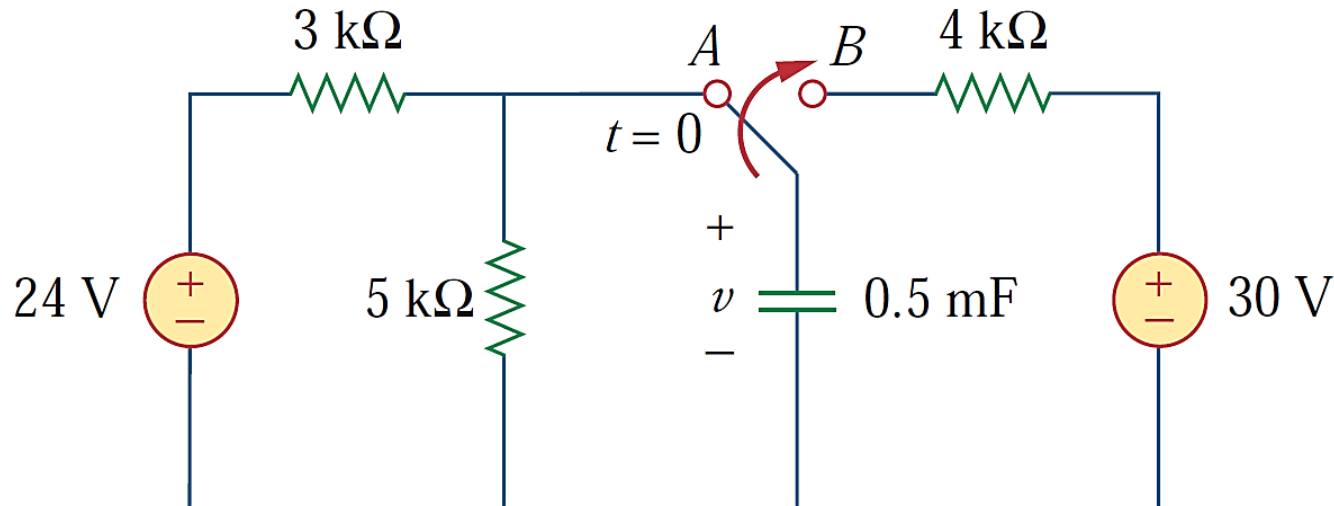
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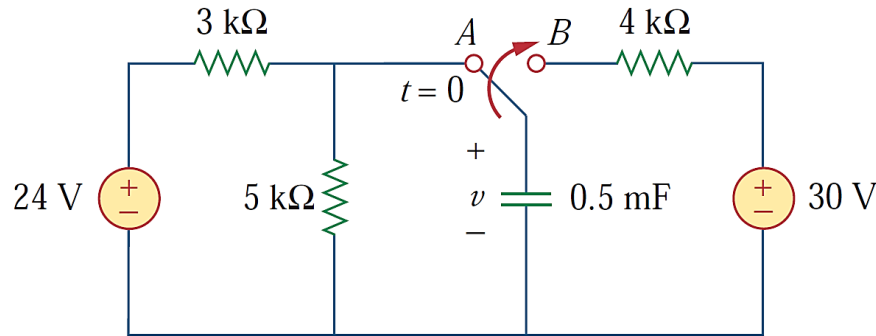
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For $t < 0$, the switch is at position A. The capacitor acts like an open circuit to dc, so v is the same as the voltage across the 5kΩ resistor. Hence, the voltage across the capacitor before $t=0$ is obtained by voltage division as,

$$v(0^-) = \frac{5}{5+3} (24) = 15V$$

Problem 5



$$\tau = RC = 4 \times 10^3 \times 0.5 \times 10^{-3} = 2 \text{ s}$$

$$v(0) = 15 \text{ V}$$

$$v(\infty) = 30 \text{ V}$$

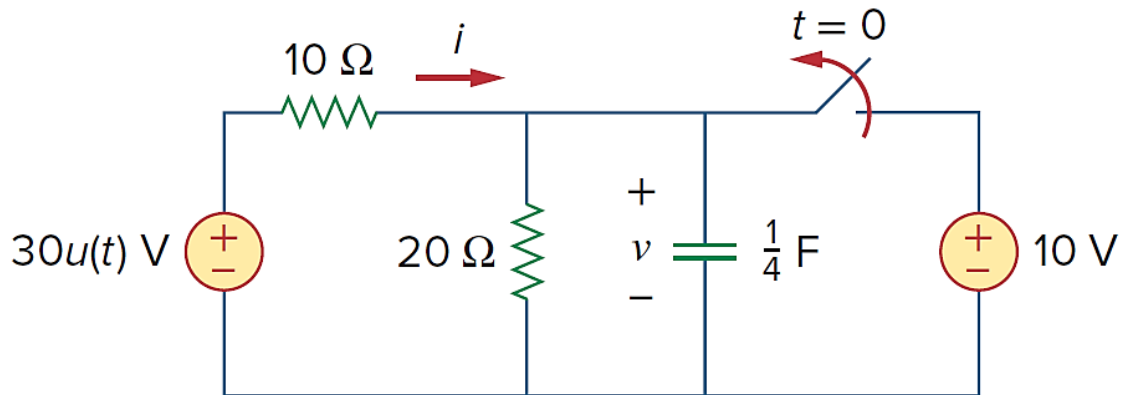
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } v(t) &= v(\infty) + [v(0) - v(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau} \\ &= 30 + (15 - 30)e^{-t/2} \\ &= (30 - 15e^{-0.5t}) \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{At } t = 1, v(1) = 30 - 15e^{-0.5} = 20.9 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{At } t = 4, v(4) = 30 - 15e^{-2} = 27.97 \text{ V}$$

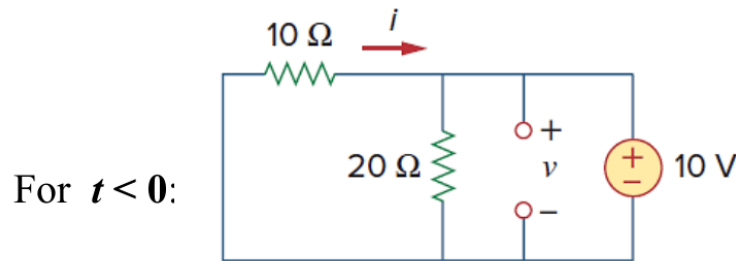
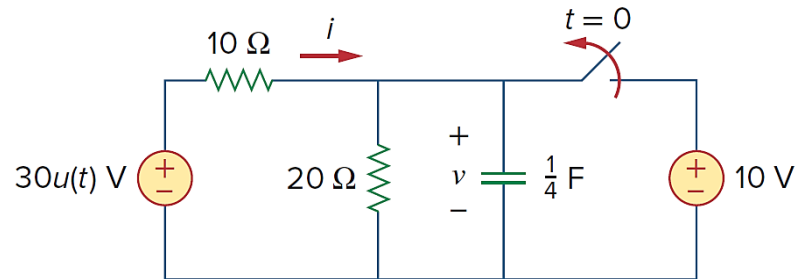
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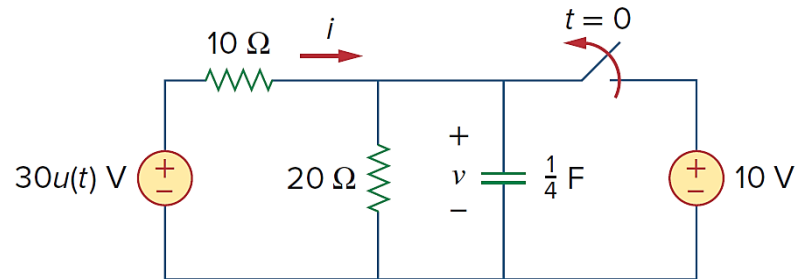
By definition of the unit step function, $30u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 30 & t > 0 \end{cases}$

For $t < 0$, $v = 10V, i = -\frac{v}{10} = -1A$

The capacitor voltage cannot change instantaneously, $v(0) = v(0^-) = 10V$

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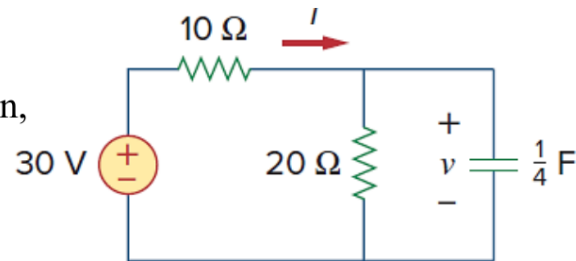
Find i and v if the switch is opened at $t = 0$ after keeping it closed for a long time.



For $t > 0$, the 10V voltage source is disconnected and the 30V voltage source is now operative

$v(\infty)$ is obtained using voltage division,

$$v(\infty) = \frac{20}{20+10} (30) = 20V$$



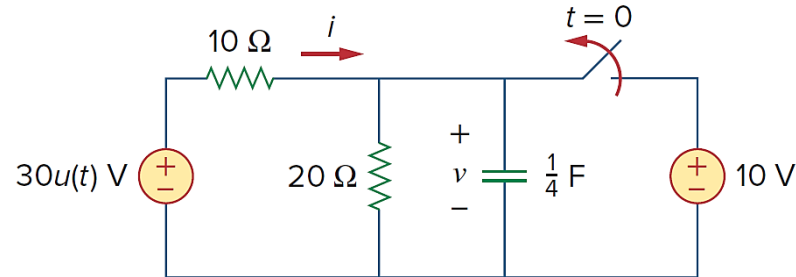
The Thevenin resistance at the capacitor terminals is $R_{Th} = 10 \parallel 20 = 20/3 \Omega$

Time constant is $\tau = R_{Th} C = \frac{20}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{3} s$

$$\text{Thus, } v(t) = v(\infty) + [v(0) - v(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau} \\ = 20 + (10 - 20)e^{-(3/5)t} = (20 - 10e^{-0.6t}) V$$

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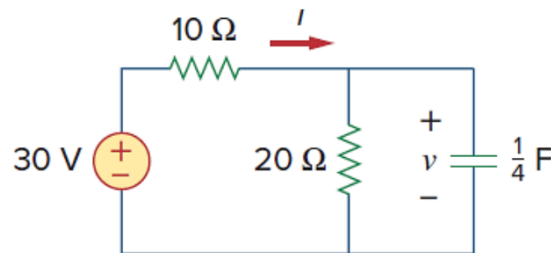


i is the sum of the currents through the $20\text{-}\Omega$ resistor and the capacitor,

$$i = \frac{v}{20} + C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$i = 1 - 0.5e^{-0.6t} + 0.25(-0.6)(-10)e^{-0.6t} = (1 + e^{-0.6t}) \text{ A}$$

Or $v + 10i = 30$ (KVL in outer loop)

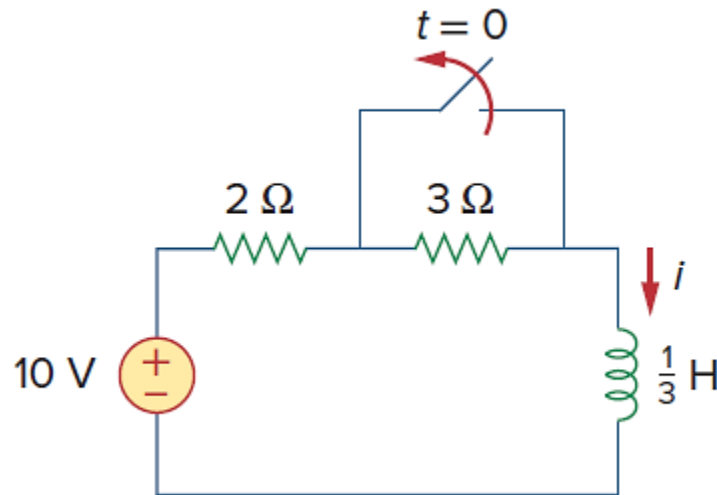


$$v = \begin{cases} 10V & t < 0 \\ (20 - 10e^{-0.6t})V & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$i = \begin{cases} -1A & t < 0 \\ (1 + e^{-0.6t})A & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

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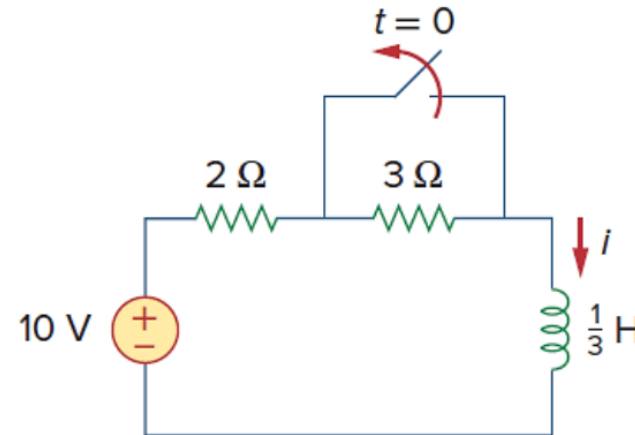
Solution:

For $t < 0$, the $3\text{-}\Omega$ resistor is short-circuited, and the inductor acts like a short circuit. The current through the inductor at $t = 0^-$ is $i(0^-) = 10/2 = 5\text{A}$

Since inductor current cannot change instantaneously $i(0) = i(0^+) = i(0^-) = 5\text{A}$

For $t > 0$, the $3\text{-}\Omega$ resistor comes in series with the $2\text{-}\Omega$ resistor

The steady-state inductor current is $i(\infty) = \frac{10}{2+3} = 2\text{A}$



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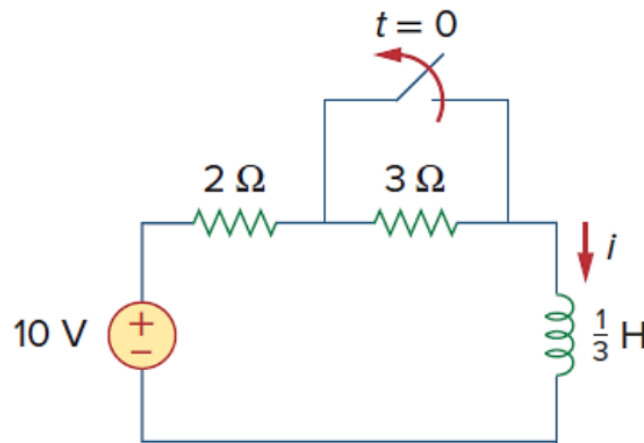
Find $i(t)$ in the circuit below for $t > 0$. Assume that the switch has been closed for a long time before opening.

The Thevenin resistance across the inductor terminals is

$$R_{TH} = 2 + 3 = 5 \Omega$$

Time constant $\tau = \frac{L}{R_{TH}} = \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{5} s$

$$\begin{aligned} i(t) &= i(\infty) + [i(0) - i(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau} \\ &= 2 + (5 - 2)e^{-15t} \\ &= 2 + 3e^{-15t} \text{ A, } t > 0 \end{aligned}$$





Thank you