- Homework is due at the beginning of class
- Start early and get help if you need it
- Show all work neatly and clearly; redraw and/or rewrite problem if needed as work turned in should stand alone
- Identify your answers (with units) using a box, circle or underline
- Staple multiple pages together
- 1. Consider the RC circuit shown below with a switch that moves between positions A and B.



- (a) Assume the switch has been connected to position B for a long time before it moves to position A at time t = 0s. For this "charging" circuit:
 - i. Determine the time-constant, τ .
 - ii. Using the time-constant, estimate the 10%-90% rise-time, t_r .
 - iii. Write the mathematical expression for the capacitor's voltage, v_c .
 - iv. Sketch v_c versus time using values at multiples of the time-constant as a guide (use at least five points).
 - v. Label the rise-time on the sketch of v_c and check that your estimate of its value appears correct.
 - vi. Find the mathematical expression for the resistor's voltage, v_R .
 - vii. Find the mathematical expression for the current, i.
 - viii. Sketch i versus time using values at multiples of the time-constant as a guide (use at least five points).
- (b) Assume the switch has been connected to position A for a long time before it moves to position B at time t = 0s. For this "discharging" circuit:
 - i. Write the mathematical expression for the capacitor's voltage, v_c .
 - ii. Sketch v_c versus time using values at multiples of the time-constant as a guide (use at least five points).
 - iii. Find the mathematical expression for the resistor's voltage, v_R .
 - iv. Find the mathematical expression for the current, i.
 - v. Sketch i versus time using values at multiples of the time-constant as a guide (use at least five points).

2. Consider the RC circuit shown below with a switch that moves from position B to A at time t = 0s, i.e., this is a "charging" circuit.



Given $v_c = 0.5$ V at time t = 0.5ms and $v_c = 4.5$ V at time t = 11.5ms, find the following:

- (a) 10%-90% rise-time, t_r , of the circuit,
- (b) time-constant, τ , of the circuit,
- (c) value of the unknown resistor, R,
- (d) mathematical expression for the capacitor's voltage, v_c ,
- (e) sketch of v_c versus time using values at multiples of the time-constant as a guide (use at least five points), and
- (f) label rise-time on the sketch.
- 3. Consider the RC circuit shown below with a switch that moves from position A (after being there for a long time) to position B at time t = 0s, i.e., this is a "discharging" circuit.



Given the circuit's time constant is $\tau = 2$ ms find the following:

- (a) value of the capacitor, C,
- (b) mathematical expression for the voltage, v_c , and
- (c) sketch of v_c versus time using values at multiples of the time-constant as a guide (use at least five points).

4. Consider the RC circuit shown below with a switch that moves from position B (after being there a long time) to position A at time t = 0s. Given that at time t = 330µs the resistor's voltage is $v_R = 2$ V, determine the time constant, τ , for the circuit.



5. Consider the RC circuit shown below with a switch that moves from position A (after being there for a long time) to position B at time t = 0s. Given the circuit's time constant is $\tau = 7.5$ µs and at a particular time after the switch has moved the current is measured to be i = -240µA, find the time at which the measurement was taken.

