

# 1<sup>st</sup> Order Transients – 1

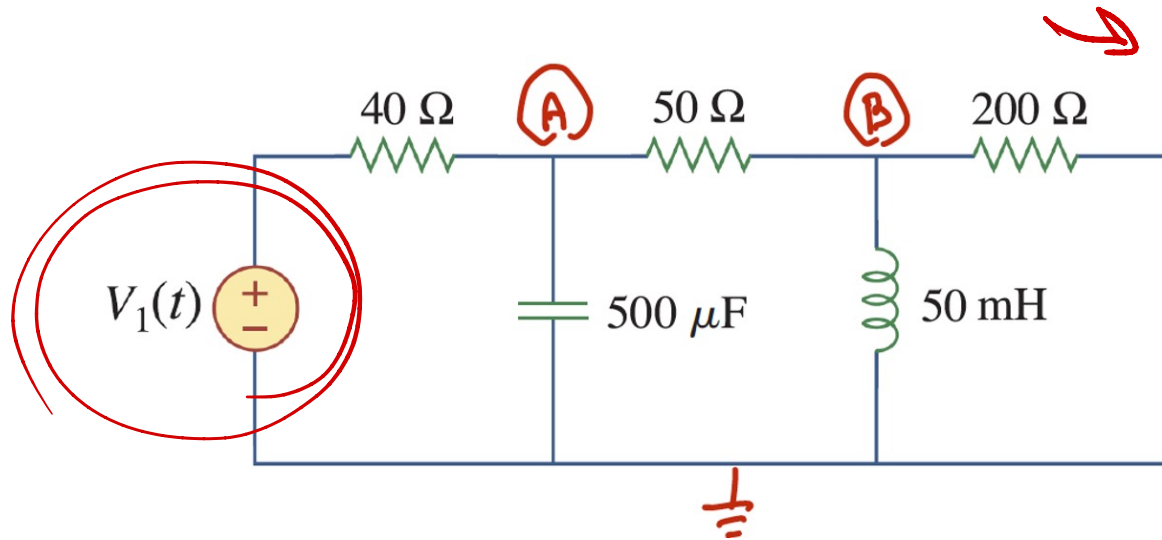
concepts

# Where are we?

- Resistive circuits:
  - Simple elements; Kirchhoff's and Ohm's Laws
  - Nodal analysis
- Inductors and capacitors
  - Steady state (phasor) analysis
- Op amps
- Circuit theorems:
  - Thevenin/Norton, maximum power
- **Transients:**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> order circuits**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> order circuits**
- Mesh analysis



# Recall the 1<sup>st</sup> Phasor Circuit



- Characterized by the 2<sup>nd</sup> order differential equations

$$\frac{d^2 A(t)}{dt^2} + 858 \frac{dA(t)}{dt} + 72,000 A(t) = 50 \frac{dV_1(t)}{dt} + 40,000 V_1(t)$$

$$\frac{d^2 B(t)}{dt^2} + 858 \frac{dB(t)}{dt} + 72,000 B(t) = 40 \frac{dV_1(t)}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d^2 A(t)}{dt^2} + 858 \frac{dA(t)}{dt} + 72,000 A(t) = 50 \frac{dV_1(t)}{dt} + 40,000 V_1(t)$$

$$\frac{d^2 B(t)}{dt^2} + 858 \frac{dB(t)}{dt} + 72,000 B(t) = 40 \frac{dV_1(t)}{dt}$$

- Homogeneous solutions are exponentials

$$A_{homogeneous}(t) = a_1 e^{-94.3t} + a_2 e^{-764t}$$

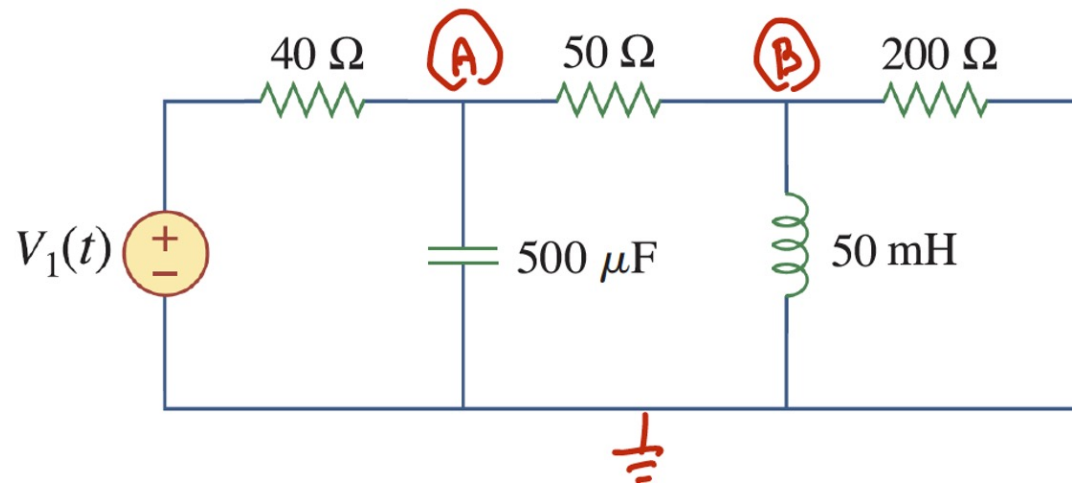
$$B_{homogeneous}(t) = b_1 e^{-94.3t} + b_2 e^{-764t} + b_3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cancel{\frac{d^2 A(t)}{dt^2}} + 858 \cancel{\frac{dA(t)}{dt}} + \underline{72,000} A(t) &= 50 \cancel{\frac{dV_1(t)}{dt}} + \underline{40,000} \cancel{V_1(t)} \\
 \cancel{\frac{d^2 B(t)}{dt^2}} + 858 \cancel{\frac{dB(t)}{dt}} + \underline{72,000} B(t) &= \underline{40} \cancel{\frac{dV_1(t)}{dt}} \quad \underline{V_1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\downarrow a_0$

- Now, imagine that  $V_1(t) = V_1$  is a constant (DC) voltage source; then the particular solutions are both constants

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{steady-state}(t) &= a_0 \left( = \frac{5 V_1}{9} \right) \\
 B_{steady-state}(t) &= b_0 (= 0)
 \end{aligned}$$



- So, combining

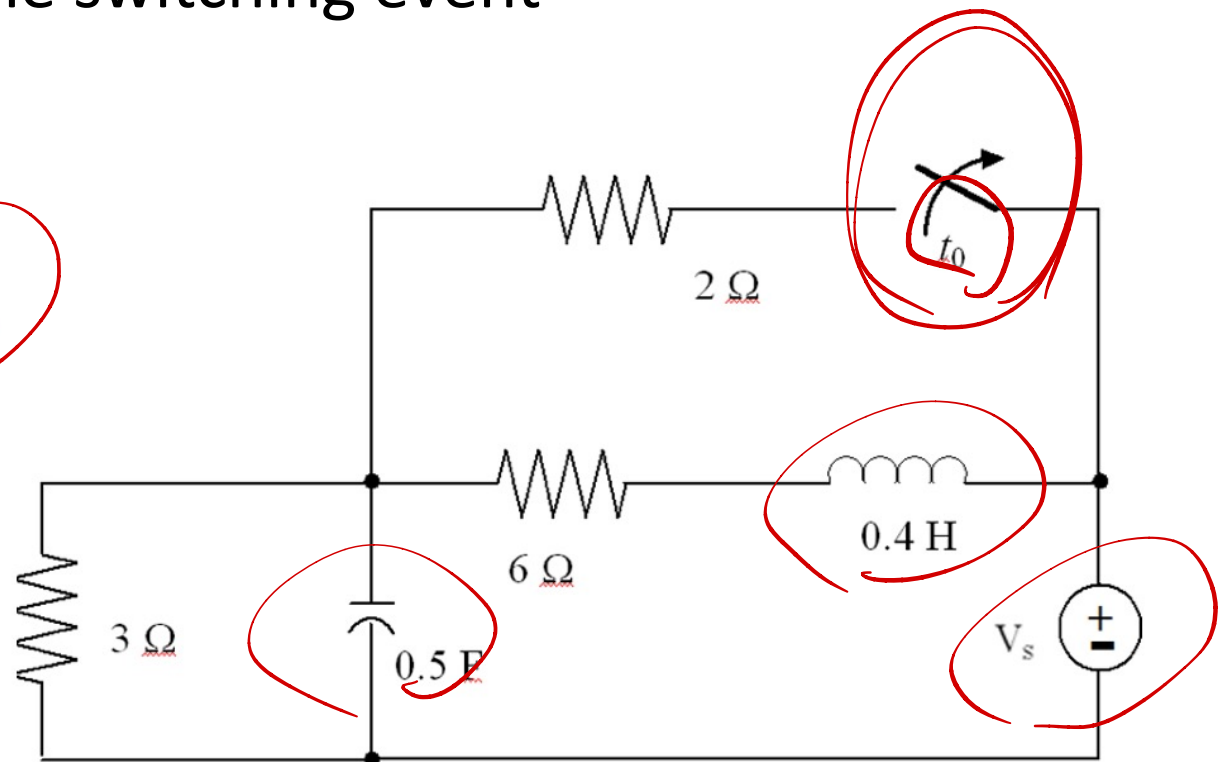
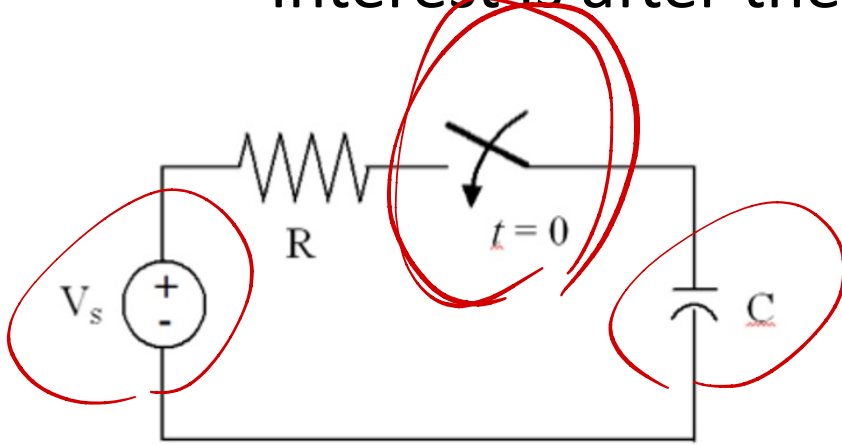
$$A(t) = \frac{5 V_1}{9} + a_1 e^{-94.3t} + a_2 e^{-764t}$$

$$B(t) = b_1 e^{-94.3t} + b_2 e^{-764t}$$

- Still has unknown constants

# Transient Analysis

- Short-term response of a circuit to “change”, typically a switching event:
  - An actual switch or sources turning on/off
  - Interest is after the switching event



- We consider the DC source case so that the forced portion is a constant; specifically, in steady state, all voltages/currents are constants, so

$$v_L = L \frac{di_L(t)}{dt} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{inductors act as short circuits}$$

$$i_C = C \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{capacitors act as open circuits}$$

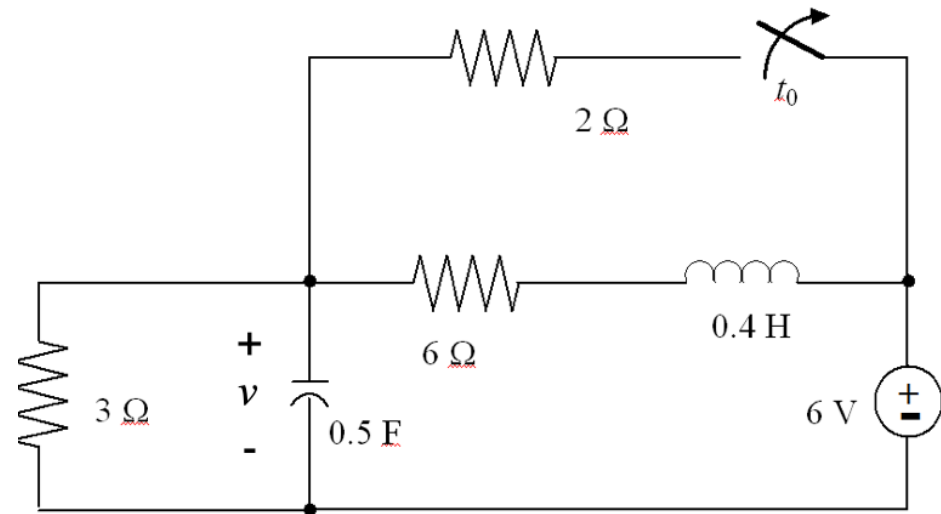


$v(t)$

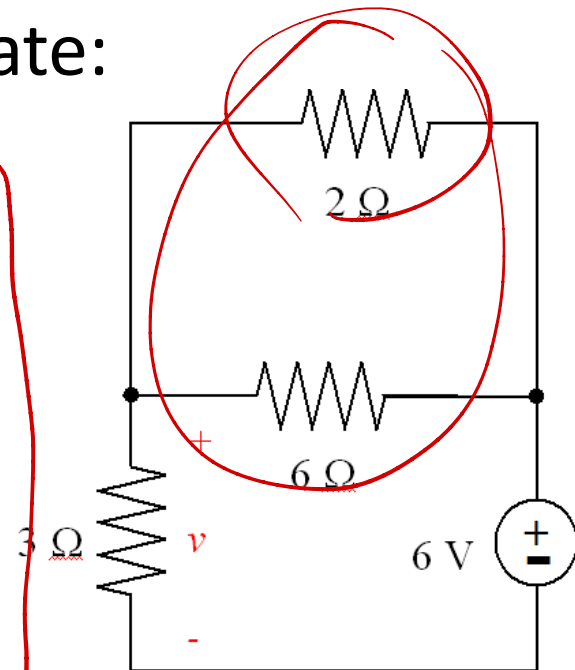
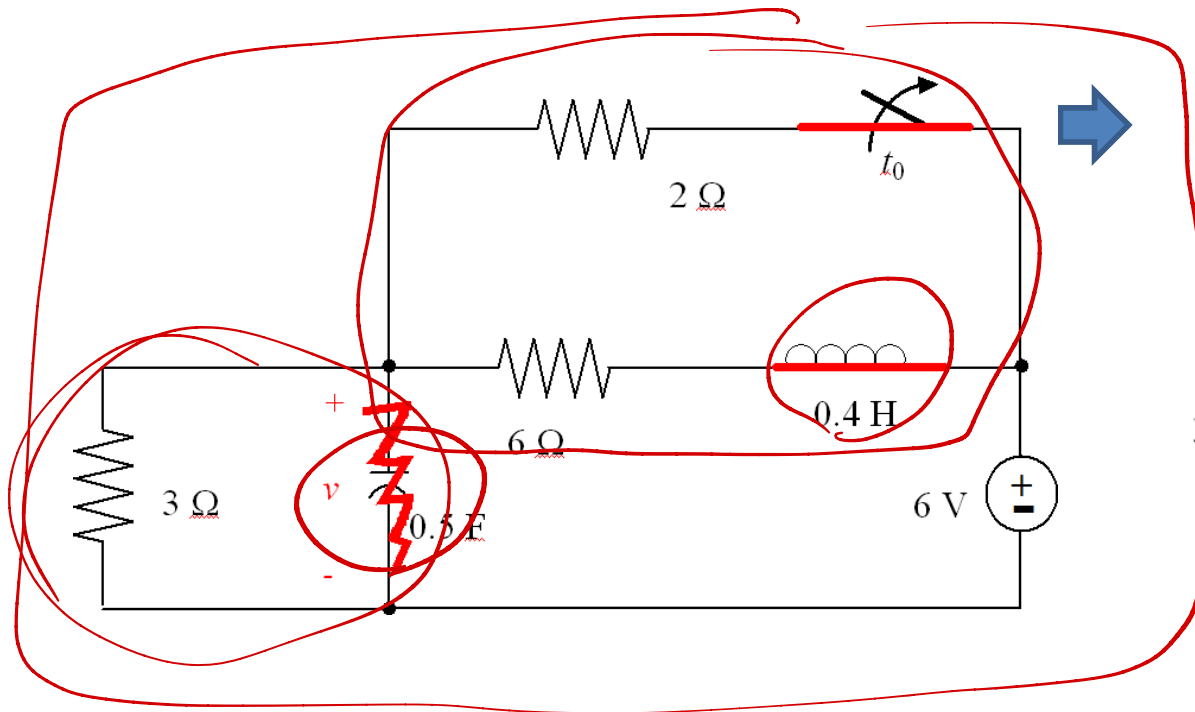
As an example:

4 V

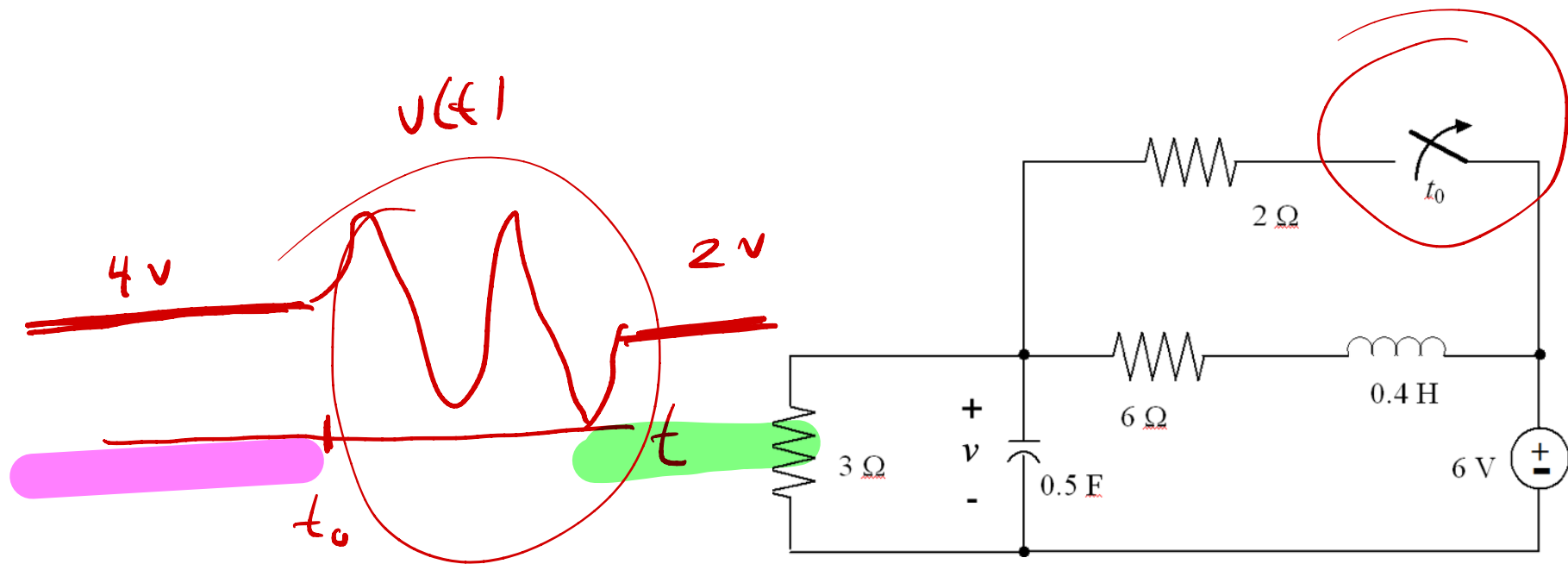
$t_0$



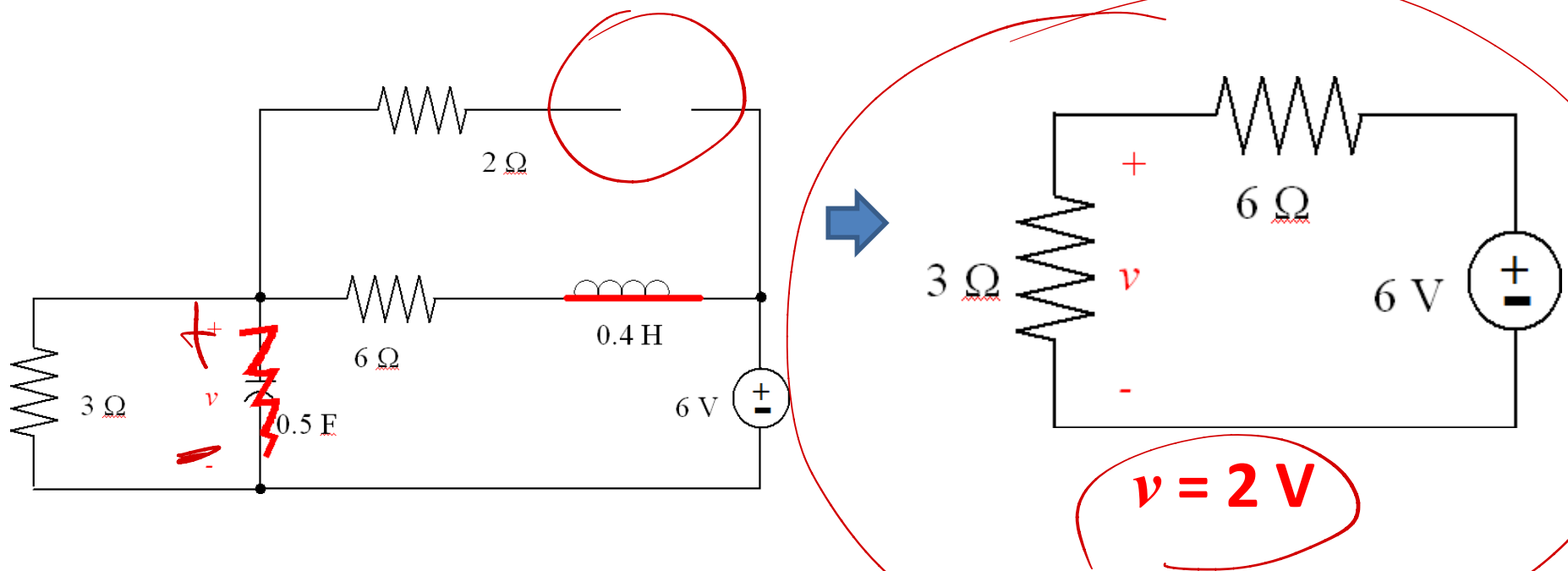
Before time  $t_0$ , assuming steady state:



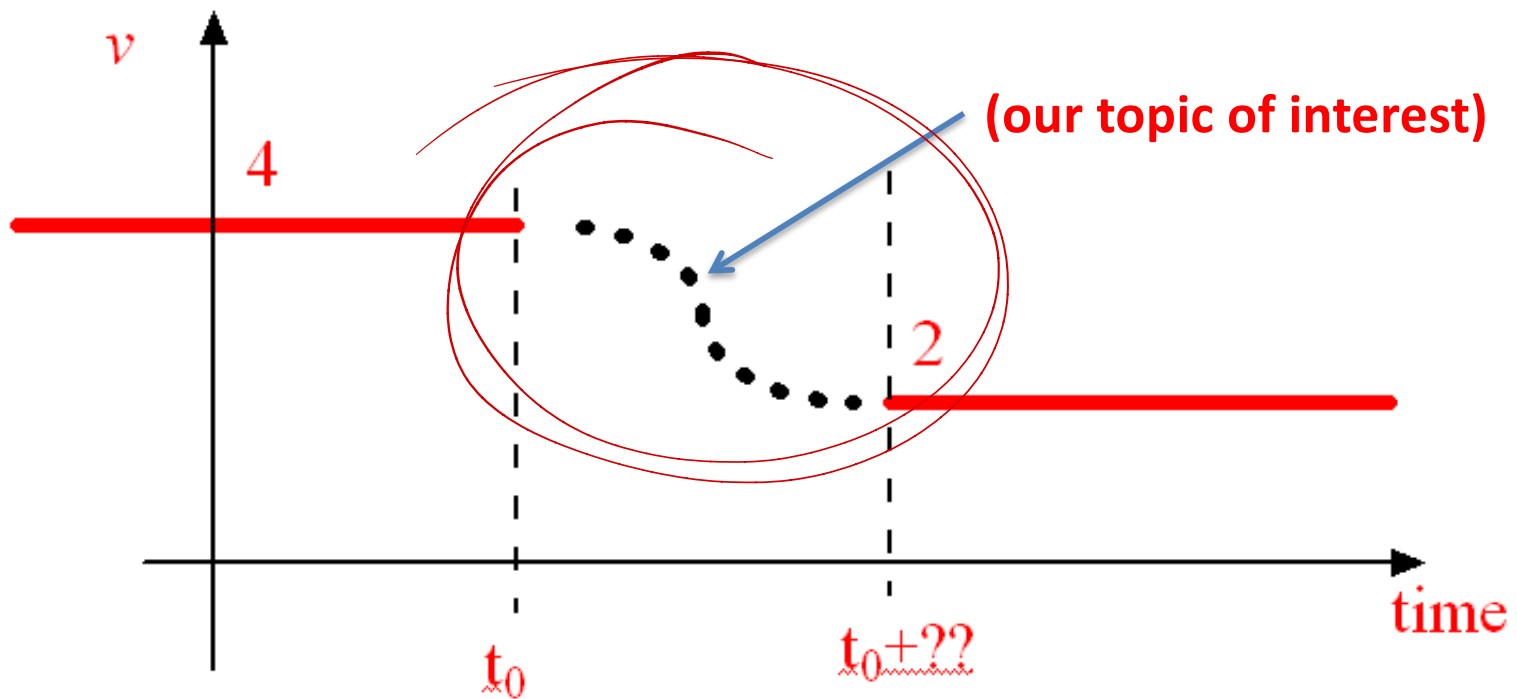
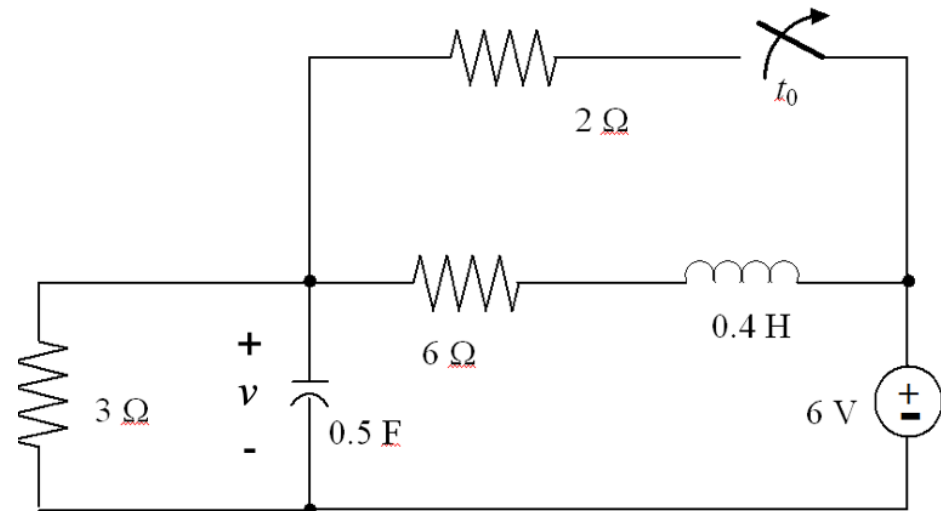
$$v = 4 \text{ V}$$

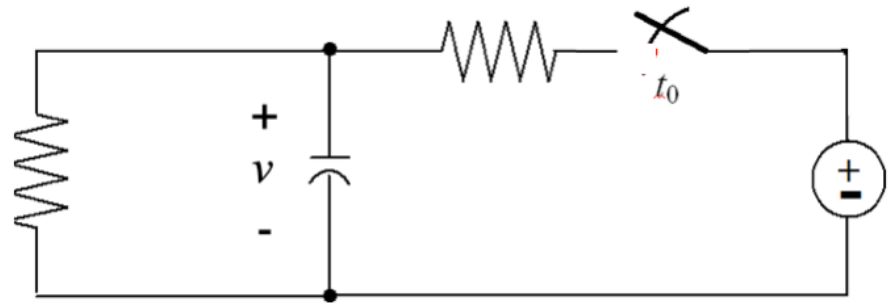


And a long time after time  $t_0$ , steady state again:



The transient is  
what happens in  
between these

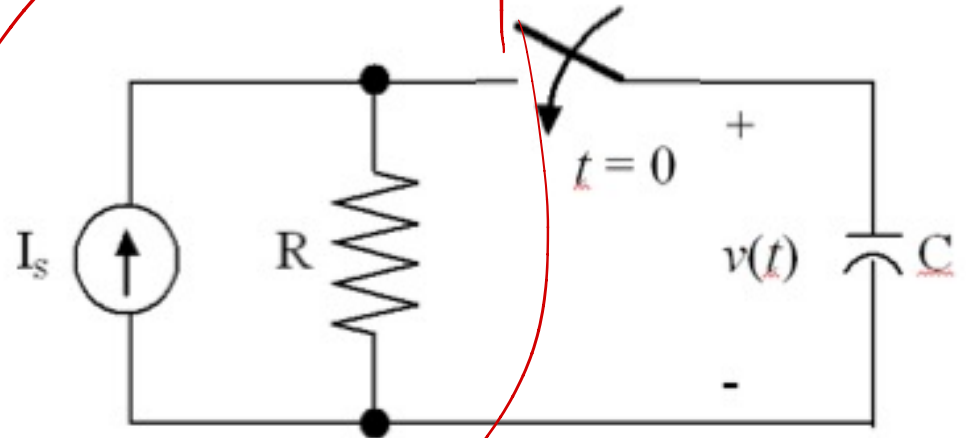




- Terminology used:
  - Natural response: circuit with no sources, initial conditions only; usually all variables go to zero
  - Step response: circuit with DC sources, zero initial conditions
  - Combined response = sum of both
- Useful facts:
  - Inductor: a short for DC; current cannot jump (is a continuous function)
  - Capacitor: an open for DC; voltage cannot jump (is a continuous function)

# First Order RC Case

- Simple circuit
- DC source
- initial capacitor voltage is  $v_0$

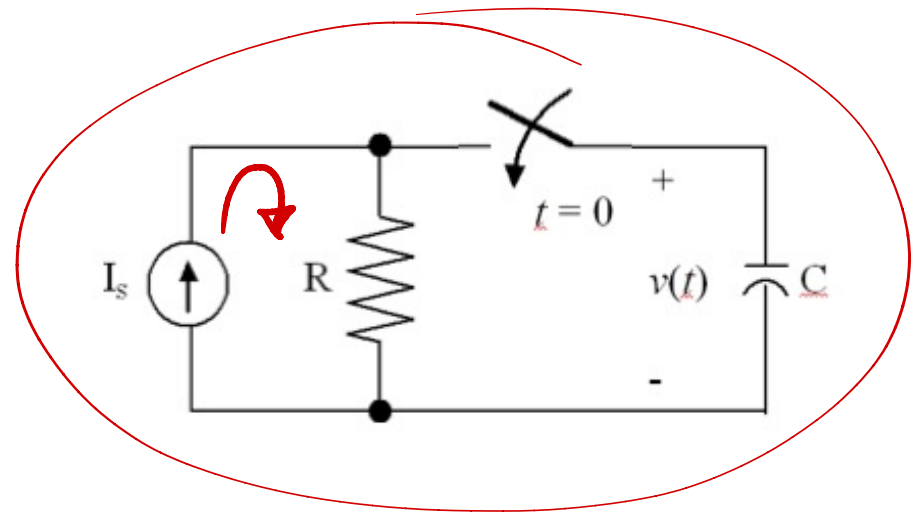


- Node equation after  $t = 0$ : 
$$\frac{dv(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{RC} v(t) = \frac{1}{C} I_s$$

- Solution is: 
$$v(t) = A e^{-\frac{1}{RC} t} + B$$

- Need to solve for  $A$  and  $B$

$$v(t) = A e^{-t/RC} + B$$



– Initial and final conditions: from the math

$$v(0) = A + B$$

$$v(\infty) = B$$

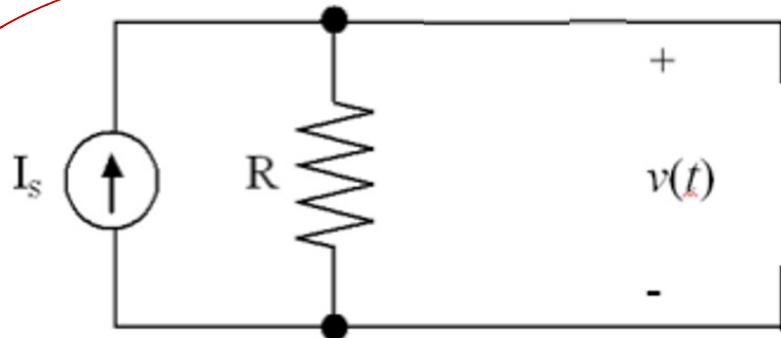
$$v(\infty) = IR$$

– So, solving

$$v(t) = (v(0) - v(\infty))e^{-t/RC} + v(\infty)$$

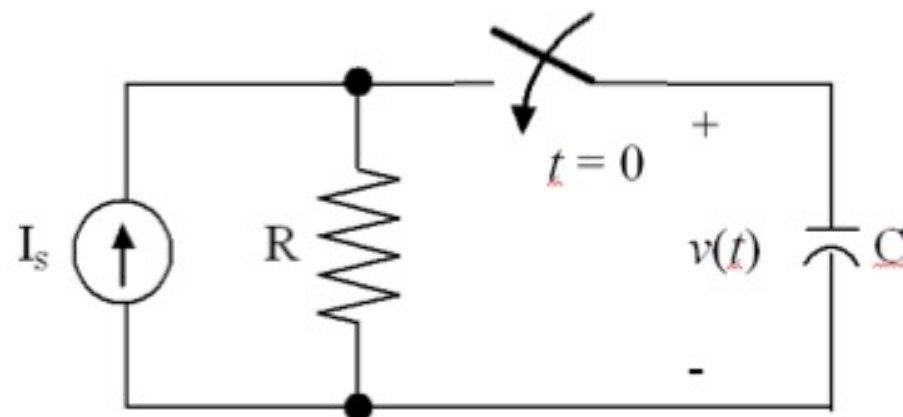
- Final value
  - Exploit the fact that in steady state the capacitor acts like an open

$$v(\infty) = I_s R$$



So

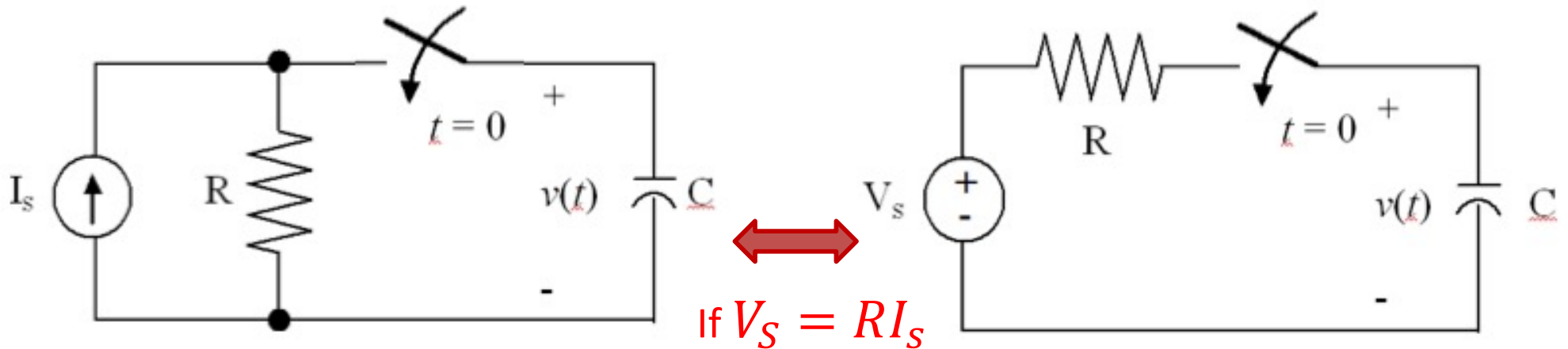
$$v(t) = (v_0 - I_s R) e^{-t/RC} + I_s R$$



- Initial condition
  - Exploit the fact that the capacitor voltage cannot take a jump

$$v(0) = v_0$$

- Consider a transformation:



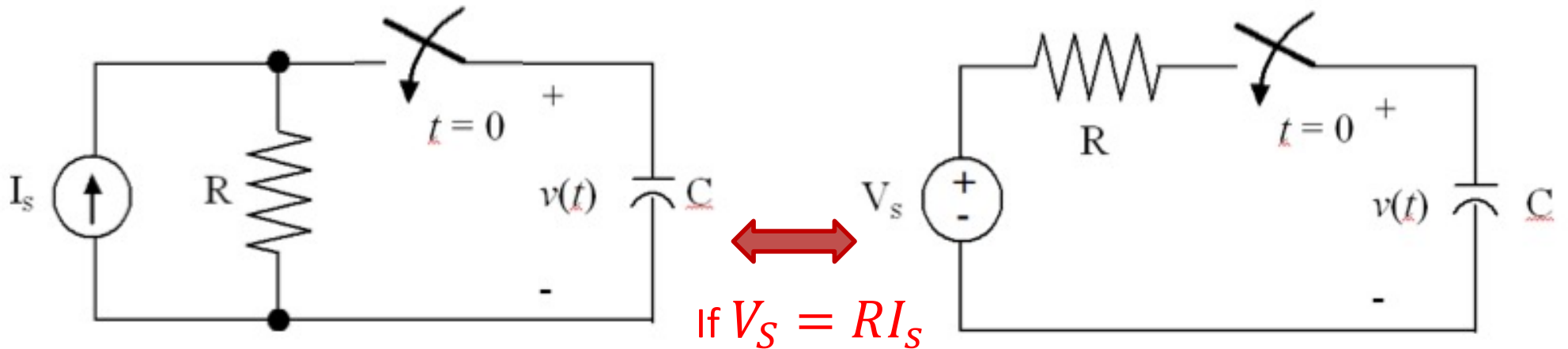
- With result

$$v(t) = (v_0 - I_s R) e^{-t/RC} + I_s R$$

$$= (v_0 - V_s) e^{-t/RC} + V_s$$



- Consider a transformation:



- With result

$$\begin{aligned}
 v(t) &= (v_0 - I_s R) e^{-t/RC} + I_s R \\
 &= (v_0 - V_s) e^{-t/RC} + V_s
 \end{aligned}$$