

# **EE2001**

# **Circuit Analysis**

## **First-Order Circuits**

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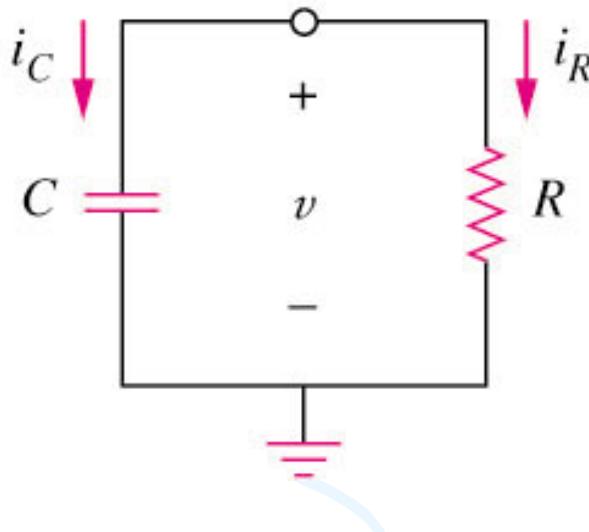


# First-Order Circuits

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# The Source-Free RC Circuit

- A **first-order circuit** is characterized by a first-order differential equation.



By KCL

$$i_R + i_C = 0$$

Ohms law

$$\frac{v}{R} + C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$$

Capacitor law

- Apply Kirchhoff's laws to purely resistive circuit results in algebraic equations.
- Apply the laws to RC and RL circuits produces differential equations.

- The **natural response** of a circuit refers to the behavior (in terms of voltages and currents) of the circuit itself, with no external sources of excitation. We can solve for the *natural response* with the *initial condition*  $v(0)=V_0$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{RC}v = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{v} = -\frac{1}{RC}dt \Rightarrow \ln|v| = -\frac{1}{RC}t + K_1$$

$$\Rightarrow v = e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t+K_1} = K e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

Using  $v(0)=V_0$ ,  $K=V_0$

$$v = V_0 e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

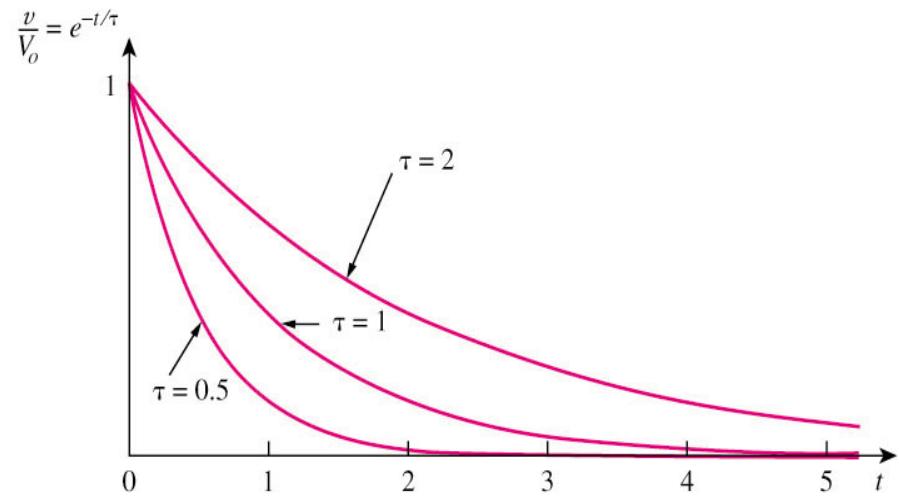
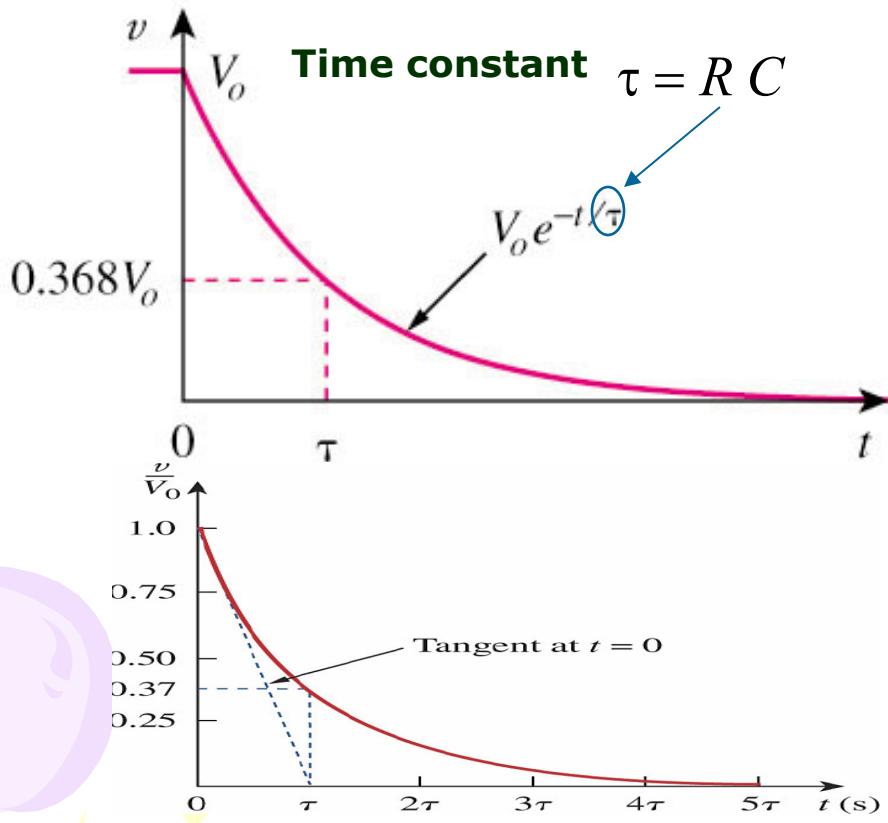
Define

$$\tau=RC$$

$\tau$  is called the time constant.

$$v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

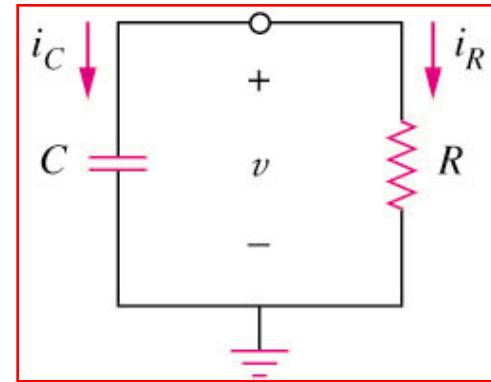
- The **time constant**  $\tau$  of a circuit is the time required for the response to decay by a factor of  $1/e$  or 36.8% of its initial value.
- $v$  decays faster for small  $\tau$  and slower for large  $\tau$ .



# Summary: Calculation of the natural response of an RC circuit

The key to working with a source-free RC circuit is finding:

1. The initial voltage  $v(0) = V_0$  across the capacitor.
2. The time constant  $\tau = RC$ .



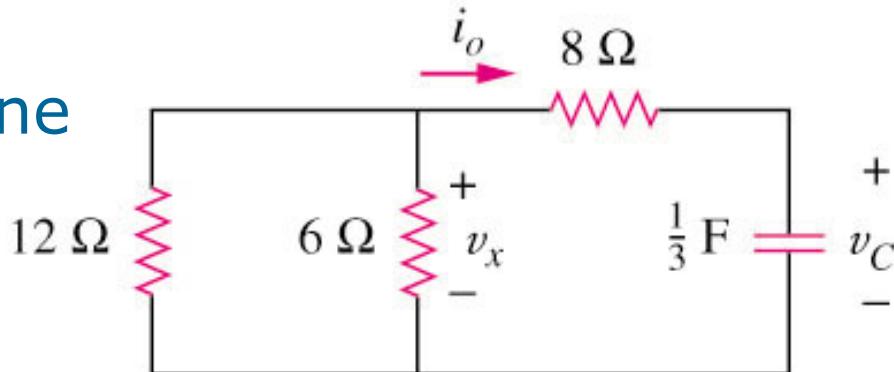
$$v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{where} \quad \tau = R C$$

## Example 1

Refer to the circuit, determine

$v_C$ ,  $v_x$ , and  $i_o$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

Assume that  $v_C(0) = 45$  V.



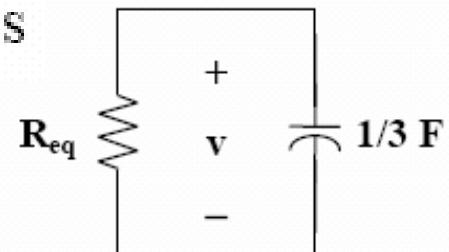
The circuit is equivalent to

$$R_{eq} = 8 + 12 \parallel 6 = 12 \Omega \quad \tau = R_{eq}C = (12)(1/3) = 4 \text{ s}$$

$$v_c = v_c(0) e^{-t/\tau} = 45 e^{-t/4} = \underline{\underline{45e^{-0.25t}} \text{ V}}$$

$$v_x = \frac{4}{4+8} v_c = \underline{\underline{15e^{-0.25t}} \text{ V}}$$

$$v_x = v_o + v_c \longrightarrow v_o = v_x - v_c = -30 e^{-0.25t} \text{ V}$$



$$i_o = \frac{v_o}{8} = \underline{\underline{-3.75 e^{-0.25t}} \text{ A}}$$

## Example 2

The switch in circuit is opened at  $t = 0$ , find  $v(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

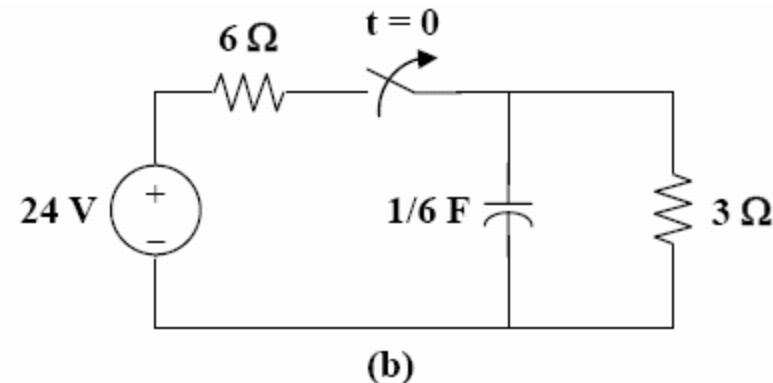
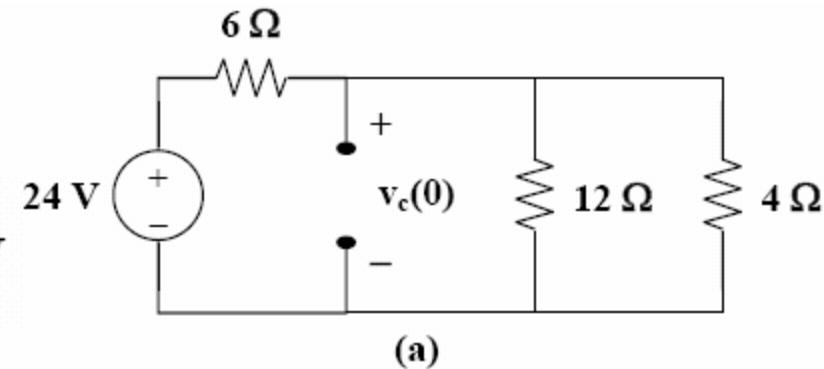
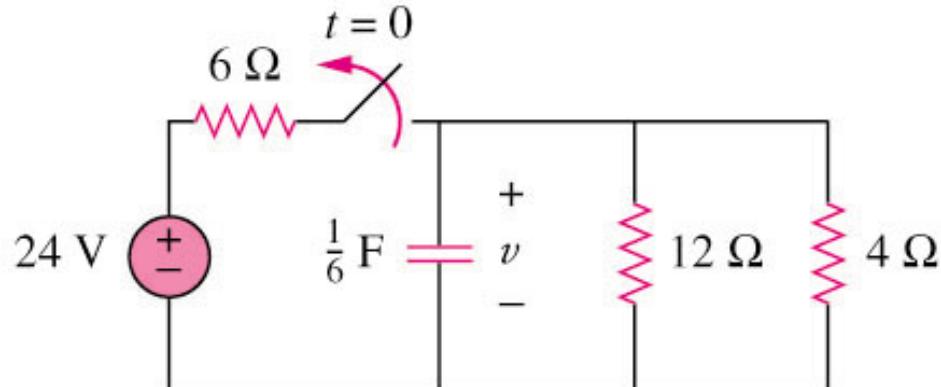
When  $t < 0$ , the switch is closed as shown in Fig. (a).

$$R_{\text{eq}} = 4 \parallel 12 = 3 \Omega \quad v_c(0) = \frac{3}{3+6}(24) = 8 \text{ V}$$

When  $t > 0$ , the switch is open as shown in Fig. (b).

$$\tau = R_{\text{eq}} C = (3)(1/6) = 1/2 \text{ s}$$

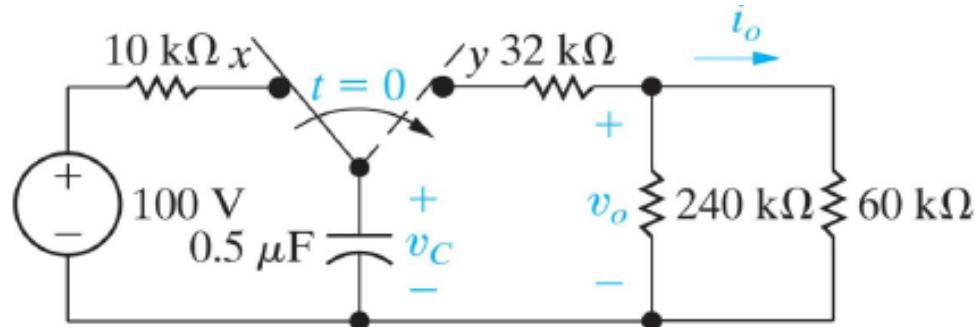
$$v(t) = v_c(0) e^{-t/\tau} = \underline{\underline{8 e^{-2t} \text{ V}}}$$



### Example 3

The switch in the circuit shown has been in position  $x$  for a long time. At  $t = 0$ , the switch moves instantaneously to position  $y$ . Find

- (a)  $v_C(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$
- (b)  $v_o(t)$  for  $t \geq 0^+$
- (c)  $i_o(t)$  for  $t \geq 0^+$
- (d) the total energy dissipated in the  $60\text{k}\Omega$  resistor.



(a) At  $t = 0^-$ , switch is at position  $x$ , and therefore, the capacitor, acting like an open-circuit, is charged to 100V. Therefore,  $v_C(0^-) = 100\text{V}$ .

At  $t = 0^+$  after the switch moves to position  $y$ ,  $v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-) = 100\text{V}$ , and

$$R_{eq} = 32\text{k} + (240\text{k} \parallel 60\text{k}) = 80\text{k}\Omega \Rightarrow \tau = R_{eq}C = (80\text{k})(0.5\mu) = 40\text{ms}$$

$$\therefore v_C(t) = v_C(0^+) e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = 100e^{-25t}\text{V}, \quad t \geq 0$$

(b) By voltage division,

$$v_o = v_C \frac{(240k \parallel 60k)}{32k + (240k \parallel 60k)} = \frac{48}{80} v_C \Rightarrow v_o(t) = 60e^{-25t} \text{V}, \quad t \geq 0^+$$

(c) From Ohm's law,

$$i_o = \frac{v_o}{60k} \Rightarrow i_o(t) = e^{-25t} \text{mA}, \quad t \geq 0^+$$

(d) Power dissipated in the  $60\text{k}\Omega$  resistor,

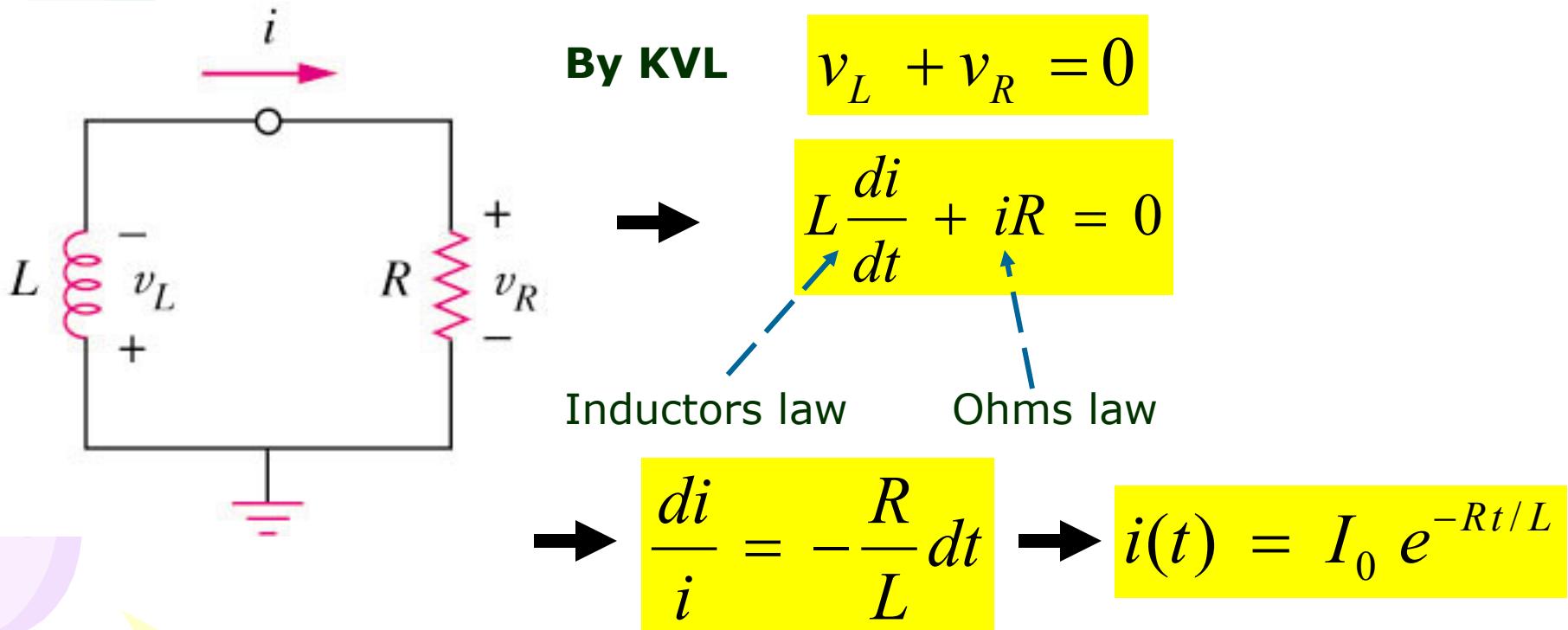
$$p_{60\text{k}\Omega} = i_o^2(60\text{k}\Omega) \Rightarrow p_{60\text{k}\Omega}(t) = 60e^{-50t} \text{mW}, \quad t \geq 0^+$$

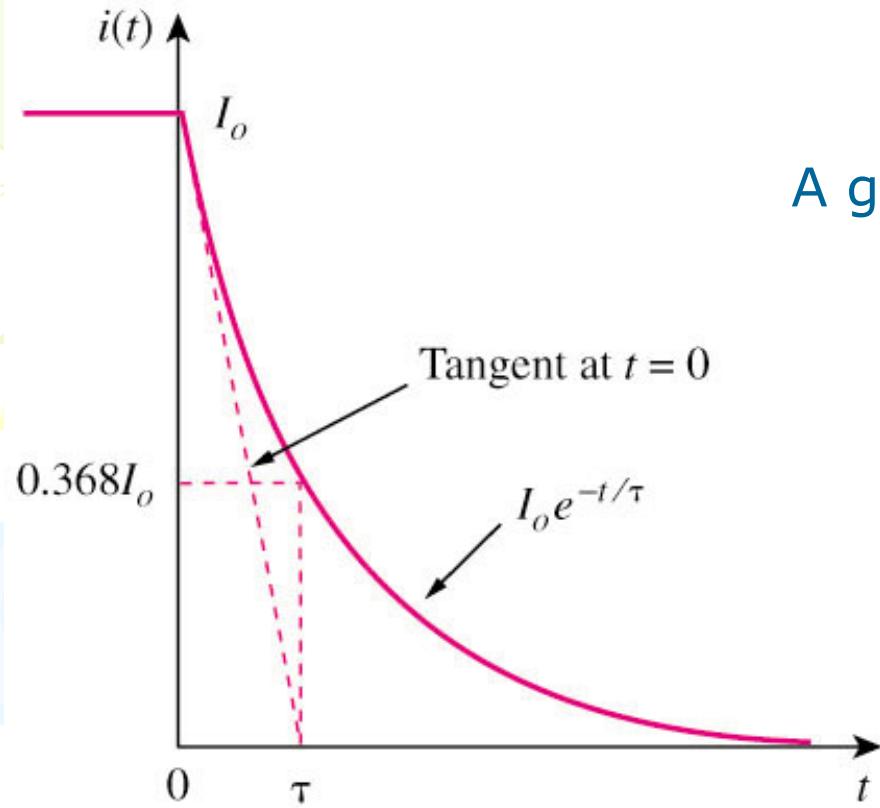
Total energy dissipated in the  $10\Omega$  resistor,

$$w_{60\text{k}\Omega} = \int_0^\infty p_{60\text{k}\Omega}(t) dt = \int_0^\infty 60e^{-50t} dt = 1.2 \text{mJ}$$

# The Source-Free RL Circuit

- A **first-order RL circuit** consists of an inductor L (or its equivalent) and a resistor (or its equivalent)





A general form representing an RL

$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

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

- The **time constant**  $\tau$  of a circuit is the time required for the response to decay by a factor of  $1/e$  or 36.8% of its initial value.
- $i(t)$  decays **faster** for small  $\tau$  and **slower** for large  $\tau$ .
- The general form is very similar to a RC source-free circuit.

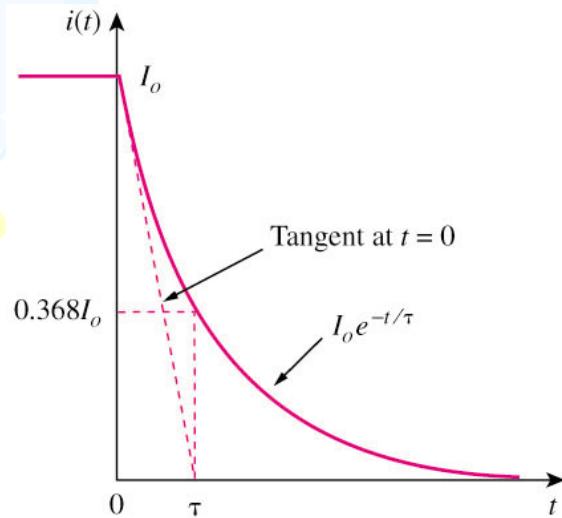
## Comparison between a RL and RC circuit

A RL source-free circuit

$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

where

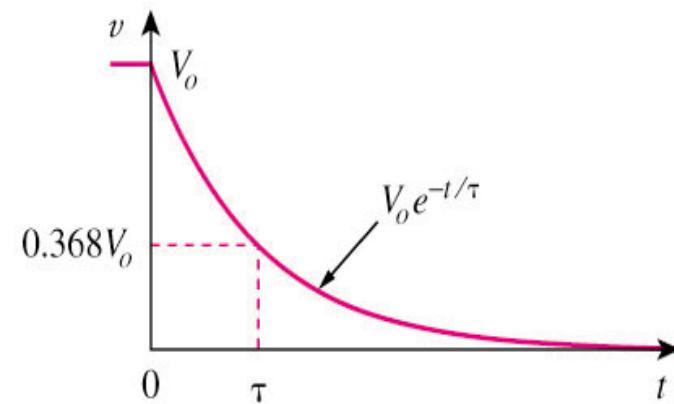
$$\tau = \frac{L}{R}$$



A RC source-free circuit

$$v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

where  $\tau = RC$



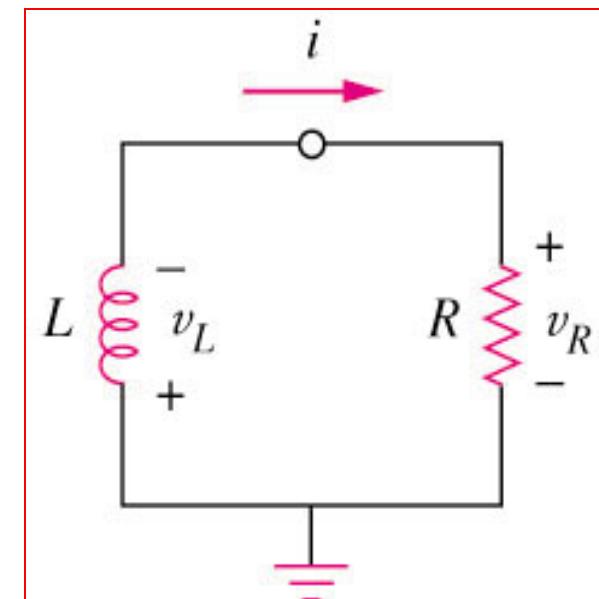
# Summary: Calculation of the natural response of an RL circuit

1. The initial current  $i(0) = I_0$  through the inductor.
2. The time constant  $\tau = L/R$ .

$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

where

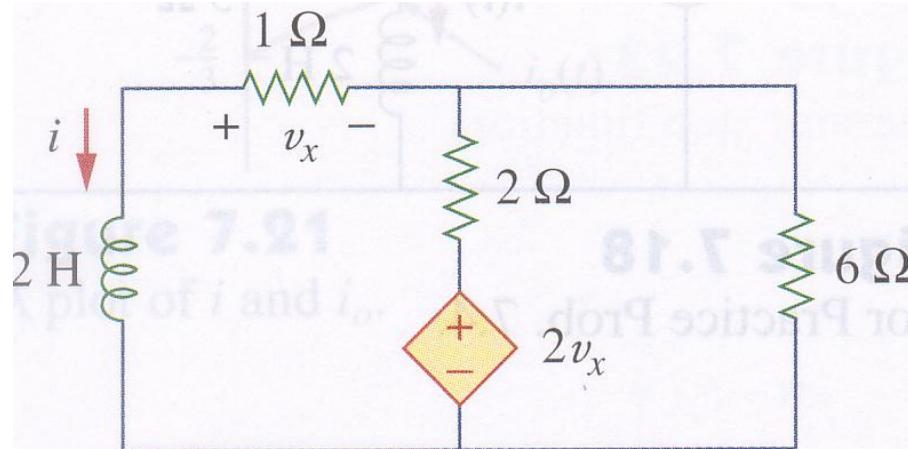
$$\tau = \frac{L}{R}$$



## Example 4

Find  $i$  and  $v_x$  in the circuit.

Assume that  $i(0) = 5$  A.



Find  $R_{\text{th}}$  at the inductor terminals by inserting a voltage source.

Applying mesh analysis gives

$$\text{Loop 1: } -1 + 3i_1 - 2i_2 + 2v_x = 0,$$

$$\text{where } v_x = li_1$$

$$5i_1 - 2i_2 = 1$$

$$\text{Loop 2: } 8i_2 - 2i_1 - 2v_x = 0 = 8i_2 - 2i_1 - 2i_1$$

$$i_2 = \frac{1}{2} i_1$$

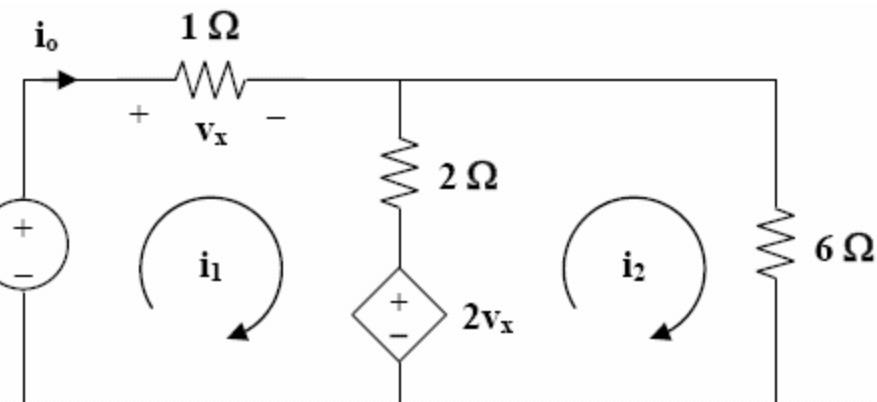
$$5i_1 - 1i_1 = 1$$

$$i_o = i_1 = (1/4) \text{ A}$$

$$R_{\text{th}} = \frac{v_o}{i_o} = 4 \Omega,$$

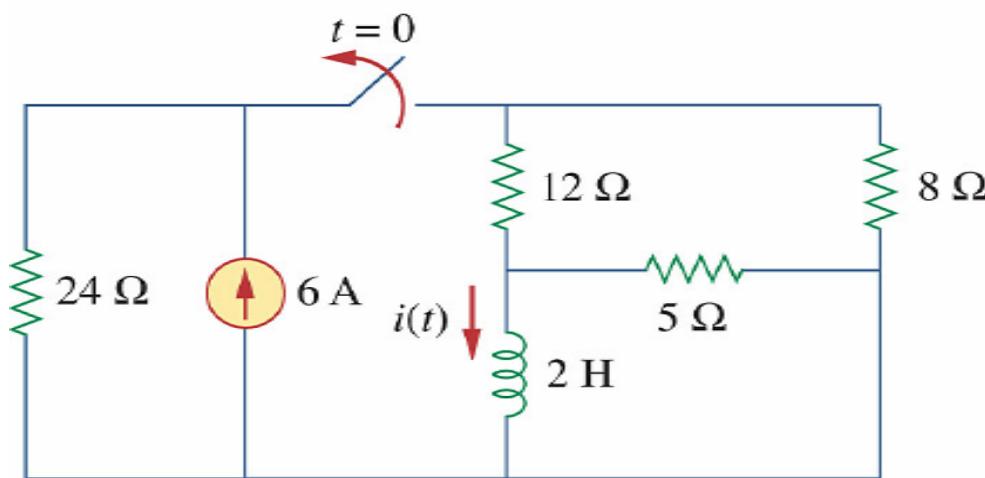
$$\tau = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ s}$$

$$i(t) = 5e^{-2t} \text{ A}$$



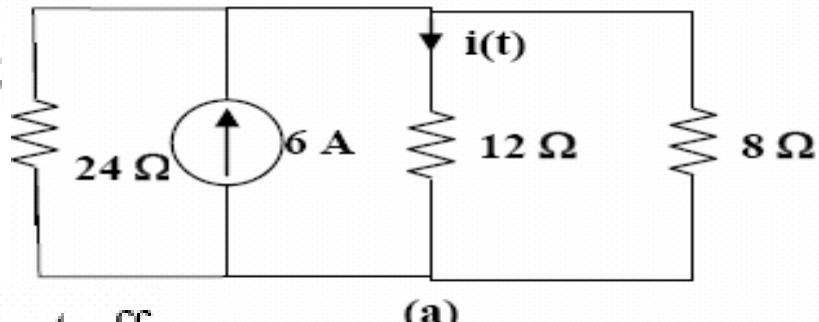
## Example 5

For the circuit,  
find  $i(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .



For  $t < 0$ , the equivalent circuit is shown in Fig. (a).

$$\begin{aligned} i(0) &= 6[1/\{(1/24) + (1/12) + (1/8)\}]/12 \\ &= (6 \times 24 / 6)/12 = 2\text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

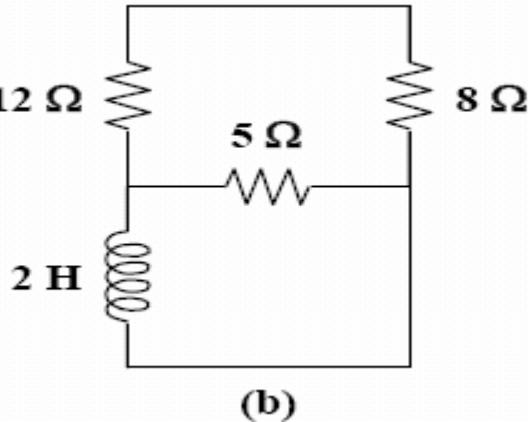


For  $t > 0$ , the current source and  $24\text{-ohm}$  is cut off

RL circuit is shown in Fig. (b).

$$R_{eq} = (12 + 8) \parallel 5 = 20 \parallel 5 = 4\ \Omega, \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R_{eq}} = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$$

$$i(t) = i(0) e^{-t/\tau} = 2 e^{-2t}\text{ A}, \quad t > 0$$



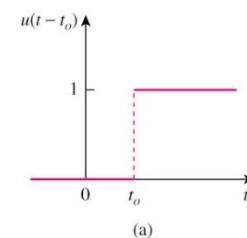
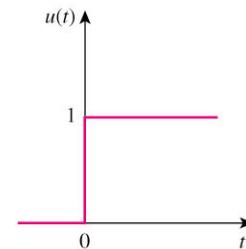
# Unit-Step Function

- The **unit step function**  $u(t)$  is 0 for negative values of  $t$  and 1 for positive values of  $t$ .

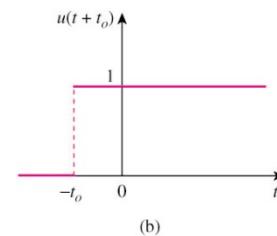
$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$u(t - t_o) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < t_o \\ 1, & t \geq t_o \end{cases}$$

$$u(t + t_o) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < -t_o \\ 1, & t \geq -t_o \end{cases}$$



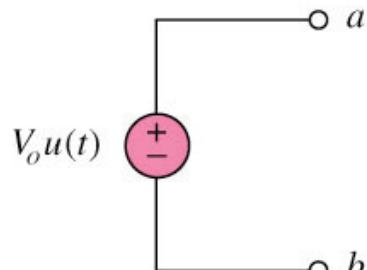
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(b)

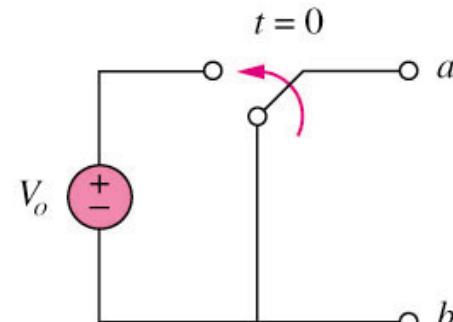
# Represent an abrupt change for:

1. voltage source.



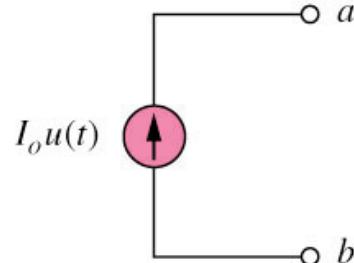
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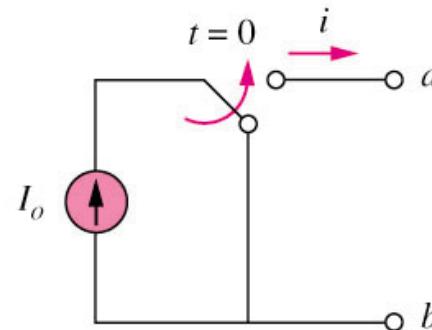
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2. for current source:



(a)

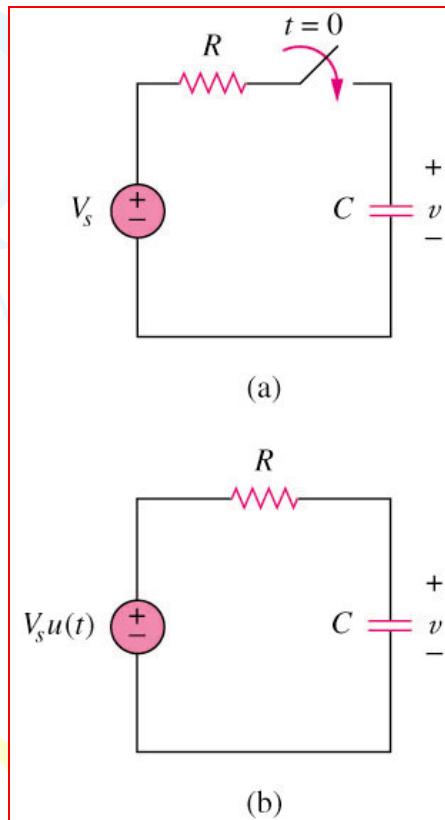
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(b)

# The Step-Response of a RC Circuit

- The **step response** of a circuit is its behavior when the excitation is the step function, which may be a voltage or a current source.



- Initial condition:**

$$v(0-) = v(0+) = V_0$$

- Applying KCL,

$$C \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{v - V_s u(t)}{R} = 0$$

or for  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{v - V_s}{RC} u(t)$$

where  $u(t)$  is the unit-step function


$$\frac{dv}{v - V_s} = -\frac{1}{\tau} u(t) dt$$

For  $t \geq 0$

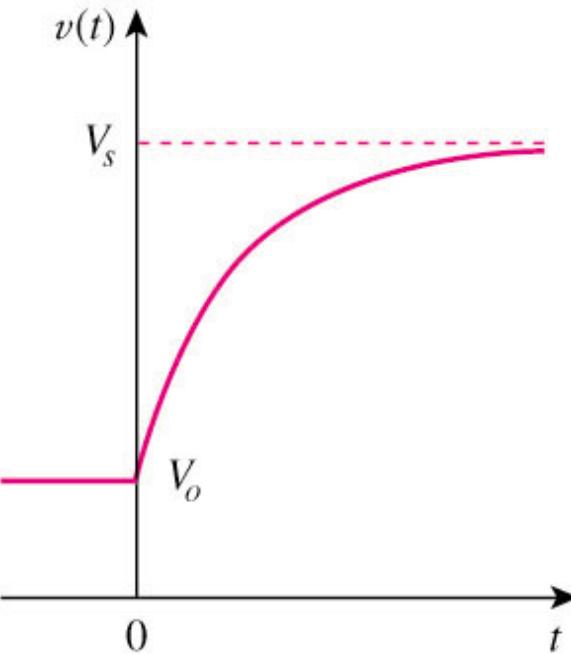
$$\int_0^t \frac{dv}{v - V_s} = - \int_0^t \frac{1}{\tau} u(t) dt$$

$$\ln(v(t) - V_s) - \ln(v(0) - V_s) = -\frac{t}{\tau}$$

$$\ln \frac{v(t) - V_s}{v(0) - V_s} = -\frac{t}{\tau}$$

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

# The Step-Response of an RC Circuit



$$v(t) = \begin{cases} V_0 & t < 0 \\ V_s + (V_0 - V_s)e^{-t/\tau} & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Final value  
at  $t \rightarrow \infty$       Initial value  
at  $t = 0$

Complete Response

$$= V_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

Natural response  
(stored energy)

+

$$V_s(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

Forced Response  
(independent source)

# Summary: The Step-Response of an RC Circuit

Three steps to find out the step response  
of an RC circuit:

1. The initial capacitor voltage  $v(0)$ .
2. The final capacitor voltage  $v(\infty)$  — DC voltage across C.
3. The time constant  $\tau$ .

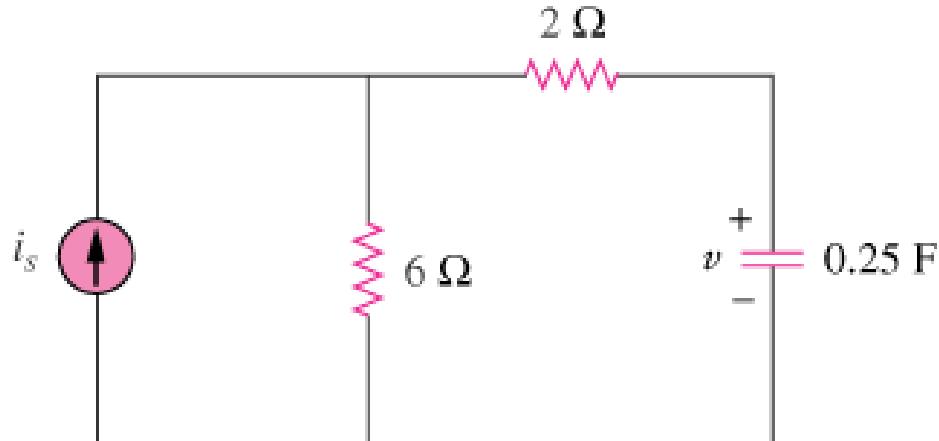
$$v(t) = v(\infty) + [v(0+) - v(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau}$$

## Example 6:

For the circuit,

$$i_s(t) = 5u(t) \text{ A}, v(0)=0\text{V}.$$

Find  $v(t)$ .



$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= R_{Th}C \\ &= (2 + 6) \times 0.25 = 2s\end{aligned}$$

$$v(\infty) = 6i_s = 6 \times 5 = 30 \text{ V}$$

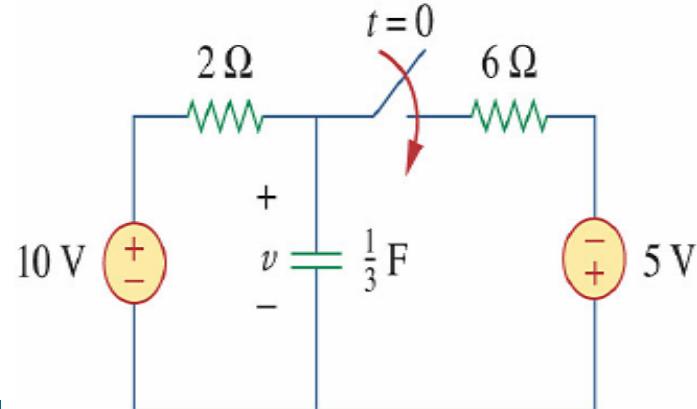
$$v(t) = \{v(\infty) + [v(0) - v(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}\}u(t)$$

$$= 30(1 - e^{-t/2})u(t) \text{ V}$$

## Example 7

Find  $v(t)$  for  $t > 0$  in the circuit.

Assume the switch has been open for a long time and is closed at  $t = 0$ . Calculate  $v(t)$  at  $t = 0.5s$ .



For  $t < 0$ , the capacitor acts like an open circuit.

$$v(0^-) = v(0^+) = v(0) = 10$$

$$\text{For } t > 0, \quad [(v(\infty) - 10)/2] + [(v(\infty) - (-5))/6] = 0$$

$$(4/6)v(\infty) = (30 - 5)/6 \quad v(\infty) = 6.25 \text{ V}$$

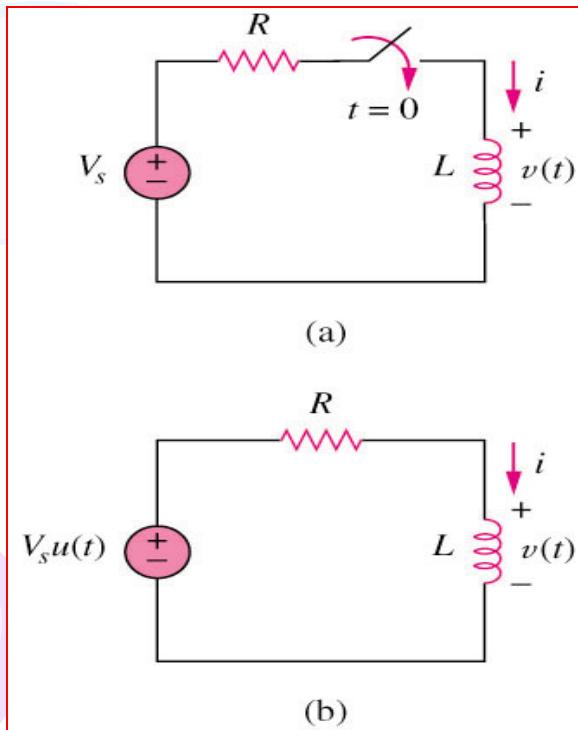
$$R_{th} = 2 \parallel 6 = \frac{3}{2} \Omega, \quad \tau = R_{th}C = \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$v(t) = v(\infty) + [v(0) - v(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau} = 6.25 + (10 - 6.25)e^{-2t}$$

$$v(t) = \underline{(6.25 + 3.75e^{-2t}) \text{ V for all } t > 0}$$

$$\text{At } t = 0.5, \quad v(0.5) = 6.25 + 3.75e^{-1} = 6.25 + 1.3795 = \underline{7.63 \text{ V}}$$

# The Step-response of a RL Circuit

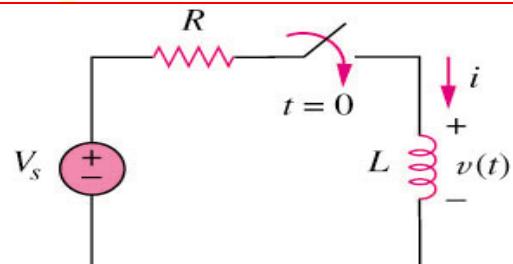


- **Initial current**  
 $i(0-) = i(0+) = I_o$
- **Final inductor current**  
 $i(\infty) = V_s/R$
- Time constant  $\tau = L/R$

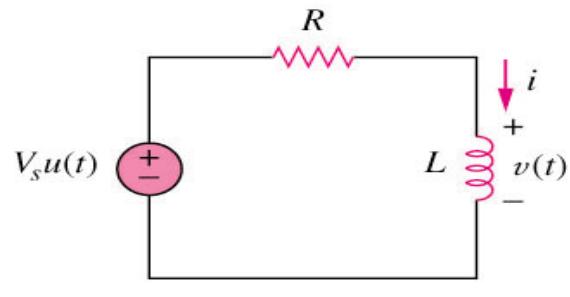
$$i(t) = \frac{V_s}{R} + \left(I_o - \frac{V_s}{R}\right)e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} u(t)$$

For  $t > 0$ ,

$$V_s = Ri + L \frac{di}{dt}$$



(a)



(b)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{di}{dt} = \frac{-Ri + V_s}{L} = \frac{-R}{L} \left( i - \frac{V_s}{R} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow di = \frac{-R}{L} \left( i - \frac{V_s}{R} \right) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{di}{i - (V_s/R)} = \frac{-R}{L} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{i(t) - (V_s/R)}{I_0 - (V_s/R)} = \frac{-R}{L} t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{i(t) - (V_s/R)}{I_0 - (V_s/R)} = e^{-(R/L)t}$$

$$\Rightarrow i(t) = \frac{V_s}{R} + \left( I_0 - \frac{V_s}{R} \right) e^{-(R/L)t}$$

# Summary: The Step-Response of a RL Circuit

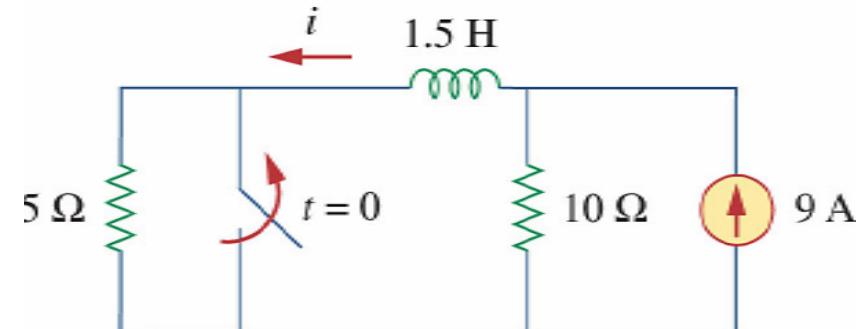
Three steps to find out the step response  
of an RL circuit:

1. The initial inductor current  $i(0)$  at  $t = 0+$ .
2. The final inductor current  $i(\infty)$ .
3. The time constant  $\tau$ .

$$i(t) = i(\infty) + [i(0+) - i(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau}, \quad t \geq 0$$

## Example 8

The switch in the circuit has been closed for a long time. It opens at  $t = 0$ . Find  $i(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .



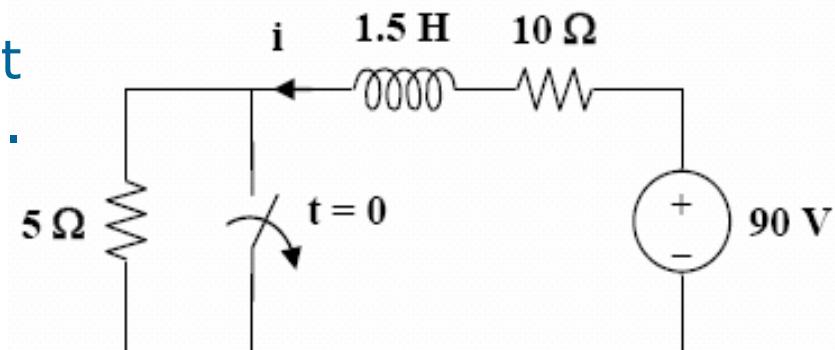
Applying source transformation, the circuit is equivalent to

At  $t < 0$ , the switch is closed so that the 5 ohm resistor is short circuited.

$$i(0^-) = i(0) = \frac{90}{10} = 9 \text{ A}$$

For  $t > 0$ , the switch is open.

$$R_{\text{th}} = 10 + 5 = 15, \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R_{\text{th}}} = \frac{1.5}{15} = 0.1$$



$$i(\infty) = \frac{90}{10 + 5} = 6 \text{ A}$$

$$i(t) = i(\infty) + [i(0) - i(\infty)] e^{-t/\tau} = 6 + (9 - 6) e^{-10t} = \underline{(6 + 3e^{-10t}) \text{ A}}$$

## Example 9

The switch in the circuit has been open for a long time. At  $t = 0$  the switch is closed.  
Find the expression for  $i(t)$  when  $t \geq 0$

At  $t < 0$ , switch is open and the inductor acts  
as an short-circuit.

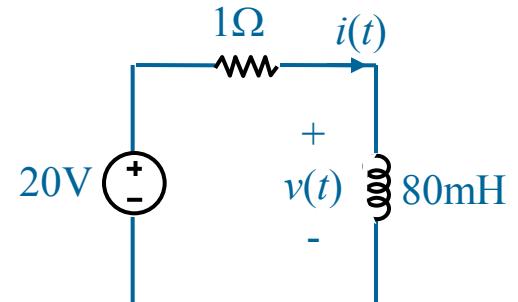
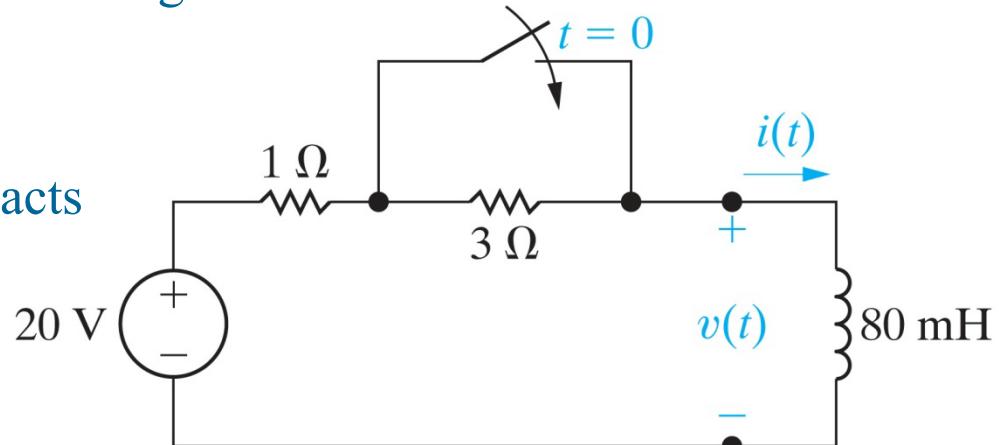
- The initial value of  $i$ ,

$$i(0^-) = \frac{20}{1+3} = 5\text{A}$$

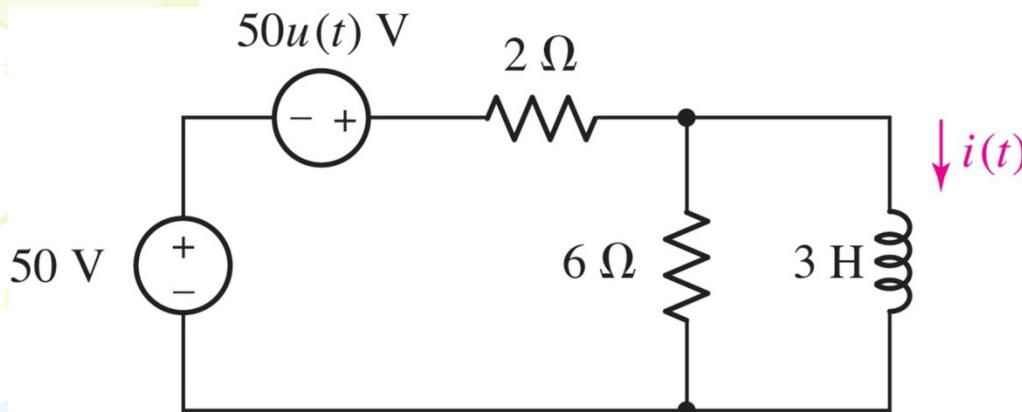
After the switch is closed, the  $3\Omega$  resistor is bypassed.

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{80\text{m}}{1} = 0.08\text{s} \quad i(\infty) = \frac{20}{1} = 20\text{A}$$

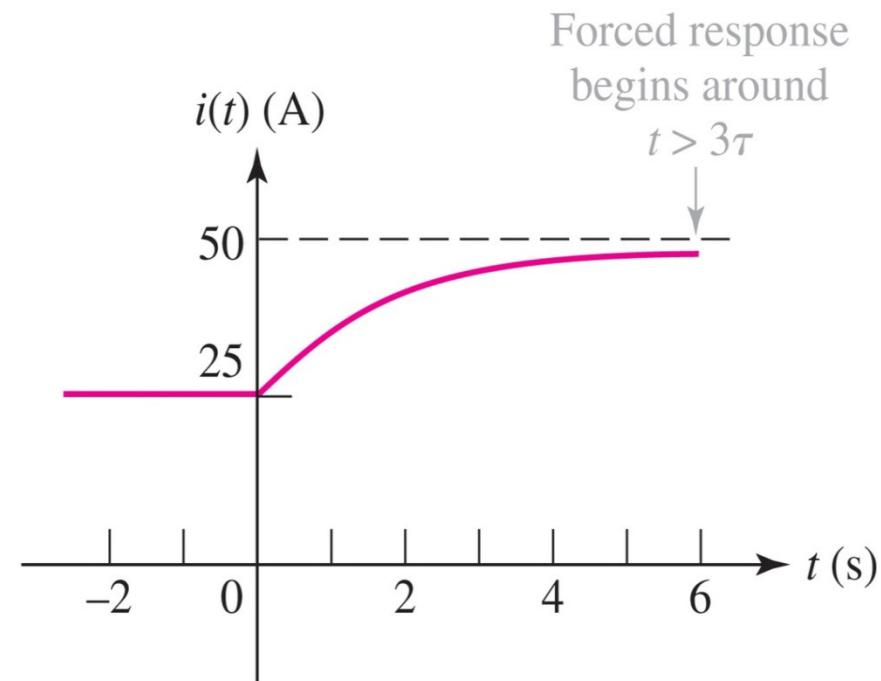
$$i(t) = i(\infty) + (i(0^+) - i(\infty)) e^{-t/\tau} = 20 + (5 - 20) e^{-t/0.08} = 20 - 15e^{-12.5t}\text{A}, \quad t \geq 0$$



## Exercise



Show that  
 $i(t) = 25 + 25(1 - e^{-t/2})u(t)$  A



# Summary: The general solution of a variable:

$$x(t) = x_f + [x(t_0) - x_f] e^{-\frac{(t-t_0)}{\tau}}$$

Final Value                          Initial Value                          Time Constant

Steady-State

The diagram illustrates the components of the exponential decay formula. The term  $x_f$  is labeled 'Final Value'. The term  $x(t_0) - x_f$  is labeled 'Initial Value'. The term  $\frac{(t-t_0)}{\tau}$  is labeled 'Time Constant'.

- The general solution in words,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{unknown variable} \\ \text{as a function of time} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{final value of} \\ \text{the variable} \end{pmatrix} +$$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} \text{initial value of} \\ \text{the variable} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \text{final value of} \\ \text{the variable} \end{pmatrix} \right] \times e^{-\frac{[t - (\text{switching time})]}{(\text{time constant})}}$$

## Steps to compute step and natural responses of circuits

- Identify the variable of interest for the circuit.
    - For RC circuits, it is most convenient to choose the capacitive voltage.
    - For RL circuits, it is best to choose the inductive current.
  - Determine the initial value of the variable, which is its value at time  $t = t_0$ .
  - Calculate the final value of the variable, which is its value as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - Calculate the time constant  $\tau$  for the circuit.
  - With these quantities, write out the solution using the above general expression
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- **Three key values: initial value, final value and time constant  $\tau$**

## Exercises ( Problems in Chapter 7 of the textbook)

7.7

Ans:  $[6 + 2e^{-t/20}] V$  for all  $t > 0$ .

7.10

Ans:  $15e^{-16.667t} V$ , 65.92 ms.

7.14

Ans:  $0.2083\mu s$

7.44:

Ans:  $-3e^{-0.25t} A$

7.48

Ans:  $60e^{-t/3} V$ ,  $-2e^{-t/3} A$

7.50:

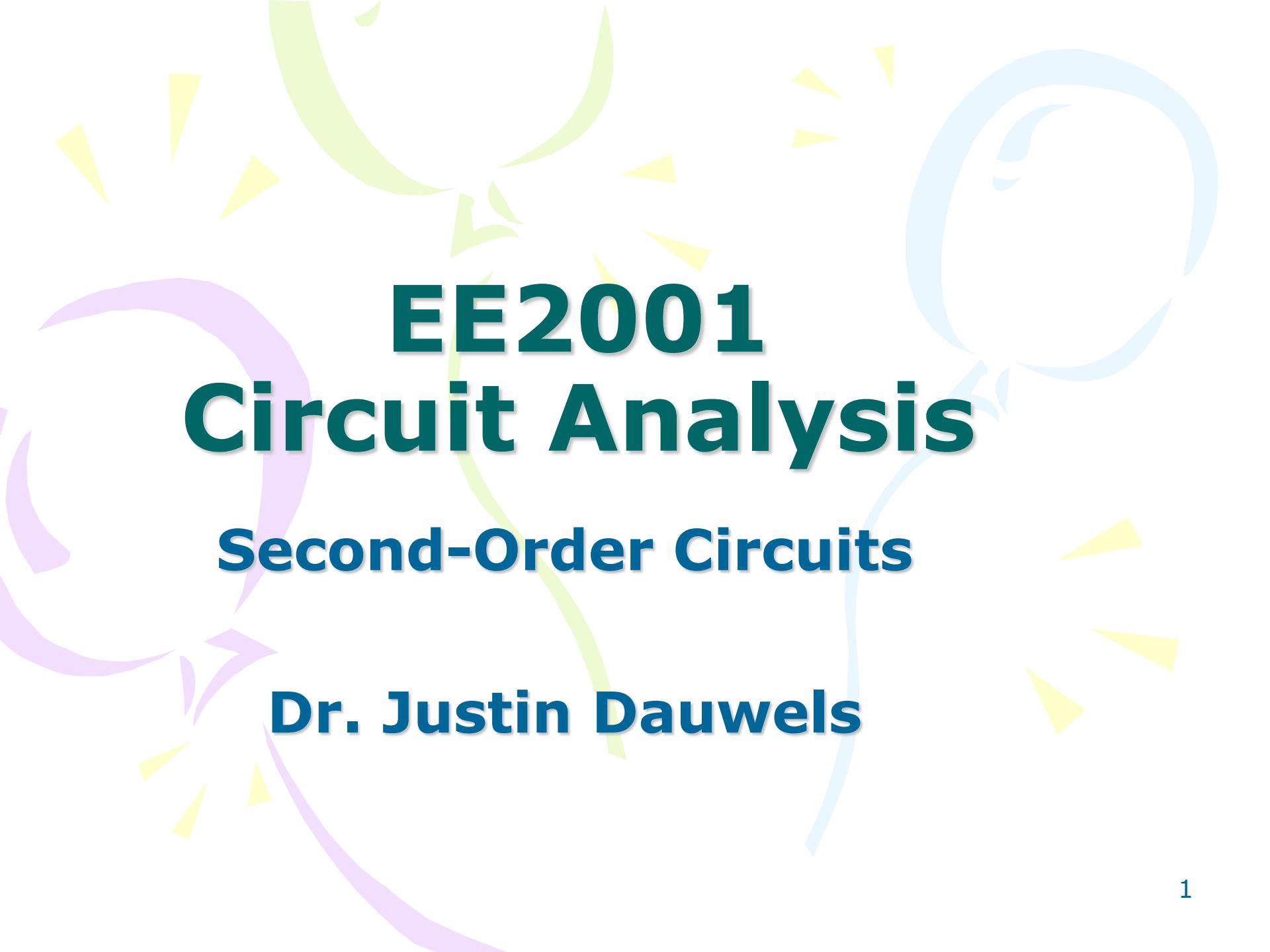
Ans:  $7.5(3 - e^{-4t}) mA$ ,  $t > 0$

7.56:

Ans:  $-4e^{-20t} V$

7.64:

Ans:  $1.6667(1 - e^{-t})V$

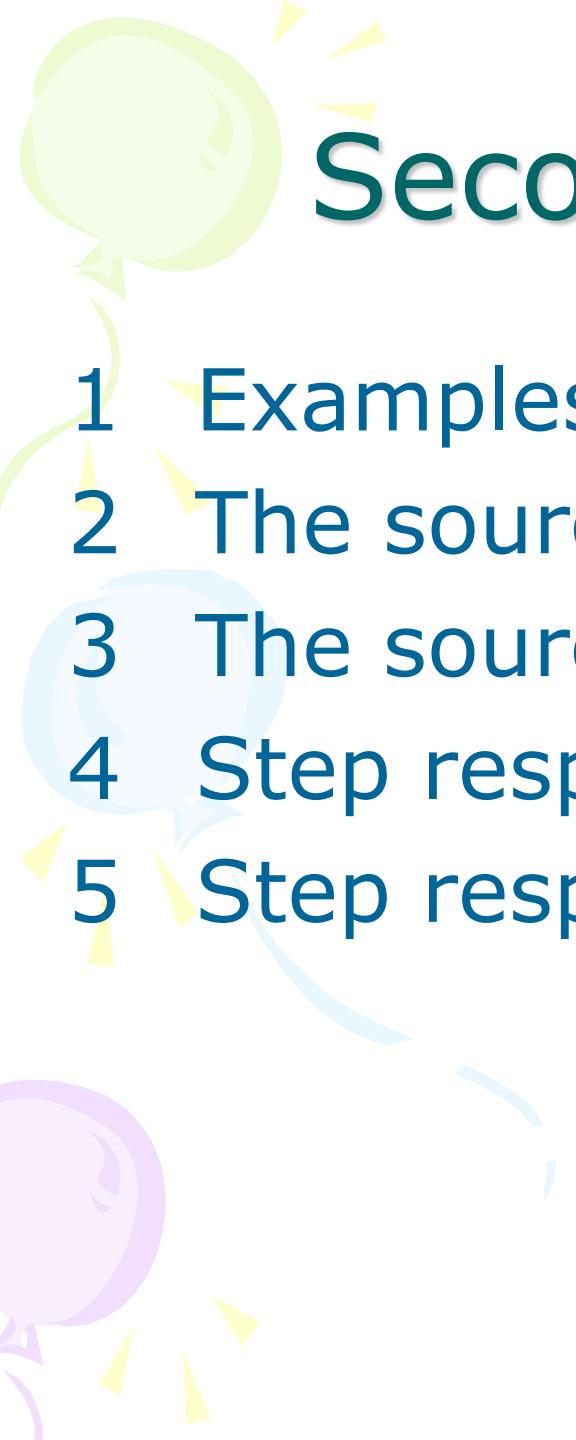


# **EE2001**

# **Circuit Analysis**

## **Second-Order Circuits**

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# Second-Order Circuits

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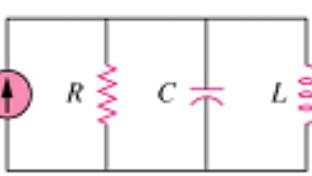
# Examples of Second Order RLC circuits

What is a 2nd order circuit?

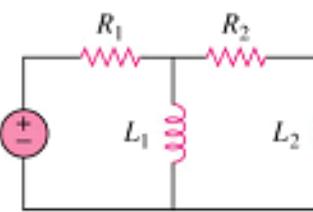
A second-order circuit is characterized by a second-order differential equation. It consists of resistors and the equivalent of two energy storage elements.



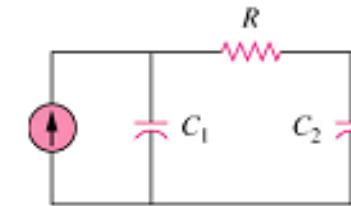
(a)



(b)



(c)



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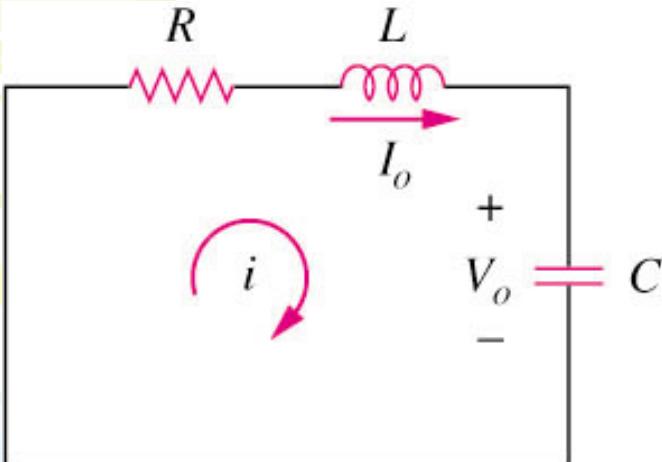
RLC Series

RLC Parallel

RL T-config

RC Pi-config

# Source-Free Series RLC Circuits



- The solution of the source-free series RLC circuit is called as the natural response of the circuit.
- The circuit is excited by the energy initially stored in the capacitor and inductor.

$$iR + L \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i \, d\,t + v(0) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad R \frac{di}{dt} + L \frac{d^2i}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{C} i = 0$$

The 2nd  
order of  
expression

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

How to solve the equation?



## General solution of second-order differential equation

- Considering a second order differential equation

$$f(t) = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dx}{dt} + a_0 x$$

- The solution will have the form of  $x = x_n + x_f$

where  $x_n$  is the natural response

$x_f$  is the forced response

- Natural response is for  $f(t) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dx}{dt} + a_0 x = 0$ 
  - This equation is known as a homogeneous equation (zero forcing function).

- One possibility is the exponential form,  $x = Ae^{st}$  where  $A$  and  $s$  are constants
- Note:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ase^{st}$  ;  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = As^2e^{st}$
- Therefore, the equation can be rewritten as,

$$As^2e^{st} + a_1Ase^{st} + a_0Ae^{st} = 0$$

$$Ae^{st}(s^2 + a_1s + a_0) = 0$$

- Since  $e^{st} \neq 0$  and for non-zero  $A$ , it is followed that the parenthetical term vanishes,
- $s^2 + a_1s + a_0 = 0$
- This equation is called the **characteristic equation** and the solutions are

$$s_{1,2} = \frac{-a_1 \pm \sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_0}}{2}$$

$(a_1^2 - 4a_0) > 0 \Rightarrow$  Real and distinct roots ( $s_1 = -\alpha_1, s_2 = -\alpha_2$ )

$(a_1^2 - 4a_0) < 0 \Rightarrow$  Complex roots ( $s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$ )

$(a_1^2 - 4a_0) = 0 \Rightarrow$  Real and equal roots ( $s_{1,2} = -\alpha$ )

- Real and distinct roots

→ Overdamped response  $x = A_1 e^{-\alpha_1 t} + A_2 e^{-\alpha_2 t}$

- Complex roots

→ Underdamped response  $x = B_1 e^{-\alpha t} \cos \omega_d t + B_2 e^{-\alpha t} \sin \omega_d t$

- Equal (repeated) roots

→ Critically damped response  $x = D_1 t e^{-\alpha t} + D_2 e^{-\alpha t}$

- where  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, D_1, D_2$  are constants to be determined

# Source-Free Series RLC Circuits

Solutions for the 2nd order circuit differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2i}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{i}{LC} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2i}{dt^2} + 2\alpha \frac{di}{dt} + \omega_0^2 i = 0$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

Characteristic Equation

$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

Solutions:

$$s_{1,2} = \frac{-2\alpha \pm \sqrt{(2\alpha)^2 - 4\omega_0^2}}{2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

The types of solutions for  $i(t)$  depend on the relative values of  $\alpha$  and  $\omega_0$ .

Corresponding to the solutions, there are three possible responses for the RLC circuit

1. If  $\alpha > \omega_0$ , over-damped case

$$i(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t} \quad \text{where} \quad s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0}$$

2. If  $\alpha = \omega_0$ , critical damped case

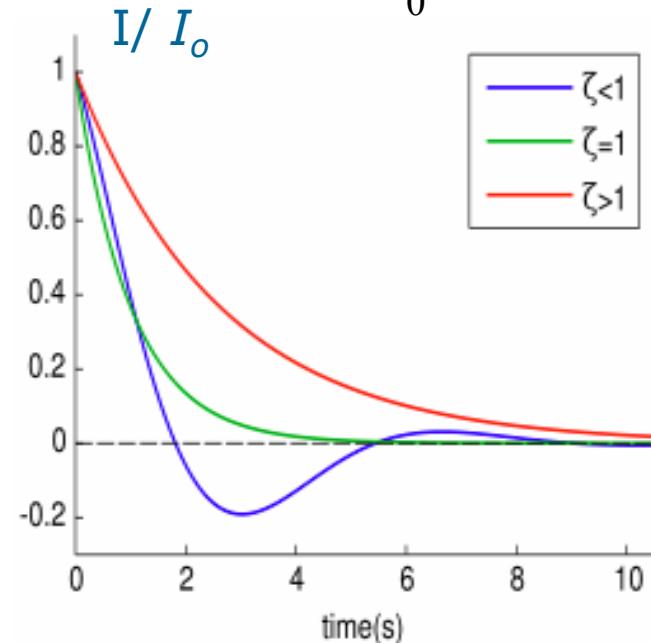
$$i(t) = (A_2 + A_1 t) e^{-\alpha t} \quad \text{where} \quad s_{1,2} = -\alpha$$

3. If  $\alpha < \omega_0$ , under-damped case

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm j\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$$

$$\text{where} \quad \omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$$

$$i(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (B_1 \cos \omega_d t + B_2 \sin \omega_d t)$$



# Finding Initial Values

To find the coefficients in the solutions, the initials  $v(0)$  [or  $i(0)$ ] and  $dv(0)/dt$  [or  $di(0)/dt$ ] are required.

Recall two key points:

- 1) At  $t = 0$ , time instant of switching (or change in circuit)
  - Voltage across capacitor cannot change abruptly,  
 $v_C(0^-) = v_C(0) = v_C(0^+)$
  - Current through inductor cannot change abruptly,  
 $i_L(0^-) = i_L(0) = i_L(0^+)$
- 2) At  $t = 0^-$ , which is usually corresponding to steady state of the circuit before switching
  - A capacitor acts like an **open circuit** to a DC voltage
  - An inductor acts as a **short circuit** to a DC current

## Example 1

The circuit was open for a long time, but closed at  $t = 0$ .

Determine  $i(0^+)$ ,  $v(0^+)$ ,  $di(0^+)/dt$ ,  $dv(0^+)/dt$ .

At  $t = 0^-$ , the equivalent circuit is

$$i(0^+) = i(0^-) = 12/(2 + 10) = \underline{1 \text{ A}},$$

$$v(0^+) = v(0^-) = 2i(0^-) = 2 \text{ V}$$

At  $t = 0^+$ , the equivalent circuit is .

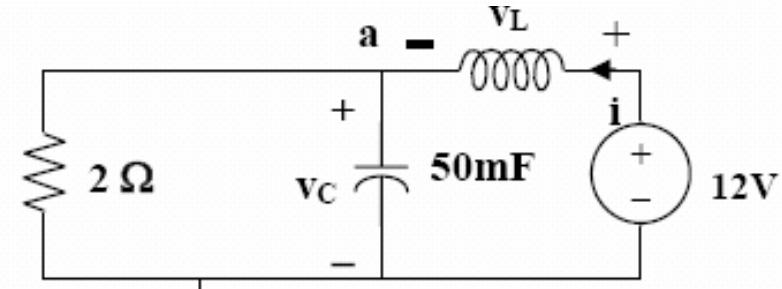
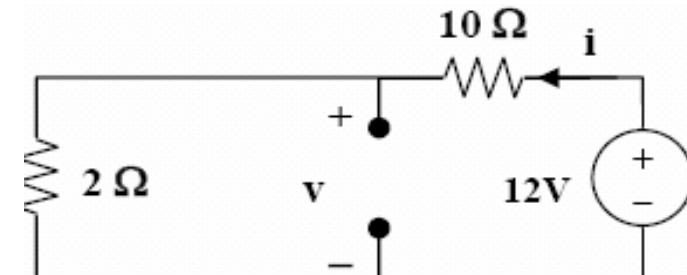
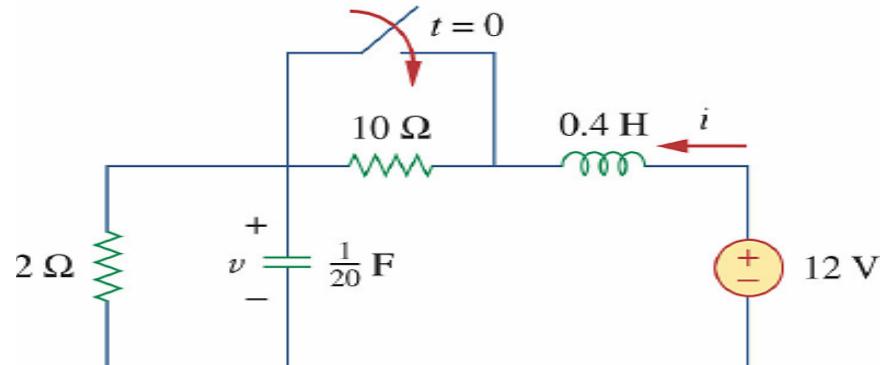
$$L(di/dt) = v_L, \text{ leads to } (di/dt) = v_L/L$$

$$v_C(0^+) + v_L(0^+) = 12 \quad v_L(0^+) = 10 \quad (di(0^+)/dt) = 10/0.4 = \underline{25 \text{ A/s}}$$

$$C(dv/dt) = i_C \text{ leading to } (dv/dt) = i_C/C$$

But at node a, KCL gives

$$i(0^+) = i_C(0^+) + v(0^+)/2 \quad 1 = i_C(0^+) + 2/2 \quad i_C(0^+) = 0,$$

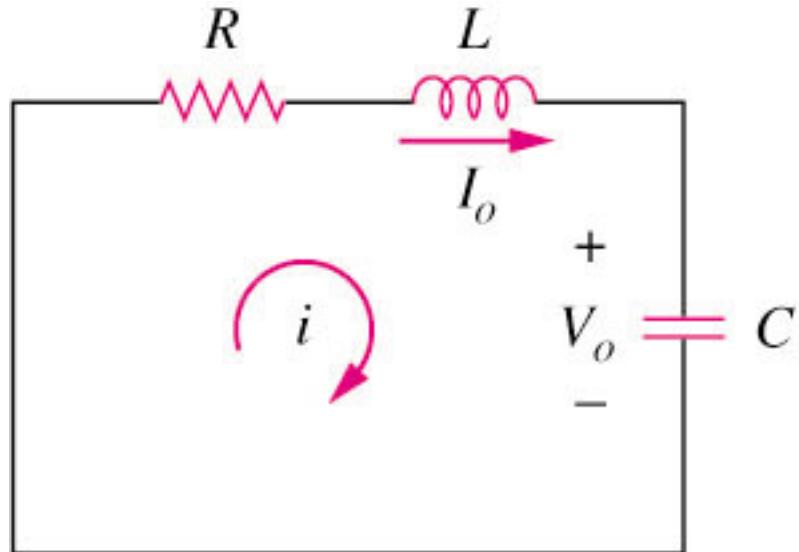


$$(dv(0^+)/dt) = \underline{0 \text{ V/s}}$$

## Example 2

If  $R = 10 \Omega$ ,  $L = 5 \text{ H}$ , and  $C = 2 \text{ mF}$ , find  $\alpha, \omega_0, s_1, s_2$

What type of natural response will the circuit have?



$$\alpha = R/(2L) = 10/(2 \times 5) = 1,$$

$$\omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC} = 1/\sqrt{5 \times 2 \times 10^{-3}} = 10$$

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 100} = \underline{-1 \pm j9.95}.$$

Since  $\alpha < \omega_0$ , we clearly have an underdamped response.

### Example 3

The circuit has reached steady state at  $t = 0^-$ . If the switch moves to position b at  $t = 0$ , calculate  $i(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .

For  $t < 0$ , the inductor acts like a short circuit.

$$i(0^-) = 50/10 = 5 = i(0^+) = i(0)$$

The voltage across the capacitor is  $0 = v(0^-) = v(0^+) = v(0)$ .

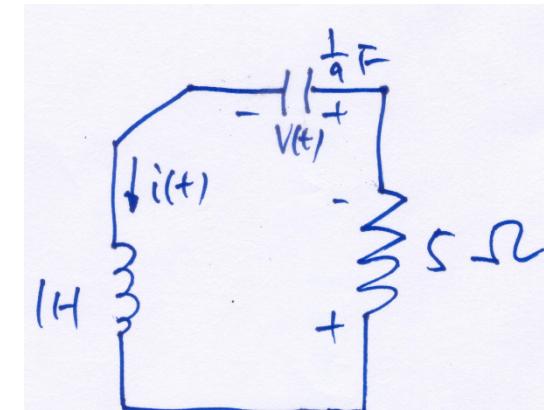
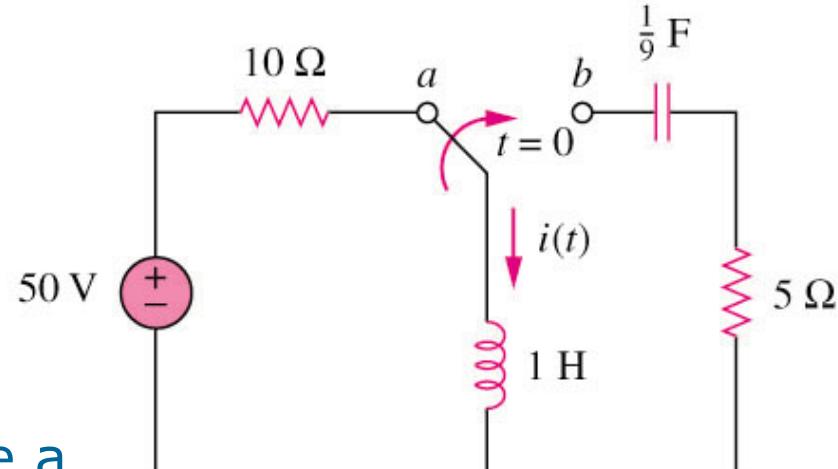
For  $t > 0$ , we have a source-free RLC circuit.

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri + v = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{di}{dt} = -\frac{1}{L}(Ri + v)$$

$$\frac{di(0)}{dt} = -(1/L)[Ri(0) + v(0)] = -1 \times 5 \times 5 = -25$$

$$\omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC} = 1/\sqrt{1 \times \frac{1}{9}} = 3$$

$$\alpha = R/(2L) = 5/(2 \times 1) = 2.5$$



Since  $\alpha < \omega_0$ , we have an underdamped case.

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} = -2.5 \pm \sqrt{6.25 - 9} = -2.5 \pm j1.6583$$

$$i(t) = e^{-2.5t}[A_1 \cos 1.6583t + A_2 \sin 1.6583t]$$

We now determine  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ .  $i(0) = 5 = A_1$

$$\begin{aligned} di/dt &= -2.5\{e^{-2.5t}[A_1 \cos 1.6583t + A_2 \sin 1.6583t]\} \\ &\quad + 1.6583e^{-2.5t}[-A_1 \sin 1.6583t + A_2 \cos 1.6583t] \end{aligned}$$

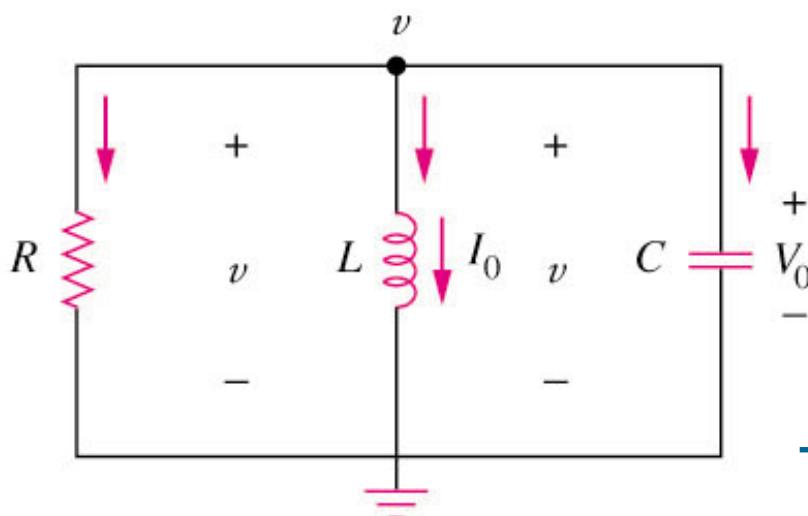
$$di(0^+)/dt = -2.5A_1 + 1.6583A_2$$

$$-25 = -2.5(5) + 1.6583A_2$$

$$A_2 = -7.5378$$

$$i(t) = e^{-2.5t}[5 \cos 1.6583t - 7.538 \sin 1.6583t] A$$

# Source-Free Parallel RLC Circuits



The **2nd  
order of  
expression**

Let  $i(0) = I_0 \quad v(0) = V_0$

Apply KCL to the top node:

$$\frac{v}{R} + \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t v dt + v(0) + C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$$

Taking the derivative with respect to t and dividing by C gives

$$\frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{RC} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} v = 0$$

That is:

$$\frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + 2\alpha \frac{dv}{dt} + \omega_0^2 v = 0 \quad \text{where } \alpha = \frac{1}{2RC} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

The corresponding characteristic equation is:

$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

There are three possible solutions for the 2nd order differential equation:

1. If  $\alpha > \omega_0$ , over-damped case

$$v(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t} \quad \text{where} \quad s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

2. If  $\alpha = \omega_0$ , critical damped case

$$v(t) = (A_2 + A_1 t) e^{-\alpha t} \quad \text{where} \quad s_{1,2} = -\alpha$$

3. If  $\alpha < \omega_0$ , under-damped case

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm j\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d \quad \text{where} \quad \omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$$

$$v(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (B_1 \cos \omega_d t + B_2 \sin \omega_d t)$$

## Example 4

The switch has been closed for long time and is open at  $t=0$ . Find  $v(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .

$$i(0) = 3 \text{ A} \text{ and } v(0) = 0.$$

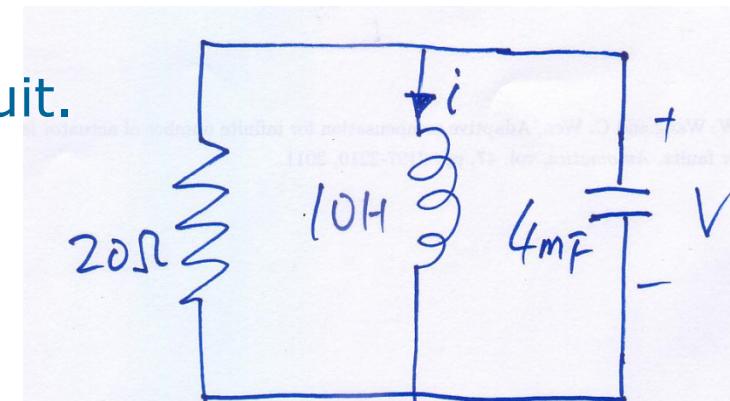
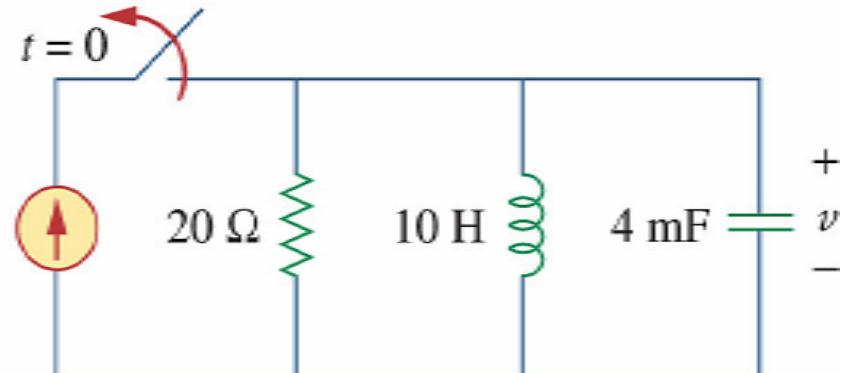
For  $t > 0$ , a source-free parallel RLC circuit.

$$C \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{v}{R} + i = 0 \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{1}{C} \left( \frac{v}{R} + i \right)$$

$$\frac{dv(0^+)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{C} \left[ \frac{v(0^+)}{R} + i(0^+) \right] = \frac{1}{4 \times 10^{-3}} [0 + 3] = -750$$

$$\alpha = 1/(2RC) = 1/(2 \times 20 \times 4 \times 10^{-3}) = 6.25$$

$$\omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC} = 1/\sqrt{10 \times 4 \times 10^{-3}} = 5$$



Since  $\alpha > \omega_o$ , this is an overdamped response.

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_o^2} = -6.25 \pm \sqrt{(6.25)^2 - 25} = -2.5 \text{ and } -10$$

Thus,  $v(t) = A_1 e^{-2.5t} + A_2 e^{-10t}$

$$v(0) = 0 = A_1 + A_2, \text{ which leads to } A_2 = -A_1$$

$$\text{But, } dv/dt = -2.5A_1 e^{-2.5t} - 10A_2 e^{-10t}$$

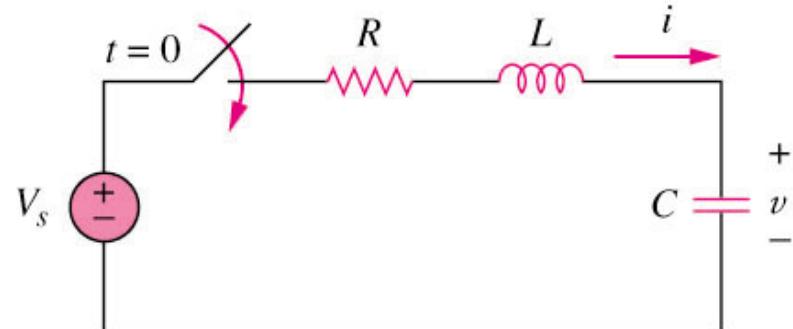
$$\text{At } t = 0, -750 = -2.5A_1 - 10A_2 = 7.5A_1 \text{ since } A_1 = -A_2$$

$$A_1 = -100, \quad A_2 = 100$$

$$v(t) = \underline{100(e^{-10t} - e^{-2.5t}) V}$$

# Step-Response Series RLC Circuits

The step response is obtained by the sudden application of a dc source.



$$Ri + L \frac{di}{dt} + v = v_s \quad i = C \frac{dv}{dt} \quad \Rightarrow \quad RC \frac{dv}{dt} + LC \frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + v = v_s$$

**The 2nd  
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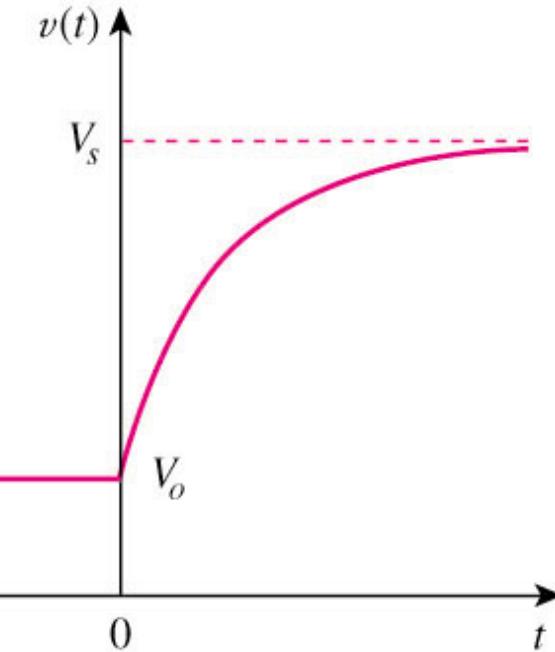
$$\frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{v}{LC} = \frac{v_s}{LC}$$

The above equation has the same form as the equation for source-free series RLC circuit.

$$\frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + 2\alpha \frac{dv}{dt} + \omega_0^2 v = \frac{v_s}{LC}$$

The same coefficients (important in determining the Parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\omega_0$ ).  $\alpha = \frac{R}{2L}$  and  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$

## Recall: The Step-Response of an RC Circuit



$$v(t) = \begin{cases} V_0 & t < 0 \\ V_s + (V_0 - V_s)e^{-t/\tau} & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Final value  
at  $t \rightarrow \infty$       Initial value  
at  $t = 0$

For  $t \geq 0$ ,

$v(t) = \text{Steady-State Response} + \text{Transient Response}$

The solution of the 2nd equation should have two components: the transient (source-free) response  $v_t(t)$  & the steady-state response  $v_{ss}(t)$ :

$$v(t) = v_t(t) + v_{ss}(t)$$

- The transient response  $v_t$  is the same as that for source-free case, i.e depending on the characteristic equation:

$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$v_t(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t} \quad (\text{over-damped})$$

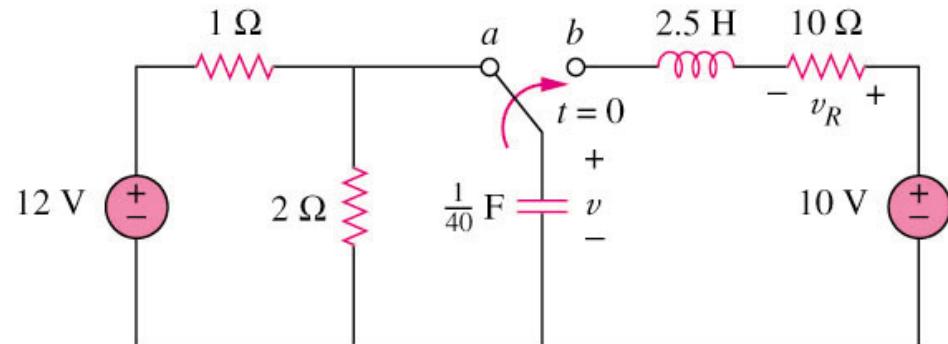
$$v_t(t) = (A_1 + A_2 t) e^{-\alpha t} \quad (\text{critically damped})$$

$$v_t(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (A_1 \cos \omega_d t + A_2 \sin \omega_d t) \quad (\text{under-damped})$$

- The steady-state response is the final value of  $v(t)$ .
  - $\Rightarrow v_{ss}(t) = v(\infty)$
- The values of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are obtained from the initial conditions:
  - $\Rightarrow v(0)$  and  $dv(0)/dt$ .

## Example 5

Having been in position for a long time, the switch in the circuit below is moved to position b at  $t = 0$ . Find  $v(t)$  and  $v_R(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .



The initial capacitor voltage:  $v(0) = [2/(2 + 1)]12 = \underline{8V}$

The initial inductor current:  $i(0) = 0$ .

When the switch is in position b, we have:

The initial capacitor current is the same as the initial inductor current

$$i(0) = C(dv(0)/dt) = 0 \quad dv(0)/dt = 0$$

$$\alpha = R/(2L) = 10/(2 \times 2.5) = 2 \quad \omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC} = 1/\sqrt{(5/2) \times (1/40)} = 4$$

Since  $\alpha < \omega_0$ , we have an underdamped case.

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} = -2 \pm \sqrt{(2)^2 - 16} = -2 \pm j 3.464$$

Thus,  $v(t) = v_f + [(A_1 \cos 3.464t + A_2 \sin 3.464t)e^{-2t}]$

where  $v_f = v(\infty) = 10$ , the final capacitor voltage.

We now impose the initial conditions to get  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ .

$v(0) = 8 = 10 + A_1$  leads to  $A_1 = -2$

But,  $dv/dt = 3.464[(-A_1 \sin 3.464t + A_2 \cos 3.464t)e^{-2t}]$   
 $-2[(A_1 \cos 3.464t + A_2 \sin 3.464t)e^{-2t}]$

$dv(0)/dt = 0 - 2A_1 + 3.464A_2 \quad A_2 = -4/3.464 = -1.1547$

$v(t) = \{10 + [(-2\cos 3.464t - 1.1547\sin 3.464t)e^{-2t}]\} V$

$i = C(dv/dt),$

$v_R = Ri = RC(dv/dt) = (1/4)dv/dt$

$= (1/4)[(4 - 4)\cos 3.464t + (2 \times 1.1547 + 2 \times 3.464)\sin 3.464t]e^{-2t}$

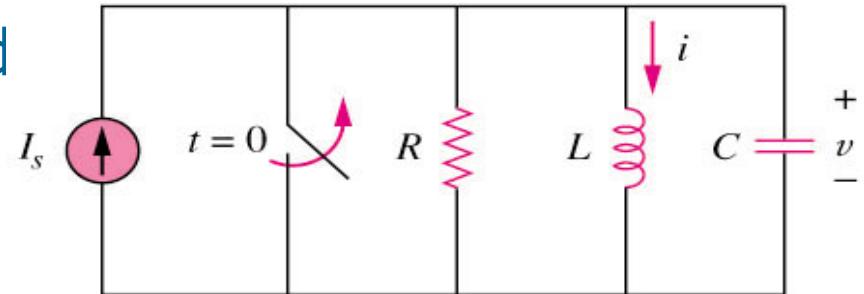
$v_R(t) = [2.31\sin 3.464t]e^{-2t} V$

# Step-Response Parallel RLC Circuits

The step response is obtained by the sudden application of a dc source.

$$\frac{v}{R} + i + C \frac{dv}{dt} = I_s \quad v = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

$$\frac{L}{R} \frac{di}{dt} + i + LC \frac{d^2i}{dt^2} = I_s \quad \frac{d^2i}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{RC} \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{i}{LC} = \frac{I_s}{LC}$$



It has the same form as the equation for source-free parallel RLC circuit.

$$\frac{d^2i}{dt^2} + 2\alpha \frac{di}{dt} + \omega_0^2 i = \frac{I_s}{LC}$$

where  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC}$  and  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$

The solution of the equation should have two components: the transient (source-free) response  $v_t(t)$  & the steady-state response  $v_{ss}(t)$ :

$$i(t) = i_t(t) + i_{ss}(t)$$

- The transient response  $i_t$  is the same as that for source-free case, i.e depending on the characteristic equation

$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$i_t(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

(over-damped)

$$i_t(t) = (A_1 + A_2 t) e^{-\alpha t}$$

(critical damped)

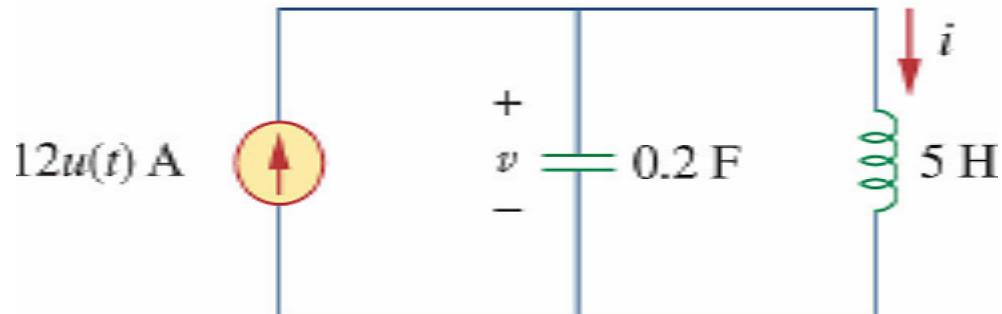
$$i_t(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (A_1 \cos \omega_d t + A_2 \sin \omega_d t)$$

(under-damped)

- The steady-state response is the final value of  $i(t)$ .
  - $i_{ss}(t) = i(\infty) = I_s$
- The values of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are obtained from the initial conditions:
  - $i(0)$  and  $di(0)/dt$ .

## Example 6

Find  $i(t)$  and  $v(t)$  for  $t > 0$  in the circuit



When  $t < 0$ ,  $v(0) = 0$ ,  $i(0) = 0$ ;

$$\text{for } t > 0, \quad \alpha = 0, \quad \omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC} = 1/\sqrt{0.2 \times 5} = 1$$

$$i(t) = i_s + A_1 \cos t + A_2 \sin t = 12 + A_1 \cos t + A_2 \sin t$$

$$i(0) = 0 = 12 + A_1 \quad \text{therefore } A_1 = -12$$

$$L di(0)/dt = v(0) = 0$$

$$\text{But } di/dt = -A_1 \sin t + A_2 \cos t$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, \quad di(0)/dt = 0 + A_2 = 0$$

$$i(t) = \underline{\underline{12(1 - \cos t) A}}$$

$$v(t) = L di/dt$$

$$= 5 \times 12 \sin t = \underline{\underline{60 \sin t V}}$$

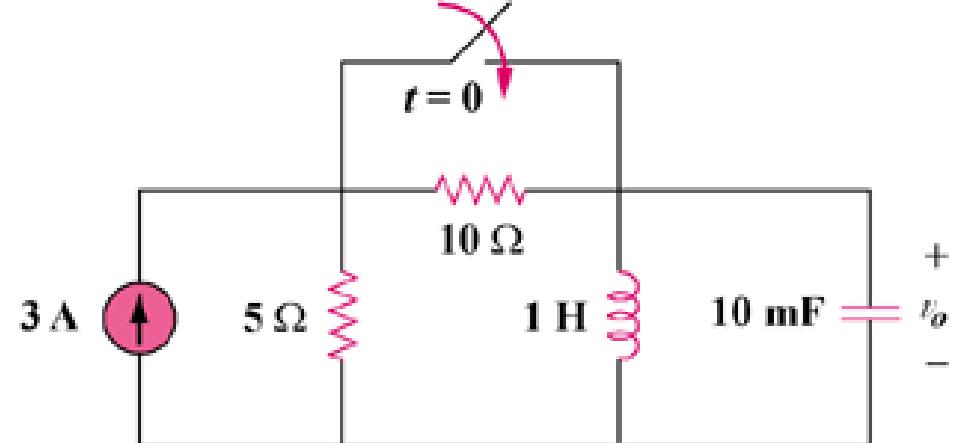
## Example 7

The switch has been open for long time and is closed at  $t=0$ .

Find  $v_o(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .

At  $t = 0-$ ,

$$i_L(0) = 3 \times 5 / (10 + 5) = 1 \text{ A} \quad \text{and} \quad v_o(0) = 0.$$



For  $t > 0$ , we have a parallel RLC circuit with a step input.

$$\alpha = 1/(2RC) = (1)/(2 \times 5 \times 0.01) = 10 \quad \omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC} = 1/\sqrt{1 \times 0.01} = 10$$

$$\alpha = \omega_0 \rightarrow s_{1,2} = -10 \rightarrow \text{a critically damped response}$$

$$i(t) = I_s + [(A_1 + A_2 t)e^{-10t}], \quad I_s = 3 \quad i(0) = 3 + A_1 = 1 \quad A_1 = -2$$

$$v_o(t) = Ldi/dt = [A_2 e^{-10t}] + [-10(A_1 + A_2 t)e^{-10t}]$$

$$v_o(0) = A_2 - 10 A_1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad A_2 = 20$$

$$v_o(t) = [-20 e^{-10t}] + [-10(-2 - 20t)e^{-10t}] = \mathbf{200te^{-10t}} \text{ V}$$

# Summary: Source Free Responses of RLC Circuits

- Set up the characteristic equation for the circuit  $s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$

- Find  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC}$  ;  $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$

For parallel RLC circuit

or  $\alpha = \frac{R}{2L}$  ;  $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$

For series RLC circuit

- Decide the form of the response (based on the characteristic roots)

$$\omega_0^2 < \alpha^2 \quad s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} \quad x(t) = A_1 e^{-s_1 t} + A_2 e^{-s_2 t}$$

$$\omega_0^2 = \alpha^2 \quad s_{1,2} = -\alpha \quad x = (A_2 + A_1 t) e^{-\alpha t}$$

$$\omega_0^2 > \alpha^2 \quad s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d, \quad \omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$$

$$x = B_1 e^{-\alpha t} \cos \omega_d t + B_2 e^{-\alpha t} \sin \omega_d t$$

- Calculate initial values  $v_C(0^+)$  and  $dv_C(0^+)/dt$  or  $i_L(0^+)$  and  $di_L(0^+)/dt$
- Find the parameters  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , or  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ .

# Summary: Step Responses of RLC Circuits

The solution should have two components:  
the transient (source-free) response  $x_t(t)$  & the steady-state  
response  $x_{ss}(t)$ :

$$x(t) = x_t(t) + x_{ss}(t)$$

The transient response  $x_t$  is the same as that for source-free case

The steady-state response is the final value of  $x(t)$ .

$$x_{ss}(t) = x(\infty)$$

Calculate initial values  $v_C(0^+)$  and  $dv_C(0^+) / dt$  or  $i_L(0^+)$  and  $di_L(0^+) / dt$

Find the parameters  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , or  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ .

## Exercises ( Problems in Chapter 8 of the textbook)

8.4 Ans:  $1.25A, 6.25V ; 10 V/s, -40 A/s; -625 \text{ mA}, 1.875 \text{ V}$

8.21 Ans:  $(18e^{-t} - 2e^{-9t}) \text{ V}$

8.24 Ans:  $(12\cos(19.365t) + 3.098\sin(19.365t)) e^{-5t} \text{ A}$

8.31: Ans: 80 V, 40 V

8.42: Ans:  $\{-12 + [(4\cos 4t + 3\sin 4t)e^{-3t}]\} \text{ A}$

8.48 Ans:  $(-4 - 4t)e^{-2t} \text{ A}, (4 + 8t)e^{-2t} \text{ V}$

8.50: Ans:  $(9 + 2e^{-10t} - 8e^{-2.5t}) \text{ A}$