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EE205: Electric Circuits II

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Summary of Complex Frequency Domain (s –Domain)

- Complex frequency domain is needed when analyzing circuits containing sources of damped sinusoidal form; $Ae^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega t + \theta)$. If the exponential is not there ($\sigma = 0$) then normal $j\omega$ -frequency domain is enough to get the steady state response.
- The complex frequency (s -domain) is a generalization for the $j\omega$ - frequency domain.
- The impedances of the circuit components in s -domain are:

$Z_R = R$	$Z_L = sL$	$Z_C = 1/(sC)$
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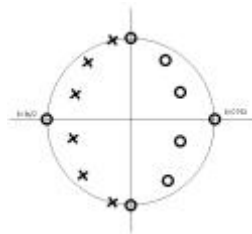
where: $s = \sigma + j\omega$ (σ is found from the exponential term ; ω is the angular frequency) .
 $L =$ inductance , $C =$ capacitance, $R =$ resistance.

- After converting the circuit you can use any tech. studied in "Circuit I" such as source transformation, Thevinan and Norton equivalent circuits.
- The transfer function $H(s) = (\text{output as a function of } s) / (\text{input as a function of } s)$.
- The output or the input in the transfer function can be voltage or current.
- Definitions :

Zeros : the values that make the nominator of the transfer function equals to zero .

Poles : the values that make the denominator of the transfer function equals to zero .

- The location of the poles is very important because it determines the type of response of the circuit. To understand this point, use Matlab `rlcdemo` (type `rlcdemo` and hit enter) the change the type of circuit and the values of R , L , and C . Observe the effect on the circuit response and the location of the poles/zeros.
- For stable operation no poles should appear on the right-half of the s -plane. *Why?*
- For plotting the zeros we use \circ , while for plotting the poles we use \times .



This is not a comprehensive summary. It is meant to help you visualize the main ideas.

Regards, Dr. Muqaibel