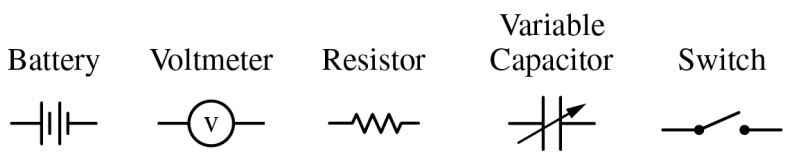
. The plates of a certain variable capacitor have an adjustable area. An experiment is performed to study the potential difference across the capacitor as it discharges through a resistor. A circuit is to be constructed with the following available equipment: a single ideal battery of potential difference ΔV_0, a single voltmeter, a single resistor of resistance R, a single uncharged variable capacitor set to capacitance C, and one or more switches as needed.



(a) Using the symbols shown, draw a schematic diagram of a circuit that can charge the capacitor and may also be used to study the potential difference across the capacitor as it discharges through the resistor.

The capacitor is fully charged by the battery. At time $t = 0$, the capacitor starts discharging through the resistor.

(b) Show that the potential difference ΔV_C across the capacitor as a function of time t is $\Delta V_C(t) = \Delta V_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$ as the capacitor discharges.

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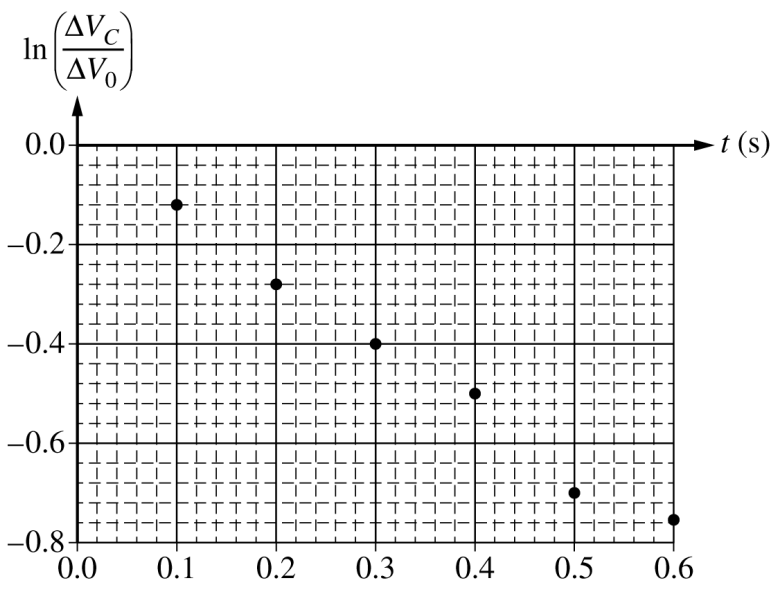
(c) The experiment is performed using a resistor of $R = 150\,\text{k}\Omega$. Data for the potential difference ΔV_C across the capacitor as a function of t are recorded and a plot of $\ln\left(\frac{\Delta V_C}{\Delta V_0}\right)$ as a function of t is created on the graph below.



i. Draw the best-fit line for the data.

ii. Using the best-fit line, calculate a value for the unknown capacitance C.

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(d) The capacitor is adjusted so that the surface area of the plates is increased, and the experiment is repeated. Would the slope of the best-fit line in the second experiment be more steep, less steep, or unchanged compared to the slope of the best-fit line in part (c)?

___ More steep ___ Less steep ___ Unchanged

Briefly justify your answer.

(e) The ideal battery is then replaced with a non-ideal battery with internal resistance r, and the experiment is repeated.

i. Would the slope of the graph in this final experiment change compared to the graph in part (c)?

___ Yes ___ No

Briefly justify your answer.

ii. Would the vertical intercept of the graph in this final experiment change compared to the graph in part (c)?

___ Yes ___ No

Briefly justify your answer.

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