

Problem 27.5

Assume $I(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$

a.) How much charge passes between $t = 0$ and τ ?

$$I(t) = \frac{dq(t)}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \int dq = \int I dt$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \int_{t=0}^{\tau} (I_0 e^{-t/\tau}) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = -I_0 \tau e^{-t/\tau} \Big|_{t=0}^{\tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = -I_0 \tau (e^{-\tau/\tau} - e^{-0/\tau})$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = I_0 \tau \left(1 - \frac{1}{e} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = .632 I_0 \tau$$

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b.) How much charge passes between $t = 0$ and 10τ ?

$$I(t) = \frac{dq(t)}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \int dq = \int I dt$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \int_{t=0}^{10\tau} (I_0 e^{-t/\tau}) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = -I_0 \tau e^{-t/\tau} \Big|_{t=0}^{10\tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = -I_0 \tau (e^{-10\tau/\tau} - e^{-0/\tau})$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = I_0 \tau \left(1 - \frac{1}{e^{10}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = .99995 I_0 \tau$$

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c.) How much charge passes between $t = 0$ and 10τ ?

$$I(t) = \frac{dq(t)}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \int dq = \int I dt$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} (I_0 e^{-t/\tau}) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = -I_0 \tau e^{-t/\tau} \Big|_{t=0}^{\infty}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = -I_0 \tau (e^{-\infty/\tau} - e^{-0/\tau})$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = I_0 \tau \left(1 - \frac{1}{e^{\infty}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = I_0 \tau$$