Circuits and Transforms

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Abstract—This manual provides a simple introduction to Transforms

1 Definitions

1. The unit step function is

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t > 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & t = 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$
 (1.1)

2. The Laplace transform of g(t) is defined as

$$G(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t)e^{-st} dt$$
 (1.2)

2 Laplace Transform

1. In the circuit, the switch S is connected to position P for a long time so that the charge on the capacitor becomes $q_1 \mu C$. Then S is switched to position Q. After a long time, the charge on the capacitor is $q_2 \mu C$.

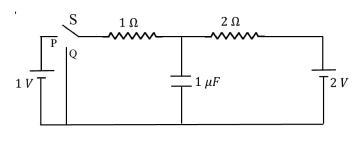


Fig. 2.1

2. Find q_1 .

Solution: The equivalent circuit at steady-state when the switch is at P is shown alongside. Assuming the circuit to be grounded at G and the relative potential at point X to be V, we use KCL at X and get

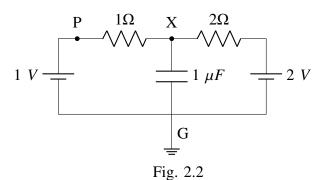
$$\frac{V-1}{1} + \frac{V-2}{2} = 0 \tag{2.1}$$

$$\implies V = \frac{4}{3} V \tag{2.2}$$

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Hence,

$$q_1 = CV = \frac{4}{3} \mu C$$
 (2.3)



3. Show that the Laplace transform of u(t) is $\frac{1}{s}$ and find the ROC.

Solution: We have,

$$u(t) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\longleftrightarrow} \int_0^\infty u(t)e^{-st}dt \tag{2.4}$$

$$= \int_0^0 \frac{1}{2} e^{-st} dt + \int_0^\infty e^{-st} dt$$
 (2.5)

$$=\frac{1}{s}, \quad \Re(s) > 0 \tag{2.6}$$

4. Show that

$$e^{-at}u(t) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{1}{s+a}, \quad a > 0$$
 (2.7)

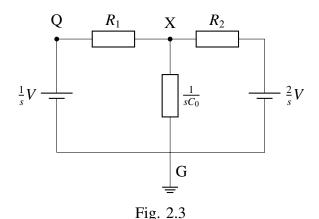
and find the ROC.

Solution: Note that by substituting s := s + a

in (2.6), and considering $a \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$e^{-at}u(t) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\longleftrightarrow} \int_0^\infty u(t)e^{-(s+a)t}dt \qquad (2.8)$$
$$= \frac{1}{s+a}, \quad \Re(s) > -a \qquad (2.9)$$

5. Now consider the following resistive circuit transformed from Fig. 2.1 where



$$u(t) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\longleftrightarrow} V_1(s)$$
 (2.10)

$$2u(t) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\longleftrightarrow} V_2(s)$$
 (2.11)

Find the voltage across the capacitor $V_{C_0}(s)$. **Solution:** We see that

$$V_1(s) = \frac{1}{s}V_2(s) = \frac{2}{s}$$
 (2.12)

Now, labelling points G and X as in Fig. 2.2, we use KCL at X.

$$\frac{V - \frac{1}{s}}{R_1} + \frac{V - \frac{2}{s}}{R_2} + sC_0V = 0 \tag{2.13}$$

$$V\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + sC_0\right) = \frac{1}{s}\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{2}{R_2}\right)$$
 (2.14)

$$V(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{2}{R_2}}{s\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + sC_0\right)}$$
(2.15)

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{2}{R_2}}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_0} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) + s} \right)$$
(2.16)

6. Find $v_{C_0}(t)$. Plot using python. **Solution:** Taking the inverse Laplace transform

in (2.16),

$$V(s) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{2R_1 + R_2}{R_1 + R_2} u(t) \left(1 - e^{-\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right) \frac{t}{C_0}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \left(1 - e^{-\left(1.5 \times 10^6\right)t} \right) u(t)$$
(2.18)

The python code codes/2_6.py plots the graph below.

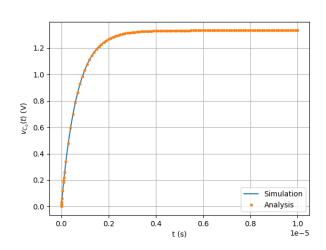


Fig. 2.4: $v_{C_0}(t)$ before the switch is flipped

Verify your result using ngspice.
 Solution: The ngspice script codes/2_7.cir

simulates the given circuit and the generated output is depicted in Fig. (2.4)

3 Initial Conditions

1. Find q_2 in Fig. 2.1.

Solution: The equivalent circuit at steady state when the switch is at Q is shown below.

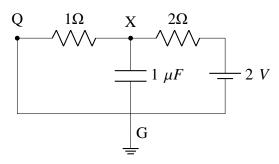


Fig. 3.1

Since capacitor behaves as an open circuit, we use KCL at X.

$$\frac{V-0}{1} + \frac{V-2}{2} = 0 \implies V = \frac{2}{3} V$$
 (3.1)

and hence, $q_2 = \frac{2}{3} \mu C$.

2. Draw the equivalent s-domain resistive circuit when S is switched to position Q. Use variables R_1, R_2, C_0 for the passive elements.

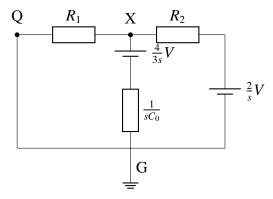


Fig. 3.2

3. $V_{C_0}(s) = ?$

Solution: Using KCL at node X in Fig. 3.2

$$\frac{V-0}{R_1} + \frac{V-\frac{2}{s}}{R_2} + sC_0\left(V - \frac{4}{3s}\right) = 0$$
 (3.2)
$$\Longrightarrow V_{C_0}(s) = \frac{\frac{2}{sR_2} + \frac{4C_0}{3}}{\frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{2}{R_2} + sC_0}$$
 (3.3)

4. $v_{C_0}(t) = ?$ Plot using python. **Solution:** From (3.3),

$$V_{C_0}(s) = \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_0} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) + s} \right) + \frac{2}{R_2 \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_0} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) + s} \right)$$
(3.4)

Taking an inverse Laplace Transform,

$$v_{C_0}(t) = \frac{4}{3}e^{-\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)\frac{t}{C_0}}u(t) + \frac{2}{R_2\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)}\left(1 - e^{-\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)\frac{t}{C_0}}\right)u(t)$$
(3.5)

Substituting values gives

$$v_{C_0}(t) = \frac{2}{3} \left(1 + e^{-\left(1.5 \times 10^6\right)t} \right) u(t)$$
 (3.6)

The Python code codes/3_4.py plots the

graph below.

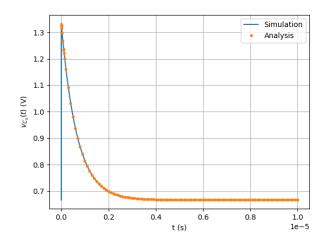


Fig. 3.3: $v_{C_0}(t)$ after the switch is flipped

5. Verify your result using ngspice.

Solution: The ngspice script codes/3_5.cir simulates the given circuit and the generated output is depicted in Fig. (3.3).

6. Find $v_{C_0}(0-)$, $v_{C_0}(0+)$ and $v_{C_0}(\infty)$.

Solution: From the initial conditions,

$$v_{C_0}(0-) = \frac{q_1}{C_0} = \frac{4}{3} V$$
 (3.7)

Using (3.6),

$$v_{C_0}(0+) = \lim_{t \to 0+} v_{C_0}(t) = \frac{4}{3} V$$
 (3.8)

$$v_{C_0}(\infty) = \lim_{t \to \infty} v_{C_0}(t) = \frac{2}{3} V$$
 (3.9)

7. Obtain the Fig. in problem 3.2 using the equivalent differential equations.

Solution: The equivalent circuit in the *t*-domain is shown below.

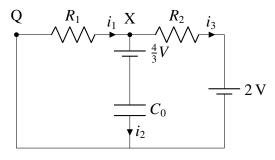


Fig. 3.4

From KCL and KVL,

$$i_1 = i_2 + i_3 \tag{3.10}$$

$$i_1 R_1 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{C_0} \int_0^t i_2 dt = 0$$
 (3.11)

$$\frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{C_0} \int_0^t i_2 dt - i_3 R_2 - 2 = 0$$
 (3.12)

Taking Laplace Transforms on both sides and using the properties of Laplace Transforms,

$$I_1 = I_2 + I_3 \tag{3.13}$$

$$I_1 R_1 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{sC_0} I_2 = 0 {(3.14)}$$

$$\frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{sC_0}I_2 - I_3R_2 - 2 = 0 {(3.15)}$$

where $i(t) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\longleftrightarrow} I(s)$. Note that the capacitor is equivalent to a resistive element of resistance $R_C = \frac{1}{sC_0}$ in the *s*-domain. Equations (3.13) - (3.15) precisely describe Fig. 3.2.

4 BILINEAR TRANSFORM

1. In Fig. 2.1, consider the case when S is switched to Q right in the beginning. Formulate the differential equation.

Solution: The equivalent circuit in the *t*-domain is shown below.

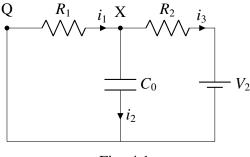


Fig. 4.1

Applying KCL and KVL,

$$i_1 = i_2 + i_3 \tag{4.1}$$

$$i_1 R_1 + \frac{1}{C_0} \int_0^t i_2 \, dt = 0 \tag{4.2}$$

$$i_3R_2 + 2 - \frac{1}{C_0} \int_0^t i_2 dt = 0$$
 (4.3)

Differentiating the above equations,

$$\frac{di_1}{dt} = \frac{di_2}{dt} + \frac{di_3}{dt} \tag{4.4}$$

$$R_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} + \frac{i_2}{C_0} = 0 (4.5)$$

$$R_2 \frac{di_3}{dt} - \frac{i_2}{C_0} = 0 (4.6)$$

Using (4.4) and (4.6) in (4.5),

$$R_1 \left(\frac{di_2}{dt} + \frac{di_3}{dt} \right) + \frac{i_2}{C_0} = 0 \tag{4.7}$$

$$R_1 \frac{di_2}{dt} + \left(1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right) \frac{i_2}{C_0} = 0 \tag{4.8}$$

$$\frac{di_2}{dt} + \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)\frac{i_2}{C_0} = 0 \tag{4.9}$$

$$\frac{di_2}{dt} + \frac{i_2}{\tau} = 0 {(4.10)}$$

where $\tau = \frac{C_0 R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$ is the RC time constant of the circuit. Note that $i_2(0) = \frac{V_2}{R_2}$ A and $i_2 = C_0 \frac{dV}{dt}$, where V is the voltage of the capacitor. Hence, integrating (4.10),

$$C_0 \frac{dV}{dt} - \frac{V_2}{R_2} + \frac{C_0 V}{\tau} = 0 {(4.11)}$$

$$\implies \frac{dV}{dt} + \frac{V}{\tau} = \frac{V_2}{C_0 R_2} \tag{4.12}$$

2. Find H(s) considering the output voltage at the capacitor.

Solution: Transforming Fig. 4.1 to the *s*-domain,

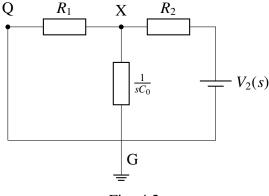


Fig. 4.2

Applying nodal analysis at X, and noting that

$$H(s) = \frac{V(s)}{V_2(s)},$$

$$\frac{V}{R_1} + \frac{V}{\frac{1}{sC_0}} + \frac{V - V_2}{R_2} = 0 \tag{4.13}$$

$$H(s)\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + sC_0\right) = \frac{1}{R_2}$$
 (4.14)

$$H(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{R_2}}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + sC_0}$$
 (4.15)

3. Plot H(s). What kind of filter is it? **Solution:** The Python code codes/4 3.py plots H(s). Clearly, H(s) is a low-pass filter.

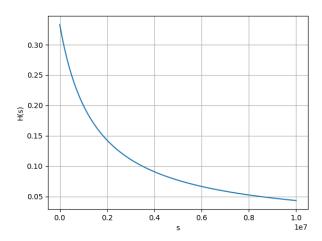


Fig. 4.3: Plot of H(s).

4. Using trapezoidal rule for integration, formulate the difference equation by considering

$$y(n) = y(t)|_{t=n}$$
 (4.16)

(4.18)

Solution: Integrating (4.12) between limits nto n + 1 and applying the trapezoidal formula,

$$v(n+1) - v(n) + \frac{v(n) + v(n+1)}{2\tau} = \frac{V_2(u(n) + u(n+1))}{C_0 R_2}$$

$$v(n) (2\tau + 1) + v(n-1) (2\tau - 1) = \frac{V_2 \tau(u(n) + u(n-1))}{C_0 R_2}$$
(4.17)

for n > 0, where v(0) = 0.

5. Find H(z).

Solution: Note that for the input voltage, $v_i(n) = 2u(n)$ and so, $V_i(z) = \frac{2}{1-z^{-1}}$. Applying the Z-transform on both sides of (4.18),

$$V(z) \left[(2\tau + 1) - z^{-1}(2\tau - 1) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\tau \left(1 + z^{-1} \right) V_i(z)}{C_0 R_2}$$
(4.19)

Hence,

$$H(z) = \frac{\tau (1 + z^{-1})}{C_0 R_2 ((2\tau + 1) - (2\tau - 1) z^{-1})}$$
 (4.20)

since $\left| \frac{2\tau - 1}{2\tau + 1} \right| < 1$, the ROC is |z| > 1.

6. How can you obtain H(z) from H(s)? **Solution:** We use the bilinear transformation. Setting

$$s := \frac{2}{T} \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 + z^{-1}} \tag{4.21}$$

we get

$$H(z) = \frac{\frac{1}{R_2}}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{2C_0}{T} \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 + z^{-1}}}$$
(4.22)

$$= \frac{T\tau(1+z^{-1})}{C_0R_2((2\tau+T)-(2\tau-T)z^{-1})} \quad (4.23)$$

Setting T = 1 gives (4.20).

7. Find v(n). Verify using ngspice and the differential equation.

Solution: We have,

$$V(z) = H(z)V_{i}(z)$$

$$= \frac{TV_{2}\tau(1+z^{-1})}{C_{0}R_{2}(1-z^{-1})((2\tau+T)-(2\tau-T)z^{-1})}$$

$$= \frac{V_{2}\tau(z+1)}{2C_{0}R_{2}} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (1-p^{k})u(k)z^{-k}$$
(4.26)

where $p := \frac{2\tau - T}{2\tau + T}$. Thus,

$$v(n) = \frac{V_2 \tau}{C_0 R_2} \left[u(n) (1 - p^n) + u(n+1) \left(1 - p^{n+1} \right) \right]$$
(4.27)

where $p := \frac{2\tau - 1}{2\tau + 1}$. We take $T = 10^{-7}$ as the sampling interval. The python code codes/4_7.py verifies these equalities.

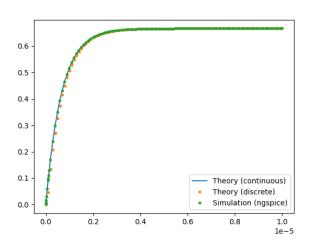


Fig. 4.4: Representation of output across C_0 .