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RC and LC Power Supply Filters

RC π filter:

Ripple voltage across reservoir capacitor C_1 is attenuated by Additional resistor R_1 and capacitor C_2
 π filter = combination of R_1 , C_1 and C_2 .

$C_1 \rightarrow$ rectifier output = sawtooth ripple waveform

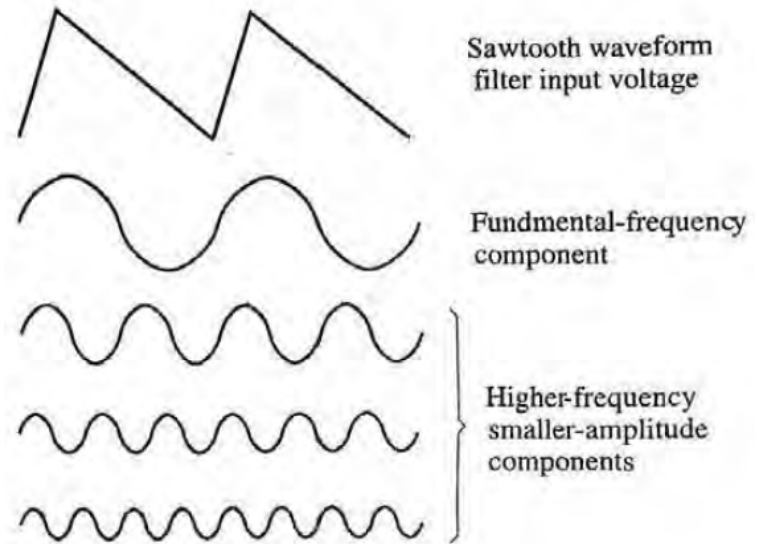
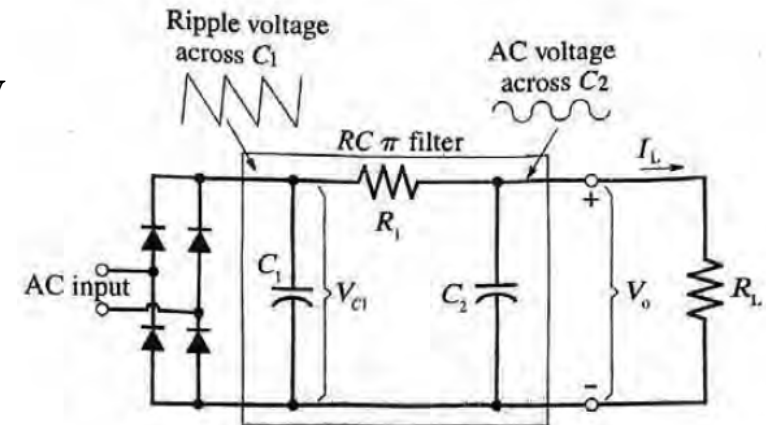
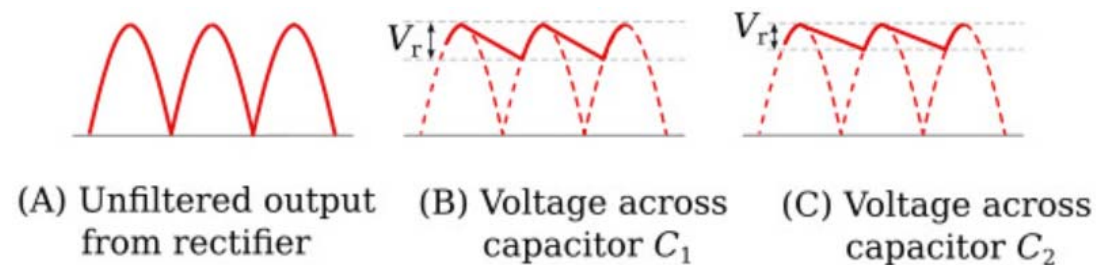
Sawtooth waveform = fundamental ac + smaller-amplitude higher-frequency harmonics

$C_2 \rightarrow$ filter output = attenuated fundamental component

Peak value of fundamental component \rightarrow

$$v_p = V_r / \pi$$

V_r = ripple voltage peak-to-peak amplitude



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RC π filter:

AC voltage developed across $C_2 \rightarrow$

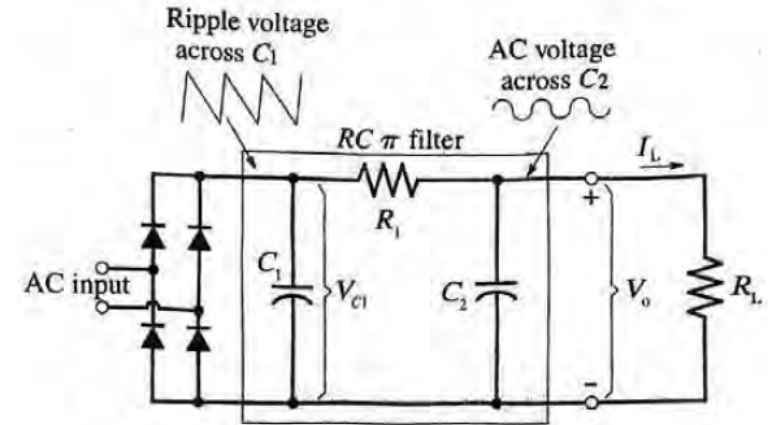
$$v_o = \frac{v_i X_{C2}}{\sqrt{R_1^2 + X_{C2}^2}}$$

v_i = filter ac input voltage applied across C_1

$$X_{C2} = \frac{R_1}{\sqrt{(v_i/v_o)^2 - 1}}$$

if $(v_i/v_o)^2 \gg 1 \rightarrow$

$$X_{C2} \approx \frac{R_1}{v_i/v_o}$$



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Problem-10:

The 2 V ripple waveform across capacitor C_1 in Fig. 10(a) is to be further attenuated by the use of an additional resistor and capacitor as in Fig. 10(b). If $R_1 = 22\ \Omega$, $C_1 = C_2 = 150\ \mu\text{F}$ and the ac input frequency is 60 Hz, calculate the dc output voltage and the output ripple amplitude.

$$\text{Load current, } I_L = E_{o(ave)}/R_L = 20/500 = 40\ \text{mA}$$

$$V_{o(dc)} = E_{o(ave)} - (I_L R_1) = 20 - (40 \times 10^{-3} \times 22) = 19.12\ \text{V}$$

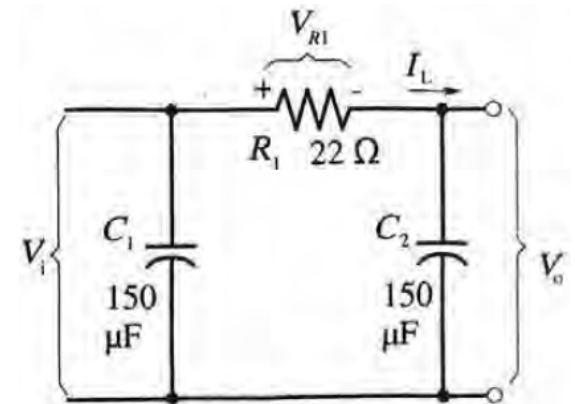
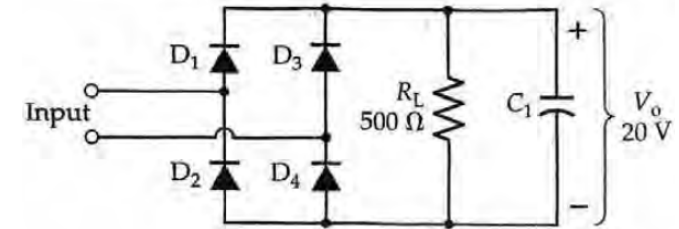
$$v_i = v_p = V_r/\pi = 2/\pi = 637\ \text{mV}$$

$$X_{C_2} = 1/(2\pi f_r C_2) = 1/(2\pi \times (60 \times 2) \times 150 \times 10^{-6}) = 8.84\ \Omega$$

$$v_0 = \frac{v_i X_{C_2}}{\sqrt{R_1^2 + X_{C_2}^2}} = \frac{637 \times 10^{-3} \times 8.84}{\sqrt{22^2 + 8.84^2}}$$

$$= 238\ \text{mV (peak)}$$

$$= 476\ \text{mV (peak-to-peak)}$$



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LC π filter:

Ripple voltage across reservoir capacitor C_1 is attenuated by

Additional inductor L_1 and capacitor C_2

π filter = combination of L_1 , C_1 and C_2 .

Assumption \rightarrow inductor winding resistance, $R_W \ll X_L$

AC voltage across $C_2 \rightarrow$

$$v_0 = \frac{v_i X_{C2}}{X_{L1} - X_{C2}}$$

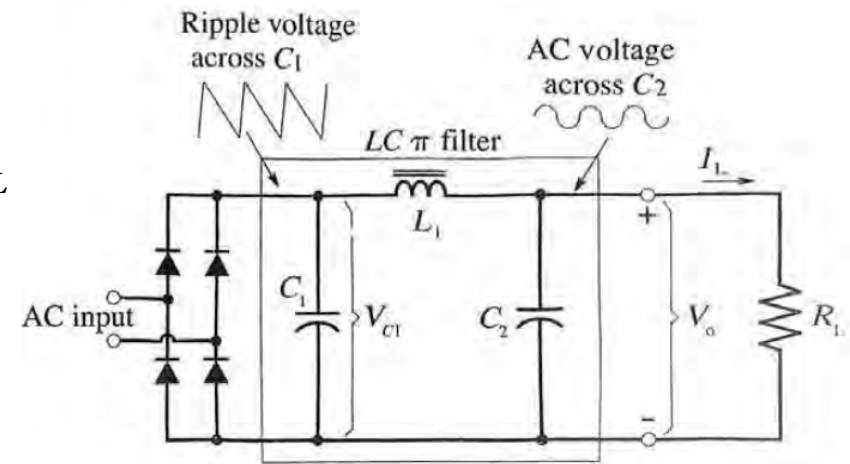
From above equation \rightarrow

$$X_{L1} = X_{C2} \left(\frac{v_i}{v_0} + 1 \right)$$

Design steps \rightarrow

Select $C_1 = C_2$

Calculate L_1



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Problem-11:

The 2 V ripple waveform across capacitor C_1 in Fig. 11(a) is to be further attenuated by a factor of approximately 4 by the use of an additional inductor and capacitor as in Fig. 11(b). If $C_1 = 150 \mu\text{F}$ and the ac input frequency is 60 Hz, determine suitable values for L_1 and C_2 .

Select $C_2 = C_1 = 150 \mu\text{F}$

$$X_{L1} = X_{C2} \left(\frac{v_i}{v_o} + 1 \right) = X_{C2} (4/1 + 1) = 5X_{C2}$$

$$X_{C2} = 1/(2\pi f_r C_2) = 1/(2\pi \times (60 \times 2) \times 150 \times 10^{-6}) = 8.84 \Omega$$

$$L_1 = 5X_{C2}/(2\pi f_r) = 5 \times 8.84/(2\pi \times 120) \approx 59 \text{ mH}$$

