

## Assignment 7: Analysis of Circuits using Laplace Transforms

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### Aim

The goal of this assignment is the following:

- The analysis of filters using laplace transforms.
- We look at an active low pass filter and an active high pass filter and to understand its nature.
- Python's symbolic solving library, sympy is a tool we use in the process to handle our requirements in solving Modified Nodal Analysis equations.

### Low Pass Filter

The low pass filter that we use gives the following matrix equation after simplification of the modified nodal equations:-

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{G} \\ -\frac{1}{1+sR_2C_2} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -G & G & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} - sC_1 & \frac{1}{R_2} & 0 & sC_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_p \\ V_m \\ V_o \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -V_i(s)/R_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The python code snippet that declares the low pass function and solves the matrix equation to get the V matrix is as shown below:

```
def LowPass(R1, R2, C1, C2, G, Vi):  
    s = symbols('s')  
    A = Matrix([[0, 0, 1, -1/G],  
                [-1/(1 + s*R2*C2), 1, 0, 0],  
                [0, -G, G, 1],  
                [-1/R1-1/R2-s*C1, 1/R2, 0, s*C1]])  
    b = Matrix([0, 0, 0, -Vi/R1])
```

```
V = A.inv()*b
return A, b, V
```

The plot for the magnitude of the transfer function (magnitude bode plot) is as shown below:

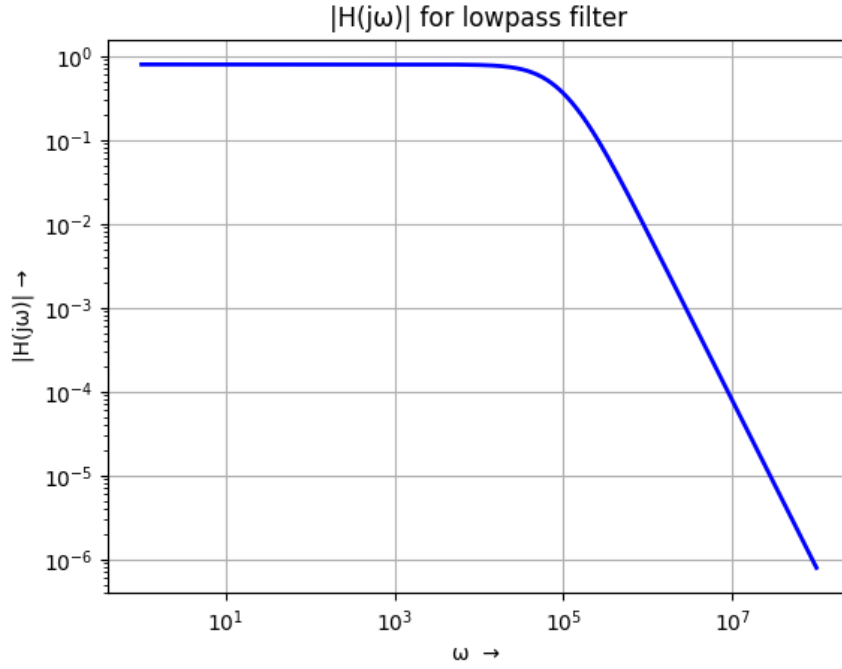


Figure 1: Low pass filter Magnitude response

## High Pass Filter

The high pass filter we use gives the following matrix equations after simplification of the modified nodal equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{G} \\ -\frac{sR_3C_2}{1+sR_3C_2} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -G & G & 1 \\ -1 - (sR_1C_1) - (sR_3C_2) & sC_2R_1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_p \\ V_m \\ V_o \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -V_i(s)sR_1C_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The python code snippet that declares the high pass function and solves the matrix equation to get the V matrix is as shown below:

```
def HighPass(R1, R3, C1, C2, G, Vi):
```

```

s = symbols("s")
A = Matrix([[0, -1, 0, 1/G],
            [s*C2*R3/(s*C2*R3+1), 0, -1, 0],
            [0, G, -G, 1],
            [-s*C2-1/R1-s*C1, 0, s*C2, 1/R1]])
b = Matrix([0, 0, 0, -Vi*s*C1])
V = A.inv()*b
return A, b, V

```

The plot for the magnitude of the transfer function (magnitude bode plot) is as shown below:

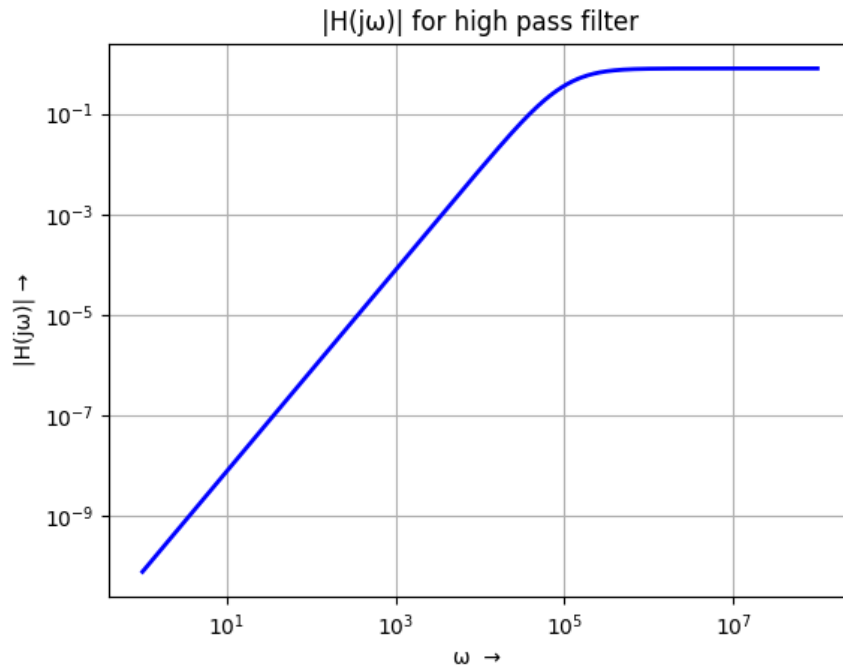


Figure 2: High pass filter Magnitude response

## Change of Format in Sympy Functions

The sympy functions, that are expressed in terms of 's', must be converted to another form that is understood by `sp.signal`. This is done using the `sympytopscopy()` function.

The python code snippet to do so is as shown:

```
def sympytopscopy(Y):
```

```

n, d = fraction(Y)
nr, dr = (np.array(Poly(n, s).all_coeffs(), dtype = float), np.array(Poly(d,
s).all_coeffs(), dtype = float))
H = sp.lti(nr, dr)
return H

```

## Step Response of Low Pass Filter

In order to find the step response of the low pass filter, we need to assign  $V_i(s) = 1/s$ . The python code below explains it.

```

A1, b1, V1 = LowPass(10000, 10000, 1e-9, 1e-9, 1.586, 1/s)
Vo1 = V1[3]
H1 = sympytopscopy(Vo1)
t, y1 = sp.impulse(H1, None, np.linspace(0, 5e-3, 10000))

```

```

# Plot for step response of a lowpass filter.
figure(1)
title("Step Response for low pass filter")
xlabel("t → ", fontsize = 13)
ylabel("v\u2092(t) → ", fontsize = 13)
plot(t, y1, 'b')
grid(True)

```

The plot for the step response of the low pass circuit is as shown:

## Response to the Sum Of Sinusoids

When the input is a sum of sinusoids like,

$$V_i(t) = (\cos(2 * 10^6 \pi t) + \sin(2000 \pi t)) u_o(t) \text{ Volts}$$

Then the output response for the lowpass filter can easily be found as shown in the code snippet.

```

s = symbols('s')
A, b, V = LowPass(10000, 10000, 1e-9, 1e-9, 1.586, 1)
Vo = V[3]
H = sympytopscopy(Vo)
ww = logspace(0, 8, 801)
ss = 1j*ww

```

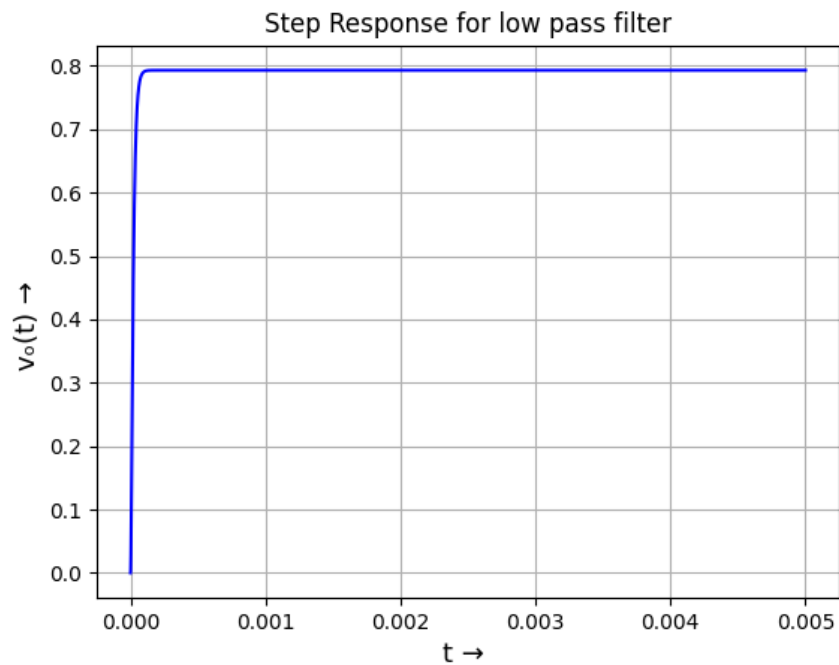


Figure 3: System Response of Low Pass Filter with Decay = 0.5.

```
hf = lambdify(s, Vo, 'numpy')
v = hf(ss)

vi = cos(2e6*pi*t) + sin(2000*pi*t)
t, y2, svec = sp.lsim(H, vi, t)

figure(2)
plot(t, y2, 'b')
title("Output voltage for sum of sinusoids")
xlabel("t → ", fontsize = 13)
ylabel("v\u2092(t) → ", fontsize = 13)
grid(True)
```

The output response to the sum of sinusoids for the low pass filter is as shown:

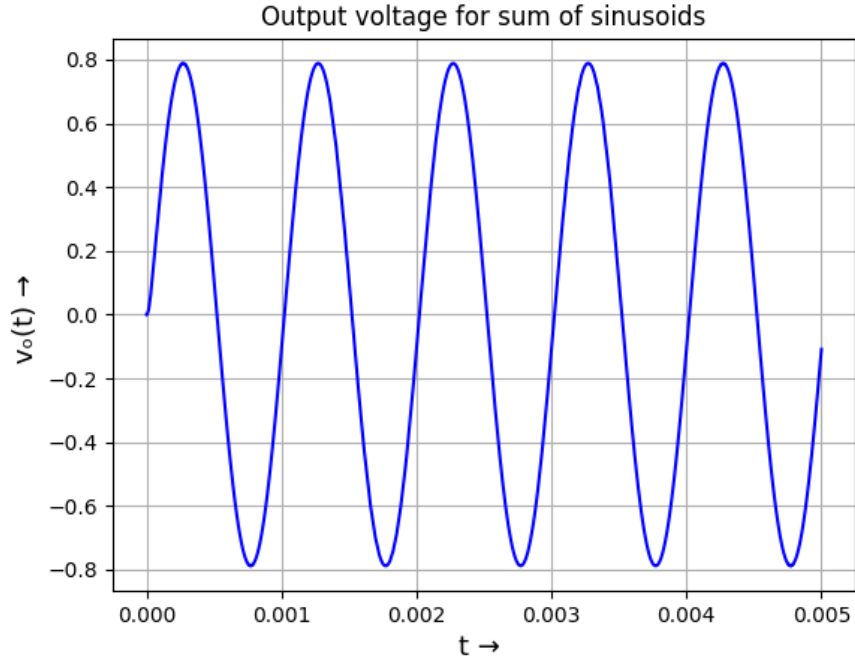


Figure 4: Output for sum of sinusoids

## Response to Damped Sinusoids

In this case we assign the input voltage as a damped sinusoid like,  
Low frequency,

$$V_i(t) = e^{-500t} ( \cos(2000\pi t) ) u_o(t) \text{ Volts}$$

High frequency,

$$V_i(t) = e^{-500t} ( \cos(2 * 10^6 \pi t) ) u_o(t) \text{ Volts}$$

The high frequency and low frequency plots of the input damped sinusoids are as shown:

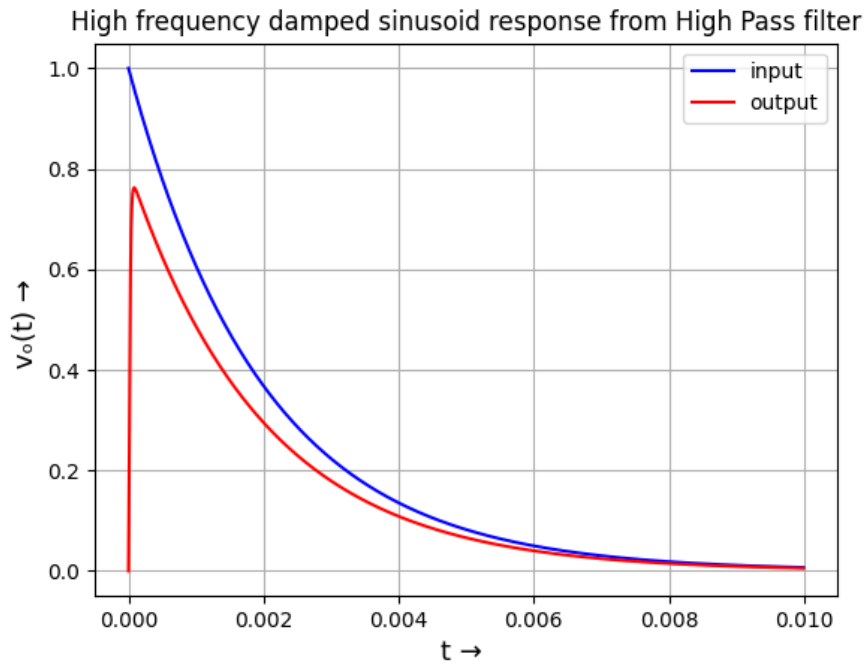


Figure 5: High frequency damped sinusoid

Thus, the high-pass behaviour of the circuit is verified. The change in the exponential would only affect the rate at which the sinusoid amplitude decays to zero. The python code snippet to execute the above is as shown:

```
A3, b3, V3 = HighPass(10000, 10000, 1e-9, 1e-9, 1.586, 1)
Vo3 = V3[3]
H3 = sympytoscipy(Vo)
hf3 = lambdify(s, Vo3, 'numpy')
v3 = hf3(ss)
```

```
t2 = arange(0, 1e-2, 1e-5)
vi_d_1 = exp(-500*t2)*cos(2e6*pi*t2)
t2, y4, svec = sp.lsim(H3, vi_d_1, t2)
```

```
t3 = arange(0, 1e-2, 1e-5)
vi_d_2 = exp(-500*t3)*cos(2e3*pi*t3)
```

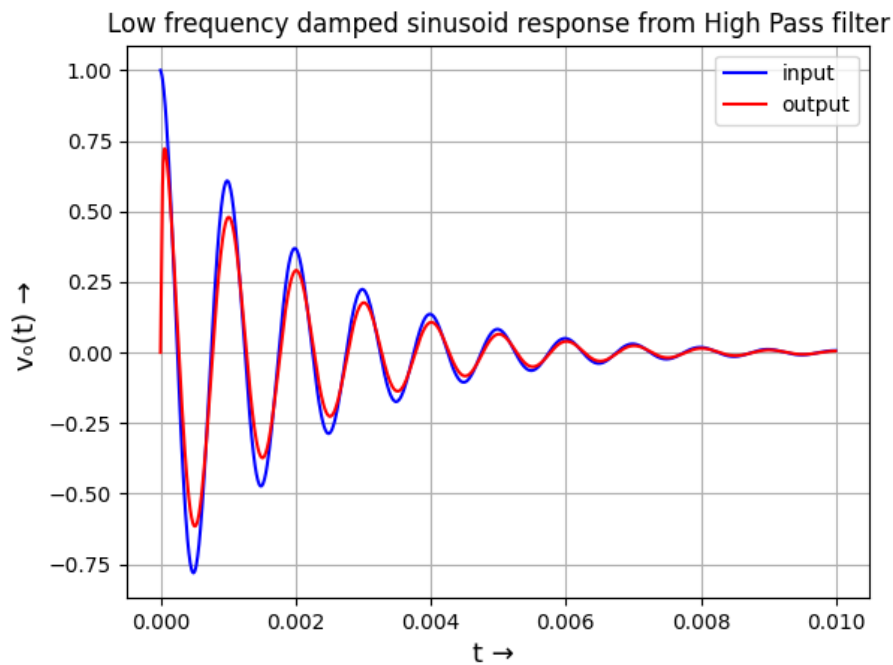


Figure 6: Low frequency damped sinusoid

```
t3, y4_2, svec = sp.lsim(H3, vi_d_2, t3)
```

```
figure(4)
plot(t2, vi_d_1, label = 'input', color = 'b')
plot(t2, y4, label = 'output', color = 'r')
title("High frequency damped sinusoid response from High Pass filter")
xlabel("t → ", fontsize = 13)
ylabel("v\u2092(t) → ", fontsize = 13)
grid(True)
legend()
```

```
figure(5)
plot(t3, vi_d_2, label = 'input', color = 'b')
plot(t3, y4_2, label = 'output', color = 'r')
title("Low frequency damped sinusoid response from High Pass filter")
xlabel("t → ", fontsize = 13)
ylabel("v\u2092(t) → ", fontsize = 13)
```



```
grid(True)
legend()
```

## Step Response of High Pass Filter

In order to find the step response of the high pass filter, we need to assign  $V_i(s) = 1/s$ . The python code below shows:-

```
A5, b5, V5 = HighPass(10000, 10000, 1e-9, 1e-9, 1.586, 1/s)
Vo5 = V5[3]
H5 = sympytoscopy(Vo5)
t5, y5 = sp.impulse(H5, None, linspace(0, 5e-3, 10000))
```

```
figure(6)
plot(t5, y5, 'b')
title("Step Response for high pass filter")
xlabel("t → ", fontsize = 13)
ylabel("v\u2092(t) → ", fontsize = 13)
grid(True)
```

The plot of the step response for a high pass filter is as shown:

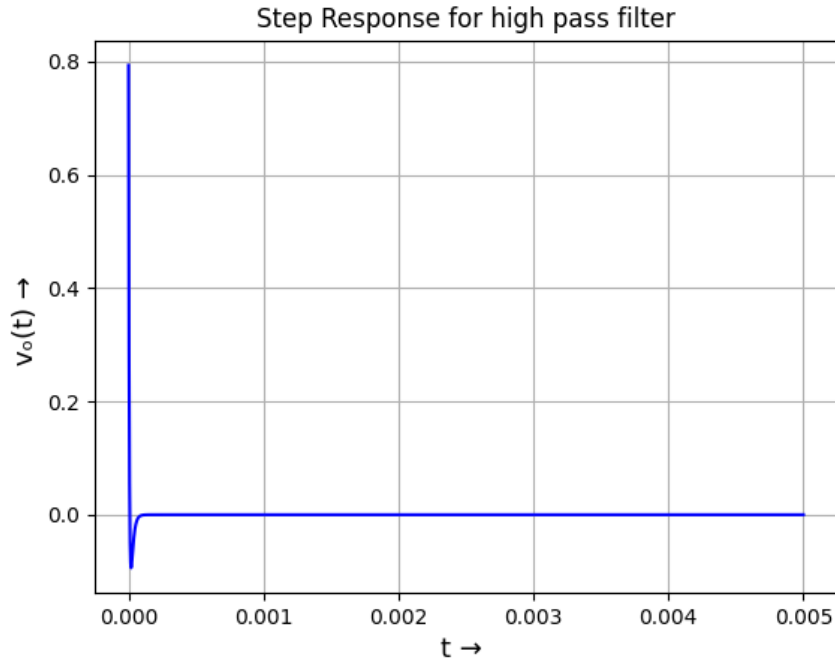


Figure 7: Step response for a high pass filter

The unit step response, as expected is high at  $t=0$  when there is an abrupt change in the input. Since there is no other change at large time values outside the neighbourhood of 0, the Fourier transform of the unit step has high values near 0 frequency, which the high pass filter attenuates.

## Conclusion

- The low pass filter responds by letting the low frequency sinusoid pass through without much additional attenuation. The output decays as the input also decays.
- The high pass filter responds by quickly attenuating the input. Notice that the time scales show that the high pass filter response is orders of magnitudes faster than the low pass response. This is because the input frequency is below the cutoff frequency, so the output goes to 0 very fast.
- In conclusion, the sympy module has allowed us to analyse quite complicated circuits by analytically solving their node equations. We then interpreted the solutions by plotting time domain responses using the

signals toolbox. Thus, sympy combined with the `scipy.signal` module is a very useful toolbox for analyzing complicated systems like the active filters in this assignment.