

LECTURE 12

> Steady State and Transient Response

✓ Steady State

- A circuit having constant sources is said to be in steady state if the currents and voltages do not change with time.
- A circuit having sinusoidal currents and voltages of constant amplitude and constant frequency are also considered to be in a steady state.

✓ Transient State

- A circuit is said to be in transient state if the currents and voltages change from one steady state to another steady state.
- The behaviour of the voltage or current of the circuit containing energy storage elements is changed from one state to another with change in excitation.
- The time taken for the circuit to change from one state to other state is called the transient time.
- The application of KVL and KCL to circuits containing energy storage elements results in differential, rather than algebraic equations.

> Steady State and Transient Response

✓ Transient State

- The response of the circuit containing storage elements depends upon the nature of the circuit and so, it is called the natural response.
- Storage elements deliver their energy to the resistances. Hence the response change with time, gets saturated after some time, and is referred to as the transient response.
- When sources acting on a circuit, the response depends on the nature of the source or sources. This response is called forced response.

✓ Complete Response

- The complete response of a circuit consists of two parts: the forced response and the transient response.
- The complete solution consists of two parts: the complementary function and the particular solution.
- The complementary function dies out after short interval, and is referred to as the transient response or source free response.
- The particular solution is the steady state response, or the forced response.

✓ DC RESPONSE OF AN R-L CIRCUIT

Consider a circuit consisting of a resistance and inductance as shown in **Fig. 5.1**.

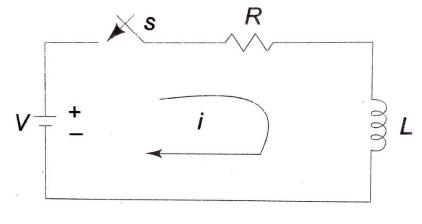


Fig. 5.1

The inductor in the circuit is initially uncharged and is in series with the resistor.

Now, the switch S is closed and the voltage V is applied to the circuit.

Apply Kirchhoff's Voltage Law to the circuit. We get the following differential equation.

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

or
$$\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i = \frac{V}{L}$$

Where, V is the constant applied voltage and the current i is to be found out.

✓ DC RESPONSE OF AN R-L CIRCUIT

The equation is a linear differential equation of first order. Now, compare it with the following non-homogeneous differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + Px = K$$

Whose solution is

$$x = e^{-pt} \int Ke^{+Pt} dt + ce^{-Pt}$$

where, c is an arbitrary constant.

Similarly, the current equation is

$$i = ce^{-(R/L)t} + e^{-(R/L)t} \int \frac{R}{L} e^{(R/L)t} dt$$

or,
$$i = ce^{-(R/L)t} + \frac{V}{R}$$

✓ DC RESPONSE OF AN R-L CIRCUIT

Determination of the value of c by using the initial conditions.

In the circuit as shown in **Fig. 5.1**, the switch S is closed at t = 0.

At $t = 0^-$, i.e. just before closing the switch S, the current in the inductor is zero.

Since the inductor does not allow sudden changes in currents, at $t = 0^+$ just after the switch is closed, the current remains zero.

Thus at

$$t=0, \qquad i=0$$

So,

$$0 = c + \frac{V}{R}$$

Hence

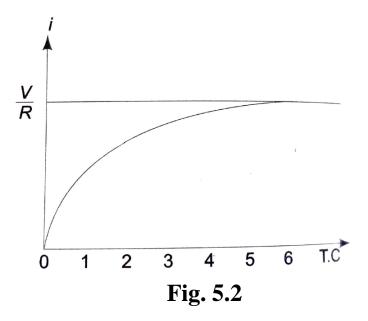
$$c = -\frac{V}{R}$$

✓ DC RESPONSE OF AN R-L CIRCUIT

:
$$i = \frac{V}{R} - \frac{V}{R}e^{-(R/L)t} = \frac{V}{R} [1 - e^{-(R/L)t}]$$

This equation consists of two parts, the steady state part V/R, and the transient part $(V/R)e^{-(R/L)t}$.

When switch S is closed, the response reaches a steady state value after a time interval as shown in **Fig. 5.2**



Here the transition period is defined as the time taken for the current to reach its final or steady state value from its initial value.

The quantity L/R is important in describing the curve since L/R is the time required for the current to reach from its initial value of zero to the final value V/R.

The time constant of a function $\frac{V}{R}e^{-(R/L)t}$ is the time at which the exponent of e is unity, where e is the base of the natural logarithms. The term L/R is called the time constant and is denoted by τ

✓ DC RESPONSE OF AN R-L CIRCUIT

: The transient part of the solution is

$$i = \frac{V}{R}e^{-(R/L)t} = \frac{V}{R}e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

At one TC, i.e. at one time constant, the transient term reaches 36.8 percent of its initial value.

$$i(\tau) = -\frac{V}{R}e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = -\frac{V}{R}e^{-1} = -0.368\frac{V}{R}$$

Similarly,

$$i(2\tau) = -\frac{V}{R}e^{-2} = -0.135\frac{V}{R}$$
$$i(3\tau) = -\frac{V}{R}e^{-3} = -0.0498\frac{V}{R}$$
$$i(5\tau) = -\frac{V}{R}e^{-5} = -0.0067\frac{V}{R}$$

After 5 TC, the transient part reaches more than 99 percent of its initial value.

✓ DC RESPONSE OF AN R-L CIRCUIT

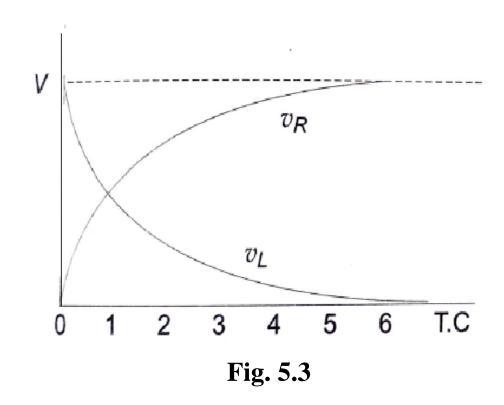
Voltage across the resistor is

$$v_R = Ri = R \times \frac{V}{R} [1 - e^{-(R/L)t}] = V[1 - e^{-(R/L)t}]$$

Similarly, the voltage across the inductance is

$$v_L = L \frac{di}{dt} = L \times \frac{V}{R} \times \frac{R}{L} e^{-(R/L)t} = V e^{-(R/L)t}$$

The response are shown in **Fig. 5.3**



✓ DC RESPONSE OF AN R-L CIRCUIT

Power in the resistor is

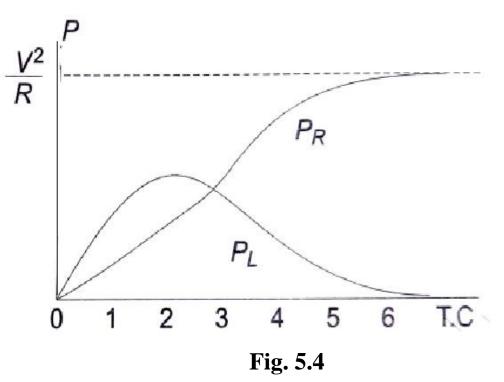
$$P_R = v_R i = V \left[1 - e^{-(R/L)t} \right] \times \frac{V}{R} \left[1 - e^{-(R/L)t} \right]$$
$$\therefore P_R = \frac{V^2}{R} \left[1 - 2e^{-(R/L)t} + e^{-(2R/L)t} \right]$$

Power in the inductor is

$$P_{L} = v_{L}i = Ve^{-(R/L)t} \times \frac{V}{R} [1 - e^{-(R/L)t}]$$

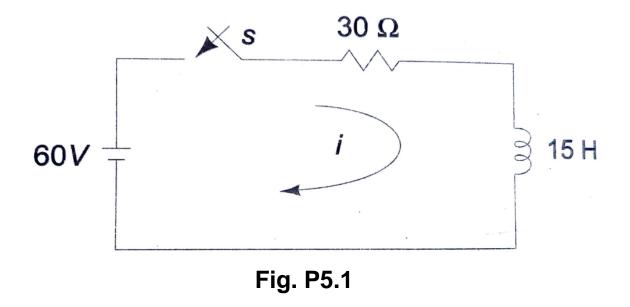
$$P_{L} = \frac{V^{2}}{R} [e^{-(R/L)t} - e^{-(2R/L)t}]$$

The responses are shown in Fig. 5.4



Example – P5.1

A series RL circuit with $R = 30 \Omega$ and L = 15 H has a constant voltage V = 60 volt applied at t = 0 as shown in **Fig. P5.1**. Determine the current



Solution of Example – P5.1

By applying Kirchhoff's voltage law, we get

$$15\frac{di}{dt} + 30i = 60$$

$$\therefore \frac{di}{dt} + 2i = 4$$

The general solution for a linear differential equation is

$$i = ce^{-Pt} + e^{-Pt} \int Ke^{Pt} dt$$

Where P = 2, K = 4

$$\therefore i = ce^{-2t} + e^{-2t} \int 4e^{2t} dt$$

$$: i = ce^{-2t} + 2$$

Solution of Example – P5.1

At t = 0, the switch S is closed.

Since the inductor never allows sudden changes in currents. At $t = 0^+$ the current in the circuit is zero.

Therefore at $t = 0^+$, i = 0

$$\therefore$$
 0 = c + 2

$$c = -2$$

Substituting the value of c in the current equation, we have

$$i = 2[1 - e^{-2t}] A$$

Voltage across resistor

$$v_R = Ri = 30 \times 2[1 - e^{-2t}] = 60[1 - e^{-2t}]$$

Voltage across inductor

$$v_L = L \frac{di}{dt} = 15 \times \frac{d}{dt} [2(1 - e^{-2t})] = 30 \times 2e^{-2t} = 60e^{-2t} V$$

> DC RESPONSE OF AN R-C CIRCUIT

Consider a circuit consisting of resistance and capacitance as shown in **Fig. 5.5**.

The capacitor in the circuit is initially uncharged and is in series with a resistor. The switch S is closed at t = 0 and the voltage V is applied to the circuit.

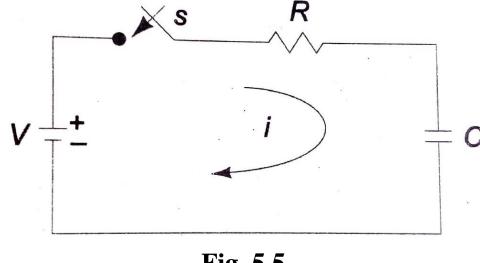


Fig. 5.5

Application of the Kirchhoff's voltage law to the circuit results in the following differential equation.

$$V = Ri + \frac{1}{C} \int i \, dt$$

By differentiating the above equation, we get

or,
$$R\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C}i = 0$$
or,
$$\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{RC}i = 0$$

> DC RESPONSE OF AN R-C CIRCUIT

The equation is a linear differential equation with only the complementary function. The particular solution for the equation is zero.

The solution for this type of differential equation is

$$i = ce^{-(1/RC)t}$$

Determination of the value of c by using the initial conditions.

In the circuit shown in **Fig. 5.5**, switch S is closed at t = 0.

Since the capacitor never allows sudden changes in voltage, it will act as a short circuit at $t = 0^+$.

So, the current in the circuit at $t = 0^+$ is V/R

At
$$t = 0$$
, the current $i = V/R$

$$\therefore \frac{V}{R} = c$$

So, the current equation becomes

$$i = \frac{V}{R}e^{-(1/RC)t}$$

When switch S is closed, the response decays with time as shown in **Fig. 5.6**.

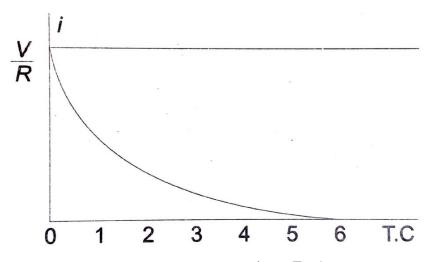


Fig. 5.6.

In the solution, the quantity RC is the time constant, and is denoted by τ , where $\tau = RC$ sec

After 5 TC, the curve reaches 99 per cent of its final value.

> DC RESPONSE OF AN R-C CIRCUIT

Voltage across the resistor

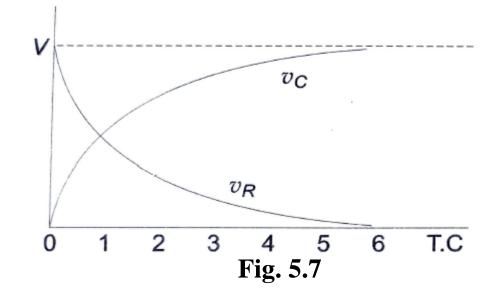
$$v_R = Ri = R \times \frac{V}{R} e^{-(1/RC)t} = V e^{-(1/RC)t}$$

Similarly, voltage across the capacitor

$$v_C = \frac{1}{C} \int i \, dt = \frac{1}{C} \int \frac{V}{R} e^{-(1/RC)t} \, dt$$
$$= -\left[\frac{V}{RC} \times RCe^{-(1/RC)t}\right] + c$$
$$= -Ve^{-(1/RC)t} + c$$

At t = 0, voltage across capacitor is zero $\therefore c = V$

$$c = V$$



$$v_c = V[1 - e^{-(1/RC)t}]$$

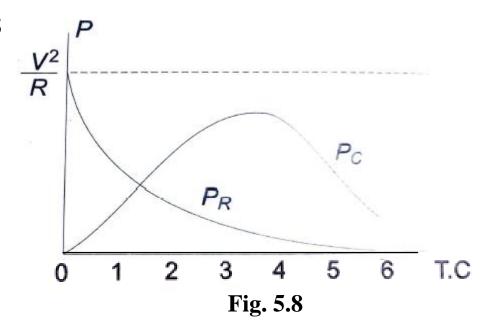
The voltage across each element is shown in **Fig. 5.7**

> DC RESPONSE OF AN R-C CIRCUIT

Power in the resistor
$$P_R = v_R i = V e^{-(1/RC)t} \times \frac{V}{R} e^{-(1/RC)t} = \frac{V^2}{R} e^{-(2/RC)t}$$

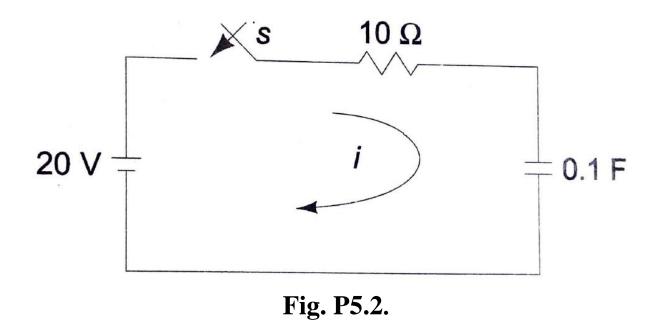
Power in the capacitor
$$P_C = v_C i = V \left[1 - e^{-(1/RC)t} \right] \times \frac{V}{R} e^{-(1/RC)t}$$
$$= \frac{V^2}{R} \left[e^{-(1/RC)t} - e^{-(2/RC)t} \right]$$

The responses are shown in Fig. 5.8



Example – P5.2

A series RC circuit consists of resistor of 10 Ω and capacitor of 0.1 F as shown in **Fig. P5.2.** A constant voltage of 20 V is applied to the circuit at t = 0. Obtain the current equation. Determine the voltage across the resistor and the capacitor.



Solution of Example – P5.2

By applying Kirchhoff's law, we get

$$10i + \frac{1}{0.1} \int idt = 20$$

Differentiating with respect to t we get

$$10\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{i}{0.1} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{di}{dt} + i = 0$$

The solution for the above equation is $i = ce^{-t}$

At t = 0, switch S is closed. Since the capacitor does not allow sudden changes in voltage, the current in the circuit is i = V/R = 20/10 = 2 A.

At
$$t = 0$$
, $i = 2 A$

 \therefore The current equation $i = 2e^{-t}$

Voltage across the resistor is $v_R = i \times R = 2e^{-t} \times 10 = 20e^{-t} V$

Voltage across the capacitor is $v_C = V[1 - e^{-(1/RC)t}] = 20[1 - e^{-t}]V$

> DC RESPONSE OF R-L-C CIRCUIT

Consider a circuit consisting of resistance, inductance and capacitance as shown in **Fig. 5.9**.

The capacitor and inductor are initially uncharged, and are in $\bigvee \bot \pm$ series with a resistor.

The switch S is closed at t = 0, and determine the complete solution for the current.

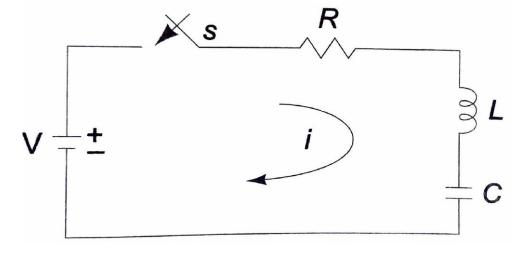


Fig. 5.9

Application of Kirchhoff's voltage law to the circuit results in the following differential equation.

$$V = Ri + L\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int idt$$

By differentiating the above equation, we have

$$0 = R\frac{di}{dt} + L\frac{d^{2}i}{dt^{2}} + \frac{1}{C}i$$
or,
$$\frac{d^{2}i}{dt^{2}} + \frac{R}{L}\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC}i = 0$$

> DC RESPONSE OF R-L-C CIRCUIT

The equation is a second order linear differential equation, with only complementary function. The particular solution for the equation is zero.

Characteristic equation for the above differential equation $\left(D^2 + \frac{R}{L}D + \frac{1}{LC}\right) = 0$

The roots of the equation are
$$D_1, D_2 = -\frac{R}{2L} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$$

By assuming

$$K_1 = -\frac{R}{2L}$$
 and $K_2 = \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$

$$D_1 = K_1 + K_2$$
 and $D_2 = K_1 - K_2$

Now, the current of R-L-C circuit for different cases are determined as follows:

> DC RESPONSE OF R-L-C CIRCUIT

Case 1: When R = 0

The roots are complex conjugate, thus the characteristic equation is written as

$$[D - jK_2][D + jK_2]i = 0$$

The solution for the equation is

$$i = c_1 e^{(jK_2)t} + c_2 e^{(-jK_2)t}$$

$$= c_1 e^{jK_2t} + c_2 e^{-jK_2t}$$

$$= c_1 (\cos K_2 t + j \sin K_2 t) + c_2 (\cos K_2 t - j \sin K_2 t)$$

$$= (c_1 + c_2) \cos K_2 t + j (c_1 - c_2) \sin K_2 t$$

$$= A \cos K_2 t + B \sin K_2 t \quad [\because A = c_1 + c_2, \quad B = c_1 - c_2]$$

$$= I_m \sin(K_2 t + \emptyset) \quad [\because I_m = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}, \quad \emptyset = \tan^{-1}(A/B)]$$

> DC RESPONSE OF R-L-C CIRCUIT

The current, i as shown in **Fig. 5.10** is **undamped** in nature.

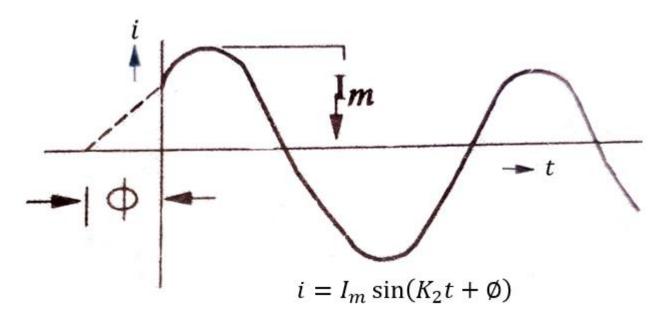


Fig. 5.10: Undamped Current Waveform

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

> DC RESPONSE OF R-L-C CIRCUIT

Case 2: when
$$\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 > \frac{1}{LC}$$

The roots are real and unequal. So, the characteristic equation is written as

$$[D - (K_1 + K_2)][D - (K_1 - K_2)]i = 0$$

The solution for the above equation is

$$i = c_1 e^{(K_1 + K_2)t} + c_2 e^{(K_1 - K_2)t}$$

$$= e^{K_1 t} (c_1 e^{K_2 t} + c_2 e^{-K_2 t})$$

$$= e^{K_1 t} [c_1 (\cosh K_2 t + \sinh K_2 t) + c_2 (\cosh K_2 t - \sinh K_2 t)]$$

$$= e^{K_1 t} [(c_1 + c_2) \cosh K_2 t + (c_1 - c_2) \sinh K_2 t]$$

$$= e^{K_1 t} [A \cosh K_2 t + B \sinh K_2 t] \quad [\because A = c_1 + c_2, B = c_1 - c_2]$$

> DC RESPONSE OF R-L-C CIRCUIT

The current, i as shown in **Fig. 5.11** is **overdamped** in nature.

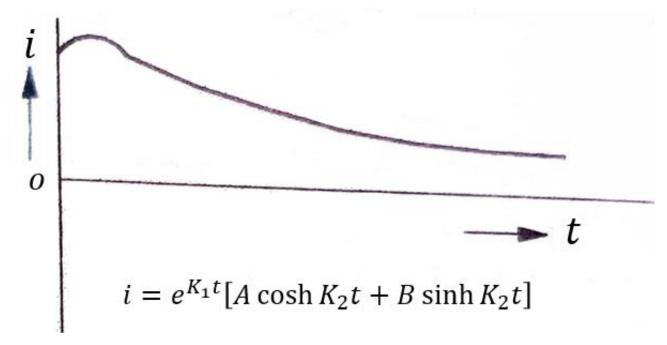


Fig. 5.11: Overdamped Current Waveform

> DC RESPONSE OF R-L-C CIRCUIT

Case 3: when
$$\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 < \frac{1}{LC}$$

The roots are complex conjugate, thus the characteristic equation is written as

$$[D - (K_1 + jK_2)][D - (K_1 - jK_2)]i = 0$$

The solution for the above equation is

$$i = c_1 e^{(K_1 + jK_2)t} + c_2 e^{(K_1 - jK_2)t}$$

$$= e^{K_1 t} \left(c_1 e^{jK_2 t} + c_2 e^{-jK_2 t} \right)$$

$$= e^{K_1 t} \left[c_1 (\cos K_2 t + j \sin K_2 t) + c_2 (\cos K_2 t - j \sin K_2 t) \right]$$

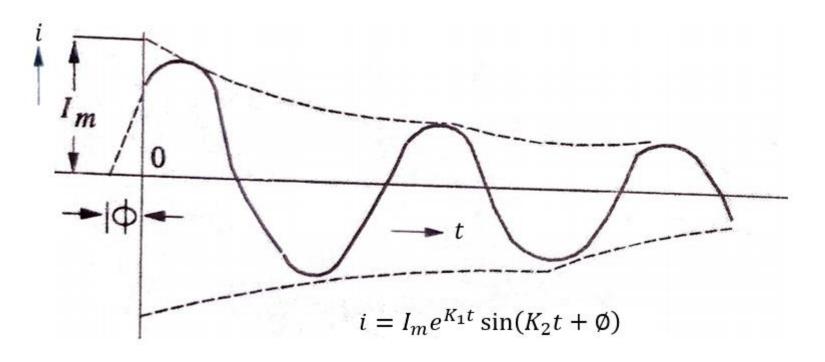
$$= e^{K_1 t} \left[(c_1 + c_2) \cos K_2 t + j (c_1 - c_2) \sin K_2 t \right]$$

$$= e^{K_1 t} \left[A \cos K_2 t + B \sin K_2 t \right] \quad \left[\because A = c_1 + c_2, \quad B = c_1 - c_2 \right]$$

$$i = I_m e^{K_1 t} \sin(K_2 t + \emptyset) \quad \left[\because I_m = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}, \quad \emptyset = \tan^{-1}(A/B) \right]$$
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> DC RESPONSE OF R-L-C CIRCUIT

The current, *i* as shown in **Fig. 5.12** is **underdamped** in nature.



$$\therefore f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$$

= Natural frequency of the circuit.

> DC RESPONSE OF R-L-C CIRCUIT

Case 4: when
$$\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$$

The roots are equal, and thus the characteristic equation is written as

$$(D - K_1)(D - K_1)i = 0$$

The solution for the equation is

$$i = e^{K_1 t} (c_1 + c_2 t)$$

The current, i as shown in **Fig. 5.13** is **critically damped** in nature.

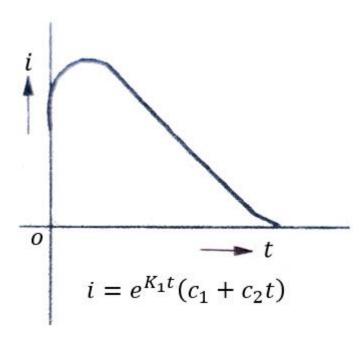


Fig. 5.13: Critically Damped Current Waveform

Example – P5.3

The circuit shown in **Fig. P5.3** consists of resistance, inductance and capacitance in series with a 100 V constant source when the switch is closed at t = 0. Find the current transient.

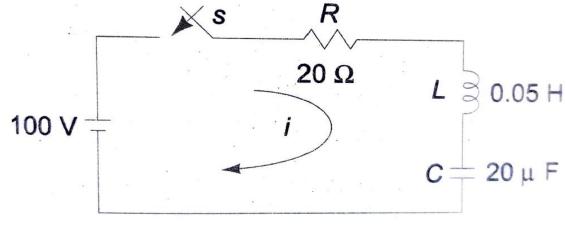


Fig. P5.3

Solution of Example – P5.3

At t = 0, switch S is closed when the 100 V source is applied to the circuit and results in the following differential equation.

$$100 = 20i + 0.05 \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{20 \times 10^{-6}} \int i \, dt$$

Differentiating, we get

$$0.05 \frac{d^{2}i}{dt^{2}} + 20 \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{20 \times 10^{-6}}i = 0$$

$$D_{1}, D_{2} = -\frac{400}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{400}{2}\right)^{2}} - 10^{6}$$

$$= -200 \pm \sqrt{(200)^{2} - 10^{6}}$$

$$D_{1} = -200 + j979.8$$

$$(D^{2} + 400D + 10^{6})i = 0$$

$$D_{2} = -200 - j979.8$$

Therefore the current

$$i = e^{+K_1 t} [c_1 \cos K_2 t + c_2 \sin K_2 t]$$

Solution of Example – P5.3

At t = 0, the current flowing through the circuit is zero

$$i = 0 = (1)[c_1 \cos 0 + c_2 \sin 0]$$
 $\therefore c_1 = 0$
 $\therefore i = e^{-200t}c_2 \sin 979.8t \ A$

Differentiating, we get $\frac{di}{dt} = c_2 [e^{-200t} 979.8 \cos 979.8t + e^{-200t} \sin 979.8t]$

At t = 0, the voltage across inductor is 100 V

$$\therefore L\frac{di}{dt} = 100 \qquad \text{or,} \qquad \frac{di}{dt} = 2000$$

At
$$t = 0$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} = 2000 = c_2 979.8 \cos 0$$

$$\therefore c_2 = \frac{2000}{979.8} = 2.04$$

The current equation is $i = e^{-200t}(2.04 \sin 979.8t)$ A

