

Second-order Differential Equations:

* generally circuits with two energy storage devices
(e.g. both a capacitor and an inductor)

Refresher (Math 33B)

$$\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + a_2 x(t) = \underbrace{f(t)}_{\text{forcing function (excitation or stimulus)}}$$

we often use:

$$\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} + 2\xi\omega_0 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x(t) = f(t)$$

note: same equation as above

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 2\xi\omega_0 & \text{OR} & & \omega_0 &= \sqrt{a_2} \\ a_2 &= \omega_0^2 & & & \xi &= \frac{a_1}{2\sqrt{a_2}} \end{aligned}$$

ω_0 = "resonant frequency"
 ξ = "damping factor"

Homogenized Equation:

($f(t)=0$)

$$\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} + 2\xi\omega_0 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x(t) = 0$$

• Characteristic Equation:

↳ obtained assuming $\underline{x = e^{st}}$ is a solution

$$s^2 e^{st} + 2\xi\omega_0 s e^{st} + \omega_0^2 e^{st} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_0 s + \omega_0^2 = 0}$$

Quadratic eq. w/ 2 roots, s_1, s_2 :

$$s_1, s_2 = \frac{-2\xi\omega_0 \pm \sqrt{4\xi^2\omega_0^2 - 4\omega_0^2}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{s_1, s_2 = [-\xi \pm \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}] \omega_0} \quad \star$$

↳ solution depends on value of ξ

• Case #1 : Over-damped ($|\zeta| > 1$)

↳ roots (s_1, s_2) are real and distinct

general solution :
$$X_g(t) = K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

K_1, K_2 are integration constants, to be determined using boundary coefficients

• Case #2 : critically-damped ($|\zeta| = 1$)

↳ roots are real but equal

$$s_1, s_2 = [-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}] \cdot \omega_0 = -\underline{\underline{\zeta \omega_0}} \quad (s_1 = s_2)$$

$$X_g(t) = K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 t e^{s_1 t}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_g(t) = K_1 e^{-\zeta \omega_0 t} + K_2 t e^{-\zeta \omega_0 t}$$

If you are curious why the 2nd solution is of the form $t e^{s_1 t}$, you can review this resource on "repeated roots":

<https://www2.kenyon.edu/Depts/Math/Paguri/RepeatedRoots.pdf>

• Case #3 : under-damped ($|\zeta| < 1$)

$\Rightarrow \zeta^2 - 1 < 0 \Rightarrow$ implies roots are complex conjugates

$$\Rightarrow s_1, s_2 = [-\zeta \pm j\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}] \omega_0$$

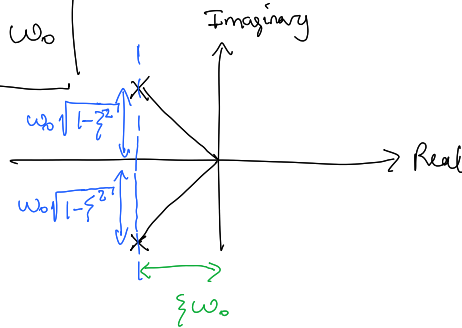
Alternatively, we can write the roots as:

$$s_1, s_2 = -\sigma \pm j\omega_n$$

where:

$$\sigma = \zeta \omega_0$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{1-\zeta^2} \omega_0 \quad (\omega_n \text{ : known as the "natural frequency"})$$



general solution:

$$X_g(t) = K_1 e^{(-\sigma + j\omega_n)t} + K_2 e^{(-\sigma - j\omega_n)t}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_g(t) = K_1 e^{-\sigma t} \cos(\omega_n t) + K_2 e^{-\sigma t} \sin(\omega_n t)$$

or...

$$x_g(t) = 2K e^{-\sigma t} \cos(\omega_n t + \phi)$$

K, ϕ are integration constants

* For all 3 cases (except $\xi \leq 0$), the general solution decays and vanishes to 0 as $t \rightarrow \infty$

(e.g. $X_g(t \rightarrow \infty) \sim e^{-i\omega_0 t} \rightarrow 0$)

Aside: If $\zeta < 0$:

unstable $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_g(t \rightarrow \infty) \sim e^{-\xi \omega_0 t} \rightarrow \infty \quad (\text{since } \xi < 0) \end{array} \right.$

(OR, $\xi = 0$)

marginally stable $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{OR, } \xi = 0 \\ x_g(t) \sim e^{-\xi \omega_n t} \cos(\omega_n t + \phi) \sim \cos(\omega_n t + \phi) \\ \hookrightarrow \text{implies: oscillating behavior} \end{array} \right.$

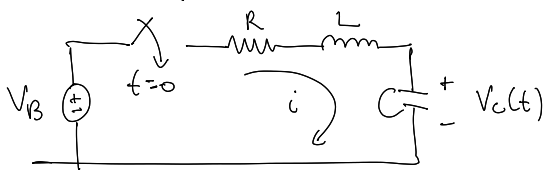
↳ implies: oscillating behavior

* we call these two scenarios :

i) $\xi < 0$: unstable

2) $\xi = 0$: marginally stable

Example #1: RLC



initial conditions provided:

(1) $V_c(0^+)$: voltage across the capacitor at $t=0$

(2) $i_L(0^+)$: current through the inductor @ $t=0$

KVL ($t \geq 0$): $V_L(t)$

$$V_B = i(t)R + L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + V_C(t)$$

note: $i(t) = C \frac{dV_C(t)}{dt}$

$$\Rightarrow V_B = RC \frac{dV_C(t)}{dt} + LC \frac{d^2 V_C(t)}{dt^2} + V_C(t)$$

$\alpha_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 V_C(t)}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{R}{L}\right) \frac{dV_C(t)}{dt} + \left(\frac{1}{LC}\right) V_C(t) = \frac{V_B}{LC}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 2\zeta\omega_0 = \frac{R}{L}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}}$$

$$\boxed{\zeta = \frac{R/L}{2\omega_0} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{\sqrt{L/C}}}$$

Example 1A: ($V_B = 10V$, $L = 1H$, $C = 0.25F$, $R = 5\Omega$)

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1H \times 0.25F}} = 2 \text{ radians/s}$$

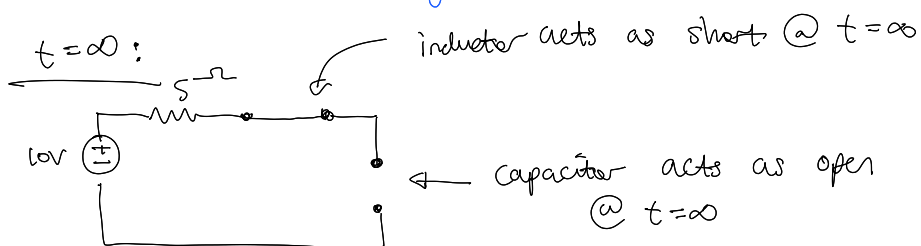
$$\zeta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{\sqrt{L/C}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{5\Omega}{\sqrt{\frac{1H}{0.25F}}} = \frac{5}{4} > 1$$

\Rightarrow overdamped (case #1) $\zeta > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} s_1, s_2 &= \left[-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right] \omega_0 = \left[-\frac{5}{4} \pm \sqrt{\frac{25}{16} - 1} \right] 2 \\ &= \left[-\frac{5}{4} \pm \frac{3}{4} \right] \times 2 = \underline{\underline{-1, -4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_C(t) = \underbrace{K_1 e^{-t} + K_2 e^{-4t}}_{\text{general solution}} + \underbrace{K_3}_{\text{particular solution}}$$

*to solve for particular solution:
look at DC steady-state



$$\Rightarrow V_C(t \rightarrow \infty) = 10V$$

$$V_C(t \rightarrow \infty) \cong K_1 e^{-\infty} + K_2 e^{-\infty} + K_3 = 10V$$

$$\hookrightarrow K_3 = 10V$$

• To find K_1, K_2 we use boundary conditions:

$$(1) \quad V_C(0^+) = K_1 + K_2 + \underbrace{K_3}_{10V}$$

$$\Rightarrow K_1 + K_2 + 10V = \underbrace{V_C(0^+)}_{\text{initial condition:}}$$

initial condition:

initial voltage on the capacitor

(eg- could be 0)

$$(2) \quad i_L(0^+) = C \left. \frac{dV_C(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{dV_C(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = \frac{i_L(0^+)}{C} \leftarrow$$

initial condition:

initial current in the inductor

(eg- could be 0)

Solution: $V_C(t) = K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 e^{s_2 t} + 10V$

Differentiate: $\frac{dV_C(t)}{dt} = K_1 s_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 s_2 e^{s_2 t}$

given $\left. \frac{dV_C(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \frac{i_L(0^+)}{C}$

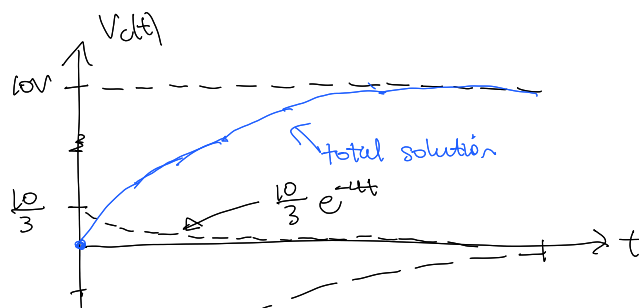
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{K_1 s_1 + K_2 s_2 = \frac{i_L(0^+)}{C}}$$

Suppose: $i_L(0^+) = 0A$ & $V_C(0^+) = 0V$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (1) \quad K_1 + K_2 + 10V = 0 \\ (2) \quad -K_1 - 4K_2 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \boxed{K_2 = \frac{10}{3}, \quad K_1 = \frac{-40}{3}}$$

Solution:

$$\boxed{V_C(t) = \frac{-40}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{10}{3} e^{-4t} + 10V}$$



$$-\frac{40}{3} e^{-4t}$$

Example #1B : what if $R=4\Omega$, $L=1H$, $C=0.25F$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1H \cdot 0.25F}} = 2 \underline{\text{rad/s}}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{\sqrt{L/C}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{4\Omega}{\sqrt{\frac{1H}{0.25F}}} = \underline{1} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{critically} \\ \text{damped} \end{array} \star$$

(case #2)

$$s_2 = s_1 = -\zeta \omega_0 = -(1)(2 \text{ rad/s}) = -2$$

$$V_C(t) = K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 t e^{s_1 t} + K_3$$

$$V_C(t) = K_1 e^{-2t} + K_2 t e^{-2t} + K_3$$

• final conditions:

$$V_C(\infty) = 10V \quad (\text{as shown in Example 1A})$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{implies } \underline{K_3 = 10V}$$

• initial conditions:

$$\text{let's assume: } V_C(0^+) = 0V, \quad i_L(0^+) = 0A$$

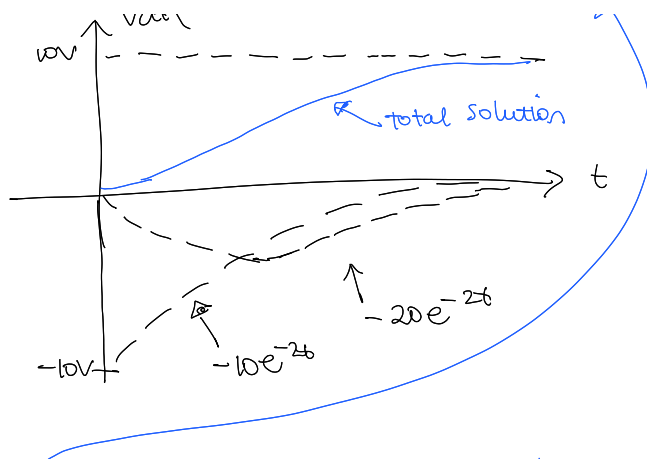
$$(1) V_C(0^+) = K_1 + 0 + 10V = 0 \quad \nearrow \frac{d}{dt}(10V) = 0$$

$$(2) \frac{dV_C(t)}{dt} = s_1 K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 (e^{s_1 t} + s_1 t e^{s_1 t}) + 0$$

$$\left. \frac{dV_C(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = s_1 K_1 + K_2 (1) + 10V = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (1) K_1 + 0 + 10V = 0 \\ (2) -2K_1 + K_2 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} K_1 = -10 \\ K_2 = -20 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_C(t) = -10e^{-2t} - 20te^{-2t} + 10V} \star$$



you can double-check your solution using wolfram alpha:

$$\frac{d^2 V_c}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dV_c}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} V_c(t) = \frac{V_B}{LC}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 V_c}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dV_c}{dt} + 4 V_c(t) = \frac{10}{0.25} = 40$$

wolframalpha.com:

search: $V'' + 4V' + 4V = 40$ and $V(0) = 0$ and $V'(0) = 0$

↳ solution: $V(x) = 10e^{-2x}(-2x + e^{2x} - 1)$

(note $t = x$)

same as derived solution ✓

Example 1C: ($R = 3\Omega$, $L = 1H$, $C = 0.25\mu$)

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = 2 \underline{\underline{\text{rad/s}}}$$

$$\xi = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{1/0.25}} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\text{underdamped}}} \quad (\xi < 1)$$

$$s_1, s_2 = \left[-\xi + j\sqrt{1-\xi^2} \right] \omega_0 = -\frac{3}{2} \pm j \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \quad \sigma = \frac{3}{2}$$

ω_n

$$V_c(t) = K_1 e^{-\sigma t} \cos(\omega_n t) + K_2 e^{-\sigma t} \sin(\omega_n t) + K_3$$

final condition:

$$V_c(\infty) = 10V \quad (\text{same as in Examples 1A \& 1B})$$

initial conditions:

$$V_C(0^+) = 0$$

$$\dot{V}_C(0^+) = 0 \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dV_C}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$(1) K_1 \cos(0) + K_2 \sin(0) + K_3 = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow K_1 + K_3 = 0 \quad (K_3 = 10)$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{K_1 = -10 \text{ V}}$$

$$(2) \frac{dV_C}{dt} = \left[K_1 (-\sigma) e^{-\sigma t} \cos(\omega_n t) + K_1 e^{-\sigma t} (-\omega_n \sin(\omega_n t)) \right] + \left[K_2 (-\sigma) e^{-\sigma t} \sin(\omega_n t) + K_2 e^{-\sigma t} (\omega_n \cos(\omega_n t)) \right] + \cancel{\frac{d}{dt} K_3}$$

$$\left. \frac{dV_C}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = [-\sigma K_1] + [\omega_n K_2] = 0$$

$$\sigma = \frac{3}{2} \quad \omega_n = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \quad K_1 = -10$$

$$\Rightarrow K_2 = \frac{\sigma K_1}{\omega_n} = \frac{-15}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}\right)} = \frac{-30}{\sqrt{7}}$$

Solution:

$$V_C(t) = -10 e^{-\frac{3}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}t\right) - \frac{30}{\sqrt{7}} e^{-\frac{3}{2}t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}t\right) + 10 \text{ V}$$

double-check using wolframalpha.com:

$$\frac{d^2 V_C}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dV_C}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} V_C(t) = \frac{V_B}{LC}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 V_C}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dV_C}{dt} + 4 V_C(t) = \frac{10}{0.25} = 40$$

wolframalpha.com:

Search: $V'' + 3V' + 4V = 40$ and $V(0) = 0$ and $V'(0) = 0$

Solution:

$$30 e^{-(3x)/2} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}x}{2}\right)$$

$$(\sqrt{7}x)$$

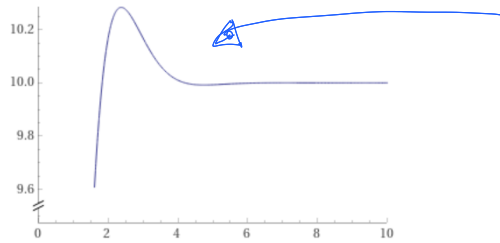
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$$v(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} - 10e^{-(3x)/2} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}x\right) + 10$$

✓

answer

(t=x)



underdamped case leads to
what we call:

"overshoot"