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# RLC Circuits

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Differential Equation

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$$\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + 2x = 0$$

$$x = Ke^{\lambda t}, \dot{x} = K\lambda e^{\lambda t}, \ddot{x} = K\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + 2x = K\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + 3K\lambda e^{\lambda t} + 2Ke^{\lambda t}$$

$$= K(\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2)e^{\lambda t} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = -1, -2$$

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- Assume:

$$x = K_1 e^{-t} + K_2 e^{-2t}$$

- Initial Conditions:  $x(0) = 1, \dot{x}(0) = 0$

$$x(0) = K_1 + K_2 = 1$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = -K_1 - 2K_2 = 0$$

$$K_1 = 2, K_2 = -1$$

$$x(t) = 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

# Non-zero Input

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$$\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + 2x = 1$$

$$x = Ke^{\lambda t} + K_3$$

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + 2x &= K\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + 3K\lambda e^{\lambda t} + 2Ke^{\lambda t} + 2K_3 \\ &= K(\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2)e^{\lambda t} + 2K_3 = 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = -1, -2$$

$$K_3 = 0.5$$

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$$x(0) = 0, \dot{x}(0) = 0$$

$$x(0) = K_1 + K_2 + 0.5 = 0$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = -K_1 - 2K_2 = 0$$

$$K_1 = -1, K_2 = 0.5$$

$$x = -e^{-t} + 0.5e^{-2t} + 0.5$$

# Complex Roots

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$$\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + 5x = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 5 = 0$$

$$\lambda = -1 \pm j2$$

$$x = K_1 e^{(-1+j2)t} + K_2 e^{(-1-j2)t}$$

$$K_2 = K_1^*$$

$$x = K_1 e^{(-1+j2)t} + K_1^* e^{(-1-j2)t} = 2 \operatorname{Re} \left\{ K_1 e^{(-1+j2)t} \right\}$$

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$$x(0) = 1, \dot{x}(0) = 0$$

$$x(0) = K_1 + K_1^* = 1$$

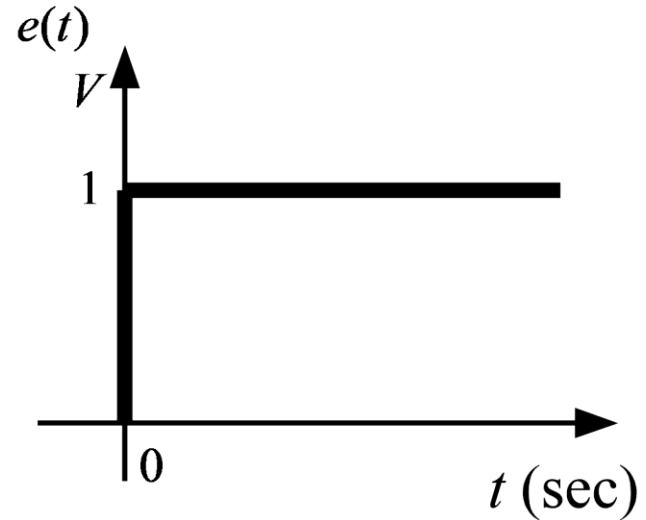
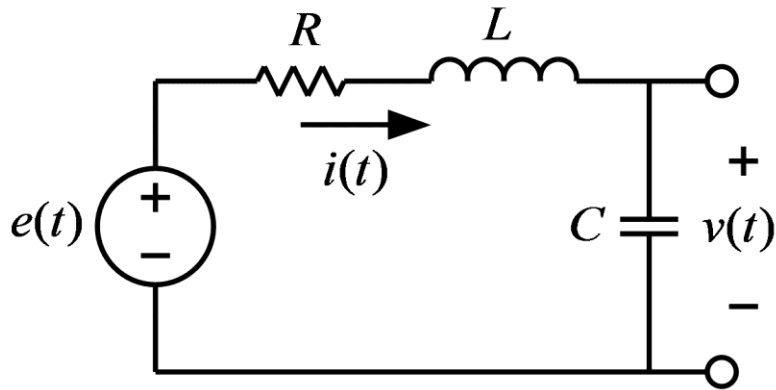
$$\dot{x}(0) = K_1(-1 + j2) + K_1^*(-1 - j2) = 0$$

$$K_1 = 0.5 - j0.25$$

$$K_1^* = 0.5 + j0.25$$

$$x(t) = e^{-t} (\cos 2t + 0.5 \sin 2t)$$

# RLC Circuit



$$Ri(t) + L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + v(t) = e(t)$$

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

$$LC \frac{d^2v(t)}{dt^2} + RC \frac{dv(t)}{dt} + v(t) = e(t)$$



# Characteristic Equation

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$$LC \frac{d^2 v(t)}{dt^2} + RC \frac{dv(t)}{dt} + v(t) = e(t)$$

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

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

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

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

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L}, \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

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

1. If  $\alpha > \omega_0$ , we have the *overdamped* case.
2. If  $\alpha = \omega_0$ , we have the *critically damped* case.
3. If  $\alpha < \omega_0$ , we have the *underdamped* case.

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## Overdamped Case ( $\alpha > \omega_0$ )

From Eqs. (8.9) and (8.10),  $\alpha > \omega_0$  implies  $C > 4L/R^2$ . When this happens, both roots  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are negative and real. The response is

$$v(t) = K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 e^{s_2 t} + 1$$

which decays and approaches zero as  $t$  increases. Figure 8.9(a) illustrates a typical overdamped response.

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## Critically Damped Case ( $\alpha = \omega_0$ )

When  $\alpha = \omega_0$ ,  $C = 4L/R^2$  and

$$s_1 = s_2 = -\alpha = -\frac{R}{2L} \quad (8.15)$$

$$v(t) = K_1 e^{-\alpha t} + K_2 t e^{-\alpha t} + 1$$

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## Underdamped Case ( $\alpha < \omega_0$ )

For  $\alpha < \omega_0$ ,  $C < 4L/R^2$ . The roots may be written as

$$s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{-(\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2)} = -\alpha + j\omega_d \quad (8.22a)$$

$$s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{-(\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2)} = -\alpha - j\omega_d \quad (8.22b)$$

where  $j = \sqrt{-1}$  and  $\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$ , which is called the *damping frequency*. Both  $\omega_0$  and  $\omega_d$  are natural frequencies because they help determine the natural response; while  $\omega_0$  is often called the *undamped natural frequency*,  $\omega_d$  is called the *damped natural frequency*. The natural

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$$\begin{aligned}v(t) &= K_1 e^{-(\alpha - j\omega_d)t} + K_2 e^{-(\alpha + j\omega_d)t} + 1 \\&= e^{-\alpha t} \left( K_1 e^{j\omega_d t} + K_2 e^{-j\omega_d t} \right) + 1 \\&= e^{-\alpha t} \left[ K_1 (\cos \omega_d t + j \sin \omega_d t) + K_2 (\cos \omega_d t - j \sin \omega_d t) \right] + 1 \\&= e^{-\alpha t} \left[ (K_1 + K_2) \cos \omega_d t + j(K_1 - K_2) \sin \omega_d t \right] + 1\end{aligned}$$

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$$v(0) = 0, \left. \frac{dv}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$v(t) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\omega_0}\right)^2}} e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega_d t - \phi) + 1, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{\left(\frac{\alpha}{\omega_0}\right)}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\omega_0}\right)^2}}$$

