

Fundamentals of Electric Circuit

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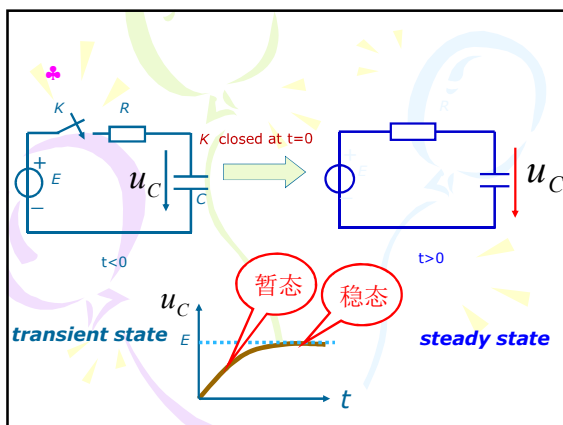
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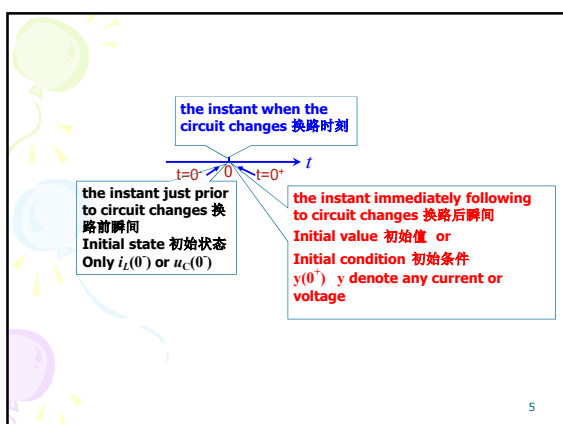
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7.0 introduction

- In this chapter, we will focus on circuits that consist only of sources, resistors, and either (but not both) inductors or capacitors.
- We call them as **RC (resistor-capacitor) circuits** and **RL (resistor-inductor)**.
- Networks of this form find use in electronic amplifiers, automatic control systems, operational amplifiers, communications equipment, and many other applications.

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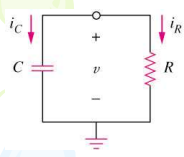


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7.1 The Source-Free RC Circuit

- A **first-order circuit** is characterized by a first-order differential equation.
- Any circuit with
 - a **single energy storage element** (1个储能元件, R 或 L)
 - an arbitrary number of sources** (任意个电源)
 - an arbitrary number of resistors** (任意个电阻) is a **circuit of order 1**.
- Apply Kirchhoff's laws to **purely resistive circuit** results in **algebraic equations**.
- Apply the laws to RC and RL circuits produces **differential equations**.

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By KCL $i_R + i_C = 0 \rightarrow \frac{v}{R} + C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$

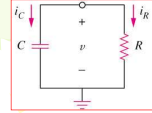
Ohms law Capacitor law

Rearrange the terms as Integrating both sides gives

$$\frac{dv}{v} = -\frac{1}{RC} dt \quad \ln v = -\frac{1}{RC} t + \ln A$$

$$v(t) = Ae^{-t/RC} V$$

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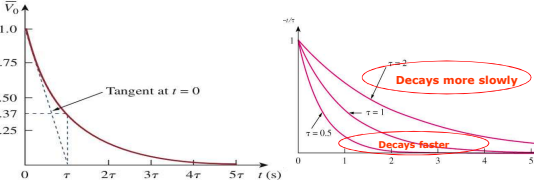
$$v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{where } \tau = RC$$

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 $\tau = RC$.

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- 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.

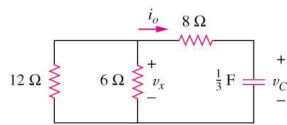


- The **time constant** τ of a circuit is the time required for the response to decay by a factor of $1/e$ or 36.8% of its initial value.
- v decays faster for small τ and slower for large τ .⁹

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Example 1

Refer to the circuit below, determine v_C , v_x , and i_o for $t \geq 0$. Assume that $v_C(0) = 30$ V.

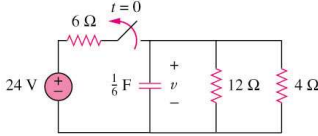


- Please refer to lecture or textbook for more detail elaboration. **Answer:**
 $v_C = 30e^{-0.25t}$ V ; $v_x = 10e^{-0.25t}$; $i_o = -2.5e^{-0.25t}$ A

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Example 2

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

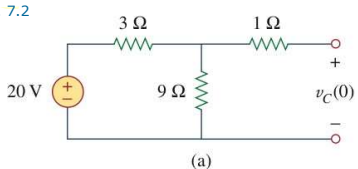


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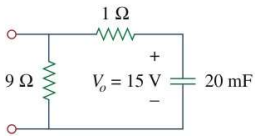
Answer: $V(t) = 8e^{-2t}$ V

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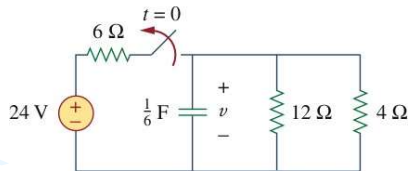


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Practice problem

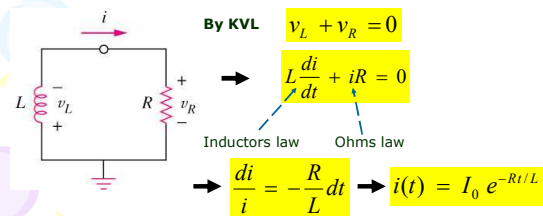
If the switch in Fig. below opens at $t=0$, find $v(t)$ for $t>0$ and $w_c(0)$



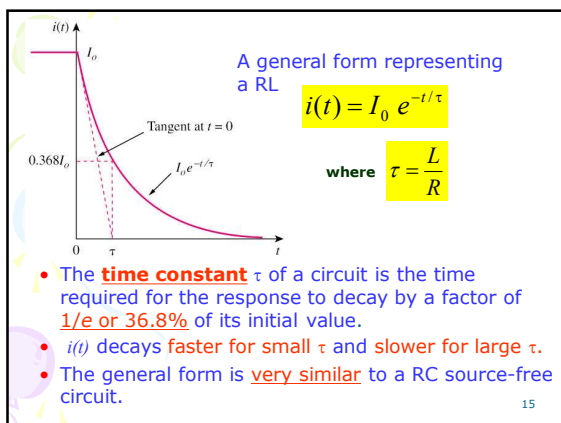
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7.2 The Source-Free RL Circuit

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



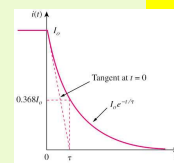
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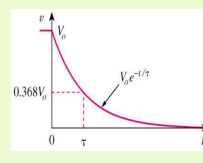
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Comparison between a RL and RC circuit**A RL source-free circuit**

$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{where} \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

**A RC source-free circuit**

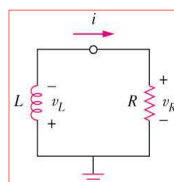
$$v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{where} \quad \tau = RC$$



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

$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{where} \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R}$$



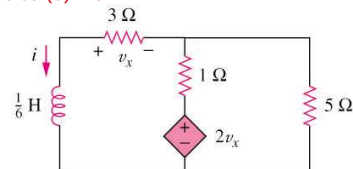
- The initial voltage $i(0) = I_0$ through the inductor.
- The time constant $\tau = L/R$.

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Example 3

Find i and v_x in the circuit.

Assume that $i(0) = 5 \text{ A}$.

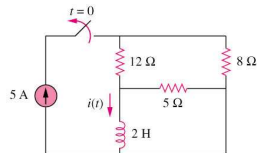


- Please refer to lecture or textbook for more detail elaboration.
- Answer:** $i(t) = 5e^{-53t} \text{ A}$

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Example 4

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

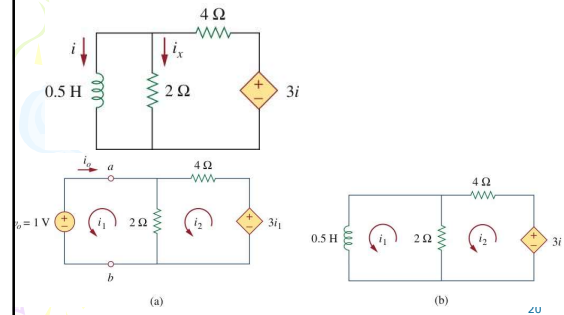


- Please refer to lecture or textbook for more detail elaboration.

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

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Assuming that $i(0)=10\text{A}$, calculate $i(t)$ and $i_x(t)$ in the circuit in the Fig. below



7.3 Unit-Step Function

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

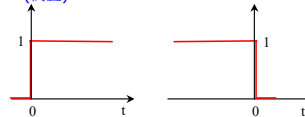
$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$u(t-t_0) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < t_0 \\ 1, & t > t_0 \end{cases}$$

$$u(t+t_0) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < -t_0 \\ 1, & t > -t_0 \end{cases}$$

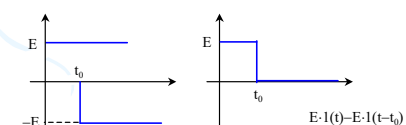
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Inversion (倒置)

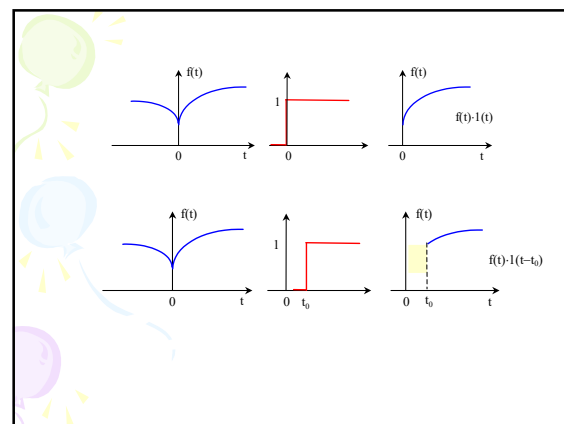
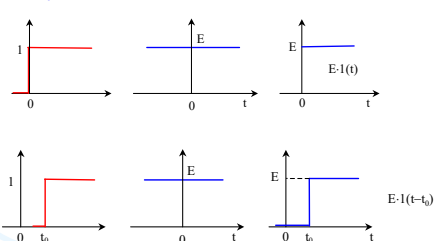


$$1-u(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t < 0 \\ 0, & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

The sum of two functions



The multiplication of two functions



Represent an abrupt change for:

Voltage source.

(a) (b)

Current source

(a) (b)

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Other Singularity Functions (奇异函数)

The relationship between the unit ramp function and the unit step function:

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ t & t > 0 \end{cases} \quad l(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$l(t) = \frac{dr(t)}{dt}, \quad r(t) = \int_0^t l(\tau) d\tau$$

2. The unit impulse function (单位冲激函数)

$$\delta(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \neq 0 \\ \infty & t = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{1}{\Delta} & 0 < t < \Delta, \quad \frac{1}{\Delta} \cdot \Delta = 1 \\ 0 & t > \Delta \end{cases}$$

The relationship between the unit impulse function and the unit step function:

$$\int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t > 0 \end{cases} = l(t), \quad \frac{dl(t)}{dt} = \delta(t)$$

Sifting (sampling) property: (筛分)

$$f(t)\delta(t) = f(0)\delta(t); \quad f(t)\delta(t-t_0) = f(t_0)\delta(t-t_0)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)\delta(t) dt = f(0), \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)\delta(t-t_0) dt = f(t_0)$$

7.4 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

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

• Where $u(t)$ is the **unit-step function**

(a) (b)

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- Integrating both sides and considering the initial conditions, the solution of the equation is:

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

Final value at $t \rightarrow \infty$ Initial value at $t = 0$ Source-free Response

Complete Response = Natural response + Forced Response
 (stored energy) (independent source)
 $= V_0 e^{-t/\tau} + V_s (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$

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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** τ .

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

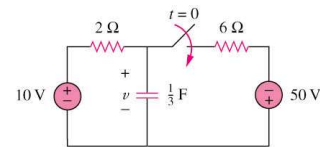
Note: The above method is a **short-cut method**. You may also determine the solution by setting up the circuit formula directly using KCL, KVL, ohms law, capacitor and inductor VI laws.

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Example 5

Find $v(t)$ for $t > 0$ in the circuit in below. Assume the switch has been open for a long time and is closed at $t = 0$.

Calculate $v(t)$ at $t = 0.5$.



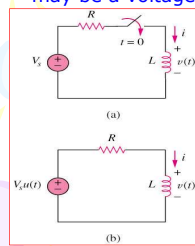
Answer:

$$v(t) = 15e^{-2t} - 5 \quad \text{and} \quad v(0.5) = 0.5182V$$

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7.5 The Step-Response of a RL 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 current**
 $i(0^-) = i(0^+) = I_0$
- **Final inductor current**
 $i(\infty) = V_s/R$
Time constant $\tau = L/R$

$$i(t) = \frac{V_s}{R} + (I_0 - \frac{V_s}{R})e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}u(t)}$$

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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** τ .

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

Note: The above method is a **short-cut method**.

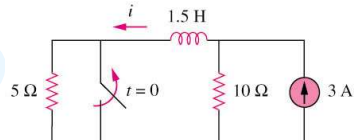
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Example 6

The switch in the circuit shown below has been closed for a long time. It opens at $t = 0$.

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



Answer:

$$i(t) = 2 + e^{-10t}$$

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Capacitive Charge Conservation and Magnetism Chain Conversation (电容电荷守恒与电感磁链守恒)

Charge Conservation 电荷守恒定律

Example

$t < 0$, K has been opened for a long time, then
 $u_1(0^-) = 0 \quad u_2(0^-) = 0$

$t = 0$, K is closed. Apply KCL at node a

$$\frac{u_1}{R_1} + C_1 \frac{du_1}{dt} = \frac{u_2}{R_2} + C_2 \frac{du_2}{dt} \quad \int_0^+ [\frac{u_1}{R_1} + C_1 \frac{du_1}{dt}] dt = \int_0^+ [\frac{u_2}{R_2} + C_2 \frac{du_2}{dt}] dt$$

If both u_1 and u_2 are limited, then

$$C_1 u_1(o^+) - C_1 u_1(o^-) = C_2 u_2(o^+) - C_2 u_2(o^-) \\ -C_1 u_1(o^-) + C_2 u_2(o^+) = -C_1 u_1(o^-) + C_2 u_2(o^-)$$

so

$$u_1(o^+) = \frac{C_2}{C_1 + C_2} U_s \quad u_2(o^+) = \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} U_s$$

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Charge Conservation

$$\sum_{k=1} C_k u_k(o^+) = \sum_{k=1} C_k u_k(o^-)$$

or

$$\sum_{k=1} q_k(o^+) = \sum_{k=1} q_k(o^-)$$

To determine $u_c(0^-)$:

i_c is limited?

- a. Capacitor-only loop
- b. Loop consists only capacitors and voltage sources
- c. Impulse source

no: charge conservation
yes: switching law

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Example: Find $u_2(t)$ for $t > 0$.

Solution:

$t < 0$: $u_1(0^-) = u_2(0^-) = 0$

$t = 0^+$:

$$-2u_1(o^+) + 3u_2(o^+) = -2u_1(o^-) + 3u_2(o^-)$$

$$u_1(o^+) + u_2(o^+) = 15$$

$$u_2(o^+) = \frac{2}{2+1} \times 15 = 6V$$

$t > 0$ $u_2(\infty) = \frac{1}{2+1} \times 15 = 5V$ $C = 3 + 2 = 5F$

$$R = \frac{2 \times 1}{2+1} = \frac{2}{3} \Omega \quad \tau = RC = \frac{10}{3} s$$

$$u_2(t) = u_2(\infty) + [u_2(0^+) - u_2(\infty)]e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = 5 + e^{-\frac{3t}{10}} V \quad t > 0$$

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Magnetism Chain Conversion

Example

$t < 0$ $i_1(0^-) = \frac{U_s}{R_1}$ $i_2(0^-) = 0$

$t = 0$

$$i_1 R_1 + L_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} + i_2 R_2 + L_2 \frac{di_2}{dt} = U_s$$

$$\int_0^{0^+} [i_1 R_1 + L_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} + i_2 R_2 + L_2 \frac{di_2}{dt}] dt = \int_0^{0^+} U_s dt$$

If and i_1 and i_2 are limited

$$L_1 i_1(o^+) - L_1 i_1(o^-) + L_2 i_2(o^+) - L_2 i_2(o^-) = 0$$

$$L_1 i_1(o^+) + L_2 i_2(o^+) = L_1 i_1(o^-) + L_2 i_2(o^-) \quad i_1(o^+) = i_2(o^+)$$

so $i_1(o^+) = i_2(o^+) = \frac{L_1}{L_1 + L_2} \frac{U_s}{R_1}$

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Magnetism Chain Conversion

$$\sum_{k=1} L_k i_k(o^+) = \sum_{k=1} L_k i_k(o^-)$$

or

$$\sum_{k=1} \psi_k(o^+) = \sum_{k=1} \psi_k(o^-)$$

To determine $i_L(0^-)$:

If u_L is limited?

- a. inductor-only cutset
- b. Cutset with only inductors and current sources.
- c. Impulse sources

no: Magnetism Chain Conversion
yes: switching law

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Example. Find $u_c(o^+)$, $i_1(o^+)$ and $i_2(o^+)$.

Solution:

$$i_1(0^-) = 0 \quad i_2(0^-) = 3A$$

$$u_c(0^-) = 18V$$

so $u_c(o^+) = u_c(0^-) = 18V$

Apply Magnetism Chain Conversion

$$L_1 i_1(o^+) + L_2 i_2(o^+) = L_1 i_1(o^-) + L_2 i_2(o^-)$$

and $i_1(o^+) - i_2(o^+) + 3 = 0 \quad i_1(o^+) = 0, i_2(o^+) = 3A$

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4. Singularity Circuit

$$C_1 = 1F, C_2 = 2F, u_1(0^-) = 0V, u_2(0^-) = 2V$$

$$q_1(0^-) = C_1 u_1(0^-) = 0, q_2(0^-) = C_2 u_2(0^-) = 4C$$

$$w_{C1}(0^-) = \frac{1}{2} C_1 u_1^2(0^-) = 0,$$

$$w_{C2}(0^-) = \frac{1}{2} C_2 u_2^2(0^-) = 4J,$$

$$w_{C1}(0^-) + w_{C2}(0^-) = 4J$$

$$\int_0^{0^+} i dt = \int_0^{0^+} C_1 \frac{du_{C1}}{dt} dt = - \int_0^{0^+} C_2 \frac{du_{C2}}{dt} dt$$

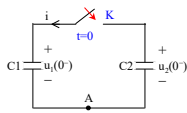
$$C_1 [u_1(0^+) - u_1(0^-)] = -C_2 [u_2(0^+) - u_2(0^-)]$$

$$C_1 u_1(0^+) + C_2 u_2(0^+) = C_1 u_1(0^-) + C_2 u_2(0^-)$$

$$q_1(0^+) + q_2(0^+) = q_1(0^-) + q_2(0^-)$$

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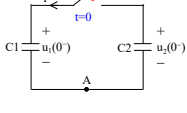
$u_1(0^+) = u_2(0^+) = u(0^+), C_1 u_1(0^+) + C_2 u_2(0^+) = (C_1 + C_2) u(0^+) = 4C$
 $\Rightarrow u(0^+) = \frac{4}{C_1 + C_2} = \frac{4}{3} V$
 $q_1(0^+) = C_1 u(0^+) = \frac{4}{3} C,$
 $q_2(0^+) = C_2 u(0^+) = \frac{8}{3} C$
 $w_{C1}(0^+) = \frac{1}{2} C_1 u^2(0^+) = \frac{8}{9} J, w_{C2}(0^+) = \frac{1}{2} C_2 u^2(0^+) = \frac{16}{9} J,$
 $w_{C1}(0^+) + w_{C2}(0^+) = \frac{8}{3} J$
 $\Delta w = (4 - \frac{8}{3}) J = \frac{4}{3} J$



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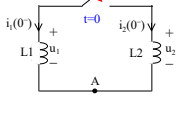
$u_1 = \frac{4}{3} \cdot 1(t) V, u_2 = 2 \cdot 1(-t) + \frac{4}{3} \cdot 1(t) V$
 $i_1 = C_1 \frac{du_1}{dt} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{d}{dt} [1(t)] = \frac{4}{3} \delta(t) A$
 $i_2 = C_2 \frac{du_2}{dt} = -4 \delta(t) + \frac{8}{3} \delta(t) = -\frac{4}{3} \delta(t) A$

➤ 纯电容回路：当开关K闭合后形成一个由电压源、电容组成的回路。
 ➤ 电荷守恒



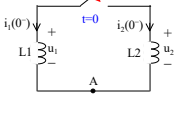
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$L_1 = 1H, L_2 = 2H, i_1(0^-) = 0A, i_2(0^-) = 2A$
 $\psi_1(0^-) = L_1 i_1(0^-) = 0, \psi_2(0^-) = L_2 i_2(0^-) = 4Wb$
 $w_{L1}(0^-) = \frac{1}{2} L_1 i_1^2(0^-) = 0, w_{L2}(0^-) = \frac{1}{2} L_2 i_2^2(0^-) = 4J$
 $w_{L1}(0^-) + w_{L2}(0^-) = 4J$
 $L_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} = L_2 \frac{di_2}{dt} = (-L_2 \frac{di_1}{dt}) \quad \int_0^{0^+} L_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} = \int_0^{0^+} L_2 \frac{di_2}{dt}$
 $\Rightarrow L_1 i_1(0^+) - L_1 i_1(0^-) = L_2 i_2(0^+) - L_2 i_2(0^-)$
 $\psi_1(0^+) - \psi_2(0^+) = \psi_1(0^-) - \psi_2(0^-)$



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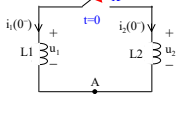
$L_1 i_1(0^+) - L_2 i_2(0^+) = L_1 i_1(0^-) - L_2 i_2(0^-) = -4$
 $\Rightarrow i_1(0^+) = \frac{-4}{L_1 + L_2} = -\frac{4}{3} A$
 $i_2(0^+) = \frac{4}{3} A$
 $\psi_1(0^+) = -\frac{4}{3} Wb, \psi_2(0^+) = \frac{8}{3} Wb$
 $w_{L1}(0^+) = \frac{1}{2} L_1 i_1^2(0^+) = \frac{8}{9} J, w_{L2}(0^+) = \frac{1}{2} L_2 i_2^2(0^+) = \frac{16}{9} J$
 $\Delta w = \frac{4}{3} J$



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$i_1 = -\frac{4}{3} \cdot 1(t) A, i_2 = 2 \cdot 1(-t) + \frac{4}{3} \cdot 1(t) A$
 $u_1 = L_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{d}{dt} [1(t)] = -\frac{4}{3} \delta(t) V$
 $u_2 = L_2 \frac{di_2}{dt} = -4 \delta(t) + \frac{8}{3} \delta(t) = -\frac{4}{3} \delta(t) V$

➤ 当K闭合后形成一个由电流源、电感支路组成的节点
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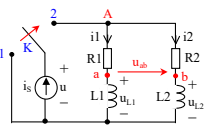


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例： $L_1 = 1H, L_2 = 2H, R_1 = R_2 = 1\Omega, i_s = 1A, t=0$ 开关K从1→2，
 计算 $t \geq 0$ 后的零状态响应 i_1, i_2 ；并分析换路前后的能量变化。

解：

K从1→2： $\tau = \frac{L_1 + L_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{3}{2} s$
 $i_1(\infty) = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} i_s = 0.5A, i_2(\infty) = 0.5A$
 $\psi_1(0^+) - \psi_2(0^+) = \psi(0^-) = 0$
 $L_1 i_1(0^+) - L_2 i_2(0^+) = 0, \Rightarrow i_1(0^+) - 2i_2(0^+) = 0$
 $i_1(0^+) + i_2(0^+) = i_s = 1 \Rightarrow i_1(0^+) = \frac{2}{3} A, i_2(0^+) = \frac{1}{3} A$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 i_1 &= \left\{ i_{1p} + \left[i_1(0^+) - i_{1p}(0^+) e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right] \right\} \cdot 1(t) = \left(0.5 + \frac{1}{6} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right) \cdot 1(t) \quad A \quad t \geq 0 \\
 i_2 &= i_1 - i_1 = 0.5 - \frac{1}{6} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \quad A \quad t \geq 0 \\
 w_{L1}(0^+) &= \frac{1}{2} L_1 i_1^2(0^+) = \frac{2}{9} J, \quad w_{L2}(0^+) = \frac{1}{2} L_2 i_2^2(0^+) = \frac{1}{9} J \\
 w_{R1}(0^+, 0^+) &= \int_0^{0^+} R_1 i_1^2 dt = 0, \quad w_{R2}(0^+, 0^+) = \int_0^{0^+} R_2 i_2^2 dt = 0 \\
 u &= R i_1 + L_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} = \left(0.5 + \frac{1}{6} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right) \cdot 1(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \left[\left(0.5 + \frac{1}{6} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right) \cdot 1(t) \right] \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \delta(t) + \left[0.5 + \frac{1}{18} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right] \cdot 1(t) \quad V \\
 w_s(0^-, 0^+) &= \int_0^{0^+} u i_s dt = \int_0^{0^+} \left[\frac{2}{3} \delta(t) + 0.5 \cdot 1(t) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{9} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right) \right] \cdot 1 \cdot dt = \frac{2}{3} J \\
 w_s(0^-, 0^+) &= \left[w_{L1}(0^+) + w_{L2}(0^+) + w_{R1}(0^+, 0^+) + w_{R2}(0^-, 0^+) \right] = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{9} \right) = \frac{1}{3} J
 \end{aligned}$$

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Impulse Response

Unit impulse response $h(t)$: the zero-state response with the unit impulse function excitation.

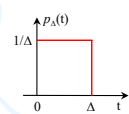
Method a:

$$1(t) \rightarrow s(t); \quad \delta(t) \rightarrow h(t)$$

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} p_{\Delta}(t), \quad p_{\Delta}(t) = \frac{1}{\Delta} [1(t) - 1(t - \Delta)]$$

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta} [1(t) - 1(t - \Delta)]$$

$$\Rightarrow h(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta} [s(t) - s(t - \Delta)]$$

$$h(t) = \frac{ds(t)}{dt}$$


例：求单位冲激响应 u_c 与 i_c 。

解：

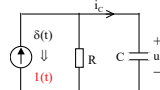
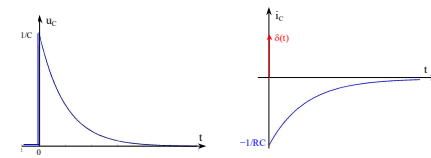
$$u_c = s(t) = R(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) \cdot 1(t)$$

$$u_{cp} = u_c(\infty) = R \cdot 1(t), \quad \tau = RC$$

$$u_c = h(t) = \frac{ds(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} [R(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) \cdot 1(t)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{C} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \cdot 1(t) + (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) R \delta(t) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{C} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \cdot 1(t)$$

$$i_c = h(t) = C \frac{du_c(t)}{dt} = C \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1}{C} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \cdot 1(t) \right] = -\frac{1}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} + e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \delta(t) \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= \delta(t) - \frac{1}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \cdot 1(t)$$



$R = 1\Omega, C = 1F, i_s = \delta(t)A$

$$u_c(0^+) = 1V, \quad q(0^+) = Cu_c(0^+) = 1C, \quad w_c(0^+) = \frac{1}{2} Cu_c^2(0^+) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 1^2 = 0.5J$$

➤ $\delta(t) \Rightarrow u_c(0^+), i_c(0^+)$

Method b:

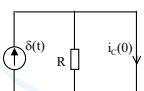
u_c and i_c : $y = y(0^+) e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} 1(t)$

L: open circuit; C: short circuit

$$i_L(0^+) = i_L(0^-) + \frac{1}{L} \int_0^{0^+} u_L(0) dt, \quad u_C(0^+) = u_C(0^-) + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^{0^+} i_C(0) dt$$

$$u_c(0^+) = u_c(0^-) + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^{0^+} i_c(0^-) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{C} \int_0^{0^+} \delta(t) dt = \frac{1}{C}$$

$$u_c = \frac{1}{C} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \cdot 1(t)$$


Method c:

$$u_c = h(t) = u_{cp} + A e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

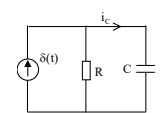
$$u_{cp} = a \delta(t), \quad \tau = RC$$

$$u_c = a \delta(t) + A e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cdot 1(t)$$

$$C \frac{du_c}{dt} + \frac{1}{R} u_c = \delta(t)$$

$$C \frac{d}{dt} [a \delta(t) + A e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cdot 1(t)] + \frac{1}{R} [a \delta(t) + A e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cdot 1(t)] = \delta(t)$$

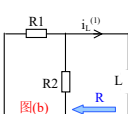
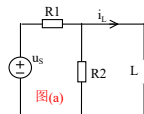
$$C [a \delta'(t) + A \delta(t) - \frac{A}{\tau} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cdot 1(t)] + \frac{1}{R} [a \delta(t) + A e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cdot 1(t)] = \delta(t)$$

$$Ca = 0, \quad CA + \frac{a}{R} = 1 \Rightarrow a = 0, \quad A = \frac{1}{C} \quad \therefore u_c = \frac{1}{C} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \cdot 1(t)$$


$\delta(t) \rightarrow h(t)$, $k\delta(t) \rightarrow kh(t)$, $k\delta(t-t_0) \rightarrow kh(t-t_0)$
 The complete response = zero-input response $y(0^-)e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$ + zero-state response $kh(t)$

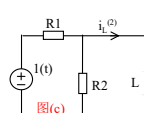
例: $R_1=1\Omega$, $R_2=2\Omega$, $L=3H$, $i_L(0^-)=1A$, $u_s=2\delta(t-2)V$, 求冲激响应 i_L

解:

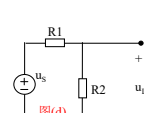
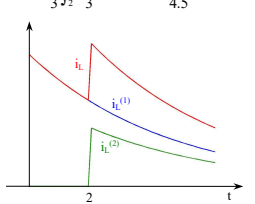
$\tau = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{L}{R_1 \parallel R_2} = 4.5s$ $i_L^{(1)}(0^+) = i_L(0^-) = 1A$ $\therefore i_L^{(1)} = e^{-\frac{t}{4.5}} A$

设 $u_s=1(t)V$, 图(c)



$i_L^{(2)} = \frac{u_s}{R_1} = 1 A$
 $s(t) = i_L^{(2)} = (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{4.5}}) \cdot 1(t) A$
 $\therefore i_L^{(2)} = h(t) = \frac{ds(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}[(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{4.5}}) \cdot 1(t)] = \frac{1}{4.5} e^{-\frac{t}{4.5}} \cdot 1(t) A$
 $u_s = 2\delta(t-2) \rightarrow i_L^{(2)} = 2h(t-2) = \frac{2}{4.5} e^{-\frac{t-2}{4.5}} \cdot 1(t-2) A$
 $i_L = i_L^{(1)} + i_L^{(2)} = e^{-\frac{t}{4.5}} + \frac{2}{4.5} e^{-\frac{t-2}{4.5}} \cdot 1(t-2) A \quad t \geq 0$

$i_L(0^-) = 1A \rightarrow i_L^{(1)} = e^{-\frac{t}{4.5}} A \quad t \geq 0$
 $u_s = 2\delta(t-2) V$: 图(d)
 $u_L(2) = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} u_s = \frac{4}{3} \delta(t-2) V$
 $i_L(2^+) = i_L(2^-) + \frac{1}{L} \int_{2^-}^{2^+} u_L(2) dt = 0 + \frac{1}{3} \int_{2^-}^{2^+} \frac{4}{3} \delta(t-2) dt = \frac{2}{4.5} A$
 $i_L^{(2)} = \frac{2}{4.5} e^{-\frac{t-2}{4.5}} \cdot 1(t-2) A$

Summary and Review

- The response of a circuit having sources suddenly switched in or out of a circuit containing capacitors and inductors will always be composed of two parts: **a natural response** and **a forced response**.
- The form of the natural response (also referred to as the transient response) depends only on the component values and the way they are wired together.

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- The form of forced response mirrors the form of the forcing function. Therefore, a dc forcing function always leads to a constant forced response.
- A circuit reduced to a single equivalent inductance L and a single equivalent resistance R will have a natural response given by $i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$, where $\tau = L/R$ is the circuit time constant.

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- A circuit reduced to a single equivalent capacitance C and a single equivalent resistance R will have a natural response given by $v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau}$, where $\tau = RC$ is the circuit time constant.
- The unit-step function is a useful way to model the closing or opening of a switch, provided we are careful to keep an eye on the initial conditions.
- The complete response of an RL or RC circuit excited by a dc source will have the form $y(0^+) = y(\infty) + A$ and $y(t) = y(\infty) + [y(0^+) - y(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}$, or **total response = final value + (initial value - final value) $e^{-t/\tau}$**

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