

- Calculate roots of characteristic eq'n for $v(t)$.
- Is response over-, under-, or critically damped?
- What R yields damped freq of 6 k rad/s ?
- Find λ of characteristic eq'n for R found in (c).
- Find R for critically damped response.

- ans:
- $s_1 = -5\text{ k/s}$, $s_2 = -20\text{ k/s}$ (units are actually k rad/s)
 - overdamped
 - $R = 7.8125\text{ k}\Omega$
 - $s_1 = -8\text{ k} + j6\text{ k/s}$, $s_2 = -8\text{ k} - j6\text{ k/s}$ (actually k rad/s)
 - $R = 6.25\text{ k}\Omega$

sol'n: a) From Kirchhoffs law, we know the total current flowing out of the top center node is zero:

$$i_R + i_L + i_C = 0A$$

We calculate each of the currents:

$$i_R = \frac{v}{R} \quad i_L = ? \quad \text{We have to start with } v = L \frac{di_L}{dt} \text{ and solve for } i_L.$$

Multiply both sides of $v = L \frac{di_L}{dt}$ by $\frac{1}{L} dt$ and integrate:

$$\frac{1}{L} \int_{t'=0}^{t'=t} v dt' = \int_{i_L(t=0)}^{i_L(t)} di_L$$

We use t' as the dummy var of integration to avoid confusion with time t . We also match

the limits of integration to the type of differential: t for dt , i_L for di_L .

Furthermore, the lower and upper limits must be evaluated at the same points in time: $t'=0$ and $i_L(t=0)$, and $t'=t$ and $i_L(t)$.

The righthand side of the preceding eq'n simplifies:

$$\frac{1}{L} \int_{t'=0}^{t'=t} v dt' = \int_{i_L(t=0)}^{i_L(t)} di_L = i_L(t) - i_L(t=0)$$

Solving for $i_L(t)$ by moving the $i_L(t=0)$ to the other side gives:

$$i_L(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_{t'=0}^{t'=t} v dt' + i_L(t=0)$$

Finally, for i_C we use $i_C = C \frac{dv}{dt}$.

For $i_R + i_L + i_C = 0$ we have:

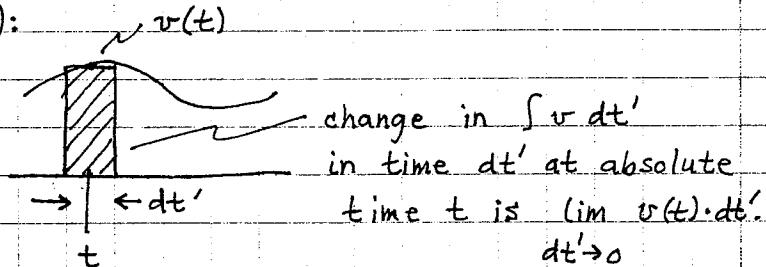
$$\frac{v}{R} + \frac{1}{L} \int_{t'=0}^{t'=t} v dt' + i_L(t=0) + C \frac{dv}{dt} = 0 \text{ A}$$

To eliminate the integral, we differentiate both sides. (This also gets rid of $i_L(t=0)$ which is a constant.)

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{L} v + C \frac{d^2v}{dt^2} = 0 \text{ A/s (at time } t)$$

Note that $\frac{d}{dt} \int_{t'=0}^{t'=t} v dt' = v(t)$ because the

rate of change of the integral of v at time t is just $v(t)$:



The rate of change of $\int v dt'$ at time t is $\lim_{dt' \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt'} v(t) \cdot dt' = \lim_{dt' \rightarrow 0} v(t) = v(t)$.

Now try sol'n $v(t) = Ae^{st}$ in diff. eq'n:

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = Ase^{st} \quad \frac{d^2v}{dt^2} = As^2e^{st}$$

$$\frac{1}{R} Ase^{st} + \frac{1}{L} Ae^{st} + CAs^2e^{st} = 0 \quad A/s$$

Note: A is some constant we must determine, and
 s is another " " " "

We determine s from the characteristic eq'n we obtain by factoring Ae^{st} out of the above eq'n:

$$\left(\frac{1}{R}s + \frac{1}{L} + Cs^2 \right) Ae^{st} = 0 \quad A/s$$

clearly, either $Ae^{st} = 0$ or $\frac{1}{R}s + \frac{1}{L} + Cs^2 = 0$.

If $Ae^{st} = 0$ then $v(t) = 0$ always. This is impossible since we can build an RLC and observe that $v(t) \neq 0V$.

We conclude that, (if Ae^{st} does indeed work as a sol'n), $\frac{1}{R}s + \frac{1}{L} + Cs^2 = 0$. This is the characteristic eq'n.

This is a quadratic eq'n that we put in a convenient form by dividing thru by C :

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

We also define a convenient notation:

$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0 \quad \alpha \equiv \frac{1}{2RC} \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

We solve for s and discover there are two sol'ns:

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

case I: If $\alpha > \omega_0$ we get s_1, s_2 real and our $v(t)$ will consist of the sum of two decaying exponentials. (Note that $s_1, s_2 < 0$ so $e^{s_1 t}$ and $e^{s_2 t}$ decay.)

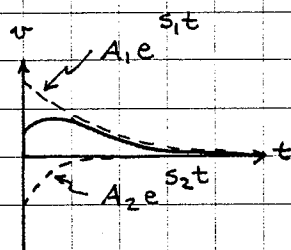
$$v(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t} \quad \text{overdamped}$$

case II: If $\alpha = \omega_0$ we get $s_1 = s_2 = \alpha$ real and our $v(t)$ will consist of the sum of a decaying exponential and t times that same decaying exponential. (Note that we have not explained why this happens, but we get this result if we take the limit of the case I sol'n as $s_1, -s_2 \rightarrow 0$.)

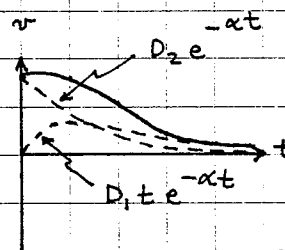
$$v(t) = (D_1 t + D_2) e^{-\alpha t} \quad \text{critically damped}$$

case III: If $\alpha < \omega_0$ we get $s_1 = s_2^*$ complex and conjugate. Our $v(t)$ will consist of sinusoid (at angular frequency $\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$) multiplied by an exponentially decaying envelope $e^{-\alpha t}$.

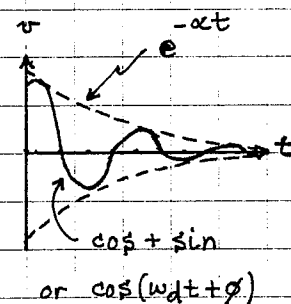
$$v(t) = (B_1 \cos \omega_d t + B_2 \sin \omega_d t) e^{-\alpha t}$$



case I



case II



case III

Having found s_1 and s_2 , we find A_1 and A_2 (or D_1, D_2 , or B_1, B_2) by making our $v(t)$ satisfy initial conditions (i.e. at $t=0^+$): $v(t=0^+)$ and $\frac{dv}{dt}(t=0^+)$. (See later problems.)

- We are now ready to answer part (a):

$$\text{char eqn roots } s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5k\Omega \cdot 8nF} = \frac{1}{80\mu} \text{ rad/s} = 12.5 \text{ k rad/s}$$

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{LC} = \frac{1}{1.25 \text{ H } 8 \text{ nF}} = \frac{1}{10 \text{ n}} \text{ rad/s} = 100 \text{ M rad/s}^2 \text{ or } (10 \text{ k rad/s})^2$$

$$\sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} = \sqrt{(12.5 \text{ k})^2 - (10 \text{ k})^2} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$= 2.5 \text{ k} \sqrt{5^2 - 4^2} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$= 2.5 \text{ k} \cdot 3 = 7.5 \text{ k rad/s}$$

$$s_1, s_2 = -12.5 \text{ k} \pm 7.5 \text{ k rad/s}$$

$$s_1 = -5 \text{ k rad/s}, \quad s_2 = -20 \text{ k rad/s}$$

b) $\alpha > \omega_0$ (real roots $s_1 \neq s_2$) so is overdamped.

c) $\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} = 6 \text{ k rad/s}$ desired

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{LC} \text{ (unaffected by } R) \text{ is still } (10 \text{ k})^2 \text{ rad}^2/\text{s}^2$$

$$\omega_d^2 = \omega_0^2 - \alpha^2 \text{ from squaring both sides of } \omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$$

$$\text{or } \alpha^2 = \omega_0^2 - \omega_d^2 \text{ or } \alpha = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \omega_d^2} = \sqrt{(10 \text{ k})^2 - (6 \text{ k})^2} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\text{or } \alpha = 8 \text{ k rad/s}$$

$$\text{Now } \alpha = \frac{1}{2RC} \Rightarrow R = \frac{1}{2\alpha C} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 8 \text{ k} \cdot 8 \text{ n}} \text{ rad/s} = \frac{1 \text{ M}}{128} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$R = 7.8125 \text{ k}\Omega$$

d) $s_1, s_2 = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} = -8 \text{ k} \pm j6 \text{ k rad/s}$ (since $\omega_d = 6 \text{ k rad/s}$)

e) Critically damped when $s_1 = s_2 \Rightarrow \alpha = \omega_0 = 10 \text{ k rad/s}$

$$R = \frac{1}{2\alpha C} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 10 \text{ k} \cdot 8 \text{ n}} \text{ rad/s} = \frac{1 \text{ M}}{160} = 6.25 \text{ k}\Omega$$