

Circuit Theory and Electronics Fundamentals

Lecture 4: Sinusoidal analysis

- General solution for RC and RL circuits
- Energy stored in C and L
- Self and mutual inductance
- The transformer
- Sinusoidal voltages and currents
- Complex representation
- Impedance and admittance

General solution for RC and RL circuits

- Circuits containing a single L or C and any number of voltage, current sources and resistors have the general solution below
- No need to solve differential equations!

$$x(t) = x(\infty) + [x(0) - x(\infty)]e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

- $x(t)$ is any capacitor voltage or inductor current in the circuit
- τ is the time constant

$$\tau = RC$$

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

- R is the equivalent resistor **seen** by C or L when all sources are switched off.

Example RC circuit solving

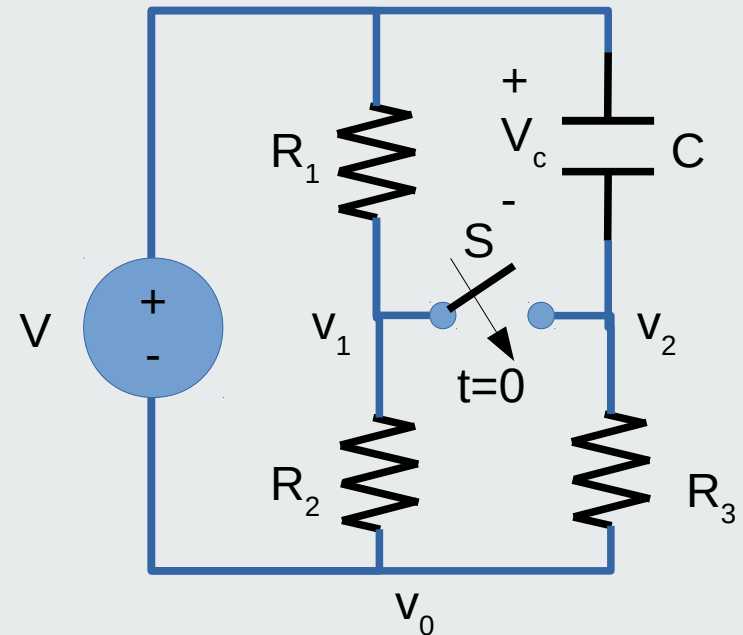
Problem: find $v_1(t)$ and $v_2(t)$

$t < 0$: switch S is open

$t=0$: switch S closes

$t>0$: switch remains closed, voltages and currents evolve

$t=\infty$: switch remains closed, voltages and currents stabilize in final values



RC Example: $t < 0$

$$v_2 = v_0 = 0$$

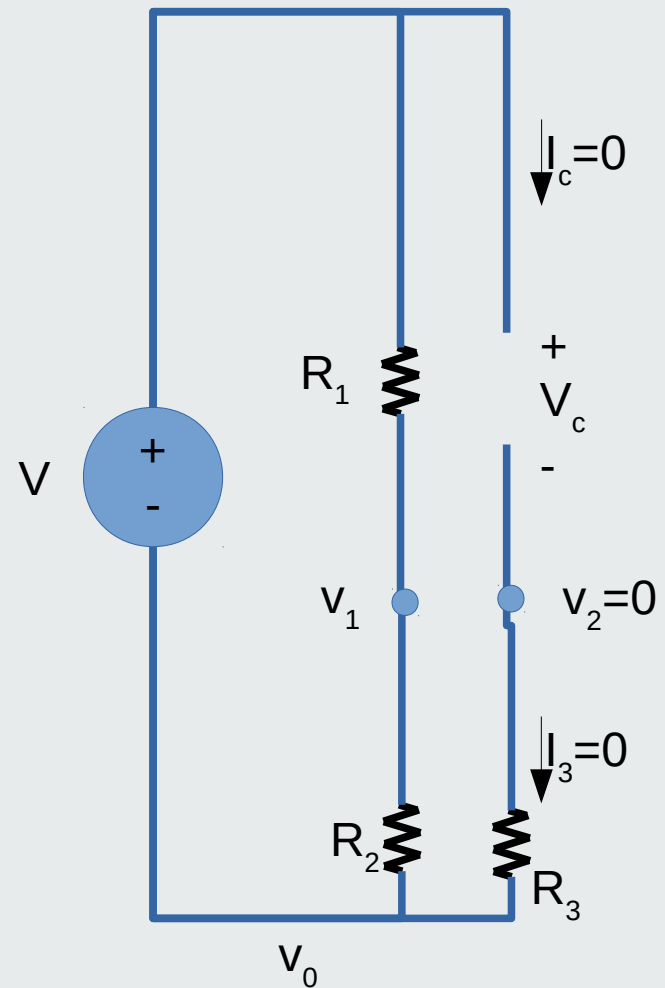
$$v_1 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V$$

$$v_c = V - v_2 = V$$

$$v_c(t < 0) = V$$

Switch is
open

Voltage divider



RC Example: $t=0$

Switch closes, 1 and 2 become the same electrical node.

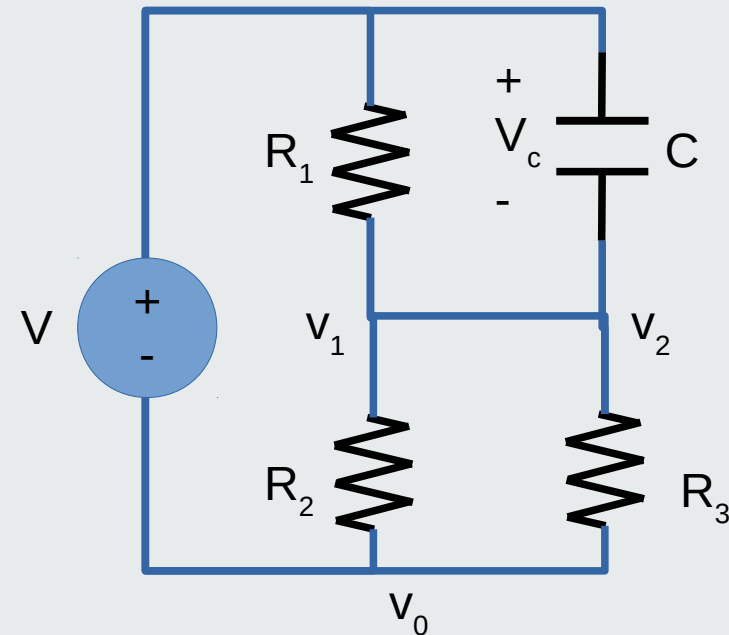
C will discharge through the resistors

This will take time: there is a time constant to be computed

Therefore:

$$v_c(0) = v_c(t < 0) = V$$

$$v_1(0) = v_2(0) = V - v_c(0) = V - V = 0$$



RC Example: time constant calculation

To compute the time constant, compute the equivalent resistance as seen by C when the independent sources are switched off

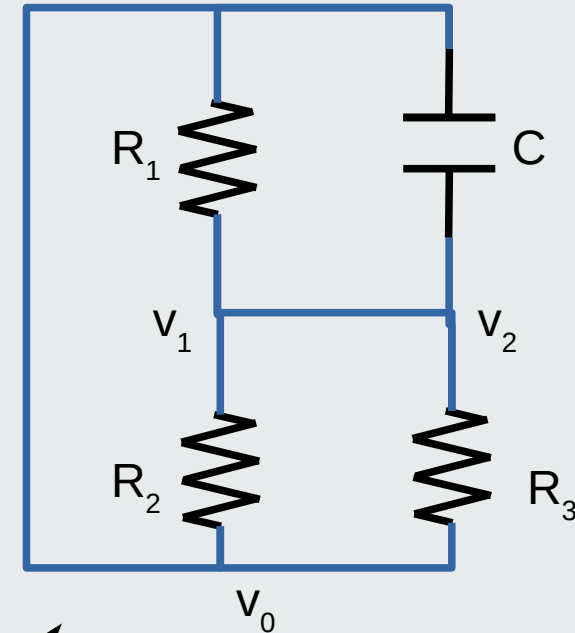
Switch-off Vs: replace it with a short-circuit

Compute the equivalent resistor seen at the terminals of C

$$R = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}}$$

$$\tau = RC = \frac{C}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}}$$

All resistors are in parallel with C

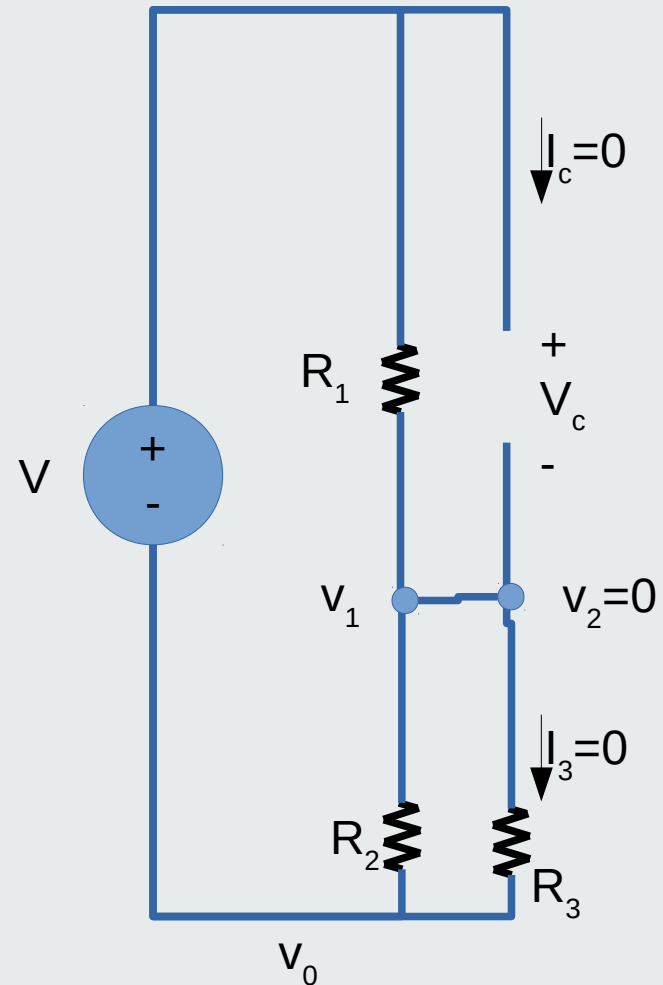


RC Example: $t = \infty$

Switch is closed, nodes 1 and 2 are connected

$$v_1(\infty) = v_2(\infty) = \frac{R_2 \parallel R_3}{R_1 + R_2 \parallel R_3} V$$

Voltage divider



RC Example: $t > 0$

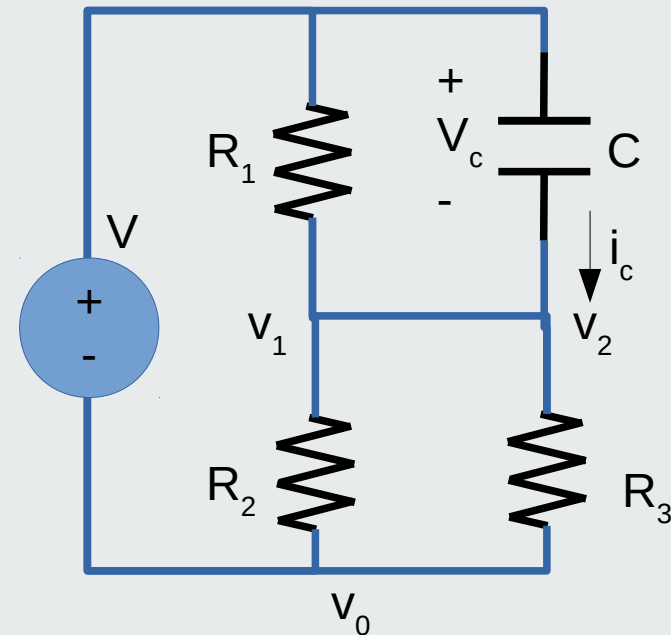
Switch is closed, C discharges through the resistors with time constant RC

Use general formula:

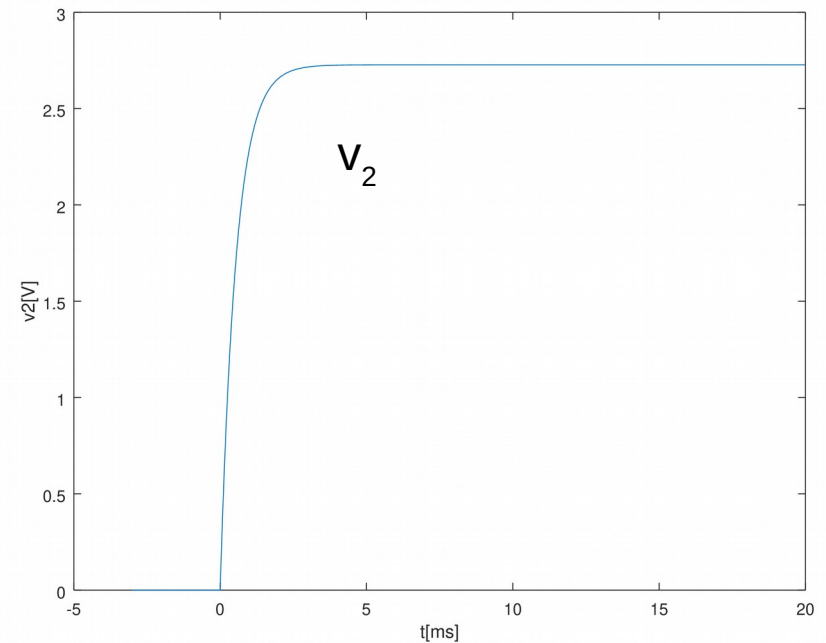
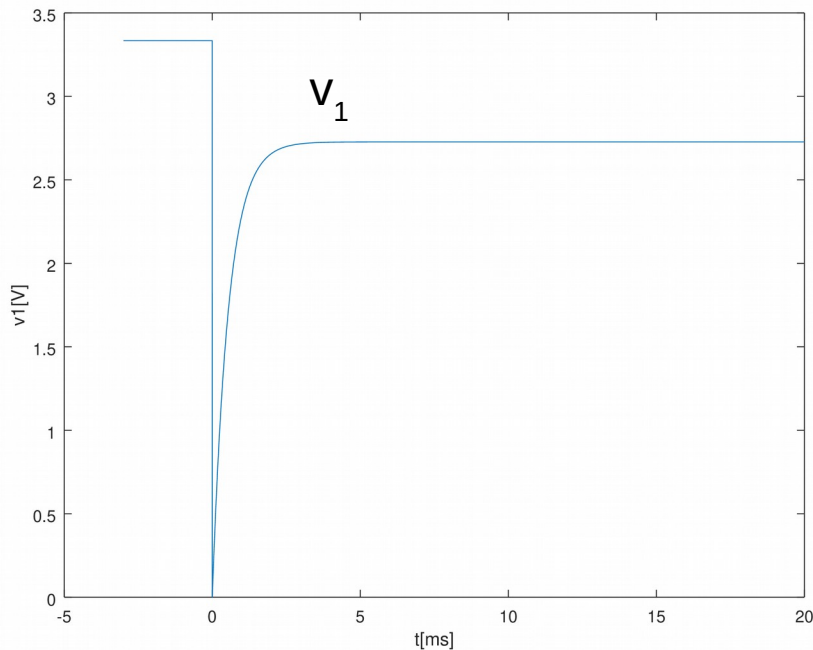
$$v_1(t) = v_2(t) = v_2(\infty) + [v_2(0) - v_2(\infty)] e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$v_1(t) = v_2(t) = V \frac{R_2 \parallel R_3}{R_1 + R_2 \parallel R_3} (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}})$$

Note values at $t=0$ and $t=\infty$



RC Example: plot $v_1(t)$ and $v_2(t)$



- $V=5V$, $R_1=1k\Omega$, $R_2=2k$, $R_3=3k$, $C=1\mu F \Rightarrow \tau=1ms$
- v_1 and v_2 are different for $t < 0$, and have the same value for $t \geq 0$ (same node)
- C discharges (loses voltage): note that $v_C = V - v_2$ and v_2 increases
- v_1 has a discontinuity because C cannot charge or discharge instantly through R

Energy stored in C

$de(t) = v(t) dq(t)$ Energy delta for dq across potential v

$$p(t) = \frac{de(t)}{dt} = v(t) \frac{dq(t)}{dt}$$

$$p(t) = v(t) i(t)$$

$t < 0$: switch open

$$i_C = 0, v_C = V, v_1 = 0$$

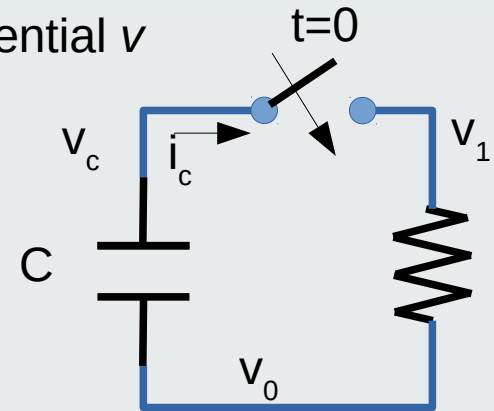
$t = 0$: switch closes

$$i_C(0) = V/R, v_C = v_1 = V$$

$t = \infty$: switch closed

$$v_1 = v_C = 0 V$$

Time constant
 $\tau = RC$



$$v_1(t) = v_C(t) = V e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

Solution for $t \geq 0$

$$i_C(t) = \frac{V}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$E_C = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} p(t) dt = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{V^2}{R} e^{-2\frac{t}{RC}} dt$$

$$E_C = - \left[\frac{V^2}{R} \frac{RC}{2} e^{-2\frac{t}{RC}} \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$$

Energy previously stored in C and dissipated in R

Energy stored in L

$$p(t) = v(t) i(t)$$

$t < 0$: S_1 closed, S_2 open

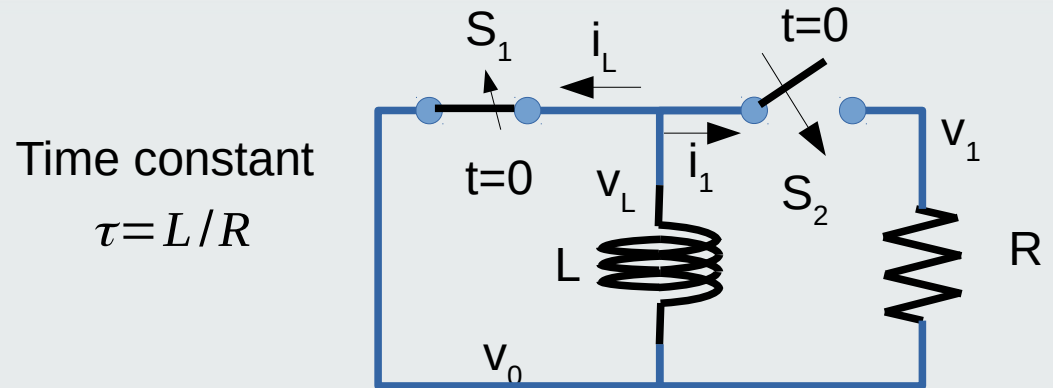
$$i_L = I, v_L = 0, i_1 = 0, v_1 = 0$$

$t = 0$: S_1 opens, S_2 closes

$$i_L = 0, i_1 = I, v_1 = RI$$

$t = \infty$: S_1 open, S_2 closed

$$v_1 = v_L = 0, i_L = i_1 = 0$$



$$i_1(t) = I e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

Solution for $t \geq 0$

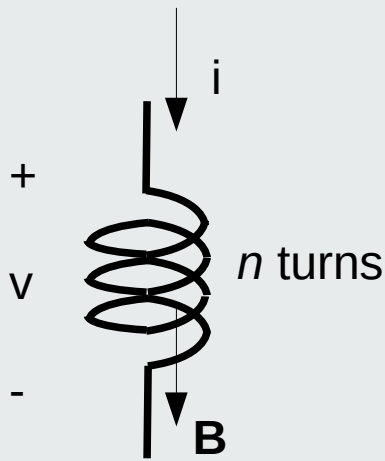
$$v_L(t) = v_1(t) = RI e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$E_C = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} p(t) dt = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} R I^2 e^{-2\frac{t}{L/R}} dt$$

$$E_L = - \left[R I^2 \frac{L}{2R} e^{-2\frac{t}{L/R}} \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} = \frac{1}{2} L I^2$$

Energy previously stored in L and dissipated in R

Self-inductance



A current i creates magnetic field \mathbf{B} and self induces a voltage v across the inductor

$$\Phi = \iint_A \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad \text{Flux}$$

$$v = n \frac{d\Phi}{dt}$$

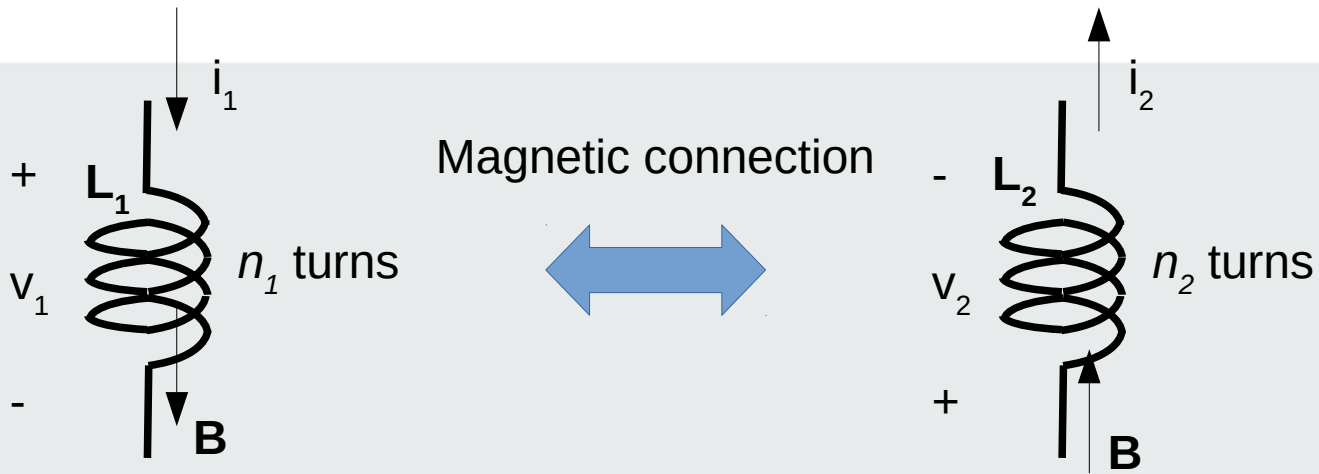
Self-induced voltage equals flux variation per time unit

$$n\Phi = Li$$

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

L is self-inductance, or simply inductance

Mutual inductance



$$\begin{aligned}
 i_2 &= 0 \Rightarrow \\
 \Phi_2 &= \Phi_1 = \Phi \\
 n_1 \Phi_1 &= L_1 i_1 \\
 n_2 \Phi_2 &= L_M i_1 \\
 \frac{n_1}{n_2} &= \frac{L_1}{L_M} \\
 \frac{n_2}{n_1} &= \frac{L_2}{L_M}
 \end{aligned}$$

Coil 2 open

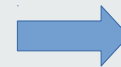
Perfect symmetry

Fluxes caused by 1 only

L_M is mutual inductance

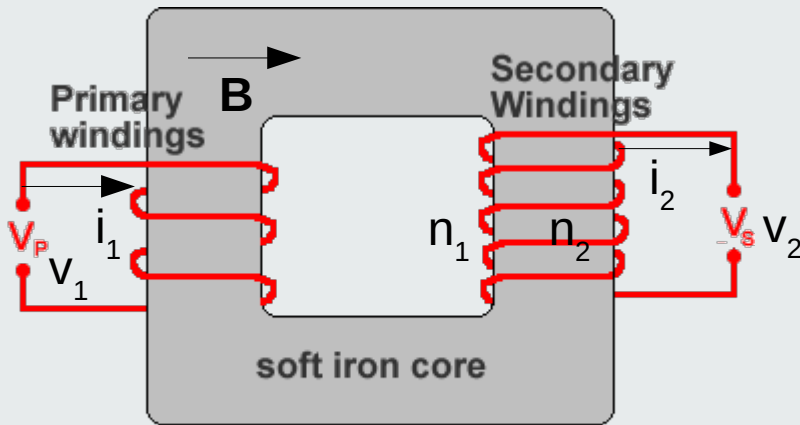
Previous 2 divided

Reciprocal for $i_1=0$



$$\begin{aligned}
 L_2 &= \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 L_1 \\
 L_M &= \sqrt{L_1 L_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The ideal transformer



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The transformer is formed by 2 coils magnetically connected by a circular core!

The magnetic field **B** concentrates in the core for a **perfect and symmetric connection**

$$\Phi_1 = \Phi_2 \quad \text{Perfect symmetry}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_1 \\ \Phi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_1 & L_M \\ L_M & L_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Superposition Theorem



$$v_2 = \frac{n_2}{n_1} v_1$$

Transformer voltage law

$$i_2 = \frac{n_1}{n_2} i_1$$

Transformer current law

$$v_1 i_1 = v_2 i_2$$

Conservation of power



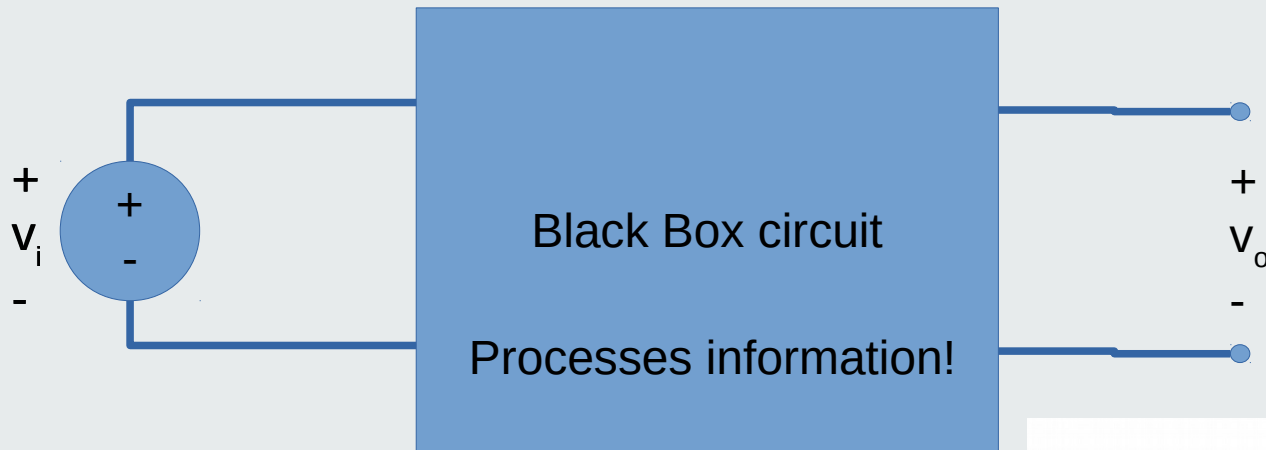
Sinusoidal analysis

- Circuits manipulate electrical signals
- Signals convey energy, information or both (vital functions)
- Mathematical methods can decompose signals into series or integrals of basic signals
- Fourier analysis: series of sinusoidal waves
- Laplace: integral of complex powers (generalizes Fourier analysis, Euler equation)

Do you know how the circuit responds to a sine wave?

If yes, then you know how the circuit responds to practically any signal!

Sinusoidal voltage source



$$V_i=1V, f=1KHz, \phi=-\pi/6$$

$$v_i(t) = V_i \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

V_i : amplitude

ω : radian frequency

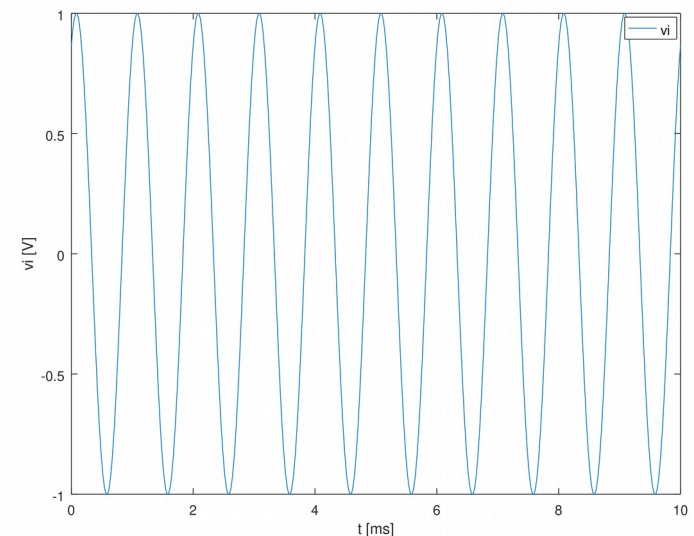
t : time

ϕ : phase or angle

f : frequency in hertz

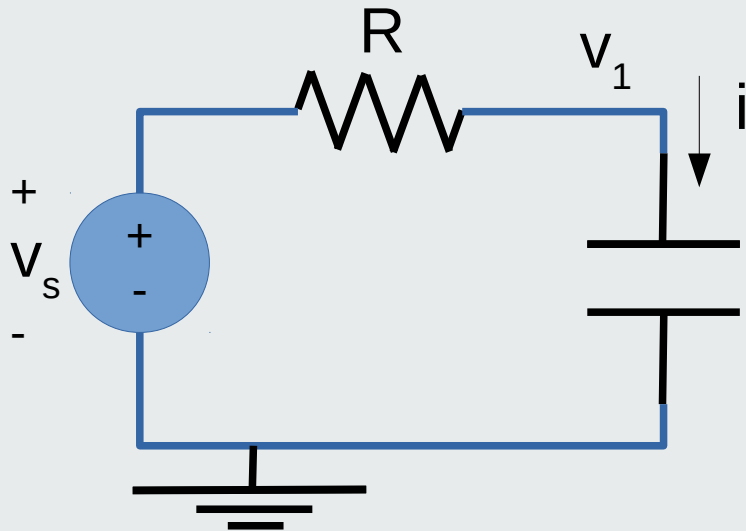
T : period in second

$$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$



RC series: forced solution with sinusoidal excitation

$$v_s(t) = V_s \cos(\omega t + \phi_s)$$



Sinusoidal excitation =>
sinusoidal forced solution at
same frequency!

$$v_{1f}(t) = V_1 \cos(\omega t + \phi_1)$$

We only need to determine V_1
and ϕ_1 ... but how ?

$$v_s = RC \frac{dv_1}{dt} + v_1 \quad \text{KVL}$$

$$V_s \cos(\omega t + \phi_s) = -\omega RC V_1 \sin(\omega t + \phi_1) + V_1 \cos(\omega t + \phi_1)$$

Solving forced solution with sinusoidal excitation

$$V_s \cos(\omega t + \phi_s) = -\omega RC V_1 \sin(\omega t + \phi_1) + V_1 \cos(\omega t + \phi_1)$$

Let's choose 2 time instants to have 2 equations and thus solve for V_1 and ϕ_1

$$\omega t = -\phi_1: \quad V_s \cos(\phi_s - \phi_1) = V_1$$

$$\omega t = -\phi_1 + \frac{\pi}{2}: \quad -V_s \sin(\phi_s - \phi_1) = -\omega RC V_1$$

$$\tan(\phi_s - \phi_1) = \omega RC$$

Obtained by dividing previous 2 equations

$$\phi_s - \phi_1 = \text{atan}(\omega RC)$$

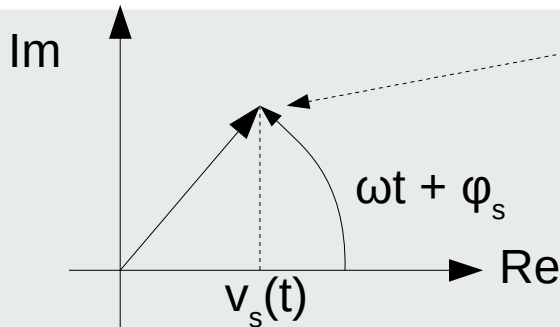
$$V_1 = V_s \cos(\text{atan}(\omega RC))$$

$$\frac{V_1}{V_s} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \omega^2 R^2 C^2}}$$

$$\cos^2(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2(x)}$$

For large circuits this is hard work: lots of trigonometry.
There must be a better way!

Sinusoidal analysis with “complex” numbers



$$V_s e^{j(\omega t + \phi_s)}$$

Complex vector rotating with constant angular velocity ω , use Euler's equation:

$$e^{jx} = \cos(x) + j \sin(x)$$

$$v_s = V_s \cos(\omega t + \phi_s) = \Re \left\{ V_s e^{j(\omega t + \phi_s)} \right\}$$

- No need to carry the Real part around

$$v_1 = V_1 \cos(\omega t + \phi_1) = \Re \left\{ V_1 e^{j(\omega t + \phi_1)} \right\}$$

- Work in complex domain, take real part in the end

$$v_s = RC \frac{dv_1}{dt} + v_1$$

KVL: replace real variables with complex variables

$$V_s e^{j(\omega t + \phi_s)} = j \omega RC V_1 e^{j(\omega t + \phi_1)} + V_1 e^{j(\omega t + \phi_1)}$$

Get rid of common factor $e^{j\omega t}$

$$V_s e^{j\phi_s} = (1 + j \omega RC) V_1 e^{j\phi_1}$$

Phasors: complex vectors that represent sinusoidal signals; magnitude/phase info only

Complex amplitude aka Phasor

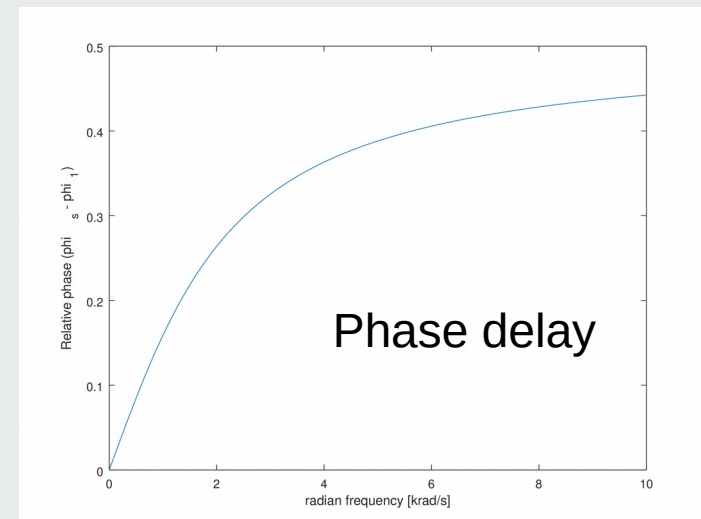
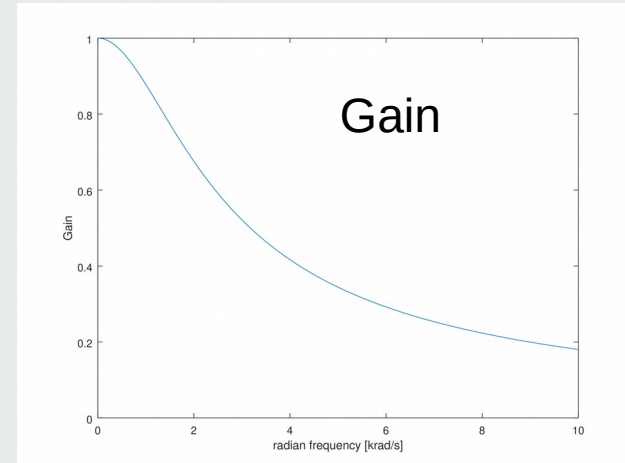
$$\tilde{V}_s = V_s e^{j\phi_s}, \quad \tilde{V}_1 = V_1 e^{j\phi_1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\tilde{V}_s = (1 + j\omega RC) \tilde{V}_1$$

$$\frac{\tilde{V}_1}{\tilde{V}_s} = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega RC} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \omega^2 R^2 C^2}} e^{j\text{atan}(\omega RC)}$$

$$\frac{V_1}{V_s} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \omega^2 R^2 C^2}} \quad \text{Gain}$$

$$\phi_s - \phi_1 = \text{atan}(\omega RC) \quad \text{Phase difference}$$

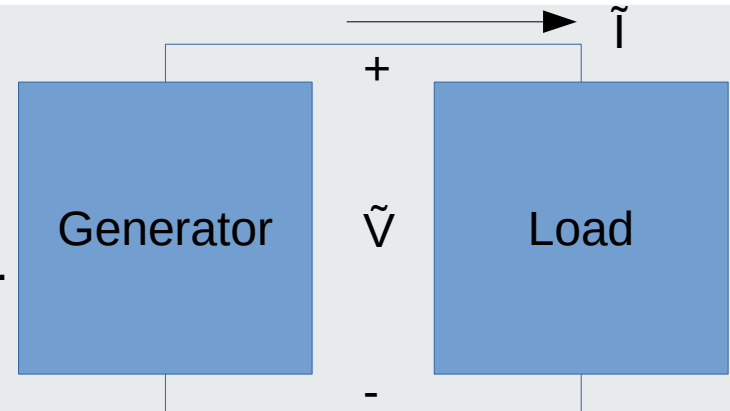


Impedance and admittance

Problem:

A **Generator** circuit applies sinusoidal voltage \tilde{V} to a **Load** (circuit that receives \tilde{V}).

What is the value of sinusoidal current \tilde{I} ?



Answer: $\tilde{I} = \tilde{V} / \mathbf{Z}$ (Phasor Ohms Law!)

\mathbf{Z} is called the **impedance** (resistance equivalent for phasors)

$\mathbf{Z} = R + jX$ (resistance is real part, reactance is imaginary part)

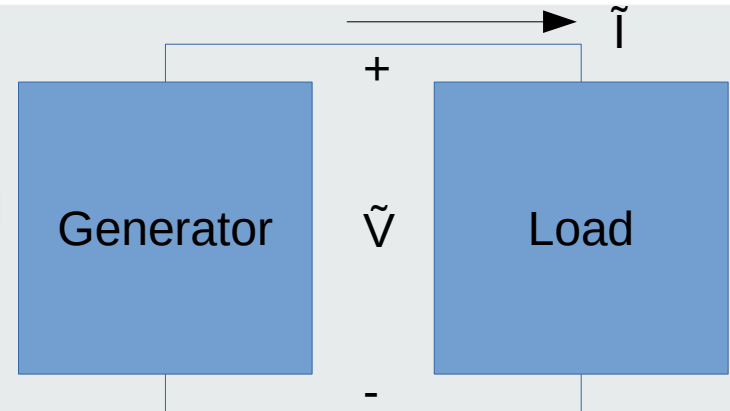
$\mathbf{Y} = 1/\mathbf{Z}$ is called the **admittance** (conductance equivalent for phasors)

$\mathbf{Y} = G + jB$ (conductance is real part, susceptance is imaginary part)

\mathbf{Z} and \mathbf{Y} are complex quantities as they give the relationship between the amplitudes and phases of \tilde{V} and \tilde{I}

How to Compute Impedance

- 1) Compute the impedance of each component
- 2) Associate the components in series or parallel and compute the impedance between the two terminals of the load
- 3) component impedances:



$$i = v/R \Rightarrow \tilde{I} e^{j\omega t} = \frac{\tilde{V} e^{j\omega t}}{R} \Rightarrow Z_R = \frac{\tilde{V}}{\tilde{I}} = R$$

Resistor Impedance

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt} \Rightarrow \tilde{I} e^{j\omega t} = C \frac{d}{dt} (\tilde{V} e^{j\omega t}) \Rightarrow Z_C = \frac{\tilde{V}}{\tilde{I}} = \frac{1}{j\omega C}$$

Capacitor Impedance

$$v = L \frac{di}{dt} \Rightarrow \tilde{V} e^{j\omega t} = L \frac{d}{dt} (\tilde{I} e^{j\omega t}) \Rightarrow Z_L = \frac{\tilde{V}}{\tilde{I}} = j\omega L$$

Inductor Impedance

Conclusion

- General solution for RC and RL circuits
- Power, energy stored in C and L
- Self-inductance and mutual inductance
- The ideal transformer
- Sinusoidal forced solution
- Sinusoidal forced solution using complex numbers
- Impedance and admittance