

# ELEC2070 Circuits and Devices

Week 5: Complete response of 2<sup>nd</sup> order (RLC) circuits

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# Two approaches to first order circuits

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1. **Engineering approach** (useful for DC only): use the formula involving initial and final voltages (or currents) and the time constant
2. **Mathematical approach** (more general and needed for time varying sources): Find the differential equation using Kirchoff's laws and Ohm's Law

(Only the mathematical approach is used for second order circuits)

# Recall: 1<sup>st</sup> order DE for 1<sup>st</sup> order circuits

General DE:  $\frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{\tau}x(t) = y(t)$

Time  
constant

Forcing function due to  
source (remember = K for a  
constant source)

Function to  
be solved  
(voltage or  
current)

This type of differential equation may  
be solved by separating the variables  
and integrating. (Book Section 8.3)

General Solution:

$$x(t) = x_n(t) + x_f(t)$$

Complete response      Natural response      Forced response

# Mathematical approach for solving first order circuits

Start with the differential equation in this form and an initial condition

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{\tau}x(t) = y(t) \quad x(t_1)$$

Find [from  $y(t)$ ] the correct form of the forced response from the table

$$x_f(t)$$

Use the forced response in the differential equation to find its unknown coefficients

$$\frac{dx_f(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{\tau}x_f(t) = y(t)$$

**Forced  
response  
is fully  
solved**

Write the correct form of the natural response, add to the forced response

$$x(t) = x_n(t) + x_f(t) = Ke^{-(t-t_0)/\tau} + x_f(t)$$

Use the initial condition with the complete response to find the unknown coefficient of the natural response

$$x(t_1) = Ke^{-(t_1-t_0)/\tau} + x_f(t_1)$$
$$t_1 \geq t_0$$

**Complete  
response  
is fully  
solved**



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# The differential equation for second order circuits

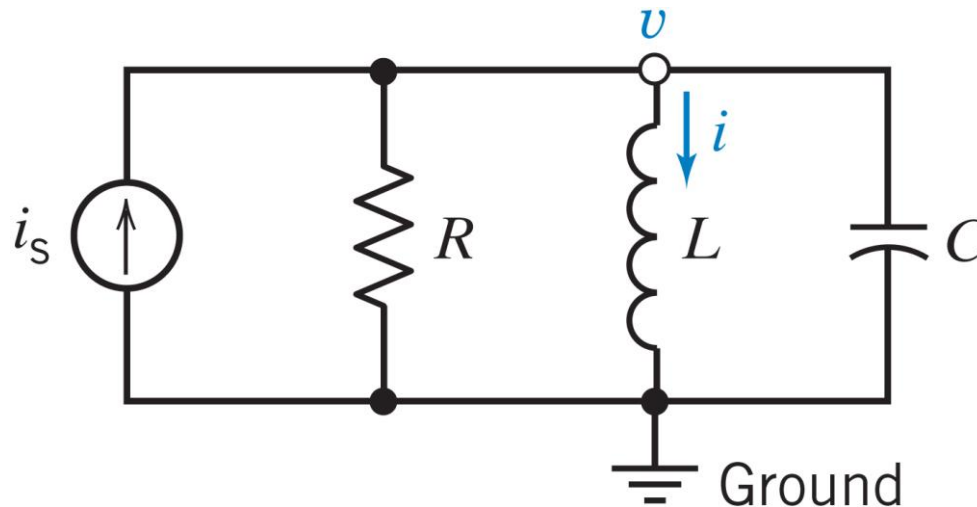
Chapter 9 of Dorf and Svoboda



# A second order circuit

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A second order circuit means the **total** number of capacitors and inductors is two



This also means that we need to solve a **second order** differential equation to find the currents and voltages

# The general 2<sup>nd</sup> order differential equation for RLC circuits

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

Damping coefficient:  $\alpha$

Resonant frequency:  $\omega_0$

Function to  
be solved  
(voltage or  
current)

Forcing  
function  
(due to  
source)

# General method for analysis of 2<sup>nd</sup>-order circuits

1. Use Kirchhoff's and Ohm's laws to write the circuit equations

2. Use the derivative of inductor current

$$v_L(t) = L \frac{di_L(t)}{dt}$$

And the derivative of capacitor voltage

$$i_C(t) = C \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt}$$

3. Combine the equations so that the second and the first derivatives of the same variable appear in a linear combination.  
Do not use integrals! We want differential equations.



# How do we get the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order DE?

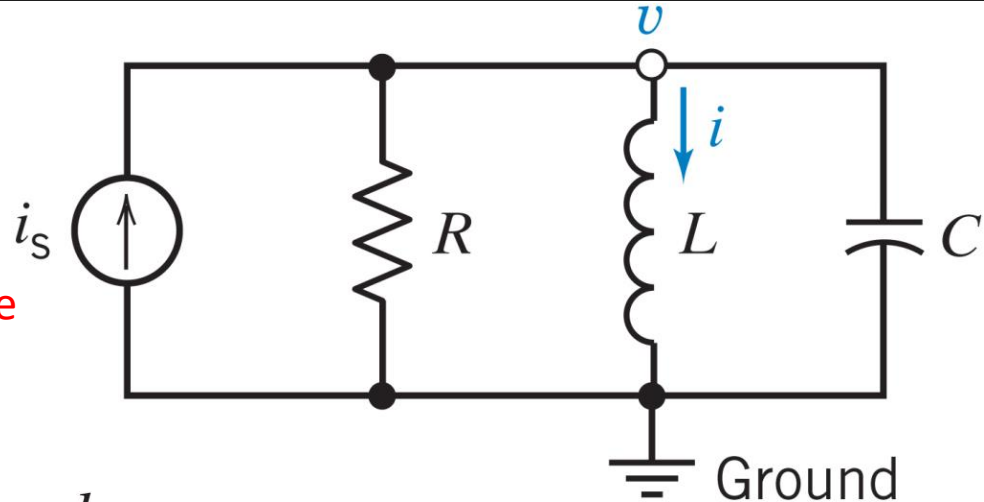
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When the two storage elements are connected to an equivalent circuit (Nortons or Thévenin) we can use the so-called Direct Method

# In parallel arrangement

We want to find the current through the inductor,  $i$  (as a function of time)

Since we want the **current** we use Norton's equivalent circuit.



Apply KCL at top node:

$$\frac{v}{R} + i + C \frac{dv}{dt} = i_s$$

But the voltage across the inductor, resistor and capacitor is:  $v = L \frac{di}{dt}$

(voltage the same for ALL elements)

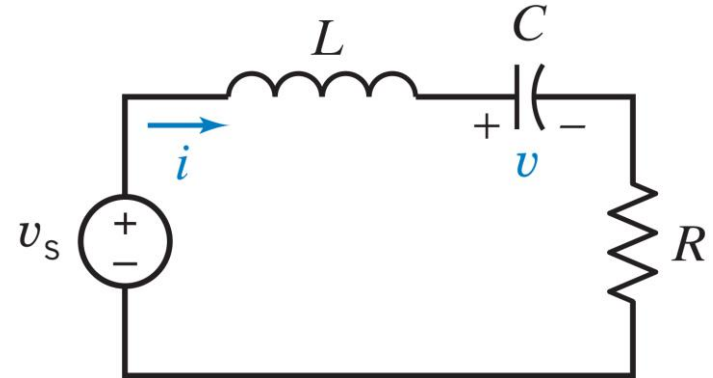
Hence:  $\frac{L}{R} \frac{di}{dt} + i + CL \frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} = i_s$  Which is a second-order DE!

Solve for  $i(t)$  and use  $v = L \frac{di}{dt}$  to find  $v$

# In series arrangement

We want to find the voltage across the capacitor,  $v$  (as a function of time)

Since we want the **voltage**, we use Thévenin equivalent circuit.



Apply KVL around the loop:  $L \frac{di}{dt} + v + Ri = v_s$  Rearrange:  $\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{v}{L} + \frac{R}{L}i = \frac{v_s}{L}$

But:  $C \frac{dv}{dt} = i$  (current the same for ALL elements) Hence:  $C \frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + \frac{v}{L} + \frac{RC}{L} \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{v_s}{L}$

Or:  $\frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC}v = \frac{v_s}{LC}$  Solve for  $v(t)$  and use  $C \frac{dv}{dt} = i$  to find  $i$

# General problem solving method for 2<sup>nd</sup>-order circuits

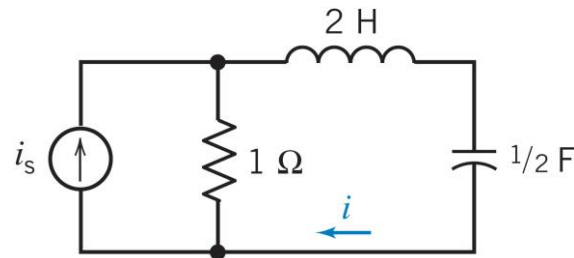
## The direct method – used with equivalent circuits

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| Step 1 | Identify the first and second variables, $x_1$ and $x_2$ . These variables are capacitor voltages and/or inductor currents.  |
| Step 2 | Write one first-order differential equation, obtaining $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = f(x_1, x_2)$ .   |
| Step 3 | Obtain an additional first-order differential equation in terms of the second variable so that $\frac{dx_2}{dt} = Kx_1$ or<br>$x_1 = \frac{1}{K} \frac{dx_2}{dt}.$ |
| Step 4 | Substitute the equation of step 3 into the equation of step 2, thus obtaining a second-order differential equation in terms of $x_2$ .                             |
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Remember – the direct method is useful when the inductor(s) and/or capacitor(s) are connected to an equivalent circuit (Norton's or Thévenin)

# Exercise 9.2-1

Find the differential equation for  $i$



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We see an inductor + capacitor connected to Norton's → use direct method

What we know:

Call capacitor  
voltage  $v$



$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt} \quad (1)$$

(now we need an  
expression for  $v$  as a  
function of  $i$ )

KCL: Resistor current =  $i_s - i$



Resistor voltage =  $R(i_s - i)$

Resistor || (cap. + ind.)  
Therefore **same** voltage:

$$R(i_s - i) = L \frac{di}{dt} + v$$



$$Ri_s - Ri - L \frac{di}{dt} = v \quad (2)$$

Substitute (2) in (1)

$$i = C \frac{d}{dt} \left( Ri_s - Ri - L \frac{di}{dt} \right) = CR \frac{di_s}{dt} - CR \frac{di}{dt} - CL \frac{d^2 i}{dt^2}$$

Rearrange

$$CL \frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} + CR \frac{di}{dt} + i = CR \frac{di_s}{dt}$$

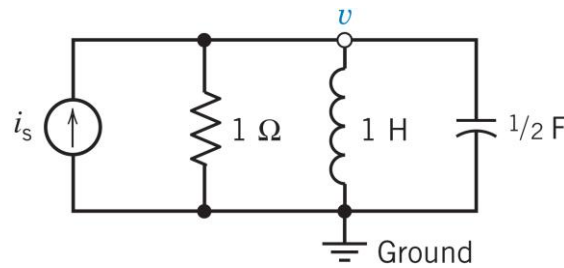


$$\frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{CL} i = \frac{R}{L} \frac{di_s}{dt}$$

Standard (Normalised) Form

# Exercise 9.2-2

Find the differential equation for  $v$



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We see an inductor + capacitor connected to Norton's  $\rightarrow$  use direct method

What we know:

Call inductor  
current  $i$



$$v = L \frac{di}{dt} \quad (1)$$

(now we need an  
expression for  $i$ )

$$\text{Capacitor current} = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$\text{Resistor current} = \frac{v}{R}$$

Apply KCL at top node:

$$i = i_s - C \frac{dv}{dt} - \frac{v}{R} \quad (2)$$

Substitute (2) in (1)

$$v = L \frac{d}{dt} \left( i_s - C \frac{dv}{dt} - \frac{v}{R} \right) = L \frac{di_s}{dt} - LC \frac{d^2v}{dt^2} - \frac{L}{R} \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Rearrange

$$LC \frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + \frac{L}{R} \frac{dv}{dt} + v = L \frac{di_s}{dt}$$

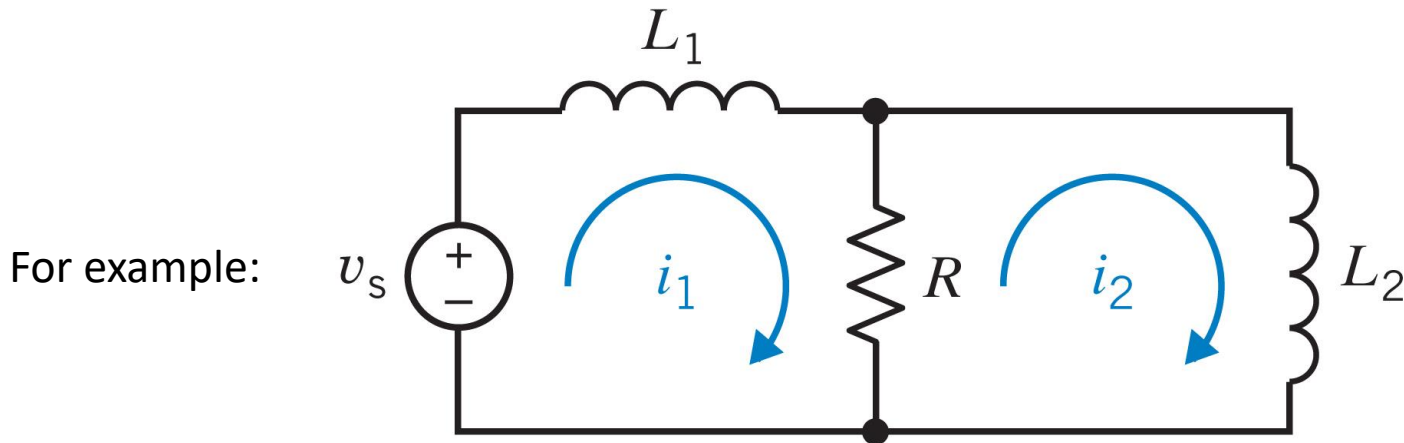


$$\frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{RC} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} v = \frac{1}{C} \frac{di_s}{dt}$$

Standard Form

# Other types of circuits?

Using the direct method can be complicated for complicated circuits



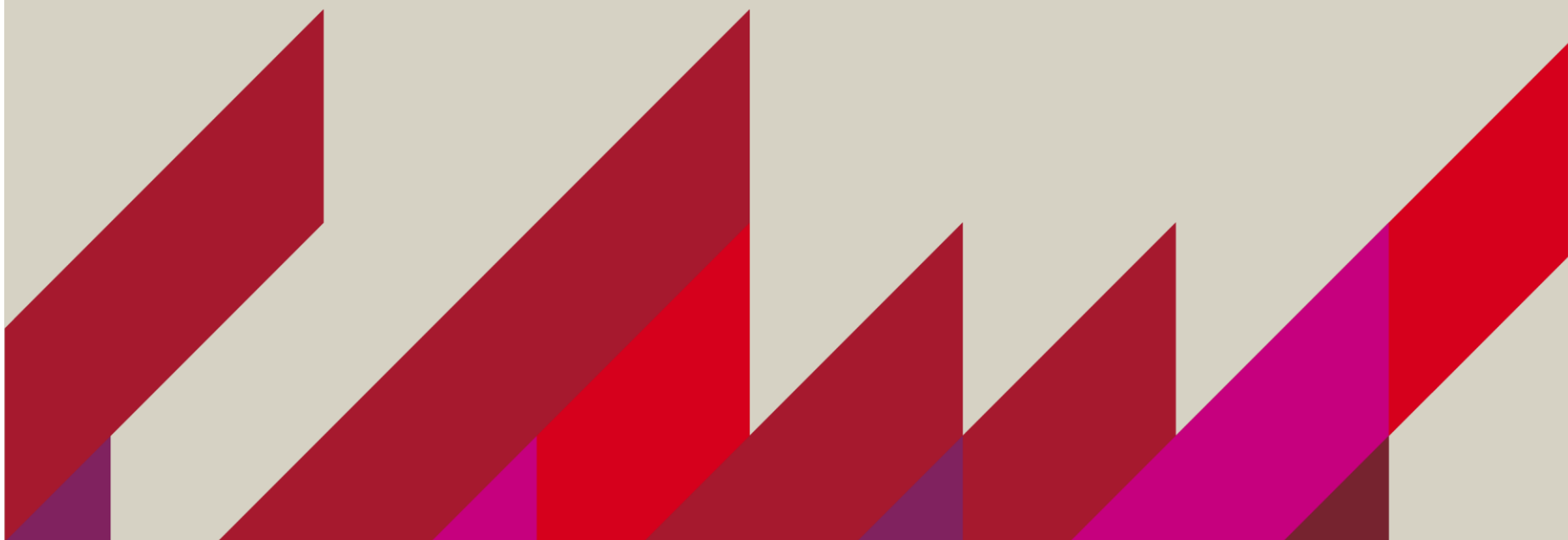
Two other methods are introduced in the textbook (Dorf):

1. Differential Operator Method
2. State Variable Method (we will skip this in ELEC2070)



# Differential Operators

Will convert the differential equations into algebraic equations







# Operator “ $s$ ”

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$$s = \frac{d}{dt}$$

$$s x(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$$

$$s^2 x(t) = \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2}$$

For any order of  
differentiation:

$$s^n x(t) = \frac{d^n x(t)}{dt^n}$$

No differentiation:  $s^0 x(t) = x(t)$

Integration:  $\frac{1}{s} x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau$

For any order of  
integration:

$$s^{-n} x(t) = \frac{d^{-n} x(t)}{dt^{-n}}$$

# Finding differential equations using s-operators is now easier

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Inductor voltage:  $v_L(t) = L \frac{di_L(t)}{dt} = sL i_L(t)$

Capacitor voltage:  $v_C(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t i_C(\tau) d\tau = \frac{1}{sC} i_C(t)$

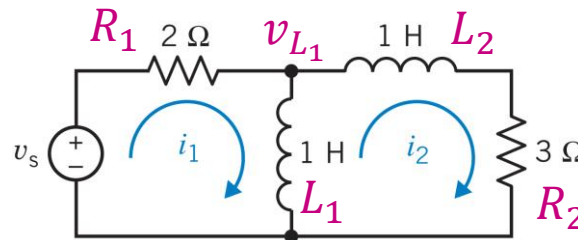
Voltages and currents of energy storage elements are now related in an algebraic form (similar to resistors)

Resistor voltage:  $v_R(t) = R i_R(t)$

**Very helpful when solving second (or higher) order circuits !**

# Example 9.2-1

Find the differential equation for  $i_2$



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Using the  $s$  operator, the inductor voltages become:  $v_{L_2} = sL_2 i_2$   $v_{L_1} = sL_1(i_1 - i_2)$

The two GENERAL mesh equations are now:

$$v_s = R_1 i_1 + s L_1 (i_1 - i_2) \quad (1)$$

$$0 = -s L_1 (i_1 - i_2) + s L_2 i_2 + R_2 i_2 \quad (2)$$

Place in the values for resistances and inductances and create the matrix representation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 + s & -s \\ -s & 2s + 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_s \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The currents can be found  
using Cramer's Rule

# Cramer's Rule

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Consider a system of  $n$  linear equations for  $n$  unknowns, represented in matrix multiplication form as follows:

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

where the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has a nonzero determinant, and the vector

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$$

is the column vector of the variables.

Then the theorem states that in this case the system has a unique solution, whose individual values for the unknowns are given by:

$$x_i = \frac{\det(A_i)}{\det(A)}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_i$  is the matrix formed by replacing the  $i$ -th column of  $A$  by the column vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

# Applying Cramer's Rule

Cramer's rule means that we need to find FIRST the determinant of:  $\begin{vmatrix} 2+s & -s \\ -s & 2s+3 \end{vmatrix}$

Or:  $D = (2+s)(2s+3) - s^2$

To find  $i_2$  we need to find the determinant of:  $D_{i_2} = \begin{vmatrix} 2+s & v_s \\ -s & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

AND then  $i_2 = \frac{D_{i_2}}{D} = \frac{sv_s}{(2+s)(2s+3)-s^2}$

Note  $i_1 = \frac{D_{i_1}}{D}$

Hence  $i_2 = \frac{sv_s}{4s+6+2s^2+3s-s^2}$

or  $(s^2 + 7s + 6)i_2 = sv_s \quad \Rightarrow \quad [s^2 + 7s + 6]i_2 = sv_s$

Convert back to differential equation form:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} i_2 + 7 \frac{d}{dt} i_2 + 6i_2 = \frac{d}{dt} v_s$$



# Solving the differential equations for second order circuits

This will determine the Complete Response



# Complete response

Must be solved using the mathematical approach

The general form of a (linear) second order differential equation:

$$a_2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x(t) + a_1 \frac{d}{dt} x(t) + a_0 x(t) = f(t)$$

Function to be  
solved (voltage  
or current)

Forcing  
function  
(due to the  
source)

The values for  $a_i$   
(constants) and the  
forcing function  
are known

The same differential equation with s-operators:

$$a_2 s^2 x(t) + a_1 s x(t) + a_0 x(t) = f(t)$$

Has a general solution:

$$x(t) = x_n(t) + x_f(t)$$

Complete  
response

Natural  
response

Forced  
response

# Natural response

For Second Order Circuits





# The characteristic equation

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The natural response is obtained by zeroing the forcing function

**IN GENERAL:** 
$$a_2 s^2 x_n(t) + a_1 s x_n(t) + a_0 x_n(t) = 0$$

Solution to this characteristic equation is the natural response,  $x_n(t)$ .

Natural response must be an exponential (since an exponential is proportional to ALL its derivatives)

$$x_n(t) = Ae^{st}$$

Substitute: 
$$a_2 A s^2 e^{st} + a_1 A s e^{st} + a_0 A e^{st} = 0$$

Since  $x_n(t) = Ae^{st}$  then: 
$$a_2 s^2 x_n(t) + a_1 s x_n(t) + a_0 x_n(t) = 0$$

Or: 
$$(a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0) x_n(t) = 0$$

$x_n(t) = 0$  is trivial therefore we seek the solution to: 
$$a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0 = 0$$

This is the **CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION**

# Finding the natural response

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The solution to the characteristic equation:  $a_2s^2 + a_1s + a_0 = 0$

is: 
$$s_{1,2} = \frac{-a_1 \pm \sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_2a_0}}{2a_2}$$

The natural response can now be given by:

$$x_n(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

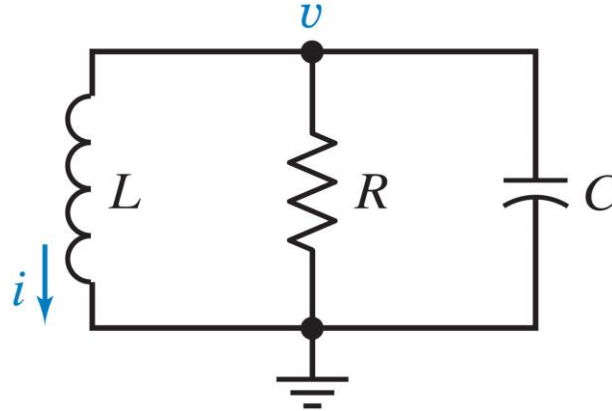
Where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are obtained from the initial conditions.

The roots  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are known as the **NATURAL FREQUENCIES**.

The reciprocal magnitude of the natural frequencies are the **TIME CONSTANTS**.

# Natural response of an unforced (source free) circuit: parallel RLC circuit

An unforced parallel RLC circuit would look like this:



For ALL RLC circuits we need to solve:  $a_2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x(t) + a_1 \frac{d}{dt} x(t) + a_0 x(t) = f(t)$

This can be simplified to (this form is relevant to RLC circuits):

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

Since  $f(t) = 0$  (for the natural response) the general equation is:

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

# General RLC equation

The characteristic equation for the general RLC equation (for the natural response) is

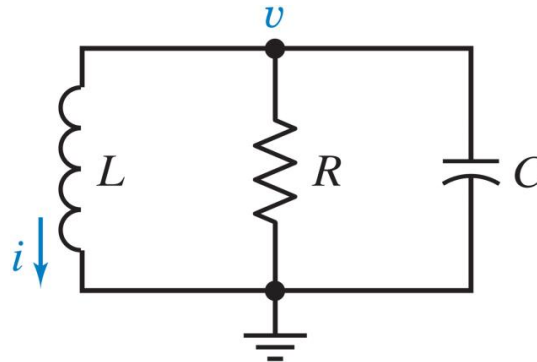
$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

These are called **NATURAL FREQUENCIES**

The roots of this characteristic equation are:

$$s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} \quad \text{and} \quad s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

Okay, back to our circuit:



Apply KCL:

$$\frac{v}{R} + \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t v d\tau + i(0) + C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$$

# Parallel RLC circuit (with $f(t) = 0$ )

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Differentiating both sides:

$$C \frac{d^2 v}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{L} v = 0$$

Now we have an equation for the voltage

Divide by C:

$$\frac{d^2 v}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{RC} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} v = 0$$

Using s operator

$$s^2 + \frac{1}{RC} s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$$

Comparing with the **general equation** we have:  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC}$  and  $\omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$

The roots of the characteristic equation are therefore:

$$s_1 = -\frac{1}{2RC} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2RC}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}} \quad \text{and} \quad s_2 = -\frac{1}{2RC} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2RC}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$$

# The solution for the natural response

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The solution therefore becomes:  $v_n = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$

With the natural frequencies given by:

$$s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} \quad \text{and} \quad s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

For our parallel RLC:  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC}$  and  $\omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$

We define the **DAMPED RESONANT FREQUENCY** as:  $w_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$

The natural frequencies now become:  $s_1 = -\alpha + jw_d$  and  $s_2 = -\alpha - jw_d$

# Natural response: Summary

## For Second Order Electric Circuits

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The general equation:  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}x(t) + 2\alpha \frac{d}{dt}x(t) + \omega_0^2 x(t) = 0$

Damping coefficient:  $\alpha$

Resonant frequency:  $\omega_0$

Damped resonant frequency:  $\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$

Characteristic equation:  $s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$

Roots (natural frequencies):  $s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$   
 $= -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$

# Damping

The roots of the characteristic equation assume three possible conditions:

a. 2 real and distinct roots when:  $\alpha^2 > \omega_0^2$

b. 2 real and equal roots when:  $\alpha^2 = \omega_0^2$

c. 2 complex roots when:  $\alpha^2 < \omega_0^2$

**overdamped**

$$\alpha^2 > \omega_0^2$$

$$s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$
$$s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

**critically damped**

$$\alpha^2 = \omega_0^2$$

$$s_1 = s_2 = -\alpha$$

**underdamped**

$$\alpha^2 < \omega_0^2$$

$$s_1 = -\alpha + j\omega_d$$

$$s_2 = -\alpha - j\omega_d$$



# The complete response

## Second Order Circuits

You will be given these equations in the exam!

General differential equation:  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}x(t) + 2\alpha \frac{d}{dt}x(t) + \omega_0^2 x(t) = f(t)$

Characteristic equation (for the natural response):  $s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$

CASE	NATURAL FREQUENCIES	NATURAL RESPONSE, $x_n$
Overdamped	$s_1, s_2 = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$	$A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$
Critically damped	$s_1, s_2 = -\alpha$	$(A_1 + A_2 t) e^{-\alpha t}$
Underdamped	$s_1, s_2 = -\alpha \pm j\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$	$(A_1 \cos \omega_d t + A_2 \sin \omega_d t) e^{-\alpha t}$

	INPUT, $f(t)$	FORCED RESPONSE, $x_f$
Constant	$K$	$A$
Ramp	$K t$	$A + Bt$
Sinusoid	$K \cos \omega t, K \sin \omega t, \text{ or } K \cos (\omega t + \theta)$	$A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$
Exponential	$K e^{-bt}$	$A e^{-bt}$

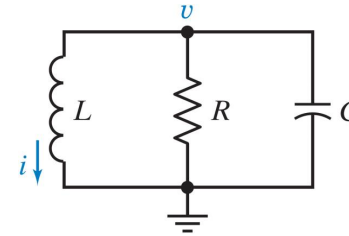
# Example 9.4-1

## Example of an **overdamped** circuit

Let us put some element values into our RLC circuit:

Want:  $v_n(t) = ?$

For  $t > 0$



Now we are given :

$$R = \frac{2}{3} \Omega \quad L = 1 \text{ H} \quad C = \frac{1}{2} \text{ F} \quad v(0) = 10 \text{ V} \quad i(0) = 2 \text{ A}$$

Here the initial conditions are:  $v(0) = 10 \text{ V}$   $i(0) = 2 \text{ A}$

Remember our characteristic equation:  $s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$

Or for the actual circuit above:  $s^2 + \frac{1}{RC}s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$

Our characteristic equation becomes:  $\Rightarrow s^2 + 3s + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 1.5 \quad \omega_0^2 = 2$

# Example 9.4-1

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The characteristic equation has roots:  $s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$

Hence:  $s_1 = -1$  and  $s_2 = -2$

The natural response is (since OVERDAMPED, look up from table):  $v_n(t) = A_1 e^{-t} + A_2 e^{-2t}$

**There is no source in this circuit:**

**Complete response is equal to natural response.**

$$v(t) = v_n(t)$$

We are given:  $v(0) = 10 \text{ V}$        $i(0) = 2 \text{ A}$

**Two unknowns are to be solved  
using the initial conditions**

$$v_n(0) = A_1 + A_2 \quad \text{or} \quad 10 = A_1 + A_2$$

This equation has 2 unknowns – **need to apply both initial conditions**

$i(0) = 2 \text{ A}$  ----- this one is more difficult to deal with but there is a method!

# Applying the initial condition: $i(0)$

Going back to our general natural response. Take the derivative of:

$$v_n = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

And apply at  $t=0$ , we get:

$$\frac{dv_n(0)}{dt} = s_1 A_1 + s_2 A_2 \quad (1)$$

Our original KCL equation (  $\frac{v}{R} + \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t v d\tau + i(0) + C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$  )

Becomes (at  $t=0$ ):

$$\frac{dv(0)}{dt} = -\frac{v(0)}{RC} - \frac{i(0)}{C} \quad (2)$$

Equating equations (1) and (2):

$$s_1 A_1 + s_2 A_2 = -\frac{v(0)}{RC} - \frac{i(0)}{C}$$

# Solution

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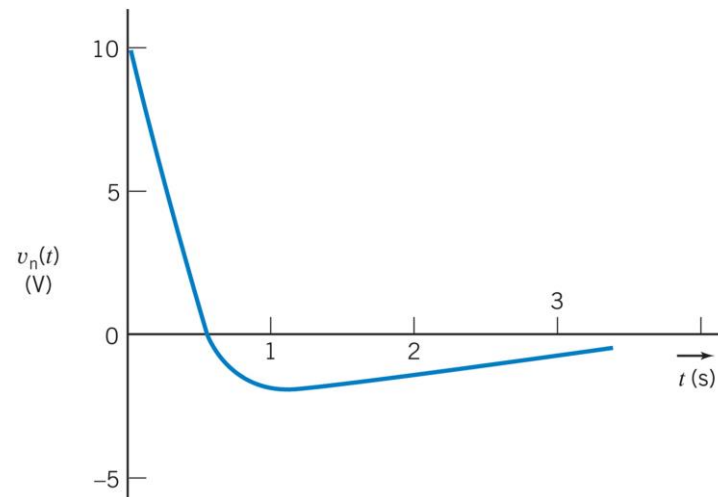
Placing the values in for  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$ ,  $v(0)$  and  $i(0)$  we get:

$$-A_1 - 2A_2 = \frac{10}{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{2}{1/2}$$

Now we have 2 equations for our 2 unknowns. Easy to solve!

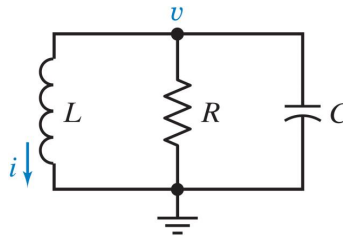
Actual solution:

$$v_n = (-14e^{-t} + 24e^{-2t}) \text{ V}$$



# Example 9.4-1

## Critically Damped Circuit



$$v_n(t) = ?$$
$$t > 0$$



Differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} v_n(t) + \frac{1}{RC} \frac{d}{dt} v_n(t) + \frac{1}{LC} v_n(t) = 0$$

Characteristic equation is just:

$$s^2 + \frac{1}{RC} s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$$

New parameters:

**No source hence:**  $v(t) = v_n(t)$

$$R = 1 \, \Omega \quad L = 1 \, \text{H} \quad C = \frac{1}{4} \, \text{F} \quad v(0) = 5 \, \text{V} \quad i(0) = -6 \, \text{A}$$

**Same circuit BUT different values**

Using:

$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

$$s^2 + 4s + 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = 2 \quad \omega_0^2 = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} s_1 &= -2 \\ s_2 &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

Now the natural frequencies are the same!

# Use our table for the complete response



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## Second Order Circuits

You will be given these equations in the exam!

General differential equation:  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}x(t) + 2\alpha \frac{d}{dt}x(t) + \omega_0^2 x(t) = f(t)$

Characteristic equation (for the natural response):  $s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$

CASE	NATURAL FREQUENCIES	NATURAL RESPONSE, $x_n$
Overdamped	$s_1, s_2 = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$	$A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$
Critically damped	$s_1, s_2 = -\alpha$	$(A_1 + A_2 t) e^{-\alpha t}$
Underdamped	$s_1, s_2 = -\alpha \pm j\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$	$(A_1 \cos \omega_d t + A_2 \sin \omega_d t) e^{-\alpha t}$
	INPUT, $f(t)$	FORCED RESPONSE, $x_f$
Constant	$K$	$A$
Ramp	$K t$	$A + Bt$
Sinusoid	$K \cos \omega t, K \sin \omega t, \text{ or } K \cos (\omega t + \theta)$	$A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$
Exponential	$K e^{-bt}$	$A e^{-bt}$

# Example 9.4-1

## Critically Damped Circuit Continues

Since natural frequencies are the same we use:  $v_n(t) = (A_1 t + A_2)e^{-2t}$

Here the solution still requires 2 unknown to be found.

**Two unknowns to be solved using the 2 initial conditions**

Initial conditions:

$$v_n(0) = A_2 = 5 \quad (1)$$

To use  $i(0)$  we differentiate general solution:  $\frac{dv_n(t)}{dt} = -2A_1 t e^{-2t} + A_1 e^{-2t} - 2A_2 e^{-2t}$

Apply at  $t=0$   $\frac{dv_n(0)}{dt} = A_1 - 2A_2$

Use our original KCL  
equation at  $t=0$ :

$$i(0) + \frac{v_n(0)}{R} + C \frac{dv_n(0)}{dt} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -6 + \frac{5}{1} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{dv_n(0)}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{v}{R} + \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t v d\tau + i(0) + C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$$

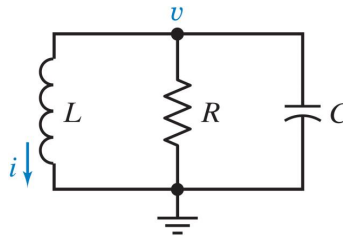
$$\frac{dv_n(0)}{dt} = 4, \text{ Hence:}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} v_n(0) = A_1 - 2A_2 = 4 \quad (2)$$



# Example 9.4-1

## Critically Damped Solution



$$v_n(t) = ?$$
$$t > 0$$



For these parameters:

$$R = 1 \, \Omega \quad L = 1 \, \text{H} \quad C = \frac{1}{4} \, \text{F} \quad v(0) = 5 \, \text{V} \quad i(0) = -6 \, \text{A}$$

Natural Response:

$$v_n(t) = (A_1 t + A_2) e^{-2t}$$

Initial conditions:

$$v_n(0) = A_2 = 5 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} v_n(0) = A_1 - 2A_2 = 4 \quad (2)$$

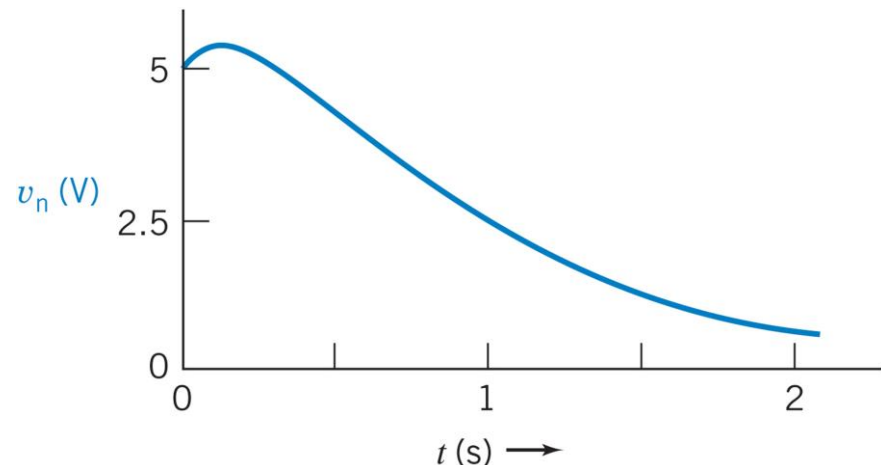


$$A_1 = 14$$

$$A_2 = 5$$

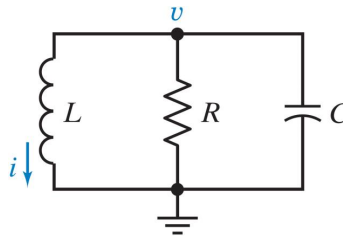
Complete Response:

$$v(t) = v_n(t) = e^{-2t} (14t + 5) \, \text{V}$$



# Example 9.4-1

## Underdamped Circuit



$$v_n(t) = ?$$
$$t > 0$$



Differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} v_n(t) + \frac{1}{RC} \frac{d}{dt} v_n(t) + \frac{1}{LC} v_n(t) = 0$$

Characteristic equation is again:

$$s^2 + \frac{1}{RC} s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$$

Parameters:

$$R = \frac{25}{3} \Omega \quad L = 0.1 \text{ H} \quad C = 1 \text{ mF} \quad v(0) = 10 \text{ V} \quad i(0) = -0.6 \text{ A}$$

**No source:**  $v(t) = v_n(t)$

Using:  $s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

$\alpha^2 < \omega_0^2$  since  $(60)^2 < 10^4$ , therefore underdamped

We have:  $s^2 + 120s + 10^4 = 0$



$$\alpha = 60 \quad \omega_0^2 = 10^4$$

We get:  $\omega_d = 80$

Hence:  $s_1 = -60 + j80$

$$s_2 = -60 - j80$$

$$v_n(t) = A_1 e^{-60t} e^{+j80t} + A_2 e^{-60t} e^{-j80t}$$
$$= e^{-60t} (A_1 e^{+j80t} + A_2 e^{-j80t})$$

We get:  $v_n(t) = e^{-60t} [(A_1 + A_2) \cos 80t + j(A_1 - A_2) \sin 80t]$

*since  $e^{\pm j\omega t} = \cos \omega t \pm j \sin \omega t$*

# The complete response

## Second Order Circuits

You will be given these equations in the exam!

General differential equation:  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}x(t) + 2\alpha \frac{d}{dt}x(t) + \omega_0^2 x(t) = f(t)$

Characteristic equation (for the natural response):  $s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$

CASE	NATURAL FREQUENCIES	NATURAL RESPONSE, $x_n$
Overdamped	$s_1, s_2 = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$	$A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$
Critically damped	$s_1, s_2 = -\alpha$	$(A_1 + A_2 t) e^{-\alpha t}$
Underdamped	$s_1, s_2 = -\alpha \pm j\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$	$(A_1 \cos \omega_d t + A_2 \sin \omega_d t) e^{-\alpha t}$

	INPUT, $f(t)$	FORCED RESPONSE, $x_f$
Constant	$K$	$A$
Ramp	$K t$	$A + Bt$
Sinusoid	$K \cos \omega t, K \sin \omega t, \text{ or } K \cos (\omega t + \theta)$	$A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$
Exponential	$K e^{-bt}$	$A e^{-bt}$

# Example 9.4-1

## Underdamped Circuit.....

Now we can set  $B_1 = (A_1 + A_2)$  and  $B_2 = j(A_1 - A_2)$

Then:  $v_n(t) = B_1 e^{-60t} \cos 80t + B_2 e^{-60t} \sin 80t$

**Two unknowns to be solved using the initial conditions**

**Initial conditions:**

$$v_n(0) = B_1 = 10 \quad (1)$$

To use the other initial condition we differentiate the general solution:

$$\frac{dv_n(t)}{dt} = -60B_1 e^{-60t} \cos 80t - 80B_1 e^{-60t} \sin 80t - 60B_2 e^{-60t} \sin 80t + 80B_2 e^{-60t} \cos 80t$$

Apply at  $t=0$ :  $\frac{dv_n(0)}{dt} = -60B_1 + 80B_2$

**Our original KCL (at  $t=0$ ):**

$$i(0) + \frac{v_n(0)}{R} + C \frac{dv_n(0)}{dt} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -0.6 + \frac{30}{25} + 10^{-3} \frac{dv_n(0)}{dt} = 0 \quad \text{Hence: } \frac{dv_n(0)}{dt} = -600$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} v_n(0) = -600 = -60B_1 + 80B_2 \quad (2)$$

# Example 9.4-1

## Underdamped Solution

Natural Response:

$$v_n(t) = (B_1 t + B_2)e^{-2t}$$

Initial conditions:

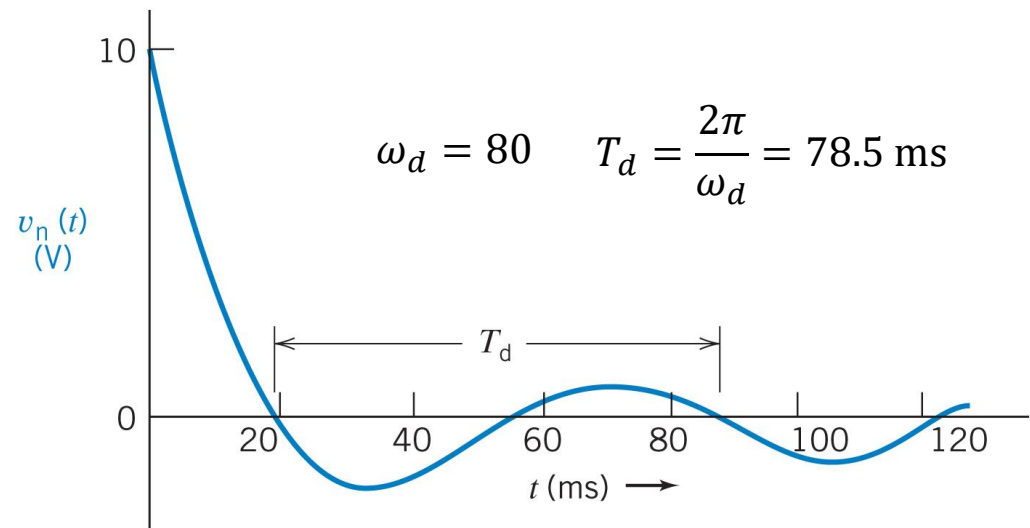
$$v_n(0) = B_1 = 10 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}v_n(0) = -600 = -60B_1 + 80B_2 \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow B_2 = 0$$

Complete Response:

$$v(t) = v_n(t) = 10e^{-60t} \cos 80t \text{ V}$$



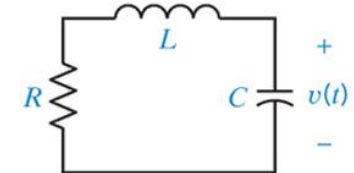
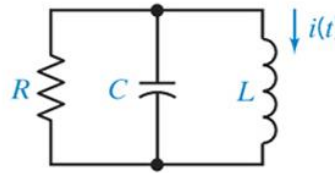
# Summary RLC Circuits

## Natural Response

### PARALLEL RLC

### SERIES RLC

Circuit



Differential equation

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} i(t) + \frac{1}{RC} \frac{d}{dt} i(t) + \frac{1}{LC} i(t) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} v(t) + \frac{R}{L} \frac{d}{dt} v(t) + \frac{1}{LC} v(t) = 0$$

Characteristic equation

$$s^2 + \frac{1}{RC} s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$$

$$s^2 + \frac{R}{L} s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$$

Damping coefficient, rad/s

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L}$$

Resonant frequency, rad/s

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

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

Damped resonant frequency, rad/s

$$\omega_d = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2RC}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$$

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

Natural frequencies: overdamped case

$$s_1, s_2 = -\frac{1}{2RC} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2RC}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$$

when  $R < \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$

$$s_1, s_2 = -\frac{R}{2L} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$$

when  $R > 2\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$

Natural frequencies: critically damped case

$$s_1 = s_2 = -\frac{1}{2RC} \text{ when } R = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

$$s_1 = s_2 = -\frac{R}{2L} \text{ when } R = 2\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

Natural frequencies: underdamped case

$$s_1, s_2 = -\frac{1}{2RC} \pm j\sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{1}{2RC}\right)^2}$$

when  $R > \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$

$$s_1, s_2 = -\frac{R}{2L} \pm j\sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}$$

when  $R < 2\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$

# Finding Natural Response

## Summary

Differential equation:  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}x(t) + 2\alpha \frac{d}{dt}x(t) + \omega_0^2 x(t) = 0 \quad (1)$

Characteristic equation:  $s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0 \quad (2)$

CASE	NATURAL FREQUENCIES	NATURAL RESPONSE, $x_n$
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Underdamped	$s_1, s_2 = -\alpha \pm j\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$	$(A_1 \cos \omega_d t + A_2 \sin \omega_d t) e^{-\alpha t}$

Find natural  
frequencies from (2)

Find the two unknown coefficients  
from two initial conditions:  $x_n(0)$  and  $\frac{dx_n(0)}{dt}$

# The complex frequency plane

In general, the natural frequencies (i.e.,  $s_{1,2}$ ) are located on the complex plane.

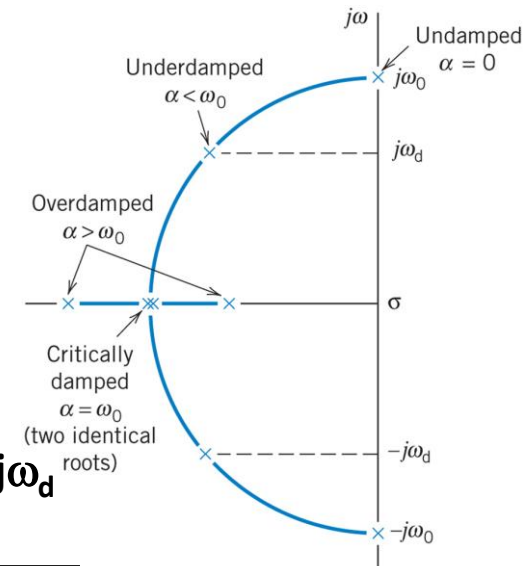
With  $\sigma$  being the REAL axis and  $j\omega$  being the imaginary axis.

The  $\sigma - j\omega$  plane is known as the  $s$ -plane or (because  $s$  has units of frequency)  
**complex frequency plane**

$$s = -\alpha \pm j\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$$

## The locations on $s$ -plane

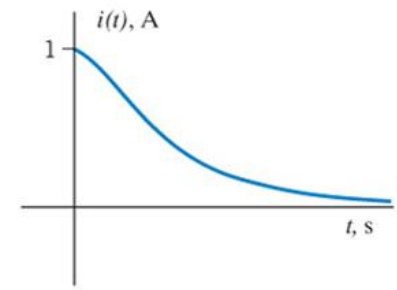
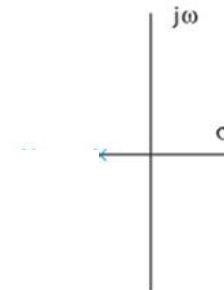
1. **Undamped:**  $\alpha = 0$ , the 2 roots are imaginary and  $s_{1,2} = \pm j\omega_d$
2. **Underdamped:**  $\alpha < \omega_0$ , the 2 roots are complex and  $s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$
3. **Critically damped:**  $\alpha = \omega_0$  the 2 roots are real and  $s_{1,2} = -\alpha$
4. **Overdamped:**  $\alpha > \omega_0$  the 2 roots are real and  $s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$





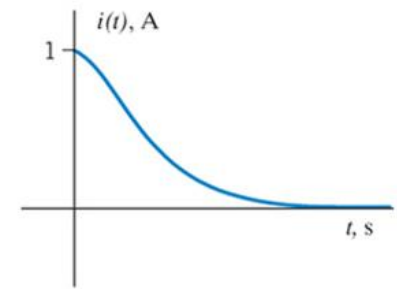
## Overdamped

The response is the sum of 2  
decaying exponentials



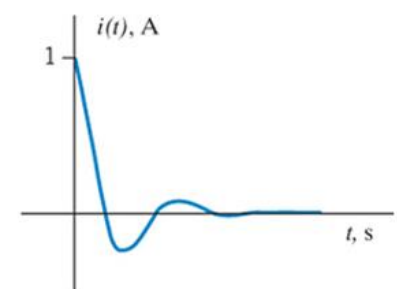
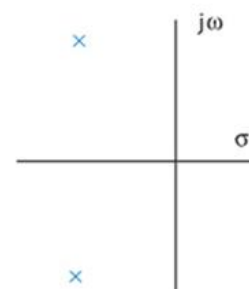
## Critically damped

The response is the sum of 2  
decaying exponentials



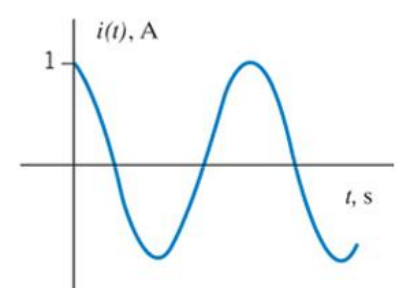
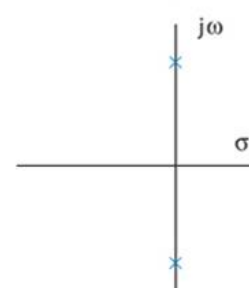
## Underdamped

The response is an exponentially  
decaying sinusoid



## Undamped

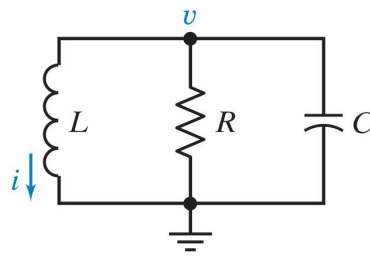
$R = 0 \rightarrow$   
(no resistor)



\*The  $i(t)$  is the inductor current in the circuit shown in Figure 9.4-1 for the initial conditions  $i(0) = 1$  and  $v(0) = 0$ .

# Exercise 9.4-1

Revisited



$$R = 6 \, \Omega$$

$$L = 7 \, \text{H}$$

$$C = 1/42 \, \text{F}$$

$$v(0) = 0$$

$$i(0) = 10 \, \text{A}$$



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Differential equation:  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} v(t) + \frac{1}{RC} \frac{d}{dt} v(t) + \frac{1}{LC} v(t) = 0$

Damping coefficient:  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC} = \frac{42}{12} = 3.5$

Resonant frequency:  $\omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{LC} = 6 \quad \omega_0 = 2.45$

Overdamped

The natural frequencies:

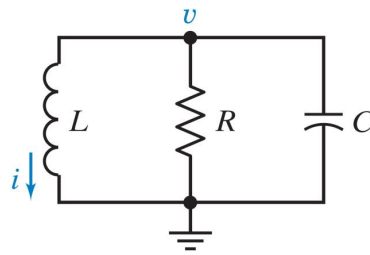
$$s_1 = -3.5 - \sqrt{12.25 - 6} = -6$$

$$s_2 = -3.5 + 2.5 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow v_n(t) = A_1 e^{-6t} + A_2 e^{-t}$$

# Exercise 9.4-1

Continues.....



$$R = 6 \, \Omega$$

$$L = 7 \, \text{H}$$

$$C = 1/42 \, \text{F}$$

$$v(0) = 0$$

$$i(0) = 10 \, \text{A}$$



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No source:  $v(t) = v_n(t) = A_1 e^{-6t} + A_2 e^{-t}$

Initial conditions:  $v(0) = A_1 + A_2 = 0$  (1)

KCL at  $t=0$ :  $i(0) + \frac{v(0)}{R} + C \frac{dv(0)}{dt} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dv(0)}{dt} = -420$

$$\frac{dv(t)}{dt} = -6A_1 e^{-6t} - A_2 e^{-t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad -6A_1 - A_2 = -420 \quad (2)$$

Solution:  $v_n(t) = 84 e^{-6t} - 84 e^{-t}$



# Forced Response

For Second Order Circuits



# Solving for Forced Response

General differential equation:  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}x(t) + 2\alpha \frac{d}{dt}x(t) + \omega_0^2 x(t) = f(t) \quad (1)$

Forced response must satisfy:  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}x_f(t) + 2\alpha \frac{d}{dt}x_f(t) + \omega_0^2 x_f(t) = f(t) \quad (2)$

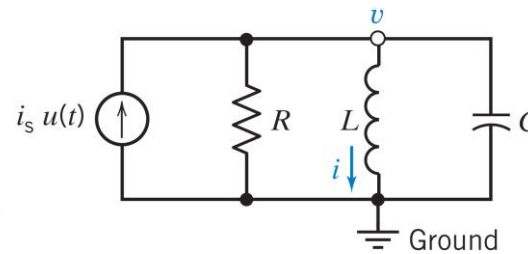
$f(t)$	$x_f(t)$
FORCING FUNCTION	ASSUMED RESPONSE
$K$	$A$
$Kt$	$At + B$
$Kt^2$	$At^2 + Bt + C$
$K \sin \omega t$	$A \sin \omega t + B \cos \omega t$
$Ke^{-at}$	$Ae^{-at}$

This table will be given

Find the coefficients from (2)  
when initial conditions applied,  
usually  $t=0$

# Example 9.7-2

Forced response to a constant input



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$$R = 6 \, \Omega \quad L = 7 \, \text{H} \quad C = \frac{1}{42} \, \text{F}$$

$$i_s = I_0 \, \text{A} \quad t > 0$$



A constant current is applied to the circuit

$$\text{Apply KCL: } i + \frac{v}{R} + C \frac{dv}{dt} = i_s$$

Using:

$$v = L \frac{di}{dt} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = L \frac{d^2 i}{dt^2}$$

Gives:

$$i_f + \frac{L}{R} \frac{di_f}{dt} + CL \frac{d^2 i_f}{dt^2} = i_s$$

$$i_f + \frac{7}{6} \frac{di_f}{dt} + \frac{7}{42} \frac{d^2 i_f}{dt^2} = I_0$$

Putting in the values and  $i_s = I_0$ , for  $t > 0$ :

Standardise

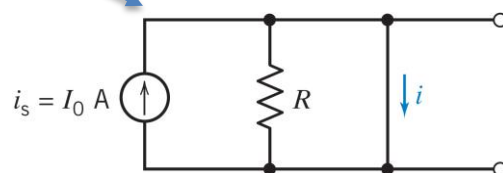
$$\frac{d^2 i_f}{dt^2} + 7 \frac{di_f}{dt} + 6 i_f = 6 I_0$$

Differential equation

$$i_f = A \quad \xrightarrow{\text{From the table!}} \quad 0 + 0 + 6A = 6I_0$$

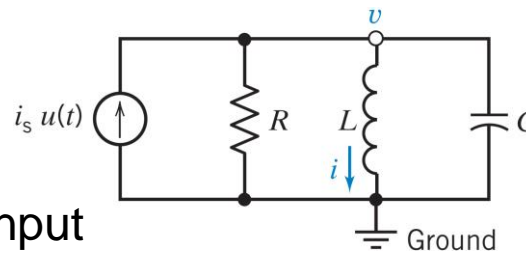
$$i_f = I_0$$

The circuit in the steady state



# Example 9.7-2

Forced response to ramped constant input



Given the differential equation:  $\frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} + 9 \frac{di}{dt} + 20i = 6i_s$  (1) AND:  $i_s = (6 + 2t) \text{ A}$

Find forced response  $i_f$  for  $t > 0$

Get general form from table  $i_f = At + B$

Substitute in (1)  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}(At + B) + 9 \frac{d}{dt}(At + B) + 20(At + B) = 6(6 + 2t)$

$$9A + 20At + 20B = 36 + 12t$$

Time varying part  $20At = 12t \Rightarrow 20A = 12 \Rightarrow A = 0.6$

DC part  $9A + 20B = 36 \Rightarrow B = 1.53$

Solution  $i_f = (0.6t + 1.53) \text{ A}$

# Solving for Complete Response

$$x(t) = x_n(t) + x_f(t)$$

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1. Find the forced response (i.e., find the coefficients) using the differential equation for  $x_f$  (Note: no initial conditions are needed)
2. Find natural frequencies (from the characteristic equation); then write the general natural response (with two unknown coefficients)
3. Add natural + forced together (i.e., the complete response with two unknown coefficients)
4. Use two initial conditions (for second order circuits) to find the remaining two unknown coefficients, for example using:

$$x(0) \text{ and } \frac{dx(0)}{dt}$$

Where  $x$  is the current or voltage