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EE1101: Circuits and Network Analysis

Lecture 02: Circuit Domain Essentials

Topics :

1. Voltage and Current
 2. Kirchhoff's Voltage and Current Laws for DC
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Design - Circuit Domain Prospective

for design

- build the system using Circuit Principles [instead of \vec{E} & \vec{B} ; use potential (V) & Current (i)]
- Relevant EM Analysis (EMI/EMC)

Requirements for Design

Knowledge base

Actual design

- understand the simplified models & their governing eqns.

build a rough sketch of the system that meets the requirements
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built using simplified models

2 terminal

elements (R, L, C)

3 terminal elements

(BJT, MOSFET, OPAMP)

- methods to analyze Networks built using simplified components

(Ex: Mesh Analysis, Node analysis,

Steady State & transient analysis)

check if the rough sketch meets the requirements

if Yes → EM Studies

NO → refine the sketch.

focus of this course.

Circuit Domain Essentials - Voltage

def from EM-domain :-

external work done in moving a unit positive charge from ∞ to a point p in the field.

$$V_p = - \int_{\infty}^p \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

a) which path to choose?

b) Would picking a different path result in different V ?

for DC scenarios: from Maxwell's Eqn: $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \frac{d\phi}{dt} \rightarrow 0$
(V) \rightarrow for DC voltage)

$$\Rightarrow \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$$

\vec{E} -field under DC is a conservative field. $\Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\nabla V$

V_p is uniquely def \Rightarrow eq $\textcircled{1}$ is path independent.

Potential difference:- b/w two points a & b .

$$V_{ab} = \text{external work done in moving a charge from } b \text{ to } a = - \int_b^a \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$V_{ab} = V_a - V_b$$

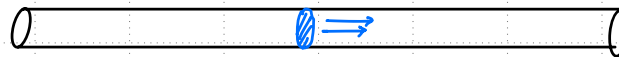
$V_{ab} > 0$: Ext work is needed to move a charge from b to a . (a is at a higher potential)

Circuit Domain Essentials - Current

def from EM-domain: precise definition requires understanding of Current density

- line current density
- Surface current density
- Volume current density (J)

from Vol current density $I = \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}$

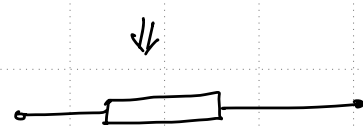


from high school physics: $I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$ charge flow along the cross section
is a Chosen direction per unit time

Assumption:- Current through an element / conductor is uniform throughout.

Circuit Domain Essentials - Reference Directions and Polarity

Generic rep of a two terminal element



basic building block of a n/w.

ends of a two terminal elem → Node

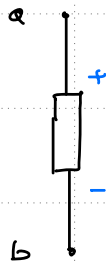
← when part of a n/w

(lower case alphabets (no's are used to denote nodes)

" " → branch.

Polarity:-

V_{ab} : ref to ext work done
in moving from b to a.



another way to refer to vol across an elem.

a) def a polarity (def +/ -)

b) define the value of V (work done in

moving from terminal marked - to

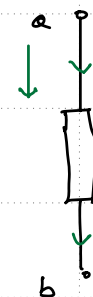
terminal marked +)

for the chosen polarity

if $V > 0 \Rightarrow V_a > V_b$.

$V < 0 \Rightarrow V_b > V_a$.

Ref for Current:-



I_{ab} : direction Chosen
to measure charge
flow is from 'a' to 'b'

another way

a) indicate ref direction

b) define the value of I .