

# EECS 16B Section 2B

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## Main Topic: RC Circuits

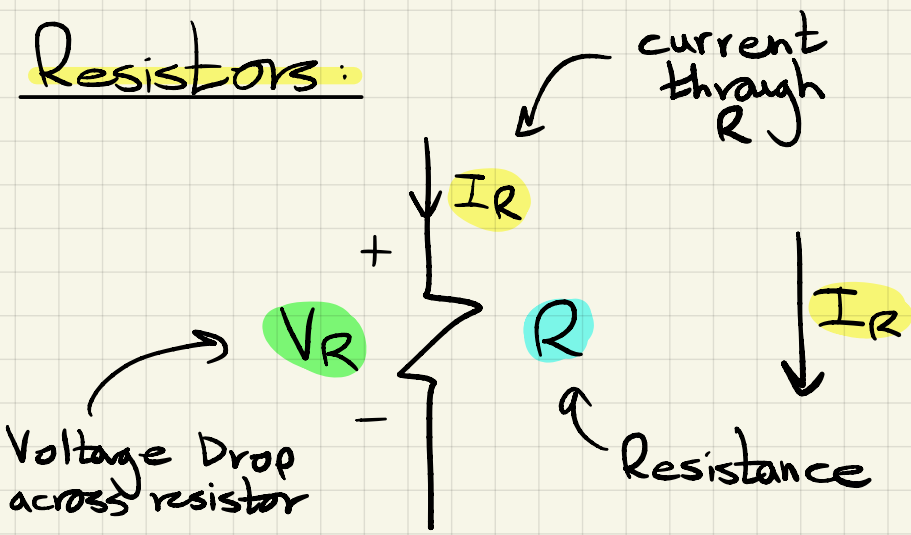
### Administrivia:

- HW 2 due Fri, 1/29
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### Agenda:

- Setup + Equations
- Q1a: Capacitors
- Q1b: KCL, KVL
- Q1c: Substitution
- Q1d: Solving Diff. Eq.
- Q1e: RC Circuit w/ voltage source

## Resistors:



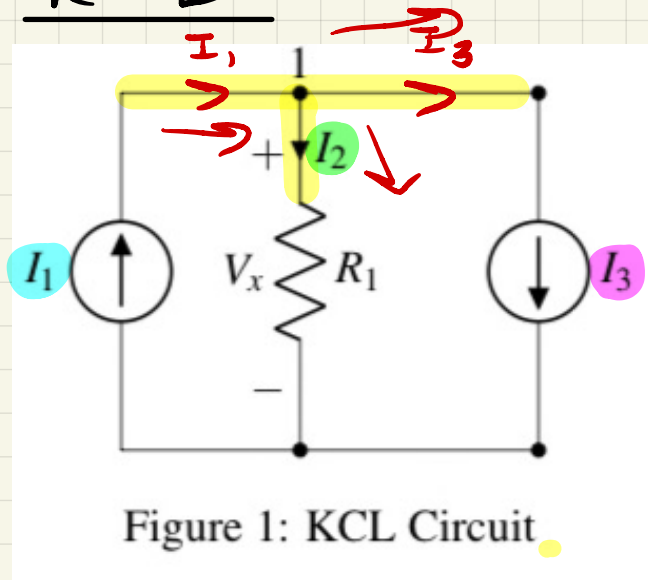
## Ohm's Law:

$$V = IR$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

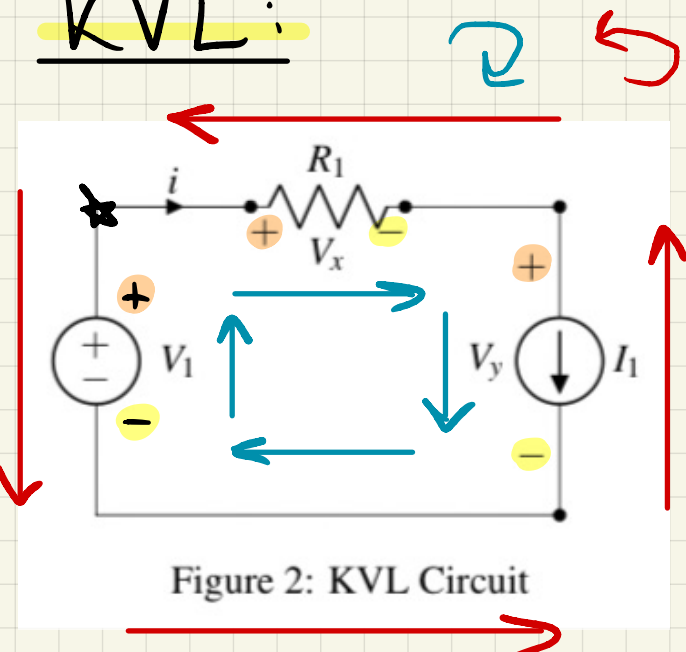
## KCL:



$$\sum I_{in} = 0 = \sum I_{out}$$

$$I_1 = I_2 + I_3$$
$$I_1 - I_2 - I_3 = 0$$

## KVL:



$$\sum V_{loop} = 0$$

+  $\rightarrow$  -: drop, negative  
-  $\rightarrow$  +: rise, positive


$$-V_1 + V_x + V_y = 0$$

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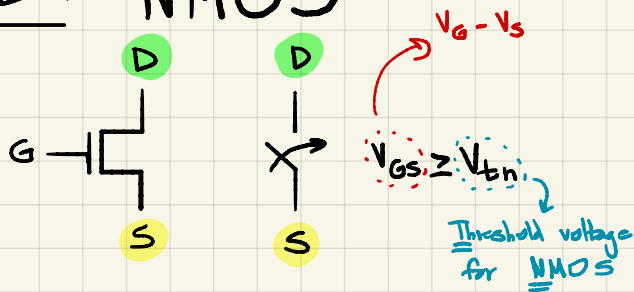
$$-V_x - V_y + V_1 = 0$$

# "Big Picture" so far

Logic gates are the building blocks of computing  
→ Implemented w/ transistors

16A "transistor": a switch 

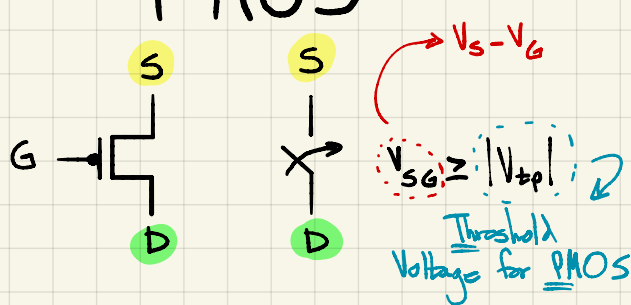
## 16B: NMOS



NMOS = 'Normal'

Input	Output
High = 1 = $V_{dd}$	High = 1 = $V_{dd}$ = closed
Low = 0 = Ground	Low = 0 = Ground = open

## PMOS



PMOS = 'Peculiar'

Input	Output
High = 1 = $V_{dd}$	Low = 0 = Ground = open
Low = 0 = Ground	High = 1 = $V_{dd}$ = closed

Key next step: Transistors are not perfect switches; we increase our model's complexity to be more realistic.

$P = I^2 R$       Resistor = Power Consumption  
Capacitor = Time Delay

So, our transistor is no longer just wire; it has an "R" and "C", hence "RC Circuit".  
Today is about analyzing these!

## RC Circuits

In this problem, we will be using differential equations to find the voltage across a capacitor over time in an RC circuit. We set up our problem by first defining four functions over time:  $I(t)$  is the current at time  $t$ ,  $V(t)$  is the voltage across the circuit at time  $t$ ,  $V_R(t)$  is the voltage across the resistor at time  $t$ , and  $V_C(t)$  is the voltage across the capacitor at time  $t$ .

Recall from 16A that the voltage across a resistor is defined as  $V_R = RI_R$  where  $I_R$  is the current across the resistor. Also, recall that the voltage across a capacitor is defined as  $V_C = \frac{Q}{C}$  where  $Q$  is the charge across the capacitor.

$$\text{(aka } Q = CV \text{)}$$

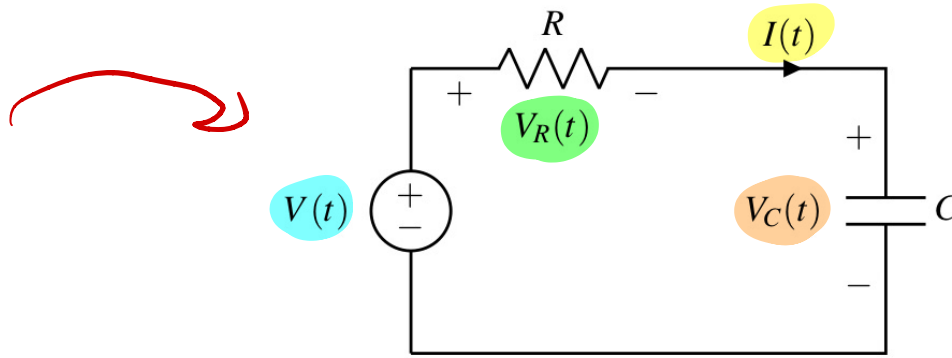


Figure 1: Example Circuit

- (a) First, find an equation that relates the current across the capacitor  $I(t)$  with the voltage across the capacitor  $V_C(t)$ .

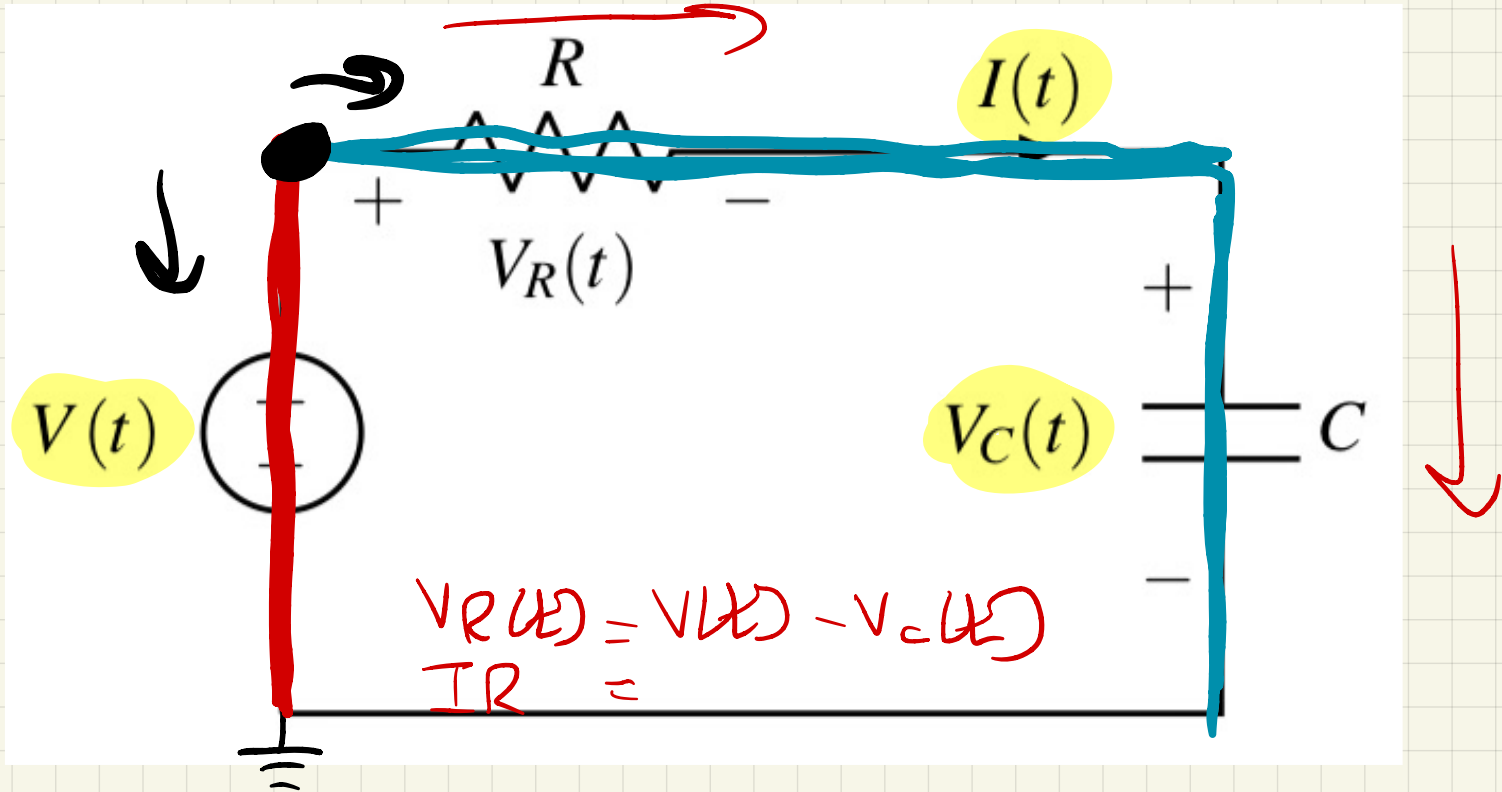
$$Q = CV$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (Q = CV)$$

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dt} Q = I \right]$$

$$I = C \frac{d}{dt} V$$

$$I_C(t) = C \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t)$$



(b) Write a system of equations that relates the functions  $I(t)$ ,  $V_C(t)$ , and  $V(t)$ .

$$V(t) = V_R(t) + V_C(t)$$

$$V_R = IR$$

$$V(t) = I(t) \cdot R + V_C(t)$$

(c) So far, we have three unknown functions and only one equation, but we can remove  $I(t)$  from the equation using what we found in part (a). Rewrite the previous equation in part (b) in the form of a differential equation.

$$I_C(t) = C \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t)$$

$$I_C(t) = I(t)$$

$$V(t) = I(t) \cdot R + V_C(t)$$

$$V(t) = C \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) \cdot R + V_C(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = \frac{1}{RC} (V(t) - V_C(t))$$

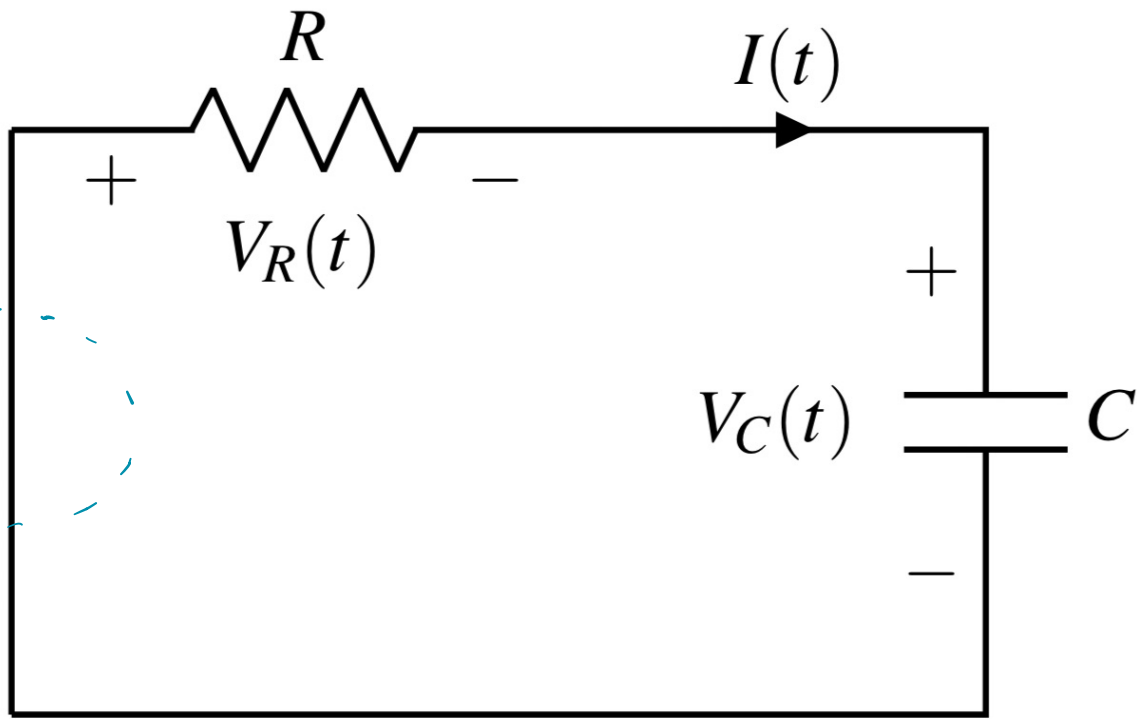


Figure 2: Circuit for part (d)

(d) Let's suppose that at  $t = 0$ , the capacitor is charged to a voltage  $V_{DD}$  ( $V_C(0) = V_{DD}$ ). Let's also assume that  $V(t) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Solve the differential equation for  $V_C(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

$$V_C(0) = V_{DD}$$

$$V(t) = 0$$

$$RC \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = V(t) - V_C(t)$$

$$RC \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = -V_C(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = -\frac{1}{RC} V_C(t)$$

$$A e^{\lambda t}$$

$$V_C(t) = A e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = (A e^{\lambda t}) \lambda$$

$$= \lambda V_C(t)$$

$$V_c(t) = \underline{\underline{A}} e^{-\frac{1}{R_c} t}$$

"Initial condition:  $t=0, V_c(0)$ "

$$V_c(0) = V_{DD} \quad V_{DD} = A e^{-\frac{1}{R_c} (0)}$$

$$V_{DD} = A (1)$$

$$V_{DD} = A$$

$$V_c(t) = V_{DD} e^{-\frac{1}{R_c} t}$$

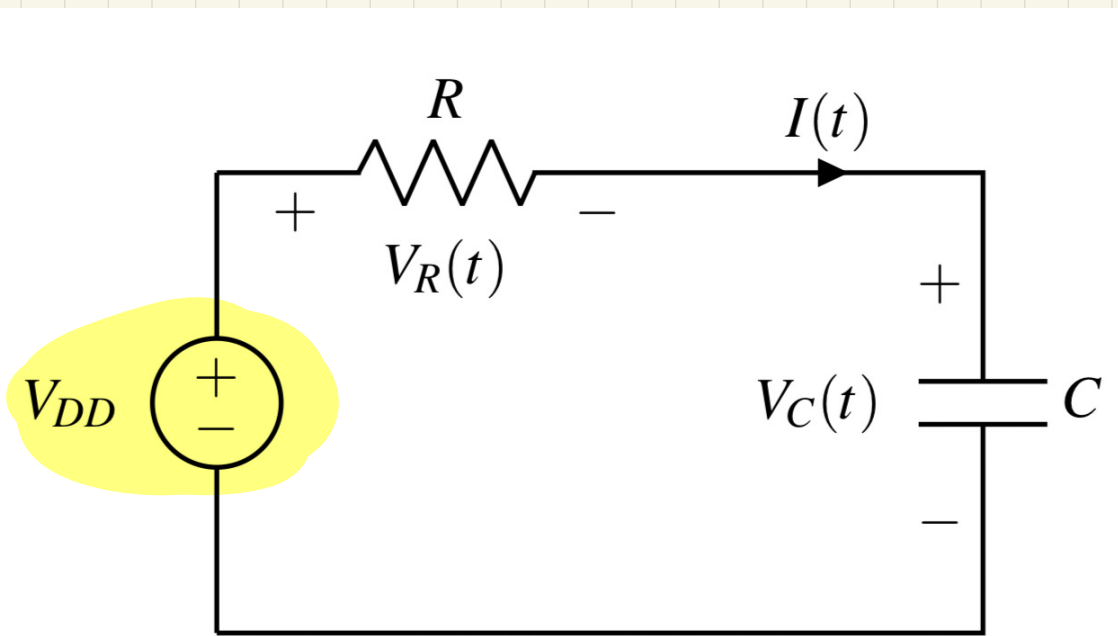


Figure 3: Circuit for part (e)

(e) Now, let's suppose that we start with an uncharged capacitor  $V_C(0) = 0$ . We apply some constant voltage  $V(t) = V_{DD}$  across the circuit. Solve the differential equation for  $V_C(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

$$V_C(0) = 0$$

$$V(t) = V_{DD}$$

$$RC \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = V(t) - V_C(t)$$

$$RC \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = V_{DD} - V_C(t)$$

$$\left\{ \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = \frac{V_{DD} - V_C(t)}{RC} \right.$$

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = \lambda V_C(t) \right]$$

$$\tilde{V}_C(t) = V_C(t) - V_{DD}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = -\frac{1}{RC} \tilde{V}_C(t)$$



$$V_c(t) \neq \tilde{V}_c(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \tilde{V}_c(t) = \frac{d}{dt} V_c(t) - \frac{d}{dt} V_{DD}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \tilde{V}_c(t) = \frac{d}{dt} V_c(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \tilde{V}_c(t) = -\frac{1}{RC} \tilde{V}_c(t)$$

$$\tilde{V}_c(t) = A e^{-\frac{1}{RC} t}$$

① Solve for A

② Go back to  $V_c(t)$

$$V_c(t) - V_{DD} = A e^{-\frac{1}{RC} t}$$

Initial condition

$$\rightarrow 0 - V_{DD} = A e^0$$

$$-V_{DD} = A$$

$$V_c(t) = V_{DD} - V_{DD} e^{-\frac{1}{RC} t}$$

$$V_c(t) = V_{DD} (1 - e^{-\frac{1}{RC} t})$$

# Recap:

(d)

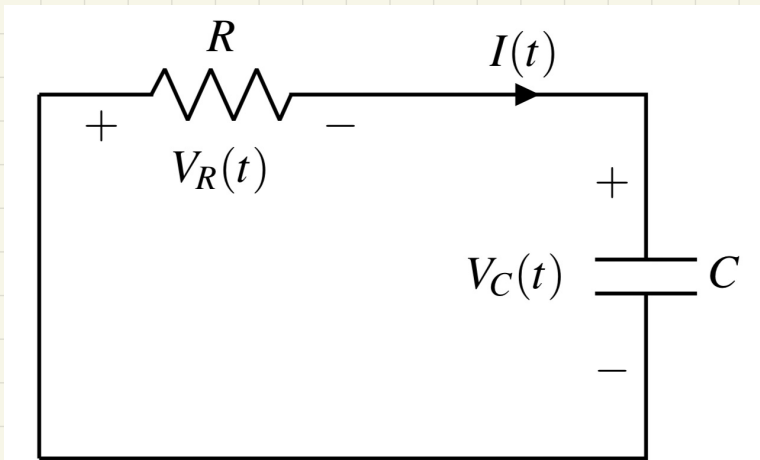


Figure 2: Circuit for part (d)

$$\frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = -\frac{1}{RC} V_C(t)$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$V_C(t) = V_{DD} e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

= Homogenous  
Diff. eq. =

(e)

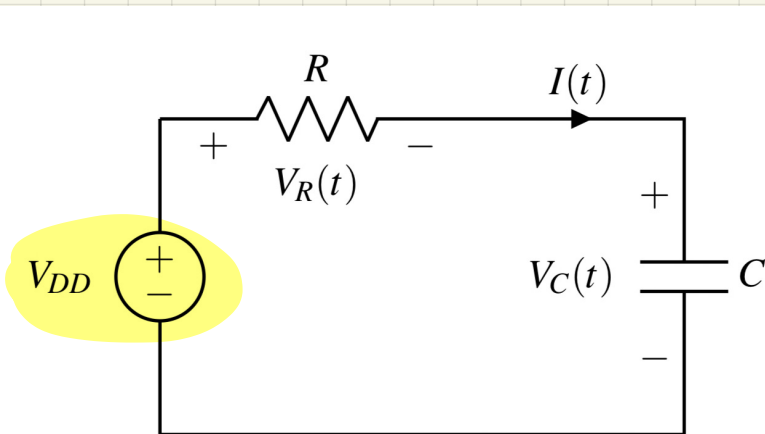


Figure 3: Circuit for part (e)

$$\frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) = -\frac{1}{RC} V_C(t) + \frac{V_{DD}}{RC}$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$V_C(t) = V_{DD} (1 - e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t})$$

= Non-Homogenous  
Diff. eq. =