

EE120 Lab – Thanksgiving Review

You return from Thanksgiving Furlough and it's a flurry of end-of-semester work until your first Finals Week, then Christmas Furlough. Back again you barely have time to enter the rhythm of the semester before Resurrection Week, then before you know it is Summer Furlough and you return to take Circuits II in the fall. And one of the early labs on First Order Circuits requires you to use your EE120 skills. (These are actual skills you will use in Lab 3 of EE223, among others).

- 1) Using techniques you will learn in Circuits II you determine that the theoretical solution for voltage across a capacitor in a circuit you are given should be

$$v_c(t) = 9 e^{-t/2} \text{ V, for } 0 \leq t \leq 10.$$

(Forgot how to plot a function? Look on the bottom of the second page of Chapter 3).

Plot this as a line plot, title it “Theoretical solution”, and label the axes. Embed in a Word document.

- 2) Armed with the above theoretically-determined solution you work out in the prelab, you start your experimental lab work. You measure the following values

t	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$v_c(t)$	9.2	5.7	3.5	2	1.3	0.8	0.4	0.25	0.15	0.11	0.05

Plot these as triangular data points (not as a line), title it “Experimental values”, and label the axes.

- 3) Write a short Matlab function that takes two vectors, t and vc, of the experimentally-measured data, and computes the % error from the theoretically-derived solution you determined in Problem 1. You will have as many % errors as you have measurements. **Show the code and the result in your Word document.**

$$\text{Percent Error} = \frac{\text{Experimental} - \text{Theoretical}}{\text{Theoretical}} \times 100\%$$

- 4) Write a short Matlab function that takes the same two vectors t and vc as described above in Problem 3 and creates a plot with a single axis that shows both the theoretical data as a line plot and the experimental data as a scatter plot (i.e. write a function that overlays the results of Problem 1 and Problem 2). Title and label the axes of the plot, and create a legend that describes the two data sets. **Show the code and the results in your Word document.**