

57. From Eq. 31-51 and Eq. 31-43, the rate at which the energy is being stored in the inductor is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dU_B}{dt} &= \frac{d\left(\frac{1}{2}Li^2\right)}{dt} = Li \frac{di}{dt} \\
 &= L \left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau_L}\right) \right) \left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} \frac{1}{\tau_L} e^{-t/\tau_L} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\mathcal{E}^2}{R} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau_L}\right) e^{-t/\tau_L}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\tau_L = L/R$ has been used. From Eq. 27-22 and Eq. 31-43, the rate at which the resistor is generating thermal energy is

$$P_{\text{thermal}} = i^2 R = \frac{\mathcal{E}^2}{R^2} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau_L}\right)^2 R = \frac{\mathcal{E}^2}{R} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau_L}\right)^2 .$$

We equate this to dU_B/dt , and solve for the time:

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}^2}{R} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau_L}\right)^2 = \frac{\mathcal{E}^2}{R} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau_L}\right) e^{-t/\tau_L} \implies t = \tau_L \ln 2 = (37.0 \text{ ms}) \ln 2 = 25.6 \text{ ms} .$$