Physics 111 Homework Solutions Collected on Monday 9/29

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Chapters 15 & 16

Questions

- None

Multiple-Choice

15.12 C
15.13 D
15.17 D
15.18 A

Problems

16.18 A RC circuit

a. The time constant is given by the product of the equivalent resistance and equivalent capacitance. Thus, $\tau = RC = (10\times10^3\,\Omega)(100\times10^{-6}\,F) = 1s.$

b. To find the initial current that flows through the resistor we use Ohm's Law. The voltage drop across the capacitor is equal to the voltage of the source since only the capacitor and battery were in the circuit as the capacitor is charging. When the battery is disconnected and the capacitor discharges through the resistor, the current is given by: $I_0 = \frac{V_C}{R} = \frac{q_0}{RC} = \frac{q_0}{\tau} = \frac{10\times10^{-6}\,C}{1s} = 1\times10^{-5}\,A.$.

c. After 1τ, the amount of charge that remains on the capacitor is given by:

$$q(t=1\tau) = q_0 e^{-\frac{\tau}{RC}} = q_0 e^{-1} = \frac{q_0}{e} = 3.68\times10^{-6}\,C.$$

d. The current after a time equal to 1τ is given by:

$$I(t=1\tau) = I_0 e^{-\frac{\tau}{RC}} = I_0 e^{-1} = \frac{I_0}{e} = 3.68\times10^{-6}\,A.$$

e. After 3τ, the amount of charge that remains on the capacitor is given by: $q(t=3\tau) = q_0 e^{-\frac{3\tau}{RC}} = q_0 e^{-3} = \frac{q_0}{e^3} = 4.97\times10^{-7}\,C.$ The current after a time equal to 3τ is given by: $I(t=3\tau) = I_0 e^{-\frac{3\tau}{RC}} = I_0 e^{-3} = \frac{I_0}{e^3} = 4.97\times10^{-7}\,A.$ This seems intuitively correct since as time goes on the amount of charge left to flow is decreasing and thus the current should also decrease (to zero) with time.

16.21 Lightning

a. The potential difference is give by

$$\Delta V = V_L - V_U = \frac{kQ}{r_L} - \frac{kQ}{r_U} = kQ\left(\frac{1}{r_L} - \frac{1}{r_U}\right)$$

$$\Delta V = 9\times10^9 \tfrac{Nm^2}{C^2} \times 5\times10^5 C \times \left(\frac{1}{6.4\times10^6 m} - \frac{1}{(6.4\times10^6 m + 5\times10^3 m)}\right) = 5.49\times10^5 V$$

b. The capacitance of the earth-cloud system is $C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{5\times10^5 F}{5.49\times10^5 V} = 0.91F$.

c. The time constant is $\tau = RC = 300\Omega \times 0.91F = 273.3s$.

d. At *25 C* per strike the total amount of charge corresponds to $\frac{5\times10^5 C}{25 \frac{C}{strike}} = 20{,}000$ strikes.

e. Here we have a discharging capacitor and we use our expression for a discharging capacitor to determine the time. We have

$$Q_f = Q_o e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \rightarrow t = -RC \ln\left(\frac{Q_f}{Q_o}\right)$$

$$t = -273.3s \ln\left(\frac{0.001Q_o}{Q_o}\right) = 1888s \times \frac{1hr}{3600s} = 0.52hr$$

f. From parts *d* and *e* we have

$$\frac{20{,}000 strikes}{0.52hr} \times \frac{24hr}{day} = 9.2\times10^5 \tfrac{strikes}{day} = 0.9 million \tfrac{strikes}{day}.$$

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Chapter 16

Questions

- None

Multiple-Choice

- None

Problems

16.2 The current is given by the average charge per unit interval of time. Here, 5 µC flows in 2 µs, so $I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = \frac{5\times10^{-6} C}{2\times10^{-6} s} = 2.5A.$

16.3 To calculate the average current that flows across this muscle membrane, I need to know how many sodium channels there are over this area. Then knowing the number of ions that flow per millisecond I can calculate the average current. To start I'm going to calculate the total number of sodium channels over this patch of membrane: $\#\,\text{Na Channels} = \frac{50\text{Na Channels}}{\mu m^2} \times 100\mu m^2 = 5000\text{Na Channels}$. If there are *1000 Na* ions per channel flowing per millisecond, then the average current is given by:

$$I_{avg} = (5000\text{channels} \times \frac{1000\,{}^{\text{ions}}/_{\text{channel}}}{1\times10^{-3}s}) \times \frac{1e}{\text{ion}} \times \frac{1.6x10^{-19}C}{1e} = 8\times10^{-10}A = 0.8nA.$$

16.17 Using $V(t) = \frac{V_0}{2} = V_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$ gives for a time, called the half time, $\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{-t_{\frac{1}{2}}}{RC} \rightarrow t_{\frac{1}{2}} = RC\ln(2)$. Thus, a single measurement of the half-time will give the value of the time constant (RC) in a single measurement.

16.20 A defibrillator

a. The time constant is $\tau = RC = 47\times10^3\,\Omega \times 32\times10^{-6}F = 1.5s$

b. The maximum charge is $Q_{\text{max}} = CV_{\text{max}} = 32\times10^{-6}F \times 5000V = 0.16C$.

c. The maximum current is given by Ohm's Law

$$I_{\text{max}} = \frac{V_{\text{max}}}{R} = \frac{5000V}{47\times10^3\,\Omega} = 0.106A = 106mA$$

d. The charge as a function of time is given as

$$Q(t) = Q_{\text{max}}\left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}\right) = 0.160C\left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{1.5s}}\right).$$ The current as a function of time is

$$I(t) = I_{\text{max}}\left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}\right) = 0.106A\left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{1.5s}}\right)$$

e. The maximum energy is $E = \frac{1}{2}CV^2 = \frac{1}{2}\times32\times10^{-6}F\times(5000V)^2 = 400J$.