

RL Circuit: Current Shutdown in Inductor



- Loop rule: $-IR - L \frac{dI}{dt} = 0$
- Differential equation: $L \frac{dI}{dt} + IR = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dI}{dt} = -\frac{R}{L} I$
 $\Rightarrow \int_{\mathcal{E}/R}^I \frac{dI}{I} = -\frac{R}{L} \int_0^t dt \Rightarrow \ln \frac{I}{\mathcal{E}/R} = -\frac{R}{L} t \Rightarrow \frac{I}{\mathcal{E}/R} = e^{-Rt/L}$
- Current: $I(t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} e^{-Rt/L}$
- Rate of current change: $\frac{dI}{dt} = -\frac{\mathcal{E}}{L} e^{-Rt/L}$

