

# Circuits and Signals: Biomedical Applications Week 7

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# Week 7 Agenda:

- Time-Varying Systems
- Capacitors
- Inductors
- Differential Equations
- Steady State and Transient Solutions

# Big Picture

## Devices

Resistors	Capacitors	Inductors
$v = iR$	$v = \frac{1}{C} \int i dt$ $i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$	$i = \frac{1}{L} \int v dt$ $v = L \frac{di}{dt}$
$R$ in Ohms	$C$ in Farads	$L$ in Henries
	Voltage Continuous	Current Continuous
	Open to DC	Short to DC

## Circuits

RC or RL	LC	RLC
First Order DE	Second Order DE	2nd with Loss
Negative Exponentials	Sinusoids	Lossy Sinusoids

We can do interesting things with time-varying sources.

# Differential Equations

$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$	$v = iR$	$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$	KCL, KVL, etc.
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- Differential Equation

$$a \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + b \frac{dz}{dt} + cz + d = 0$$

- Steady State

$$cz + d = 0 = \text{constant}$$

- Transient: (Mostly Switches) Solve DE & BC

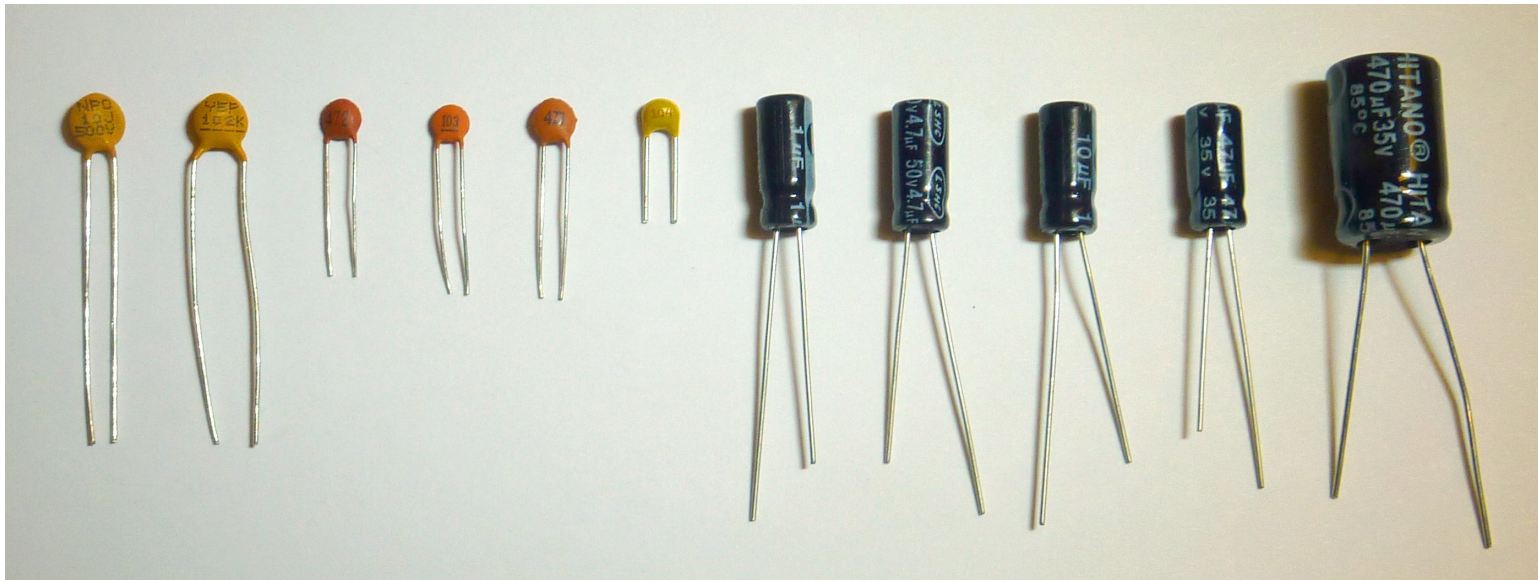
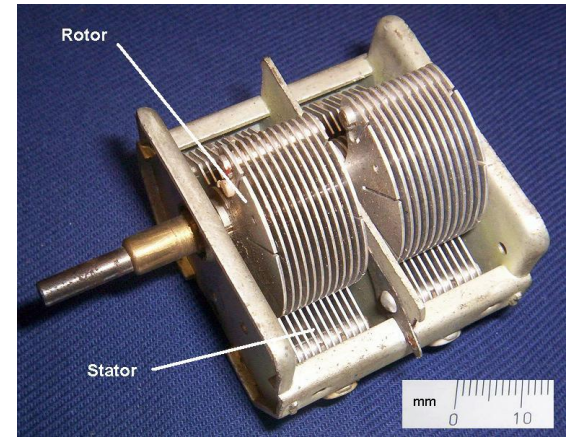
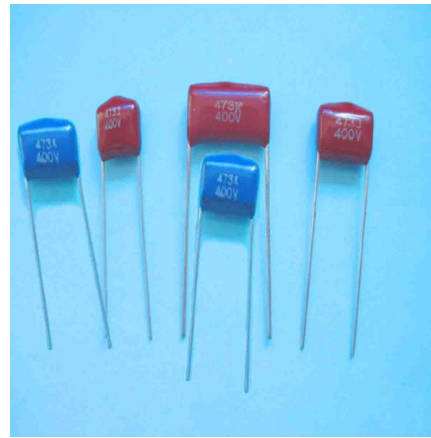
- Steady-State Sinusoids:  $\frac{d|z|e^{j\omega t}}{dt} = j\omega|z|e^{j\omega t}$

$$-a\omega^2 z + jb\omega z + cz + d = 0$$

# Agenda: Capacitors

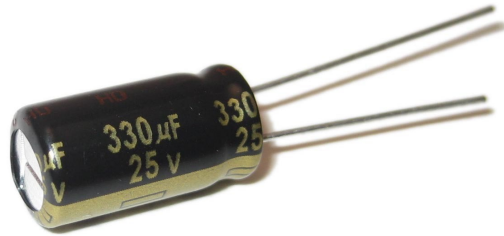
- Physical Concepts
- Symbols
- $i-v$  Behavior
- Fabrication
- Power and Energy
- Parallel and Series Combinations
- Steady-State Solutions
- Charge and Discharge

# Capacitors (1)



# Capacitors (2)

Electrolytics

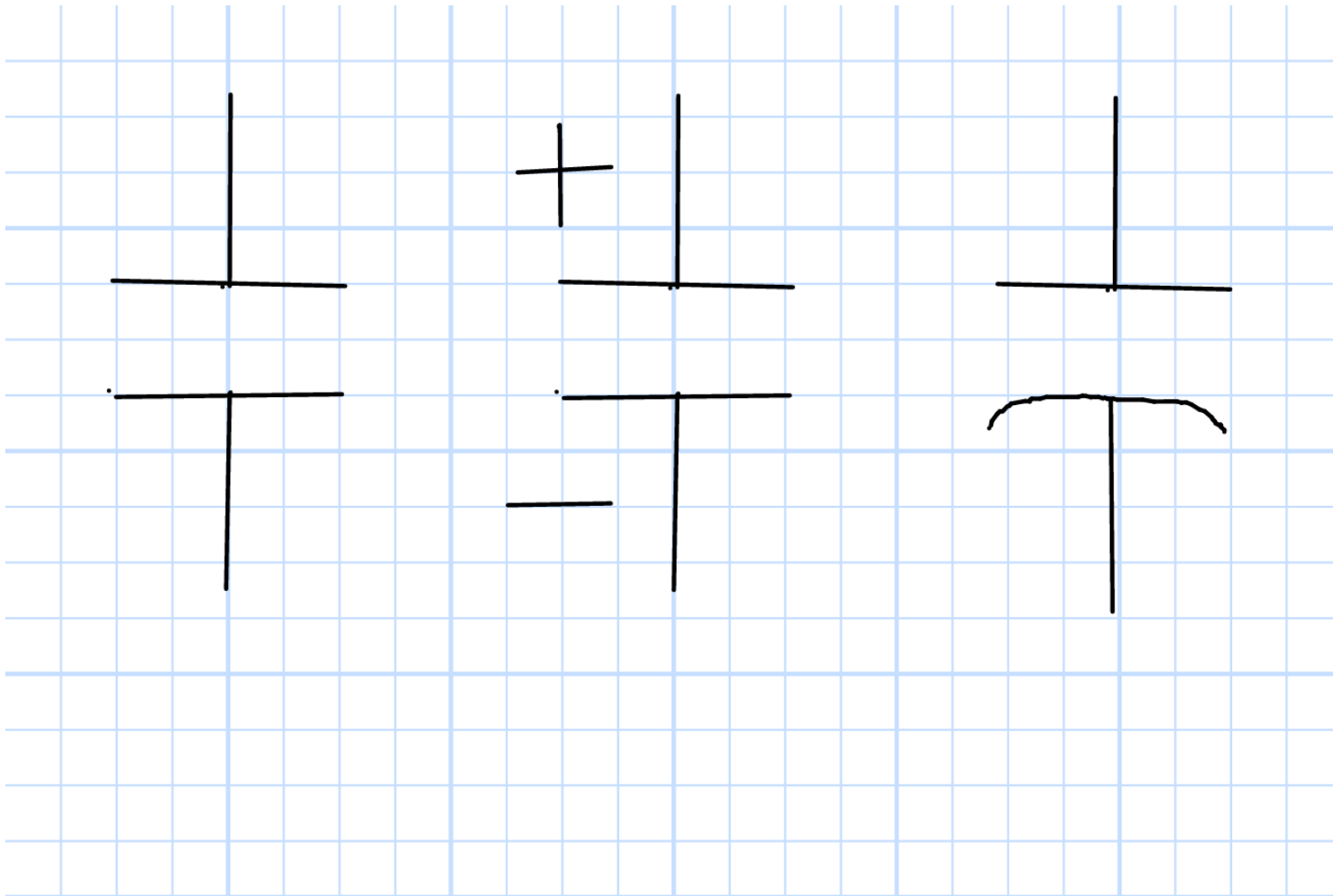


Big Capacitors



Principal Specifications: Capacitance (Farads), Maximum Voltage

# Symbols





# Equations

- Charge and Voltage:

$$q = Cv$$

- Charge and Current:

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

- Current and Voltage:

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

- Voltage and Charge:

$$v = \frac{q}{C}$$

- Current and Charge:

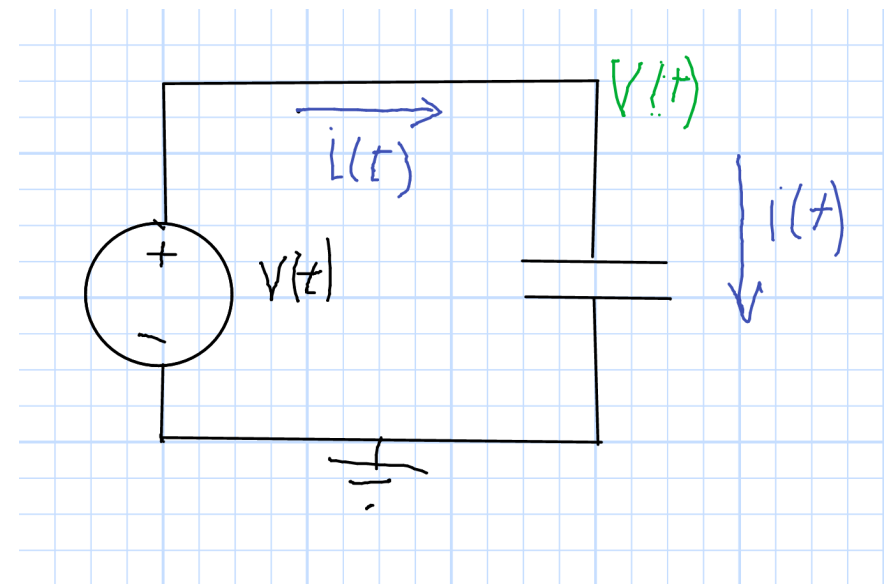
$$q(t) = \int i(t) dt$$

- Voltage and Current:

$$v(t) = \int \frac{i}{C} dt$$

- Electrons:

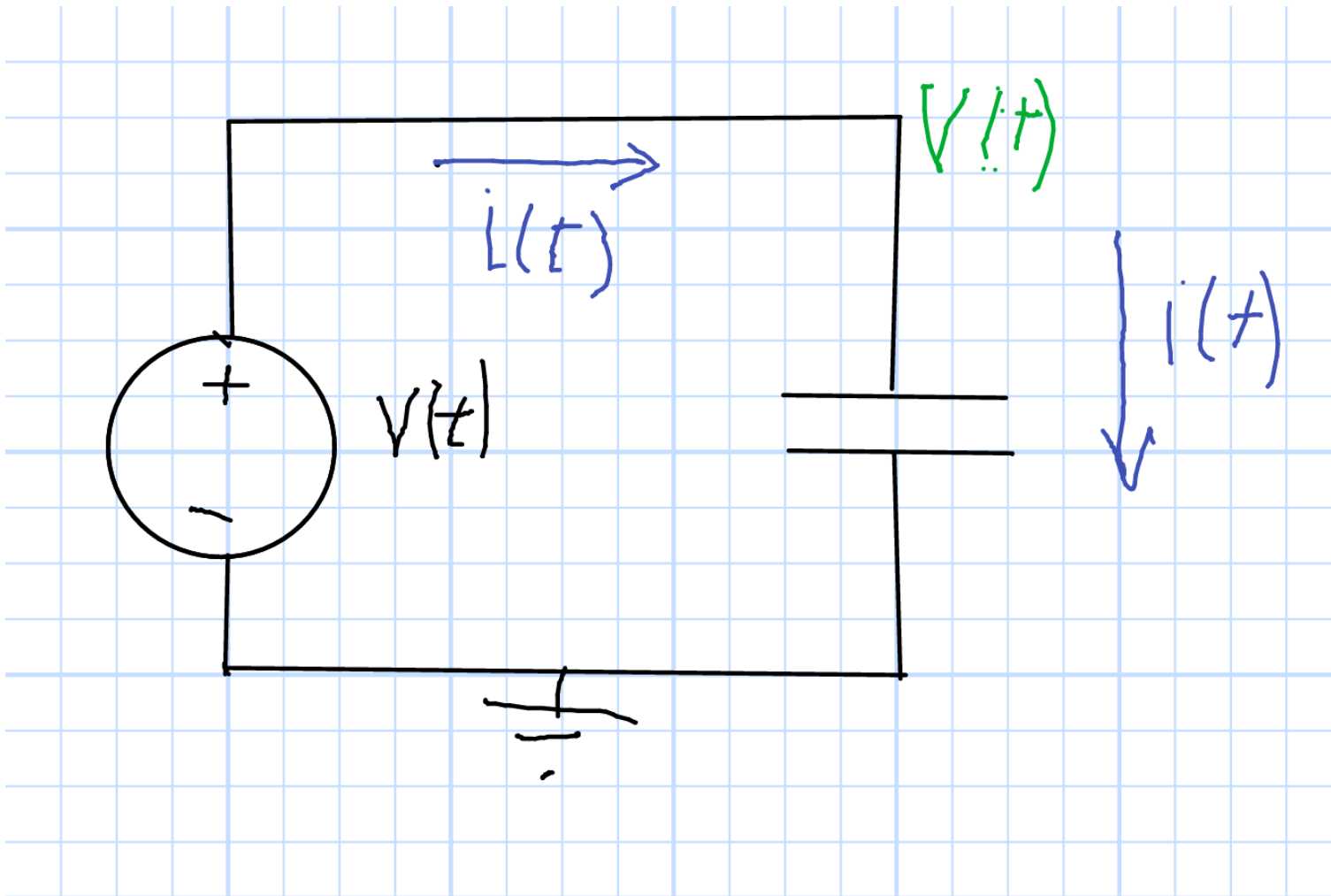
$$n = \frac{Cv}{e}$$



$$\frac{dv}{dt} \rightarrow \infty : \quad i \rightarrow \infty$$

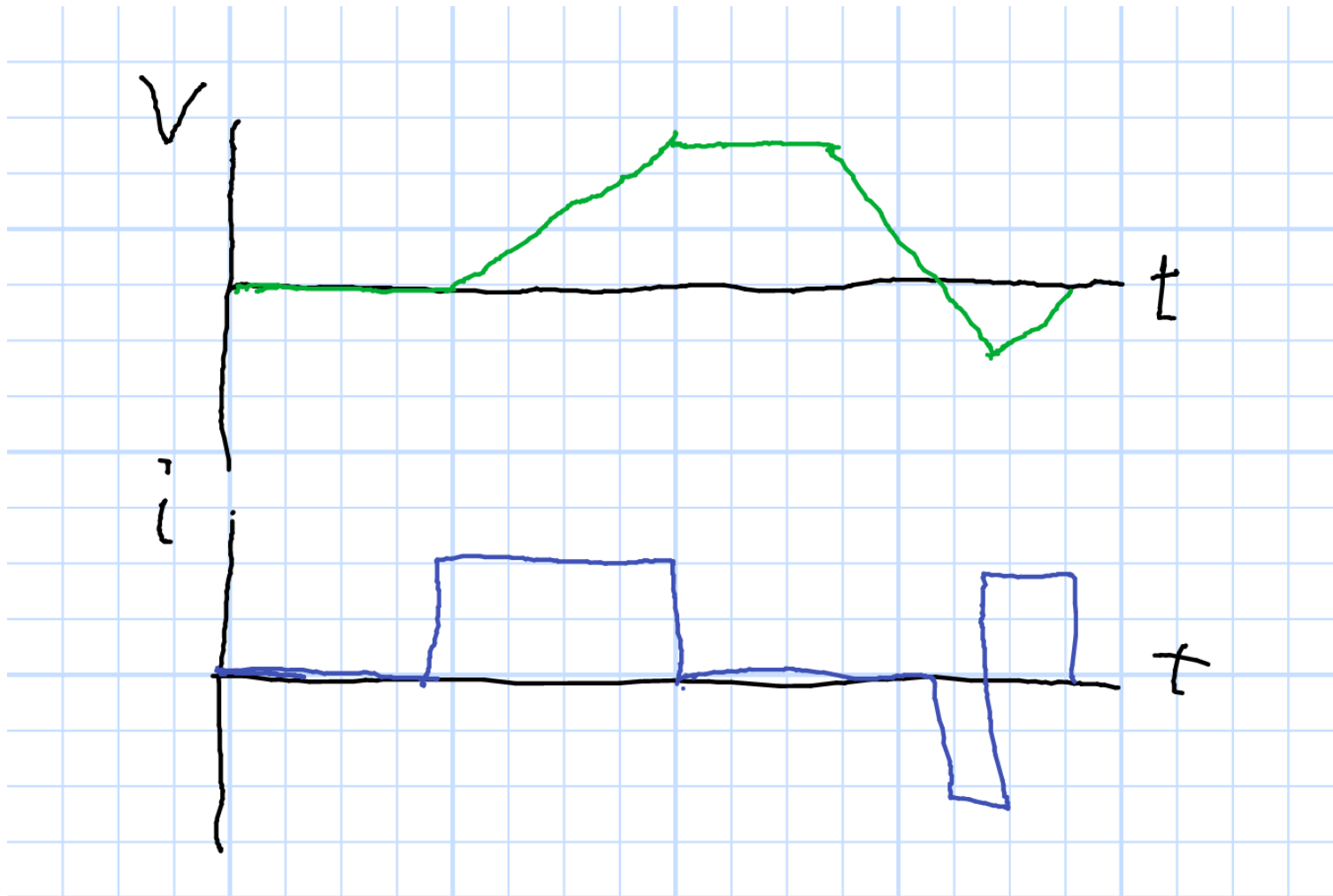
$$\frac{dv}{dt} \rightarrow 0 : \quad i \rightarrow 0$$

# Voltage Source



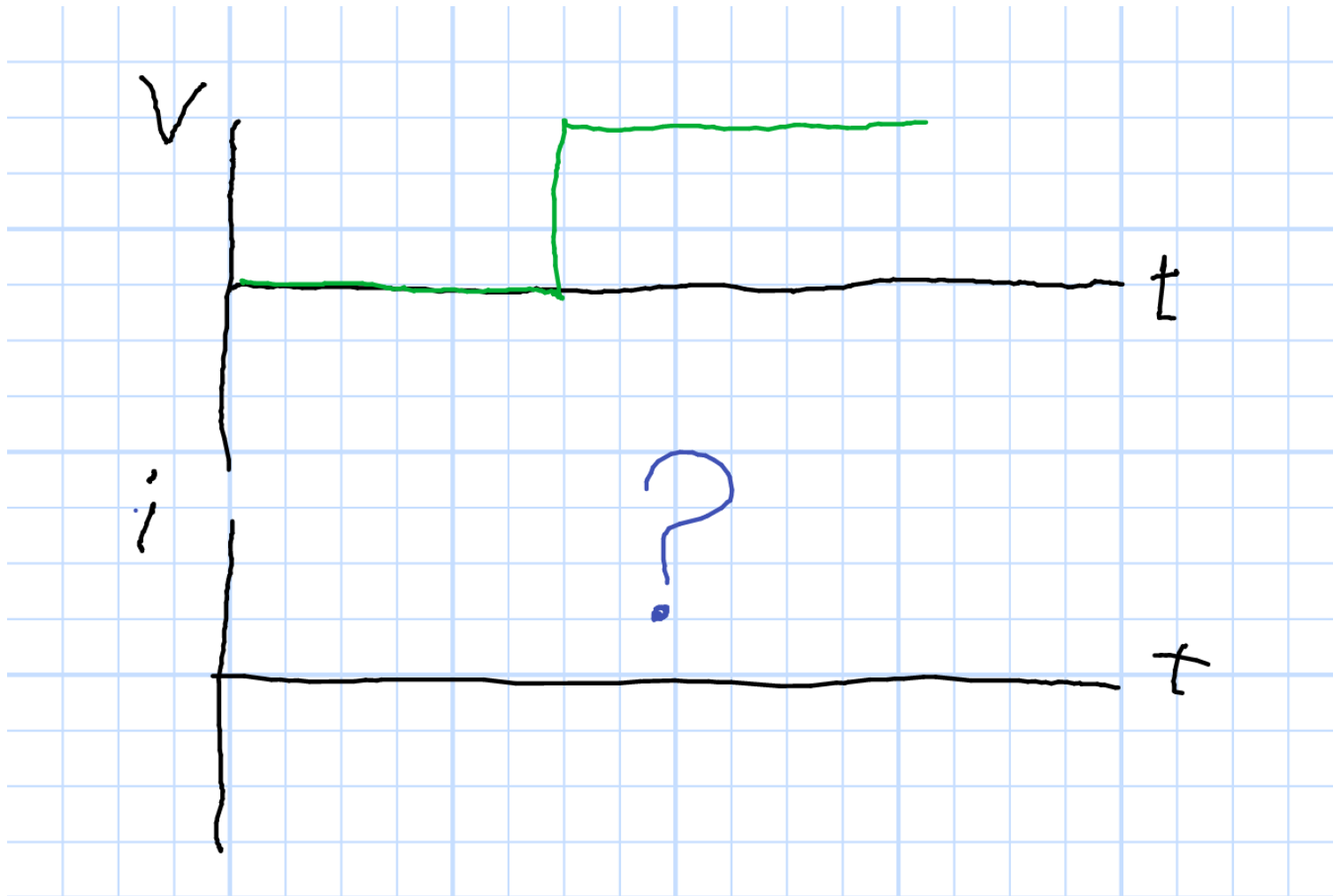
$$i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$$

# Example



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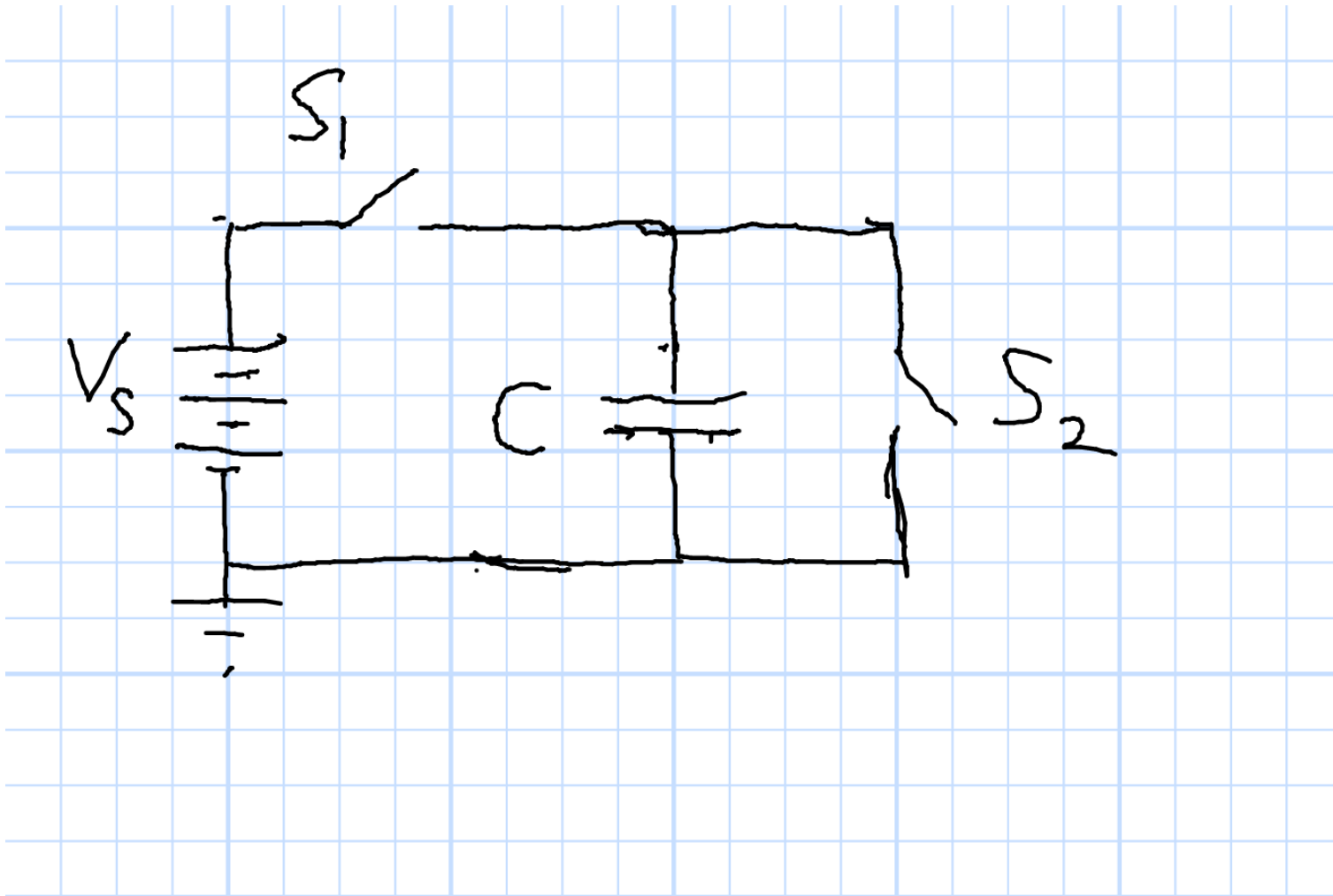
# What Will Happen?



$$i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$$

finite  $i \rightarrow$  Voltage Continuous in Time

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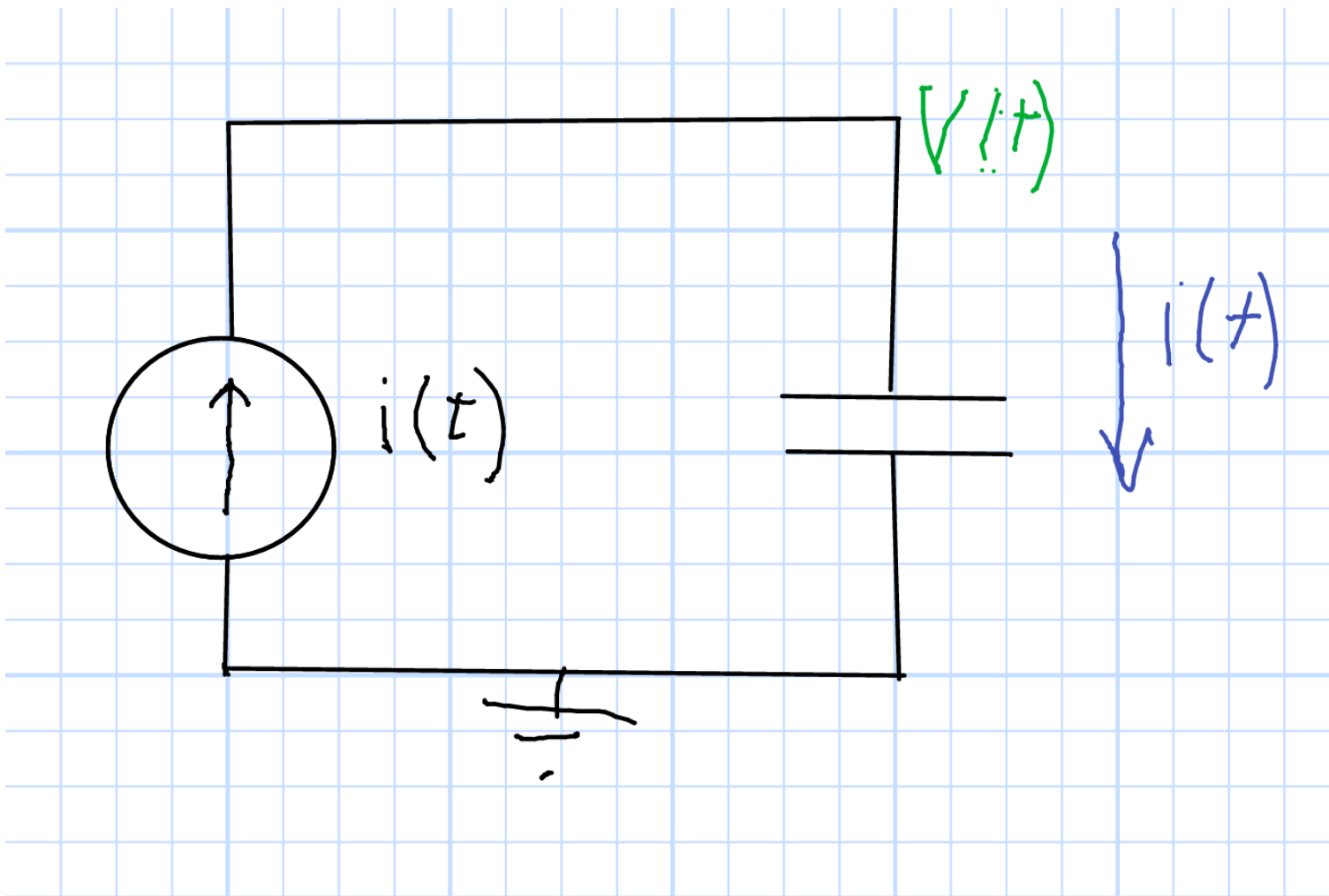


(1) Close  $S_1$

(2) Open  $S_1$

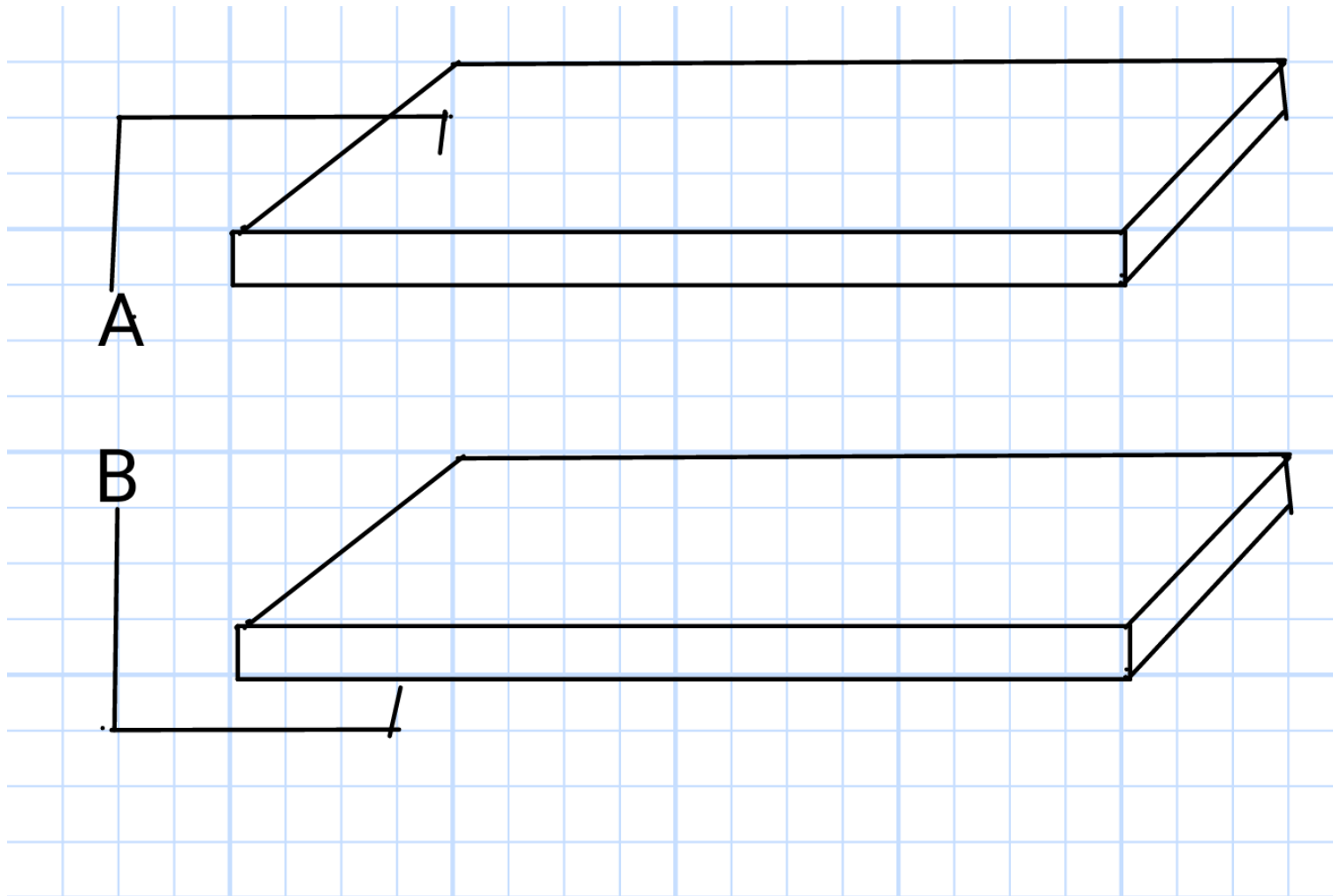
(3) Close  $S_2$

# Current Source



$$v(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{t_0}^t i(t) dt + v(t_0)$$

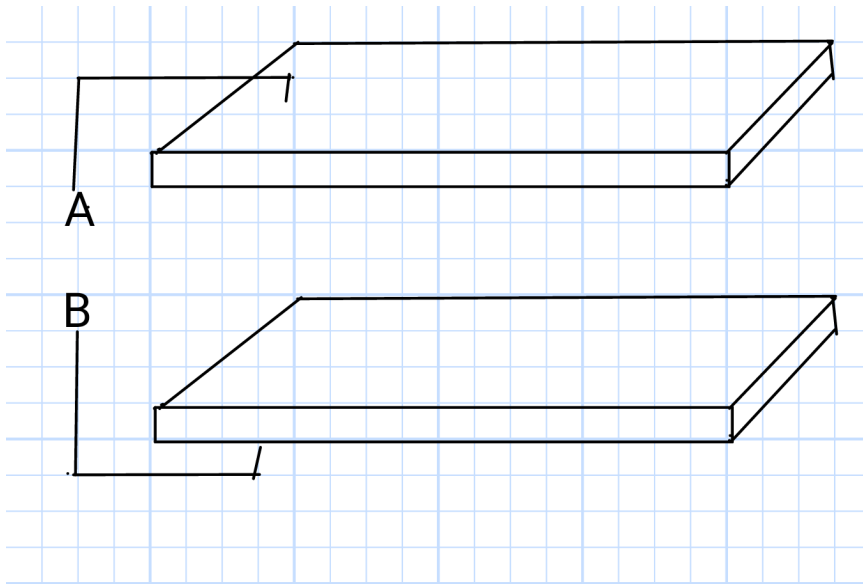
# Fabrication



$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$$

$\epsilon$  is the Dielectric Constant

# Equations



$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0$$

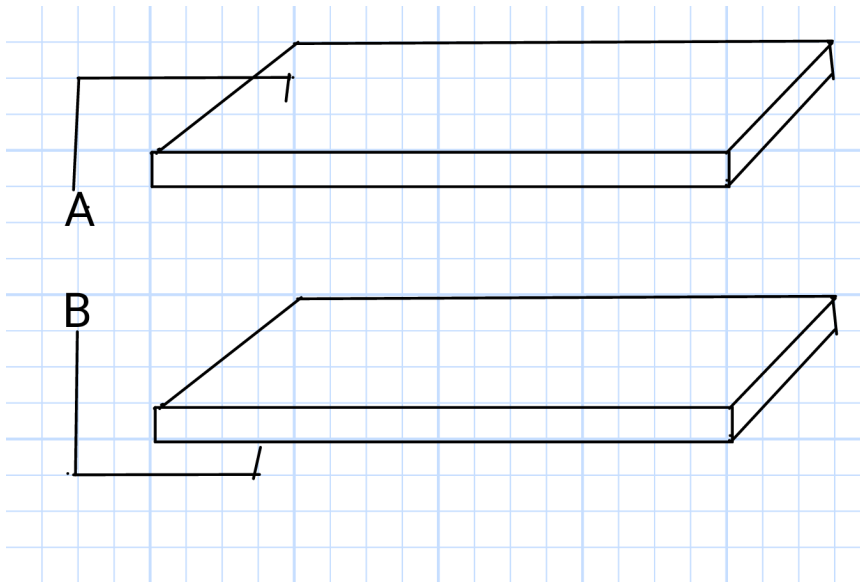
$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{F/m}$$

Useful Term: Relative dielectric constant,  $\epsilon_r$

$\epsilon_r = 1$  for vacuum. Pretty close for air.



# Example



$\frac{\text{High Voltage}}{\text{Small } d} \rightarrow \text{Breakdown}$

Dry Air at Sea Level:  
 $\approx 30\text{kV/cm}^*$

Glass:  $\approx 100\text{kV/cm}$

$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} = 10\mu\text{f}$$

$$\epsilon = 3.9\epsilon_0 \quad \text{SiO}_2$$

$$\frac{A}{d} = 3 \times 10^5 \text{m}$$

$$d = 10\mu\text{m} \quad A = 3\text{m}$$

Interleave, Roll, or otherwise work to get more  $A$

Use high  $\epsilon_r$

Use high Breakdown Voltage

# Power and Energy

Power

$$p(t) = v(t) i(t) \quad p(t) = v(t) C \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$$

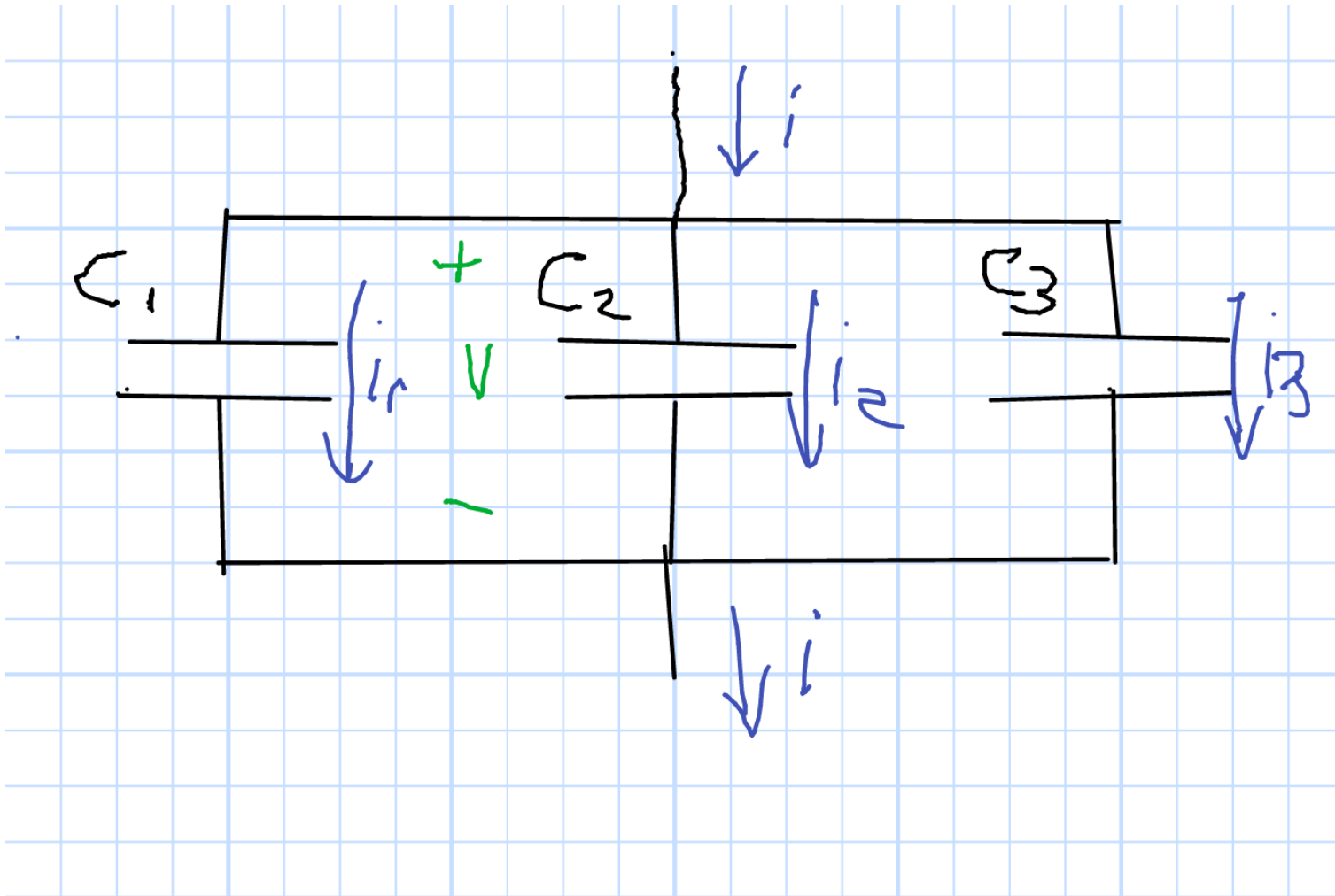
Energy

$$w = \int p(t) dt = \frac{v^2 C}{2}$$

Example

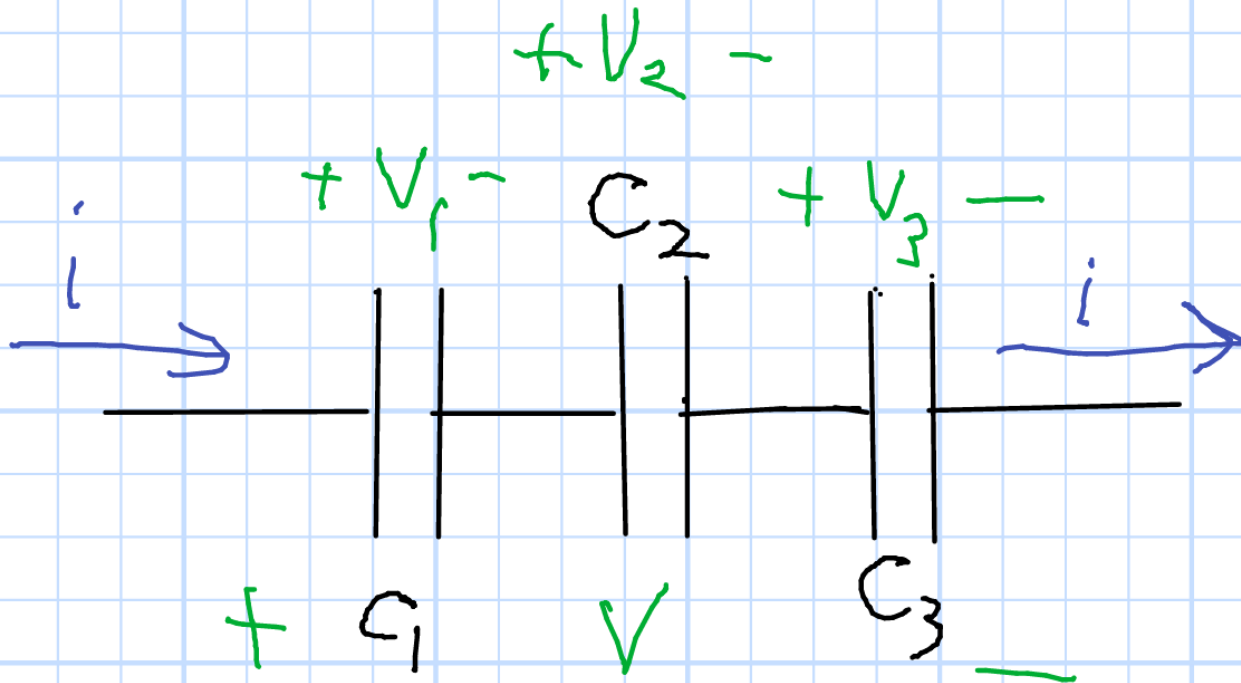
$$w = \frac{(100\text{V})^2 100\mu\text{F}}{2} = 500\text{mJ}$$

# Parallel Combinations



$$i_n = C_n \frac{dv_n}{dt} \quad i = \sum i_n \quad C = \sum C_n$$

# Series Combinations



$$\frac{i}{C_n} = \frac{dv_n}{dt}$$

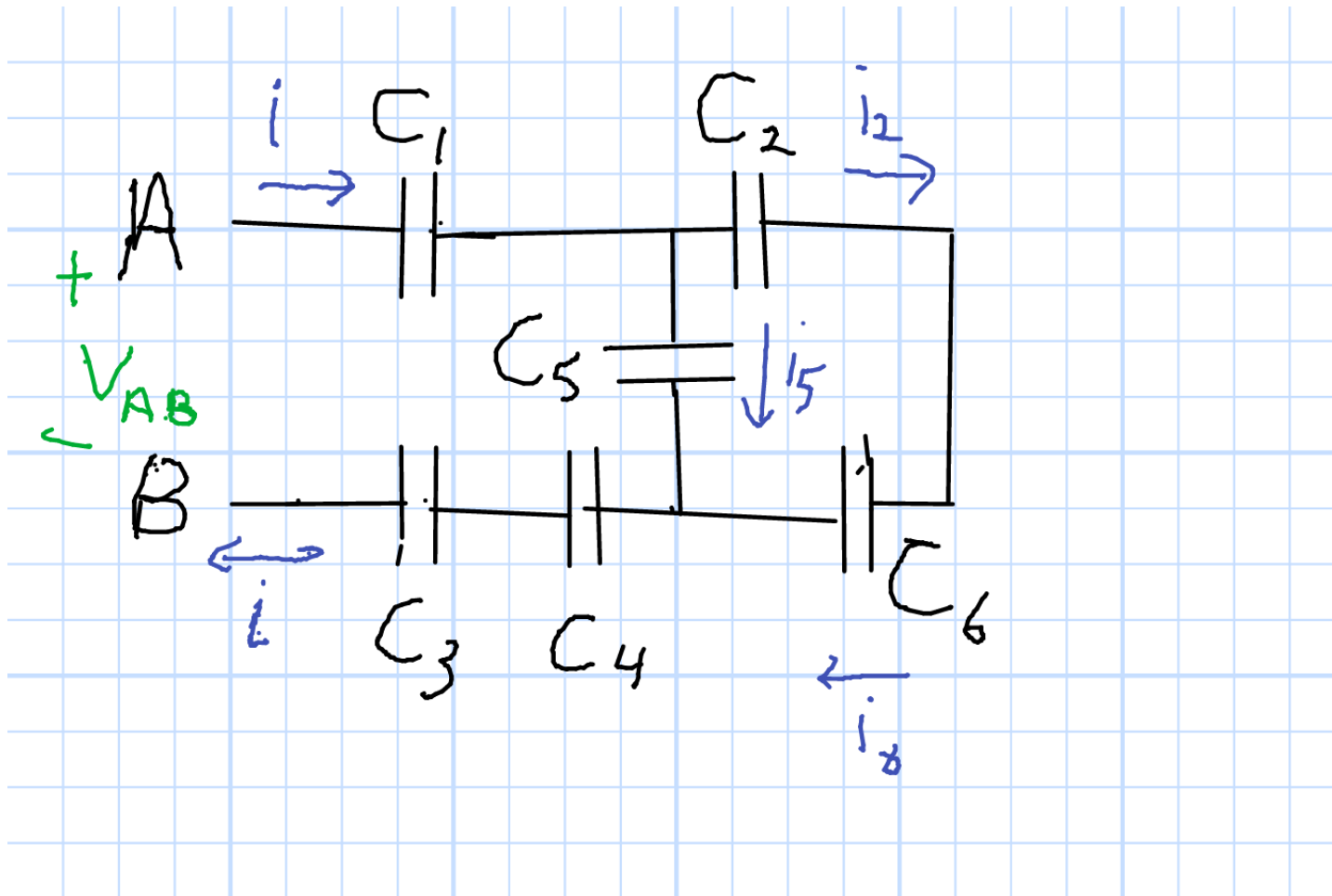
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \sum \frac{dv_n}{dt}$$

$$\frac{1}{C} = \sum \frac{1}{C_n}$$

# Parallel/Series Summary

	Series	Parallel
Voltage Sources	$v = \sum v_n$	Contradictory
Current Sources	Contradictory	$i = \sum i_n$
Resistors	$R = \sum R_n$	$\frac{1}{R} = \sum \frac{1}{R_n}$
Capacitors	$\frac{1}{C} = \sum \frac{1}{C_n}$	$C = \sum C_n$

# Example Problem

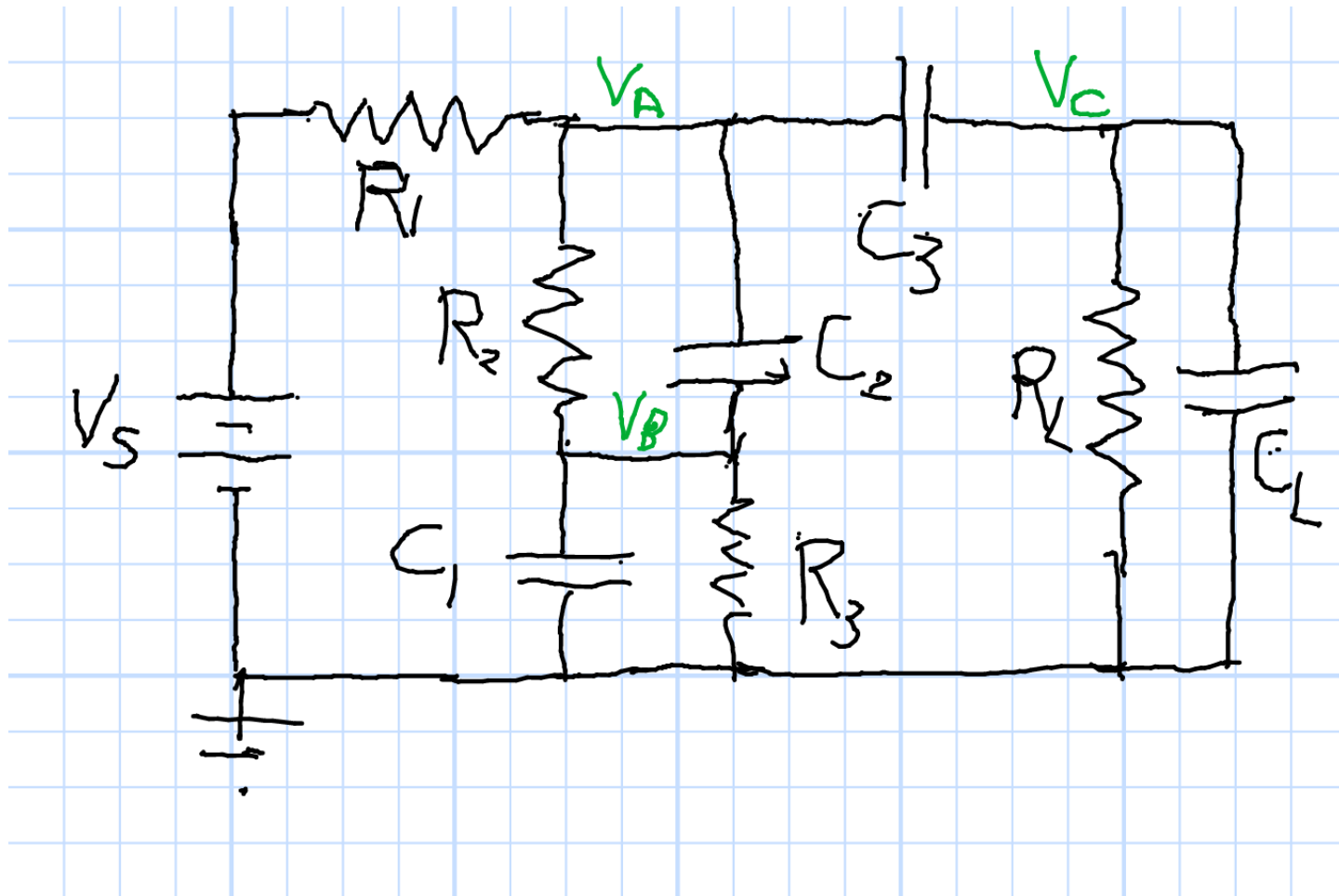


$$C_{1:6} = 1\mu\text{F} \quad C_{AB} = ?$$

# Steady State

- DC Sources, Resistors, Capacitors (and later Inductors)
- $t \rightarrow \infty$  with No Non-DC Sources
- $\frac{d(\text{anything})}{dt} \rightarrow 0$
- Specifically  $\frac{dv_{\text{capacitor}}}{dt} \rightarrow 0$
- Therefore  $i_{\text{capacitor}} = 0$
- Treat Capacitors as Open and Solve

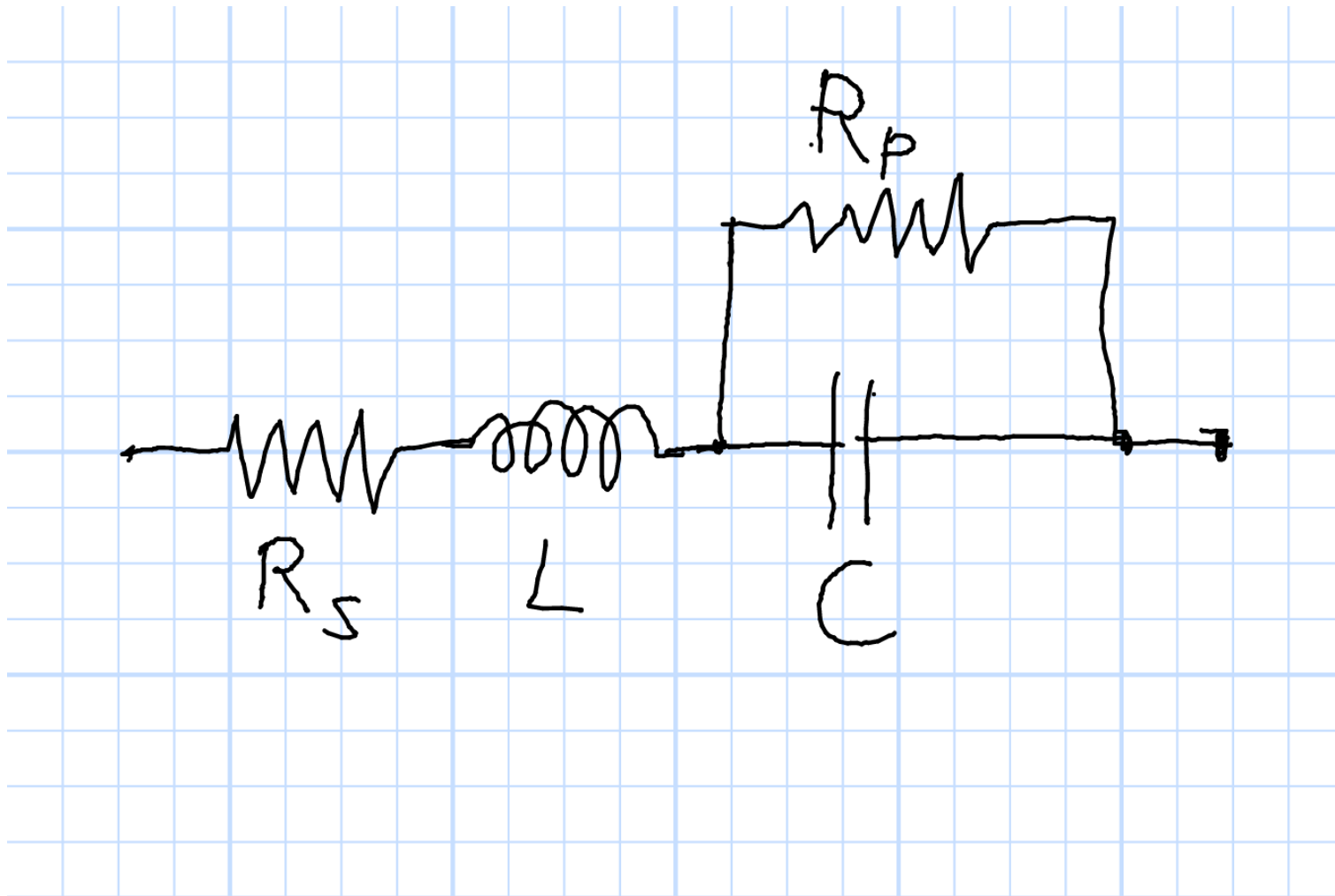
# Steady-State Example



Turn on  $V_S$  at  $t = 0$ , Wait a Long Time,  
 $v_A = ?$        $v_B = ?$        $v_C = ?$        $i_L = ?$



# Real Capacitors



$R_s, L$  Low.  $R_p$  High.

# Don't Try this at Home, Kids!

High-Voltage Capacitor:

$$v = 10\text{kV} \quad C = 10,000\mu\text{F} \quad R_p = 10\text{G}\Omega$$

Discharge Time at Constant Current:

$$q = Cv = 10 \text{ Coulombs}$$

$$i(0) = \frac{v}{R_P} = 1\mu\text{A}$$

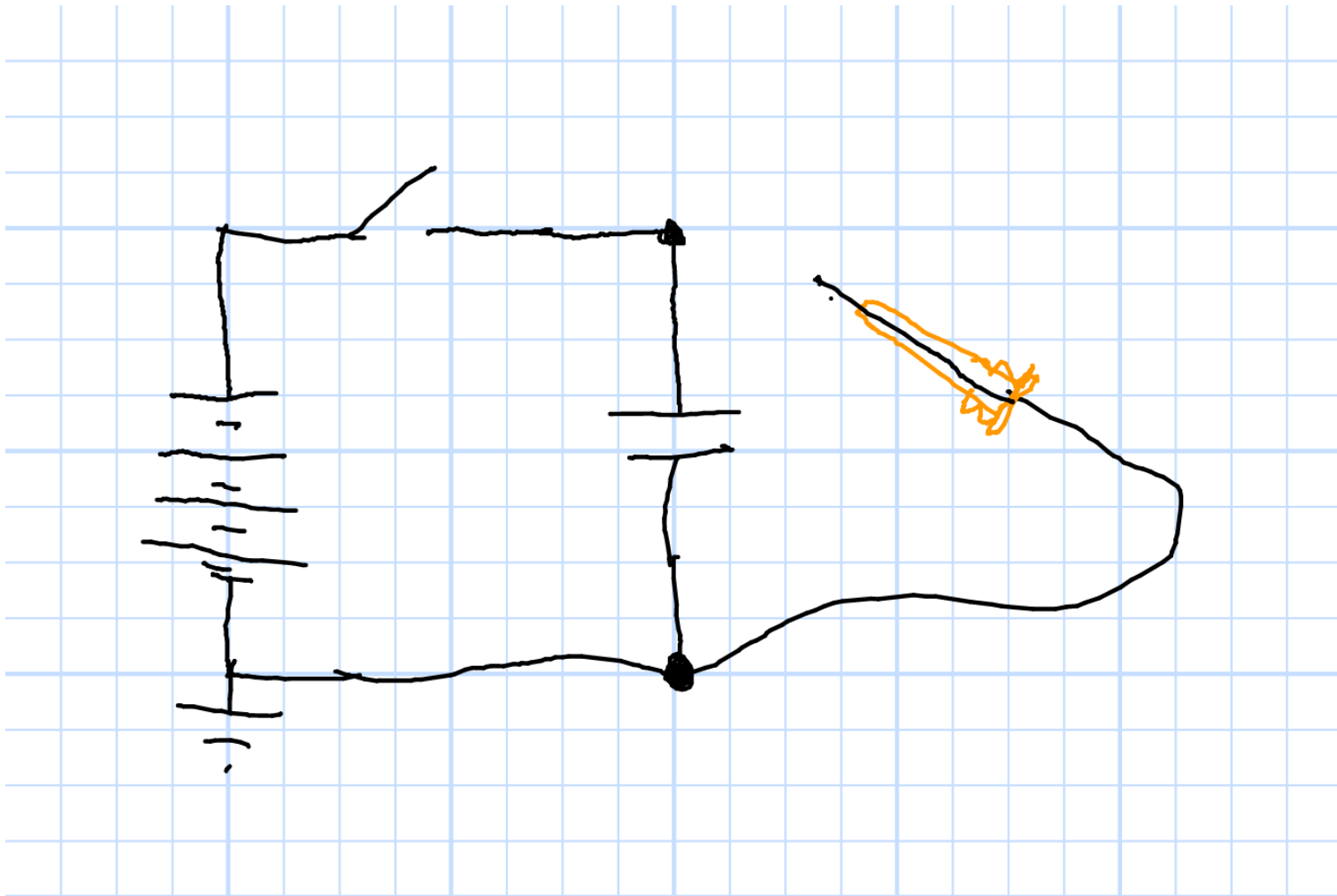
$$t = \frac{q}{i} = 10^7 \text{ sec} = 116 \text{ Days}$$

Exponential decay will be slower...

Unless you put a low resistor across it.

Then very bad things can happen.

# “Shorting Bar”



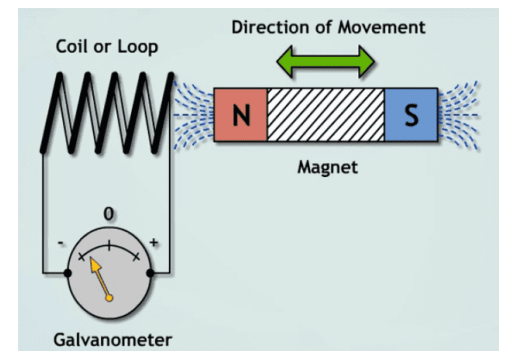
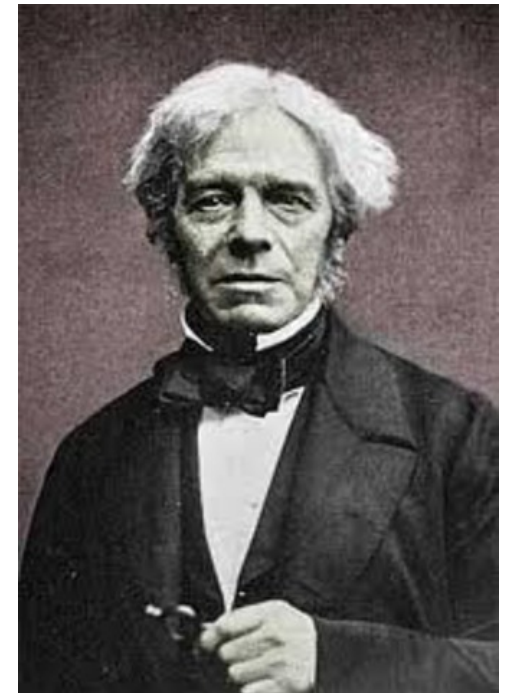
# Agenda: Inductors

- Physical Concepts
- Symbols
- $i-v$  Behavior
- Fabrication
- Power and Energy
- Parallel and Series Combinations
- Steady-State Solutions
- “Instantaneous” Current Change

# The Inductor

- Coil of Wire
- Air or Ferromagnetic Core
- Current  $\rightarrow$  Magnetic Field (Electromagnet)
- Changing Field  $\rightarrow$  Voltage (Faraday's Law)
- Voltage Opposes Change in Current

$$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$

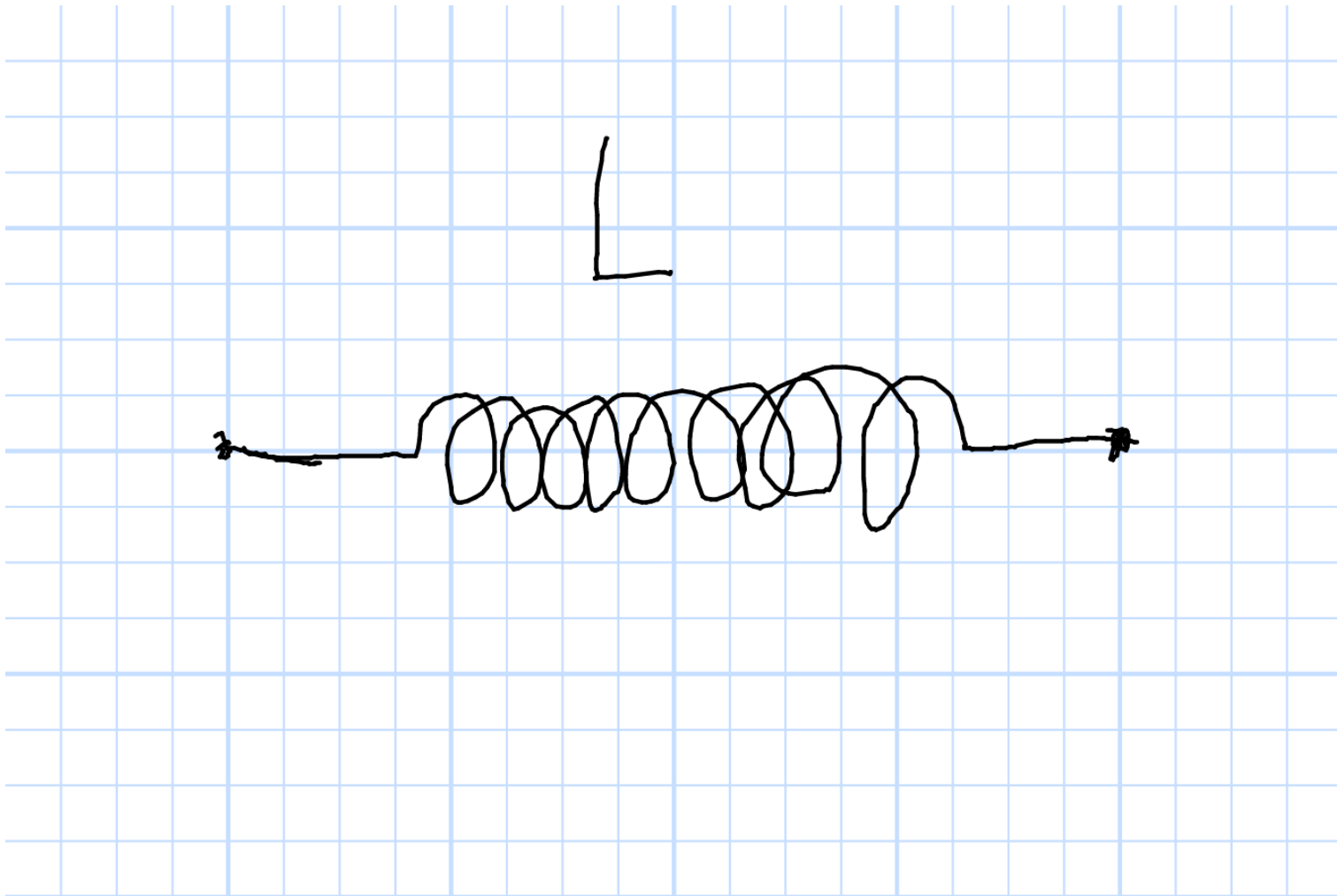


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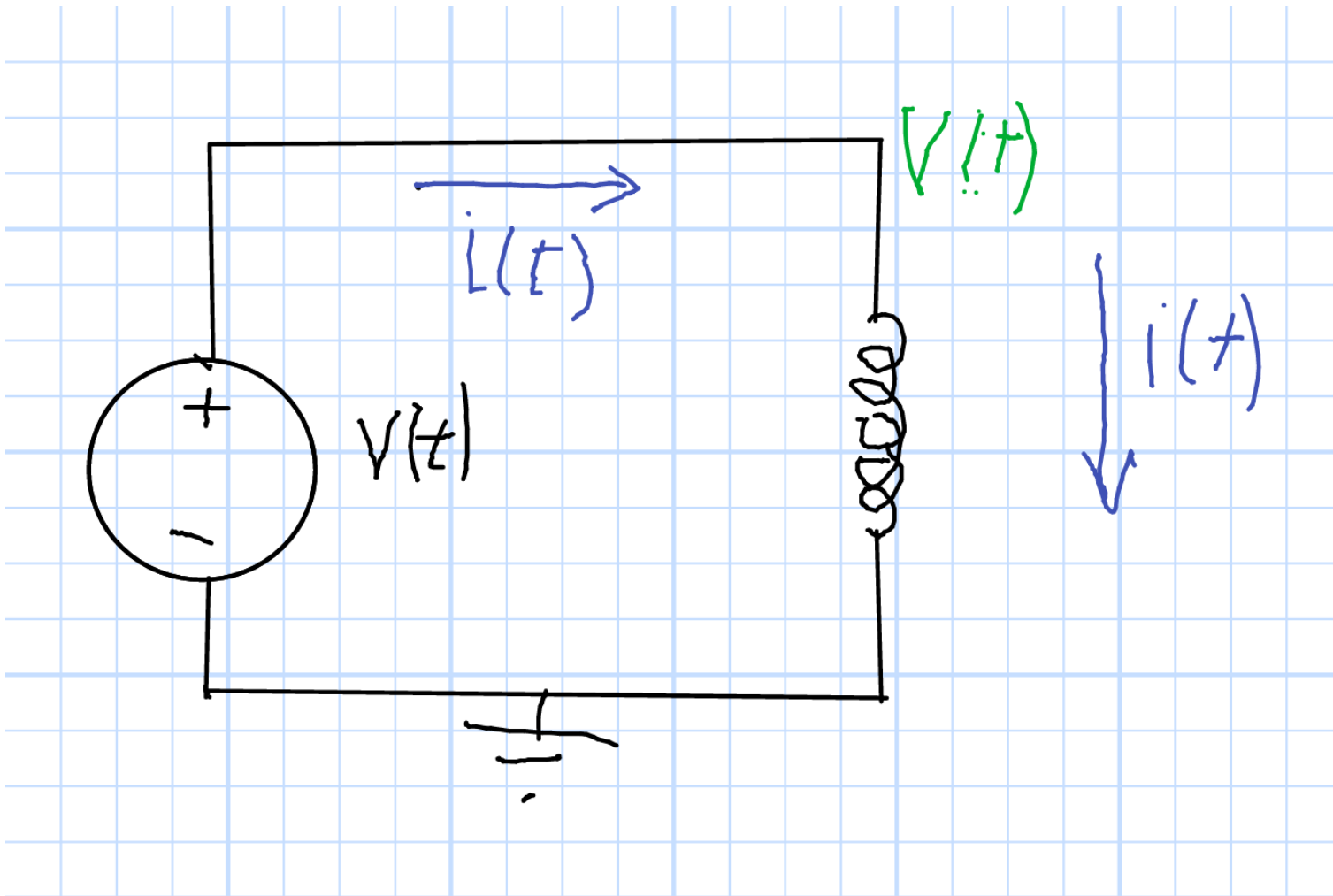
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# Symbol

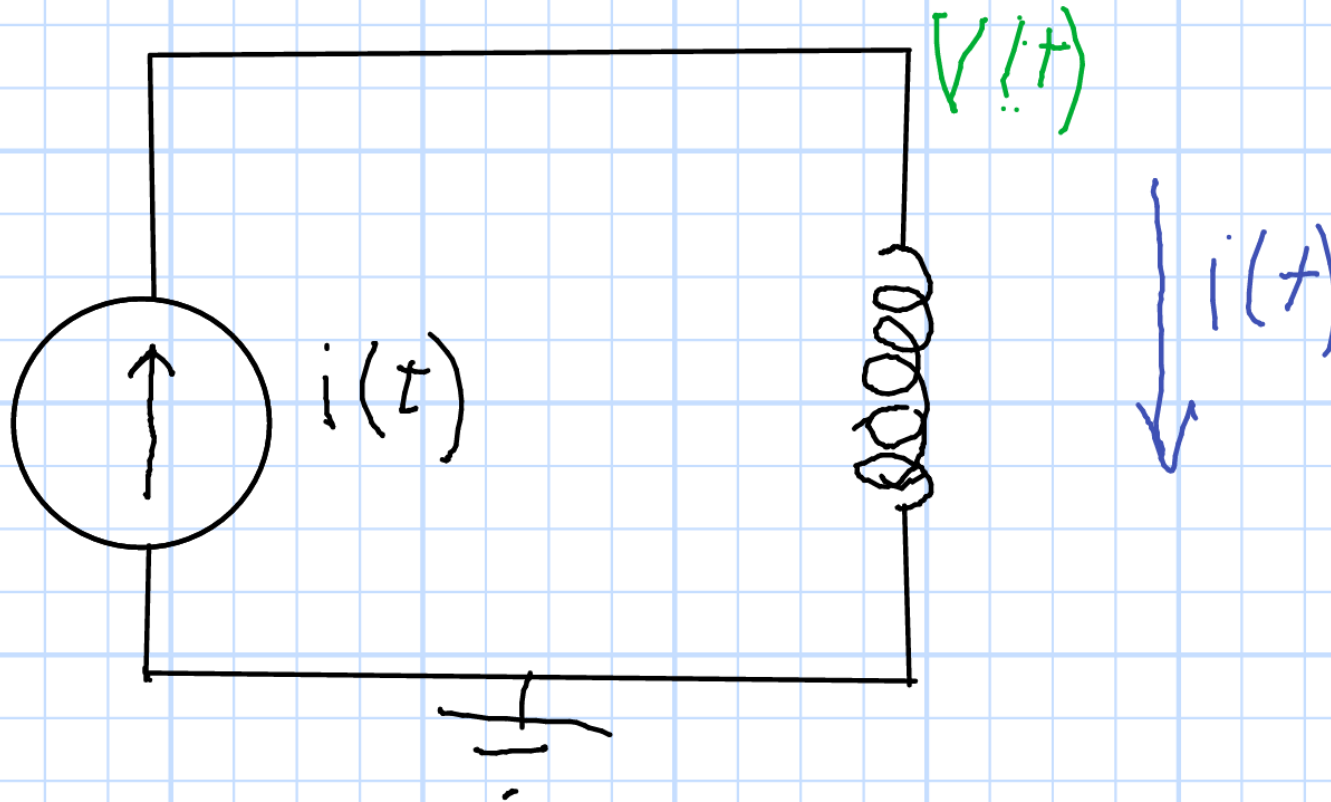


# Voltage Source



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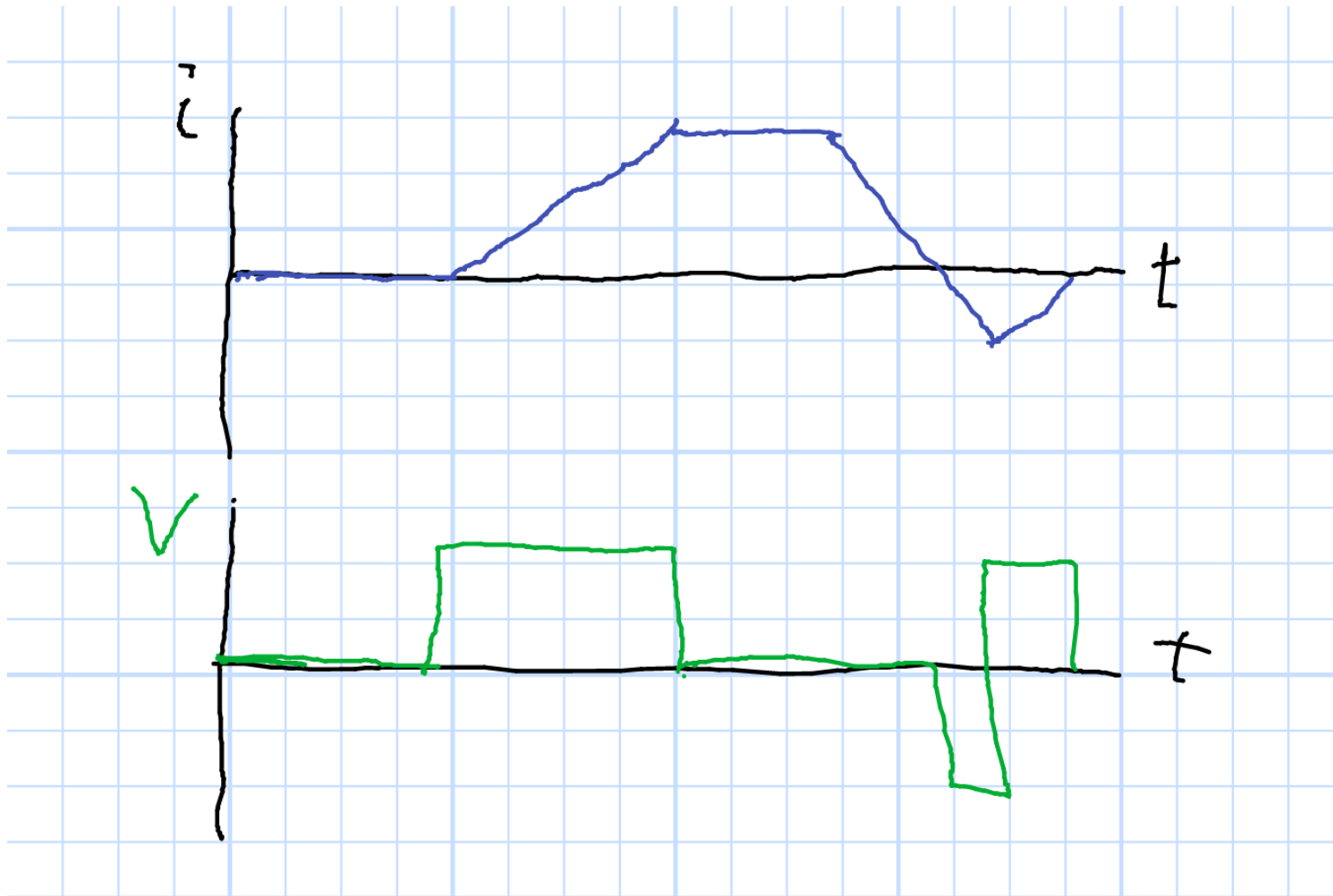
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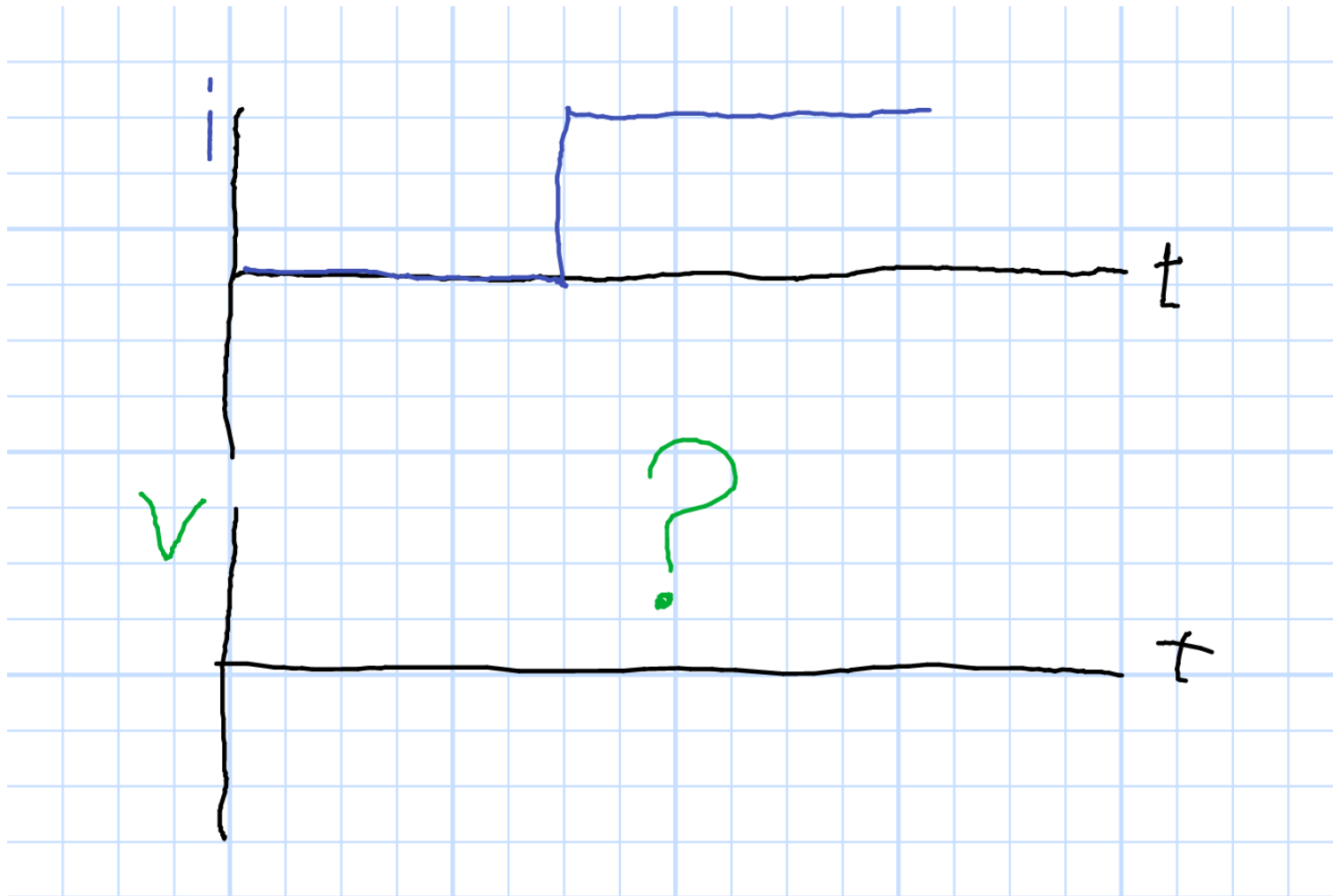


# $i-v$ Behavior



$$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$

# Step Current



Voltage is Finite so Current is Continuous

# Values

$$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

Typical Values:

$$\text{Volts} = L \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{ms}}$$

$$L \text{ in } \frac{\text{Vs}}{\text{A}} = \text{Henries} = \text{H}$$

mH,  $\mu\text{H}$  Common in RF.

kH Do Exist.

# Fabrication

- Coil of Wire (Many Turns)
- Field of a solenoid

$$B(t) = \frac{\mu N}{\ell} i(t)$$

- Inductance of a solenoid

$$v(t) = \frac{\mu AN^2}{\ell} \frac{di(t)}{dt} \quad L = \frac{\mu AN^2}{\ell}$$

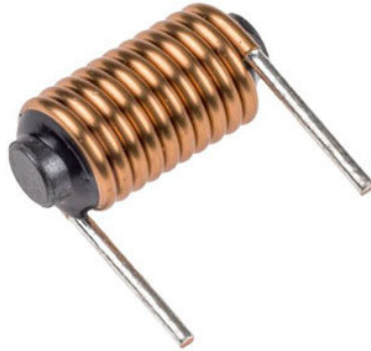
- Air, Iron, Ferrite Core (Increased Field)
- Solenoid, Toroid, Helmholtz Coils *etc.*
- Many Options

$$\mu = \mu_r \times 1.26 \times 10^{-6} \text{H/m}$$

# Inductors



[indiamart.com](http://indiamart.com)



[components101.com](http://components101.com)

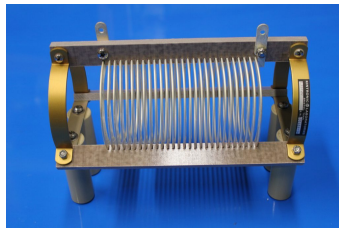


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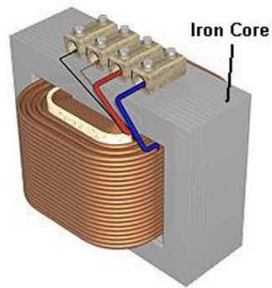


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# More Inductors & Transformers



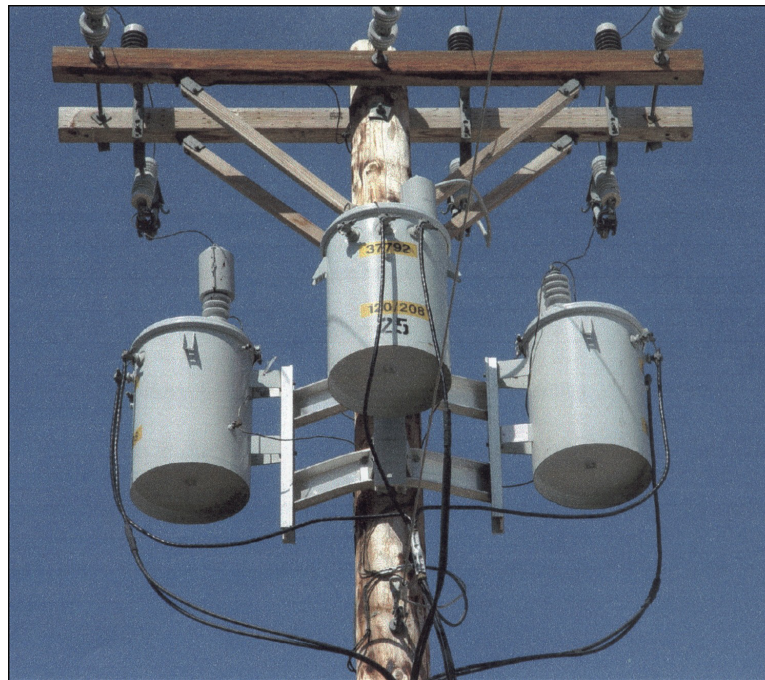
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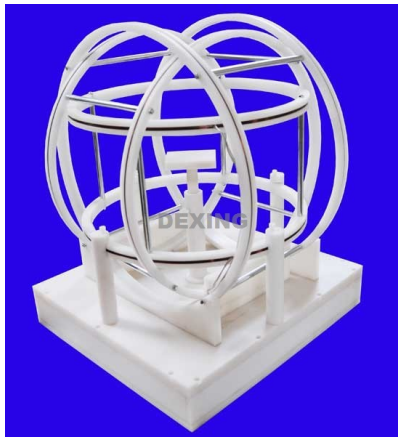
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# Helmholz Coils

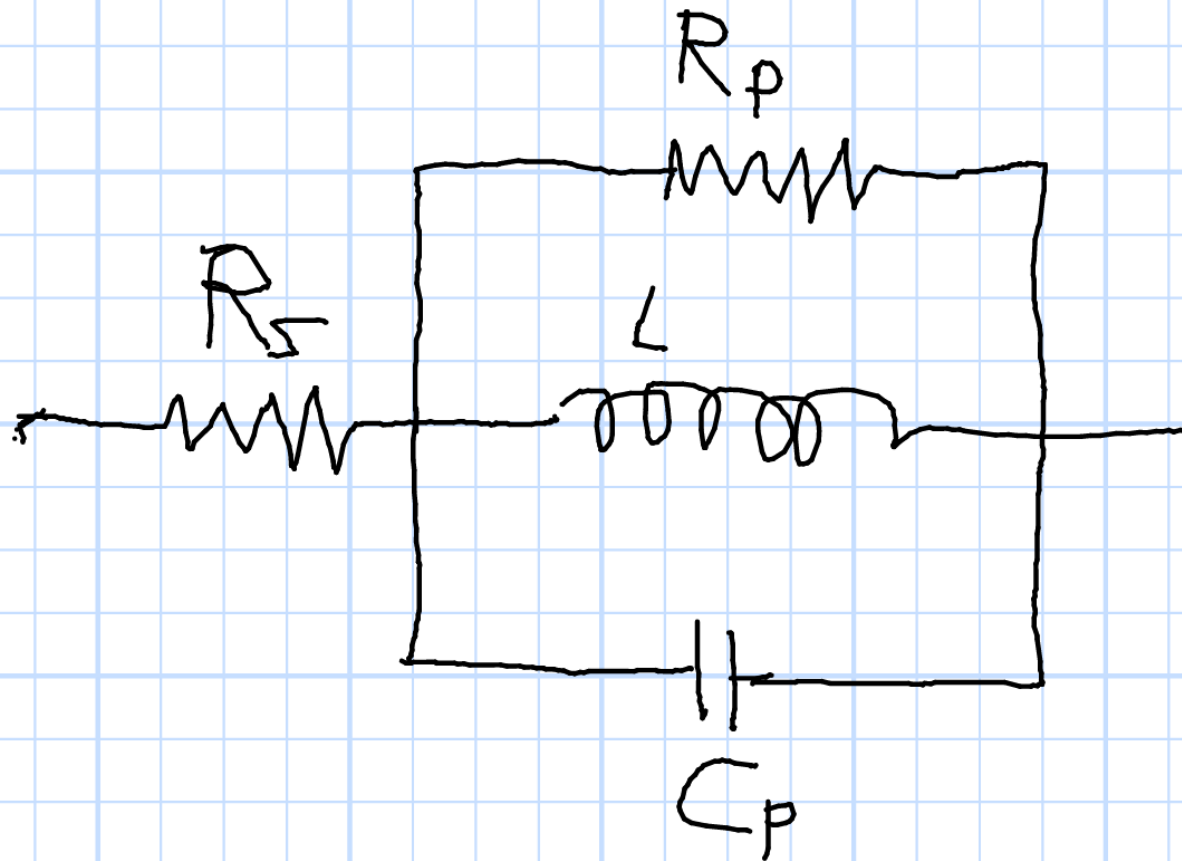


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# Real Inductors



$R_s, C_p$  Small.  $R_p$  Large



# Power and Energy

$$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$

$$p(t) = i(t) v(t) = i(t) L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$

$$w = \int p(t) dt = \frac{i^2 L}{2}$$

Example: Still Another Cup of Coffee

$$w = 42\text{kJ} \quad i^2 L = 84\text{kJ}$$

$$L = 6\text{H} \quad i = 118\text{A}$$

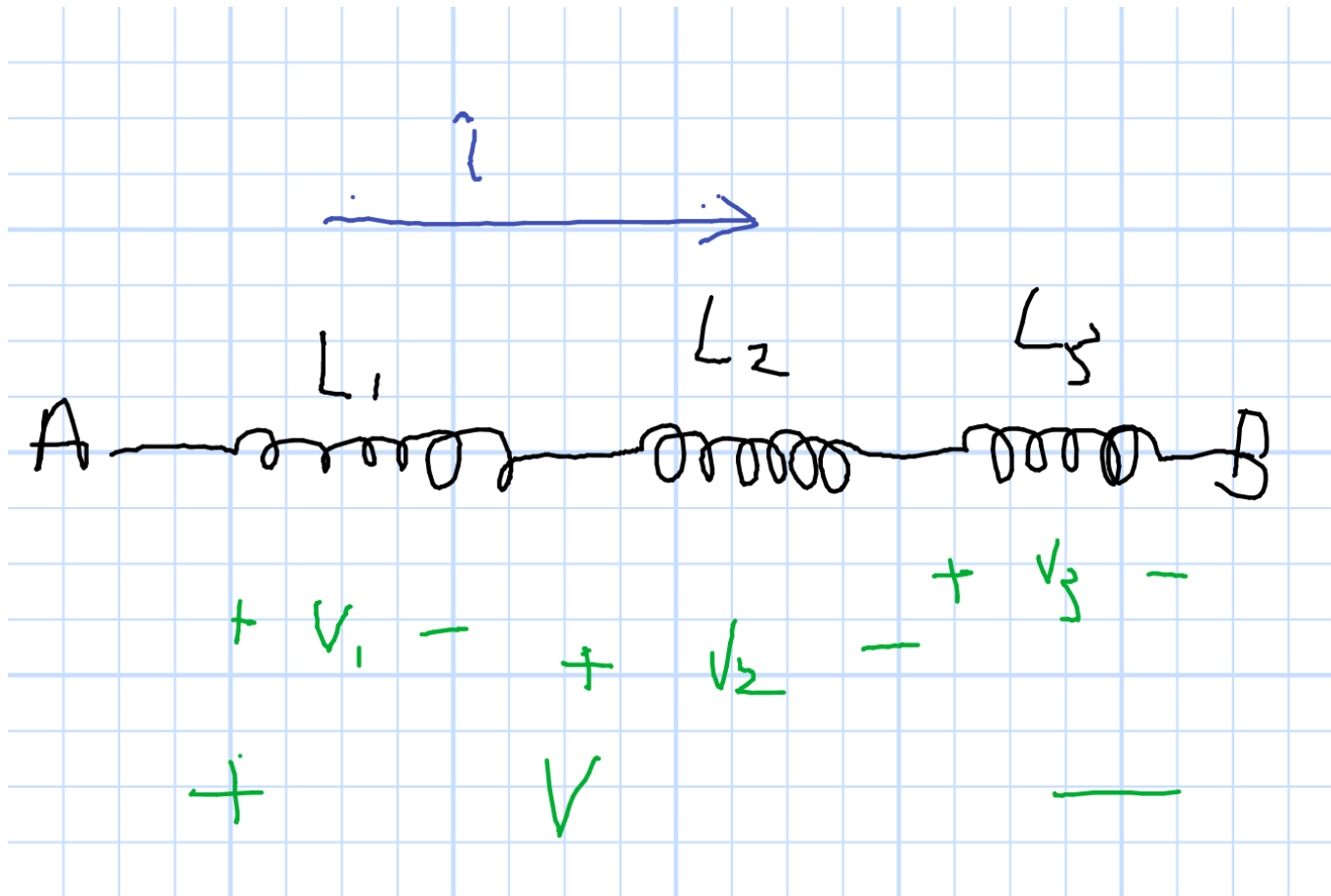
Note: At DC  $v \approx 0$ , so  $p \approx 0$ , except during turn-on and turn-off. These times can be exciting!

# MRI Magnet Quench



[flickr.com](https://www.flickr.com/photos/14811110@N00/10000000000/) Superconducting magnet in use, Low  $T$ ,  $R_s$ ,  $v$ , High  $i$ .  
In quench,  $-di/dt \uparrow$ ,  $T \uparrow$ ,  $R_s \uparrow$ , High  $v$ ,  $i$ ,  $p$ .

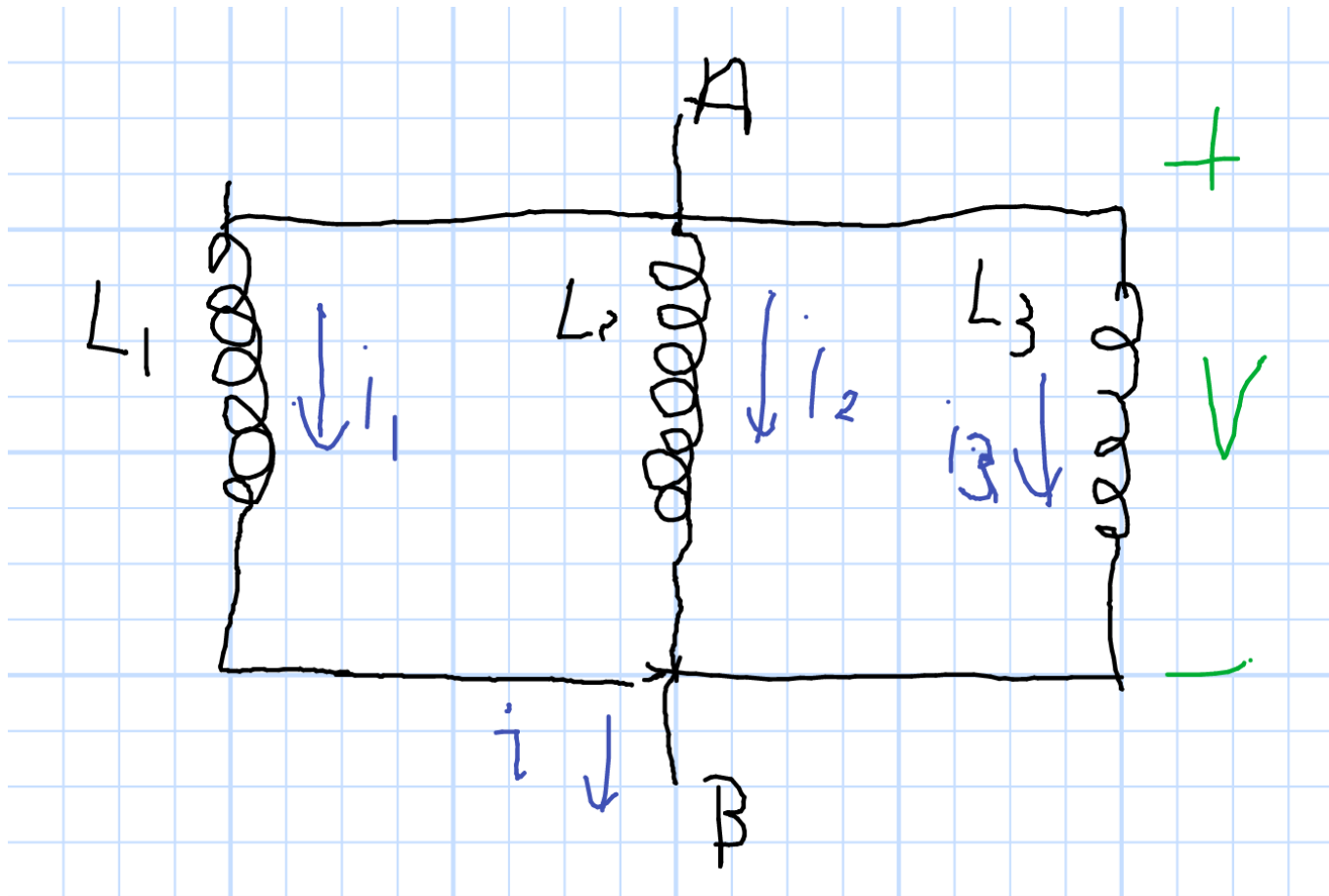
# Inductors in Series



$$v_n = L_n \frac{di}{dt} \quad v = \sum v_n \quad L = \sum L_n$$

Just Like Resistors

# Parallel Inductors



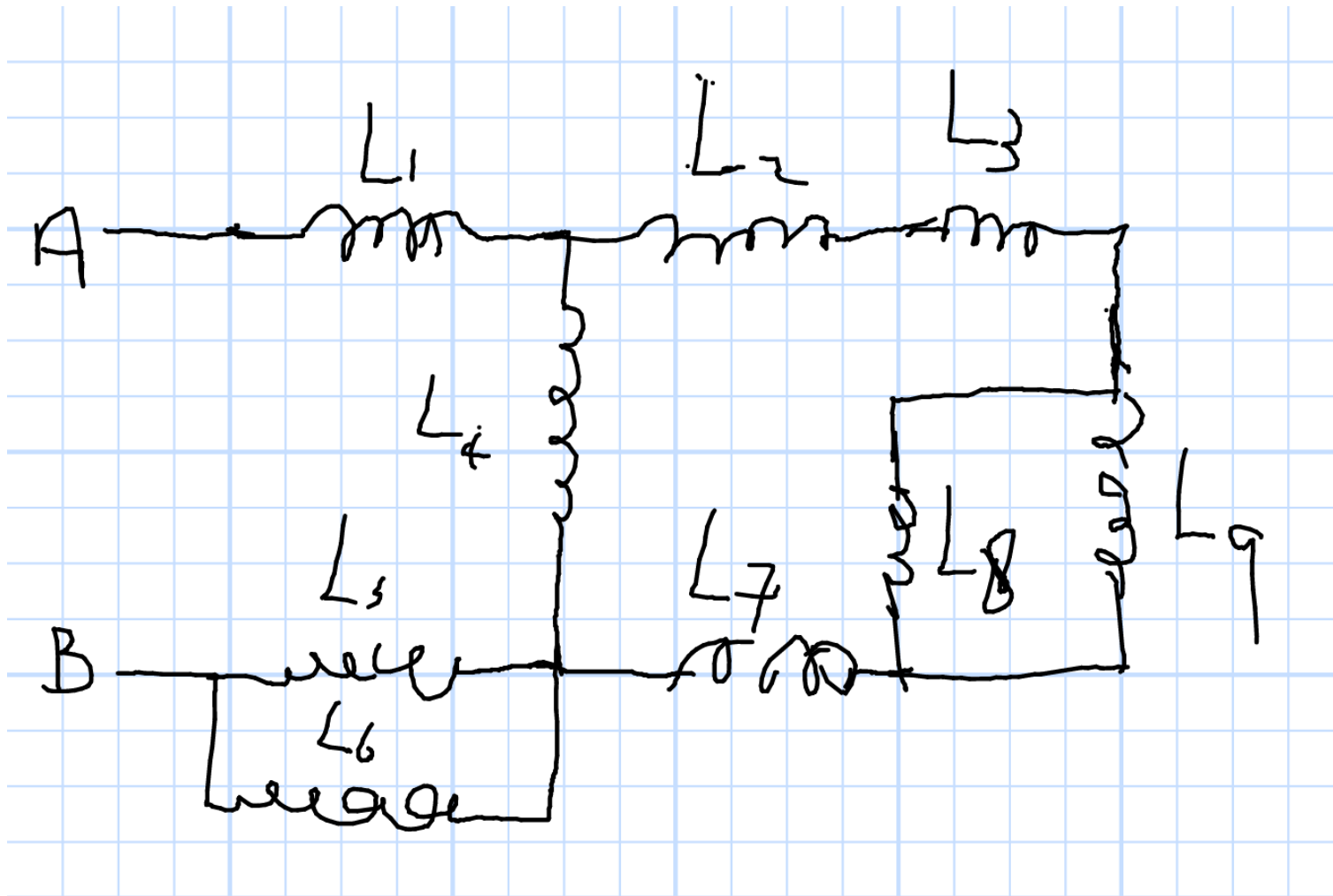
$$\frac{1}{L_n} \frac{di_n}{dt} = v \quad \frac{di}{dt} = \sum \frac{di_n}{dt} \quad \frac{L}{=} \sum \frac{1}{L_n}$$

Just Like Resistors Again

# Parallel/Series Summary

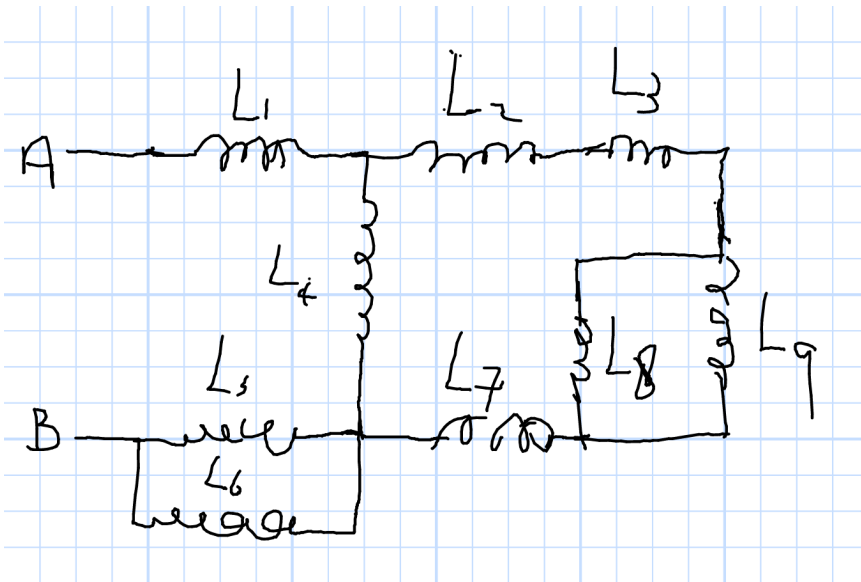
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Current Sources	Contradictory	$i = \sum i_n$
Resistors	$R = \sum R_n$	$\frac{1}{R} = \sum \frac{1}{R_n}$
Inductors	$L = \sum L_n$	$\frac{1}{L} = \sum \frac{1}{L_n}$
Capacitors	$\frac{1}{C} = \sum \frac{1}{C_n}$	$C = \sum C_n$

# Parallel/Series Example (1)



$$L_{AB} = L_1 + \{L_4 \parallel [L_2 + L_3 + (L_8 \parallel L_9) + L_7] + [L_5 \parallel L_6]\}$$

# Parallel/Series Example (2)



$$L_{1:9} = 1\text{mH}$$

$$L_{23897} = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + 1 = 3.5\text{mH}$$

$$L_{423897} = 1 \parallel 3.5 = 778\mu\text{H}$$

$$L_{AB} = 1 + 0.778 + \frac{1}{2} = 2.28\text{mH}$$

# Mutual Inductance

- Two or More Coils

- Same Core

$$v_1(t) = L_1 \frac{di_1(t)}{dt} + M \frac{di_2(t)}{dt}$$

$$v_2(t) = L_2 \frac{di_2(t)}{dt} + M \frac{di_1(t)}{dt}$$

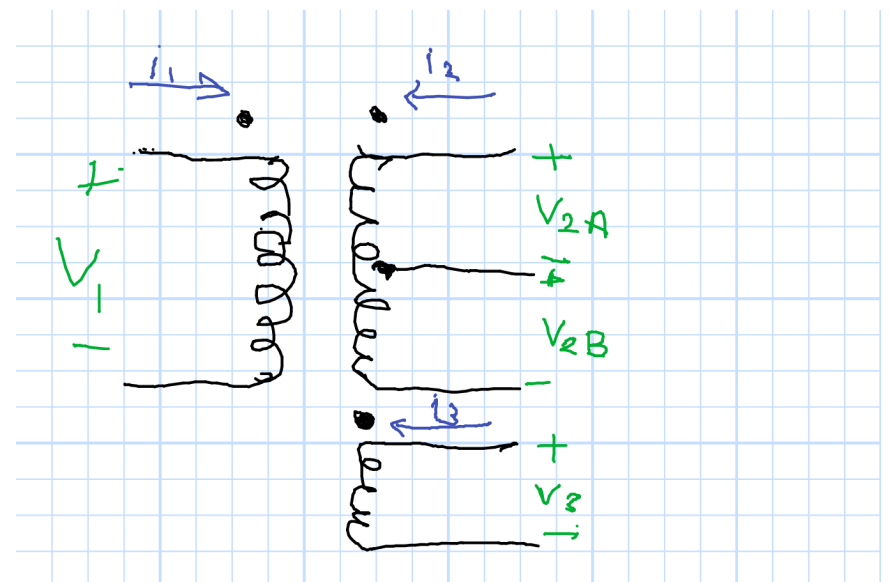
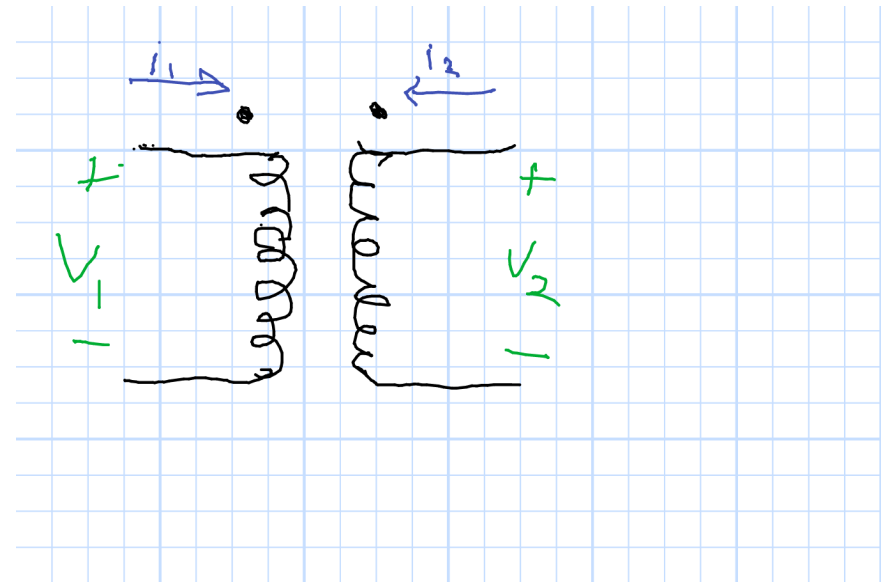
- $M$  Same Units as  $L$

- Transformers

– AC Only

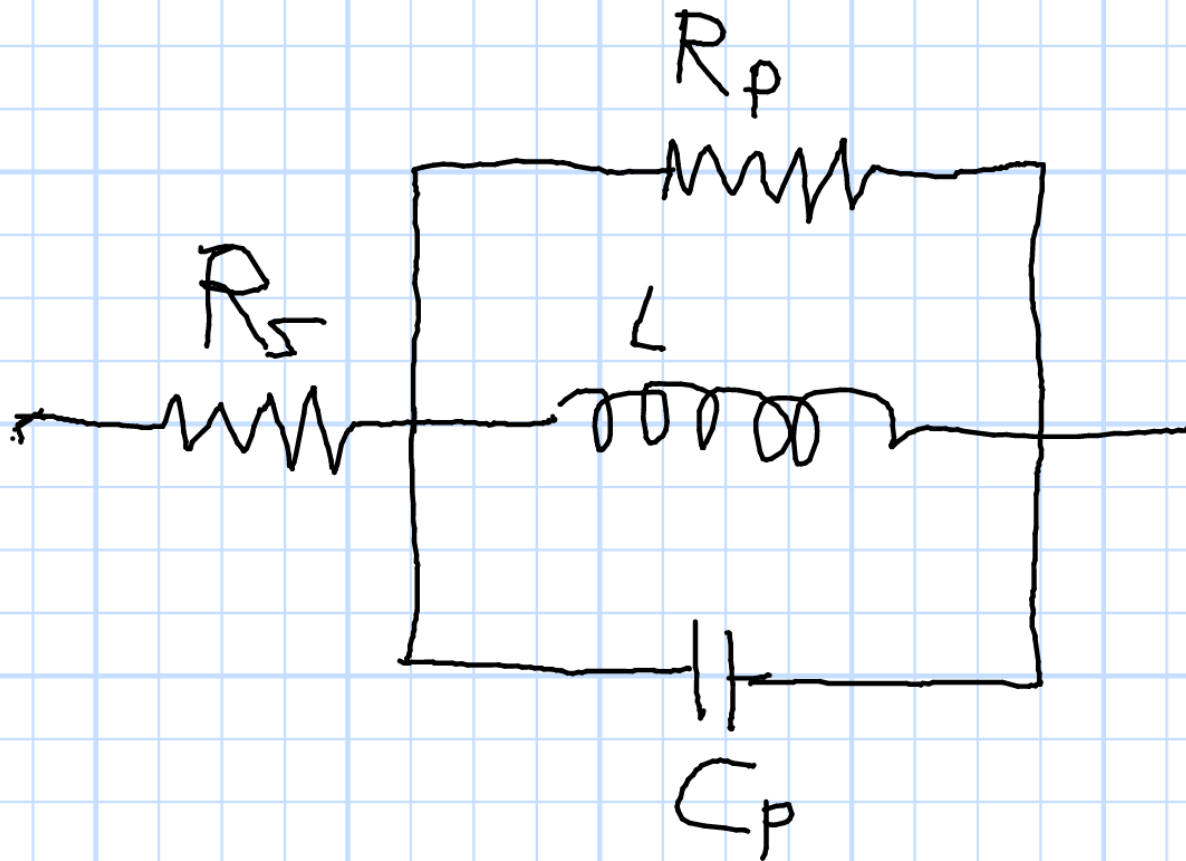
– Higher Frequency

→ Smaller



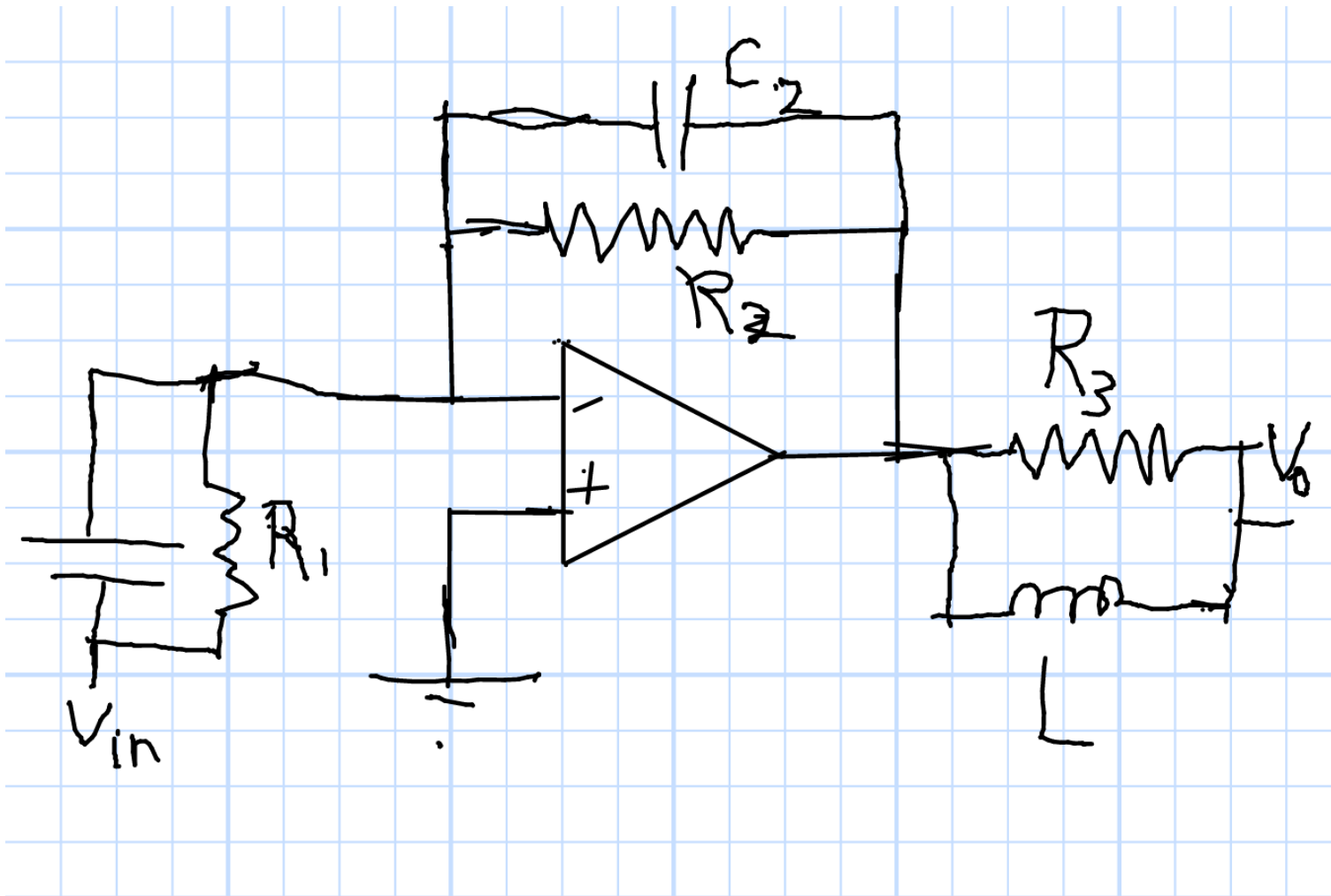


# Inductors at DC (Steady State)



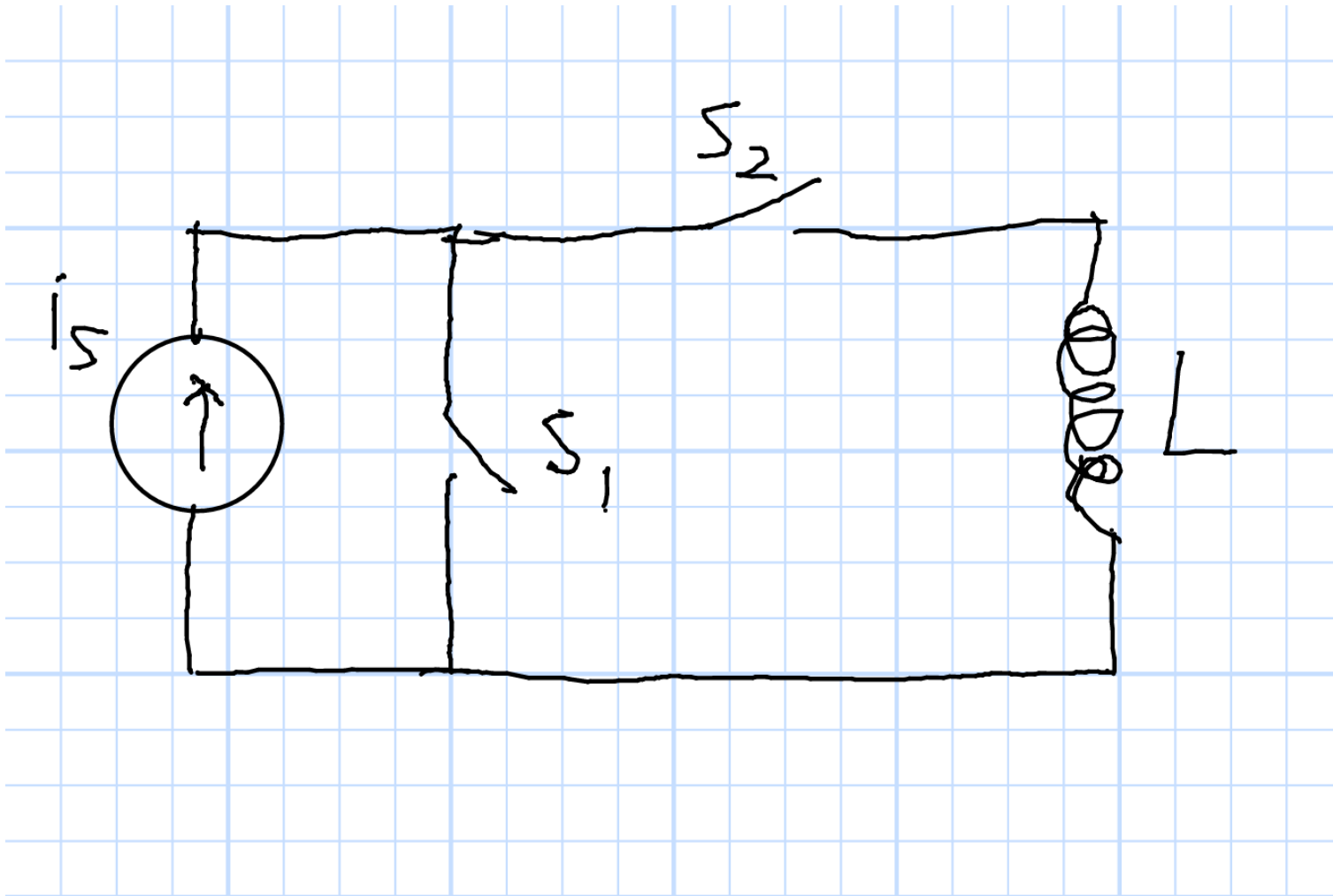
$C_p$  Open,  $L$  Short,  $R_p$  Large (ignore). All that's left is  $R_s$  (just the resistance of the wire).  $v = iR_s \rightarrow 0$

# Steady State



Steady State (Short  $L$ , Open  $C$ ):  $v_o = -v_{in}R_2/R_1$  and  $R_{out} = 0$

# What Happens?



$S_1, S_2$  Closed. Open  $S_1$ , Wait, Open  $S_2$

# Jacob's Ladder

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXiOQCRIsp0>

# Agenda: First-Order Circuits

- RC Circuits
- Boundary Conditions
- Steady State Solutions
- Charge and Discharge a Capacitor
- RL Circuits
- Some Examples

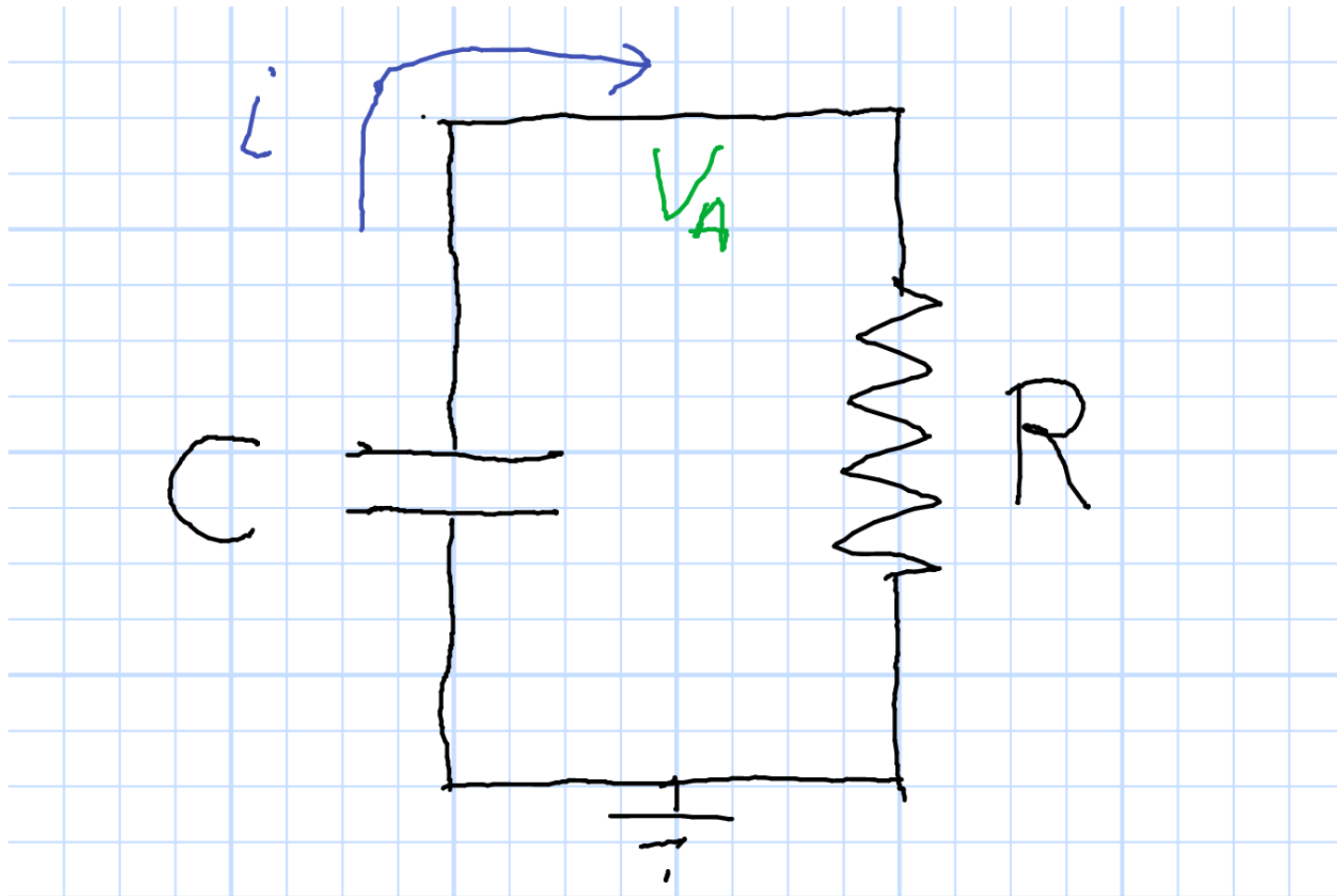
# Time-Varying Sources

- Transient Analysis (Now)
  - Differential Equations
  - First Order for RL, RC
  - Second Order for RLC
  - Circuits Usually Involve Switches
  - Transient and Steady-State Solutions
- Sinusoidal Solution (Later)
  - Phasor Analysis ( $\frac{d}{dt} = j2\pi f$ )
  - Complex Impedance
  - “Easy” Solutions
  - Fourier Series and Transforms

# Transient Solution Approach

- Write the Differential Equation (KCL, KVL, Component Eqns.)
- Postulate a Solution: Exponential, Sinusoid, Constant
- Solve for Some Unknowns
- Solve Steady–State Problem for Final Condition
- Use Continuity for Initial Condition

# RC Circuit

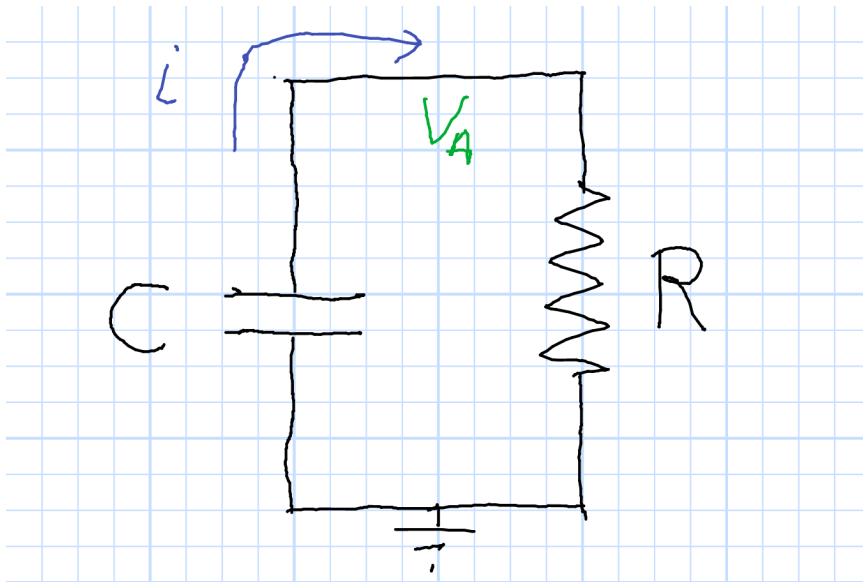


Start with  $v_A \neq 0$  (eg. use a switch)

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt} \quad i = -C \frac{dv_A}{dt} \quad v_A = iR$$



# RC Equations



$$i = -C \frac{dv_A}{dt}$$

$$i = \frac{v}{R}$$

- Differential Equation

$$v_A = -RC \frac{dv_A}{dt}$$

- Test Solution

$$v_A = k_1 e^{st} + k_2$$

- Substitute

$$k_1 e^{st} + k_2 = -RC \frac{d}{dt} (k_1 e^{st} + k_2)$$

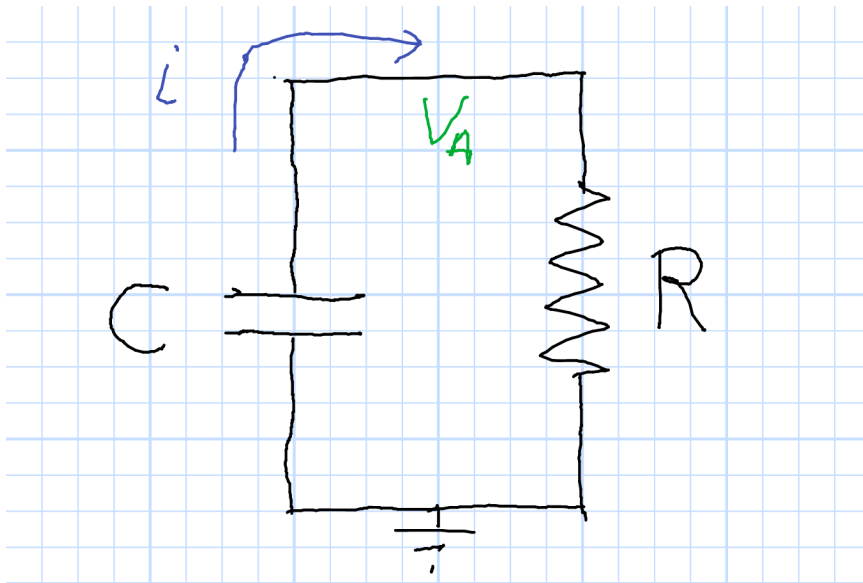
- Take the Derivative

$$k_1 e^{st} + k_2 = -RC s k_1 e^{st}$$

- Group

$$k_1 (1 + RCs) e^{st} - k_2 = 0$$

# RC Solution



$$i = -C \frac{dv_A}{dt}$$

$$i = \frac{v}{R}$$

$$v_A = k_1 e^{st} + k_2$$

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$$k_1 (1 + RCs) e^{st} - k_2 = 0$$

- True for All Time (Above is zero term-by-term)

$$k_2 = 0 \quad s = -\frac{1}{RC}$$

- Solution

$$v_A = k_1 e^{-t/(RC)} + 0$$

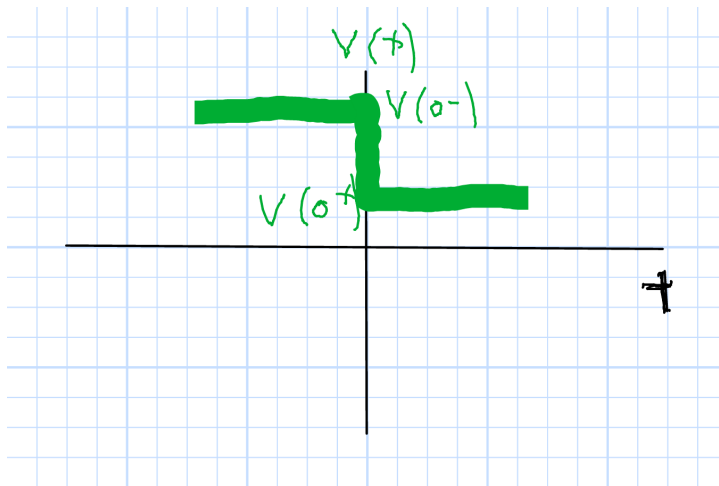
- Time Constant

$$v_A = k_1 e^{-t/\tau}$$

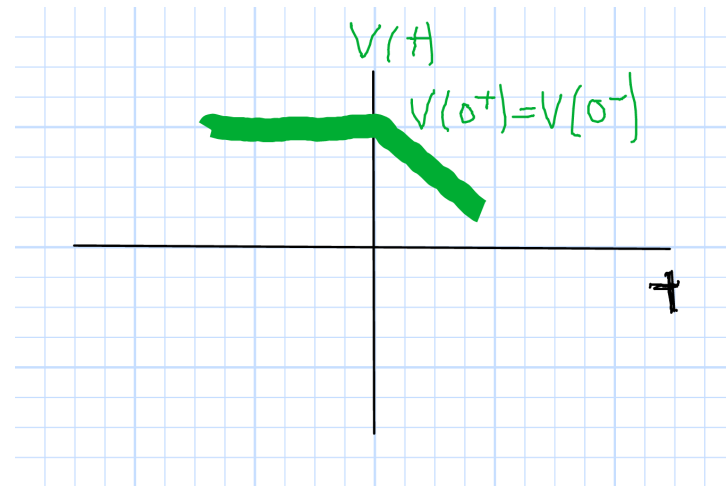
$$\tau = RC$$

- Still One Unknown ( $k_1$ )

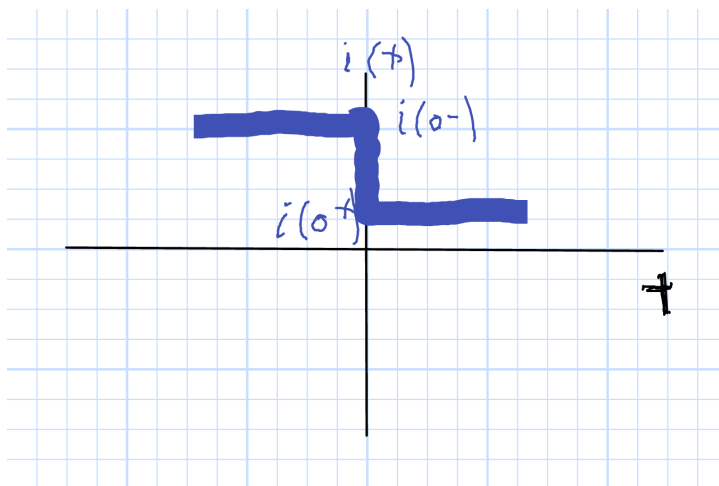
# General Boundary Conditions



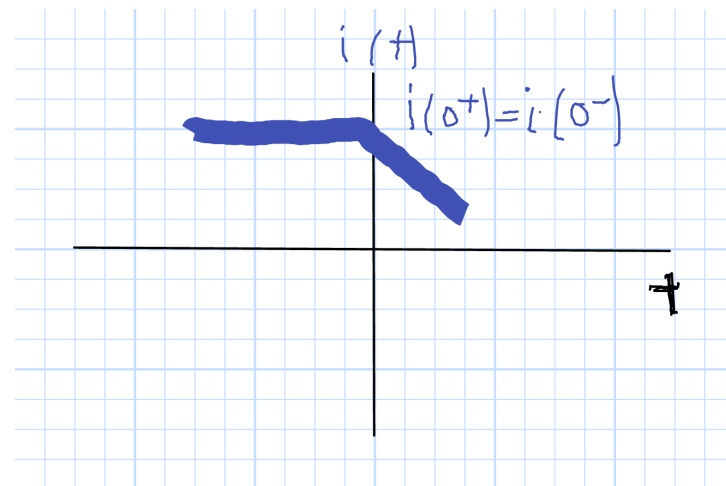
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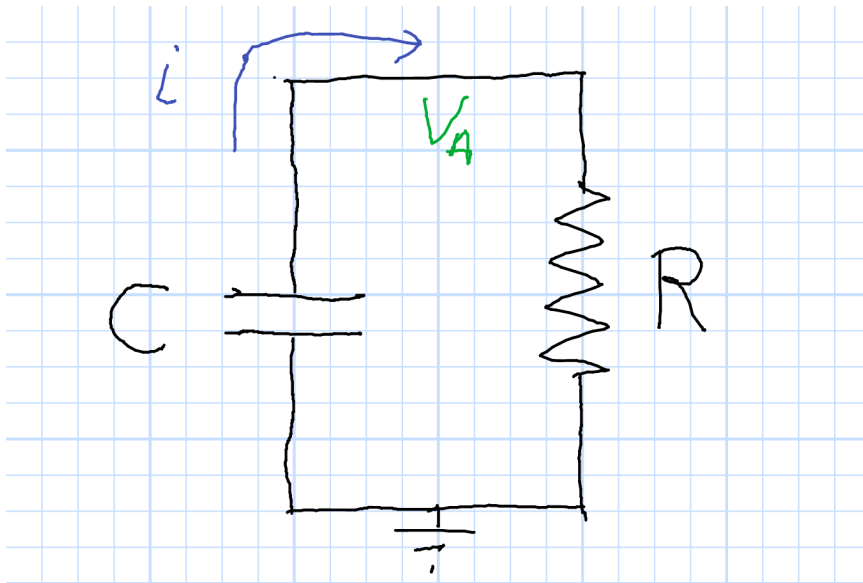


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# Initial Conditions



$$i = -C \frac{dv_A}{dt}$$

$$i = \frac{v}{R}$$

$$v_A = k_1 e^{st} + k_2$$

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$$v_A = k_1 e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\tau = RC$$

- Original Voltage  $V(0^-)$
- Boundary Condition

$$V(0^+) = V(0^-)$$

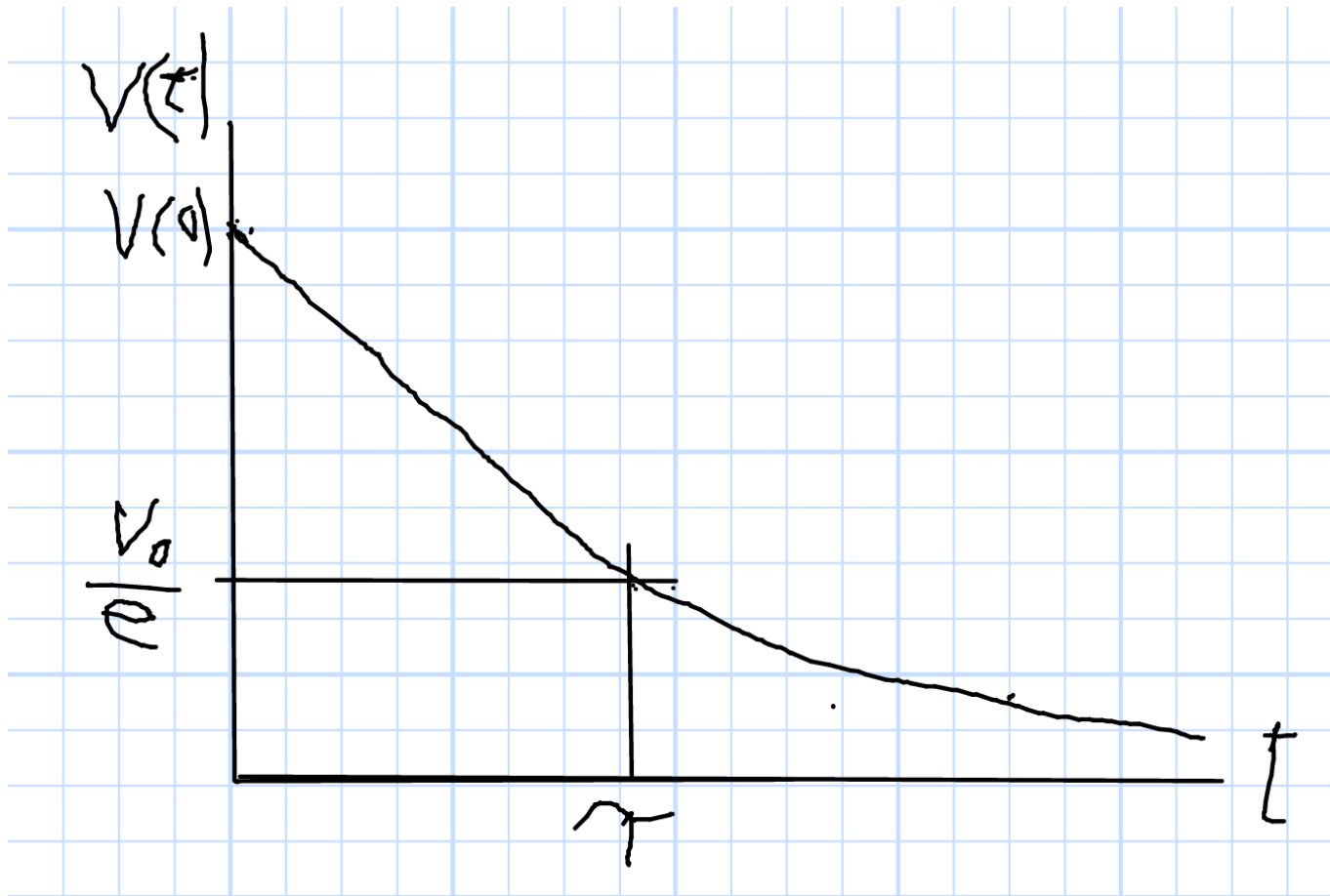
- At  $t = 0$

$$k_1 e^{-0/\tau} = k_1 = V(0^+)$$

- Solution

$$v_A = V(0^-) e^{-t/\tau}$$

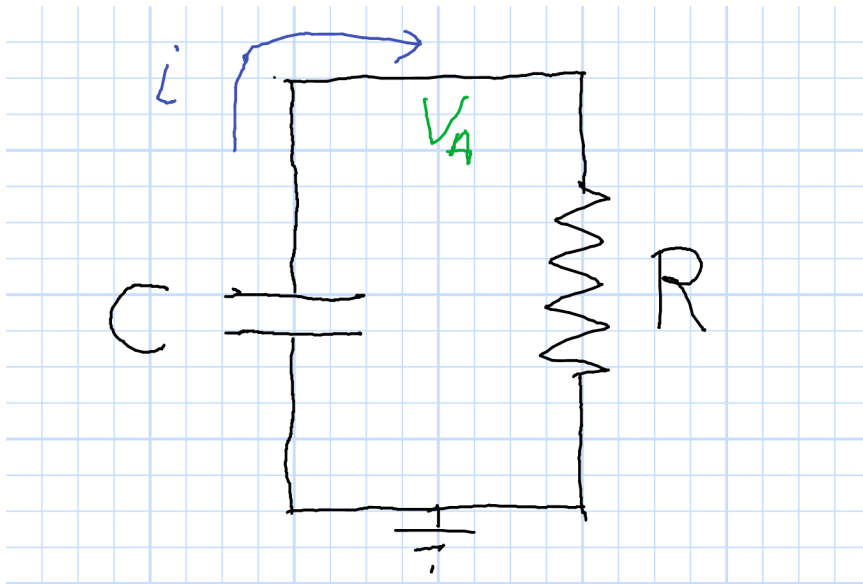
# Exponential Solutions



$$v_a = v_a(0) e^{-t/\tau} \quad v_a(\tau) = v_a(0) \times \frac{1}{e} \approx v_a(0) \times 0.3679$$

$$v_a(2\tau) \approx v_a(0) \times 0.1353 \quad v_a(10\tau) \approx v_a(0) \times 4.540 \times 10^{-5}$$

# Steady-State Solution



$$i = -C \frac{dv_A}{dt}$$

$$i = \frac{v}{R}$$

$$v_A = k_1 e^{st} + k_2$$

- Steady State

$$t \rightarrow \infty$$

- Anything that is going to happen has happened

$$\frac{d\text{Anything}}{dt} = 0$$

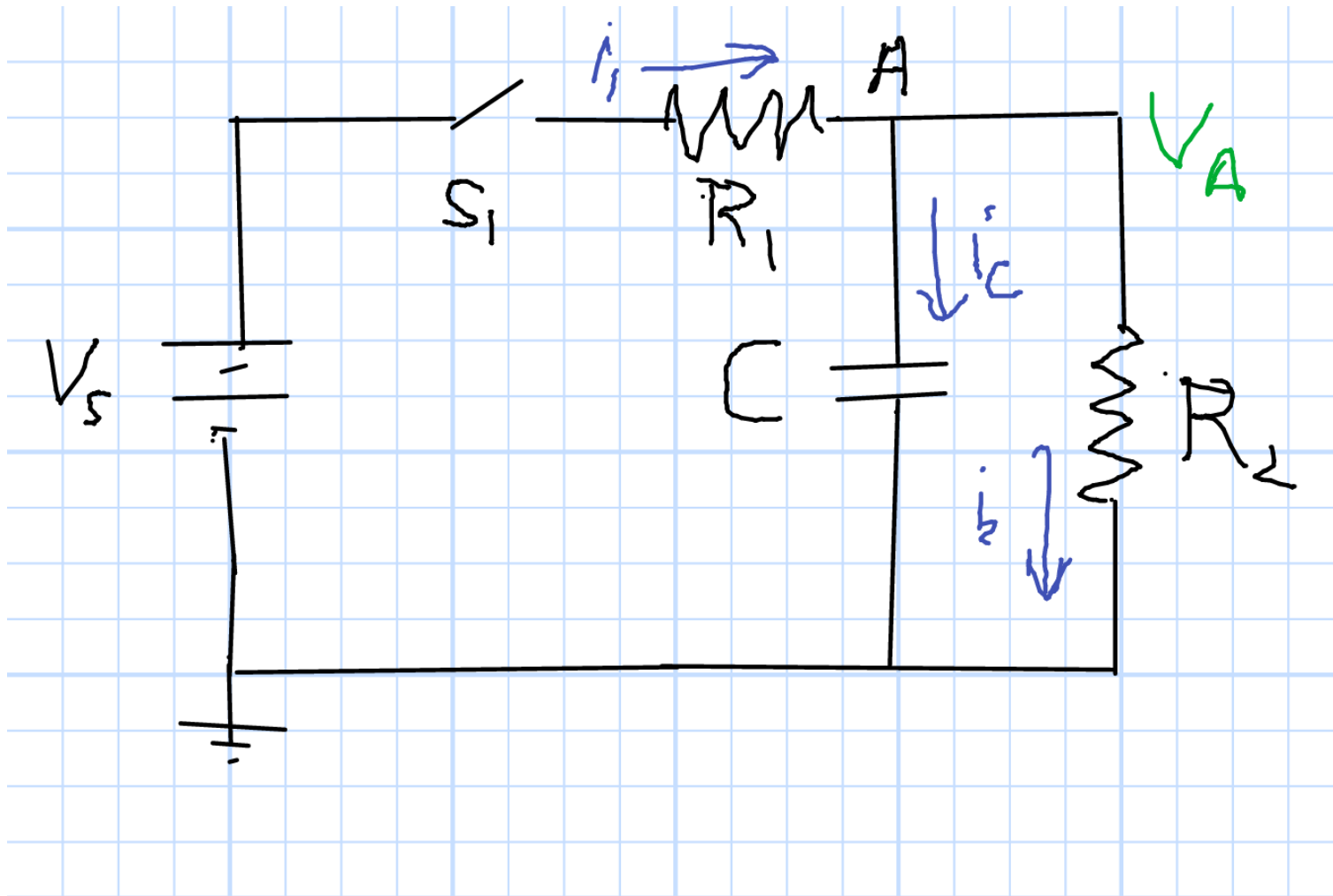
- Transient Solution is Zero

$$\frac{dv_A}{dt} = 0 \quad i = 0$$

- Solution

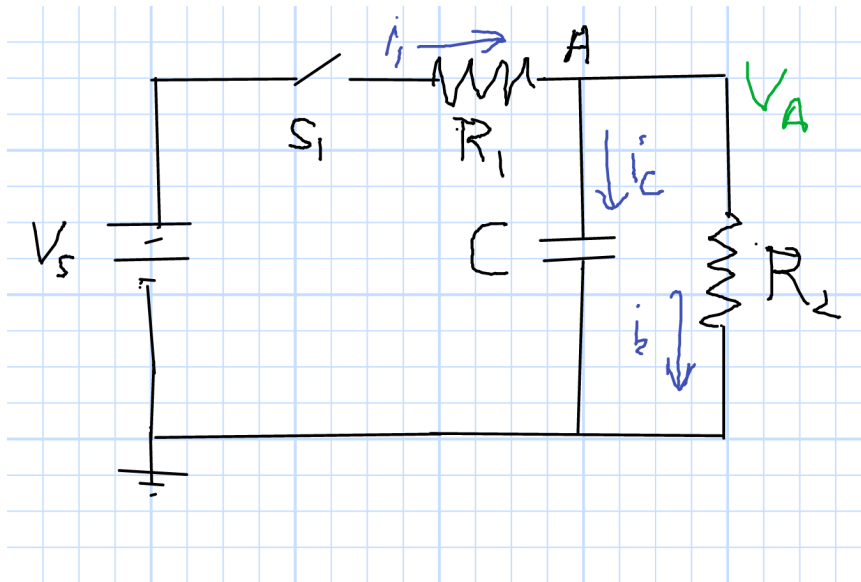
$$k_2 = 0 = v_{A\infty}$$

# Charge and Discharge



Close  $S_1$  at  $t = 0$ . Open  $S_1$  at  $t = t_1$ . What will happen?

# Charge!



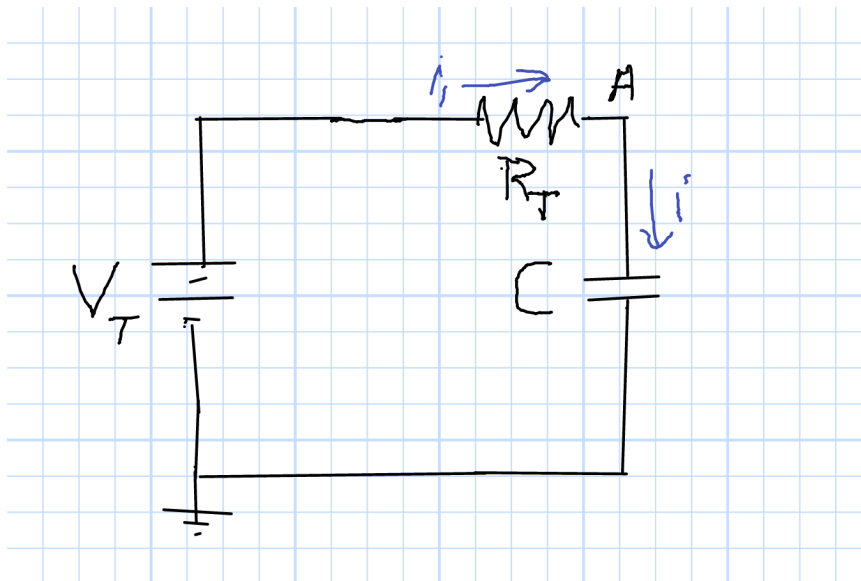
Thévenin Equivalent Charging

$$v_T = v_S \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_T = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

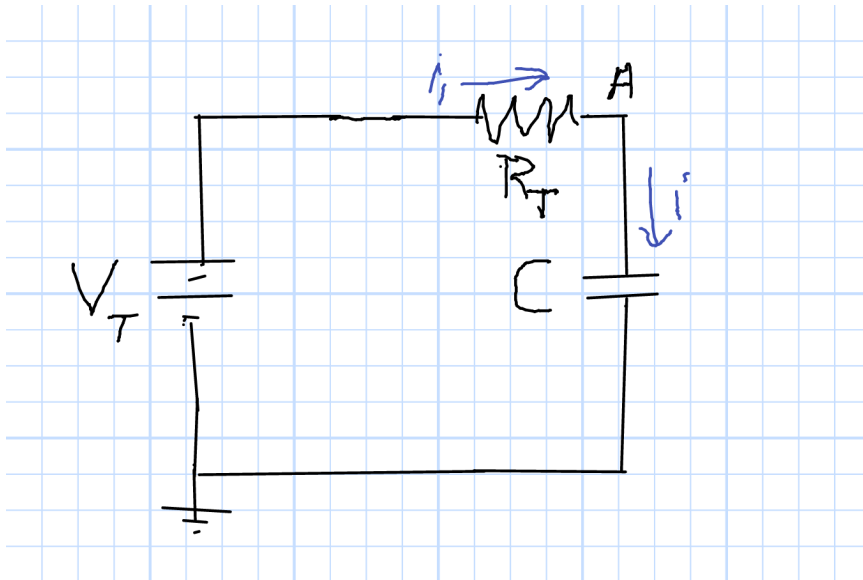
Assume

$$v_A(0) = 0$$





# Charging Equations



$$i = \frac{v_T - v_A}{R_T} = C \frac{dv_A}{dt}$$

$$v_T - v_A = R_T C \frac{dv_A}{dt}$$

$$v_A + R_T C \frac{dv_A}{dt} = v_T$$

Proposed Solution

$$v_A = k_1 e^{st} + k_2$$

$$k_1 e^{st} + k_2 + R_T C \frac{d}{dt} (k_1 e^{st} + k_2) = v_T$$

$$k_1 e^{st} (1 + R_T C s) + k_2 = v_T$$

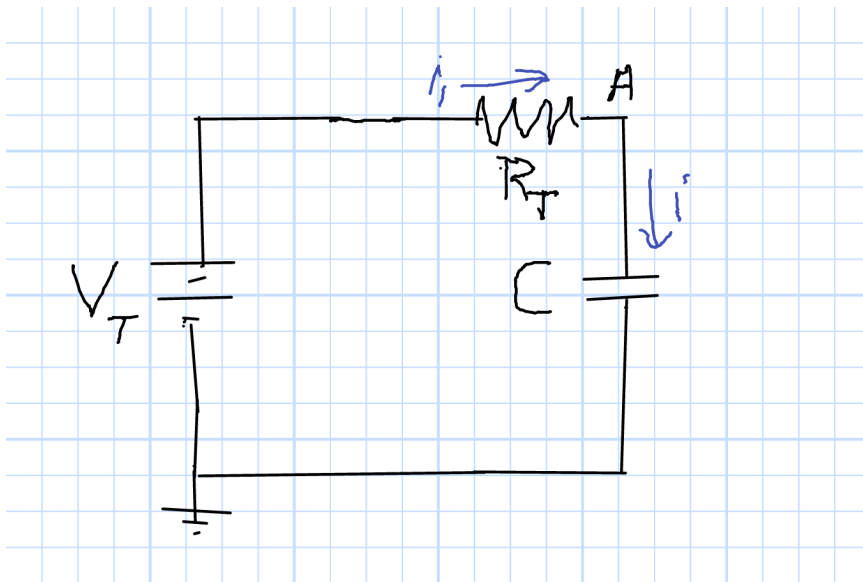
$$s = \frac{-1}{R_T C} \quad k_2 = v_T$$

$$v_T = v_S \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_T = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

$$v_A(0) = 0$$

# Charging Solution



$$v_T = v_S \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_T = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

$$v_A(0) = 0$$

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$$v_A = k_1 e^{st} + k_2$$

$$s = \frac{1}{R_T C} \quad k_2 = v_T$$

$$v_A = k_1 e^{-t/(R_T C)} + v_T$$

- Initial Condition

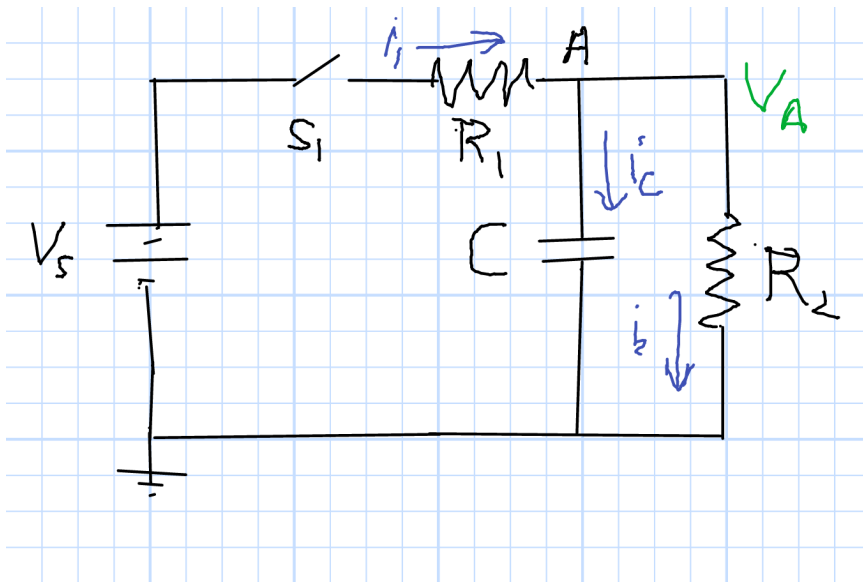
$$v_A(0) = k_1 + v_T$$

$$v_A(0) = 0 \quad k_1 = -v_T$$

- Solution

$$v_A = v_T \left( 1 - e^{-t/(R_T C)} \right)$$

# Charging Result



$$v_T = v_S \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_T = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

$$v_A(0) = 0$$

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$$v_A = v_T \left(1 - e^{-t/(R_T C)}\right)$$

- Use  $v_T$  and  $R_T$

$$v_A = v_S \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times \left\{1 - e^{-t/((R_1 \parallel R_2)C)}\right\}$$

- Assume  $R_1 \ll R_2$

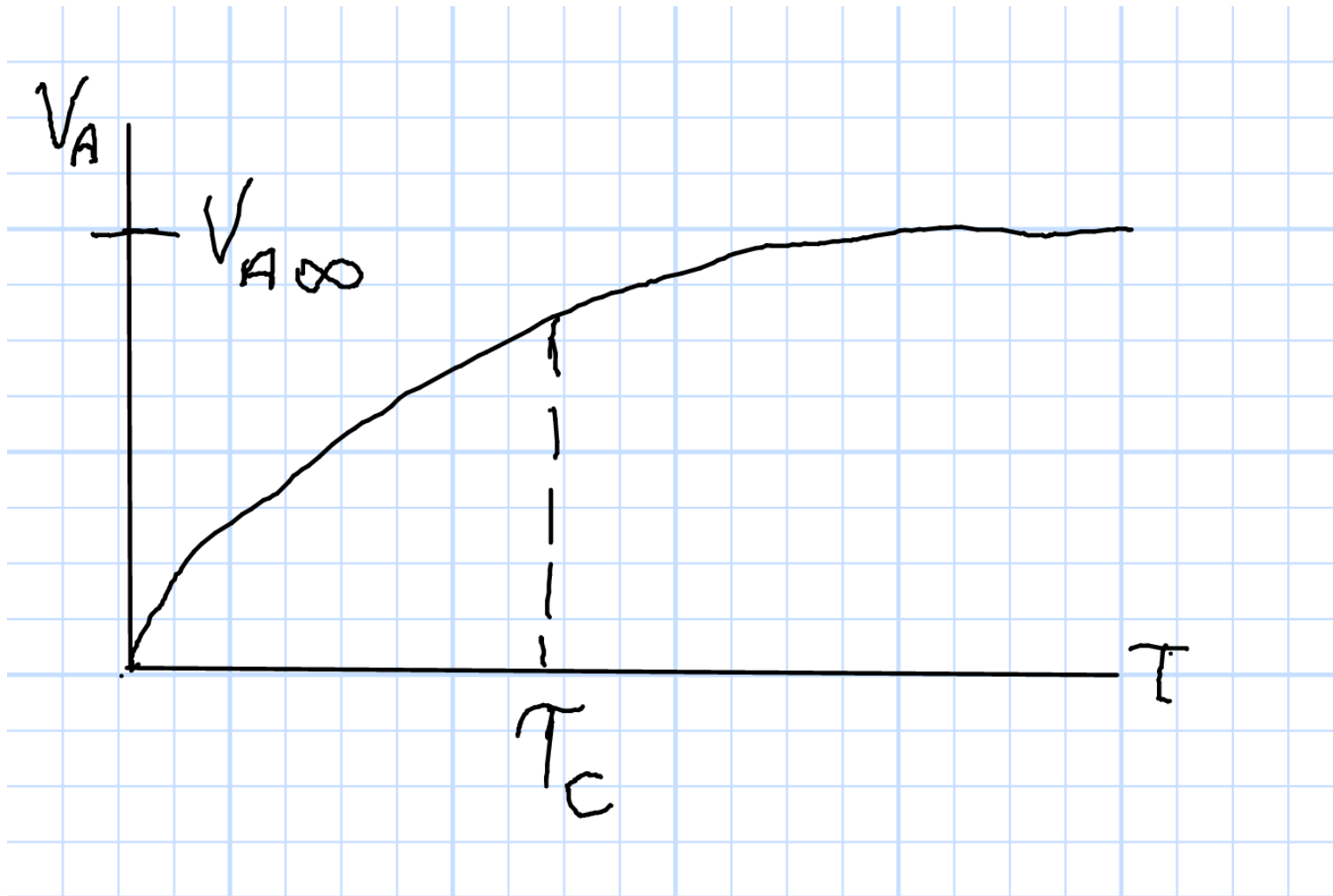
$$v_A \approx v_S \times \left\{1 - e^{-t/(R_1 C)}\right\}$$

- Example

$$R_1 = 100\Omega \quad C = 100\mu\text{F}$$

$$\tau \approx R_1 C = 10\text{ms}$$

# Charging Voltage

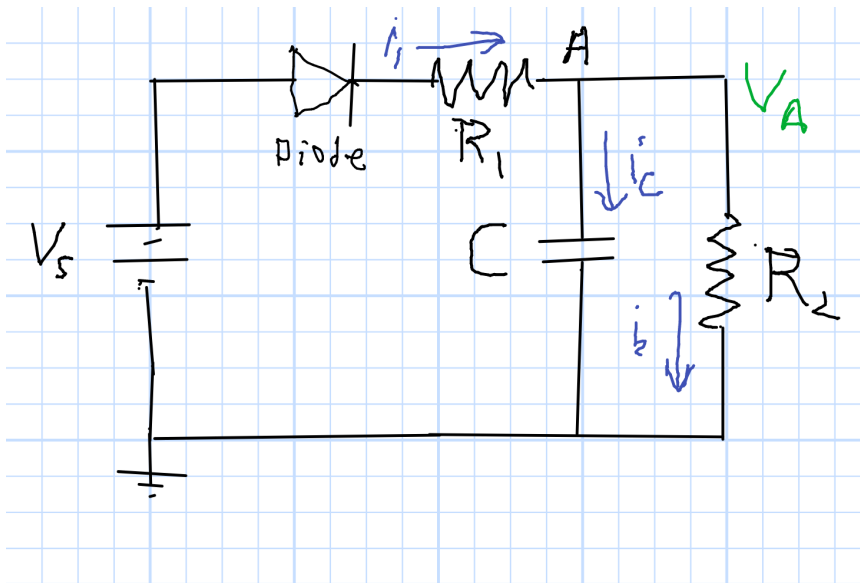


$$v_{A\infty} = v_T \approx v_s$$

$$\tau_C \approx R_1 C$$

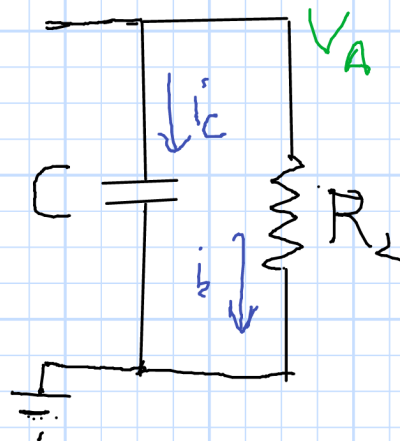
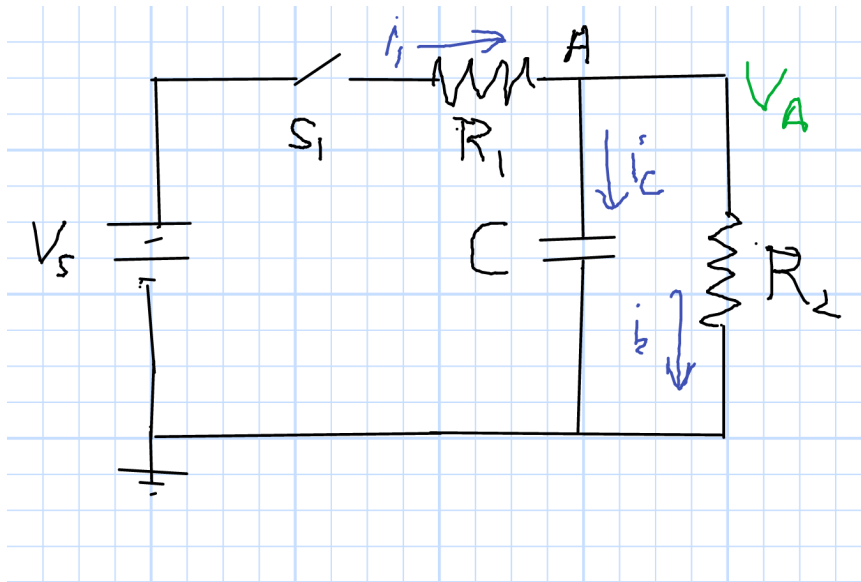
$$v_A(\tau_C) \approx (1 - 0.3679) v_s = 0.6321 v_s$$

# Diode: The Magic Switch



- $i > 0$  and  $v \approx 0$   
(Direction of the "Arrow")
- $v > 0$  and  $i \approx 0$   
(Direction of the "Arrow")
- Switches "ON" to Charge when  $v_s > v_A$
- Switches "OFF" to Discharge when  $v_s < v_A$

# Discharge!



- Thévenin Equivalent

$$v_T = 0 \quad R_T = R_2$$

- Initial Voltage
- Open  $S_1$  at  $t = t_1$

$$v_A(t_1) = v_s \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times \left\{ 1 - e^{-t_1 / ((R_1 \parallel R_2)C)} \right\}$$

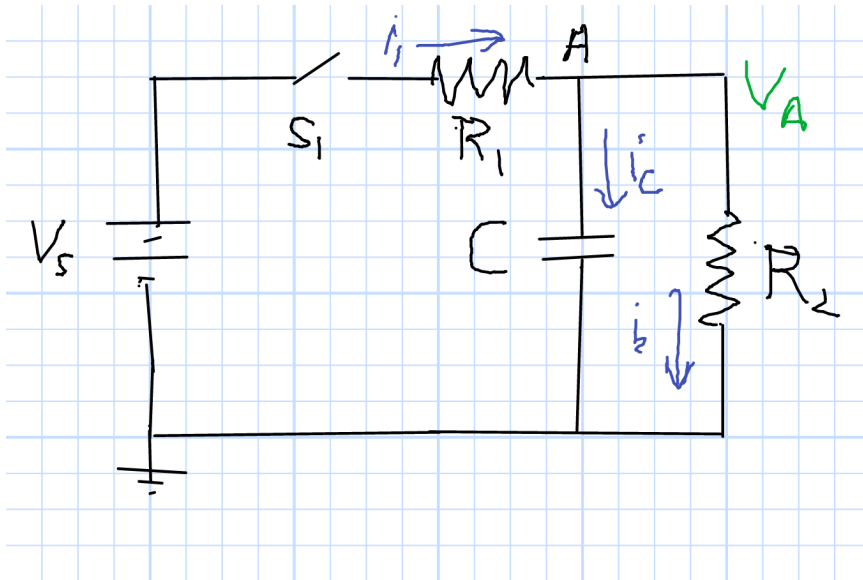
- We've seen this before

$$v_A = v_A(t_1) e^{-(t-t_1)/(R_2C)}$$

- Example:  $R_2 = 10\text{k}\Omega$

$$v_A = v_A(t_1) e^{-(t-t_1)/\tau_D}$$

# Summary



- Charge

$$v_A = v_s \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \left\{ 1 - e^{-t/\tau_C} \right\}$$

- Charging Time Constant

$$\tau_C = (R_1 \parallel R_2) C$$

- End of Actual Charge

$$v_C = v_s \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \left\{ 1 - e^{-t_1/\tau_C} \right\}$$

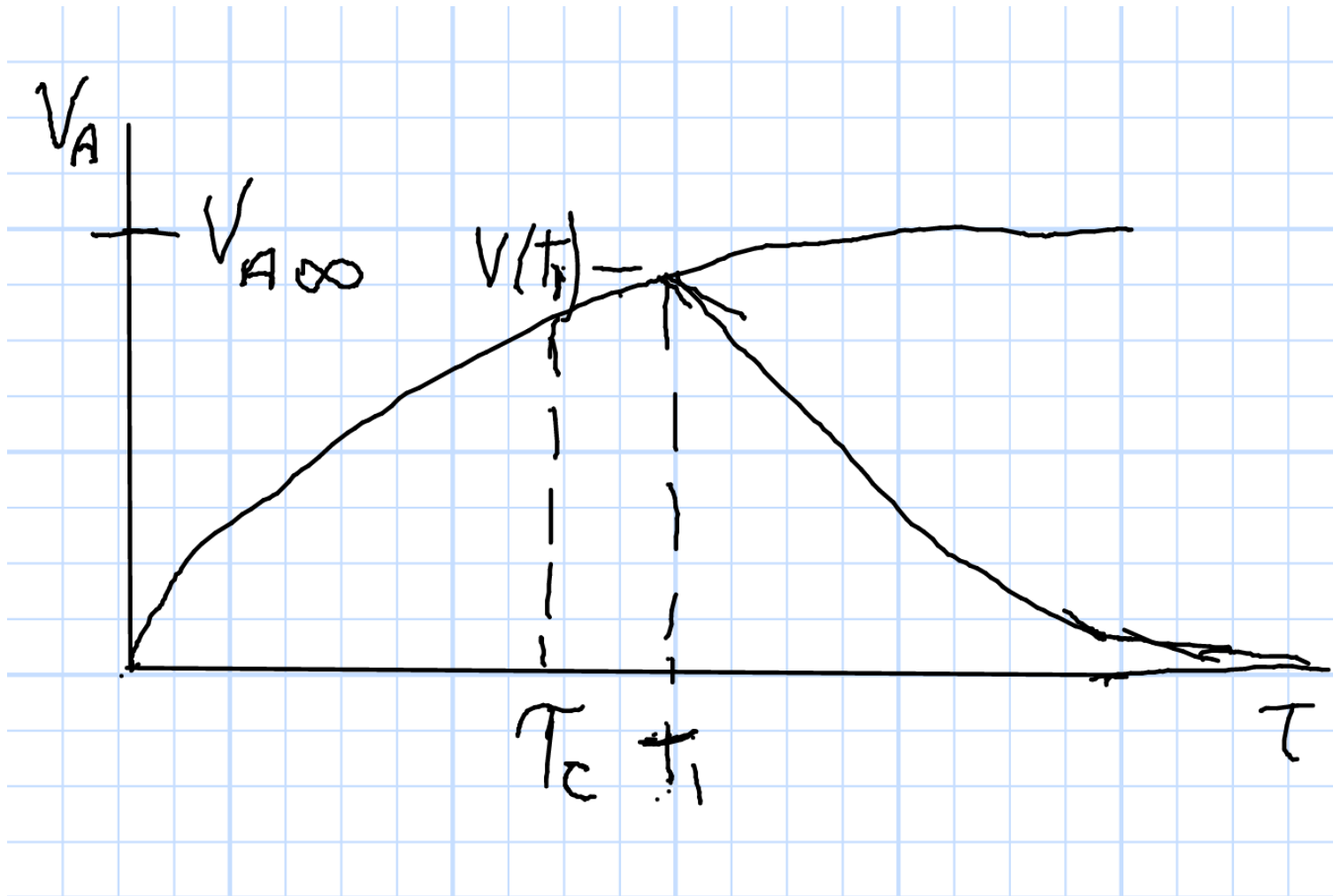
- Discharge

$$v_A = v_C(t_1) e^{-(t-t_1)/\tau_D}$$

- Discharge Time Constant

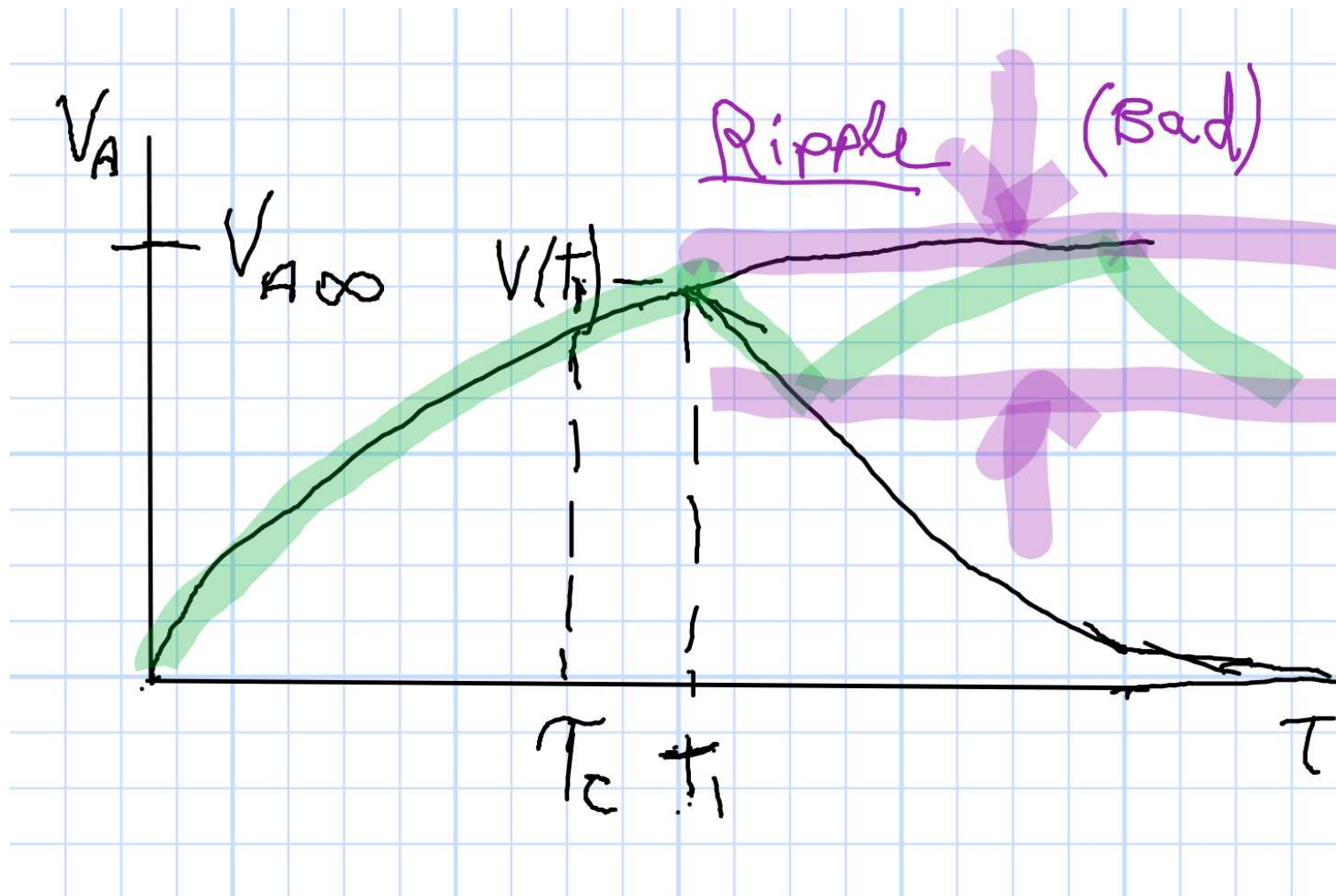
$$\tau_D = R_2 C$$

# Charging and Discharging Voltage

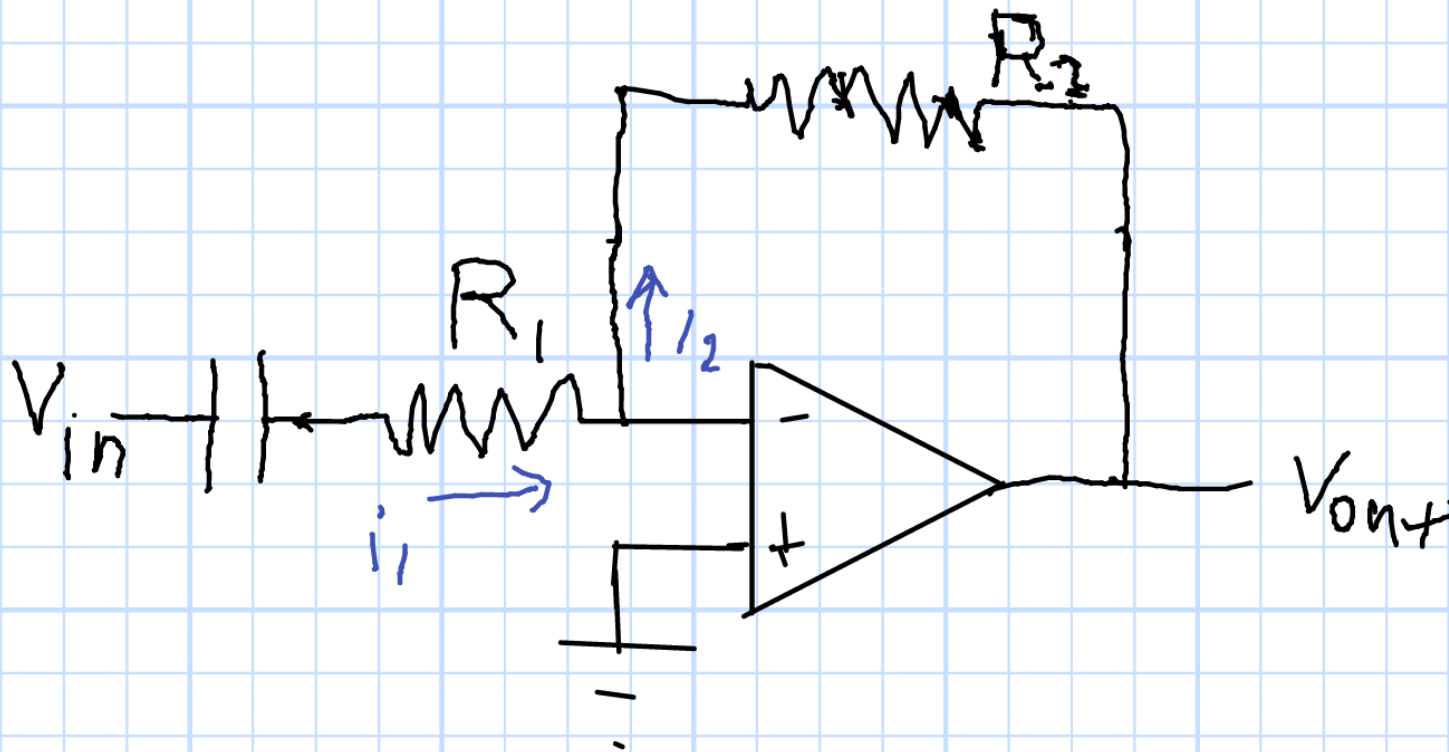




# Repeated Charging and Discharging Voltage



# AC Coupled Amplifier



Steady State?, Transient?