EECE 2210 - Electrical Engineering Quiz 8

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The figure shows a circuit with resistors and capacitors. For this example, $C_1 = 10 \,\mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 4.7 \,\mu\text{F}$, $C_3 = 2 \,\mu\text{F}$, and $C_4 = 100 \,\mu\text{F}$. The resistors are all 1 kOhms.

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$$C_{12} = C_1 + C_2, \ C_{123} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_{12}} + \frac{1}{C_3}} = 1.76 \,\mu\text{F}.$$

b. The voltage source, V_S was turned off for a long time. Now it is turned on to 10 V. Again we wait a long time so that the circuit reaches steady state. What is V_A ?

$$V_A = V_S \frac{R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} = 3.33 \,\mathrm{V}$$

c. In the conditions of part b, what is V_B ? No current in R_4 so $V_B = 0$.

d. In the conditions of part b, what is the charge on C_4 ? $Q = C (V_A - V_B) = 333 \,\mu$ Coulombs

e. In part d, how many electrons is that? $N = Q/e = 2.1 \times 10^{15}$