

Assignment 6B: The Laplace Transform

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Abstract

The goal of this assignment is the following.

- To explore the use of Python libraries in analysing Linear Time-Invariant Systems.
- To use the scipy signals toolkit.
- To see how RLC systems can be used as a low pass filter.
- To plot blot plots to understand the Laplace Transform.

1 Question1 :- Time response of spring

We use the Laplace transform to solve a simple spring system. The system is characterized by the given differential equation.(Initial conditions are zero)

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2.25x = f(t)$$

and it's Laplace transform is

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2.25}$$

The input signal is of the form $f(t) = \cos(\omega t) \exp(-at)u(t)$, where a is the decay factor and ω is the frequency of the cosine.

The Laplace Transform of the input signal is

$$F(s) = \frac{s + a}{(s + a)^2 + \omega^2}$$

We define these function these using numpy polynomials and multiply to get the output laplace transform. Then we take the inverse laplace transform of the function using sp.impulse to get the time domain sequences and we plot these. We do this for $\omega=1.5$, and decay of 0.5.

The python code for this is shown below :-

```

H1 = poly1d([1,0.5])
F1 = polymul([1,1,2.5],[1,0,2.25])
X1 = sp.lti(H1,F1)
t1,x1 = sp.impulse(X1,None,linspace(0,50,1000))

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figure(0)
plot(t1,x1)
title(" X(t) for decay of 0.5")
xlabel(r'$t\rightarrow$')
ylabel(r'$x(t)\rightarrow$')
grid(True)

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Plot the output for an input with a decay constant of 0.5:

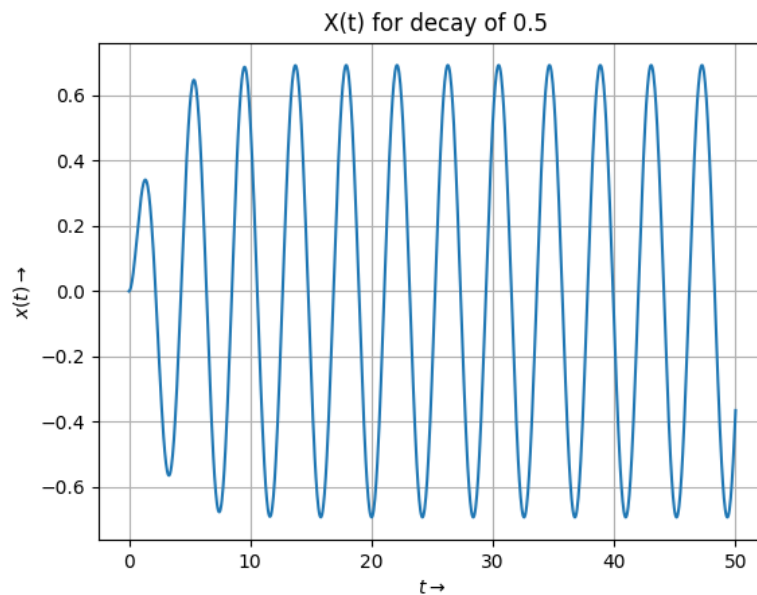


Figure 1: Time response of a spring for decay 0.5

We observe that the output of the system in steady state is a sinusoid with the same frequency as the input, but with no decay. This is because the natural frequency of the system is equal to the frequency of the input.

2 Question2 :- Time response of spring with smaller decay 0.05

The python code for this is shown below :-

```

H2 = poly1d([1,0.05])
F2 = polymul([1,0.1,2.2525],[1,0,2.25])
X2 = sp.lti(H2,F2)
t2,x2 = sp.impulse(X2,None,linspace(0,50,1000))

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figure(1)
plot(t2,x2)
title("X(t) for smaller decay of 0.05")
xlabel(r'$t\rightarrow$')
ylabel(r'$x(t)\rightarrow$')
grid(True)

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Plot the output for an input with a decay constant of 0.05:-

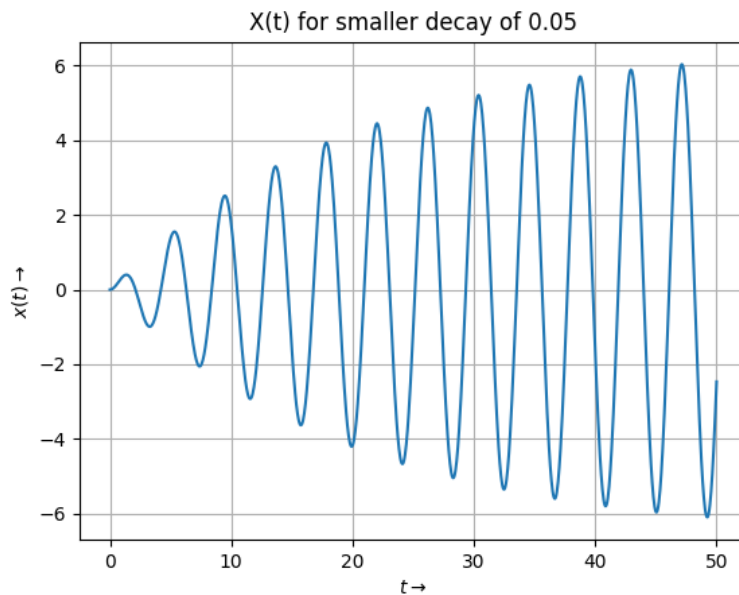


Figure 2: Time response of a spring for decay 0.05

We observe that the steady state response follows the same trend as the previous case, except that it has a much larger amplitude. This is because the input excited the system for a longer duration due to its smaller decay constant. This resulted in a larger buildup of output due to resonance. We can see that, during the buildup of the output, the amplitude grows linearly. This is characteristic of resonance in a second order system. This will be made clear by exciting the system with slightly different frequencies.

3 Question3 :- Response over different frequencies

To find the response to inputs with different frequencies in range of 1.4 to 1.6.

The python code is shown below:-

```
H = sp.lti([1],[1,0,2.25])
for omega in arange(1.4,1.6,0.05):
t3 = linspace(0,50,1000)
f = cos(omega*t3)*exp(-0.05*t3)
t,x,svec = sp.lsim(H,f,t3)

figure(2)
plot(t,x,label='omega = ' + str(omega))
title("x(t) for different frequencies( omega range from 1.4 to 1.6)")
xlabel(r'$t\rightarrow$')
ylabel(r'$X(t)\rightarrow$')
legend(loc = 'upper left')
grid(True)
show()
```

Plots for system responses of different frequencies are shown below :-

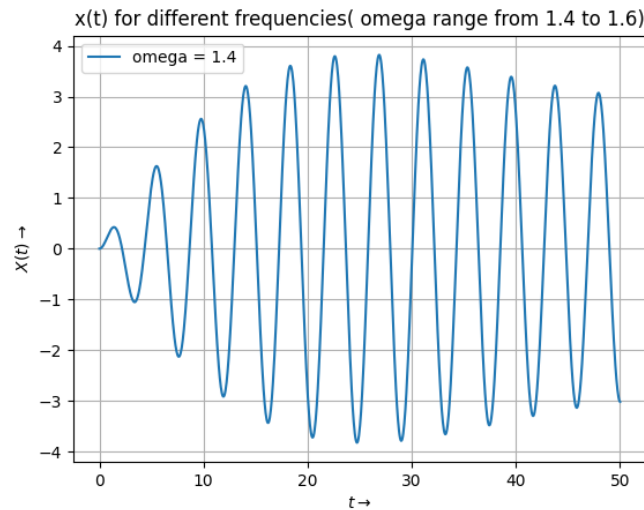


Figure 3: system response with omega 1.4

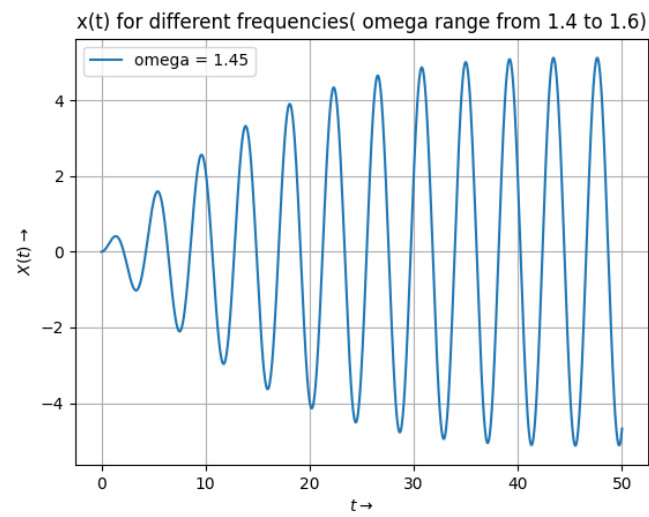


Figure 4: system response with omega 1.45

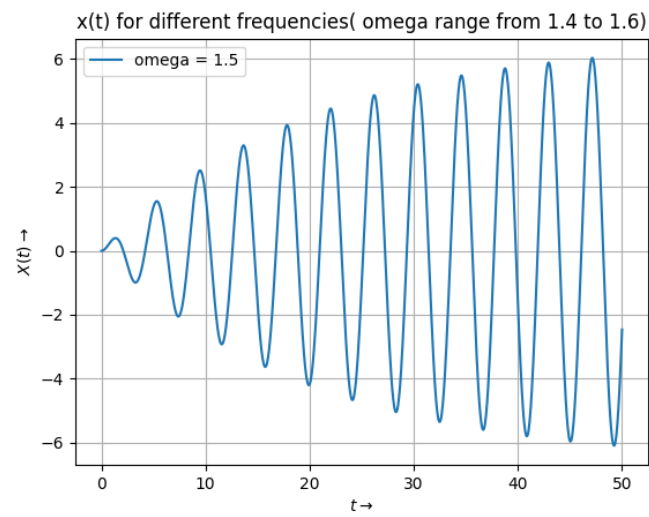


Figure 5: system response with omega 1.5

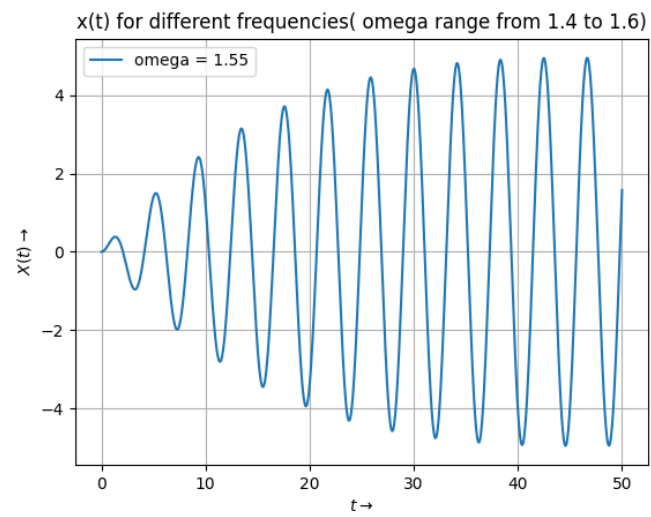


Figure 6: system response with omega 1.55

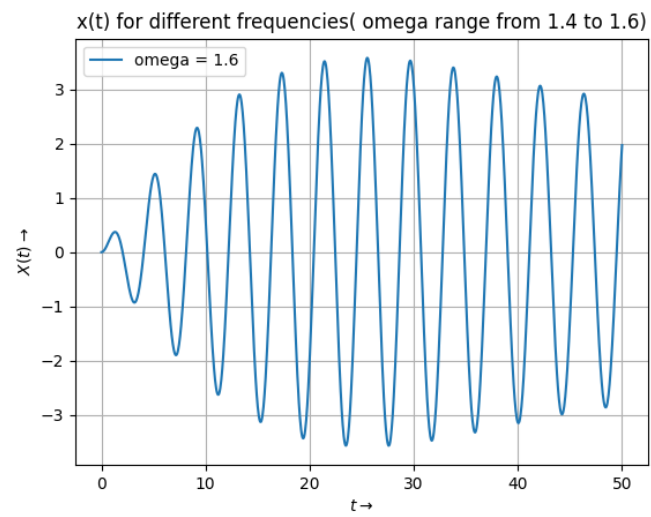


Figure 7: system response with omega 1.6

we can see that the natural response of the system has the frequency $\omega = 1.5$ rad/s. When the input frequency is at the natural frequency, the output amplitude is maximum. In the other cases the output amplitude decreases. This phenomenon is known as resonance.

4 Question4 :- Coupled Spring Problem

In this problem we have couples equations to solve for. The equations are

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + (x - y) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2(y - x) = 0$$

$$\text{With initial condition } x(0) = 1, y(0) = \frac{d^1x(0)}{dt^1} = \frac{d^1y(0)}{dt^1} = 0$$

We substitute for y in the second equation from the first, and we get a fourth order differential equation in terms of x . Simplifying this and substituting to find the y equation, we get.

$$X(s) = \frac{s^2 + 2}{s^3 + 3s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{s^3 + 3s}$$

We can take the Inverse laplace Transform of these two expressions to find the time domain expressions for $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$.

The python code for this is shown below :-

```
t4 = linspace(0,20,1000)
H4_x = sp.lti(np.poly1d([1,0,2]),poly1d([1,0,3,0]))
X4 = sp.impulse(H4_x,T=t4)
H4_y = sp.lti(np.poly1d([2]),poly1d([1,0,3,0]))
Y4 = sp.impulse(H4_y,T=t4)

figure(3)
plot(X4[0],X4[1],label='x(t)')
plot(Y4[0],Y4[1],label='y(t)')
title("X(t) and Y(t)")
xlabel(r'$t \rightarrow$')
ylabel(r'$functions X(t) and Y(t) \rightarrow$')
legend(loc = 'upper right')
grid(True)
```

The plot with $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$:-

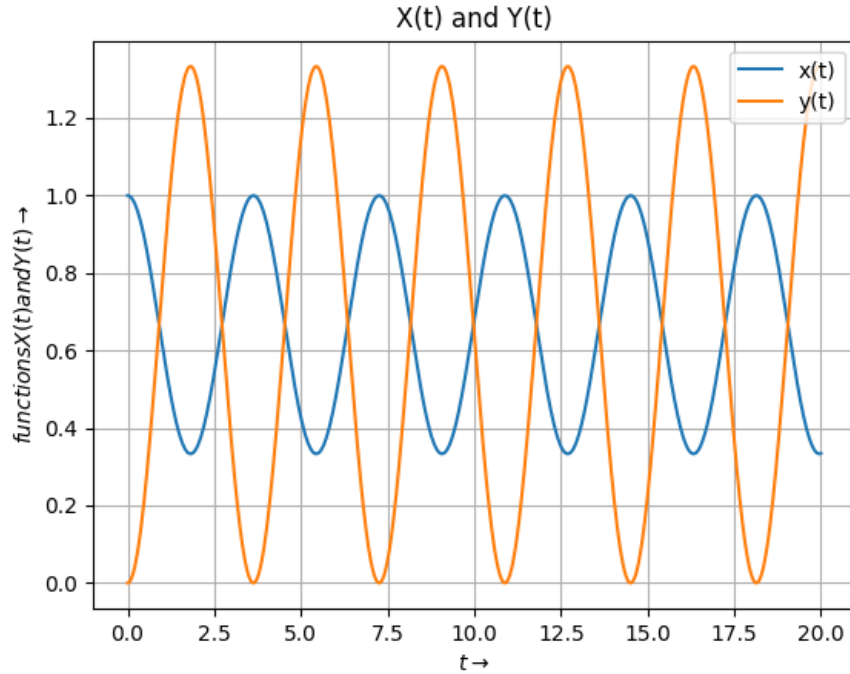


Figure 8: The Responses of coupled system(X(t) and Y(t))

We observe that the both X(t) and Y(t) are sinusoidal with same frequency and offsets but with different amplitude. The phase of the two are opposite. This system of equations models two masses attached to the two ends of an ideal spring with no damping. x and y are the positions of the masses in a reference frame moving at the same speed as the centre of mass, but offset from the centre of mass by some amount.

5 Question5 :- RLC low pass filter

We find the transfer function by finding the natural frequency and the damping constant of the circuit. The RLC Filter with the transfer function as shown.

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{10^{-12}s^2 + 10^{-4}s + 1}$$

The python code snippet is shown below :-

```
w=1.5
zeta=0
R = 100
L = 1e-6
C = 1e-6
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w = 1/sqrt(L*C)
Q = 1/R * sqrt(L/C)
zeta = 1/(2*Q)

num = poly1d([w**2])
den = poly1d([1,2*w*zeta,w**2])

H = sp.lti(num,den)

w,S,phi=H.bode()

figure(4)
semilogx(w,S)
title("Magnitude Bode plot")
xlabel(r'$\omega \rightarrow$')
ylabel(r'$20 \log |H(j\omega)| \rightarrow$')
grid(True)

figure(5)
semilogx(w,phi)
title("Phase Bode plot")
xlabel(r'$\omega \rightarrow$')
ylabel(r'$\angle H(j\omega) \rightarrow$')
grid(True)

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The bode plot of the magnitude and phase response of the Steady State Transfer function of the following two-port network.

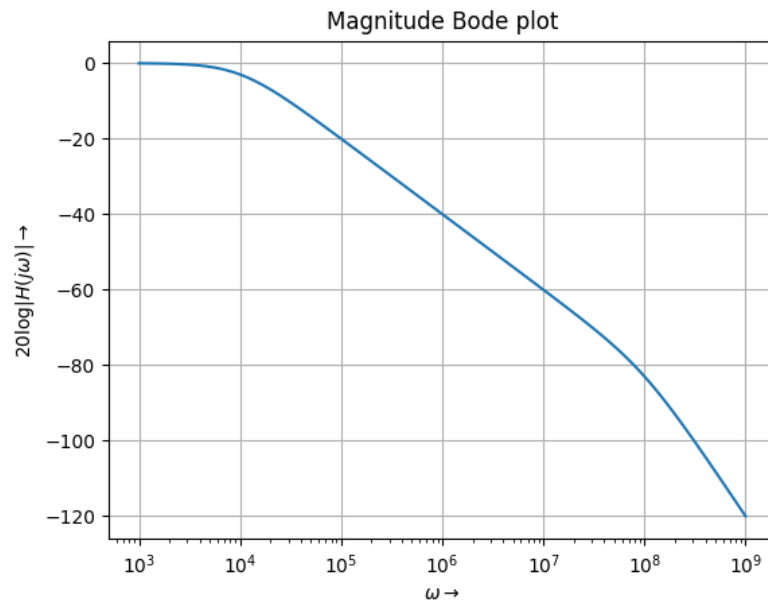


Figure 9: The magnitude bode plot

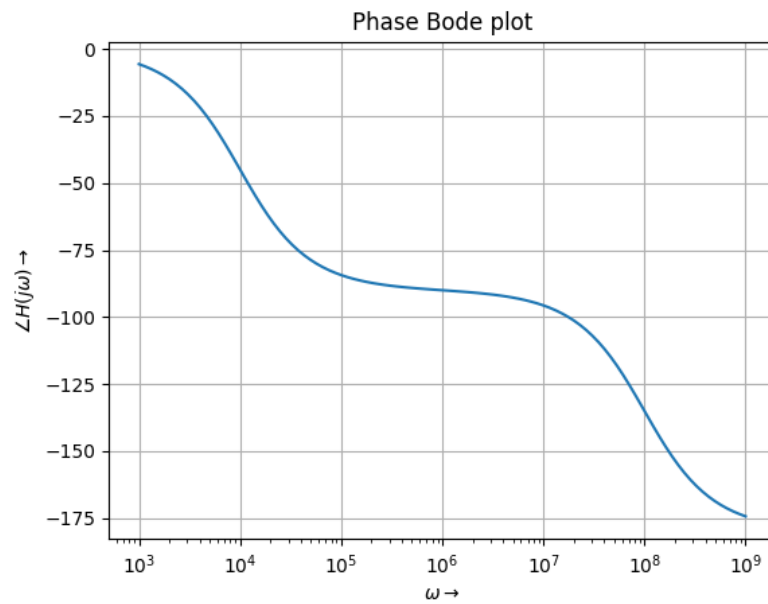


Figure 10: The phase bode plot

The system has no zeros, it acts as an all-pole low pass filter. There are two poles, one at around 10^4 rad/s and another at around 10^8 rad/s. The system is over-damped. 3-db bandwidth of the filter is approx. equal to 10^4 rad/sec.

6 Question6 :- Obtain the output voltage $v_o(t)$ by defining the transfer function of the system

The input is of the form

$$x(t) = \cos(10^3 t) - \cos(10^6 t)$$

The output is given by

$$V_o(s) = V_i(s)H(s)$$

which is the superposition of two sinusoids with low and high frequencies. One whose frequency is below the 3-dB bandwidth and one whose frequency is higher. We use `sp.lsim` to find the output of the filter to the input system. We plot the output from 0 to 30μ s as well as from 0 to 10ms.

The python code snippet is given below :-

```
t6 = arange(0,30e-6,1e-8)
vi = cos(1e3*t6) - cos(1e6*t6)
t6,vo,svec = sp.lsim(H,vi,t6)

figure(6)
plot(t6,vo)
title("The Output Voltage for short time interval")
xlabel(r'$t \rightarrow$')
ylabel(r'$V_o(t) \rightarrow$')
grid(True)

t7 = arange(0,10e-3,1e-8)
vi = cos(1e3*t7) - cos(1e6*t7)
t7,v_o,svec = sp.lsim(H,vi,t7)

figure(7)
plot(t7,v_o)
title("The Output Voltage for long time interval")
xlabel(r'$t \rightarrow$')
ylabel(r'$V_o(t) \rightarrow$')
grid(True)
show()
```

On solving using the sp.lsim function, we get the following plot, for $0 < t < 30\mu s$:

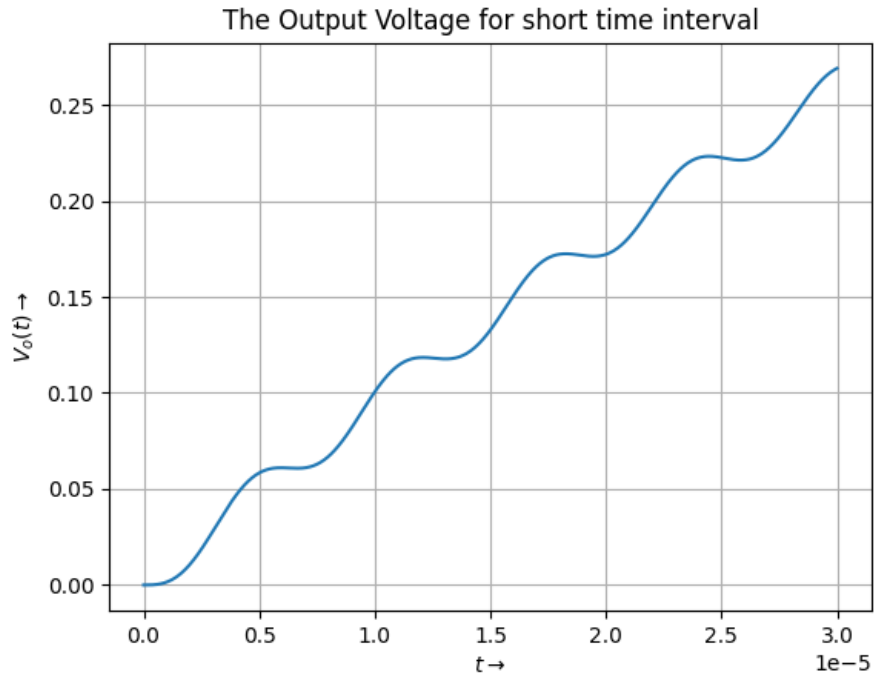


Figure 11: The Respose for $30\mu s$

- These variations are determined by the high frequency component of $v(t)$

On plotting from $0 < t < 10\text{ms}$:

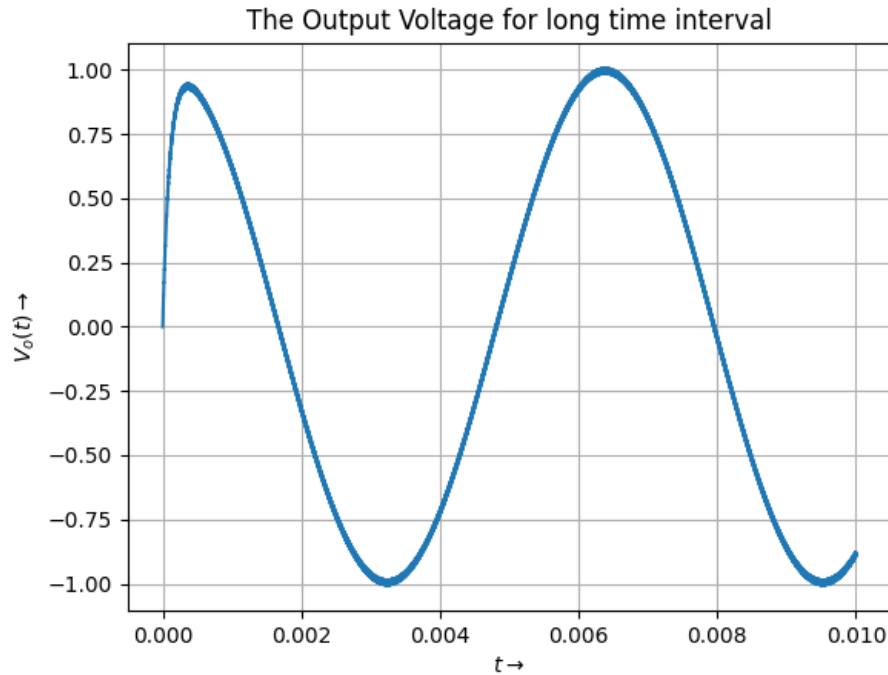


Figure 12: The Response for 10ms

- From the Bode plot, The transient response of the system is rapidly increasing. This is because the system has to charge up to match the input amplitude. This results in a phase difference between the input and the output. This can also be interpreted as a delay between the input and the output signals.
- The high frequency component can be seen as a ripple in the short time interval plot. This component is highly attenuated and hence not visible in the large time interval plot.
- In the long time interval plot, we see that the low frequency component passes almost unchanged, the amplitude is almost 1.
- The reason is that the $\omega = 10^3 \text{ rad/s}$ is well within the 3-dB bandwidth ($\omega_{3\text{dB}} = 10^4 \text{ rad/s}$) of the system.
- This reiterates the fact that this is a low pass filter with bandwidth $\omega_{3\text{dB}} = 10^4 \text{ rad/s}$.

7 Conclusions

- The scipy.signal library provides a useful toolkit of functions for circuit analysis. The toolkit was used for the analysis of LTI systems in various domains.
- The forced response of a simple spring body system was obtained over various frequencies of the applied force, and highest amplitude was observed at resonant frequency.
- The low pass filter constructed from an RLC circuit.
- The scipy signals toolkit to calculate the time domain response and the Bode Plot.