## IE1206 Embedded Electronics



## Quick Formula for exponential

- Rising process

$$
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$$

- Falling process

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$$



The Quick Formula directly provides the equation for a rising/falling exponential process:
$x_{0}=$ process start value
$x_{\infty}=$ process end value $\tau=$ process time constant

$$
x(t)=x_{\infty}-\left(x_{\infty}-x_{0}\right) e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}
$$

## Time constants



- More complex circuits one simplifies with equivalent circuits to one of these elementary shapes. (If this is not possible advanced courses will have a transform methood available).

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## Continuity requirements

## Summary

$\stackrel{c \mid}{\square}$
The Capacitor has voltage inertia
In a capacitor, charging is always continuous The capacitor voltage is always continuous.

## The Inductor has current inertia

In an inductor the magnetic flux is always continuous In an inductor current is always continuous.

## "All" by "the rest"



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\begin{aligned}
& x=X\left(1-e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{x}{X}=1-e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \Rightarrow \ln \left(1-\frac{x}{X}\right)=-\frac{t}{\tau} \Rightarrow t=-\tau \cdot \ln \frac{X-x}{X} \\
& t=\tau \cdot \ln \frac{X}{X-x}=\tau \cdot \ln \frac{\text { "all" }}{\text { "rest" }}
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& u_{\mathrm{C} 0}=5 \mathrm{~V} \\
& u_{\mathrm{C} \infty}=15 \mathrm{~V} \\
& \tau=2000 \cdot 1000 \cdot 10^{-6}=2 \mathrm{~s}
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Note: Capacitor voltage is continuous - If you put a voltage across a capacitor it can not charge instantaneously (would require infinite current). The voltage will not change at once.

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\begin{aligned}
& t=\tau \cdot \ln \frac{\text { "all" }}{\text { "rest" }}=2 \cdot \ln \frac{15-5}{15-10}= \\
& =2 \cdot 0,695=1,39 \mathrm{~s}
\end{aligned}
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## Neon lamp (10.9)



## S $\quad R_{1} 600 \mathrm{k} \Omega$



Flash-circuit with neon lamp.

## Neon lamp (10.9)

## a) When will the first flashing light be?



> The circuit's Thevenin equivalent:
> $R_{\mathrm{I}}=600| | 400=240 \mathrm{k} \Omega$
> $E_{0}=200 \cdot 400 / 1000=80 \mathrm{~V}$

The capacitor is charged from 0 V up to 80 V at 65 V the neon lamp lights up (and discharges the capacitor to 55 V when it goes off).

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \tau=R_{I} \cdot C=240 \cdot 10^{3} \cdot 2,2 \cdot 10^{-6}=0,528 \\
& t=\tau \cdot \ln \frac{\text { all }}{\text { rest }}=0,528 \cdot \ln \frac{80-0}{80-65}=0,88 \mathrm{~s}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## b) How long will it take until the next blink?

The capacitor is now charging from 55 V up to 80 V at 65 V when the neon lamp lights up (and discharges the capacitor to 55 V , then it goes off).


$$
\tau=0,528
$$

Flash frequency:

$$
t=\tau \cdot \ln \frac{\text { all }}{\text { rest }}=0,528 \cdot \ln \frac{80-55}{80-65}=0,27 \mathrm{~s}
$$

$$
f=\frac{1}{T}=\frac{1}{0,27}=3,7 \mathrm{~Hz}
$$

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c) If $R_{2}$ is removed, how long does it then between flashes?


If $R_{2}$ is removed $E$ will not be votage divded.
$E=200$.
Timeconstant will be changed.

The capacitor is charging now from 55 V up to 200 V at 65 V when the neon lamp lights up (and discharges the capacitor to 55 V when it goes off).

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \tau=R_{1} \cdot C=600 \cdot 10^{3} \cdot 2,2 \cdot 10^{-6}=1,32 \\
& t=\tau \cdot \ln \frac{\text { all }}{\text { rest }}=1,32 \cdot \ln \frac{200-55}{200-65}=0,094 \mathrm{~s}
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
f=\frac{1}{T}=\frac{1}{0,094}=11 \mathrm{~Hz}
$$

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## Schmitt-trigger (10.10)



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## Trigger levels? (10.10)



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## RC-oscillator (10.10)




The comparator charges the capacitor to the upper trigger level, then it turns the output on and discharges the capacitor to the lower trigger level. The frequency of the output of the comparator depends on the product $R \cdot C$. Since $C$ is constant so will the $R$ controls the frequency.

## RC-oscillator frequency (10.10)



$$
\tau=R \cdot C=5 \cdot 10^{3} \cdot 150 \cdot 10^{-9}=0,75 \cdot 10^{-3}
$$

$t_{1}=\tau \cdot \ln \frac{\text { all }}{\text { rest }}=0,75 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot \ln \frac{5-\frac{1}{3} \cdot 5}{\frac{1}{3} \cdot 5}=0,75 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot \ln 2=5,2 \mathrm{~ms}$
$t_{2}=t_{1} \quad T=2 \cdot t_{1}=2 \cdot 5,2 \cdot 10^{-3}=10,4 \mathrm{~ms} \quad f=\frac{1}{T}=\frac{1}{10,4 \cdot 10^{-3}}=962 \mathrm{~Hz}$
The supply voltage 5 V went shorten away. The frequency is thus independent of changes in the supply voltage!

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c) Later at time $t_{2}$ the switch is opened.

Now set up an expression of current through the coil as a function of time $t$ for the time after $t_{2}$. Let $t_{2}$ be a new
 starting time $t=t_{2}=0$.

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- Suppose the resistor is $10000 \Omega$ then the voltage had been -1000 V !
- When the circuit is broken the inductor tries to "keep" the current, until all the magnetic energy has been consumed. If you omit the resistor from the circuit, ie, $R=\infty$ there will be a very high voltage.


## Ex. To break the current to a coil will produce a high voltage



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## ( Steppermotor the digital motor )



CCW


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## How fast can it run?




- The motor takes one step every pulse.

The faster you drive, the shorter the pulses. Due to the time constant $\tau$ do not have time to reach the peak current in the windings and the motor becomes weak.

But there is a trick ...

## L/5R is faster - Who could have guessed?


$\tau=\frac{L}{R+4 \cdot R}=\frac{L}{5 \cdot R}$



One introduces series resistors. At the same time you raise the voltage to maintain the current. Now the engine can run much faster!

## Fastest?

If the stepper motor is driven from a current source then this will have a high internal resistance ( $R_{\mathrm{I}}=\infty$ ). Time constant will be close to 0 and the stepper motor will have torque at higher pulse frequencies.
A driver with constant current are called a "chopper". (One disadvantage of a chopper is that it generates a lot of interference).


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\tau=\frac{L}{R}=\frac{L}{\infty}=0
$$



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