

Charging Capacitors: $t > 0$

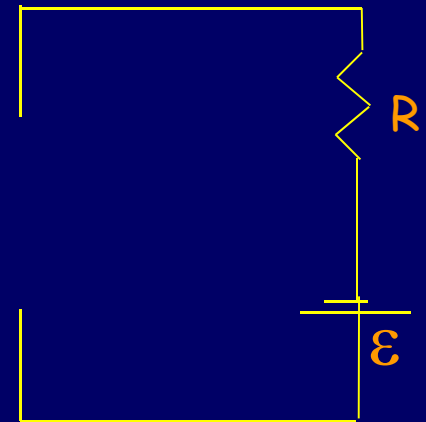
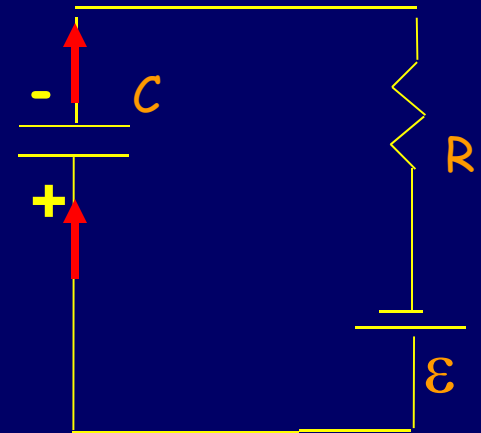
– $I_0 = \varepsilon/R$

– **Positive charge flows**

- Onto bottom plate (+Q)
- Away from top plate (-Q)
- As charge builds up, V_C rises ($V_C = Q/C$)
- Loop: $\varepsilon - V_C - IR = 0$
 - $I = (\varepsilon - V_C)/R$
 - Therefore I falls as Q rises

– **When t is very large (∞)**

- $I_\infty = 0$: no current flow into/out of capacitor for t large
- $V_C = \varepsilon$



Demo