Question 1

The charge across a capacitor in a discharging RC circuit satisfies

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC}Q.$$

Consider two RC circuits with the same capacitors but with different resistors. The two capacitors initially have the same charge.

Which of the following is true?

- 1. The magnitude of the initial discharge rates are the same.
- 2. The magnitude of the initial discharge rate is larger for the circuit with the larger resistance.
- 3. The magnitude of the initial discharge rate is larger for the circuit with the smaller resistance.

Question 2

The charge across a capacitor in a discharging RC circuit satisfies

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC}Q.$$

Which of the following is true as the capacitor discharges?

- 1. The magnitude of the current stays the same as time passes.
- 2. The magnitude of the current decreases as time passes.
- 3. The magnitude of the current increases as time passes.