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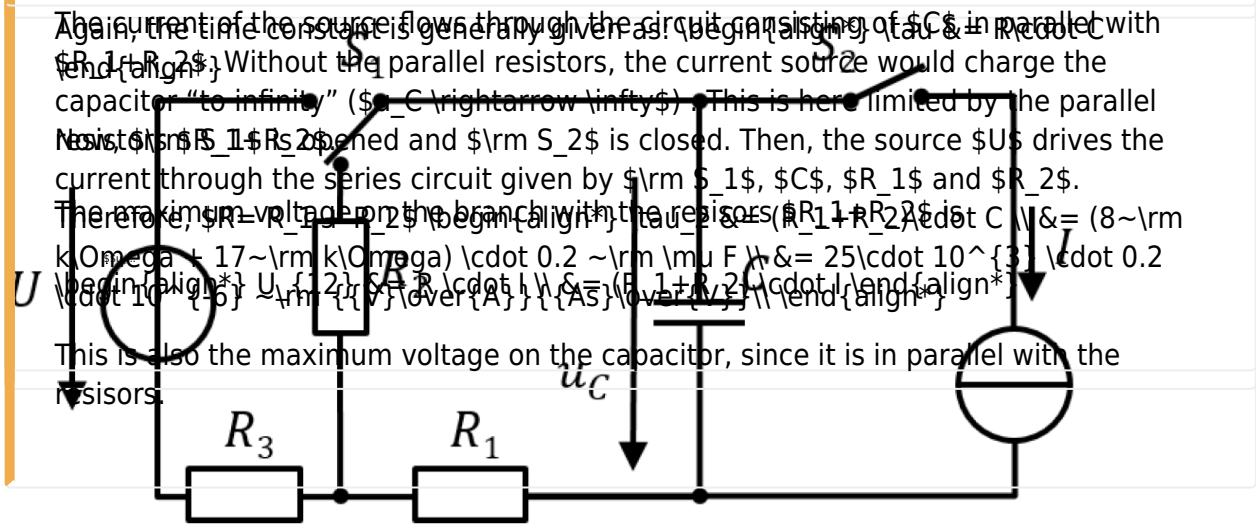
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**Exercise E7 (Dis)Charging Capacities
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)**

The circuit below is initially closed with both switches S_1 and S_2 in the position shown. At $t = 0$ s, switch S_1 switches to the situation shown in the drawing. What is the time constant τ ?

- $C = 200 \text{ nF}$

Solution: $R = 8.0 \text{ k}\Omega$
 $\tau = R \cdot C = 8.0 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot 200 \text{ nF} = 1.6 \text{ ms}$



Before $t = 0$ s all switches are switched as shown and the capacitor is fully discharged. At $t = 0$ s the switch S_1 shall switch to the voltage source.

1. Calculate the time constant for charging the capacitor.

Solution

The time constant is generally given as: $\tau = R \cdot C$

Once S_1 is closed and S_2 is open at $t = 0$ s, the source U drives the current through the series circuit given by S_1 , C , R_1 and R_3 .

Therefore, $R = R_1 + R_3$
 $\tau = (R_1 + R_3) \cdot C = (8 \text{ k}\Omega + 7 \text{ k}\Omega) \cdot 0.2 \text{ }\mu\text{F} = 15 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s} = 3 \text{ ms}$

Solution

Both courses of the voltage for charging and discharging are described with an exponential function. However, the curve for charging increases first steep and flattens out for longer time scales ($\propto (1 - e^{-x})$).

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