

Answer on Question #59505 – Math – Calculus

Question

The Voltage, v across the plates of the charging capacitor varies with time, t according to the formula

$$v = V (1 - e^{-(t/T)}),$$

where $T = CR$ and is called the time constant $c = 100\text{nF}$, $R = 47\text{kOhms}$ and $V = 5\text{V}$.

Differentiate the charging equation and find the rate of change of voltage at 6ms.

Solution

The charging equation is

$$v(t) = V \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T}}\right),$$

Differentiating the charging equation

$$\dot{v}(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{V}{T} e^{-\frac{t}{T}},$$

where

$$C = 100\text{nF} = 10^{-7}\text{F}, R = 47\text{kOhms} = 47 \cdot 10^3\text{Ohms},$$

$$T = CR = 10^{-7}\text{F} \cdot 47 \cdot 10^3\text{Ohms} = 47 \cdot 10^{-4}\text{F} \cdot \text{Ohms} = 4.7 \text{ ms}.$$

The rate of change of voltage at 6ms is

$$\dot{v}(6 \text{ ms}) = \frac{dv}{dt}(6 \text{ ms}) = \frac{5\text{V}}{4.7\text{ms}} e^{-\frac{6}{4.7}} = 0.2968 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{ms}}.$$

$$\text{Answer: } \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{V}{T} e^{-\frac{t}{T}}; \quad \frac{dv}{dt}(6 \text{ ms}) = 0.2968 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{ms}}.$$