

EE 213 ELECTRIC CIRCUITS II

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Complex Frequency and S-Domain

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Complex Frequency

- Phasor analysis can be generalized for linear circuits with damped-sinusoidal sources:

$$x(t) = X_m e^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\mathcal{P}\{X_m e^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega t + \phi)\} = X_m e^{j\phi}; x(t) = \Re\{X_m e^{j\phi} \cdot e^{(\sigma + j\omega)t}\}$$

- The new ingredient σ (**nepers per sec.**) is called the **damping factor** and also as the **neper frequency**.
- The **complex frequency** is then defined as:

$$s = \sigma + j\omega$$

- The steady-state response of a linear circuit with damped-sinusoidal sources is also damped-sinusoidal with the **same** complex frequency.

Impedance and Admittances

- The relation between voltage and current is expressed in the complex frequency domain again as:

$$\mathcal{V} = Z(s)\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{Y}(s)$$

- Differentiation \leftrightarrow multiplication with s in s-domain:

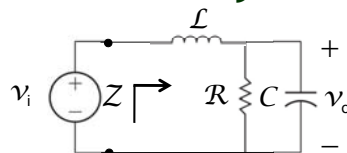
$$x(t) = \Re\{X_m e^{j\phi} \cdot e^{st}\}; \quad \dot{x}(t) = \Re\{sX_m e^{j\phi} \cdot e^{st}\}$$

- The impedance and admittances of basic circuit elements are hence obtained in this case as:

Element	Impedance (Z)	Admittance (Y)
Resistor	R	$1/R$
Inductor	sL	$1/(sL)$
Capacitor	$1/(sC)$	sC

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Example: Circuit Analysis in s Domain



- The impedance seen by the source is:

$$Z(s) = sL + \frac{R \cdot 1/(sC)}{R + 1/(sC)} = sL + \frac{R}{sRC + 1}$$

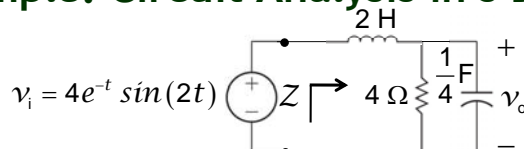
- The output voltage is related to the source voltage as:

$$\mathcal{H}(s) = \frac{\mathcal{V}_o(s)}{\mathcal{V}_i(s)} = \frac{R}{sRC + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{Z(s)} = \frac{1}{s^2 + \frac{1}{RC}s + \frac{1}{LC}}$$

- Functions of this form are called **transfer functions**.

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Example: Circuit Analysis in s Domain



- The output is obtained in the s-domain as:

$$\mathcal{V}_o = \underbrace{\frac{2}{s^2 + s + 2}}_{\mathcal{H}(-1+2j)} \Big|_{s=-1+2j} \cdot \underbrace{4e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}}}_{\mathcal{V}_{si}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{j\frac{3\pi}{4}} \cdot 4e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} = 2\sqrt{2}e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

- The forced response of the output is obtained as:

$$v_o(t) = \Re \left\{ 2\sqrt{2}e^{j45^\circ} \cdot e^{(-1+2j)t} \right\} = 2\sqrt{2}e^{-t} \cos\left(2t + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

- **Remark:** The complete output response is obtained by adding the natural response.

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Transfer Functions

- Linear time-invariant circuits are described by differential equations of the form:

$$a_n \frac{d^n \mathcal{V}_o}{dt^n} + a_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} \mathcal{V}_o}{dt^{n-1}} + \dots + a_1 \frac{d\mathcal{V}_o}{dt} + a_0 \mathcal{V}_o = \mathcal{b}_m \frac{d^m \mathcal{V}_i}{dt^m} + \dots + \mathcal{b}_1 \frac{d\mathcal{V}_i}{dt} + \mathcal{b}_0 \mathcal{V}_i$$

- Damped-sinusoidal inputs lead to damped-sinusoidal outputs of the same frequency in steady-state:

$$\mathcal{V}_i(t) = \mathcal{V}_i e^{st} \Rightarrow \mathcal{V}_o(t) = \mathcal{V}_o e^{st}$$

$$(a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0) \mathcal{V}_o e^{st} = (\mathcal{b}_m s^m + \mathcal{b}_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + \mathcal{b}_1 s + \mathcal{b}_0) \mathcal{V}_i e^{st}$$

- The transfer function from \mathcal{V}_i to \mathcal{V}_o is defined as:

$$\mathcal{H}(s) = \frac{\mathcal{V}_o e^{st}}{\mathcal{V}_i e^{st}} = \frac{\mathcal{N}(s)}{\mathcal{D}(s)} = \frac{\mathcal{b}_m s^m + \mathcal{b}_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + \mathcal{b}_1 s + \mathcal{b}_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0}$$

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Poles and Zeros

- The **zeros** of a transfer function $\mathcal{H}(s)$ are the values z_i for which $\mathcal{H}(z_i) = 0$.
- The **poles** of a transfer function $\mathcal{H}(s)$ are the values p_i for which $\mathcal{H}(p_i) = \infty$.
- Rigorous definitions are in terms of limits !
- A transfer function can then be expressed as:

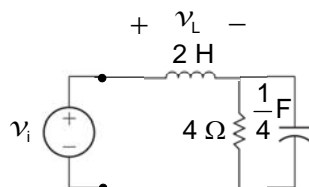
$$\mathcal{H}(s) = k \frac{(s - z_1) \cdots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1) \cdots (s - p_n)}$$

- For real-valued coefficients, the complex-valued poles/zeros appear as conjugate pairs.
- Poles that are not **repeated** are called **simple**.

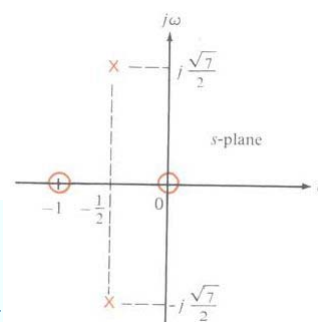
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Pole-Zero Plot

- **Pole-Zero plot** is the depiction of poles as X and zeros as O in the complex number plane (or s-plane).
- **Example:** PZ plot of the transfer function from v_i to v_L

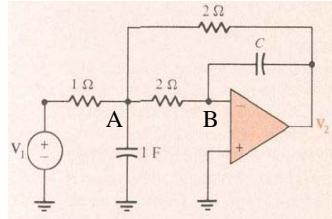


$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(s) &= \frac{v_L}{v_i} = \frac{s(s+1)}{s^2 + s + 2} \\ &= \frac{s(s+1)}{(s+0.5 + j0.5\sqrt{7})(s+0.5 - j0.5\sqrt{7})} \end{aligned}$$



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Example: An Op-Amp Circuit



➤ KCL at A: $v_A - v_1 + \frac{v_A}{2} + \frac{v_A - v_2}{2} + s v_A = 0 \Rightarrow (s+2)v_A = v_1 + \frac{v_2}{2}$

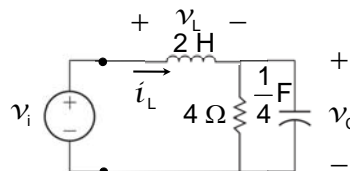
➤ KCL at B: $v_A = -\frac{s}{8}v_2$

➤ Transfer function from v_1 to v_2 :

$$\frac{v_2}{v_1} = -\frac{8}{s^2 + 2s + 4} = -\frac{8}{(s+1+j\sqrt{3})(s+1-j\sqrt{3})}$$

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Poles and The Natural Response



➤ Consider the example circuit we have seen before:

$$\frac{v_L(s)}{v_1(s)} = \frac{s(s+1)}{s^2+s+2}, \quad \frac{v_C(s)}{v_1(s)} = \frac{2}{s^2+s+2}, \quad \frac{i_L(s)}{v_1(s)} = \frac{0.5(s+1)}{s^2+s+2}$$

- Observe the same poles in all the transfer functions!
- Provided that one portion of the circuit is not separated physically from the other, all transfer functions defined for it will have common poles.
- The poles determine natural response of a circuit and are hence also called **natural frequencies**.

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Complete Response of a Linear Circuit

- Consider a damped sinusoidal (voltage or current) input to a linear time-invariant circuit:

$$u(t) = \mathcal{U} \cdot e^{st}, \quad \mathcal{U} = |\mathcal{U}| e^{j\angle \mathcal{U}}$$

- Any resulting voltage/current can be expressed as:

$$y(t) = \underbrace{y_{na}(t)}_{\text{Natural Response}} + \underbrace{y_{fo}(t)}_{\text{Forced Response}}$$

- The forced response is also damped-sinusoidal of the same (complex) frequency and is given by:

$$y_{fo}(t) = \mathcal{H}(s) \mathcal{U} \cdot e^{st}, \quad \text{if } s \text{ is not equal to a pole of } \mathcal{H}$$

where $\mathcal{H}(s)$ is the transfer function from u to y .

- The natural response is determined by the poles of the transfer function $\mathcal{H}(s)$ and the initial conditions.

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Natural Response of a Linear Circuit

- Consider a transfer function with simple poles:

$$\mathcal{H}(s) = \frac{\mathcal{N}(s)}{\mathcal{D}(s)} = \frac{\hat{k}(s - z_1) \cdots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1) \cdots (s - p_n)}, \quad m < n; p_i \neq z_j, \forall i, j; i \neq j \Rightarrow p_i \neq p_j$$

- The natural response of the output is of the form:

$$y_{na}(t) = \mathcal{A}_1 e^{p_1 t} + \cdots + \mathcal{A}_n e^{p_n t}$$

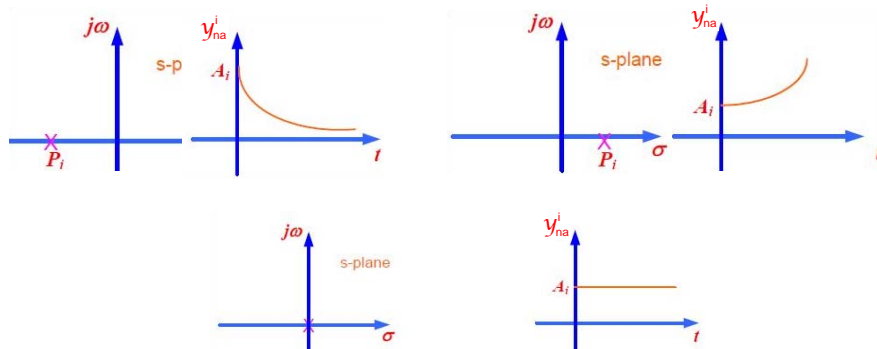
where \mathcal{A}_i 's are constants that are to be determined based on the initial conditions.

- When all poles are distinct except $p_1 = p_{i+1} = \cdots = p_{i+k-1}$:

$$y_n(t) = \mathcal{A}_1 e^{p_1 t} + \cdots + \mathcal{A}_{i-1} e^{p_{i-1} t} + (\mathcal{A}_i + \mathcal{A}_{i+1} t + \cdots + \mathcal{A}_{i+k-1} t^{k-1}) e^{p_i t} + \mathcal{A}_{i+k} e^{p_{i+k} t} + \cdots + \mathcal{A}_n e^{p_n t}$$

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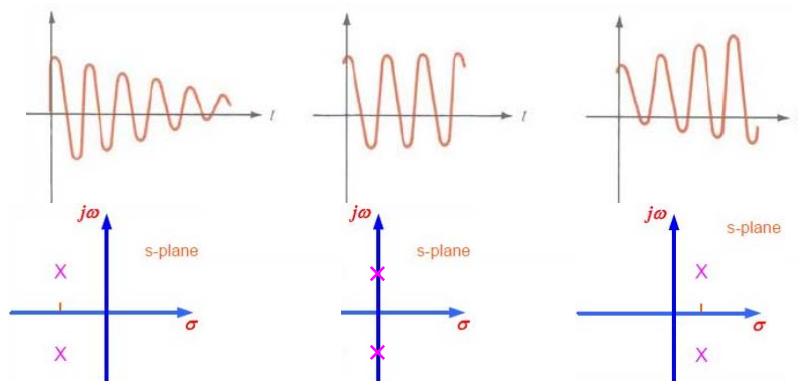
Natural Response: Distinct Real Poles



- Distinct real poles lead to responses in the form of exponential decay, exponential increase or constant response in time.

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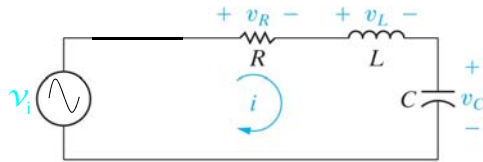
Natural Response: Distinct Complex Poles



- Distinct complex conjugate poles lead to oscillatory responses with exponentially decaying, exponentially increasing or constant amplitudes.

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Recap: Series RLC Circuit



- The transfer function from v_i to v_C is given by:

$$\mathcal{H}(s) = \frac{V_C}{V_i} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_n^2}, \quad \omega_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}, \quad \alpha = \frac{R}{2L}$$

- The poles of this transfer function are given by:

$$p_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2}$$

$$p_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2}$$

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Response of a Series RLC Circuit

$$\mathcal{H}(s) = \frac{V_C}{V_i} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_n^2}, \quad \omega_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}, \quad \alpha = \frac{R}{2L}$$

- Over-damped: $\alpha > \omega_n$

$$v_C(t) = v_C^{fo}(t) + \mathcal{A}_1 e^{p_1 t} + \mathcal{A}_2 e^{p_2 t}$$

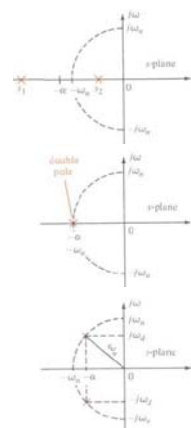
- Critically-damped: $\alpha = \omega_n$

$$v_C(t) = v_C^{fo}(t) + (\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2 t) e^{p_1 t}$$

- Under-damped: $\alpha < \omega_n$

$$v_C(t) = v_C^{fo}(t) + \mathcal{B} e^{\alpha t} \cos(\omega_d t + \phi),$$

$$\text{where } \omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_n^2 - \alpha^2}, \quad \mathcal{B} = 2|\mathcal{A}_1|, \quad \phi = \angle \mathcal{A}_1$$



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Graphical Frequency Response Analysis

- Frequency response is obtained by replacing s with $j\omega$:

$$\mathcal{H}(s) = \tilde{k} \frac{(s - z_1) \cdots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1) \cdots (s - p_n)} \Rightarrow \mathcal{H}(j\omega) = \tilde{k} \frac{(j\omega - z_1) \cdots (j\omega - z_m)}{(j\omega - p_1) \cdots (j\omega - p_n)}$$

- Magnitude response:

$$|\mathcal{H}(j\omega)| = \frac{|\tilde{k}| \mathcal{N}_1 \cdots \mathcal{N}_m}{\mathcal{D}_1 \cdots \mathcal{D}_n}, \text{ where } \mathcal{N}_i = |j\omega - z_i|, \mathcal{D}_j = |j\omega - p_j|$$

- Phase response:

$$\angle \mathcal{H}(j\omega) = \phi_0 + \phi_1 + \cdots + \phi_m - \theta_1 - \cdots - \theta_n,$$

$$\text{where } \phi_0 = \angle \tilde{k}, \phi_i = \angle(j\omega - z_i), \theta_j = \angle(j\omega - p_j)$$

- Can be determined graphically by drawing the vectors $j\omega - z_i$ and $j\omega - p_j$ in the s -plane.

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Example: Graphical Frequency Response

- Find $\mathcal{H}(j\omega)$ for $\omega = 2$:

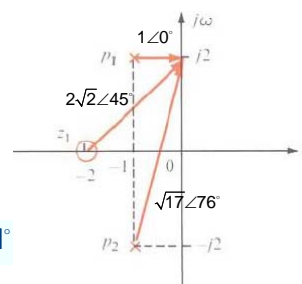
$$\mathcal{H}(s) = \frac{4(s+2)}{s^2 + 2s + 5} = \frac{4(s+2)}{(s+1-2j)(s+1+2j)}$$

- Magnitude response:

$$|\mathcal{H}(2j)| = \frac{4 \cdot 2\sqrt{2}}{1 \cdot \sqrt{17}} = \frac{8}{17} \sqrt{34} \approx 2.7$$

- Phase response:

$$\angle \mathcal{H}(2j) = 0^\circ + 45^\circ - 0^\circ - 76^\circ = -31^\circ$$



- Bode plots display the responses in logarithmic scales and are rather easy to sketch.

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