

This homework is due September 12, 2017, at 11:59AM.

1. Two Inductors

Consider the circuit below, assume that when $t < 0$, the circuit has reached steady state ($V_1 = 0, V_2 = 0$). At $t = 0$, the switch connected to V_s closes. Assume $V_s = 5V$, $R_1 = R_2 = 1k\Omega$, and $L_1 = L_2 = 0.1H$.

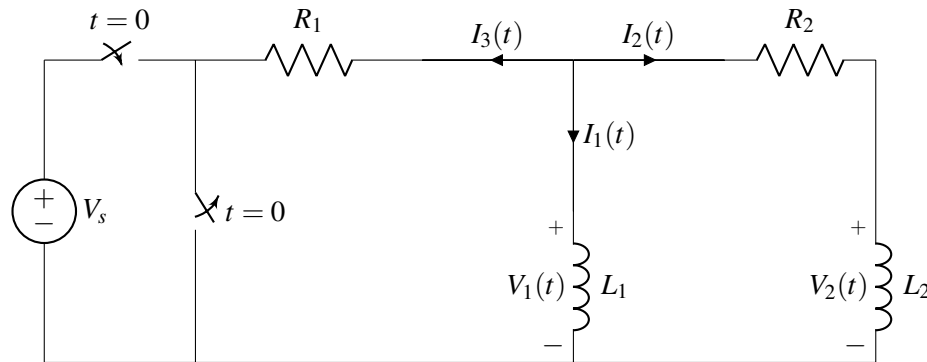


Figure 1: Two Inductor Circuit with Voltage Source

- First, use Kirchoff's Laws and the inductor equation ($V = L \frac{dI}{dt}$) to find the second order differential equation for this system in terms of $I_2(t)$, L_1 , L_2 , R_1 , and R_2 .
- Now cast this second order differential equation into the following form:

$$\frac{d\vec{i}}{dt} = A\vec{i}$$

where

$$\vec{i} = \begin{bmatrix} I_2(t) \\ \frac{dI_2(t)}{dt} \end{bmatrix}$$

Plug in values to get a numerical matrix.

- Find the eigenvalues of A. Are they real or complex?
- Using the initial conditions, what is the solution to the differential equation?
- Sketch the current vs time plots of $I_1(t)$ and $I_2(t)$.

2. Complex numbers

A common way to visualize complex numbers is to use the complex plane. Recall that a complex number z is often represented in cartesian form.

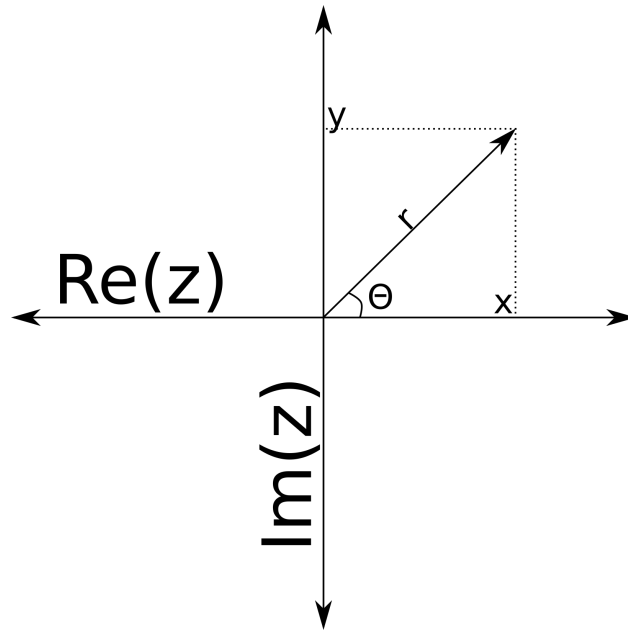


Figure 2: The complex plane

$$z = x + jy \text{ with } \text{real}(z) = x \text{ and } \text{imaginary}(z) = y$$

See the Figure 2 for how z looks like in the complex plane.

In this question, we will derive the polar form of a complex number and use this form to make some interesting conclusions.

- Calculate the length of z in terms of x and y as shown in Figure 2. This is the magnitude of a complex number and is denoted $|z|$ or r . *Hint.* Use the Pythagoras theorem.
- Represent the real and imaginary parts of z in terms of r and θ .
- Substitute for x and y in z . Use Euler's formula to conclude that,

$$z = re^{j\theta}$$

- In the complex plane, draw out all the complex numbers such that $|z| = 1$. What are the z values where the figure intersects the real axis and the imaginary axis? Why do you think the figure is called a *Unit circle*?
- If $z = re^{j\theta}$, prove that $z^* = re^{-j\theta}$. Recall that the complex conjugate of a complex number $z = x + jy$ is $z^* = x - jy$.
- Show that,

$$r^2 = zz^*$$

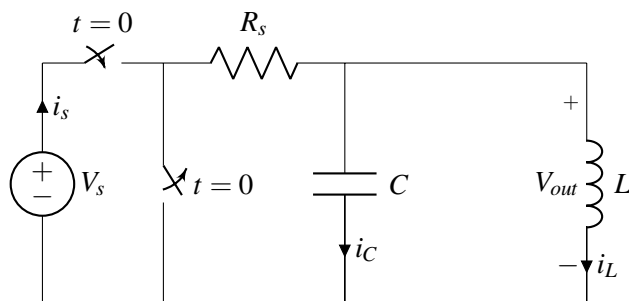
- Intuitively argue that,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{3-1} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}k} = 0$$

Do so by drawing out the different values of the sum making an argument based on the vector sum.

3. RLC circuit

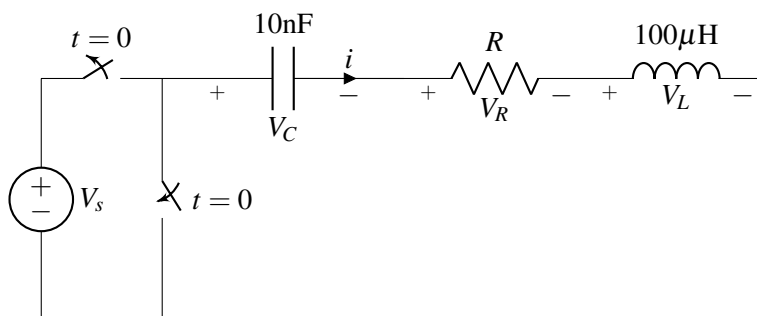
Now consider the circuit shown below:



- Assuming the circuit reaches steady state for $t < 0$, find the differential equation for V_{out} for $t \geq 0$
- What are the initial conditions at $t = 0$ for this differential equation?
- Solve the differential equation. Consider all cases (underdamped, critically damped, overdamped)

4. General RLC response types

Consider the following circuit assume this circuit has reached steady state for $t < 0$:



- Find the differential equation that describes this circuit for $t \geq 0$ and solve it in terms of V_s , L , R and C .
- At what **frequency** is this circuit going to oscillate? Your answer should be in terms of R .
- Sketch the transient response of $V_c(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ when $R = 100\Omega$
- Sketch the transient response of $V_c(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ when $R = 200\Omega$
- Sketch the transient response of $V_c(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ when $R = 1\text{k}\Omega$

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