

EECS 16B

Designing Information Devices and Systems II Lecture 3

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Recap: R-C circuits: Response in time

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Transient Response

- Outline
 - R-C circuits
 - R-L circuits
 - R-L-C Circuits

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General Solution of the Differential Equation

For a first order, linear differential equation of the form

 $\frac{dy}{dt} + ay(t) = b(t)$ where we assume a to be a constant

Homogeneous/Compl ementary solution

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + ay(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = -a$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(y) = -at + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = Ke^{-at}$$

Particular Solution (Integrating Factor Method):

 $\frac{dy}{dt} + ay(t) = b(t)$

We want to find a multiplier function f(t) such that

 $f(t)\frac{dy}{dt} + af(t)y(t) = b(t)f(t)$ can be written as $\frac{d}{dt}[y(t)f(t)] = b(t)f(t) \quad --(A)$ For equation (A) to hold

$$\frac{df(t)}{dt} = af(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = e^{at}$$

Then from (A)

$$\begin{split} y(t) &= \frac{1}{f(t)} \int b(t) f(t) dt \\ \Rightarrow y_p(t) &= e^{-at} \int e^{at} b(t) dt \end{split}$$

 $y(t) = Ke^{-at} + e^{-at} \int e^{at} b(t) dt$ K is determined using initial condition

Digital Signals to a RC circuit

• Every node in a real circuit has capacitances

 Even if we send in very 'pure' square looking pulses what we actually get is how it looks in the right due to capacitor charging and discharging <u>unless we go very</u> <u>very slow</u>



Pulse Distortion



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Computers are RC circuits (almost)

- Digital circuits are predominantly RC circuits (other than the communication part)
- Simplistically a logic gate can be model as a RC circuit
- The speed of the computer is limited by the RC time constant



R-L Circuits



Steady State

Capacitors:

Inductors:

Complex Numbers

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$$e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$$

• Read the note j









Summary

- Overdamped real unequal roots
- Critically damped Real Equal roots
- Underdamped Complex roots