

Circuit Theory and Electronics Fundamentals

Lecture 9: Second Order Circuits

- LC loop: natural solution,
- LC loop: energy swing
- RLC series: natural solution for 2 real roots, 1 real root, 2 complex roots
- RLC circuits: other configurations
- RLC circuits: forced solution
- Other second order circuits

LC loop

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt} \quad \text{Capacitor law}$$

$$v = -L \frac{di}{dt} \quad \text{Inductor law}$$

$$-i + C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0 \quad \text{KCL}$$

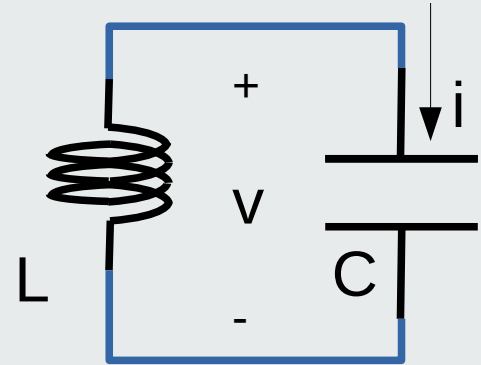
$$i + LC \frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} = 0 \quad \text{2nd order Linear Ordinary Differential Equation (LODE)}$$

$$1 + LC s^2 = 0 \quad \text{Characteristic equation}$$

$$s_{1,2} = \pm j \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \pm j \omega_n \quad \text{Natural frequencies are purely imaginary}$$

$$\omega_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \quad \text{Resonant frequency}$$

$$\begin{cases} i(t) = A_1 e^{j\omega_n t} + A_2 e^{-j\omega_n t} \\ v(t) = -L A_1 s_1 e^{j\omega_n t} + L A_2 s_2 e^{-j\omega_n t} \end{cases} \quad \text{General solutions for current and voltage}$$



LC loop: integration constants from initial conditions

$$i(t) = A_1 e^{j\omega_n t} + A_2 e^{-j\omega_n t}$$

$$v(t) = -L A_1 j \omega_n e^{j\omega_n t} + L A_2 j \omega_n e^{-j\omega_n t}$$

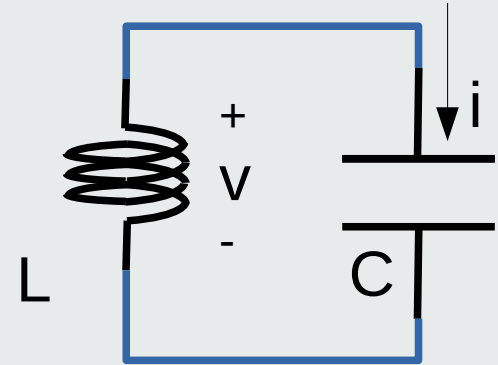
$$i(0) = A_1 + A_2 \quad (1)$$

$$v(0) = -j \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} A_1 + j \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} A_2$$

$$j v(0) \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} = A_1 - A_2 \quad (2)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} A_1 &= \frac{1}{2} (i(0) + j v(0)) = \frac{A}{2} e^{j\alpha} \end{aligned} \right. \quad \text{Sum (1) and (2)}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} A_2 &= \frac{1}{2} (i(0) - j v(0)) = \frac{A}{2} e^{-j\alpha} \end{aligned} \right. \quad \text{Subtract (1) and (2)}$$



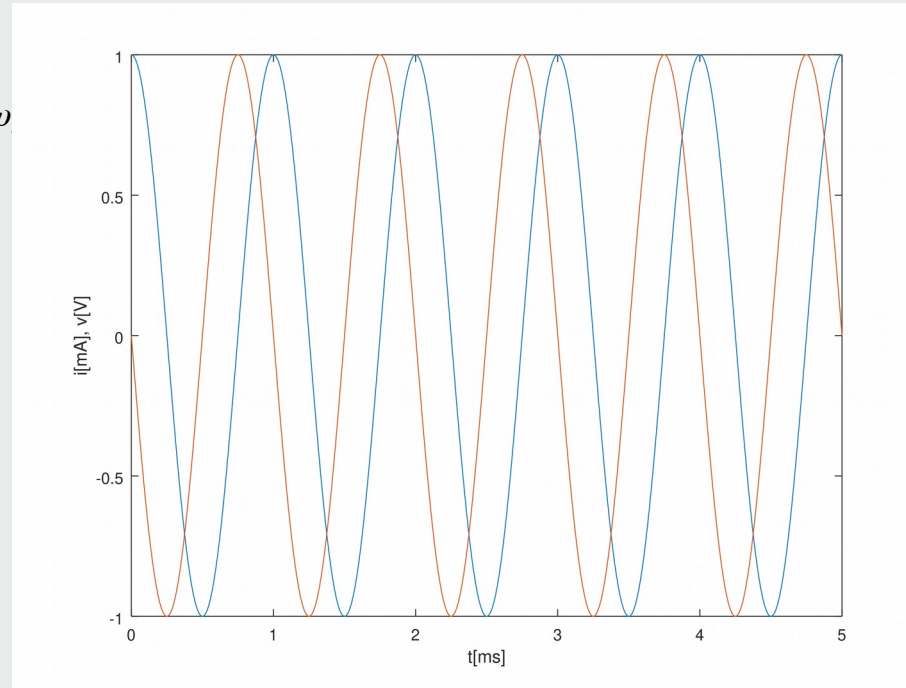
$$A_2 = A_1^* = \frac{A}{2} e^{j\alpha}$$

$$A = \sqrt{i(0)^2 + v(0)^2}$$

$$\alpha = \arctan \left(\frac{v(0)}{i(0)} \right)$$

Natural solution plots

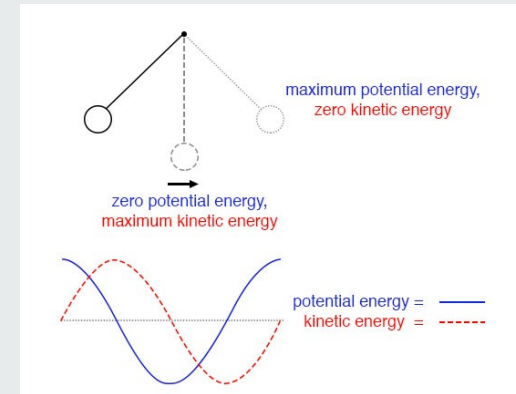
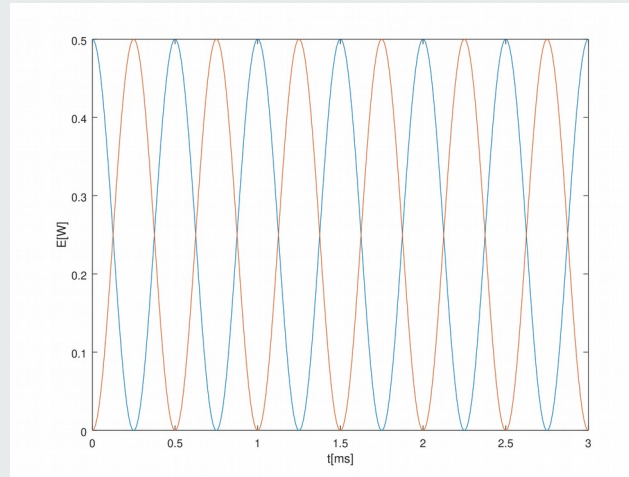
$$\begin{cases} i(t) = A_1 e^{j\omega_n t} + A_2 e^{-j\omega_n t} \\ v(t) = -L A_1 j \omega_n e^{j\omega_n t} + L A_2 j \omega_n e^{-j\omega_n t} \\ A_1 = \frac{A}{2} e^{j\alpha} \\ A_2 = \frac{A}{2} e^{-j\alpha} \\ i(t) = A \cos(\omega_n t + \alpha) \\ v(t) = A \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \sin(\omega_n t + \alpha) \\ i(0) = 1 \\ v(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$



- Current delayed by 90° vs voltage
- Maximum current (voltage) corresponds to minimum voltage (current)

LC loop energy swing

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_L(t) = \frac{1}{2} L i^2(t) \\ E_C(t) = \frac{1}{2} C v^2(t) \\ E_L(t) = \frac{1}{2} L A^2 \cos^2(\omega t) \\ E_C(t) = \frac{1}{2} C A^2 \frac{L}{C} \sin^2(\omega t) \\ \max E_L = \frac{1}{2} L A^2 \\ \max E_C = \frac{1}{2} L A^2 \\ E_L + E_C = \frac{1}{2} L A^2 \end{array} \right.$$



Mechanical analogy
Kinetic energy – current
Potential energy – voltage

- Energy swings between C and L
- Energy sum is constant
- When potential energy is max in C (L), it is null in L (C)

RLC series circuit

$$-v_L + Ri + v_C = 0$$

KVL

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri + v_C = 0$$

Inductor law

$$L \frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} + R \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} i = 0$$

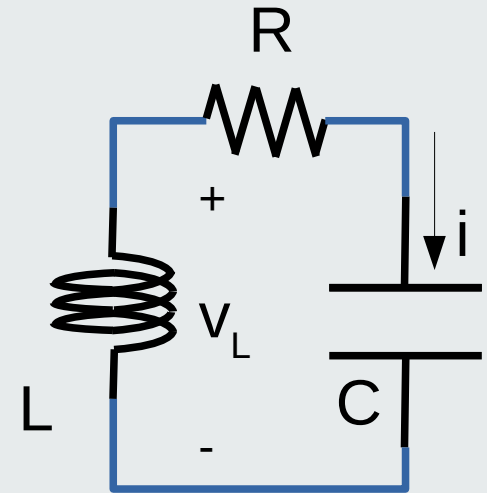
Apply derivative to both sides

$$s^2 + \frac{R}{L} s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$$

Characteristic equation

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{L} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{L^2} - \frac{4}{LC}}$$

Natural (eventually) complex frequencies



3 cases: 2 real roots; 1 real root; 2 complex conjugate roots!

RLC series circuit: 2 real frequencies

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{L} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{L^2} - \frac{4}{LC}}$$

Natural frequencies

$$\frac{R^2}{L^2} > \frac{4}{LC}$$

Case of real negative roots

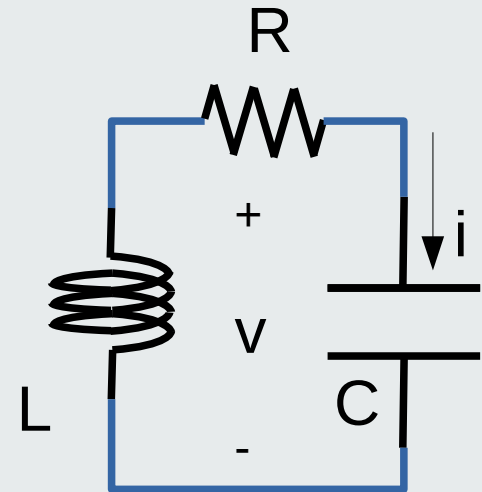
$$i(t) = Ae^{s_1 t} + Be^{s_2 t}$$

General solution.

$$\begin{cases} i_L(0) = A + B \\ v_C(0) = -Ri_L(0) - L \frac{di_L}{dt}(0) \end{cases}$$

A and B can be determined by initial conditions

Over damped solution



$$\begin{cases} A = \frac{(R + Ls_2)i_L(0) + v_C(0)}{L(s_1 - s_2)} \\ B = \frac{(R + Ls_1)i_L(0) + v_C(0)}{L(s_2 - s_1)} \end{cases}$$

RLC series circuit: 1 real frequency

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{L} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{L^2} - \frac{4}{LC}}$$

Natural frequencies

$$\frac{R^2}{L^2} = \frac{4}{LC}$$

Case of single real negative root

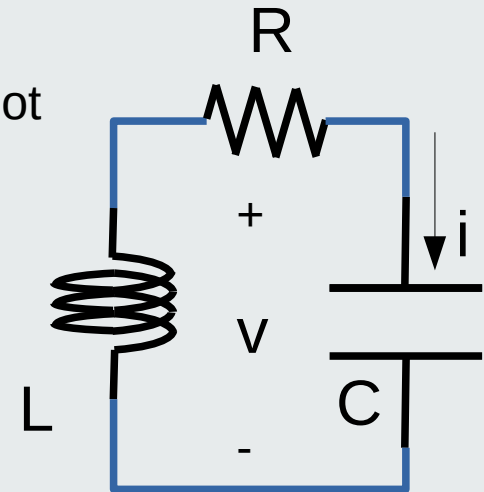
$$i(t) = (A + Bt) e^{s_1 t}$$

General solution.

$$\begin{cases} i_L(0) = A \end{cases}$$

A and B can be determined by initial conditions

$$\begin{cases} v_C(0) = -Ri_L(0) - L \frac{di_L}{dt}(0) \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{cases} A = i_L(0) \\ B = \frac{(R + Ls_1) i_L(0) + v_C(0)}{-L} \end{cases}$$

Critically damped solution

RLC series circuit: 2 complex conjugate frequencies

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{L} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{L^2} - \frac{4}{LC}}$$

Natural complex frequencies

$$\frac{R^2}{L^2} < \frac{4}{LC}$$

Case of complex conjugate roots

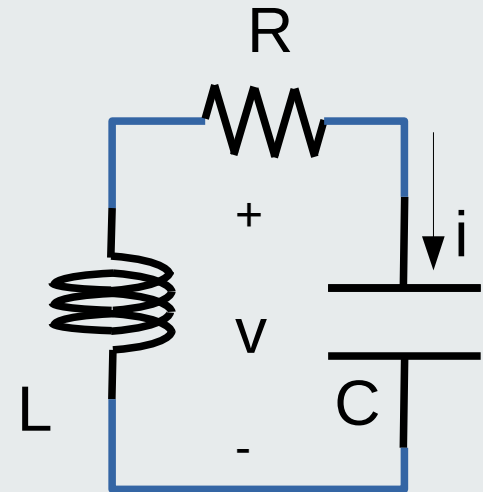
$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2} L \quad \omega_n = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4}{LC} - \frac{R^2}{L^2}}$$

α is damping factor

ω_n is oscillating frequency

$$i(t) = Ae^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega_n t + B)$$

General solution.

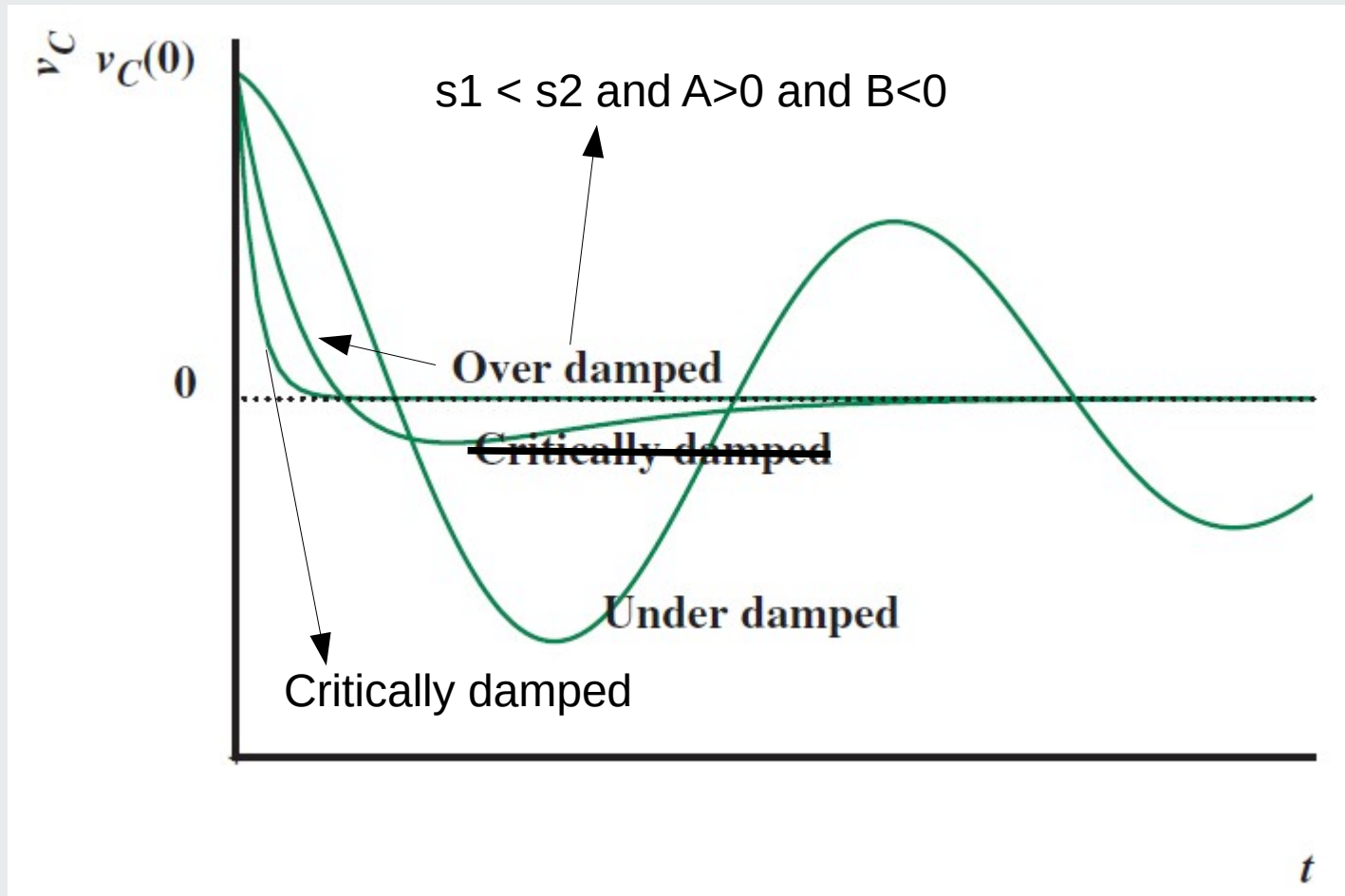


$$\begin{cases} i_L(0) = A \cos(B) \\ v_C(0) = -Ri_L(0) - L \frac{di_L}{dt}(0) \end{cases}$$

Under damped solution

A and B can be determined by
initial conditions

RLC series circuit plots



RLC circuits: other configurations

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Capacitor law

$$v = Ri$$

Ohm's law

$$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

Inductor law

$$i_L + \frac{v}{R} + i_C = 0$$

KCL

$$i_L + \frac{L}{R} \frac{di_L}{dt} + C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$$

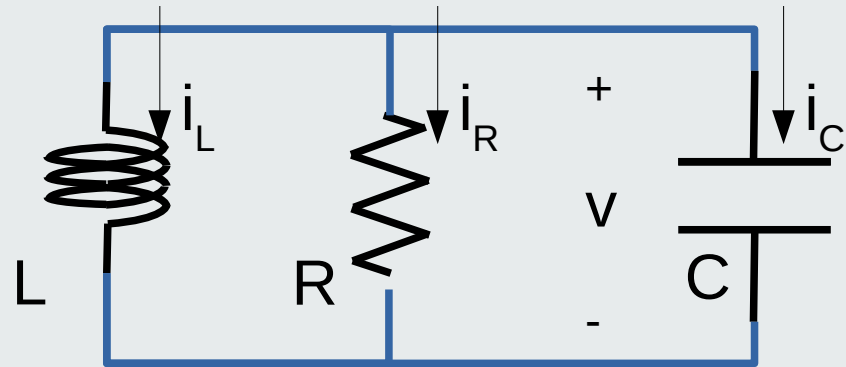
$$i_L + \frac{L}{R} \frac{di_L}{dt} + LC \frac{d^2 i_L}{dt^2} = 0$$

2nd order Linear Ordinary Differential Equation (LODE)

$$1 + \frac{L}{R} s + LC s^2 = 0$$

$$s^2 + \frac{1}{RC} s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$$

Characteristic equation



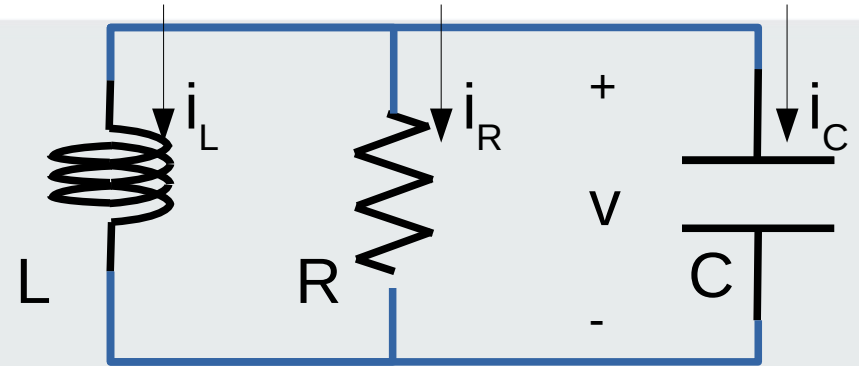
RLC parallel circuit

RLC parallel circuit

Characteristic equation

$$s^2 + \frac{1}{RC}s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$$

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2RC} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{R^2 C^2} - \frac{4}{LC}}$$



RLC parallel circuit

$$i_L(t) = Ae^{s_1 t} + Be^{s_2 t}$$

Solution for 2 real roots

$$i_L(t) = (A + Bt)e^{s_1 t}$$

Solution for 1 real root

$$i_L(t) = Ae^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega_n t + B)$$

Solution for 2 complex conjugate roots

Find A and B using initial conditions $i_L(0)$ and $v_C(0)$

RLC circuits: forced solution

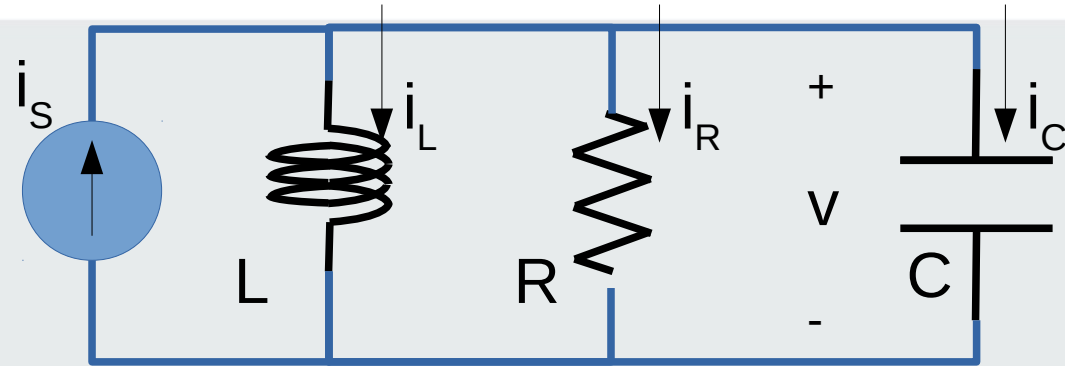
$$\tilde{I}_L + \frac{\tilde{V}}{R} + \tilde{I}_C = \tilde{I}_s \quad \text{KCL}$$

$$\frac{\tilde{V}}{j\omega L} + \frac{\tilde{V}}{R} + \frac{\tilde{V}}{\frac{1}{j\omega C}} = \tilde{I}_s \quad \text{Ohm's}$$

$$\tilde{V} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{j\omega L} + \frac{1}{R} + j\omega C} \tilde{I}_s \quad \text{Phasor form}$$

$$v(t) = \Re \{ \tilde{V} e^{j\omega t} \}$$

$$v(t) = |\tilde{V}| \cos(\omega t + \angle \tilde{V}) \quad \text{Time solution}$$



RLC parallel circuit

Other second order circuits

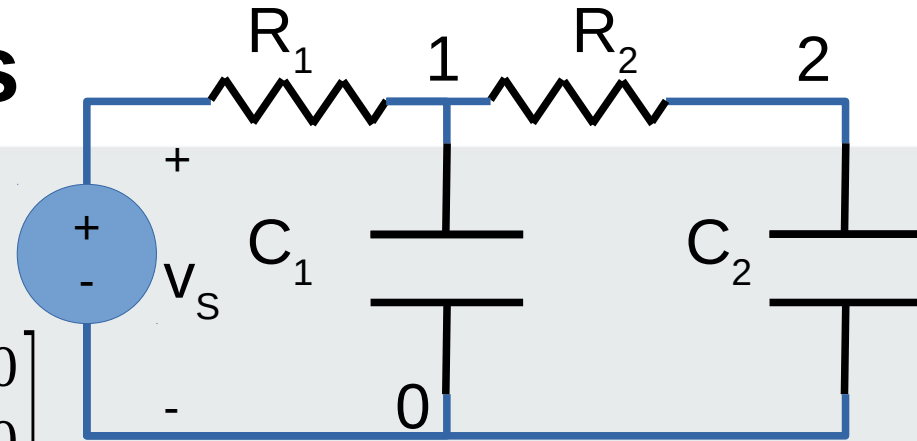
KCL:

$$\begin{bmatrix} G_1 + G_2 + C_1 \frac{d}{dt} & -G_2 \\ -G_2 & G_2 + C_2 \frac{d}{dt} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{C_1} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) & \frac{1}{R_2 C_1} \\ \frac{1}{R_2 C_2} & -\frac{1}{R_2 C_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} X = A X$$

First order matrix LODE



Second order RC circuit

Other second order circuits

$$\frac{d}{dt} X = A X \quad \text{First order matrix LODE}$$

$$\det(A - sI) = 0 \quad \text{Characteristic equation (I is identity matrix)}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\frac{1}{C_1} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) - s & \frac{1}{R_2 C_1} \\ \frac{1}{R_2 C_2} & -\frac{1}{R_2 C_2} - s \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} s_1 = -f_1(R_1, R_2, C_1, C_2) \\ s_2 = -f_2(R_1, R_2, C_1, C_2) \end{cases}$$

2 real negative roots aka Eigen Values

$$\left[\frac{1}{C_1} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) + s \right] \left[\frac{1}{R_2 C_2} + s \right] - \frac{1}{R_2^2 C_1 C_2} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = A E_1 e^{s_1 t} + B E_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

Integration constants

Eigen Vectors

Compute Eigen Vectors

Eigen vector for eigen value s_1

$$(A - s_1 I) E_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{C_1} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) - s_1 & \frac{1}{R_2 C_1} \\ \frac{1}{R_2 C_2} & -\frac{1}{R_2 C_2} - s_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ q_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$q_1 = K_1 p_1$$

$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ q_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ K_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen vector is any vector whose coordinates are related as shown

Eigen vector for eigen value s_2

$$(A - s_2 I) E_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{C_1} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) - s_2 & \frac{1}{R_2 C_1} \\ \frac{1}{R_2 C_2} & -\frac{1}{R_2 C_2} - s_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_2 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$q_2 = K_2 p_2$$

$$E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} p_2 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ K_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1(t) \\ v_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = A E_1 e^{s_1 t} + B E_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1(0) \\ v_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = A E_1 + B E_2$$

General solution

Use initial conditions to compute A and B
and get particular solution using this
system of 2 equations

Conclusion

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