

SPICE simulation in Python

Introduction

This program implements a basic SPICE simulation. The inputs are in the form of a .ckt file containing a netlist with resistances, current sources, and voltage sources as circuit elements. The current is assumed to flow from the first specified node to the second. The code outputs the voltages at each node as well as the current through each voltage source in 2 dictionaries.

Implementation

1. Parsing:- The .ckt file is read line by line and a dictionary is made to store values and location of each voltage source. Another default dictionary stores the equivalent current source and equivalent admittance between 2 nodes. If a short wire is connected, it is treated as an admittance of value 2^{50} Siemens. All the nodes are mapped to consecutive integers.
2. Nodal Analysis- Is used to solve the circuits. Some modifications done are; GND is treated as another node while creating the matrix with the equation $1 \cdot V_{GND} = 0$ added. Also, Current through voltage sources are considered as variables when writing KCL, and constraint equations of the form $V_i - V_j = \text{Voltage source}$ connecting i and j are added.
3. Solving the linear system- Is done with `np.linalg.solve()`

Complexity

If m is the number of voltage sources and n is the number of nodes,

Time- `np.linalg.solve()` is $O(x^3)$ and all other operations are $\leq O(x^2)$, hence $T = O((m+n)^3)$

Space- $O((m+n)^2)$