Lecture Supplement 13

***P28.14** When S is open, R_1 , R_2 , R_3 are in series with the battery. Thus:

$$R_1 + R_2 + R_3 = \frac{6 \,\mathrm{V}}{10^{-3} \,\mathrm{A}} = 6 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega \,. \tag{1}$$

When S is closed in position 1, the parallel combination of the two R_2 's is in series with R_1 , R_3 , and the battery. Thus:

$$R_1 + \frac{1}{2}R_2 + R_3 = \frac{6\,\text{V}}{1\,2 \times 10^{-3}\,\text{A}} = 5\,\text{k}\Omega\,.$$

When S is closed in position 2*,* R_1 and R_2 are in series with the battery. R_3 is shorted. Thus:

$$R_1 + R_2 = \frac{6 \text{ V}}{2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}} = 3 \text{ k}\Omega.$$
(3)
From (1) and (3): $R_3 = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$.

Subtract (2) from (1): $R_2 = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$.

From (3): $R_1 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$.

Answers:
$$R_1 = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega, R_2 = 2.00 \text{ k}\Omega, R_3 = 3.00 \text{ k}\Omega$$



P28.71 (a) After steady-state conditions have been reached, there is no DC current through the capacitor.

Thus, for R_3 :

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I_{R_3} = 0 \text{ (steady-state)}.
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For the other two resistors, the steady-state current is simply determined by the 9.00-V emf across the 12-k Ω and 15-k Ω resistors in series:

For R_1 and R_2 :

$$\underline{I}_{(R_1+R_2)} = \frac{\varepsilon}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{9.00 \text{ V}}{(12.0 \text{ k}\Omega + 15.0 \text{ k}\Omega)} = \boxed{333 \ \mu\text{A} \text{ (steady-state)}}$$

(b) After the transient currents have ceased, the potential difference across *C* is the same as the potential difference across $R_2(=\mathbb{R}_2)$ because there is no voltage drop across R_3 . Therefore, the charge *Q* on *C* is

$$Q = C(\Delta V)_{R_2} = C(\mathbb{I}R_2) = (10 \,\Omega \,\mu\text{F})(333 \,\mu\text{A})(15 \,\Omega \,\text{k}\Omega)$$
$$= \boxed{50 \,\Omega \,\mu\text{C}}.$$





(c) When the switch is opened, the branch containing R_1 is no longer part of the circuit. The capacitor discharges through $(R_2 + R_3)$ with a time constant of $(R_2 + R_3)C = (15.0 \text{ k}\Omega + 3.00 \text{ k}\Omega)(10.0 \mu\text{F}) = 0.180 \text{ s}$. The initial current I_i in this discharge circuit is determined by the initial potential difference across the capacitor applied to $(R_2 + R_3)$ in series:



FIG. P28.71(c)

$$I_{i} = \frac{(\Delta V)_{C}}{(R_{2} + R_{3})} = \frac{IR_{2}}{(R_{2} + R_{3})} = \frac{(333 \,\mu\text{A})(15.0 \,\text{k}\Omega)}{(15.0 \,\text{k}\Omega + 3.00 \,\text{k}\Omega)} = 278 \,\mu\text{A} \ .$$

Thus, when the switch is opened, the current through R_2 changes instantaneously from 333 μ A (downward) to 278 μ A (downward) as shown in the graph. Thereafter, it decays according to

$$I_{R_2} = I_{\underline{i}} e^{-\frac{t}{\ell} \left(R_2 + R_3\right)C} = \boxed{\left(278 \ \mu\text{A}\right) e^{-\frac{t}{\ell} \left(0180 \ \text{s}\right)} \ \left(\text{for } t > 0\right)}.$$

(d) The charge *q* on the capacitor decays from Q_i to $\frac{Q_i}{5}$ according to

$$q = Q_{i}e^{-\frac{t}{(R_{2}+R_{3})C}}$$

$$\frac{Q_{i}}{5} = Q_{i}e^{-\frac{t}{(180 \text{ s})}}$$

$$5 = e^{\frac{t}{(0.180 \text{ s})}}$$

$$\ln 5 = \frac{t}{180 \text{ m s}}$$

$$t = (0.180 \text{ s})(\ln 5) = 290 \text{ m s}$$

Sign convention for the second rule:

- If a resistor R is traversed in the direction of the current; $\Delta V = -IR$. (Current flows from a higher potential to a lower potential)
- If a resistor R is traversed in the direction opposite the current; $\Delta V = IR$.
- If a source of emf (assumed to have no internal resistance) is traverses in from to +; $\Delta V = \epsilon$.
- If a source of emf (assumed to have no internal resistance) is traverses in from + to -; $\Delta V = -\epsilon$.
- if the battery has an internal resistance r, it has to be treated as a regular resistance in series with the battery; $\Delta V = \varepsilon Ir$.

